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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: All of us play a role in the safety of our school-aged children

On Monday, Waynesville R-VI and several surrounding school districts will begin the 2022-23 school year. Families will change schedules and routines; purchase supplies; and orient themselves to new school buildings, personnel and procedures.



Forward thinking, innovative solutions here impress Army Assistant Secretary Jacobson

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment Rachel Jacobson visited Fort Leonard Wood this week to learn more about energy initiatives on post and tour facilities.



U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood bids farewell to McGlensey, welcomes Castleberry at ceremony

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood held a change-of-responsibility ceremony Aug. 11 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium, where Command Sgt. Maj. Sean McGlensey relinquished responsibility of the garrison to Command Sgt. Maj. Danny Castleberry.



Community members meet their Army at Fort Leonard Wood special event

For the first time in more than 20 years, the public was invited inside the gates of Fort Leonard Wood to meet with Soldiers and learn what the Army does at the installation.

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



102nd Training Division says farewell to Kokaska, welcomes Warne at change-of-command ceremony

The 102nd Training Division (Maneuver Support) conducted a change-of-command ceremony Saturday on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza, where Brig. Gen. James Kokaska Jr. relinquished command to Brig. Gen. Matthew Warne.



DES: Be alert for back-to-school safety challenges

As Waynesville R-VI School District students return to classrooms on Monday, Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Emergency Services has some back-to-school tips to help ensure a safe school year.



August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month: SEAD 3 reporting requirements coming soon

Security Executive Agent Directive, or SEAD, 3 was developed with subject matter experts across the federal government to standardize reporting requirements for all individuals in national security or sensitive positions.



Mentorship comes full circle for NCO and officer here

With 33 years of Army service, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Overly has been wearing an Army uniform longer than many of the new recruits arriving here have been alive. Over the years, he has guided Soldiers of all ranks and positions through advice and support. One of those Soldiers is Capt. Mical Botta, commander of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment.

ARMY NEWS



The Army's Financial Readiness Program can help Soldiers fight inflation and manage finances

With inflation affecting everything from gas prices to groceries to rent, some Soldiers and their families are finding it harder to get by on the budgets they've set and used before. Soldiers of all ranks can seek guidance, assistance, and advice through the Army's Financial Readiness Program.



Testing of the Army's first autonomous vehicle speeds ahead

Imagine the possibilities of a self-driving vehicle on the battlefield. Engineers at the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation & Missile Center, or AvMC, don't have to imagine it, they are building it.

Army civilian retirement

Due to an increase in applications, the Army Benefits Center - Civilian is asking Army civilian employees to submit retirement applications six months in advance. Call the Fort Leonard Wood Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 573.596.0927 if assistance is needed.

Know Your World event

The International Military Student Office is hosting their 20th Know Your World event from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday 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 details.

Special Ops briefing

Army Special Operations recruiters are visiting Fort Leonard Wood to host informational briefings for enlisted and officer candidates. The briefings are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 25 at the Bruce C. Clarke Library. Call Staff Sgt. Ben Kruckenberg at 502.999.4921, or email benjamin.r.kruckenberg.mil@army.mil for details.

Women's Equality Day event

The Fort Leonard Wood Federal Women's Program and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office are hosting an event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Garrison Training Room, next to Ozark Tavern, in celebration of Women's Equality Day. Lunch tickets are available for purchase through Monday by calling 573.329.2455. Call EEO at 573.596.0602 for details.

COVID-19 vaccines at GLWACH

The General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital has COVID-19 vaccine appointments available for all beneficiaries on Sept. 1 and Sept. 22. Those under 18 years old may make an appointment between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m., and adults between 1 and 4 p.m. Call 866.299.4234 for details.

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.

Commissary sidewalk sale

The Fort Leonard Wood Commissary is hosting a Labor Day sidewalk sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 1 to 3, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 4. Call 573.596.0783 for details.

New employee onboarding

The next New Employee Onboarding Course is scheduled for Sept. 6 to 9. Email farrah.l.overman.civ@army.mil for details.

Retiree Appreciation Days

Fort Leonard Wood is set to host its Retiree Appreciation Days celebration Sept. 9 and 10 at various locations around the installation. Events this year will include a bus tour of the post, a retirement ceremony, lunch in an Army dining facility, retiree dinner and a town hall. The goal is to provide retirees and their families with information, services and assistance concerning their personal affairs, benefits, privileges, rights and entitlements. Call 573.596.0947 or click [here](#) for details.

Garrison supervisor training

Dates for the four-day Army civilian supervisor training are scheduled for Sept. 19 to 22, Oct. 3 to 6, Oct. 31 to Nov. 3 and Dec. 12 to 15. Email farrah.l.overman.civ@army.mil for details.

Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Pvt. Shawn Camp, 58th Transportation Battalion, or knowing of assets belonging to Camp, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Michael Northcraft, at 573.596.0792, or by email at michael.r.northcraft.mil@army.mil.

9-8-8 for mental health help

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 the military and veteran populations. Click [here](#) for additional details.

Sexual assault helpline

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

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.

Photo appointments available

The Visual Information Center is accepting appointments for official Department of the Army and head-and-shoulder command photos. Visit the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) to make an appointment.

HEROES OF THE BATTLEFIELD

Sgt. Michael Silbernagel, a medic with the 169th Engineer Battalion, responded to and provided expert medical care for a civilian involved in a vehicular accident on Fort Leonard Wood. He controlled bleeding, treated facial trauma and took cervical spine precautions while remaining with the injured person until emergency medical services arrived.

Rich Alker, a Force Modernization Department capability development specialist at the Homeland Defense/Civil Support Office, has less than six months on the team but has been instrumental in kicking off HD/CSO's internal new equipment fielding as-

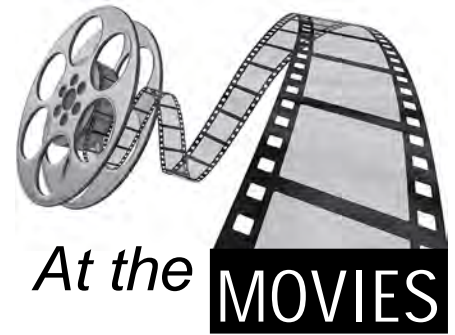
essment working group – designed through knowledge management best practices – to link knowledge of future equipment fieldings with their capability implications to domestic chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response and the training domain. Under his leadership, this working group will mature, expand and better synchronize modernization and training domain development to better inform proponent decision making for routinely improving

upon HD/CSO training activity at pace with modernization of the force.

On June 1, Official Mail Manager **Rodney Dortch** received a letter from 3rd Chemical Brigade mail, originally postdated Sept. 30, 1963. After Dortch exhausted all of the customary locator services required to forward mail to recipients, he was then only required to forward the mail to the U.S. Postal Service as “undeliverable.” If he'd followed this procedure, it is likely the letter would have been destroyed. Instead, Dortch took the time to locate the intended receiver and forwarded

the mail to the rightful owner. The recipient of the mail was grateful to have the

letter back in their possession and took the time to write a thank you letter to Dortch. This is one example of the care, compassion and drive to consistently go above and beyond to provide quality customer service found here. Dortch's commitment to the Soldiers, family members and the Fort Leonard Wood community is a testament to putting people first and the U.S. Army Installation Management Command mission.



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

“Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank”
Rated PG
Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

“Thor: Love and Thunder”
Rated PG-13
Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday*

“The Black Phone”
Rated R
Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

“Nope”
Rated R
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.



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AUG 20

12PM-3PM

BRUCE C. CLARKE LIBRARY

Be sure to come in your swimwear & towel!
Family fun & outdoor games

573-563-4113



HOT WING CHALLENGE

DAUGHERTY BOWLING CENTER

AUG 25, 1PM

\$10 entry fee. Open to ages 18+.

11am-1pm : BBQ lunch of one hot dog or hamburger, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, and a fountain drink for only \$5.50!

573-596-1498



CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

AUG 27, 11AM
TA250 LAKE

Check-in at 10am. All boats must be checked in by 10:45am. Race begins at 11am.
Open to the public.

573-596-6913



ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE



Victor Munguia, son of Spc. Ruth Banegas, Company B, 169th Engineer Battalion, throws a football through the football tunnel provided by Mid-Missouri Recruiting Company at the event.



Fort Leonard Wood's Meet Your Army

event held Saturday on and around Gammon Field gave the public a chance to see demonstrations, get hands-on experiences with equipment and learn more about what the Army does on the installation.



Photos by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Fourteen future Soldiers from across Missouri and Illinois take the Oath of Enlistment from Maj. Gen. James Bonner, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, Saturday on Gammon Field.



Students from the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri, tour a Basic Combat Training barracks and interact with cadre from the 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment.



Sgt. Hursanoy House, a training management NCO at the Combat Engineer Skills Division, helps four-year-old Kayliani Lynch put on safety gloves prior to participating in the door-breaching event.

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Q & A

TRAVIS BARNES

LEAD FIREFIGHTER
FORT LEONARD WOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Responsible for the supervision and accountability of the engine crew at Fire Station 3 and responding to calls for service.



Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

I first started firefighting in Crocker, Missouri, in 2000, while in high school and came to Fort Leonard Wood in 2006. **Firefighting began as a way to get out of school, then 9/11 happened, and it became a way to both be a firefighter and support the Army mission.**

What is your favorite part about your job as a DA Civilian?

I enjoy helping people, and it can sometimes be exciting. **I also get to work with a great group of guys – I spend a lot of time with them here.** Those are the best parts of the job.

What has been your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

In this job, we are only hands-on with the person for a short time, and after that, we often don't know what happens. **The most memorable moments are when people come back to the firehouse to thank us and tell us a little more about what happened and how we helped them.**

What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

My family is originally from Oklahoma. We moved here in 2000, after my dad retired for the second time – first from the Army, then from another job. He had bought land in

Crocker, Missouri, in the 70s, and it was always his dream to come to the Ozarks because he loved it here.

What would you like people to know about Fort Leonard Wood?

Fort Leonard Wood is a friendly place; the people do an excellent job of taking you in and making you family here. This is a large post, but the area has a small-town feel.



SOLDIER

in the
Spotlight

Warrant Officer Christopher Garcia is with Company A, 84th Chemical Battalion while attending the Warrant Officer Basic Course. He recently transitioned from an enlisted Soldier with the 3rd Chemical Brigade to a chemical warrant officer.

Army warrant officers are highly-trained technical experts in their field. They are responsible for training Soldiers, organizing and advising on missions and serving as technical experts and trusted advisors.

What is your hometown?

Fort Worth, Texas.

Why did you join the Army?

It was something I always wanted to do. My dad served in the Army for eight years, and I wanted to make him and my family proud.

Where and when did you attend Initial Entry Training?

I attended Initial Entry Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 2009.

How long have you been at Fort Leonard Wood?

I have been at Fort Leonard Wood for three years. Before attending this school, I was an instructor for the Hazmat Dismounted Reconnaissance Department at the Chemical Defense Training Facility.

What did you enjoy about being an instructor here?

The best thing about it was the ability to influence a diverse group of Soldiers. My audience was not just trainees, but enlisted Soldiers, officers, warrant officers and Marines, ranging from privates to majors. I could show them what I had to offer, and hopefully they took something away.



**Warrant Officer Christopher Garcia
Company A, 84th Chemical Battalion**

Why did you choose to become a warrant officer?

I decided to become a warrant officer because I had leaders who saw potential in me. My wife saw the same potential and pushed me toward it. I wouldn't be where I am without my wife and all the mentors I've come across, and I definitely wouldn't be a warrant officer.

How did your experience as an instructor prepare you for being a warrant officer?

Since my job now is to advise, being able to find and relay information, so I can continue to teach different kinds of people, will be helpful.

Who helped you develop as a leader? How did they help?

I've had a few influential leaders, many of whom were here at Fort Leonard Wood. One was my former first sergeant. He always let me take the reins and didn't micromanage me, but at the same time, he would mentor me on precisely what to do and how to do it. When I became a warrant officer, a former

regimental warrant officer, did the same thing but for the warrant officer side.

What is your definition of a leader?

For me, a leader is confident, but also humble and shows humility. They genuinely care and work to inspire people.

What would you say to someone who is considering joining the Army?

Joining the Army is probably one of the best decisions you'll make. It's gratifying. I get to help many people along the way, and it develops me as a person because I meet so many people. The Army is very diverse, and meeting people from different backgrounds, talking to them and learning about their experience or knowledge makes you a better person.



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