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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT WOOD COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB

LOOKING AT FEBRUARY FOR FWCSC: A MONTH THAT MATTERS

February may be the shortest month of the year, but for the Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club, it is one of the most important and impactful. As we move into this busy season, February represents both a time to look ahead and a final opportunity to make a meaningful difference this membership year.

One of the most exciting milestones this month is the opening of Executive Board nominations for the 2026–2027 membership year.

FWCSC thrives because of passionate, dedicated volunteers who step forward to lead, support, and serve our community. If you have ever considered getting more involved, or know someone who would be a great fit, this is the moment to raise your hand. Serving on the Executive Board is a rewarding way to build leadership skills, form lasting friendships, and help shape the future of our club.

February is also critical for another reason: it marks the final push for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Roaring Hearts Speakeasy and Basket Auction, happening on February 28th. This event is more than a fun night out; it is the cornerstone of our philanthropic efforts. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Basket Auction go directly toward grants and scholarships, supporting military spouses, families, and community initiatives right here at Fort Leonard Wood and beyond.

February reminds us that FWCSC is powered by community—by members who show up, step up, and support one another. As we look toward new leadership and make our final fundraising push, we invite you to be part of this important moment. Together, we can finish the year strong and set the stage for an even brighter future.



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VOTING REMINDER

Remember to check your email
and cast your vote on the FWCSC
Constitution & Bylaws by
February 11th.

The link to vote in in your email!



STAYED TUNED FOR
SUB-CLUB UPDATES!



THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Thoughts From Our Fearless Leader



Dear FWCSC members,

I hope you all made it safely through the snowstorm and are enjoying at least a little bit of this beautiful winter wonderland around us.

The first month of 2026 has already flown by, and we are now moving into the busy and exciting phase leading up to our Basket Auction on February 28, 2026 at Nutter Field House. There is a lot happening behind the scenes, and we are looking forward to a wonderful event.

I know that things may feel a bit unsettled right now, especially regarding Sub-clubs. We are still waiting on additional guidance and information, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these updates. Please know that we are doing our very best to navigate everything carefully and responsibly, and we will continue to keep you informed as soon as we receive clear direction.

In the meantime, we have a fantastic Mixer coming up this month at Route 66 Taco & Wings Company, and I truly hope to see many of you there. It will be a great opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy time together.

We are also looking for volunteers to support our Basket Auction. If you would like to help, please reach out to us. We are grateful for every bit of support. This event plays a vital role in helping our Grants & Scholarship Program grow and thrive, and our goal this year is to reach \$50,000. Guests can look forward to a fun evening featuring both a Live Auction and a Silent Auction, along with interactive activities and games throughout the event.

Thank you for being part of this community and for your continued support. We are committed to keeping FWCSC moving forward and will continue sharing updates as they become available.

Until then, stay warm, stay safe, and take care.

In Service,


Roksana Mass
FWCSC President



P.S. Has your spouse already asked you to be their Valentine yet?



BUILDING OUR NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD

As we look toward the 2026–2027 membership year, many of our current Executive Board members will be moving on to new adventures — which means we'll need fresh faces and new energy to keep our club growing and thriving.

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about who you would nominate for a board position. Know someone passionate about community, events, philanthropy, or bringing people together? Encourage them to step up!

And yes — you can absolutely nominate yourself.

To find out more, send a message to:
fwcscparliamentarian@gmail.com



Fort NOT Lost in the Woods Podcast

This great local podcast is your insider's guide to everything Pulaski County has to offer.

Tune in and stay connected and discover our community is far from lost!



<https://flwpodcast.com>

BEING CALLED TO SERVE

Serving on the Executive Board of a spouses' club is more than just holding a title — it's helping shape the heart of the community. Board members play a direct role in creating events, supporting philanthropic efforts, welcoming new families, and ensuring the club continues to grow and thrive.

When you step into a leadership role, you help set the tone, bring fresh ideas to life, and make a lasting impact on fellow spouses and the broader community. It's a chance to build friendships, develop skills, and serve in a meaningful way.

If you've ever wanted to make a difference, this is your moment to step up and get involved.

An advertisement for Rocky Top Kennel. The top half features a cartoon illustration of a brown dog catching an orange frisbee, a grey cat, and a small mouse. The text 'ROCKY TOP KENNEL' is in large, bold, blue letters, with the tagline 'Your Pet's Home Away From Home' in a smaller, italicized font. Below the illustration is a line of decorative stars. The contact information is listed: 'Jessica and Mike Shempert', '23725 Red Oak Road', 'Waynesville, MO 65583', 'ph: 573-774-2900', 'fax: 573-774-3901', 'rockytopkennel@gmail.com', and the website 'www.rockytopkennel.com'.

JANUARY MIXER WAS “TOTALLY AWESOME”



Friends Forever

Love Yourself

You Are Enough

You Are Strong

Capable

FWCSC February

Galentines

Membership Mixer

FEBRUARY IS FOR FRIENDSHIPS, FEEL-GOOD MOMENTS, AND LOVING YOURSELF JUST A LITTLE EXTRA. COME AS YOU ARE—LEAVE FEELING REFRESHED, SUPPORTED, AND APPRECIATED

19 FEBRUARY | AT 6:00 PM

Route 66 Tacos & Wings
946 Missouri Ave * St. Robert

Scan to Reserve Your Seat:

THIS IS A NON-FEDERAL ENTITY. IT IS NOT A PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR ANY OF ITS COMPONENTS AND IT HAS NO GOVERNMENT STATUS.

“Walking with a friends in the darkness is better than walking alone in the light.”

~Helen Keller

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT:

ROLLA CARAVAN - APRIL 8TH





join us!

Explore
ROLLA CARAVAN

APRIL 8

8:45 AM | Load Bus at Price Chopper, Waynesville
 9:00 AM | Depart for Rolla
 9:30 AM | Welcome at Fresh Milled Family Bakery & The Breakthrough – Coffee & pastries
 10:15 AM | Downtown Shopping – Discounts at participating businesses
 11:30 AM | Vendor Fair at Public House – Get the inside scoop on local attractions & activities
 12:00 PM | Lunch at Public House – Free lunch to all attending & door prize drawing
 1:00 PM | Ole Mule Axes and Fun – dessert & more prizes
 2:00 PM | Depart Rolla and Head back to Waynesville
 2:30 PM | Arrive back in Waynesville

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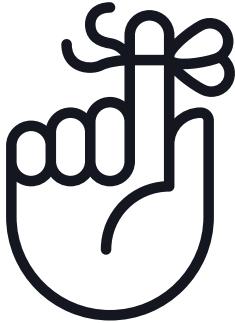
The Spring Caravan everyone has been waiting for is just around the corner!

On Wednesday, April 8th, [@visitrolla](https://visitrolla.com) and Phelps for the Fort are hosting our annual Rolla Caravan. Come spend the day with us and get to experience Rolla with friends. Sign-ups will open soon, so keep your eyes peeled for additional information!

This is a community-wide event. All are welcome, so you do not have to be a member to participate. Grab a friend or two and join us!

Grants & Scholarships

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MARCH 15TH



Applications for FWCSC Grants and Scholarships close on March 15th — and the deadline will be here before we know it! If you or someone you know may be eligible, now is the time to apply.

Please help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity with friends, neighbors, and military-connected families who could benefit. Don't wait — submit applications ASAP and make sure no one misses out!



Summer Art Camp is the Bee's Knees!

Let your child's creativity shine this summer at Bee's Knees Art Studio in Saint Robert! Camps are designed for ages 6–12, run Monday–Friday from 9 AM–2 PM, and welcome all skill levels.

Each themed week, like Ocean, Space, Anime, Miniature, Dino, and Cosplay, features hands-on projects using paint, clay, and mixed media. Most artwork goes home daily, with ceramics ready after firing. Campers bring a packed lunch and wear clothes that can get messy.

Spots are limited, so sign up now! Register today at: <https://beeskneesartstudio.com/2026-summer-camps>

Dental Assistant Program



American Red Cross



Fort Leonard Wood DENCOM

INTERESTED IN A DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM?

Sign up now for this free program! You must have a valid DoD sponsored ID card, be at least 18 years old, and have a high school diploma or GED.

Applications are due March 6, 2026 with interviews the following week. Session begins on Apr 27, 2026.

For more information please contact the American Red Cross:
Leonardwood@redcross.org
 Phone: (573) 596-0300



"Love has to be put into action and that action is service."

– Mother Teresa

Our New Partner



SNACK IN A PACK
Feeding the Hungry to Grow Minds

We are excited to welcome Snack in a Pack as our new Sharing Is Caring partner for the next few months. This vital program provides weekend food packs to local children who rely on school meals during the week, helping ensure they have nutritious snacks when school is not in session.

You can help make a real difference by donating items or funds to support this program. Every contribution helps fill a pack, ease hunger, and show kids in our community that they are cared for. Let's come together and support this incredible mission!

Sharing is Caring



Snack in a Pack

Wish List

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac & Cheese Bowls
- Cereal Bars
- Oatmeal Packs
- Applesauce Cups
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Poptarts
- Individually Packed Snacks

Key Guidelines for Donating:

- Prioritize non-perishables.
- Ensure items are individually packaged.
- Avoid items that require a can opener.
- Check expiration dates and only donate in-date food.



February Birthdays

Stephanie Martinez

Freddie Brock

Angela Denman

Carey Killea

Kimberly Dickens

Stacie Golding

Amanda Grzybowski

Jaira Jenkins

Anya Morales

Kayla Noyes

Caitlyn Omps

Bergen Skinner

Tanda Solomon

Leeann Woods

Manuela Zeller-Meyer

COMMUNITY CORNER

Share the Love this February!

February is the perfect time to lean into what makes our community so special—service, connection, and heart. As we move through this season, we’re reminded that small acts of volunteering can make a big impact. Whether it’s lending a hand at an event, supporting one of our philanthropic efforts, or simply showing up to help, every contribution matters.

Our Fort Leonard Wood community thrives because of members who step forward with generosity and spirit. This month, we invite you to get involved, give back, and be part of something meaningful.

Together, we continue building a stronger, more connected community—one volunteer opportunity at a time.

Snack in a Pack (SIAP)

Pick Educational Center



SNACK IN A PACK
Feeding the Hungry to Grow Minds

February 17th 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**All volunteers must have a current background check on file with AmeriCorps (also located at Pick). For more information, please email: Hospitalitychairfwcsc@gmail.com*



ASYMCA FOOD PANTRY

Fort Wood
MARKETPLACE

Go here to get started:
<https://fortleonardwood.asymca.org/how-to-help/volunteer/>

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



YOU HAD
ME AT
VROOM

YOU
DRIVE ME
CRAZY

Spouse Owned Business Spotlight: Bee's Knees Art Studio in St. Robert

If you have ever walked into Bee's Knees Art Studio in St. Robert, you know it is more than just a studio. It is a warm, welcoming creative hub where imagination takes center stage. Owned and operated locally by veteran, fellow military spouse, and FWCSC member Amanda Fangue, Bee's Knees invites artists of all ages and experience levels to explore art in every form, from ceramics and painting to fiber and mixed-media projects. What sets this studio apart is its open and encouraging atmosphere – no appointment is needed to walk in, pick a project, and start creating. Whether it's your first time working with clay or your first time with watercolor, Amanda and the team at Bee's Knees is there to guide, inspire, and help you bring your ideas to life.

For children and teens, the studio offers a range of engaging workshops that nurture artistic curiosity and build confidence. From simple crafts to handbuilt ceramics and mixed-media exploration, young artists can find projects that challenge their creativity and delight their imaginations. And for adults, Bee's Knees provides a variety of workshops, including clay building and advanced art techniques, making it a creative destination for all ages.

One of the most exciting offerings this year is the Summer Art Camps, now open for registration. These camps are designed to keep kids engaged and inspired throughout the summer months with hands-on activities that make art fun and accessible. Whether working on themed art projects, mastering new skills, or simply having fun with friends while creating, campers are sure to enjoy a summer filled with creativity and expression. Details for specific camp sessions can be found at the studio's website at <https://beeskneesartstudio.com/2026-summer-camps> or by contacting Bee's Knees Art Studio directly at 910-379-3169.

Whether you are new to art or have been creating for years, Bee's Knees invites you to step inside, unleash your creativity, and experience the joy of making something uniquely yours.



Local Veteran Owned Business Spotlight: The Office Cigar Lounge & Bar



If you haven't been to The Office Cigar Lounge & Bar yet, this is your sign.

Owned and operated by local combat veteran Devin Lassen and his combat veteran partners, The Office is one of those places that instantly feels comfortable, like it's been part of the community longer than it has. It is warm, welcoming, and refreshingly unpretentious. Whether you are a seasoned cigar lover or someone who's always been a little curious but didn't know where to start, you will fit right in.

Devin and his partners built The Office with one simple goal in mind: create a place where people can slow down, put their phones away, and actually talk. Inside, you'll find cozy seating, rich wood details, and an atmosphere that invites you to stay awhile. Conversations start easily here, often with a casual, "What are you smoking?" and it's not uncommon to leave having made a new friend.

One thing people love most about The Office is how approachable it feels. No cigar knowledge required. The staff is always happy to walk you through options, explain flavors, and help you find something you'll enjoy—no pressure, no intimidation. Just mutual respect and a desire to share knowledge.

Community matters deeply to Devin, which is why The Office is proud to be a Platinum Sponsor of the upcoming FWCSC Basket Auction. In true generous fashion, Devin is donating an incredible package that includes a full year's membership, a curated collection of select cigars, and a private whiskey tasting for four—a seriously standout experience and one that is perfect for a double date or an evening with close friends.

Supporting local and veteran-owned businesses doesn't get much better than this. Whether you stop in for a quiet evening, a Tuesday night cigar social, or just to see what the buzz is about, The Office Cigar Lounge & Bar is well worth a visit. You will be glad you did.



BASKET AUCTION UPDATES



The Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club is thrilled to announce our 2026 "Roaring Hearts Speakeasy & Basket Auction" taking place on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Nutter Field House on Fort Leonard Wood.

Step back into the roaring 20s for a night of sparkle, laughter, and generosity featuring both live and silent auctions, games of opportunity, a lively wine and whiskey pull, and more!

Tickets are on sale now - coordinate with your friends, plan your outfits, and use the QR code on the poster to secure your seat as they tend to go quickly!

We hope to see you there!



FOLLOW ALONG ON FACEBOOK

Stay up to date on the Basket Auction on our Facebook Event page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AVq1njvih/>

INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO ATTEND!



BASKET AUCTION UPDATES

Volunteers Needed

We are in full swing planning for our upcoming Basket Auction on February 28th and we need our amazing members to help make it a success!

This is our final fundraiser before we award our community grants and scholarships, so every helping hand truly makes a difference.

There are lots of fun and flexible ways to get involved:

- Collecting empty wine bottles for our décor team
- Reaching out to local businesses for donations
- Helping pick up donated items once they are ready
- Assisting with setup the day before the event
- Pitching in on event day to help run activities and clean up



New This Year: Jail & Bail

Want to add a new layer of fun to the auction? Issue a warrant and have your spouse, friend, or colleague arrested at the event!



Scan the code to find out more:



DON'T MISS THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!



Save the Dates!



February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Snack in a Pack
10:00-11:00 AM @
Pick Ed. Center

Monthly Member
Meeting & Mixer
6:00-8:00 PM
@ Route 66 Tacos &
Wings

BASKET AUCTION
@Nutter Field
House 6:00 PM