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Thursday, March 24, 2022

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Take time to honor those who served in the Vietnam War

March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. At Fort Leonard Wood, we are grateful for the many community members, civilian employees, retirees and family members who served in Vietnam, and thank them and their families for their service and sacrifice.

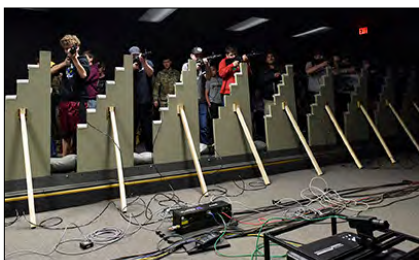


## Army implements ACFT based on scores, RAND study, and Soldier feedback

Following an in-depth independent review by RAND and a three-year evaluation period with Soldier feedback, the Army announced today the implementation of the revised Army Combat Fitness Test, which begins April 1.

## One Soldier's loss spurs idea to create 'powerful' message for Fort Leonard Wood community

In the military, alcohol-related incidents not only negatively impact readiness, but it's very important to remember how much they can impact individual lives, said Capt. Jaelyn Gallagher, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, 43rd Adjutant General Battalion. Gallagher lost her uncle to a drunk driver this past September.



## Missouri future Soldiers make connections, experience training at Fort Leonard Wood

Nearly 50 future Soldiers from across central Missouri visited Fort Leonard Wood on Saturday to see a military installation first-hand, learn more about some of the training they will receive, and possibly meet people they may be training alongside soon.

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

# Local undefeated basketball team gets opportunity to experience Fort Leonard Wood's Warrior Tower

A local, undefeated junior high school basketball team found a new challenge Saturday on Fort Leonard Wood – they rappelled down the 45-foot Warrior Tower.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Housing town hall tonight

The Directorate of Public Works Housing Division is hosting a town hall at 5:30 p.m. tonight at the Stonegate Community Center – 235 Ellis St. – to introduce the new community mayors. Call 573.596.0984 for details.

### AER scholarships

The deadline to apply for Army Emergency Relief scholarships is April 1. Scholarships are available for both dependent children and spouses of Soldiers – including active-duty Soldiers, as well as those who are retired or deceased. In 2021, AER provided 126 scholarships worth \$145,255 to 74 children and 52 spouses at Fort Leonard Wood. Visit [the AER Scholarship Program website](#) for additional details.

### Fitness center updates

Fort Leonard Wood's fitness centers have updated the services they provide. At Davidson Fitness Center, the parent/child room is now open – parents may workout and have their children 12 years and

younger present (children under 13 years old are not allowed in cardio or weight room areas); children 15 years and younger may workout and take fitness classes with their parent or guardian; and patrons 16 years and older may be unaccompanied in fitness centers. Additionally, the saunas are now open at DFC and Specker Gym. Both facilities are open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on holidays. Call DFC at 573.596.4359 for details. Specker Gym can be reached by calling 573.596.7377.

### Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

Muslim personnel here will observe the Holy Month of Ramadan from April 3 to May 3. During the month, Muslims fast (including water) each day until sunset. The fasting period concludes with a three-day festival called Eid al-Fitr. Religious accommodations may be necessary to enable Muslim personnel to fulfil this obligation to their faith. Commanders may adjust Muslim Soldiers' participation in rigorous physical training; they may

release permanent party Muslim Soldiers from duty at least one hour prior to sunset; and they may authorize liberal leave or a pass. Muslim trainees are precluded from fasting. Call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brad Godding at 573.596.2127, or email [bradley.c.godding.mil@army.mil](mailto:bradley.c.godding.mil@army.mil) for details.

### EIB, ESB testing

Soldiers can attempt to earn the Expert Infantry Badge or Expert Soldier Badge at Fort Leonard Wood during a testing and training event scheduled for May 31 to June 10. Those interested may contact their unit expert badge representative, or Sgt. 1st Class James Boyette at 573.563.8032, or by email at [james.c.boyette8.mil@army.mil](mailto:james.c.boyette8.mil@army.mil).

### Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Maj. Brittany Hall, Army Medical Department Activity, or knowing of assets belonging to Hall, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, Capt. Charlotte Chang, at 408.966.1130, or by email at [charlotte.chang2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:charlotte.chang2.mil@mail.mil).

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**Story Walk®**  
March 30 11am-2pm  
*Bruce C. Clarke Library*  
Take a walk in front of the library while reading a book page by page! Stick around and play with sidewalk chalk and bubbles after reading the book. Free to authorized patrons. All ages welcome to attend.  
573-563-4113

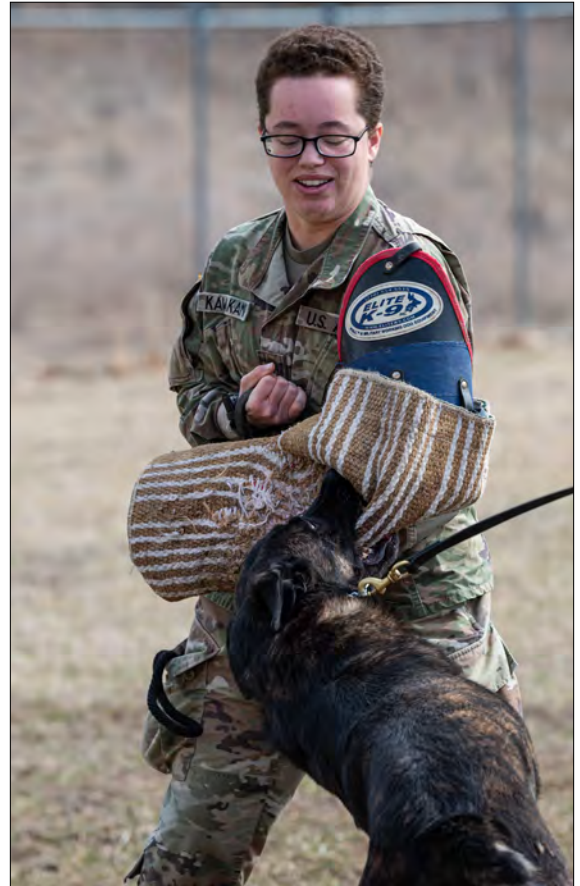
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SHARP AND FMWR PRESENT THE 4TH ANNUAL **STRIKE OUT SEXUAL ASSAULT**  
APRIL 1, 1-4 PM  
DAUGHERTY BOWLING CENTER  
Open to all ages. 4-person teams.  
\$20 / team, includes shoes and 2 games / person.  
Register from March 1-29.  
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Photos by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: Staff Sgt. Shenique Gonzalez, a Military Working Dog handler with the 180th MWD Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, runs Samo, a 4-year-old Dutch Shepherd, through Basic Obstacle Course obedience training. The course, located in a no hat, no salute area, is designed to improve the animal's agility.

Right: Spc. Jordan Kawakami, a Military Working Dog handler with the 180th MWD Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, conducts controlled aggression training with Samo.



# MWD ON DUTY

*In celebration of National Puppy Day and National K-9 Veterans Day in March, this week's focus is on the Military Working Dog mission on Fort Leonard Wood.*



Above: Staff Sgt. Shenique Gonzalez (right) and Spc. Jordan Kawakami, both Military Working Dog handlers with the 180th MWD Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, teach Samo, a 4-year-old Dutch Shepherd, to attack only the arm sleeve and to stop on command. This training is conducted weekly. Left: Gonzalez works with Samo on obedience training at the Basic Obstacle Course.

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# Q & A

## MELISSA GOFORTH

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN**  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
GENERAL LEONARD WOOD ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Responsible for responding to accidents and other emergencies involving injury, sickness and mental health for both military and civilians; assisting with treatment and patient care in the Emergency Department; mentoring and training and instructing new employees



### Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

I was working as a school nurse in 2007, when I received a phone call asking me if I would like to be a part of the EMS team here. I knew I would be stepping out of the comfort zone of a Monday through Friday job, but after weighing the pros and cons, I accepted the challenging opportunity of being part of this team. **The benefits, training opportunities and being able to serve our military were big factors in my decision.**

### What do you like most about your job/career as a DA Civilian?

There's something pretty amazing about being able to help our Soldiers and their spouses get through their rough patch while being

away from home. **In this line of work, it is rewarding knowing you helped your patient's condition turn around for the better and hearing the words 'thank you.'** When I hear those two words from a patient, I undoubtedly know I made the right career choice.

### What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

My partner and I responded to a young Soldier in full cardiac arrest. About a month later, we received a phone call saying there was someone requesting to meet us in the clinic. **The Soldier was there with his parents for an appointment, and when he spoke to us, shook our hands, gave us a hug and thanked us for saving his life, it was the biggest reward.** Gestures like that go a long way in this profession.

### What advice would you give to others considering becoming a DA Civilian?

Go for it. As a DA Civilian you will have great training opportunities, places for advancement and receive great benefits. **You will meet people from around the world and work alongside our military.**

