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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Happy 248th Birthday, U.S. Navy

On Friday, we recognize the United States Navy's birthday. For the last 248 years, the men and women of the Navy have courageously protected the skies above and the seas below.



## WCC students visit Fort Leonard Wood's construction research laboratory

More than 50 students from the Waynesville Career Center got hands on with some of the Army's newest construction technology during a field trip Tuesday to the Contingency Basing Integration and Technology Evaluation Center on post.



## New MP museum exhibit tells harrowing story at a glance

One look at the shrapnel lodged in the Humvee door and museum visitors will be able to instantly understand the severity of the situation — but they won't have to imagine what happened, because there is a video documenting the attack from inside one of the vehicles in the convoy of four Humvees.



## Army Family Child Care program offers flexible options for parents, providers

For parents seeking the right child care fit for their family and schedule — and on-post housing residents looking to earn an income and build a resume — the Army's Family Child Care program offers many flexible options.

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



## Service member spouses step into combat boots for day in the life of a Marine

At the Marine Corps Detachment Fort Leonard Wood's Sept. 29 Jane Wayne Day event, nearly 30 military spouses spent a day operating dozers, practicing marksmanship training and learning how to put on hazardous material safety suits.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Special Operations visit

Soldiers with the Special Operations Recruiting Battalion will conduct informational briefings Oct. 24 through 26 at Fort Leonard Wood about the Army Special Operations Forces branches – special forces, psychological operations and civil affairs – as well as provide detailed guidance regarding the application packet. The briefings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 630, and 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Morelli Heights barbecue area. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Lyons at 270.798.9818 or [andrew.d.lyons.mil@army.mil](mailto:andrew.d.lyons.mil@army.mil) for details.

#### Child care options

Child and Youth Services currently has family child care providers offering hourly care, as well as a list of people, who recently completed the CYS Babysitters Course. Call 573.596.0238 or visit Bldg. 470, Rm. 1126, for more information. The next scheduled CYS Babysitters Course will be spring break of 2024.

#### RSO lists fall Faith Skills classes

Fort Leonard Wood's Religious Support Office has a schedule of classes for their fall Faith Skills program, including "Trauma REBOOT," "Are We There Yet? The Marriage Journey," "God's Presence in Our Profession" and more. A 5:30 p.m. dinner, followed by classes, will be held Wednesday evenings through Nov. 8 at the Main Post Chapel. Call 573.596.0089, or email [martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil](mailto:martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil) for details. Additionally, a [Faith Skills Facebook group](#) is available to join.

#### Photo studio closure

The Fort Leonard Wood Visual Information Service Center will be closed through mid-December.

#### Teen ID post access policy

Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Emergency Services has policies on checking teenager Department of Defense ID cards at installation access points. If a child is with a

parent or guardian, then no ID is required unless the child looks close in appearance to an adult or if the child is driving. Additionally, DOD ID card holders under the age of 18 are not authorized to sponsor non-DOD personnel on post. More information on installation access policies is available on the [Fort Leonard Wood website](#) or by calling the visitor center at 573.596.0590.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

#### Sexual assault helpline

Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327. Visit the [Department of Defense Safe Helpline website](#) to learn about other available support options for the community.

## OCTOBER IS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

Let the sun do some of the heating for your home this winter. Before you go to work, open the blinds or curtains of south-facing windows, allowing the sun to warm the room while you're gone. Don't forget to close them when you get home to lock in that free heat. In areas where your home doesn't get much sun, keep your curtains and blinds closed to trap in the heat.



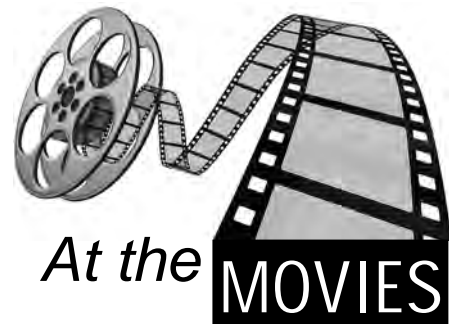
Visit the U.S. Department of Energy [website](#) for more energy saving tips.

## Fort Leonard Wood TAP hosts hiring fair



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Missouri State Highway Patrol Cpl. A. Sandoval Jr. (left), and Branden Coker, an MSHP information technology specialist, speak with Master Sgt. Bruce Gutierrez, with the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School, about available job opportunities with the MSHP during an Army Transition Assistance Program-hosted hiring fair today in Nutter Field House.



Abrams Theater is open for movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This weekend includes a showing of:

“Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour”  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 6 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday

Admission price for this showing is \$10 for adults and children. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the [Exchange website](#) for details.



# DIGITAL GARRISON

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 ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

### OKTOBERFEST

OCT 20, 4PM  
PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

Join us with live music, dancing, food, and cold beer—Wear your dirndl or lederhosen and toast the fall!



### FITTEST ON THE FORT

OCT 21  
8AM

FOUR GRUELING EVENTS TO TEST YOUR MIND, BODY, AND WILLPOWER.  
WORKOUTS WILL BE GIVEN UPON REGISTRATION.

DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

OCT 21  
ACS, BLDG 486

Join us for the nation's official day of community service! Event begins with a 5k fun run / walk for domestic violence awareness.

Fort Leonard Wood  
hosts combined  
**BASIC  
COMBAT  
TRAINING**  
graduation  
ceremony

*Fort Leonard Wood's 3rd Chemical Brigade honored nearly 500 new Soldiers and their families today on Gammon Field, when companies C and D, 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, and Company E, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, held a combined graduation ceremony in front of more than 1,000 parents, friends, spouses and children.*



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

**Soldiers from three 3rd Chemical Brigade companies march in front of their families today on Gammon Field during an Army Basic Combat Training graduation ceremony.**



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

**Above: Soldiers and their families gather together on Gammon Field following the BCT graduation ceremony.**

**Above right: Soldiers with Fort Leonard Wood's 399th Army Band entertain the graduates' families before the ceremony.**

**Right: Soldiers with Company E, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, stand at parade rest during their BCT graduation ceremony.**



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# SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

FORT LEONARD WOOD



U.S. ARMY

*Army Motor Transport Operator Sgt. 1st Class Kathryn Kidwell began her military career in 2012, when she attended training here. She now oversees operations for Fort Leonard Wood's 58th Transportation Battalion.*

### **What is your hometown?**

My dad was in the Army, and I was born in Germany. He retired when I was 4 years old, so I pretty much grew up in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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

I just felt a calling. I wanted to serve my country. I have two older brothers, but neither of them had the desire. I just have a true passion for it. I never needed the Army; I wanted the Army.

### **What do you enjoy about being an Army Motor Transport Operator?**

Nothing happens until something moves. It may sound cliché, but it is true. We network a lot with the other military occupational specialties, because they need us to complete their mission. Here, we get daily phone calls for support — they need troops moved, or they need (Meals, Ready-to-Eat) and we are there to support.

### **What is the best thing about being in the Army?**

The opportunities it has given me. My first duty station was with the 10th Special Forces Group in Fort Carson, Colorado. They sent me to Airborne School and Jumpmaster School. My next duty station was Fort Campbell, Kentucky. They sent me to Pathfinder School and Air Assault School. My third duty station was Kaiserslautern, Germany, and now I am here.



**Sgt. 1st Class Kathryn Kidwell, NCO in charge of operations for the 58th Transportation Battalion**

### **What did you think of Germany and getting to see where you were born?**

It was so cool. My mom is German; she was born and raised there. We had never been back since then, so I got to meet all my family that was over there. It was great. My parents came over and my grandmother, my Oma, came over and visited us. We got to see the hospital I was born in and the house I came home to. I got to experience a little bit of my heritage while I was stationed there.

### **What advice do you have for people thinking about becoming an Army Motor Transport Operator?**

Do it. As instructors and drill sergeants, we see so many trainees come from all walks of life. Here we teach life

skills. Driving may seem common, but so many Soldiers in training come here and have never driven before. They rode the subways or are from a big city and never owned a car — or their parents drove them everywhere. Not only do they get to drive here, but they are driving tractor trailers and big trucks. They love it and it shows. It is exciting to see trainees succeed and feel proud of themselves.

Learn more about opportunities as an Army Motor Transport Operator [here](#).



Click [here](#) to nominate a Fort Leonard Wood Soldier for recognition.