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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Enjoy the holidays safely

The unique mission set of our installation requires a dedicated team of professionals. You are among the best in our nation; we appreciate your service and could not achieve mission success without each service member and civilian at Fort Leonard Wood. We hope each of you enjoy your time with loved ones over the upcoming holidays.



Senior MSCoE, Fort Leonard Wood leaders discuss important changes at town hall

Changes to post access, an upcoming housing inspection and holiday hours of operation for services on post were just a few of the topics discussed Wednesday evening, when Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders hosted a town hall at Baker Theater for installation residents.



Executive order changing how military handles crime goes into effect this month

A presidential executive order is changing how some crimes are handled within the military justice system, by modifying parts of the Manual for Courts-Martial — the changes will go into effect Dec. 27, and will apply to offenses committed after that date.



Fort Leonard Wood to open 2024 tax center for Gold Star families, retirees

Active-duty service members here to get self-help assistance

Despite increased responsibilities and decreased personnel available, Fort Leonard Wood will once again operate a tax center to provide free tax return preparation assistance — though services will be a little different this year.

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



Fort Leonard Wood hosts 36th En. Bde. Rugged Best Sapper Competition

Each year, the 36th Engineer Brigade, based at Fort Cavazos, Texas, holds what they call a Rugged Best Sapper Competition — intended to emulate the regimental-level Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers Best Sapper Competition, which is hosted here each year by the U.S. Army Engineer School. This year, the 5th Engineer Battalion hosted the event.

NEWS BRIEFS

AAFES ends Abrams Theater films

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will no longer offer film showings on weekends at Abrams Theater.

Breakfast with Santa

Fort Leonard Wood service members, civilians and their families are invited to a Breakfast with Santa event, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at Pershing Community Center. Cost is \$14 for attendees ages 12 and older, \$9 for children ages 4 through 11 and children ages 3 and younger are free. Call 573.329.8587 for details.

Wreaths Across America

A Wreaths Across America event will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Fort Leonard Wood. Wreaths Across America is a national wreath-laying ceremony that takes place at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in the U.S., at sea and abroad.

Flu shots

Flu shots are now available on post for beneficiaries within the Fort Leonard Wood community. For Tri-care 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 a complex medical history, walk-in hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays at Harper Clinic, Bldg. 500 **through Friday (after that date, all flu vaccinations will be conducted in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Immunizations Clinic).** For beneficiaries between the ages of 6 months and 17 (along with the parents of children being vaccinated)

Trees For Troops returns to Fort Leonard Wood



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Capt. Max Bodde, a captain's career course student, carries his family's holiday tree, while his wife, Haley Shrock, carries their excited puppy, Mojo, as they make their way back to their car at the Trees for Troops event Friday at the Auto Skills Center, hosted by Fort Leonard Wood's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program. The Trees for Troops program has delivered live holiday trees to military families on more than 80 military installations around the world since 2005.

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 GLWACH 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. Call 573.596.0518 for details.

Blood drive

The Armed Services Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Primary Care conference room, located on the first floor. Call 573.596.6150 for details.

Candy cane toss

Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Emergency Services will escort Santa throughout on-post housing areas, starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, as he and installation firefighters greet families here and toss candy canes.

Museum closure

The John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex will be closed Dec. 25 to 29, and will reopen Jan. 2.

Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline is available by calling 9-8-8. Callers may still press "1" to be connected with a responder trained to assist military and veteran populations.

Notes from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Leave and pass rules during the holiday break

By 1st Lt. Cesar Vargas
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The holidays have arrived, and many Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers are preparing to take well-deserved time off to join family and friends. Whether it's requesting time off to drive beyond the mileage limit or traveling abroad, Soldiers must follow important rules pursuant to Army Regulation 600-8-10.

On-duty 24/7: Requesting the appropriate absence is important, as Soldiers can be called back to duty even during off-duty hours. Normal off-duty hours are the weekends, training holidays and federal holidays. If a Soldier performs official duties on a normal day off, it is considered a duty day.

IPPS-A: Soldiers must now request leave or a pass using the "Absence" option under the Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army, or IPPS-A. The new system replaced the DA Form 31. Through IPPS-A, a Soldier can request, cancel or view and update leave or passes.

Leave: This absence is the time off during duty hours that is charged to a service member's leave account. Supervisors must grant frequent periods of leave and, when possible, at least one extended leave period each year of approximately 14 consecutive days or longer.

Passes: A pass is non-chargeable, authorized absence during off-duty hours (two-, three- and four-day weekends). A pass is mandatory if a Soldier is traveling more than 250 miles

from Fort Leonard Wood. A pass cannot exceed four days and begins and ends on post, at the Soldier's duty location or at the location from which the Soldier normally commutes to duty.

Leave and pass combo: A special pass may be combined with leave without a duty day between the two periods of absence. However, the Soldier must be physically present at the permanent duty station, post, duty location or local residence area (defined as where the Soldier commutes daily to work) to start and end both the leave and pass period. In other words, a Soldier can use leave to take off Tuesday and Wednesday followed by a special pass during a four-day weekend starting on Thursday.

Foreign travel: Using leave days to spend a vacation abroad is allowed; however, there are additional steps that are required before crossing international borders. For example, Soldiers planning to travel outside the United States must first obtain clearance by using the [Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Guide](#). Foreign travel also requires an isolated personnel report, or ISOPREP, to verify the Soldier's identity if he or she is captured, missing or detained. Travel to some countries may also be prohibited. Clearance is not required if traveling to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Note: The Legal Assistance Office will open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays (except federal holidays) from Monday to Jan. 3.

HBL worship schedule

Protestant: Candlelight Christmas Eve service starts at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at Soldier Memorial Chapel, and Combined Protestant service starts at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 24 and 31 at the Main Post Chapel.

Catholic: Christmas Eve (Regular Mass) starts at 9 a.m. Dec. 24 at SMC. Christmas Carols and Mass starts at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 at SMC. Christmas Day Mass starts at 10 a.m. Dec. 25 at SMC. New Years Eve (Regular Mass) starts at 9 a.m. Dec. 31 at SMC. Mary Mother of God Mass starts at 10 a.m. Jan. 1 at SMC.

The following **service cancellations** will occur Dec. 24 and 31 during HBL: All 1st Engineer Brigade, 14th Military Police Brigade and 3rd Chemical Brigade initial entry training service and CRU Bible Study; IET Catholic Mass in the MPC; Traditional Protestant Service; Gospel Service; Crossroads Service; Collective Protestant Service in Grant Hall; IET Islamic Service in the North Iowa Chapel; and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints service in the South Iowa Chapel.

Additional HBL-related cancellations include: Buddhist service Dec. 21 and 28 in the NIC; Norse Pagan Tuesday in the NIC; and Jewish service Dec. 22 and 29 in the SIC. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

For chaplain assistance after duty hours, call 573.563.6126 or 6127.

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 ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

CANDY CANE TOSS

DEC 20
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TO FLW HOUSING AREAS

When you hear the sirens, come out, say hi and pick up a candy cane!



BOOK BRIGADE

BRUCE C. CLARKE LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM

DEC 28, AT 3:30
A BOOK YOU WISH YOU
COULD READ FOR
THE FIRST TIME AGAIN

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All ages welcome—
must be 13 or older
to attend without an adult.





Photos by Nia Dickinson, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Above: Aidan Wessel, from the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Detachment, runs the ball. While the Army team got off to a stronger start, the Navy team found their footing in the second half. Left: The victorious Army team celebrates with the trophy.



ARMY BEATS NAVY 20-8

Fort Leonard Wood's friendly flag-football competition took place Saturday at Gerlach Field.



Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge Arzabala flips the coin at the start of the game. More photos from the game are available to view and download [here](#).



The Army's Lynn Smith makes a catch through Navy coverage. The Army team's first touchdown came after an interception on the Navy team's first play of the game.





Photos by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

A home in the on-post family housing neighborhood, The Woodlands, is lighting up the cul de sac where it's located with holiday cheer. Housing residents across the installation are showing off their holiday decorations throughout December.

FORT LEONARD WOOD RESIDENTS, UNITS DECORATE FOR THE HO-HO-HOLIDAY SEASON



A resident in the Piney Estates neighborhood displays an air-blown Santa rooster as tall as the first floor of the home.



The 1st Engineer Brigade shows that Santa can ride Army Engineer equipment just as well as a sleigh.



Families in the South Lieber Heights neighborhood are greeted by a six-foot lighted snow man in front of this home.



An Eagle Point neighborhood resident makes sure both stories of this home have plenty of holiday illumination.



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I take great pride in knowing my program enables the installation to remain in compliance with federal and state environmental regulations — ensuring Fort Leonard Wood can continue its mission.

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Q&A

RON BLEVINS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST,
HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM MANAGER

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

Responsible for the proper characterization, accumulation and disposal of hazardous waste across Fort Leonard Wood.



Where are you from originally?

Omaha, Arkansas

When did you start working for the Department of Defense?

I joined the Army in 1994, and retired in 2015. I still wanted to work for the Army, so I started working for DPW.

Why did you choose the Army and why do you continue to serve?

My dad was a combat engineer in the Army. When I retired, I still had this desire to serve. So, I explored civilian employment with the Department of the Army.

What is the purpose of the hazardous waste program?

My program accumulates and arranges disposal for an annual average of 24,000 pounds of regulated hazardous waste. Every pound of hazardous waste

generated on post must be managed in accordance with strict federal and state regulations.

What is your favorite thing about your job?

Being able to interact with different folks across the installation. Understanding and deciphering state and federal regulations can be hard. I am happy to help and feel proud, when I am able to go out and help people navigate the regulations. This program is very heavy with paperwork. However, I try to spend half my time in the office and the other half out helping units with their hazardous waste.

What is one thing you wish people knew about hazardous waste?

There are a lot of common materials and chemicals that you would not normally associate as a hazardous

material, but they are. For example, canned air. These items might appear to be innocuous, and at home you might just throw it in the trash, but on Fort Leonard Wood, it is hazardous waste. The product labels provide all the information regarding how an item should be disposed of. It is an Environmental Protection Agency violation if it is flammable and in the regular trash.

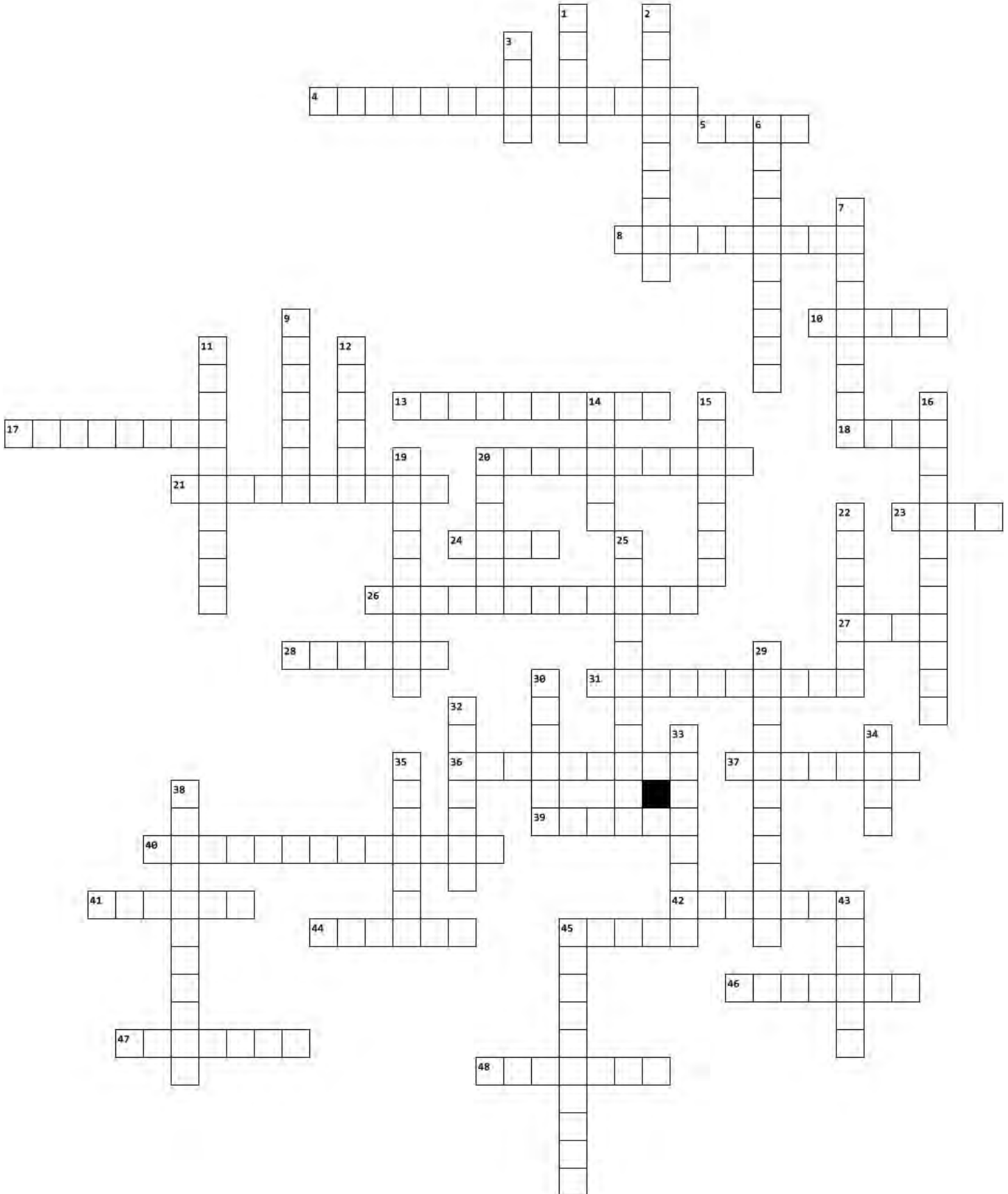
What is the most challenging thing about your job?

Ensuring installation personnel remain up to date on the training required to identify and manage hazardous waste. Every employee on the installation is a potential generator of regulated hazardous waste. It is a continuous effort to ensure installation employees remain aware of their responsibilities regarding hazardous waste management.

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

Happy National Crossword Puzzle Day!

With National Crossword Puzzle Day coming up Dec. 21, the eGuidon staff developed this puzzle filled with fun facts about unique places in this country and its territories. Have fun!



Across

4. Both the New York Giants and New York Jets football teams don't actually play their home games in New York. They play them across the Hudson River in this New Jersey city.
5. This is one of just a handful of states without a Major League Baseball team, National Football League team, National Basketball Association team or National Hockey League team.
8. Whereas most states are divided into counties, this state is officially divided into 64 parishes.
10. This major U.S. city is closer to Havana, Cuba, than its state capital, Tallahassee.
13. A crossroads outside this Mississippi town is famous as a possible location for the legendary story of blues performer Robert Johnson's deal with the devil.
17. Due to the city's geographical and logistical importance to NASA's Apollo space program, a museum in this southernmost U.S. territory's capital city was gifted moon rocks by President Richard Nixon.
18. This Pennsylvania town is located next to a large lake of the same name.
20. The "Miracle on Ice" hockey game between the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union took place in this New York town, along with the rest of the 1980 Winter Olympics.
21. This Midwest city still bears the nickname, "Mound City," for the mounds built there by American Indians before European settlers arrived.
23. This Indiana city is the hometown of the Jackson family. You may have heard of their son, Michael.
24. This Nevada city is known as "The Biggest Little City in the World."
26. Since the 1960s, this Alabama town, located along the Tennessee River, is famous for recording music – the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and Otis Redding recorded music there.
27. The Dixie National Forest is located in this state.
28. If you've travelled all the way to Tombstone, keep heading south to stay in this town's famous Copper Queen Hotel.
31. This North Dakota town south of Winnipeg is also home to an Air Force Base.
36. The "Top Gun House" is located in this town, located near Camp Pendleton.
37. Fans of skiing and the writer Ernest Hemmingway like to visit this town.
39. This Minnesota lake is the starting point of the Mississippi River.
40. You can still see wild colonial Spanish Mustangs roam the Outer Banks and Crystal Coast of this state, which is also where NASCAR had its start.
41. The first Walmart retail store opened in this Arkansas town in 1962.
42. Major League Baseball's all-time strikeout leader was born in this Texas town in 1947.
44. This Georgia college town is home to the music groups R.E.M. and The B-52s.
45. The fictional town of Castle Rock is the setting for many Stephen King novels, novellas and short stories. It is located in this state.
46. This South Dakota town is synonymous with motorcycles.
47. This is the only state with river systems that empty into the Hudson Bay, Pacific Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico.
48. In the film, "National Lampoon's Vacation," Clark suggests altering the family's route from Chicago to Wally World, so they can visit this town and see the world's largest house of mud.

Down

1. This town sits at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and takes its name from a famous city on the Nile delta – though it's pronounced differently by its residents.
2. This southeastern city was named after a British king, and later, another British king ordered his military to lay siege to it.
3. This island is known for its world-class surfing on its north shore.
6. This state is home to the Grand Coulee Dam, the largest hydroelectric plant in the U.S.
7. This east coast city features the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum.
9. This unincorporated hamlet in the Oklahoma panhandle has a population of four (though it had 10 residents at one point).
11. Confederate Gen. Robert Lee surrendered to Ulysses Grant, commanding general of the Union Army, in this Virginia town, setting in motion the end of the Civil War.
12. The Mud Hens minor league baseball team have called this Ohio city home since 1896.
14. A famous ski resort town in Colorado. Also, a type of tree.
15. This Midwest city once had the largest (in square footage) and tallest buildings in the world.
16. Mount Washington, the highest peak in the northeastern U.S. is located in this state.
19. Rockstar Alice Cooper provided a detailed history of this Wisconsin city in the film, "Wayne's World."
20. Famous Beat writer Jack Kerouac was raised in this Massachusetts town.
22. An island off the coast of Puerto Rico.
25. A former president, who played football at the University of Michigan, was raised in this city.
29. This state is home to "The Game," the annual college football game between Harvard and Yale universities.
30. This highest mountain peak in North America – and tallest mountain in the world from base to peak on land – is located in Alaska.
32. This state has the smallest population in the U.S.
33. President Joe Biden's home state.
34. This American Indian reservation is located along the border of Arizona and New Mexico, just south of the town of Gallup.
35. A former president – and new namesake to a Georgia Army installation – was raised in this Kansas town.
38. Despite its name, this state is part of the mainland of the United States.
43. Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the U.S. – formed 6,500 years ago in the remains of a volcano – is located in this state.
45. This U.S. capital city is a little more than 100 miles from Montreal.