



# Heart of The Fort News

## 2024-2025 Was a Year to Remember

As we wrap up an incredible year with the Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every member who helped make this year so successful, meaningful, and fun! From day trips to Lebanon and Rolla through our caravan adventures, to the laughter and camaraderie shared in our Sub Clubs like Bunco, Book Club, Lunch Bunch, and Craft Club, this year was packed with connection and joy.

We also celebrated tremendous success with our two major fundraisers—the Holiday Craft Fair in December and the unforgettable Basket Auction in March, which together raised nearly \$42,000! Thanks to your hard work, participation and support, these funds will go toward community grants and scholarships, directly impacting lives in and around Fort Leonard Wood.

Whether you attended an event, invited a friend, rolled the dice at Bunco, or gave your time behind the scenes—you made a difference. We are so proud of what we accomplished together and are excited for what's ahead. Enjoy your summer, and we can't wait to see you in the fall for another year of fun, friendship, and giving back!

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### Important Notes:

- A huge THANK YOU to our outgoing Board—you did a fabulous job this year!
- We need sign ups for the blood drive - participation is low!
- Last Member Mixer is on May 21st—please RSVP ASAP.
- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!

## Community Blood Drive on Friday, May 9th



Join us on May 9th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a FWCSC sponsored Community Blood Drive at the Stonegate Community Center at 235 Ellis Street, Fort Leonard Wood. Help us hit our goal of collecting 30 pints!

Your donation can help save lives—and it only takes a little of your time to make a big difference. Schedule your appointment today at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) or use the QR code below.



Scan to schedule  
your appointment or visit  
[redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)



Scan for Rapid Pass &  
complete the pre-donation  
health questions to expedite  
your appointment

**APPOINTMENT  
REQUIRED**

## May 2025 Calendar of Events



**MAY 9-11th**  
**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**  
 11:00 AM—3:00 PM @  
 Stonegate Community Center  
 235 Ellis Street FLW

**MAY 31st STANDING CHAIR**  
**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**

**June 1st Membership will**  
**open for the 2025-2026 year**

**MAY 21st**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETING & MIXER**  
 6:00-8:00 PM @ Ozark Tech-  
 nical Community College

**MAY 22nd**  
**BOOK CLUB**  
 6:00-8:00 PM at the 787th  
 Military Police Battalion  
 Conference Room

### \*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*

**Sub Clubs do not meet over**  
**the summer during June &**  
**July. Activities will resume in**  
**August.**

*Keep an eye out on the website in late July for the calendar for the new year to be posted! Super sign-up will also be announced. Lots of exciting things in store!*

## End-of-the-Year Member Survey

SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
 COMPLETE THE SURVEY



As we close out another amazing year, we'd love to hear from you! Your feedback helps us grow, improve, and plan even better events and opportunities for the future. Please take just a few minutes to complete our **End-of-Year Member Survey**—let us know what you loved, what you'd like to see more of, and how we can serve you better. Your voice truly matters, and this is your chance to help shape the next chapter of the FWCS. Thank you for being part of our incredible community!

If you cannot scan the code, you can go to:

<https://forms.gle/AX8yi2EeJ4r4FL6v5>



## Your New 2025–2026 Executive Board

The newly elected FWCSC Executive Board is thrilled to begin their term on June 1st. They are excited to build on the incredible momentum of this past year. We can't wait to serve our members and community with purpose, creativity, and a whole lot of fun!

**President  
Elect**



**Roksana Mass**

**Vice President  
Elect**



**Jaira Jenkins**

**Financial Officer  
Elect**



**Genesis Roberts**

**Administrative Officer  
Elect**



**Candice Cartwright**

**Public Relations Chair  
Elect**



**Delinda Giles**

**Volunteer Coordinator  
Elect**



**Jennifer Heard**

## Now Accepting Applications for the 2025–2026 Standing Committee Chairs

The FWCSC is now accepting applications for our 2025–2026 Standing Committee Chair positions! This is a great opportunity to get involved, make a difference, and help shape the year ahead. We are seeking passionate volunteers to serve as Programs Chair, Activities Chair, Vendor Relations Chair, Craft Fair Chair, Basket Auction Chair, Community Engagement Coordinator, and Ways and Means Manager. Each of these roles plays a vital part

in keeping our club vibrant, fun, and impactful. Applications are due by May 31, 2025. For more details on these positions, please review our FWCSC Constitution and Bylaws. We'd love to have you on the team!



### May Mixer

### Hail & Farewell

**Wednesday, May 21**

**6:00-9:00 PM**

**Ozark Technical  
Community College**

**600 GW Lane \* Waynesville**

Please join us for our final Monthly Mixer of the board year at our annual *Hail and Farewell* ceremony—an evening dedicated to honoring service, celebrating achievement, and embracing new beginnings. We will proudly recognize this year's community grants and scholarship recipients, extend our sincere appreciation to the outgoing Executive Board for their dedication and leadership, and formally welcome the newly elected board members. and camaraderie.

**SCAN TO RSVP:**



## IMPORTANT BASE CONTACT PHONE #'s

### Base Operator

(573)596-0212

### Commissary

(573) 596-0783

### GLWACH

(573) 596-0681

### Housing Office

(573) 329-3105

### Household Goods/

### Transportation Office

(inbound)

(573) 596-0932

### Household Goods/

### Transportation Office

(outbound)

(573) 596-0077

### ID Card Office

(573) 596-0744

### Legal Services & JAG

(573) 596-0629

### School Liaison Officer

(573) 596-0357

### Welcome Center

(573) 596-0590

### WIC Office

(573) 329-3466

## Get Ready to Kick It! New Spouse Kickball League Coming This Fall

There's a brand-new way to connect, compete, and have a blast — introducing the Spouses Fort Leonard Wood Area Kickball Association (SFLWAKA)!

This fun and friendly league was created just for spouses in the FLW community and will launch its first-ever season this August.



soon, and the games promise a mix of friendly competition, great memories, and lots of cheering from the sidelines.

Want to learn more or join the fun? Visit and request to join the official Facebook page at: [SFLWAKA on Facebook](#)

It's time to lace up your sneakers, rally your friends, and get ready to kick it old school—see you on the field!

Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just in it for the laughs and camaraderie, there's a place for you on the field. Teams will be formed

## Upcoming Local Events to Check Out

### May 10th: Bugs, Birds, & Blooms Pollinator Festival 10:00 —3:00 PM

*Maramec Spring  
Park, St. James*

Learn about pollinators and enjoy family-friendly activities



### May 17, 24, & 31st: Pulaski County Farmers Market 8:00 AM 0 12:00 AM

*Farmers Market Pavilion, Waynesville*  
Shop for fresh produce and local goods

### May 23-26th: 36th Mid American Freedom Rally

*Ft. Leonard Wood Shrine Club  
26920 Shrine Lane, Waynesville, MO*  
Rally honoring those who have sacrificed for freedom, featuring live music and vendors

### MAY 24th: Tiger Typhoon Water Park Opening

*Saint Robert Aquatics Center*



### May 26th: Run to Remember Memorial Day 5K

*Sunset Memorial Estates  
25400 Highway 17, Waynesville*

Participate in a commemorative run honoring Memorial Day

### May 26th: Memorial Day Service Veterans

*Memorial Park, Rolla*  
Join the community in honoring veterans with a memorial service



### May 29-31st: Phelps County Fair

*Phelps County Fairgrounds, Rolla* Attend the annual fair featuring a rodeo, truck and tractor pull, and demolition derby

### May 30-31st: Folky Fish Fest

*Maramec Spring Park, St. James*  
Enjoy a weekend of folk and new-grass music, workshops, and community activities



## May Happy Birthday Wishes

**May 3rd**—Danielle Self & Kelly Morris

**May 10th**—Angela Leonard

**May 17th**—Erynn McLoughlin

**May 18th**—Tiffany Taylor

**May 21st**—Jenny McGinnis

**May 27th**—Savannah Timmons

**May 29th**—Mary Parker



**Positive Thought of the Month:** *"Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people. A little kindness can create endless ripples."* Let's continue lifting one another up and spreading positivity throughout our community!

## SPOTLIGHT: Spouse Resource Center

Whether you're brand new to Fort Leonard Wood or a seasoned pro, the Spouse Resource Center (SRC) is a hidden gem you don't want to miss! Located at 140 Replacement Avenue, right in the heart of the installation, the SRC was created with you in mind—offering tools, support, and guidance to help you thrive during your time here.

The SRC is your go-to place for everything from employment resources and resume help to education opportunities, volunteer connections, and relocation assistance. They also host workshops, info sessions, and networking opportunities that make it easier to plug in and feel connected.

Not sure where to start? The

friendly and knowledgeable staff are always ready to help. Whether you have a specific goal in mind or just want to explore what's available, they'll help you find the right fit for your needs.

Taking advantage of the Spouse Resource Center can be a game-changer—it's all about empowering you with knowledge, tools, and community. The center is open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday (closed Fridays and federal holidays and observances) So stop by, grab a coffee, ask questions, and see what's waiting for you. This post is full of opportunities, and the SRC is here to help you find yours!

