

NEWSLETTER



| Feature Story

Reflections on the 2025–2026 Season

The 2025–2026 Fort Leavenworth Hunt season was one to remember, marked by both change and celebration. Following the loss of the McGuire fixture, FLH adapted by transitioning to drag hunting to better accommodate smaller fixtures. Through the dedication of our kennel staff, Huntsman Teresa Griffith, and the guidance of Ruth Hensleigh, the FLH hounds successfully adapted to the new style of hunting. Members watched with pride as Huntsman Teresa Griffith and First Whipper-In Ruth Hensleigh led FLH's first drag hunt at the Winchester fixture.

In 2026, FLH and the Fort Leavenworth Garrison proudly celebrated 100 years of fox hunting. Joint Masters Jim Fain and Teresa Griffith, along with Angela Fain, organized a memorable centennial celebration for members, guests, and supporters.

The season also concluded with new leadership for the Hunt. Members elected Simon Gardner, Jessaym Jempson, and Jennifer Donnelly as Joint Masters, while the Huntsman's horn was passed to Lucy Hirsch, who closed the season as Interim FLH Huntsman. As FLH looks ahead, the season served as a reminder that while traditions remain important, the Hunt continues to adapt, grow, and move confidently into the future.

| Kennel Update

FLH Welcomes the Goodwin Boys

The Fort Leavenworth Hunt was extremely excited to draft in Goodwin's Demon and Whiskey Road Sheamus due to the generosity of Goodwin Hounds in Mill Springs, North Carolina. We are looking forward to the possibility of new FLH puppies in July from FLH Hustle and Goodwin's Demon. Special thanks to Deb Kornacki, Cathie Kornacki, Ruth Hensleigh, Dr. Lucy Hirsch and Dr. Verona Chaffin for their efforts!

| FLH Communications Update



Calendar

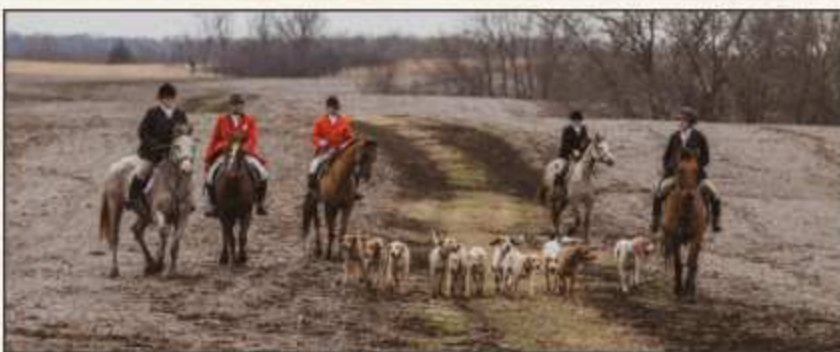
Hunt Communication
Workgroups

Please start using Team Up & Slack Apps, they are available to download on phone and desktop. Team Up is the new calendar and Slack will be used for communications and will replace Group Me, which will sunset on June 14th. Updates will happen on Facebook and on our .org website as well. If you need help please reach out! marketing@ftleavenworthhunt.org

Summer Fun Rides

Join FLH for some camaraderie at our summer ride series. This is a great way to keep yourself and your equine partner in good condition for hunting in the fall. This year summer rides will be held on post and will incorporate the varied trails and our cross country course for this riders that want to build confidence over jumps. This is a great way to work with a new or greener horse prior to the demands of the season. Details on the FLH.org website.

Any schedule updates will be posted Facebook and Slack. Looking forward to seeing you!



Staff Training & Hound Walking

The FLH pack has taken a nice break for the month of April, but now it is time to get back to it. Hound walking is ramping up! Members wanting to join the Kennel staff and hounds meet at the kennel at 8:00 AM Saturday mornings. Please keep an eye on facebook and Slack for cancellations and time changes due to weather/temperatures.

Are you interested in learning to be a whipper in? Do you want to drive a side by side to help lay trails? Are you a runner or hiker who wants to become the "faux fox" for a morning or two? Lucy and Ruth will be bringing more information to membership about staff rides, trainings and opportunities at the quarterly meeting June 14th.

June Quarterly Membership Meeting

Sunday June 14, 2026 at the Ft. Leavenworth Hunt Lodge
Time: 16:00 (4:00) PM

If you need a pass to get on post please register at.

https://pass.aic.army.mil/steps/terms_of_use

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Secretary Update

Please complete Hold Harmless Waivers

Forms will be available at summer rides or can be found under the resources page on the website or on facebook. You can also email the FLH Secretary at secretary@ftleavenworthhunt.org to be emailed the form.

Photos Wanted!

Do you have a beloved photo that you would like to share? We are seeking member favorite photos for our website and other marketing materials.



Meet the Masters



At the FLH annual meeting on March 22, FLH members Jessamyn Jempson, Jennifer Donnelly and Simon Garder were voted in as new masters. Please feel free to contact them at any time at masters@ftleavenworthhunt.org