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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MCSOE CG and CSM Send: Veterans Day is a time to celebrate our veterans, explore our community

This Saturday, we will observe Veterans Day to honor all our military veterans, past and present. Use this extended weekend as an opportunity to spend time with the veterans in your life; engage in community events and enjoy Missouri's fall season.



MCSOE CG and CSM Send: Happy 248th Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps

On Friday, we will recognize the United States Marine Corps' birthday. For the past 248 years, Marines have courageously protected the land, air and sea.



Fort Leonard Wood Soldier receives Purple Heart for injuries received in Afghanistan

Staff Sgt. Ryan Johnson, a drill sergeant with Company A, 701st Military Police Battalion, was presented with a Purple Heart for injuries received in Afghanistan during a ceremony Friday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



Fort Leonard Wood's Army Warrior restaurants getting ready for Thanksgiving

Fort Leonard Wood plans to hold its traditional Thanksgiving Day celebration on Nov. 23 in 10 Warrior restaurants across the installation, with meals for service members, as well as a specific time and location for Department of Defense ID cardholders, Gold Star families, retirees and their families.



Three scams that commonly target the military: romance frauds, sextortion and impersonation

Nowadays, you have to be cautious of everything you do online. Scammers are always trying to get money, goods or services out of unsuspecting people – and military members are often targets.



Reserve Soldiers help test 3D-printed explosives containers during combat engineer course

Army combat engineers are tasked with breaching obstacles, and one of the ways they do that is through the use of explosives. But finding ways to make those explosives even more effective – and safer, more cost effective, easier to transport and modular – is a task on which experts continue to work.



Wood Elementary School fitness club partners with 2-10 Soldiers for modified ACFT event

Drill sergeants and cadre with Fort Leonard Wood's 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, volunteered time Saturday morning to host a modified Army Combat Fitness Test and team-building event at Shea Gym with Wood Elementary School fifth graders enrolled in their school's fitness club.

NEWS BRIEFS

Military Appreciation Day

Active and retired service members and their families will be provided free admission at 1 p.m. Saturday at Allgood-Bailey Stadium in Rolla, Missouri, when the Missouri University of Science and Technology Miners football team hosts Truman State University. Visit the Missouri S&T athletics [website](#) for details.

FEHB Open Season

This year's Federal Employees Health Benefits open season starts Monday and runs through Dec. 11. During this time, FEHB enrollees can change their health care, vision and dental insurance coverage. More information is available on the [Army Benefits Civilian website](#) and the [BENEFEDS website](#). Additionally, subject matter experts here will host a health benefits fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in Bldg. 470, Room 2212.

SMA recognizes Fort Leonard Wood AER



Courtesy photo

Fort Leonard Wood's 2023 Army Emergency Relief donation campaign is recognized by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer (left) and retired Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason, AER director (right), Oct. 11 during the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting and exposition in Washington, D.C. Read about this year's campaign [here](#). Though the campaign typically occurs in the spring and summer, donations are needed year-round. Call 573.596.0212 to donate. To request AER assistance, call 573.596.3154.

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Missouri Avenue closure

Motorists should plan on using the West Gate when traveling off or on the installation to and from the St. Robert area between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Missouri Avenue is scheduled to be closed during this time for the Waynesville-St. Robert Veterans Day Parade.

American Education Week

The Truman Education and Personnel Testing Center is hosting a week of workshops in celebration of American Education Week, Monday to Nov. 17. Service members, civilians and their families can gain writing tips, and learn about programs, such as the College-Level Examination Program, or CLEP, and more. Call 573.596.0172 for details.

America Recycles Day

The Fort Leonard Wood Recycling Center is hosting an event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bldg. 2549 in celebration of America Recycles Day. Learn about the environmental and economical reasons recycling is important while recycling items, such as paper, plastic, metal, glass, used oil, ink and toner cartridges, and electronic waste items (government equipment cannot be accepted). Call 573.596.3880 for details.

GIS Day

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Proponent Office – Geospatial here is hosting an event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Danner Hall, bringing together government and industry partners to celebrate Geographic Information System, or GIS Day. GIS is a system that creates, manages, analyzes and maps all types of data, and organizations across the globe are increasingly relying on location intelligence to make better decisions. Call 573.563.8755 for details.

Flu shots

Flu shots are now available on post for beneficiaries within the Fort Leonard Wood community. For Tricare beneficiaries, mandated Department of Defense and non-appropriated funds civilians and contractors, and tenant units without organic medical teams (call

Happy Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps!



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Marine Maj. Aaron Meek, with the Marine Corps Detachment here, carries the Marine Corps flag alongside Marine Pvt. Caleb Moseman and Marine Gunnery Sgt. Paul Pewitt as they run one mile Tuesday along Nebraska Avenue across from Colyer Park, as part of a 248-mile event in celebration of 248 years of service to the nation. This has become an annual event on Fort Leonard Wood, where Marines run one-mile increments carrying the Marine flag before the detachment comes together to complete the final two miles in order to enhance esprit de corps and celebrate the Corps' rich heritage.

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. For beneficiaries between the ages of 6 months and 17 (along with the parents of children being vaccinated) 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 General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital 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. Additionally, a pediatric influenza rodeo is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Immunizations Clinic for Tricare beneficiaries between the ages of 6 months and 17. Call 573.596.0518 for more information.

H2F clinic

Holistic health and fitness experts here will be on hand to discuss healthy eating and sleeping habits, along with physical and spiritual fitness, during an H2F clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 2 at

Cunningham Gym. Activities will be available for all ages, and families are invited. Call 1st Lt. Oluwaleke Ajenifuja at 573.596.3087, or email oluwaleke.k.ajenifuja.mil@army.mil for details.

Victorian Ball

A Victorian ball is set to take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4107, 1617 Lynn St., Lebanon, Missouri, featuring live period music, Victorian dance lessons, food, a silent auction, tintype photography and more. Admission is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple if purchased before the event date. Visit the Lebanon/Laclede County Historical Museum and Society [Facebook page](#), or call 417.453.6700 for details.

Photo studio closure

The Fort Leonard Wood Visual Information Service Center will be closed through mid-December.

Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention helpline is 9-8-8. Veterans may press "1" to reach a responder trained to assist military and veteran populations.

Notes from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Veteran rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

Through their military service, our veterans faced frequent moves, stressful deployments, as well as valuable time away from their civilian jobs. As we observe Veterans Day, Fort Leonard Wood's Legal Assistance Office is committed to ensure veterans know their rights when they return home and transition back to their civilian employment. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act protects the employment rights of veterans who leave their civilian employment to serve in the U.S. armed forces.

The following conditions must be met to be reemployed in a civilian job:

Private or government employment: USER-RA covers employment in the private sector or a job working for the federal, state or any local government.

Notice: While it is better to give notice of military service to the employer in advance, there is no specific time limit required. Notice can be provided orally or in writing. Notice may also be given after the completion of service.

Five-year protection: A veteran may perform up to five years total of military service and still have their job with the same employer. This is cumulative and starts over every time the veteran switches employers. If a veteran has separate deployments lasting six months, one year and three years with one employer (for a

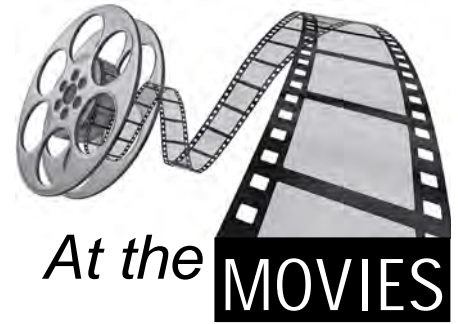
total of 4.5 years with that employer), and then changes jobs and is deployed for an additional two years, the veteran is entitled to reemployment each time he or she returns, according to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. There are statutory exceptions from the five-year limit, including war or national emergency.

Honorable service: Employment protections terminate if a veteran is separated under other than honorable conditions, separated with dishonorable or bad conduct discharges, or commissioned officers dismissed or dropped from the rolls.

Returning to work: A veteran must report back to work in a timely manner. The time frame depends on how long the veteran has been absent:

- For absences of 1-30 days, a veteran is allowed time to travel home, plus eight hours of rest and must then report to work on the next working day.
- For absences of 31-180 days, 14 days of leave is allowed before contacting the employer and requesting reemployment.
- For absences of more than 180 days, the veteran has 90 days to request reemployment.
- Extra time is allowed if the veteran is recovering from an injury suffered during military service.

Call the Legal Assistance Office at 573.596.0629 to learn more about your rights.



Abrams Theater is open for movies on Saturdays and Sundays. This weekend's showings include:

"The Marvels"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 11 a.m. Saturday*

"The Creator"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 2 p.m. Saturday

"Saw X"
Rated R
Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Blue Beetle"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 2 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showings are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 6 to 11). First-run showings are \$8.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children. 3D showings are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Children under 5 are free. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the [Exchange website](#) for details.

*This is a distributor-appreciation screening. Admission is free. Seating is first-come, first served.



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HUNTER'S SPECIAL

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER

NOV 10

Come out to OAC for your last-minute deer hunting supplies! 10% off sale on all archery equipment (bows excluded).

Come see us before hitting the woods!

Parents with Inquiring Minds

HANDLING TANTRUMS

Nov 15

11:45AM - 12:45PM

Bldg 614

FREE parenting discussion on how to help your child through the tantrum phase. Children are welcome. Parent Participation Points for attendance.





Photos by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: Wood Elementary School fifth grader Miloh Higgins performs a push up Saturday at Shea Gym during a modified Army Combat Fitness Test and team-building event for students enrolled in their school's fitness club. The event was hosted by the 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment. More photos are available to view and download on the [Fort Leonard Wood Flickr page](#).

Left: Crystal Jofferion, a Wood Elementary School student enrolled in the after-school fitness club, wraps a bandage around the head of Sgt. 1st Class Garrison Porquez, a 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment drill sergeant, Saturday at Shea Gym during the team-building portion of the event.

2-10 Inf. Bn. hosts Wood Elementary fifth graders for fun fitness event



Above: Kaylin Long participates in the ball toss Saturday at Shea Gym during the modified ACFT portion of the fitness event. Working out with the Soldiers of 2-10 was the culminating event of the two-week after-school fitness club.

Right: E'mani Hemingway races to complete the sprint-drag-carry portion of the modified ACFT Saturday at Shea Gym.



SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

FORT LEONARD WOOD



U.S. ARMY

Military Police Sgt. 1st Class Michael Million began his military career 20 years ago. He joined the Army Reserve after 14 years of active-duty service, and he now assists more than 300 Reserve Soldiers a year navigate their careers.

What is your hometown?

I am from Troy, Missouri.

Why did you join the military?

I went to college for three years to be a music teacher, then I ran out of money for school. I decided to join the Army. All of my friends and family thought I would join the Army band, like my dad did. I didn't. I wanted to do something completely different. My stepbrother was a Military Police Soldier at the time; he told me about it, and I thought that sounded like a good fit. I joined 20 years ago this month.

What does a Reserve liaison do?

For Reserve Soldiers coming to basic combat training and one station unit training here, I assist them with any issues they may have during their training – pay issues, getting basic allowance for housing started, rank issues and graduation issues. I also assist any active-duty Soldiers thinking about transiting to the Army Reserve.

What do you like most about being a Soldier?

I enjoy that every day is different. Every day I have new tasks and new challenges. The best part about this point in my career is seeing the Soldiers and officers I have influenced in



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Million, 14th Military Police Brigade, Army Reserve liaison

the past. I like to see how the work I did in the past is helping people succeed and reach their goals.

Tell me something I might be surprised about your career as a 31B Military Police in the Army Reserve?

In 20 years, I have only worked the road about six months in my career. I have spent most of my time in operations.

Do you have any advice for service members thinking about transitioning to the Army Reserve?

One thing I always ask people is, if you are dead set on going back home and staying there in that state, then see what the National Guard can do for you. If you are okay with moving

all over the country, and even the world, then Reserve might be a better choice. You have a lot of flexibility in the Reserve.

Click [here](#) to learn more about opportunities in the U.S. Army Reserve.



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