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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month

November marks National Native American Heritage Month. Thousands of indigenous people, across 574 different tribes, have honorably served the United States in the armed forces. Throughout the month of November, we celebrate tribal sovereignty and identity by recognizing their unique cultures and contributions to the Army and our nation.



MSCoE on-site focuses on priorities

More than 75 senior leaders from across Fort Leonard Wood participated in the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence on-site Monday and Tuesday at the Pershing Community Center.



MSCoE leaders award exceptional Fort Leonard Wood service members

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence senior leaders hosted an awards ceremony Wednesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium, where some of Fort Leonard Wood's exceptional service members were recognized.



Holiday block leave travel ticketing begins for Soldiers in training

It's beginning to look a lot like holiday block leave in the Davidson Fitness Center, as part of the gym has been turned into a temporary travel agency for the next couple of months.

Daylight saving time ends this weekend. Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday.





Army's BSEP helping service members achieve their career goals – one GT score at a time

For some service members, taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery in high school is a vague memory, but for ones needing to raise their original scores, the Army's Basic Skills Education Program is helping them meet, and sometimes even exceed, their goals.

NEWS BRIEFS

FEHB Open Season

This year's Federal Employees Health Benefits open season is Nov. 13 to Dec. 11. During this time, FEHB enrollees can change their health care, vision and dental insurance coverage. More information is available on the [Army Benefits Civilian website](#) and the [BENEFEDS website](#). Additionally, subject matter experts here will host a health benefits fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 14 in Bldg. 470, Room 2212.

American Education Week

The Truman Education and Personnel Testing Center is hosting a week of workshops in celebration of American Education Week, Nov. 13 to 17. Service members, civilians and their families can gain writing tips, and learn about programs, such as the College-Level Examination Program, or CLEP, and more. Call 573.596.0172 for details.

GIS Day

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Proponent Office – Geospatial here is hosting an event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15 in Danner Hall, bringing together government and industry partners to celebrate Geographic Information System, or GIS Day. GIS is a system that creates, manages, analyzes and maps all types of data, and organizations across the globe are increasingly relying on location intelligence to make better decisions. Call 573.563.8755 for details.

Flu shots

Flu shots are now available on post for beneficiaries within the Fort Leonard Wood community. For Tricare beneficiaries, mandated Department of Defense and non-appropriated funds civilians and contractors, and tenant units without organic medical teams (call 573.596.3663 for group scheduling) between the ages of 18 and 64, without

Red Ribbon Week



Photo by 1st Lt. JHar Devilme, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week – a national drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October – Soldiers with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, and civilians with Fort Leonard Wood's Army Substance Abuse Program spent two hours on Oct. 26 at Plato High School in Plato, Missouri, providing educational materials and participating in activities centered around drug prevention with more than 400 elementary, middle and high school students.

a complex medical history, walk-in hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays at Harper Clinic, Bldg. 500. For beneficiaries between the ages of 6 months and 17 (along with the parents of children being vaccinated) and beneficiaries 65 and older, and beneficiaries with a complex medical history, walk-in hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Immunizations Clinic. Active-duty service members with a U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Organic Medical Team should contact their unit operations or TOMS for times and locations. Additionally, a pediatric influenza rodeo is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Immunizations Clinic for Tricare beneficiaries between the ages of 6 months and 17. Call 573.596.0518 for more information.

Turkey Bowl

Fort Leonard Wood will host a Turkey Bowl ultimate frisbee event Nov. 21. All units on post are invited to participate with 18-person teams – participants may not be in a student or training status. Email Master Sgt. David Barrera at david.barrera18.mil@army.mil no later than Nov. 3 to sign up.

H2F clinic

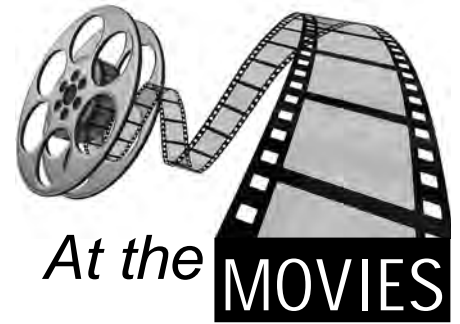
Holistic health and fitness experts here will be on hand to discuss healthy eating and sleeping habits, along with physical and spiritual fitness, during an H2F clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 2 at Cunningham Gym. Activities will be available for all ages, and families are invited to attend. Call 1st Lt. Oluwaleke Ajenifuja at 573.596.3087, or email oluwaleke.k.ajenifuja.mil@army.mil for details.

Domestic violence survivor speaks at chapel



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

In recognition of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Hayden Dugger, a Missouri police officer and an Army Military Police veteran – along with being the 2023 Mrs. Missouri American pageant winner – speaks Oct. 27 at the Main Post Chapel about her experiences surviving domestic violence and rendering aid to other victims through her role in law enforcement. Visit the Fort Leonard Wood [website](#) for information on helpful resources here.



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

"The Nun II"

Rated R

Showing at 11 a.m. Saturday

"The Exorcist: Believer"

Rated R

Showing at 2 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday

"Saw X"

Rated R

Showing at 2 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.

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KEEPING THE PROMISE

TURKEY TROT

5K / 10K
NOV 4, 9AM



DAVIDSON
FITNESS
CENTER

Join a fun run and register for a chance to win a turkey gift card at the end of the race!

HARVEST FEST

NEW DATE:
NOV 4
3:30 PM

PINEY VALLEY GOLF COURSE
HAYRIDE, PUMPKIN PAINTING, FOOD, GAMES,
AND SO MUCH MORE! CASH ONLY

HAUNTED HOUSE STARTS AT 6PM

HUNTER'S SPECIAL

OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE
CENTER

NOV 10

Come out to OAC for your last-minute deer hunting supplies! 10% off sale on all archery equipment (bows excluded).

Come see us before hitting the woods!



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

A Soldier transports a mannequin with a simulated injury while a grader looks on Oct. 25 at Training Area 247M during the medical lanes portion of Expert Infantry Badge and Expert Soldier Badge skills testing that took place here last week. In total, more than 200 Soldiers from installations all over the world visited Fort Leonard Wood to each test for their badge, with 43 succeeding (30 ESB, 13 EIB).

EXPERT INFANTRY BADGE - EXPERT SOLDIER BADGE

Soldiers show off 'expert' skills during EIB/ESB testing week



Photos by Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above and above right: Soldiers prepare to be evaluated on land navigation skills during day four of EIB/ESB testing Oct. 26 at Training Area 148.

Right: A Soldier is evaluated on his knowledge of a machine gun during the weapons testing portion of EIB/ESB testing Oct. 24 at TA 247M.





Above left: The whole Locurto family participated in bringing “The Nightmare Before Christmas” to life while trick-or-treating Tuesday evening in the Eagle Point housing area. Here is 1st Sgt. Damon Locurto as Jack Skellington, Margaret Locurto as Sally, Sophia Locurto as Zero and their dogs as Santa and Oogie Boogie. More photos from Fort Leonard Wood’s Halloween events are available [here](#). **Above right:** While assisting with Halloween patrol Tuesday evening in the Eagle Point housing area Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Fajardo, holding the container, and Staff Sgt. Curtis Winkelman, both from the Military Police Advanced Leader Course, pass out glow sticks to trick-or-treaters Everett Oke and his mom, Kayla Oke.



Trick-or-treaters make their way around more than 30 stations decorated at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation trunk-or-treat event Friday in the Main Exchange parking lot.



Trick-or-Treat?

Fort Leonard Wood’s ghouls and goblins – young and old – showed off their costumes and picked up plenty of candy at Halloween events over the past week.



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The 39th Army Band’s rock band, the Rough Riders, provide some spooky tunes to entertain families attending the FMWR trunk-or-treat event Friday in the Main Exchange parking lot.



JAMES SMITH

INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEMS SPECIALIST
1ST LT. JOSEPH TERRY CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL,
RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR RESPONDER
TRAINING FACILITY

Responsible for the academic records of more than 1,300 students rotating through the Incident Response Training Department each year.

Where are you from?

Harrah, Washington

How did your Army career begin?

My wife is an archeologist, and we moved to Missouri in 2006, because she is a professor in Springfield. I taught United States History at Missouri State University, and at Drury University, I taught American Indian studies. That was interesting for me because I am Native American, enrolled as Yakama Nation. In 2009, I was lucky to get into the intern program here, and I did rotations with the different schools.

What do you like most about being an Army civilian?

I like to meet the students and watch them thrive and be successful here. When they are here for the longer classes, I enjoy watching them change and grow. The most rewarding thing is my colleagues. I work with some really smart people, and they are all very nice.

What is a favorite memory from your Army career so far?

What sticks out to me most is that I have gotten to know all of these people who are connected to this larger network. I have students and colleagues who have moved on to deploy and live all over the world. I really like the camaraderie and fellowship we all share, even though we are spread out across the world. They are retired military –



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Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors – and they have accepted me and made me feel welcome.

What advice would you give to those considering an Army civilian career?

Be willing to learn new things and be adaptable. I learn something new every



week. I once had a supervisor tell us, “Don’t get stuck doing something so long that it takes you too long to do it.” Here in the Army, we are constantly evolving and moving forward. And ask for help; there is always somebody willing to help or get you to the right person to help you with a task.



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