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Thursday, February 23, 2023

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE NCO Academy says farewell to Boruff, welcomes DeSanto during ceremony

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence NCO Academy held a change-of-command ceremony on Wednesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium, where Command Sgt. Maj. Darren Boruff relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Paul DeSanto.



## Soldier and Scout worlds collide during weekend visit

Organizations from across the installation came together to create a memorable experience for a Scout group who stayed here for their annual weekend campout Friday through Sunday at Happy Hollow.



## Fort Leonard Wood recognizes area students for demonstrating Army Values

Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers are teaming up with surrounding schools by presenting a Leadership Award to students exemplifying one of the seven Army Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage.



## Groundhogs do more on post than predict the weather

Whether Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, saw his shadow or not this year – for the record, he did – the temperatures in Missouri are warming up and that means Fort Leonard Wood's groundhogs are waking up.

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



## Deployment provides professional growth opportunities for Fort Leonard Wood MWD handler

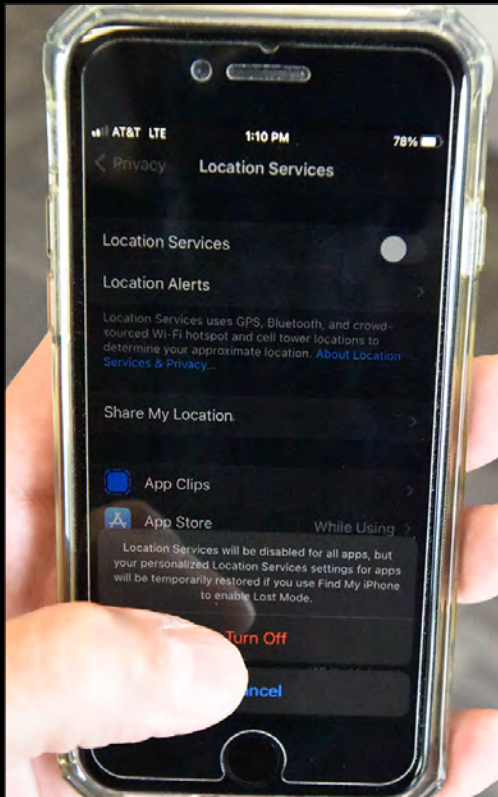
When Spc. Jean Beltran, a military working dog handler with Fort Leonard Wood's 180th Military Working Dog Detachment, returned with his four-legged partner, Bigi, from a nine-month tour in Central America, the two brought a few new experiences – and a greater bond – back with them.



## Retired Special Forces operator led charge to create elite Army EOD special mission units

A retired Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal sergeant major, elite Special Forces operator and U.S. Army civilian led the charge to create the EOD companies that combat Weapons of Mass Destruction and support special operations missions.

# Technologies we use every day can pose an Operations Security, or OPSEC risk.



Location data advertises where you are, where you've been and potentially when you'll return. To mitigate risk:

- turn off precise location settings when not needed for navigation, workouts or other activities, or when taking pictures, especially when on vacation;
- refrain from posting information online about your vacation or extended trips away from your residence until you have returned home; and
- always examine where a company is based when deciding to purchase a smart device or download an application. Understand the risk factors, and that your data could be stored by whatever country owns that technology.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### National Prayer Luncheon

Fort Leonard Wood will host a National Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Pershing Community Center. The guest speaker will be retired Chaplain (Col.) Scott McChrystal. Free tickets are available through unit ministry team members. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

### Garrison employee town hall

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders are hosting a town hall for civilian employees at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

### Army Engineer Association

Fort Leonard Wood's local chapter of the Army Engineer Association hosts regular events, including monthly roundups, quarterly breakfasts with senior leaders, trivia nights and more. Visit [their Facebook page](#), or email [sverdrupsecretary@armyengineer.com](mailto:sverdrupsecretary@armyengineer.com) for details.

### Faith Skills classes

The Fort Leonard Wood Religious Support Office is now offering its spring Faith Skills religious education classes on Wednesday evenings at the Main Post Chapel. The classes, which occur through April 26, include a

dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the classes run until 7:30 p.m. Call 573.596.0089, or email [martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil](mailto:martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil) for details. A Faith Skills Facebook group is also available [here](#).

### Tax Center information

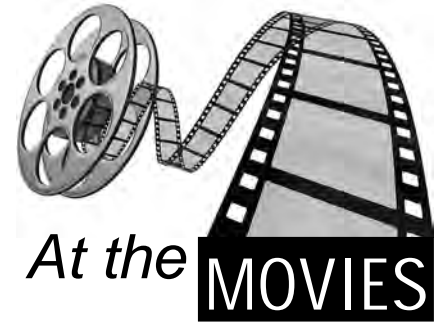
The Fort Leonard Wood Tax Center is now open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. weekdays in Bldg. 315 for drop-off and pick-up service. Customers are asked to bring a printed copy of the bank account and routing number – a voided check, for example – when dropping off tax documents to ensure any refunds are deposited accurately and in a timely manner. Call 573.596.1040 during business hours for details.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 132 at the Main Post Chapel. Call 253.363.3306 or 970.390.5724 for details.

### Sexual assault helpline

Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327. Click [here](#) to learn about other available support options for the community.



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

“Puss In Boots: The Last Wish”  
Rated PG  
Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

“Creed III”  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday\*

“Missing”  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

“Ant-man and the Wasp: Quantumania”  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 2 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showings are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children. Prices for 3D showings are \$8.50 for adults and \$5.75 for children. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the [Exchange website](#) for details.

\*This is a distributor appreciation screening. Admission is free; seating is on a first come, first served basis.

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**MARCH 1**  
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Pre-register for an interview time today!  
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9 - 10AM, 10 - 11AM, 11AM - 12PM  
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March 1-31 preorder:  
40 filled Easter eggs, an activity booklet, parent idea pages, and special surprises for children, up to age 12!

Contact Installation Wide Events Office  
Pershing Community Center, 16593 Piney Hills Dr, Bldg 4109  
**573-596-6913**



## DONALD RANDALL

LEAD HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT  
DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
U.S. ARMY GARRISON FORT LEONARD WOOD

Responsible for writing orders for Soldiers moving to a new duty station.



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### Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

The area really stood out for me and my wife – she’s also a DA Civilian at the hospital and she really enjoys her job. After I retired, we thought it’d be easier to find one job as opposed to finding two, so we purchased a home here before I eventually retired out of the Army. I was pursuing a career in HR, and it just so happened they were looking for military HR people. I enjoy doing it because it’s a way to give back to the Soldiers. **Taking care of military community — that’s where I get my joy from.**

### What is your favorite part about your job as a DA Civilian?

The best part of being a DA Civilian is seeing how the Army changes, and even

though it’s only been two, going on three years now since I retired, a lot has changed. **I also like seeing all the personnel I used to work with take care of our Soldiers like when I was active duty.** Some of them are still here working, and it’s kind of neat to make that link from when I was a Soldier to now being a civilian.

### What advice would you give to others who are considering becoming DA Civilians?

I would tell them to **think about what career path they’d like to choose, or think about the location where they’d like to live.** I would also say get with a mentor who is a DA Civilian or has a background knowledge of working as a DA Civilian. There are so many opportunities out there. There are jobs out there I didn’t even know existed and

they’re all over the place. Whether you want to work from home, work overseas or if you want to work here in the states — there are all sorts of opportunities.

### What does leadership look like to you?

**Leadership is setting a positive example for our personnel to follow,** whether it is in how we interact with our customers, or how we interact with one another day-to-day.

