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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Observing Patriot Day

We will observe Patriot Day this coming Monday, a national day of service and remembrance to honor those who lost their lives 22 years ago on 9/11.



## Awareness event combats suicide through community bonding

Gerlach Field was full of games, fellowship and teambuilding today — to prevent suicide. Some people may feel like the reason for the playful event is an unlikely pairing, but organizers say they want to normalize talking about suicide and build a community so strong that every member feels supported.



## Fort Leonard Wood's JEDI program now accepting applications

Facilitators with U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood's Junior Executive Development Initiative, commonly called JEDI, are now accepting applications for the program's next class, set to start in October.



## September information forum highlights Fort Leonard Wood community resources

Officials talked community resources here at this month's Community Information Forum, held Wednesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

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

**Retiree Appreciation Days**

Fort Leonard Wood is set to host its Retiree Appreciation Days celebration Friday and Saturday. In line with this event, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate here will be drafting wills and powers of attorney, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in Bldg. 315 for up to 20 retirees on a first-come, first served basis. Call 573.596.7215 for details

**Patriot Day ceremony**

Fort Leonard Wood will hold a Patriot Day ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

**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 for details. Additionally, a [Faith Skills Facebook group](#) is available to join.

**Archaeology Month event**

The Directorate of Public Works' Environmental Division is hosting a Missouri Archaeology Month celebration from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Colyer Park. Experts here will provide information on the people who have lived in this area over the past thousands of years; artifacts will be on display; prehistoric weapons and stone tool-making demonstrations will be provided, including the chance to use an atlatl (spear thrower); and hands-on activities for adults and children will include digging for reproduction artifacts. Call 573.596.7607 for details.

**Military appreciation night**

Waynesville High School is hosting a military appreciation night at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15, during their varsity football game at Tiger Stadium. Admittance to the game is free for all active-duty service members with ID, and service

members will be recognized during the event. Call 573.842.2040 for details.

**763rd EOD memorial ruck**

The 763rd Ordnance Company (EOD) is hosting a 6.3-mile memorial ruck, starting at 5 a.m. Sept. 28 at Bldg. 11471, in honor of Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Foster, an explosives ordnance disposal technician killed in 1976, while assigned here. The event is open to all service members. Email 1st Lt. Parker Petersen at parker.s.petersen.mil@army.mil for details.

**Army Military Pay Office closure**

The Army Military Pay Office will close at noon Sept. 29. Call 317.361.0198 in the event of an emergency.

**Ready and Resilient Fair**

The next Ready and Resilient, or R2, Fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 5 at Nutter Field House. The R2 Fair provides opportunities to learn about resources here that can help with life stressors. Some mandatory training opportunities will be offered. Call 573.855.6407 or email malia.h.nemetz.civ@army.mil for details.

**DFAC closure**

The Bldg. 3223 dining facility near the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence NCO Academy – commonly referred to as Tony's – is closed through the end of January 2024, while improvements are made to the water and electrical systems, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and new floor tiles and ceiling are installed, along with new paint. While it's closed, during the week, the Bldg. 630 DFAC, located at 5323 Colorado Ave., is providing support, and a shuttle service runs approximately every 25 minutes between the north side of the parking lot outside Thurman Hall at the MSCoE headquarters building and Bldg. 630, which is open from 5:30 to 8 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, and 4 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner. On weekends and holidays, the Bldg. 1792 DFAC – located between Cooley and Oklahoma avenues – is providing support, though there is not a shuttle service to Bldg. 1792. Hours are 5:30

to 8 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, and 4:30 to 7 p.m. for dinner. Call Master Sgt. David Barrera at 573.563.5501 for details.

**Digital IDs at the gates**

Digital driver's licenses or identifications are not accepted and cannot be used as a form of identification for the purpose of identity vetting to gain escorted or unescorted access to Army installations. Driver's licenses and identification cards presented for gaining access to Army installations must be a valid state issued physical document or card.

**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.

**Tobacco cessation**

A tobacco cessation information group meets at 11 a.m. on Thursdays at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital. Call 573.596.0518 for details.

**Sexual assault helpline**

Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327.

**Suicide prevention helpline**

The national suicide prevention helpline is 9-8-8. Veterans may press "1" to reach a responder trained to assist military and veteran populations.



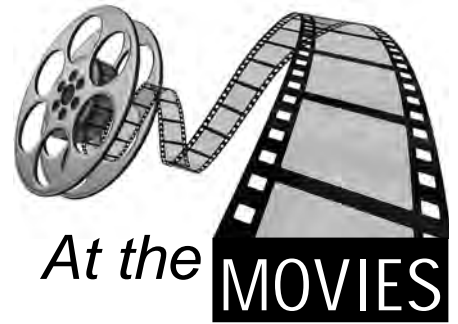


# The DIGITAL GARRISON App

The Army's Digital Garrison mobile app is a one-stop information source for military communities.

Explore all the benefits your Army post has to offer: Navigate to on-post facilities, stay updated on local weather, and be informed about gate closures or other important installation information in real time, all from your phone.

The Digital Garrison app is free and available at the [Google Play](#) and [Apple](#) stores.



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

"A Million Miles Away"\*  
Rated PG  
Showing at 6 p.m. Friday

"The Equalizer 3"\*\*  
Rated R  
Showing at 11 a.m. Saturday

"Gran Turismo"\*\*\*  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 2 p.m. Saturday

"Meg 2: The Trench"  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 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.

\*This is a distributor-appreciation screening. Admission is free. Seating is first-come, first served.

\*\*This a first-run showing.



## MWR Events & Specials. Just For You.

ONLINE AT [LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM](http://LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM)



### HOBBIT DAY CELEBRATION

Sept 21

3:30-5:30PM

Bruce C. Clarke Library

Come in costume, and enjoy Middle-earth themed STEAM activities, crafts, and riddles.

### HUNTING & FISHING EXPO

SEPT 23, 11AM

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER

Come out for a FREE gathering of hunting and fishing vendors and experts, with fun activities and demonstrations for all ages!  
Registration is now open for the Iron Buck event on the same day—contact us for more info!



### FITTEST ON THE FORT

DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER

REGISTRATION BEGINS  
SEPT 11



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



ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

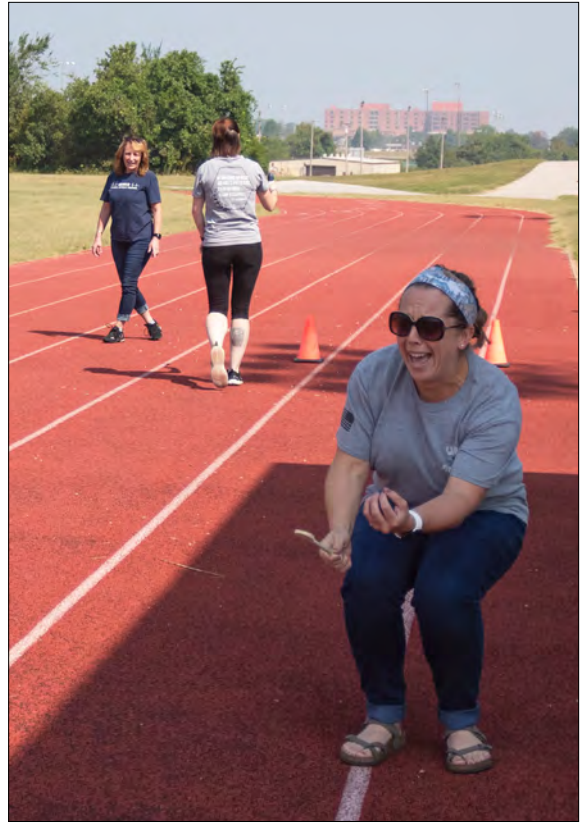




Photos by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: Myka Kerr, a health educator with Fort Leonard Wood's Armed Forces Wellness Center (left), speaks with Soldiers today during a suicide prevention event on Gerlach Field. The goal of the event was to bring together personnel here to strengthen the community through fun and education, ensuring each individual feels support.

Right: Emily Bleke, a Public Health nurse here, catches her egg as it falls off the spoon during an egg-and-spoon race at the suicide prevention event.



## COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR FUN, EDUCATIONAL

# SUICIDE PREVENTION

## FIELD DAY



Left: Pfc. Seth Jimerson, an engineer student here, attempts to navigate a tricycle driving course while wearing drunk goggles at the suicide prevention event.

Above: Experts with General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital's Public Health Nursing Clinic talk ticks with attendees at the suicide prevention event.








**What is your favorite part about your job here?**

I like feeling like I make a little bit of difference. When you're part of the military community for so long, and you've been through the process and some of the struggles, you really try hard to go out of your way to prevent that from happening to the trainees coming through now. I didn't serve – and I do regret that even today – but I just try to do everything I can to help things go smoothly for those who are currently serving and their family members.

– Jennifer Bess,  
Human Resources assistant

**How did your military skills help you transition to being an Army civilian?**

I was actually an electrician and then reclassified to become a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Specialist, where I worked in operations. I enjoyed that, and when I retired, I got to be an administrative assistant. That's when I learned I'm good at being behind




**Directorate of  
Human Resources**

**Orders Branch**

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The employees at Fort Leonard Wood's Human Resources Orders Branch are responsible for transitioning active-duty, Reserve and National Guard students back to their permanent duty station, units or states after they complete training courses here.



the scenes. I like doing admin work. I like helping people and I don't have to be the person out front.

– Shawn Waterson,  
Human Resources specialist

**What are some of the things that make your team so effective?**

We all have our own individual

thing, but our jobs are similar enough that I can jump in and help someone else if they're falling behind. Just last week, I was cutting orders for another person in there for one of her classes because I was caught up on mine had to jump in to help her out – and the same is happening for me when I'm falling behind. It's like, hey, I need some help with this. I can jump right in there – do it like there's no transition and just get it done.

– James Prather,  
Human Resources specialist

**If you could give one piece of advice to a transitioning service member who is considering becoming an Army civilian, what would it be?**

Don't be scared. The grass is greener on the other side. I know it's kind of scary. I was in for 10 years. Make sure you pay attention in the transition classes, and make sure you utilize the services that are provided for you.

– Rachel Utopo,  
Human Resources assistant