



# WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

*we're so glad you're here!*

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy November, Spouses!

This month often brings with it a posture of gratitude, and I am living that for sure. I find myself grateful for family, the desert night sky, cooler running weather, the pecan crunch latte at Starbies (if you haven't tried it, what are you even doing with your life?!), and our ESC members. The way our spouses creatively show up to provide fun events that help us connect with one another while also providing good for the greater community is something I am so thankful to be a part of. It's a win-win - as we give, we get, and for that we can all be thankful.

If you're looking for a place to share your gratitude, or if you could use some encouragement in the 'joy-and-thanks-department', come be with us. You're always welcome and there is a place for you.

**-In gratitude for you all, Mayme Simms**

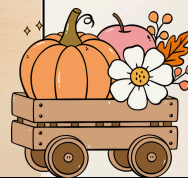
## GET INVOLVED- JOIN THE BOARD!

We're looking for members to step into open board positions:

There are a few open positions on the ESC board, and we'd love to have you join the team. Whether you enjoy organizing events, helping with social media, or just want to be part of something meaningful, reach out to our president, Mayme, to learn more about how you can get involved.

**GET INVOLVED WITH ESC**

*apply for a board position!*



## FOR THE SPOUSES, BY THE SPOUSES

Written by Bridget Myer, ESC Board Member



A walk in the desert

Edwards Air Force base is a funny place.

We all find ourselves, in the early days of arrival, wondering how we got here.

Why? Where are the green trees? What is this wind? Why do the facebook groups have so many fiesty anonymous posts? Is there life here on mars?

The summers greet you in the way opening an oven door does - with dry, hot air.

The last three months of the year arrive and we get excited for the change of seasons and coming holidays only to be left confused. The mornings are crisp and cold so we breakout the cozy clothes, only for summer to be back by

lunchtime. Will we be sweating at thanksgiving dinner and in our christmas sweaters? Who knows. [Read More](#)



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Aside from the drastic landscape and weather, Edwards does have more to offer. The magic of the attic is a real thing, if you know, you know. Although we can all mourn all the closed establishments, Starbucks will always be there for you. Just go ahead and add a budget category for it.

You settle in and find your pace. You make the best of it because thats what we do in this military way of life. You just might begin to see the beauty of the desert. Wide open blue skies that turn to a blanket of stars at night. The surrounding mountains turn purple during a good sunset and are snow capped in winter. A few hours of driving will get you to some bucket list locations. At dusk and dawn the desert comes alive in a special way and the wildlife is actually pretty neat. The smell of creosote when it finally rains just might make the list of favorite smells. Its not so bad here, its even pretty good.

In a place that feels desolate with nothing to do, there ends up being SO much to do. When you finally get orders to leave, there is a lightness that feels like youre making an escape - and you celebrate. But that feeling is quickly followed by so many bittersweet farewells. It was so good here. It was so hard. We grew, and we learned. We found community. All of these people were placed here, at this time. Our paths all collided here amongst the joshua trees and dirt and were reminded that this all must be part of a bigger plan. What a beautiful season in such a weird, hard place that is filled with such lovely people all making the best of it.

Find your tribe, dont walk this desert alone.

The hows and whys will be answered in time. In the meantime, we leave grateful - with so much love for the community we found

Cheers Edwards



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WED NOV 05 – **WALKING CLUB** | 8 AM | THRIFT STORE PARKING LOT

WED NOV 12 – **ARTS & CRAFT CLUB** | 5:30PM | MAYROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

SAT NOV 15 – **THRIFT STORE SALE** | 10AM-1PM | VOLUNTEERS WELCOME & NEEDED

TUE NOV 18 – **BOARD MEETING** | 6:00PM | MAYROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

THU NOV 20 – **BOOK CLUB** | 6:00PM | LOCATION TBD

**MISTLETOE BAZAAR** | 10AM-5PM | CLUB MUROC

FRI NOV 21 – **MISTLETOE BAZAAR** | 10-5PM | CLUB MUROC



## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

*Incase you missed it!*





## SPOUSE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!!

Each month, we'll highlight one of our talented ESC spouses and their small business! 

Local artist, ESC board member, and Cinderella's Closet Chair, Cassandra has been painting personalized family portraits on real wood slices since 2020.

What began as a handmade ornament to commemorate her wedding has grown into a beautiful yearly tradition capturing her family's story.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURE:

**CASSANDRA BENEFIELD**  
[AKERYC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AKERYC@GMAIL.COM)



# HAPPY birthday

**MELISSA FIELDS  
KIMBERLY SWAIM  
MEREDITH PORTER**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
NOVEMBER MEMBERS!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO  
HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR  
COMMUNITY!



## VOLUNTEER CORNER

We'd love your helping hands!  
If you'd like to volunteer at an  
upcoming event, email us at  
[Edwardsspouses@gmail.com](mailto:Edwardsspouses@gmail.com)



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## GET CONNECTED ON SLACK!

### NEW TO ESC OR JUST JOINED OUR SLACK CHAT SPACE FOR ALL?

Here's how to get started:

- Download the Slack app (or use it on your browser).
- Join our private ESC Members channel via the link in your welcome email.
- Introduce yourself and check out sub-clubs and upcoming events in the canvas tab and pinned messages.

Slack is the easiest way to stay connected, share ideas, and make new friends.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO CHAT WITH YOU THERE!





# THRIFT STORE NEWS

STOP BY THE ESC THRIFT STORE THIS MONTH TO SHOP, DONATE, OR VOLUNTEER!



**NOVEMBER  
MONTHLY  
SALE**

50% off Purses & Bags

Cookbooks 5¢

Glasses & Mugs 10¢  
\*excludes marked sets  
and Holiday mugs



Your purchases and donations directly support ESC's scholarship and community programs. Come browse our fall and winter finds – from cozy sweaters to home decor – and check back often for new arrivals. Follow us on Facebook at *Edward Spouses Thrift Stop*



**November 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3 Open 9am - 1pm	4 Open 9am - 1pm	5 Open 9am - 1pm	6	7	8	9
10 Open 9am - 1pm	11 Closed Happy Veterans Day!	12 Open 9am - 1pm	13	14	15 Saturday Sale 10am - 1pm	16
17 Open 9am - 1pm	18 Open 9am - 1pm	19 Open 9am - 1pm	20	21	22	23
24 Closed	25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29	30

**Monthly Sale:**

- 50% off Purses & Bags
- Cookbooks 5¢
- Glasses & Mugs 10¢
- \*excludes marked sets and Holiday mugs

**Saturday Sale 11/15:**

- 50% off Electronics
- Books 10¢
- \*excludes Holiday books
- Women's Clothes 50¢
- \*excludes jackets
- Shoes \$1
- \*excludes shoes in case

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