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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Get in the ‘spooky spirit’ with Fort Leonard Wood’s Halloween events

The leaves are changing; the weather is getting cooler; and spider webs and jack-o’-lanterns are taking over people’s yards and porches. Halloween is getting closer, and Fort Leonard Wood has several events planned to get the whole family in the “spooky spirit.”



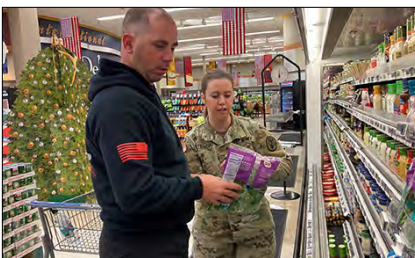
Volunteers ready to ‘make a difference’ on post during national community service day Saturday

Fort Leonard Wood Army Community Service is scheduled to host a Make a Difference Day community service event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday — volunteers should meet at Bldg. 486.



SNAIR helps Fort Leonard Wood drivers deal with winter weather

With winter weather always a concern in Missouri from November through March, travelers and commuters need to know the latest conditions before hitting the roads. The installation’s snow and ice removal program — referred to as SNAIR — has various methods in place to keep people informed.



Nutrition experts here helping community make better food choices with Commissary tours

Dieticians with General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital’s Nutrition Care Division provide guidance on getting proper nutrition, managing weight and improving physical performance. On Friday, they brought their expertise straight to the place many service members, their families and retirees get their food, the Commissary.

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

Fort Leonard Wood hosts R2 Fair

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Beatty, 554th Engineer Battalion, speaks with Fort Leonard Wood civilians about religious support services available here during the Ready and Resilient Fair event Tuesday at Nutter Field House. The R2 Fair provides service members, civilian employees, retirees and family members the opportunity to participate in interactive activities and speak with subject matter experts about local resources and assistance programs that can help those who are overcome with life stressors.



Photo by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office



Installation's airfield offers high-flying opportunities

While it seems like Fort Leonard Wood is mostly known as a military training location, there are lots of other, non-military training opportunities available here as well. One new skill people can look into while they are here is flying, and the on-post, joint-use Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport – which also goes by the name Forney Airfield – is a good place to start.



From the FBI to FLW: Army chaplain has worn many hats

Aspiring talk show host, FBI investigator, Roman Catholic priest – all titles that could be used to describe Chaplain (Maj.) James Collins, who currently serves as the chaplain for the 43rd Adjutant General Reception Battalion.



Flag flies over Fort Leonard Wood in honor of World War II veteran

For Missouri resident Mike Siegmund, the American flag flown over Fort Leonard Wood on Oct. 7 held significant importance – it was his father Robert's internment flag.

October is Energy Awareness Month

Let the sun do some of the heating for your home this winter. Before you go to work, open the blinds or curtains of south-facing windows, allowing the sun to warm the room while you're gone. Don't forget to close them when you get home to lock in that free heat. In areas where your home doesn't get much sun, keep your curtains and blinds closed to trap in the heat.



Flu shots at GLWACH

Tricare beneficiaries ages six months and older can now receive their flu shots at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Immunizations Clinic on a walk-in basis from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The shots will also be available for beneficiaries ages 18 to 64, federal employees, contractors who are mandated to receive the shot and tenant units without medical assists from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at the Harper Clinic, located in Bldg. 500.

Dental Assistant Program

Applications for the Dental Assistant Program will be accepted through Jan. 9, 2023. The program is a free, six-month combination of classroom and hands-on training designed to provide skills necessary to become employed at any dental treatment facility. Candidates must have regular access to Fort Leonard Wood. Applications are available by calling Jason Ramlow at 816.536.0108, or by email at jason.ramlow@redcross.org for details.

TAP hiring fair

The Fort Leonard Wood Transition Assistance Program is hosting a hiring fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27 at Nutter Field House. Call 573.596.0175 for details.

HBL ticketing begins



Photo by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Trainees with Company C, 787th Military Police Battalion, learn about travel options for Holiday Block Leave from Leisure Travel Services personnel Monday at Davidson Fitness Center. Each year Soldiers in training are given the opportunity to go home for the holidays in order to allow drill sergeants and support personnel a chance to spend the holidays with their families.

FEHB open season

The Federal Employees Health Benefits open season is Nov. 14 to Dec. 12. During this time, FEHB enrollees can change their health care, vision and dental insurance coverage. More information is available on the [BENEFEDS website](#), and a [virtual benefits fair](#) is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 and 22, and Dec. 1 and 8.

At the movies

This weekend's movie showings at Abrams Theater include "DC: League of Super Pets," Rated PG, at 6:30 p.m. Friday; "The Woman King," Rated PG-13, at 1 p.m. Saturday; "Barbarian," Rated R, at 11 a.m. Sunday; and "Don't Worry Darling," Rated R, at 2 p.m. Sunday. Visit the [Exchange website](#) for details.



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HAUNTED HOUSE

OCT 21-22 AND 28-29
7-9:30PM, BLDG 709

\$2 PER PERSON. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. APPROPRIATE FOR AROUND AGE 10 AND UP; PARENT DISCRETION IS ADVISED. CONCESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SERVICE MEMBERS PROGRAM

573-596-5862

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS



5K FUN RUN/WALK

OCT 22, 7:30AM
ACS BLDG 486

Run, walk, bike, or bring your strollers! Wear purple in support! Free, and open to all ages.

573-596-0613

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

OCT 22, 8AM-12PM
ACS, BLDG 486



Event begins with a 5k fun run / walk for domestic violence awareness. Register on the day of event. Free and open to the public, all ages.

573-596-0613



ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE



Photos by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: Fort Leonard Wood's 18-hole Piney Valley Golf Course is set in a valley along the Big Piney River.

Left: The Military Police Memorial Grove features the 13-foot bronze equestrian sculpture titled "Marechausee," created by Missouri artist James Hall III.



Army bridging and tactical vehicle static displays sit along the north gate outbound lanes on Missouri Avenue.



Above: A Sherman tank is one of many static displays near the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex.

Right: Stone Mill Spring features hiking and fishing opportunities on post.



Fall colors
come to Fort Leonard Wood



SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

FORT LEONARD WOOD



For Army Military Police Investigator Staff Sgt. Loghan Stockton, her interest in law enforcement started in high school. After choosing the Army as the path to pursue that interest, she eventually found herself back at Fort Leonard Wood – where she completed One Station Unit Training.

Why did you join the Army?

My homelife wasn't the greatest and I had always wanted to join the military. I was the first in my family to do so. The educational benefits were a bonus as well.

Where did you complete Initial Entry Training?

I completed Initial Entry Training here at Fort Leonard Wood in 2016.

Why did you become an MPI?

MPI is an additional Army skills identifier, and when I came here from Fort Campbell, Kentucky – where I worked primarily as patrol – I went to my detachment sergeant, and he asked me if I wanted to go MPI and I said yes. I wasn't necessarily looking for it, but I am happy I went that route. It can be difficult with the things we witness or deal with, but I enjoy it and the people I work with a lot.

How do you maintain a positive attitude given the nature of your job at times?

I remember some things like they happened yesterday, but I don't let it bring me down or weigh on my Soldiers. I didn't have any control over what happened, and if I let it, it's going to affect my job and those around me. If you're having trouble, talk to someone. I try to see the positive in everything, so even when there's a terrible situation for me and the people I work with, maybe we can find a way to make it a little better by looking at the positive sides of life.



Staff Sgt. Loghan Stockton, 252nd Military Police Detachment

What advice would you give to others who are considering becoming an MP or MPI?

Do your research about what you're getting into, because we have two jobs – being a Soldier and being a law enforcement officer – and balancing both gets tough sometimes.

A lot of people join the military and think they're going to do the amazing things they see people do in the movies and it isn't that. I see a lot of people join and later realize it isn't what they expected. So, my advice is to make sure it's something you want to do. If you want to be a law enforcement officer because it's your passion, or it's something you're interested in, do it for the right reasons.

I did not do my research before coming in and thought I would be doing cool things all the time – not that I don't sometimes – but, it's not every day. I wouldn't have gone any other way though. I absolutely love the military. It's provided me connections with people I never thought I'd meet and allowed me to go places I never thought I'd go.

What is your favorite part about being in the Army?

To me, my Soldiers are what makes the Army what it is, and they're the reason I'm here. They make my bad days good and my good days even better. I wouldn't be who I am without them. I really like to get to know my Soldiers rather than just telling them what to do. I try to know their life, their history and what makes them who they are.

What is something people may be surprised to know about MPI Soldiers?

I don't wear my uniform often – I haven't worn mine since August – I get asked if I'm in the military often because of that. We also drive plain vehicles, rather than marked vehicles.

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