

Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club Newsletter

The Sunflower



May 2025



a letter

FROM THE FLSC PRESIDENT ...

Dear FLSC Members,

As I write this final message as President of the Fort Leavenworth Spouses Club, I find myself reflecting on what an incredible journey the past two years have been. It's hard to put into words just how much this club has meant to me and just how much you have all meant to me.

When I first stepped into this role, I had three main goals: to grow our membership, to strengthen relationships within our military and local communities, and to bring people together in meaningful ways. Looking back, I'm proud of the work we've done - not because of any single event or milestone, but because of the sense of connection, community, and purpose we've built together. This club has been more than a leadership role—it has been a place of growth, challenge, and deep fulfillment. To each and every member, please know you are the heart of this club, and you've made this experience unforgettable.

As the new board steps in to carry our mission forward, I offer them my full support and heartfelt encouragement. I have no doubt that the incoming board will lead with passion, patience, and purpose. They have the opportunity to build on something beautiful and to make it their own. Thank you for trusting me, for supporting me, and for walking alongside me these past two years. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life.

With gratitude and love,

Karly Gadell

Outgoing President, Fort Leavenworth Spouses Club



Tour **OF HOMES**



**Our 2025 Tour of Homes and
Bourbon Night fundraisers
were a huge success!**

**On the tour, we visited 5
homes and 3 buildings in
Historic Main Post. Thank
you to all who supported
and participated in these
fundraisers!**

BOOTLEGGERS & BUNGALOWS GALA DINNER



A Roaring 20s
AFFAIR

Congratulations

TO OUR 2024-2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS!

Grants

Alliance Against Family Violence, LLC
American Legion Post #411
First Judicial District CASA Association
Fort Leavenworth Lancers Swim Association
Girl Scout Troop 5403
Leavenworth County Council on Aging
Leavenworth High School PTA
Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope
Leavenworth JROTC Rifle Team
Operation Homefront, Inc.
Operation International/s
Organization for Spouses and Sponsors (OISS)
Stronghold Food Pantry
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
Trail Life USA Troop KS-0001
Women's Community Y Child Development Center



Congratulations

TO OUR 2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Scholarships

Conner Durham
Danielle Pendleton
Jennifer Honorato
Lyndiana Pierce
Madeleine Morgado
Madelyn WARD
Maria Segulin
Melanie Libby
Morgan Miller
Suzanne Perez
Sydney Eakin





Executive Board Spotlights



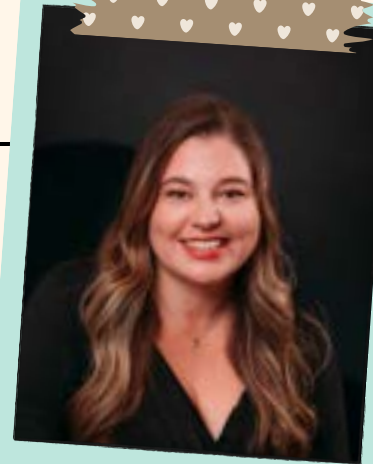
KARLY GADDELL

- ♥ Hails from Illinois
- ♥ Army spouse of 18 years, married to Mark and mom of 3 kids
- ♥ Taking over as the Location Coordinator for Wreaths Across America on Ft Leavenworth
- ♥ Pursuing a non-profit, Plus One Heroes, supporting military spouses



LIZ SMITH

- ♥ Hails from Northern NY in the Ft. Drum area
- ♥ Married to Aaron and has a 5 y/o daughter, Mila
- ♥ Works in nonprofit fundraising and development at Clubhouse International
- ♥ Enjoys volunteering with nonprofit organizations to help them raise funds



VIINCE AFAISEN

- ♥ Hails from Omaha, Nebraska
- ♥ Loves turtles and merman ornaments
- ♥ Loves to travel, play sports, go fishing, and do anything that can be outdoors
- ♥ Serving as the Armed Forces Insurance 2025 Army Spouse of the Year

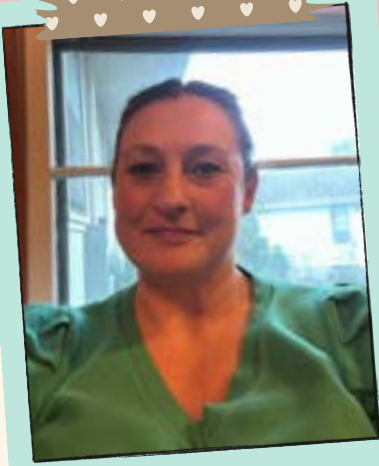


Exec Board Spotlights



ANGELA REMINGTON

- ♥ Hails from Montana
- ♥ Married to Josh and has 3 adult children.
- ♥ Moved to Fort Leavenworth in 2015 and decided to retire here.
- ♥ Financial Advisor at First Command.
- ♥ Loves having fun - watching sports, going to music trivia nights, and spending time at Lake of the Ozarks.



JACQUELINE BOYLE

- ♥ Hails from California, but since joining the army spouse world, I've lived in Washington, Virginia (twice), North Carolina, and Kansas.
- ♥ PCSing to Ft Campbell this summer
- ♥ Loves taking care of her 3 year old daughter, 5 year old bichapoo, and 533 month old husband
- ♥ Loves to read ... Add her on Goodreads!



JEANNETTE BALBONI

- ♥ Married to Mark with two sons - Aiden (15) and Zachary (11)
- ♥ Has two dogs - Minnie and Teddy
- ♥ Loves true crime and all documentaries about serial killers.
- ♥ Enjoying our last year at Fort Leavenworth as we are retiring to Flagler Beach, FL.



Honorary Advisors and Honorary President Spotlights



MANDY MOSIER

- ♥ Army wife of 24 years & mom of 2 teen boys
- ♥ Loves to volunteer as the Honorary Advisor of FLSC for 2 years, and on the AUSA and Operation International Boards
- ♥ Has a passion and a business for organizing
- ♥ Recently started working as an Admin Assistant for First Command.



CARI PAVLICHKO

- ♥ Married for 23 years w/two teenage boys, but our dog, Ruby (think red slippers), rules the house
- ♥ Loves soccer, skiing and more recently tennis & pickleball
- ♥ Can't live without music
- ♥ Enjoys volunteering in my free time



JESS ROSENSTRAUCH

- ♥ Born and raised in Indiana
- ♥ Has four kids - Dina (26), Hannah (19), Jacob (15), and Noah (13)
- ♥ Loves to read, hang out with family and friends, travel, and walk/run.
- ♥ Favorite place as a military spouse is Colorado



MEET THE 2025-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THE
FLSC 2025-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD!



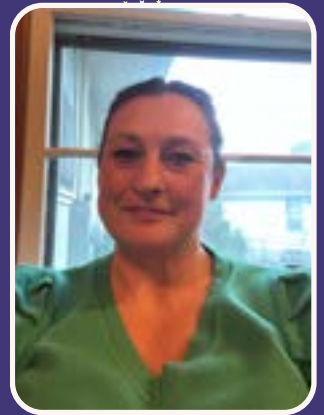
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President



Sandra Mae Diaz
First VP



Angela Durham
Second VP



Angela Remington
Treasurer

We are looking for a Secretary and Parliamentarian!

We are ready to accept applications for our
General Board positions. Click [here](#) to apply!

For more information about each
position, click [here](#) to review our Bylaws!



Meet THE BOARD



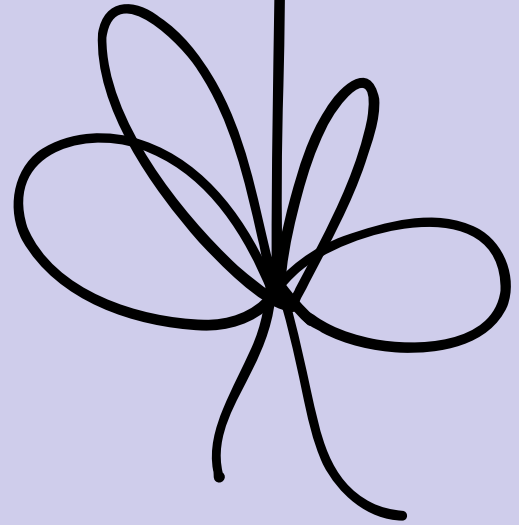
2024-2025 Executive Board

President: Karly Gadell
1st Vice President: Liz Smith
2nd Vice President: Vince Afaisen
Secretary: Jacqueline Boyle
Treasurer: Angela Remington
Assistant Treasurer: Liz Smith
Parliamentarian: Jeannette Balboni
Honorary President: Jessica Rosenstrauch
Honorary Vice President: Kelly Kohunsky
Honorary Advisors: Cari Pavlichko & Mandy Mosier

2024-2025 General Board

CGSC Representative: Kelly Kennie
Community Grants: Paula Skandis
Community Outreach: Jackie Williams
Historian: Rachel Naramore
Hospitality: Bethany McWhirter
International Liaisons: Anne Vaillancourt
Membership: Taylor Owens
Newsletter: Angela Durham
ODYD: Carrie Niu & Meredith McKenzie
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Publicity: Jenna Farquhar
Reservations: Maggie VanHassel
Retiree Liaison: Katie Payne
SAMS Representative: Natalie Gibbs
Scholarships: Laura Brown
Special Events Coordinator: Kayla Jenkins
Sub Club Chair: Angela Elgin
Vendor Coordinator: Katherine Adler
Volunteer Coordinator: Shanna Cheatham
Ways & Means: Samantha Mans
Webmaster: Patty Taguba

Thank
you



FLSC Members ...

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for being a part of our club this year. We hope you enjoyed all of our events. For those who are not PCSing, we hope you'll join us again for the 2025-2026 year! Stay tuned for details on when it's time to rejoin.

Also, we'd love to welcome you to our next board!

We have a seat for you at the table!

With warmest regards,
Your 2024-2025 FLSC Board

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