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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT WOOD COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB

MOVING AHEAD WITH HEART

A Look at What 2026 Holds for FWCSC and Our Community

As we step into 2026, we're filled with excitement, gratitude, and big hopes for the year ahead. The Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club continues to be about what it has always been—connection, community, and caring for one another—and this year we're leaning into that more than ever.



Our goals for 2026 are simple but meaningful: create welcoming spaces for our members to connect, expand our visibility and impact within the community, and continue giving back through our grants and scholarship programs. We're committed to offering events and opportunities that bring people together—whether that's over coffee, crafts, service projects, or a night of laughter and fun.

We also remain deeply focused on supporting our members. Military life can be unpredictable, and FWCSC exists to help make this chapter feel a little more connected and a lot more supported. Whether you're brand new to the area or have called Fort Leonard Wood home for years, there is a place for you here.

None of this happens without the incredible energy and heart of our volunteers and members. Your involvement—showing up, lending a hand, sharing ideas, and encouraging one another—is what makes this club thrive.

As we look ahead, we invite you to jump in and help us make 2026 a year full of connection, purpose, and fun. We are so glad you are here—and we can't wait to see what we accomplish together.

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Rolla Caravan
April 8th

Waynesville-St. Robert Caravan
May 14th

**MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

SUB-CLUB LEADERS

BOOK CLUB - OPEN

BUNCO - Candice Cartwright

COOKING CLUB - Roksana Mass

CRAFT CLUB - Carey Killea

GAME NIGHT CLUB - Genesis Roberts

GARDENING & PLANT CLUB - OPEN

LUNCH BUNCH - Jutta Ring Persnell

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES - Jennifer Heard
& **SPORTS CLUB**

PARENT-CHILD - OPEN
ENRICHMENT CLUB

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Thoughts From Our Fearless Leader



Dear Members,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the entire Board of Governors, I would like to wish you and your families a blessed, healthy, and successful start to the wonderful new year of 2026. We hope the holidays have brought you joy, rest, and time with loved ones and that you are ready to step into January with fresh energy and new goals.

The year is already off to a busy and exciting start for the FWCSC. Our Sub Clubs are jumping right back in after the holidays:

- Bunco kicks things off on January 2
- Cooking Club follows on January 13
- The Outdoor Adventures Club invites you to a group Zumba class at Davidson Fitness Center on January 17.
- The Book Club also meets on January 27, and I have to say reading three full books over the past two months is impressive. Well done!

In addition to our social events, January is also about giving back. On January 9, we will host our Blood Drive, a simple but powerful way to support our community and save lives. If donating blood is not an option for you, we also invite you to support Snack in the Pack, one of our most meaningful outreach programs. We are currently in great need of volunteers. Completing a background check allows you to help directly and makes a real difference for local children and families. Whether you donate blood or volunteer your time, every contribution counts.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for February 28, when we will host our Annual Basket Auction, our second-largest event of the year. This year's theme, “Roaring Hearts Speakeasy,” promises a fantastic evening, and planning is already well underway. More details will follow soon and trust us, you won't want to miss this one!!

For those who want to combine fitness with purpose, we are also participating as a group in the GWOT 100 Challenge (Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation). This free challenge encourages you to stay active while supporting a great cause and we would love to see strong FWCSC participation.

As we move through the colder weeks of January, stay warm, take care of yourselves, and be kind to one another. Best of luck with your New Year's resolutions, whether they involve fitness, balance, personal growth, or simply making more time for joy.

Thank you for being such an engaged and supportive community. We are excited for everything this year has in store and look forward to sharing it with you.

Roksana Mass
FWCSC President





Great things are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people. ~
~ Steve Jobs

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**American
Red Cross**

FWCSC Blood Drive

Friday, January 9th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

@Stonegate Community Center

Scan to make an appointment!



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF FWCSC

SERVE ON THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE TO HELP ELECT OUR 2026-2027 BOARD



We are looking for enthusiastic members to serve on the Nominations Committee for the 2026–2027 FWCSC Board of Governors! This committee plays a key role in helping identify, encourage, and support members who may be interested in stepping into leadership and continuing the incredible work of our club.

Interested? Sign up for the committee – we would love to have you help lead FWCSC into the next membership year!

Send a message to:
fwcscparliamentarian@gmail.com



Sub-Club News & Events



JOIN US FOR
Bunco!
AN EVENING OF DICE,
LAUGHTER, & FUN!

Let the Good Times Roll

JANUARY 2ND 7:00 PM
USO on FLW

\$15 to Play Bunco
\$3 for LCR

Bring a dish to share!
See you there!

FWCSC

JANUARY GAME NIGHT

Come Play With Us!



January 14th
6:00-8:00 PM
Stonegate Community Center
SEE YOU THERE!

COOKING CLUB
"Zjedzmy!"

Tuesday, January 13th
6:00 PM @ the Main Chapel

Come with us to Poland as the Cooking Club creates a dish that is a true labor of love - pierogies!

This session will feature two different varieties - come ready to roll your heart and arms out!

Only \$10 per person!




Opa! Lunch Bunch **Goes G R E E K**



Spartan Gyros

January 8th
@ 11:30 AM

690 Missouri Ave. St. Robert



CRAFT CLUB

JOIN US AT BEES KNEES ART STUDIO LLC FOR A FUN DAY CREATING JELLYFISH SUNCATCHERS!

JANUARY 20TH
10 AM OR 6 PM

\$15 PER PERSON

RSVP by Jan 15 to reserve your spot.
Payments will be made on site.

Bees Knees Art Studio llc
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St Robert

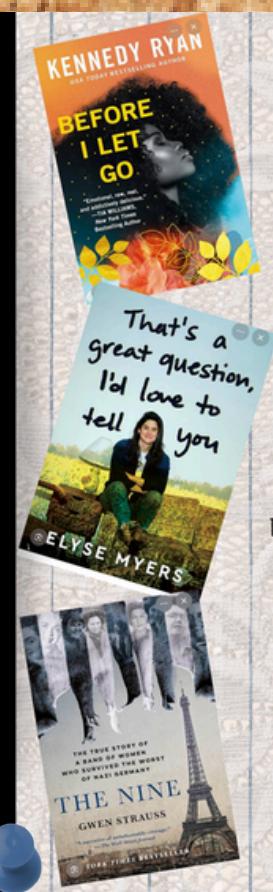




SUB-CLUB LEADER OPENINGS:

- Book Club
- Gardening & Plant Club

Contact the Activities Chair if you are interested in leading a sub-club!



Book Club

JANUARY 27TH
AT 6:00PM

The club is reading three great books before meeting in January:

- "Before I Let Go" by Kennedy Ryan
- "That's a great question, I'd love to tell you" by Elyse Myers
- "The Nine" by Gwen Strauss

787th MP Battalion Conference Room



Join the FWCSC Outdoor Adventure & Sports Club for

ZUMBA!

January 17th @ 8:45 AM
Davidson Fitness Center
\$3 per person



"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

– Muhammad Ali

Our Current Partner



🐾 Supporting Our Furry Friends 🐾

We are excited to be partnering with the Waynesville/St. Robert Animal Shelter as our Sharing is Caring Partner for the next few months! This wonderful organization works tirelessly to provide care, safety, and second chances to animals in need throughout our community.

FWCSC will be collecting donations for the shelter at our monthly membership mixers, so bring an item from their wish list or make a contribution to help support their mission. Together, we can make a pawsitive difference!



Sharing is Caring



Waynesville/St. Robert Animal Shelter

Wish List

Bring items with you to the monthly mixer to earn tickets for the Sharing is Caring prize drawing at the end of the quarter!



CURRENT NEEDS:

- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Fabuloso
- Dry Puppy Food (prefer with no dyes)
- Wet Puppy Food
- Trash Bags
- Hand Soap
- Dog Treats
- Anti Slip Collars/Martingale
- Slow Feeder
- Pill Pockets

Don't have time to shop?
Make a donation using the QR code and the club will go shopping at the end of the month and take the items to the Animal Shelter.





January Birthdays

Roksana Mass

Sally Beck

Angela Chapman

Delinda Giles

Donell Hamon-Parker

COMMUNITY CORNER

A Fresh Start For a New Year!

As we welcome a new year, we do so with renewed hope and a shared commitment to supporting one another. Our community continues to move forward with resilience, compassion, and generosity. Each act of kindness—whether big or small—helps shape a stronger, more connected future. Together, we are setting the tone for a year rooted in encouragement, unity, and the enduring spirit of the Fort Leonard Wood family.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Snack in a Pack (SIAP)

Pick Educational Center



SNACK IN A PACK
Feeding the Hungry to Grow Minds

January 20th 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

There are a variety of ways to volunteer with the ASYMC. GO here to get started:

<https://fortleonardwood.asymca.org/how-to-help/volunteer/>

FWCSC GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS: APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

One of the most meaningful ways the Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club gives back each year is through our Community Grants and Scholarship Program—and we're excited to share that applications are now open.

Thanks to the incredible support of our members, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and community partners, FWCSC is able to reinvest funds raised throughout the year directly back into the Fort Leonard Wood region. These funds support local students pursuing higher education and organizations making a difference across Pulaski County and surrounding communities.

Our scholarship program is designed to help dependents and spouses of active duty, Guard, Reserve, retired service members, and Department of Defense civilians begin or continue their educational goals. Whether a student is heading to college for the first time or continuing their education, these scholarships help ease the financial burden and open doors to new opportunities.

Our community grants are available to schools and nonprofit organizations serving Pulaski County and neighboring areas. Grant funding supports programs that strengthen families, improve access to education, promote wellness, and enhance quality of life throughout our community.

We encourage eligible applicants to take the time to review the application requirements and submit a complete application by the posted deadline. Incomplete applications cannot be reviewed, so attention to detail is important.

If you know a student, school, or organization that could benefit from FWCSC support, please help us spread the word. Every application represents a story, a goal, and a chance to make a lasting impact—and we are honored to be part of that journey.

To learn more about eligibility, deadlines, and how to apply, visit www.fwcsc.com. Together, we continue to invest in education, community, and the future of those who call Fort Leonard Wood home.

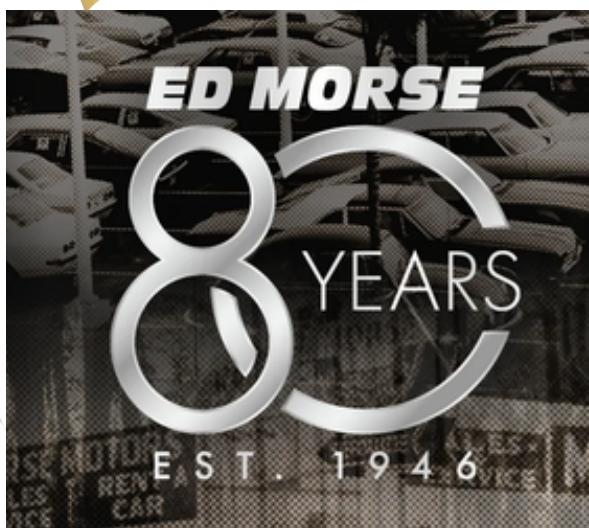




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As a proud Platinum Sponsor of the FWCSC, we are honored to support the military families, veterans, retirees, and community members who make Fort Leonard Wood such a special place to live and serve.



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Recipe Corner



Hearty Pastina Soup

This easy and hearty soup is the perfect dinner on a cold winter day!

Ingredients

- 3 cups water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Better Than Bouillon Roasted Chicken Base or vegetable, if preferred
- 1 small carrot peeled and cut in half
- 1 small celery stalk cut in half
- 1/2 small onion peeled
- 2 garlic cloves smashed
- 1/2 cup pastina or tiny star-shaped pastina
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 ounce about 1/3 cup freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano stirred into soup, plus extra for serving
- Salt and black pepper to taste



RECIPES WANTED

Have a favorite recipe you want to share? We would love to feature your favorite winter recipes in the next issue.

Send your recipes to
fwcscpublicrelations@gmail.com



Instructions

- In a medium saucepan, combine the water, Better Than Bouillon, carrot, celery, onion, and garlic. Bring to a gentle simmer over medium heat and cook for about 10 minutes, until the vegetables soften.
- Remove the vegetables using a slotted spoon or fine mesh strainer.
- Add the pasta directly to the simmering broth. Cook for 6-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until tender and slightly thickened.
- Turn off the heat. Stir in the butter until melted, then mix in the Parmesan until the soup becomes smooth and silky.
- Season with salt and pepper. Spoon into bowls, top with extra Parmesan or a drizzle of olive oil, and serve warm.

Enjoy!

CRAFT FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



We can't wait to do it all again next year!



FINAL CRAFT FAIR STATS

BREAKING IT DOWN BY THE NUMBERS

of Vendors: 104

of Food Trucks: 6

of People That Attended: 1452

Net Profit Added to Community Grants & Scholarships:

\$16,652.45

This is \$3161.95 over 2024 for a 21% increase!

Thank You

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VENDORS, SPONSORS
& DONORS

*We Could Not Have Done
This Without You!*



STEP BACK TO THE
ROARING
20'S AT THE
BASKET AUCTION



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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!



Save the Dates!



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 BUNCO! 7:00-9:00 PM @ FLW USO	3
4	5	6	7	8 Lunch Bunch 11:30-1:00 PM @Spartan Gyros	9 Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00-3:00 PM @Stonegate Community Center	10
11	12	13 Cooking Club 6:00-9:00 PM @ Main Chapel	14 Game Night Club 6:00-8:00 PM @ Stonegate Community Center	15 Monthly Member Meeting & Mixer 6:00-8:00 PM @ FLW USO	16	17 Outdoor Adventure Club 9:00-3:00 PM
18	19	20 Craft Club 10:00-12:30 PM 6:00-8:30 PM @ Bees Knees Studio Snack in a Pack 10:00-11:00 AM @ Pick Ed. Center	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Book Club 6:00-8:00 PM @ 787 MP BN	28	29	30	31
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