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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Volunteers help save lives by donating blood at Fort Leonard Wood's Blood Donor Center

The Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center, which was moved into a brand new, state-of-the-art, 17,000-square-foot facility in 2021, is charged with the mission of seeking out “gracious donors, who step up and live the Army Values, knowing that donating blood is the right thing to do,” said Lt. Col. James Burke, the center’s officer in charge.



Army establishes two new initiatives to combat harmful behaviors

The Army has implemented two new initiatives to further remove the barriers on combating harmful behaviors and sustain positive command climates.



Fort Leonard Wood congratulates its 13 newest U.S. citizens at naturalization ceremony

For 13 service members and dependents here, the dream of becoming a U.S. citizen came true on Wednesday, when Fort Leonard Wood hosted a naturalization ceremony at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate courtroom – in conjunction with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the U.S. Courts, Western District of Missouri.



International Military Student Office program offers chance for new friendships, sharing of cultures

Fort Leonard Wood’s International Military Student Office is helping to bring cultures together through the shared experiences and relationships formed in the Friendship Ambassador program.

Read these stories and more at <https://www.army.mil/paowood>.

USMC change of command

The Fort Leonard Wood Marine Corps Detachment will hold a change-of-command ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday on Gammon Field. During the ceremony, Col. Charles Long will relinquish command to Col. Scottie Redden.

ACS birthday bash

Army Community Service will host their 57th birthday celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the ACS (Bldg. 486) parking lot. Call 573.596.4268 or click [here](#) for details.

FMWR health, wellness fair

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a health and wellness fair from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Davidson Fitness Center. Health and wellness professional will be on hand to give tips and guidance while patrons try an array of fitness activities. Cost is \$10 in advance (by today) or \$15 at the door. Call 573.596.4359 or click [here](#) for details.

Housing walking town hall

Senior leaders, along with representatives from Balfour Beatty Communities, Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner, will host a walking town hall through the Piney Hills neighborhood – meeting at the Jadwin Street tennis courts – starting at 5:30 p.m. July 28. The intent of the walking town hall is to provide a casual environment, where leaders can hear what's on the minds of service members and their families here.

Foundational Leadership Course

Fort Leonard Wood employees (including non-appropriated fund employees) are invited to sign up for the Foundational Leadership Course, which takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 8 to 12 at Countee Hall. Call Farrah Overman at 573.596.4715 for details.

School, sports physicals day

School and sports physicals appointments are available in the General

Hot dog! New restaurant now open on post



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Shyanne Davis hands a meal to Staff Sgt. Deshawn Hedlund Tuesday at Fort Leonard Wood's newest restaurant, Haute Dawgs Gourmet Hot Dogs and Eatery, located behind the Exchange, inside the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence building. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, and serves breakfast foods, sandwiches and salads, in addition to a variety of hot dogs.

Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Pediatric Clinic from 7:20 a.m. to noon on Aug. 13 for eligible beneficiaries ages 5 to 17. Call 866.299.4234 to schedule an appointment.

Pay office closure

Fort Leonard Wood's Army Military Pay Office will close at noon on Sept. 2. In case of emergency, call 317.363.7133 or 317.361.0198.

Photo appointments available

The Visual Information Center is accepting appointments. Call 573.596.0233 for details, or visit the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) to make an appointment.

Peak PCS season delays

Personnel preparing for a permanent change of station should anticipate delays in the scheduling of household goods moves, and should not try to move or store their household goods prior to receiving PCS orders. Individuals should contact the Fort Leonard Wood transportation office when orders

are received – any delay in contacting the transportation office may result in non-availability of Department of Defense-contracted moving companies. Call 573.596.0077, or visit in person in Bldg. 470, Room 1220. The transportation office is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Customers also have the option to start the process on-line through the Defense Personal Property System. To request access to DPS, click [here](#). Scroll down to the red button that reads, "LOG IN TO DPS." When at the DPS landing page, scroll down to the customer column and click "Register as a Customer," and fill out the requested information. A user ID and password is sent to the email provided. This option is not available for first-time movers, retirees and separating members. Call 800.462.2176 for details.

Sexual assault helpline

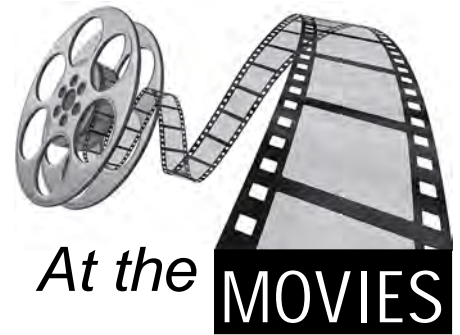
Fort Leonard Wood's sexual assault helpline is available 24/7 at 573.855.1327. Click [here](#) for additional resources.

HEROES OF THE BATTLEFIELD

Sgt. Travis Chidlow, a drill sergeant here, was at the Commissary and noticed a child exhibiting the initial signs of heat exhaustion. The child vomited and collapsed. Chidlow immediately took charge of the situation, directing Commissary personnel to place bags of ice in the child's arm pit and groin areas. He also ensured EMS personnel were notified and controlled the scene until their arrival. Chidlow serves as an example to all, in his abilities to take charge, stay calm and focused, and effectively manage a stressful situation. We are grateful for Chidlow's caring leadership and quick response.



Meredith Sandidge, has reviewed and processed more than 600 local tuition assistance requests in a period of four months, ensuring Soldiers were able to continue their education without financial hardship. She reviewed and processed more than 11,420 Army-wide requests during the Army-IgnitED exception to policy draws this year. She also counseled, advised and briefed 402 customers, both military and civilian, during this period. Her commitment, to the service members, family members and community is truly a testament to what quality customer service is about.



Abrams Theater is now open for movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This weekend's films include:

"The Black Phone"
Rated R
Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"Jurassic World: Dominion"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday

"Downton Abbey: A New Era"
Rated PG
Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Top Gun: Maverick"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 2 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showing are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children. Prices for 3D showings are \$8.50 for adults and \$5.75 for children. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the Exchange website for details.

*Denotes a first-run showing.

Join Fort Leonard Wood's International Military Student Office as they host the 20th

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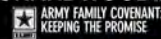
6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 19 at Nutter Field House

Students from 43 countries will share cultures and customs during an evening filled with fun, food and friends. Dress is casual. Call 573.563.0068/2662/8015 for more information.



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YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS
FALL SPORTS

SOCCER, CHEER
FLAG FOOTBALL

SPORTS REGISTRATION
FROM JULY 25 THRU AUG 26

Register at CYS Parent Central,
Bldg 470, Rm. 1126.

Contact Parent Central **573-596-0238**
or Youth Sports **573-596-0185**

OUR FAVORITE WIZARD'S
BIRTHDAY BASH



JULY 30, 10AM-5PM
BRUCE C. CLARKE LIBRARY

Stop by the library
before July 23 to be sorted
into your House!

573-563-4113



6 AUG CHECK-IN AT 10:30AM
HAPPY HOLLOW

\$40 ADVANCED REGISTRATION
INCLUDES: 1.5-HOUR FLOAT TRIP,
CANOE, GAMES AND BBQ

\$50 DAY-OF EVENT (AS AVAILABLE)

Installation Wide Events, Bldg 470, Suite 1105

573-596-6913

What's *Blood* Got to Do With It?

Fort Leonard Wood's Blood Donor Center collects donations for the Armed Services Blood Program. Volunteers from the 43rd Adjutant General Battalion's Fitness Training Unit visited the center on Wednesday to help supply this critical need.



Spc. Oliver Board and Sgt. Keylee Murcia confirm information and prepare a blood-donation kit for Spc. Ye Kim.

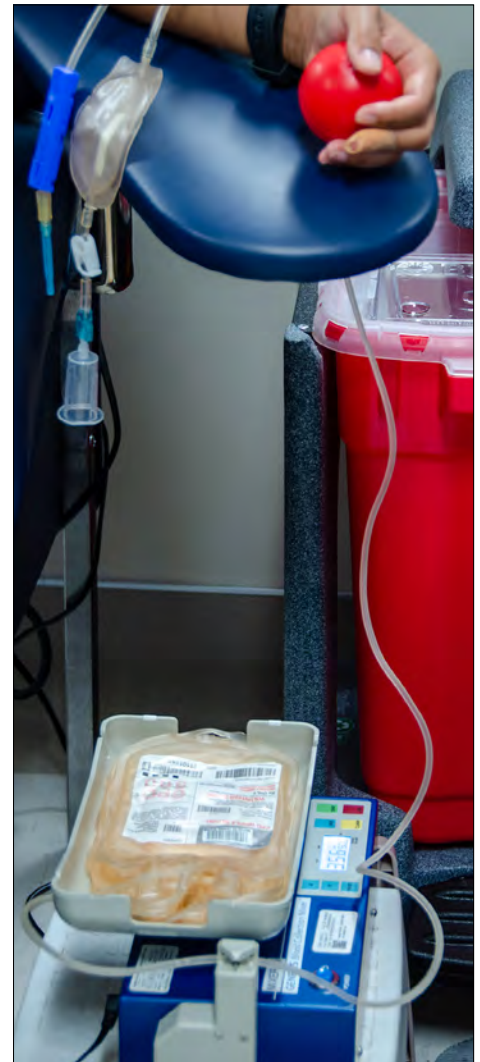


Photos by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Crayton, a drill sergeant with the FTU, donates blood Wednesday at the Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center. Each donation of whole blood results in two products – red blood cells and plasma – that can save the lives of two different individuals thousands of miles apart.



Sgt. Joshua Gerstenberger prepares a unit of whole blood for shipment to Fort Hood, Texas, for further processing.



The donation process typically takes about 30 minutes.



JULIE DAUGHERTY

DRIVER

LOGISTICS READINESS CENTER
FORT LEONARD WOOD

Q & A

Responsible for troop transportation and driver training and licensing.



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What do you like most about being a DA Civilian?

This is an amazing job, and I love it. **I love going to work every day and can honestly say this is the first time I've ever been able to say that.** I love interacting with the students and the drill sergeants, and everybody has been very kind and respectful to me.

What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

I have been in Missouri for about 17 years. **I drove a truck over the road for a long time,** and I wanted to be close to home. I live about 40 miles from here, so it was close enough that I could go home every night.

What are the benefits of being a DA Civilian?

I have the opportunity to do so many things. I got my license examiner testing done so I can test other drivers, and I get to be in dispatch and drive the buses – I'm kind of all over the place.

Who has inspired you throughout your career as a DA Civilian?

I look up to my current supervisor, who I've known for a long time. I know he's been all over the post working to get where he's at right now, and **watching him grow and do so well here is what made me decide I wanted to try.**

What advice would you give to others who are thinking of becoming a DA Civilian?

Be patient. It took me some time to get in, but **being a DA Civilian is an excellent opportunity,** especially for anyone who is looking for a job with good benefits.

