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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## Brito makes his initial visit to Fort Leonard Wood as TRADOC CG

Gen. Gary Brito, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, visited Fort Leonard Wood on Wednesday to gain familiarization with the people and mission of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence. This was Brito's first visit to Fort Leonard Wood since becoming TRADOC CG in September.



## TRADOC commander's spouse gets first look at Fort Leonard Wood

While Gen. Gary Brito, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Eustis, Virginia, visited the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence here on Wednesday, his wife, Michelle Brito, was on her own tour of Fort Leonard Wood.



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Think safety over Washington's Birthday weekend

On Monday, we will celebrate the birthday of our first president, George Washington. Leaders, before the weekend, talk to those in your care about risk mitigation. Know their plans, stay connected and be available. Never leave a teammate behind.



## Fort Leonard Wood's annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby set for Feb. 25

Fort Leonard Wood's annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 25 at Stone Mill Spring Recreation Area, located off of FLW 26, near Piney Valley Golf Course.

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

### Resume building workshop

The Female Mentorship and Morale Program is hosting a resume building workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Thurman Hall, Room 1521. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided. Call 573.596.0218, or email [darian.l.abenes.mil@army.mil](mailto:darian.l.abenes.mil@army.mil) for details.

### NCOA change of commandant

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence NCO Academy will hold a change-of-commandant ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium, where Command Sgt. Maj. Darren Boruff will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Paul DeSanto.

### National Prayer Luncheon

Fort Leonard Wood will host a National Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 28 at Pershing Community Center. The guest speaker will be retired Chaplain (Col.) Scott McChrystal. Free tickets are available through unit ministry team members. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

### Faith Skills classes

The Fort Leonard Wood Religious Support Office is now offering its spring Faith Skills religious education classes on Wednesday evenings at the Main Post Chapel. The classes, which occur

through April 26, include a dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the classes run until 7:30 p.m. Call 573.596.0089, or email [martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil](mailto:martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil) for details. A Faith Skills Facebook group is also available [here](#).

### Army transition centers update

Army transition centers are now able to create and sign DD Form 214s and separation orders. Soldiers who experienced a delay can contact their transition center for separation orders and to schedule an appointment to receive their DD Form 214s. Soldiers already on transition leave – or who separated but did not receive their DD Form 214 – will receive a copy in the mail and in IPERMs. DD Form 214s for Soldiers who are on transition leave or separated will state “service member not available for signature.” A DD Form 214 marked this way instead of signed by the Soldier are completely valid. Anyone needing corrections done on a DD Form 214 after separating should contact the Army Service Center 24/7 line at 1.844.474.7772.

### JEDI program

The Junior Executive Development Initiative was created here to grow future leaders and installation management professionals. The program is designed for individuals interested in self-development and self-care, leadership and

competency skills, and career growth. Many JEDI members have used the knowledge gained through the program to earn promotions or new positions. Call 573.563.4005, or email [farrah.l.overman.civ@army.mil](mailto:farrah.l.overman.civ@army.mil) for details.

### Tax Center information

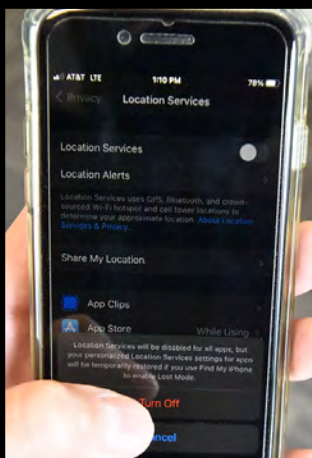
The Fort Leonard Wood Tax Center is now open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. weekdays in Bldg. 315 for drop-off and pick-up service. Customers are asked to bring a printed copy of the bank account and routing number – a voided check, for example – when dropping off tax documents to ensure any refunds are deposited accurately and in a timely manner. Call 573.596.1040 during business hours for details.

### Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Spc. Joon Su Lee, Company B, 43rd Adjutant General Battalion, or knowing of assets belonging to Lee, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Ryan Petty, at 573.596.1252, or by email at [ryan.c.petty5.mil@army.mil](mailto:ryan.c.petty5.mil@army.mil).

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 132 at the Main Post Chapel. Call 253.363.3306 or 970.390.5724 for details.



## Technologies we use every day can pose an Operations Security, or OPSEC risk.

Location data advertises where you are, where you've been and potentially when you'll return. To mitigate risk:

- turn off precise location settings when not needed for navigation, workouts or other activities, or when taking pictures, especially when on vacation;
- refrain from posting information online about your vacation or extended trips away from your residence until you have returned home; and
- always examine where a company is based when deciding to purchase a smart device or download an application. Understand the risk factors, and that your data could be stored by whatever country owns that technology.

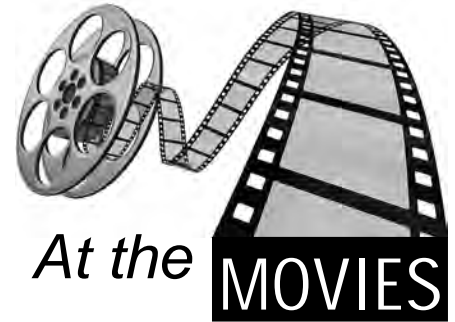


## Civil Air Patrol on Fort Leonard Wood



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Col. Adam Hilburgh, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence chief of staff, leads a physical training session Tuesday evening in a hangar at Forney Airfield for members of Fort Leonard Wood's Civil Air Patrol squadron. Hilburgh was also on hand to provide insights into Army service opportunities during the CAP's weekly meeting. Serving as the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, the CAP is a volunteer organization that performs emergency services missions – including air and ground search and rescue and disaster relief operations – while also providing aerospace education and cadet programs. More information on getting involved with the CAP here is available through [their Facebook group](#).



Abrams Theater is now open for movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This weekend will feature a first-run showing of:

“Ant-man and the Wasp: Quantumania”

Rated PG-13

Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showings 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.

NEED HELP?

DIAL 9-8-8

The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline may now be reached by calling 9-8-8. Veterans may still press “1” to be connected with a responder trained to assist military and veteran populations.



## DIGITAL GARRISON

– keeping military communities connected!

The Army's Digital Garrison mobile app is a one-stop information source for military communities. It's free and available at the [Google Play](#) and [Apple](#) stores.



### MWR Events & Specials. Just For You.

**TANK PULL CHALLENGE**



**FEB 24, 5:30-8 AM**  
DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER  
BASKETBALL COURT

Pull an M4 tank (sled) 25 meters and push it back to the starting point. \$2 per person, age 18 and up.

WORLD LEAGUE WRESTLING PRESENTS

### SALUTE TO THE SOLDIERS

**FEB 25**  
ACTION STARTS AT 8PM,  
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM  
DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER

Tickets available for purchase at MWR Leisure Travel Services. For ticket pricing and additional event information, visit us online

ONLINE AT LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM

ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

### KIDS' TROUT DERBY

**FEB 25**  
STONE MILL SPRING  
OFF FLW 26

**10AM - 1PM**

Registration begins at 9am. Hot dogs, drinks, and transportation provided.



# SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

FORT LEONARD WOOD



*Geospatial Engineer Course Instructor Staff Sgt. Benton Cosper joined the Army in 2014.*

## **Where are you from originally?**

I'm from Tujunga, California.

## **Why did you join the Army?**

I saw where all my friends were going and wanted to do something better. I wanted to go off and see the world. I remember, I was walking home from school, and before I got into the house, I could hear the phone ring and decided to run in and see who it was. It happened to be an Army recruiter, and I just went from there.

## **Where did you attend Initial Entry Training?**

I completed one station unit training here with Bravo Company, 169th Engineer Battalion. Coincidentally, the same company I serve with now.

## **What is your military occupational specialty?**

I am a 12Y – a geospatial engineer.

## **Why did you choose your MOS?**

I didn't know a lot about it at the time, but the recruiters said it came with a top secret security clearance and that I would have access to all sorts of cool technology – which did end up being the case. I'm very happy that I chose this MOS.

## **What has been your most memorable experience in the Army so far?**

I worked on a team that did disaster response for the hurricanes that hit the United States between 2015 and 2017. I remember a time we got a call from a



**Staff Sgt. Benton Cosper, Company B, 169th Engineer Battalion**

National Guard major who was doing a convoy through Texas, and they had only a few hours to figure out how to get from where they were to Galveston, Texas. Half the roads were flooded and we were able to deliver him a product that gave him a primary route and an alternative route to get those supplies to where they needed to go, so they could provide aid to American civilians. It was probably the proudest thing I've ever done in the Army.

## **What do you like most about being a geospatial engineer?**

This is one of the few MOSs where right out of the schoolhouse, you have the attention of a colonel or a general, or whoever it might be, because they understand the training we receive and the usefulness we have to the Army. So, there's a rare opportunity for Soldiers to have an incredible impact on their organizations right off the

bat. I've seen that in every duty station I've had, and every organization I've been a part of with this MOS.

## **What advice would you give to others who are considering joining the army?**

Do your research when it comes to picking an MOS. I feel incredibly blessed for the things I've been able to do and see as a geospatial engineer. Make the most of it as you can early in your career. Go to as many schools as you can, always volunteer for everything, and do everything and anything to set yourself above your peers.





# PINEY VALLEY GOLF COURSE

18694 FLW 20, Bldg. 10221  
Fort Leonard Wood

**T**he PVGC features an 18-hole, par-72 championship course, driving range, putting green, chipping area and pro shop. Golf Course Superintendent, Joseph Mannuci, who has been managing the facility for the past 12 years, shares what the course has to offer Fort Leonard Wood and the surrounding communities.



**Mannuci**

temperatures or inclement weather during the week, someone is in the office taking care of business needs. We normally won't have a register open in those situations, but if a patron stops by and would like to shop for merchandise, we can assist with the sale.

and apparel for guests to purchase or use their winning gift certificates toward. As for golf, we are making a push to promote the game. We are working with local schools and Child and Youth Services to create a week-long golfing clinic to help young athletes improve their golfing skills.

## What are the operating hours of the PVGC?

Hours of operation February and March are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. April through September, hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The cash register closes an hour before the course and carts must be returned by close of business.

## Is the club house open, and if so, what are the hours?

The club house is open and has the same hours as the golf course. Generally speaking, if we are closed due to

## What concessions are available at the PVGC?

We have a snack bar, where we offer a small variety of grab-and-go items like chips, candy bars, crackers and hot dogs. We also have a wide variety of soft and sport drinks.

## What are you looking forward to this year with the golf course?

As a turf nerd, I am excited to see the golf course receiving a new fairways mower this season. It will allow us to maintain the course more frequently and efficiently, which will provide a better playing experience for our guests. I am also excited to see how our zoysia putting surface comes out of winter and performs this spring.

## What can the golfing community expect to see this year at PVGC?

We will host our first member-guest outing on March 25. The pro shop will be stocked with brand-name golf balls

## Who can golf at PVGC?

The course is open to the public. If someone doesn't currently have access to the installation, they can contact the golf shop at 573.329.4770, and we can assist with getting them a pass. For more information on gate access, visit <https://home.army.mil/wood/index.php/Garrison/DES/physical-security/access-control>.

## What else do you want people to know about the PVGC?

I am finalizing a date to host a golf council meeting where we will create a calendar of events, update pricing and other exciting things happening at PVGC, so please stay tuned for the time and date of that meeting.

