

New Fort Access Policy: be sure to read!

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**Global Youth Murals Opening Reception
Friday, Feb. 20, 2015 RSVP Today**



You are invited to the opening reception of People to People International's (PTPI) Global Youth Murals. Join CEO Clark Plexico and visit with other local PTPI members in Historic Downtown Overland Park. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. **Please RSVP per email address below.**

PTPI believes art is a universal language. In 2002, PTPI organized its first **Global Youth Murals** project, inviting youth worldwide to create artwork that illustrates their cultures, communities, and ideas about friendship. Forty-eight murals were submitted from 19 schools in 13 countries. If you miss this event, you can still visit the exhibit through March 14.

The mural project is one of many School & Classroom Projects available for K-12 teachers worldwide. Through our global network, students learn concepts in the classroom through authentic, international connections.

Contact [Paige Badgett](mailto:Paige.Badgett@ptpi.org) at classroom@ptpi.org to **RSVP** or for more information.

The world has once again traveled to the Heartland - don't miss out!

WHEN: Friday, February 20, 2015

TIME: 6-9 p.m.

WHERE: Images Art Gallery

7320 West 80th Street

Overland Park, Kansas 66204

Cost: Free

GKCPTP Annual Meeting: 03/29/15

Our annual meeting is just around the corner. All **current** GKCPTP members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We'll join together for a great meal, camaraderie, and to elect board members.

The annual meeting for Greater Kansas City People to People is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2015, at the Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Ave, Kansas City MO, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of \$24 will include an appetizer buffet, your entrée, and coffee, tea, or a soft drink, as well as the gratuity. An invitation, a slate of proposed officers and a ballot will be mailed to all members around the 1st of March (per our by-laws). We look forward to seeing you there!



Greater Kansas City People to People Annual Meeting

Sunday, *March 29, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.*

Grand Street Café

4740 Grand Ave

Kansas City MO 64112

(816) 561-8000

New Access Procedures at Fort Leavenworth

Effective **February 7, 2015** sponsors, their spouses, family members and guests (passengers) age 17 and older will need a **Locally Approved Credential (LAC)** card [or a **Department of Defense (DOD)** card], issued by the Fort, in order to enter the base. Without **LAC** cards, visitors are required to go through a background check and receive a day pass at the new **Visitor Control Center**. The background check will occur at the **Visitor Control Center**, which is located at the corner of **4th Street and Metropolitan Avenue**. See the information below and the Fort's news release below to learn the process and the documents you must have with you in order to obtain Fort access.

No Escort Privileges

Importantly, the base no longer allows **escort** privileges, where a person with an access

card could escort a guest (passenger) into the Fort by merely showing the guest's driver's license or passport. Also of note is that those holding access cards issued within the last year, that have a **future expiration date**, may still use those cards for access until those cards expire. If those cards indicate they have escort privileges, the escort privileges are no longer valid, per the new policy.

Hence, every person age 17 or older must have a current LAC/DOD card to avoid going through the **Visitor Control Center** and background check. Persons under the age of 17, however, can enter the Fort with a person holding a valid **LAC** or **DOD** card, without first going to the **Visitor Control Center**.

How to obtain your Locally Approved Credential (LAC) Cards

Sponsors and family members can apply for an **LAC** card by completing **pages 1 and 2** of the attached [ACCESS CONTROL](#) form and sending it to [Sharon Valasek](mailto:Sharon.Valasek@military.committee@gkcptp.org) (military.committee@gkcptp.org) by email, fax or US mail. Each person requesting an LAC card must complete both pages:

- **Access Credential Application** - fill in the requested information
- **Acknowledgement Statement** - fill in requested information and **sign**.

We urge members to complete the form in order to avoid the rush that may occur when spring events take place and a new class of international military students arrive. Once approved, the sponsor will be notified on how to pick up the **LAC** card. **LAC** cards **will be good for 15 months from date of issuance**.

- **Email**. Complete form, scan it and email to [Sharon Valasek](mailto:Sharon.Valasek@military.committee@gkcptp.org) (military.committee@gkcptp.org)
- **Fax**. Complete form and fax it to **816-942-0214**
- **US Mail**. Complete form and mail it to attention of Sharon Valasek, **105 W. 113th Street, Kansas City, MO 64114**

A [sample form is attached](#) that can be used as a guide. If you have further questions about completing the access form, or about the new access policy, contact:

- **Sharon Valasek** at 816-213-5847 or military.committee@gkcptp.org
- **Pat Burnett** at 816-807-9188 or dburnett5@gmail.com

News Release from Fort on Base Access Policy

The news release below is the edited announcement from Fort Leavenworth.

Fort Leavenworth Media Relations

Call (913) 684-1723

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Feb. 2, 2015

New Access Procedures at Fort Leavenworth

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. – Beginning Feb. 7, 2015, visitors to Fort Leavenworth who do not have a **Locally Approved Credential (LAC)** or a **Department of Defense (DOD)** ID card will be required to have a background check and receive a day pass at the **Visitor Control Center**, which will be located at the corner of **4th Street and Metropolitan Avenue (Sherman Gate)**.

These changes are to create a security and safety presence on posts Armywide in compliance with Army access control policies.

Fort Leavenworth visitors and contractors who don't have approved **LAC** or **DOD** identification cards will be required to park, get out of their vehicles and check-in at a new provisional visitor's center for required criminal background checks to gain entry to post.

Each vehicle occupant will present a **driver's license or other government photo identification**, the **vehicle's registration and insurance**, and **state their reason for visiting** Fort Leavenworth. They will be vetted using the National Crime Information Center Interstate Identification Index background check. Once they have passed the background check, they will receive a day pass and their vehicle will be directed back to the Grant Avenue Gate lanes for post access and possible car inspection.

There are 11 reasons a person could be denied access to Fort Leavenworth, according to Army Directive 2014-05. Reasons for denial include having active arrest warrants, being a sex offender or being convicted of a major felony within the last 10 years. There will be an appeal process available for those who do not pass the background check.

Once the **Visitor Control Center** is operational, Sherman Gate will be closed to all outbound and inbound traffic indefinitely to ease traffic flow from that area. **All LAC and DOD cardholders will use Grant or Hancock gates.**

Beginning Feb. 7, 2015, please call (913) 684-3600 or visit the [Fort Leavenworth gate information page](#) for additional information.

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Fort Gate Access Map

Below is a new map related to Fort Leavenworth access. View it here or [download a PDF](#) to your computer or device. You should also note that the fort's website should have the most current information on [gate access](#).



New IMS Class Arriving June 2015

The 2016 class of **International Military Students (IMS)** will arrive June 2015. The Fort is expecting approximately 110-115 arrivals from 90 countries. See [attached country list](#) (numbers are subject to minor changes).

Over the next 1-2 weeks, expect a call from a member of GKCPTP's military committee to identify those sponsors that are interested in continuing, starting or restarting sponsorship. Sponsors will then be contacted to provide country and family preferences.

Should you have questions or require additional information, contact [Sharon Valasek](#) at 816-213-5847 or military.committee@gkcptp.org.

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