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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating National Vietnam War Veterans Day

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is celebrated every year on March 29, which commemorates the day – 50 years ago, in 1973 – when the U.S. military ended its combat operations in Vietnam.



Army awards Soldier's Medal to MP School course manager for life-saving actions in Oklahoma

While stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 2021, Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Santos, now a U.S. Army Military Police School course manager here, noticed a fire in an off-post residential home and helped save the life of an occupant. For his actions, Santos was awarded the Soldier's Medal during a ceremony on Tuesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



Garrison leaders introduce community mayors at quarterly housing town hall

Fort Leonard Wood's newly elected community mayors were introduced Tuesday at the quarterly housing town hall, hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood leaders.



Fort Leonard Wood leaders talk heat injury prevention at forum

With summer and warmer temperatures on the way here, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence training leaders came together on Monday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium to learn more about the prevention, mitigation, recognition and treatment of heat injuries.

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



Courses drive home safety first for Fort Leonard Wood motorcycle riders

As of Monday, spring is officially here, and that means more motorcycles will be on the road. The Army Traffic Safety Training Program has courses scheduled to start next week to make sure riders on post have the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe.



Be aware of Missouri law when it comes to car window tinting

As we move into brighter and warmer weather, people like to ensure they can enjoy a comfortable ride in their vehicle. Many drivers will have their vehicle's windows tinted. While this is a great way to keep your vehicle at a cooler temperature during the day, there are regulations that apply when having tint installed on your personal vehicle.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lent, Holy Week, Easter schedule

Community Easter Sunrise Service is set for 7 a.m. April 9 at Soldier Memorial Chapel. Additional religious services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter include the Stations of the Cross for Catholics, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday and March 31 at Soldier Memorial Chapel, with a meatless potluck to follow at Bldg. 590. Also for Catholics will be a Palm Sunday Mass on April 2 at 9 a.m. at Soldier Memorial Chapel and 1 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel; Holy Thursday Mass at 6 p.m. April 6 at Soldier Memorial Chapel; Good Friday Mass at 6 p.m. April 7 at Soldier Memorial Chapel; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. April 8 at Soldier Memorial Chapel; and Easter Sunday Mass on April 9 at 9 a.m. at Soldier Memorial Chapel and 1 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Protestant Good Friday service will take place at noon April 7 at Soldier Memorial Chapel. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

USID online card renewal

Sponsors of individuals holding active Uniformed Services Identification, or USID, cards now have the option to request renewals through [ID Card Office Online](#). More information on this new policy is available [here](#).

REAL ID gate access policy

Beginning June 1, Fort Leonard Wood physical security specialists will no longer

solely accept state-issued identification that does not meet the REAL ID Act of 2005 standards. Anyone with a non-compliant ID will also need to provide a secondary form of identification, such as a U.S. passport or a certified birth certificate. More information – including the full list of acceptable secondary ID – is available [here](#), or by calling 573.596.0590.

Civilian retiree ID cards

Effective immediately, Department of Defense Civilian Retiree Identification cards will no longer be issued. DOD civilian retirees must present and register an acceptable credential, such as a REAL ID Act-compliant driver's license, and their retirement Standard Form 50 at the Visitor Control Center to facilitate future visits to the installation. Previously issued DOD Civilian Retiree ID Cards will remain valid through Aug. 31, and will not be reissued.

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 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 for details. A Faith Skills Facebook group is also available [here](#).

Tax Center information

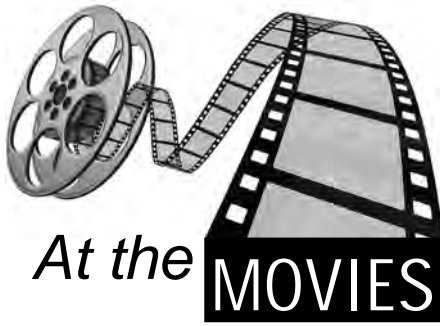
The Fort Leonard Wood Tax Center is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. weekdays in Bldg. 315 for drop-off and pick-up service. Customers are asked to bring a copy of the bank account and routing number – a voided check, for example – when dropping off tax documents to ensure any refunds are deposited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



At the MOVIES

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

“Cocaine Bear”
 Rated R
 Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

“Black Adam”
 Rated PG-13
 Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday

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

“Cocaine Bear”
 Rated R
 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.



Female Mentorship & Morale Program Calendar for 2023 Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



ALL genders, ranks, service branches, and civilian employees invited!



Date	Location	Event	Topic/Speaker
Apr 18 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Open Discussion	Topic: New ALARACTS and DoD Directives
May 16 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Guided Discussion	Topic: Credentialing and School Opportunities Guest Facilitator: Education Center
Jun 20 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Open Discussion	Topic: Navigating Child Care in the Military
Jul 18 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Guided Discussion	Topic: Army Wellness Center Guest Facilitator: TBD
Aug 15 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Open Discussion	Topic: Moving to a new Duty Station, Tips & Tricks
Sep 19 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Guided Discussion	Topic: Renting vs. Buying in the Military; The VA Loan Guest Facilitator: CPT Michelle Kokoski
Oct 17 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Open Discussion	Topic: Avoiding Burn-out
Nov 21 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Guided Discussion	Topic: Military Evaluations and Candid Conversations Guest Facilitator: TBD
Dec 19 2023, 0700-0830	Starbucks in the FLW Mini-mall	Open Discussion	Topic: Maintaining Healthy Habits

Interested in facilitating a session, suggesting a future topic, or want more information? Reach out at: michelle.m.kokoski.mil@army.mil



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- ✓ Earn Professional Development Units
- ✓ Network with other professionals



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ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

MAR 27
BLDG 470, ROOM 1129
1 PM

CYS PARENT ADVISORY MEETING

Meet with the GC to discuss upcoming events for CYS as a whole as well as open the floor up to patrons' questions.

NOW HIRING

MAR 29

9AM - 12PM
BLDG 470

Pre-register for an interview time today! Limited slots available.

APPLY TODAY!

EASTER EGG HUNT

in a box!

Preorder til Mar 31 for \$15 (pickup April 4-6)
 April 7 only, grab and go for \$20
 Quantities are limited!

573-596-6913

Q&A

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Originally from San Bernardino, California, budget analyst Alicia Vernor completed basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood in 1997, before serving 16 years on active duty as an Army Health Care specialist and Orthopedic technician. She transitioned to the Army Reserve after that, where she entered the accounting field and served four more years. While serving as a Reserve Soldier, she completed her accounting degree and came to Fort Leonard Wood as part of the Recent Graduates Program in 2018.

What is your favorite thing about being a DA Civilian?

I’ve experienced so many things I didn’t know I would have the opportunity to and encountered many different individuals and learned many different things. I can’t imagine having started somewhere else,

because I work with such an amazing group of individuals.

What are your future plans?

My end goal is to work in forensic accounting, which would require obtaining my Certified Public Accounting certification and the Certified Fraud Examiner certification.

What advice would you give to transitioning service members who are thinking about becoming a DA Civilian?

If government service and continuing to meet new people is something they want to be a part of, they should really look into becoming a DA Civilian, because it’s a great system to be a part of. You can have different experiences in the civilian world, but there’s nothing like continuing to work for the government and being a part of the bigger picture.

How do you define leadership?

Leadership is individuals who look out for and speak up for those under them, and have an open mind to think about and understand – even if they don’t agree – what is being said to them, and taking the time to listen and give their feedback. It’s someone who can be compassionate and caring.

What might others be surprised to know about Fort Leonard Wood?

Although this is a small area, there are so many things around us that we can get involved in. Being here has allowed me to explore so many different things without having to worry about the big city environment.



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