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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Enjoy the Juneteenth holiday weekend safely

On Monday, we commemorate Juneteenth National Independence Day and the ending of slavery in the United States. For the military, Juneteenth honors Black service members, who have fought and sacrificed to ensure national freedoms for all Americans. This weekend, we encourage you to reflect upon the significance of this day in our country's history.



Fort Leonard Wood celebrates Army birthday

The Fort Leonard Wood community celebrated the Army's 248th birthday on Wednesday, with a division-style birthday run, a cake-cutting ceremony, a concert by the 399th Army Band, a Retreat ceremony and more.



Fort Leonard Wood's finest drill sergeants, squads compete for top honors

They proved they are superior among the rest — at Friday's award ceremony, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence leaders named Sgt. 1st Class John Marquis as the 2023 Drill Sergeant of the Year and the Best Squad title went to the 1st Engineer Brigade's squad.



Catfish derby provides outdoor fun for Fort Leonard Wood children

Fort Leonard Wood held its annual Kid's Catfish Derby event on Saturday at the Training Area 228 pond, organized by the Directorate of Public Works' Natural Resources Branch.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

USO Support Motorcycle Ride

The 17th USO Military Support Motorcycle Ride is scheduled for Saturday, beginning at American Legion Post 43, in Lebanon, Missouri. Riders will depart at noon and travel along Historic Route 66 to the American Legion Post 331 for a ceremony honoring the Fort Leonard Wood USO. Participation fee is \$15 per motorcycle. Call 573.528.1528 or 573.586.7221 for details.

Child care discussion

The Female Mentorship and Morale Program is hosting a discussion on navigating child care in the military from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Starbucks in the Mini Mall. All genders, ranks, branches and civilian employees are invited. Email Capt. Michelle Kokoski at michelle.m.kokoski.mil@army.mil for details.

FEVS window now open

The 2023 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey window is open through June 30, and all eligible civilians should have received an email with a unique link in mid-May. The FEVS, administered by the Office of Personnel Management, is an annual government-wide survey that measures federal employees' perceptions of critical work-life areas driving employee engagement, satisfaction and retention across the workforce.

Museum closure

The John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex will be closed on July 3 and 4.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School runs from 9 a.m. to noon July 17 to 21 at the Main Post Chapel for children 4 years old through those entering sixth grade. A

kick-off event is set for 4:30 to 6 p.m. July 16 at the MPC. Click [here](#), or call 573.596.0089 for details.

Legal services delays

The Fort Leonard Wood Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is limiting some legal services over the next several months due to workforce shortages. Client services is no longer accepting walk-ins to speak with an attorney, and appointment wait times may be longer. Additionally, certain clients may need to be referred to other installations' legal services and delays should be expected in resolving federal misdemeanors. Call 573.596.0629 for details.

Peak PCS season delays

Personnel preparing for a permanent change of station should anticipate delays in the scheduling of their household goods move, 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 on "Register as a Customer," and fill out the requested information. A user ID and password is sent to the email provided

when registering. For registration or log-in issues, please call 800.462.2176. Self-counseling through DPS is not available for first-time movers, retirees and separating members.

CDC facility survey

Parent Outreach Services is requesting feedback from the Fort Leonard Wood community regarding which services are needed most in Bldg. 614, set to open later this year. To receive a copy of the survey, send an email [here](#). Call 573.596.0238 for details.

Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Pfc. Mariam Nance, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, or knowing of assets belonging to Nance, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Terry McClintock, at 573.596.5124, or by email at terry.a.mcclintock.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.

Tobacco cessation

A tobacco cessation group meets at 11 a.m. on Thursdays in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Primary Care conference room. Call 573.596.0518 for details.

Sexual assault helplines

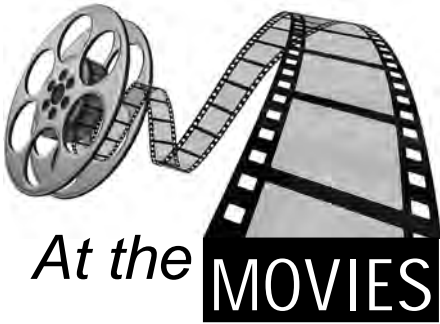
The Department of Defense sexual assault helpline is 877.995.5247. Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327. Visit the [Safe Helpline website](#) for more options.

Does your unit have an event people might want to read about?

Do you know someone here who has done something interesting lately?

**We'd like to hear about it.
Submit it [here](#).**





At the MOVIES

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

“Elemental”
Rated PG
Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showings are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 6 to 11). First-run showings are \$8.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children. 3D showings are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Children under 5 are free. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the [Exchange website](#) for details.

Strength Through Diversity



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

1st Lt. Tiffany Burnett, with the 795th Military Police Battalion, performs a squat exercise on Friday in Swift Gym during the Strength Through Diversity weightlifting competition. The event, part of Army Heritage Month, brought together 42 competitors, who lifted in three categories – the deadlift, bench press and squat – for a total score in one of two classes: 1,000-pound and 500-pound. The overall winner was Sgt. Mark Labtingao, also with the 795th MP Bn., with a combined weight of 1,320 pounds. Burnett lifted a total of 650 pounds in the competition, to tie for first place in the 500-pound class.



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SUMMER FEST



JUN 17, 24
REC PLEX
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Join us for a variety of food trucks and enjoy half price admission to the Rec Plex!

FATHER'S DAY BOWLING



at Daugherty Bowling Center
JUNE 18 11AM - 3PM

2 hours of bowling, shoe rentals, a single topping pizza, and six refillable drinks for only \$60.

“DYING For Love”

JUNE 23, 6-7:30PM

MURDER MYSTERY

Join us for a FREE after hours murder mystery adult event!



ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE



Photos by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: Wednesday evening Soldiers ceremoniously fold the American flag during a special Retreat ceremony on the MScOE Plaza. The 399th Army Band's jazz ensemble provided live music and the ceremonial bugler for the Retreat ceremony.

Right: Nearly 4,000 service members got up bright and early Wednesday morning to kickoff the Army's birthday festivities with a division-style run. The procession was made up of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, all there to celebrate the occasion.



Photo by Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood celebrate the **Army's 248th birthday** JUNE 14



Above: The longest-tenured civilian here, Carolyn Shamburger, with the Directorate of Human Resources; and the shortest-tenured civilian here, Jon Rigsby, with the MScOE Homeland Defense Civil Support Office; assisted Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, MScOE and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general with cutting the birthday cake on the left. While on the right cake the oldest-serving Soldier here, Maj. Kay Bolin, with the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity; and the youngest Soldier here, Pfc. Aneth Zo-Chi'Wa Hernandez, with 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment; assisted MScOE and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge Arzabala with the ceremonial cutting.

Left: During the Retreat ceremony on MScOE Plaza, Soldiers from the Non Commissioned Officer's Academy wear Army uniforms dating back to the Revolutionary War.

More photos from the birthday festivities are available on the [Fort Leonard Wood Flickr page](#).

SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

FORT LEONARD WOOD



U.S. ARMY

Hailing from Cortez, Colorado, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Puls, a 399th Army Band vocalist, began his military career as a saxophonist straight out of college nearly 18 years ago. Since then, he has traveled the world, helping the Army connect with the rest of the world through the universal language of music.

Where did you complete initial military training?

I completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, now known as Joint Expeditionary Base–Little Creek, in Little Creek, Virginia, which is home to the Army, Navy and Marine Corps schools of music.

When did you become a vocalist?

I originally joined as a saxophone player. When the vocal military occupational specialty was created in 2011, I was able to audition and switch over to vocals at that point.

Why did you choose to become a musician in the Army?

I graduated from Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado, in 2005, with a Bachelor of Arts in music with an emphasis in saxophone and voice. As I was getting into my junior and senior years, I was looking at career options, and the Army was advertising that they are the world's foremost hire of musicians – we hire more musicians than any other entity in the world. I felt it fit with my values, would provide for my family and allow me to do what I already love doing and what I'm already trained for, so it made a lot of sense to me.



Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Puls, 399th Army Band vocalist

What advice would you give to other vocalists who are considering joining the Army?

Develop a wide variety of vocal abilities instead of concentrating on one style or one genre. It's having a wide variety and execution of multiple styles that is really going to make you commercially viable, and that aspect is often lost in the academic sector, where one style is the focus of an entire degree plan.

What is your favorite part about your job?

My favorite part about my job is the variety of things that I get to do and experience that I wouldn't experience otherwise – even as a musician elsewhere. I've had the privilege to play in almost every conceivable live music context you can think of, from child

development centers with 20 little kids running around with stuffed animals, to 8-10,000 people in an arena in Norfolk, Virginia, to 1,200 monks in front of a Buddhist temple when I was in Korea. Every day still feels like a new adventure with music, and I really value that.

What is your favorite genre to sing?

I'm often utilized as a hard rock and pop vocalist because a lot of times that is what the audience enjoys listening to, especially from the Army, but my favorite to sing personally is jazz.

Click [here](#) to learn more about opportunities in the Army bands musician career field.

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