

Tip: include your student in July 4 activities

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## Icebreakers with International Military Students/Families in July

Sponsors should have their mailed invitations now with specific details, including a request for an RSVP. The information below serves as a reminder.

**Time** for all: from 18:00 to 21:00 (6:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

**Place:** Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth

**Dates:** July 9, 10, 16 or 17, (check your invitation, see [website page](#) or [see the attached PDF](#)).

**Don't have your LAC card? You can still get on base for the icebreakers.**

If you haven't yet applied for, or received, your LAC pass, you can still get on base at Fort Leavenworth by utilizing one of the following options:

- Get a day pass from the Visitor's Control Center (VCC). The VCC hours of operation are: 07:00-16:00 Mon – Fri and 08:00-16:00 Sat. Closed Sun and most Federal holidays. Check "[gate information page \(VCC\)](#)" for current hours; they sometimes change without our notification. If you are coming for an evening event (e.g., Icebreaker), please plan accordingly since VCC closes at 16:00. The start time for the icebreakers is 18:00.
- Contact your international military student or IMSD (Mike Brettmann at 913-724-2864) to *escort* you on base.

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## Special Request from Mike Brettmann

**Subject: Officers *new* addresses and phone numbers**

Dear Sponsors,

Please let us know if your officer moves to their permanent residence and give us the address and phone number if the number has changed. Many times the officers move without telling us and if they have a family emergency back in their country, we need to be able to contact them.

Regards,

Mike

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## Grant Ave Gate Temporary Closure

The date to perform the construction on the Grant Avenue gate has been delayed until 28 June and the gate will reopen 2 July.

Regards,

Michael J. Brettmann

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## Confirmation that sponsors have met their officers & invitation for Fourth of July holiday

Dear sponsors,

All officers for the Class of 2020 have arrived at Fort Leavenworth, the majority arrived from the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in San Antonio. With a few exceptions (sponsors away on a longer vacation), all sponsors should have met their officer at least once and have plans to meet him/her again. Meeting early is crucial to establishing the foundation for a good relationship, which greatly increases the chance of both a positive sponsor experience and a lasting impression that the officers have of the US. You play a vital role in that.

With the Independence Day holiday just around the corner, it's a perfect time to include your officer in **Fourth of July** holiday plans. They haven't yet started formal classes, thus have the time to spend enjoying the holiday weekend. Note that they also have Friday, July 5 as a holiday, so a four-day weekend. Please consider extending an invitation to your officer and his/her family.

A member of the military committee has, or will be reaching out to you to confirm that you've met your officer, answer any questions and provide assistance, if needed.

Thanks,

Sharon Valášek

816-213-5847

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## Officers Buying Vehicles

New sponsors may be asked by officers about buying a vehicle for personal transportation, especially used autos. Often the officer wants a very low cost vehicle that he or she can be confident that there will be no problems during the year and the resale value will be a high percentage of their purchase price. A rather tall order as most of us know that have tried to find a good used vehicle for a child or for ourselves.



You may give the officer advice if you feel reasonably confident in doing so. You could also point them to information on the internet, such as this [article by the Federal Trade](#)

[Commission](#). You might also remind them of extraordinary costs, such as tags, sales tax and property tax. They should also become knowledgeable about state driving requirements, auto insurance, etc. The Fort (CGSC) can be the source of much of this information. And don't be surprised if next May you are asked for tips on selling those cars!

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## Order of the LAC process

*Please note the order, or sequence of events occurring when applying for and receiving your local area access card (LAC).*

1. Fill out [LAC application form](#) (you complete the "applicant" part only).
2. Send the completed LAC forms to [Pat Burnett](#) or [Sharon Valášek](#) by email, fax or US Mail.
3. Pat or Sharon will acknowledge receipt.
4. Pat or Sharon will contact sponsor(s) when we have been notified by IMSD that the application is ready. Do not call the Visitor's Control Center (VCC) before you receive notification from Pat or Sharon that your application is ready for pick up. Calling the VCC before being notified by Pat or Sharon can cause confusion (VCC may say they don't have the application when, in fact, it is with someone else (e.g., IMSD) integral to the process.
5. Once notified by Pat or Sharon that the LAC is ready for pick up, call the VCC to make sure they are open for business. **(Before sponsors drive to Fort Leavenworth have them call the VCC at 913-684-3600 to make sure the system that issues the pass is working. If sponsors have any problems while they are there, call Mike Brettmann's personal cell at 913-724-2864.)**
6. Pick up pass within 30 days of approval date. **(Approved applications are valid for and must be picked up within 30 days, otherwise the process starts over -- requiring a new app to be submitted).** A rule introduced earlier in 2018 from the VCC states that sponsors are allowed to apply only 3 times, so please don't let your approval expire.

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## FYI, What Happens on Officer Registration Day?



Registration Day is an orientation day held annually for IMS and their families shortly after arrival (July 2 this year). It is designed to provide an introduction to various organizations and service providers to IMS/families that they may interact with throughout their year at Fort Leavenworth. GKCPTP is one of the organizations participating in Registration Day.

Our military committee prepares a GKCPTP tote (handle bag) containing Kansas, Missouri and KC Metro information. This includes maps, visitor guides, parks guides, events calendars and travel guides for Kansas and Missouri, brochures for the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Cosmosphere and the National WWI Museum. (Truman Library/Museum is omitted this year to due its closing for renovation until 2020. During Registration Day, we also ask each officer if they've met their Greater KC People to People sponsor.

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