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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## 20th Engineer Battalion earns Best Sapper title

Capt. Alaimoana Paunga and 1st Lt. Eric Mattia, Team 17 with 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, at Fort Hood, Texas, earned the right to be called ‘Best Sapper’ during the 15th Best Sapper Competition held Saturday through Monday at Fort Leonard Wood. The winners of the 2022 competition were announced during a ceremony held Tuesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

## Chicago Police Department recruiting officials visit Fort Leonard Wood ahead of upcoming job fair

Senior recruiting officials from the Chicago Police Department, along with U.S. Army Installation Management Command transition services officials, visited Fort Leonard Wood this week to meet with leadership and tour Fort Leonard Wood facilities in preparation for a special hiring fair scheduled to take place here June 4 and 5 in Bldg. 470.



## Hundreds volunteer to help beautify installation

More than 300 volunteers turned up outside the Army Community Service building bright and early on a windy, but sunny Saturday morning this past weekend to assist in installation beautification projects across Fort Leonard Wood.

## Fort Leonard Wood TACOM employee is Army's FMX Leader of the Year

The U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command FMX Directorate named Earl Ellegood, Heavy Mobile Equipment Repair supervisor, its Leader of the Year.



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



## New Army maintenance system goes live here

The Army Maintenance Activity, or ArMA, expanded to Fort Leonard Wood this week, providing a digitized work order process for all Army-owned facilities with a centralized system for submission and tracking.

## Fort Leonard Wood to hold Military Spouse Appreciation Day event

Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders are hosting a day of activities, food and education to recognize the resilience of military spouses and the roles they play in the readiness of America's armed forces.



## Fort Leonard Wood community offers many healthy outlets for releasing stress

Fort Leonard Wood and the surrounding area offers many healthier ways for service members, civilians, their families and retirees to relax while also building resiliency skills at the same time.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Community Information Forum

The May Community Information Forum is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Pershing Community Center and livestreamed on the [Fort Leonard Wood Facebook page](#). The monthly forum is designed as an information exchange and dialogue between the garrison and the community, to improve quality of life for service members, families, civilians and retirees.

#### National Day of Prayer

A National Day of Prayer event is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Main Post Chapel. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

#### School, sports physicals day

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital staff will hold a back-to-school and sports physicals day by appointment for Tricare beneficiaries ages 5 to 18 years old on May 7 in the Pediatrics and Immunizations clinics. The event coincides with Child and Youth Services' summer

registration, which is ongoing through May 26. Call 866.299.4234 to schedule an appointment.

#### Pay office closure

The Military Pay Office will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 12. Call 573.596.0710 for details.

#### ID Card facility renovations

Renovations on the ID Card facility waiting area are ongoing. A temporary waiting area is located in Room 2105. Expected completion is Aug. 30. Call 573.596.0740 for details.

#### Peak PCS season delays

Personnel preparing for a permanent change of station move in May, June, July, August – and potentially September – should anticipate delays in the scheduling of their household goods move, 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 on "Register as a Customer," and fill out the requested information. A user ID and password is sent to the email provided when registering. This option is not available for first-time movers, retirees and separating members. Call the DPS help desk at 800.462.2176 for additional assistance.

#### Suicide prevention helpline

Call 1.800.273.8255 (or text 8-3-8-2-5-5). It is anonymous and available 24/7.



# HEROES <sup>OF</sup> THE BATTLEFIELD

**Staff Sgt. Hunter Riley**, a drill sergeant with Company A, 35th Engineer Battalion, was selected by the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Safety Office to lead Fort Leonard Wood's heat injury and prevention kick-off meeting. Riley discussed lessons learned in his career and current role; described local standard operating procedures; and showed great passion and instructional skill for the subject of heat illness and detection. He ensured understanding of the material presented.



**David Neese**, from 1st Engineer Brigade, assisted the Air Force's 442nd Operations Support Squadron with crane support for the retired A-10 Warthog aircraft being moved to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Neese was also a driving force in supporting the Rapid Capability and Critical Technologies Office and their efforts to test the capabilities of the new ATEC 22-ton all-terrain crane. The effort directly contributes to the Army's modernization efforts.

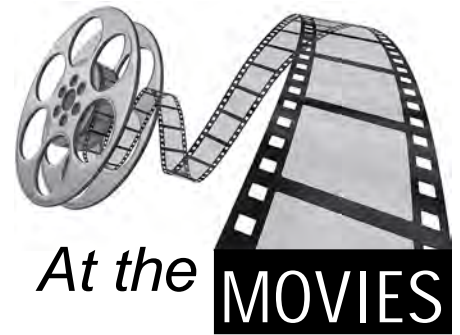
## Army News

### Updated Army directive to help new parents care for children, maintain health

The new Parenthood, Pregnancy and Postpartum Army Directive will help new Soldier-moms transition back to duty, and help all Army parents better care for military children and expand their families while advancing their careers.

### Army SHARP initiatives focus on prevention; caring for victims

In an effort to better prevent sexual assault and other harmful behaviors, the Army will form a new, Integrated Prevention Workforce and revamp its Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Program.



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

"Dog"  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"Eternals"  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday

"Bloodshot"  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"The Lost City"  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 2 p.m. Sunday

Call 573.329.6176 for details.

\*Denotes a first-run showing.



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**SPACE WARS**  
MAY 4  
3:30 - 5:30 PM  
**BRUCE C. CLARKE LIBRARY**

Space-themed crafts and STEAM-inspired activities.  
Come in costume, enjoy the fun,  
and take pictures with your favorite characters!  
Open to the public, all ages.

Bldg 3202, MSCoE, 1st St & Nebraska  
**573-563-4113**



**DAUGHERTY BOWLING CENTER**  
Cinco de  
**MAYO**  
MAY 3

Visit the Strike Zone between 11am-5pm  
and receive three soft tacos for \$5.  
**573-596-1498**



**MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY**  
MAY 6, 9AM

**ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE BLDG 486**

CELEBRATE NATIONAL MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY WITH A FUN DAY OF FIELD EVENTS LIKE ZUMBA, PAINTBALL, AND DRUNK DRIVING GO KARTS.

LEARN ABOUT NUTRITION, FINANCE, MILITARY INSIGNIA / ACRONYMS, SPOUSE PREFERENCE / RESUME WRITING, RESILIENCY, MUSIC, PRIZES AND FOOD!

**573-596-0212, XT7**





Photo by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

**Natural Resources Branch Chief Kenton Lohraff (left) answers participants' questions about Eastern American Toad eggs during the Walk and Learn Event at Stone Mill Spring on April 16.**



Fort Leonard Wood celebrates

# EARTH DAY 2022



Courtesy photos



**Above: Ashlynn Lange observes native Missouri fish caught by Fort Leonard Wood aquatic biologist John Brant April 16 at a stop during the Earth Day Scavenger hunt.**

**Left: Students learn about water conservation from Clean Water Casey, Fort Leonard Wood's environmental ambassador, during an Earth Day event Friday at Partridge Elementary School.**



Photo by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

**Archeologist Andrew Phillips (center) demonstrates how pre-historic peoples would have used a tool called an atlatl to assist spear-throwing, to guests at the Meet Your Environmental Team event on April 20 at Countee Hall.**



Photo by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

**More than 70 customers from the local Fort Leonard Wood area dropped off unused electronics during this year's Earth Day E-waste event at the Fort Leonard Wood Recycling Center.**



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# Q & A

## JENNY PHILLIPS

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE RELATIONS SPECIALIST**

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER  
FORT LEONARD WOOD**

Assists civilian employees with issues including leave, performance and conduct. Provides advice concerning awards and advises employees of their rights.



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

I wanted to support the military because several of my family members served in the military, and my son is currently in the Army. **Growing up, my father worked on Fort Leonard Wood, and I met a lot of wonderful people because of his job.** I saw their dedication and selfless service, and wanted to do whatever I could to support them.

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

**The people.** I started at a battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, then moved to a brigade, then the Staff Judge Advocate Office, and now I'm here at CPAC. **I love the diversity of Fort Leonard Wood.** I have met wonderful people, who have shown me different ways of

looking at things. I enjoyed working directly with the military when I worked at the battalion and brigade.

### What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

It depends on what you are looking for. **For me, it was work-life balance.** I was able to take leave to be at all my son's school events.

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

When I was at 3rd Training Brigade, our brigade commander and the operations Soldiers were all hunters, so we would have luncheons on the back dock on Fridays. **One Friday, we had fresh turkey — so fresh we were still finding shotgun pellets while we ate.** It was the comradery that made it the best. It didn't matter your race, gender,

religion or if you were military or civilian. It was celebrating together. We really were a team.

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

**If you truly want to support the military, this is a great way to do so.** You should not do it just to get a paycheck. There is so much more if you do it for the right reasons.

