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Mr. Joseph Johnson
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Fort Huachuca

Mr. Joseph Johnson was born in Frankfurt, Germany, and raised in a military family. He has been a leader with the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) since 1990. Mr. Johnson's civilian career spans more than 30 years and includes civilian service to the United States Army and the United States Navy. His experiences and accomplishments encompass numerous levels of

base operations at the Installation, Regional Command, and Headquarters levels. Mr. Johnson arrives at Fort Huachuca following his previous assignment as the DFMWR at USAG Stuttgart.

What's Going On At Fort Huachuca

Consider this your highlight reel for the upcoming season! For a full listing of all our programs, events, and activities, simply scan the QR code to access our comprehensive online calendar. Don't miss out on a moment of fun!



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Leaving a Legacy at Fort Huachuca

As Fort Huachuca prepares to bid farewell to Garrison Commander Colonel Michael Childs, the installation reflects on a legacy of energetic and hands-on leadership since his arrival in the



summer of 2024. COL Childs famously led morale-boosting efforts from the front, most notably participating in the inaugural Base Brawl in March 2025 to defend Street Rat Jimmy against Tank. This community spirit culminated in Base Brawl II in February 2026, where he joined forces with his former rival, Tank, to defeat the villainous Vondugon in a spectacular show of unit camaraderie.

Beyond entertainment, COL Childs' leadership shone brightest in his dedication to civil-military relations, particularly during the Army's 250th Birthday celebration. Under his guidance, Fort Huachuca brought military units, interactive displays, and Army heritage directly to the civilian community of Sierra Vista. This critical outreach strengthened the vital bond between the installation and its neighbors, leaving behind a more connected, resilient, and unified garrison as he departs.

Welcome to Fort Huachuca, Colonel Hughes!



We are proud to welcome our new Garrison Commander, Colonel Margaret "Devan" Hughes, to the Fort Huachuca family! Stepping into this vital leadership role, COL Hughes brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to our historic installation.

As the premier home of Military Intelligence and Army network operations, Fort Huachuca plays a pivotal role in our national defense and readiness. We look forward to seeing the installation, its mission partners, and our vibrant community continue to

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- JUL 9th
- AUG 8th
- AUG 29th
(1st Brewery Excursion)
- SEP 19th



Wine Excursion



Lock and Load at Ghost Town Paintball

Gear up and get ready for action-packed weekends at Ghost Town Paintball, located at the Sportsman's Center! Whether you are a seasoned player or trying paintball for the first time, our tactical field offers the ultimate adrenaline rush for friends, families, and groups. We are open every weekends 9-5pm to bring you the best combat simulation experience.

No gear? No problem! The Sportsman's Center has you fully covered with all the necessary rental

equipment, markers, safety gear, and paintballs.

Complete gear setups are available directly on-site at the Sportsman's Center. Call 520-533-6707 to speak with staff, check availability, or book your next group event.



Conquer the Trails with MWR Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation has officially announced the launch of the highly anticipated 2026 Hiking and Biking Challenge, a premier summer event designed to promote fitness, family bonding, and outdoor exploration. The challenge is scheduled to run from May 1st through September 30th, 2026, offering participants a full five months to

explore trails and track their progress. Registration is \$50 per person and includes an exclusive jersey or t-shirt.

Organizers emphasize that this initiative is built for individuals of all fitness levels.

Participants have the freedom to move at their own pace, establish personal mileage goals, and choose whether they want to focus on hiking, biking, or conquering both activities.

To motivate participants, Outdoor Recreation has established a robust rewards program. Hikers will earn custom milestone patches as they reach progressive distance markers throughout the summer. Cyclists who complete their tracking goals will receive a commemorative biking challenge coin upon completion.

The eligible participant who logs the highest overall mileage by September 30th will win the grand prize: an exclusive 3-night stay at an Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) located in either Seoul, South Korea, or Germany.

Call Outdoor Recreation today!



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How the Scramble Works

If you have never played a scramble before, it is one of the most popular and inclusive formats in golf. It keeps the game moving quickly and ensures everyone has a great time, regardless of skill level. All four competitors in your team tee off at the start of the hole. The team decides which drive was the best, and everyone marks that spot.

From there, all four players hit their next shots from that chosen spot. This process is repeated for every shot—including putts—until the ball is holed out.

This format means there is zero pressure on any single player. If you slice your ball into the rough, don't sweat it! You can simply pick it up, place it next to your teammate's beautiful fairway drive, and try again. It's all about teamwork, strategy, and having fun.

Gather your co-workers, friends, or family to form a dominant foursome, or sign up as an individual and let the clubhouse pair you with some new friends.

Be sure to stop by Fiddler's Green on the way out and enjoy a cold beverage!

- **When:** Every Wednesday at 5PM through mid-September
- **Duration:** 9 Holes of play
- **Team Size:** Teams of 4
- **Member Price:** \$20 per person
- **Non-Member Price:** \$30 per person





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WAREHOUSE

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Mark Your Calendars: **Warehouse Sale** Coming Soon!

Looking for great deals?

The MWR Warehouse is hosting a NAF Sale on August 15th. This highly anticipated event will take place at Building 90508 on Jim Avenue. Shoppers should plan their budgets accordingly, as all items are sold strictly as-is, and all sales are final. Whether you are looking to furnish a space or find unique items, this is an event you won't want to miss! To ensure a smooth shopping experience, entry to the sale is structured by time and eligibility. Starting at 8am until 10am, the sale opens up to ID Card holders that include Active Duty, Retirees, Family members and CAC holders. Then, at 10am until 12pm, the sale opens to the public. Gate access is required.



Please note that personal checks will not be accepted for purchase.



For those navigating to the event, please head directly to Building 90508 on Jim Avenue (see attached map). If further details are needed, please contact 520-266-1011.





COMMON MWR QUESTIONS

Do I have to re-register every year for CYS?

Yes, annual registration is required to ensure your child's medical records and your income information (for fee calculation) are current. Please call Parent Central to schedule an appointment, 520-533-0738.

What is the Resilience Through Art program at the Arts & Crafts Center?

This is a specialized free program that is designed to help service members manage stress through creative expression.

For information call 520-533-2015.

Can ACS help with debt?

Yes, the Financial Readiness Program (ERP) offers classes on budgeting, debt management, and consumer advocacy.

For more information call 520-533-2967.

Are pets allowed at Apache Flats RV Resort?

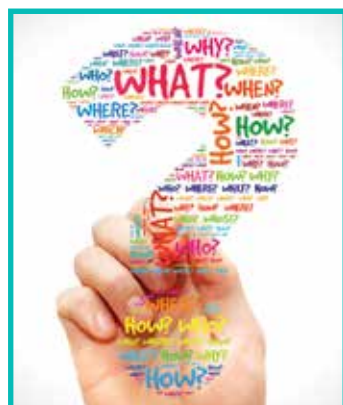
Generally, yes, but they must be leashed, and certain breeds or "home stading" behaviors (like outdoor pens) may be prohibited. Be sure to ask when making a reservation by calling 520-533-1335.

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To make accessing these resources as seamless as possible, the ACS EFMP team is bringing their expertise directly to the community. Whether you are completely new to the program, preparing for an upcoming PCS, or simply need to update your current file, expert help is readily available.

The EFMP team is on-site twice a month to provide critical information, answer your specific questions, and offer hands-on guidance through the following processes:

- EFMP Enrollment
- Program Renewal
- Overseas Screening

Don't navigate the paperwork alone. Stop by and connect with the EFMP team to ensure your family's needs are documented, supported, and ready for whatever the mission brings next.



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~M.W. VII

Fort Huachuca's Youth Center Shaping the Leaders of Tomorrow

As schools close their doors for the season, the Fort Huachuca Middle School and Teen Center is opening their wider than ever, offering local youth a vibrant sanctuary of growth, friendship, and community service. Operating throughout the summer, the center serves as a vital resource



for military families by providing structured summer camp programs on weekdays from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM, followed immediately by Open Recreation hours from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. To keep energy levels high, campers enjoy a freshly prepared lunch each day at noon, while an afternoon snack is provided to all youth during the late-day activities.

Inside the facility, a robust curriculum of daily and weekly clubs works to promote leadership, responsibility, education, career development, and essential life skills. On any given day, youth can be found engaging in high-energy sports and fitness, participating in Boys & Girls Clubs of America programs, or diving into cutting-edge technology and STEM projects. Weekly rotations offer specialized instruction in arts and crafts, cooking, yoga, gardening, photography, fashion, improv, and the highly anticipated Gamer's Club. The physical environment of the center is

“My favorite thing is Boxing and Weightlifting with Mr. Mark.”

~S.B.

designed to support both high-impact athletics and creative learning. The expansive facility boasts a full-size gymnasium, a fully equipped weight room, a dedicated Tech Lab, a teaching kitchen, and several outside garden areas.

For daily recreation, youth have constant access to pool tables, ping pong, foosball, air hockey, and board games. Outside, the facility's competitive spirit comes alive on the outdoor obstacle course, where students continuously challenge themselves and each other. The reigning center record for completing the rigorous course stands at an impressive 1 minute and 42 seconds, a benchmark that local youth eagerly attempt to shatter each summer.

Rather than letting the summer months drift by, the center encourages active goal setting through the Summer Bucket List program. This initiative challenges students to work towards personal goals by completing a diverse list of activities within the center provided by the staff. Among the most popular challenges are friendly face-offs with center mentors, including attempting to

win a game of Connect 4 against the notoriously skilled Ms. Katrena. Students who successfully navigate their bucket lists are celebrated at the end of the season with a large pizza party to honor their achievements.

Staff members also ensure that the youth have a direct hand in shaping their own environment. Through the center's "Idea Box," youth are given a formal platform to voice their wishes regarding new equipment they would like to see purchased, potential field trips to be instituted, or new clubs they want to see started in the future.

The spirit of service is perhaps most visible in the Youth Sponsorship group, which meets regularly at the center. These young ambassadors hold the vital responsibility of welcoming incoming youth to Fort Huachuca, helping them get acquainted with the facility and easing the transition of moving to a new military installation. The group's impact extends far beyond the walls of the center and into the broader communities. Last summer, the Youth Sponsorship group spent time hand-making quilts, which were then delivered to the Warrior Healing Center to comfort disabled veterans. Continuing their community outreach during the winter holidays, the group also headed up a holiday card and cookie-making initiative, delivering to on-post first responders last December.



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Stepping outside of Utah House reveals stunning, panoramic views of the majestic Huachuca Mountain. The surrounding area is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and history buffs alike. Embark on local trail rides, experience world-class hiking, and take in the rugged, high-desert vistas. Explore historic military sites, nearby Kartchner Caverns state park, and legendary mining-town charm of nearby Tombstone and Bisbee.



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Must be 21 to sample or purchase alcohol.

Some seating is available, but feel free to bring your own chairs. No outside food or drink please. For more information, call 520-533-4471.

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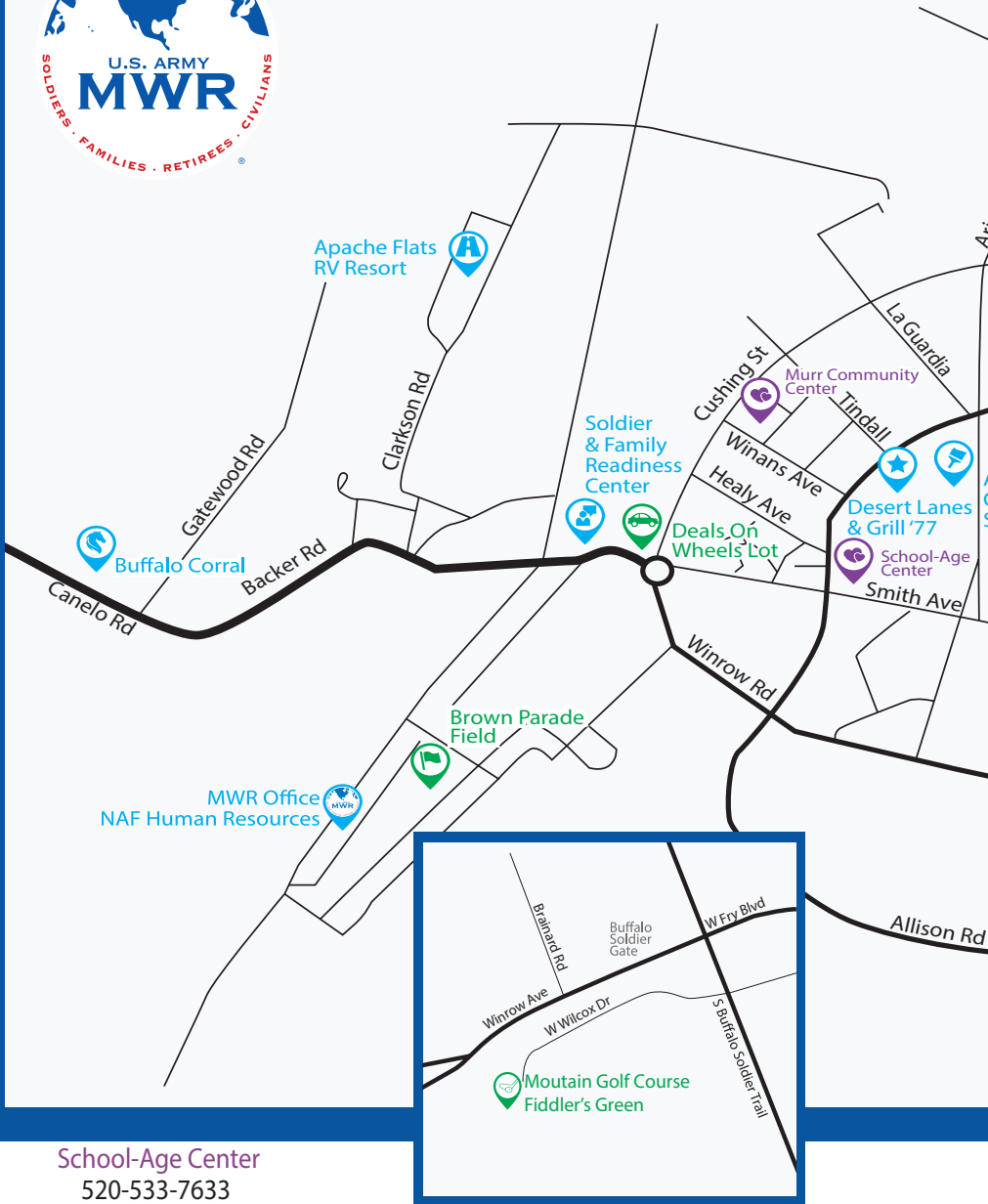
Award-Winning Transformation of Desert Lanes and Grill '77

For years, Desert Lanes Bowling Center has served as a beloved gathering place for soldiers, families, retirees, and the entire Southern Arizona community. However, even the most cherished local staples need a fresh look to keep the good times rolling. Recently, that much-needed refresh was recognized on a national scale, with Bowling Center Management Magazine officially naming Desert Lanes the Best Modernized Tenpin Center in the United States.

The primary goal of this ambitious renovation was to reposition the center as a premier regional entertainment destination. By taking advantage of underutilized space and investing in state-of-the-art technology, Desert Lanes has successfully bridged the gap between modern convenience and retro charm.

Guests stepping through the doors are immediately greeted by a stunning 20th-century mid-century vibe. The design incorporates a classic warm-color palette enriched with wood accents, while maintaining a clean geometry of straight lines and minimal detail. Visitors can relax in comfortable seating areas featuring pieces in vinyl and leatherette, resting their drinks on laminated tabletops. The aesthetic is tied together beautifully by vinyl flooring in vibrant shades of ochre, yellow, and orange.

Another pillar of this transformation was completely reinventing the food-and-beverage component through the fully remodeled Grill '77. This inspired eatery elevates traditional alley fare into a true dining destination, perfectly complementing the center's award-winning entertainment experience.



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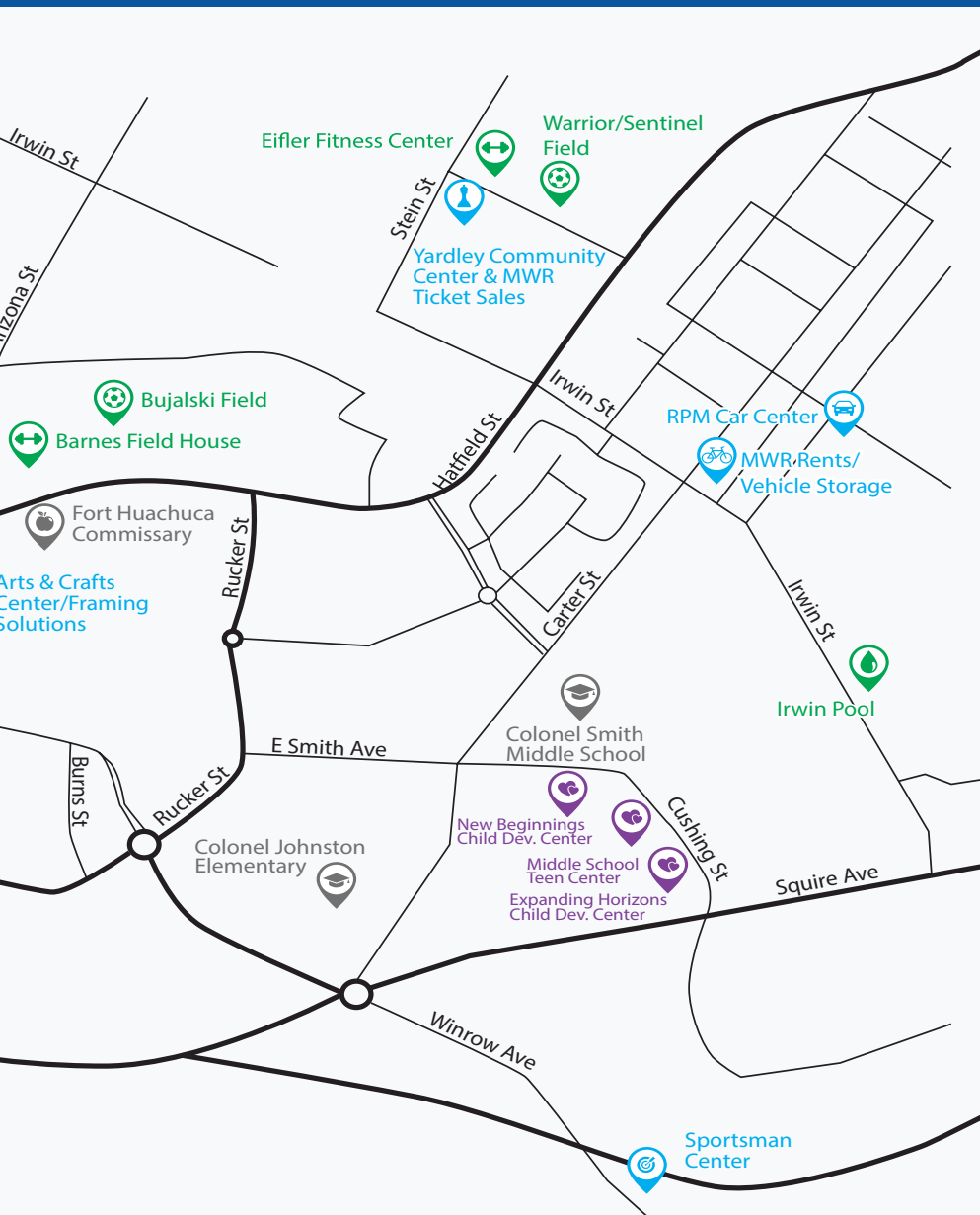
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