

# Guidon

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Honor our veterans and be safe this weekend

On Friday, we recognize the service, sacrifice and commitment of more than 19 million individuals, our veterans, who have served in the United States military. There are many ways to honor our veterans, including attending events, lending a helping hand or simply saying “thank you” to those who have served before us.



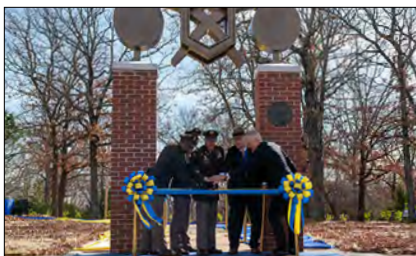
## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Happy Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps!

Today, we celebrate the United States Marine Corps’ 247th birthday – a day dedicated to every warrior who has earned the honor to wear the eagle, globe and anchor, and who is part of “The Few, The Proud.”



## FLW leaders dedicate MSCoE complex to former MO Congressman and his “lasting impression” here

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence complex was renamed “The Honorable Ike Skelton Campus” during a ceremony today on the second floor of Hoge Hall to honor an individual who senior leaders here said was instrumental in shaping much of Fort Leonard Wood’s present-day training missions.



## USACBRNS unveils ‘significant’ updates to Chemical Memorial Grove

The U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School unveiled a new brick walkway and sculpture during a dedication ceremony held Monday at Fort Leonard Wood’s Chemical Memorial Grove.

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



## 1st En. Bde. says farewell to Russell, welcomes Batchan at change-of-responsibility ceremony

Fort Leonard Wood's 1st Engineer Brigade held a change-of-responsibility ceremony Tuesday at Nutter Field House, where Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Russell relinquished responsibility of the brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Don Batchan.



## Fort Leonard Wood's Education Services to celebrate American Education Week

American Education Week is Nov. 14 through 18, and Fort Leonard Wood's Education Services will be celebrating with a variety of festivities highlighting education at all levels during a week of events at the Truman Education Center, located in Bldg. 499 on Constitution Avenue.



## Fort Leonard Wood hosts 3rd Brigade Army ROTC Ranger Challenge competition

Army ROTC cadets from Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin converged on Fort Leonard Wood Friday and Saturday to participate in the U.S. Army Cadet Command's 3rd Brigade ROTC Ranger Challenge.



## Protect your identity and data during the holidays

During the holiday season, consumers tend to make a greater number of purchases than they do during the rest of the year. They also tend to be more distracted and face an increased risk of identity theft during the holidays.



## Battalion commander brings leadership lessons back to hometown

Throughout the course of his 19-year military career, Lt. Col. John Romito, commander of the 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, has served at more than a dozen locations worldwide, with his latest assignment giving him the opportunity to come back to the place he calls home to share what he has learned.

**Does your unit have an event people might want to read about?**

**Do you know someone here who has done something interesting lately?**

**We'd like to hear about it. Submit it [here](#).**



**Commissary Veterans Day hours**

Fort Leonard Wood’s Commissary is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

**FEHB open season**

The Federal Employees Health Benefits open season is Monday 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. Tuesday and Nov. 22, and Dec. 1 and 8.

**America Recycles Day**

The Fort Leonard Wood Recycling Center is hosting an event in celebration of America Recycles Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Recycling Center, located at 2549 Ordinance Dr. Call 573.596.1385 for details.

**GIS Day**

Fort Leonard Wood’s U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Proponent Office – Geospatial is hosting a Geographic Information System, or GIS Day event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in Danner Hall. Call 573.563.8300 for details.

**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. Applications are available by calling Jason Ramlow at 816.536.0108, or by email at [jason.ramlow@redcross.org](mailto:jason.ramlow@redcross.org) for details.

# DIGITAL GARRISON

– keeping military communities connected.

The Army’s Digital Garrison mobile app is a one-stop information source for military communities.

Explore all the benefits your Army post has to offer: Navigate to on-post facilities, stay updated on local weather, and be informed about gate closures or other important installation information in real time, all from the palm of your hand.

The Digital Garrison app is free and available at the [Google Play](#) and [Apple](#) stores.

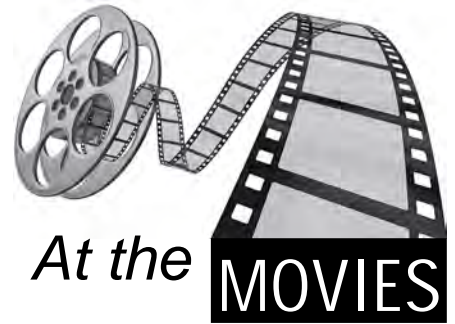
# HEROES OF THE BATTLEFIELD

Sgt. Cameron Thomas and Sgt. 1st Class Kevin George, with 3rd Chemical Brigade, witnessed and responded to a car accident caused by a driver experiencing a medical condition at a large intersection on post. While the vehicle was still in drive, the Soldiers safely gained entry to and secured the vehicle and then provided immediate care, including stabilizing and rendering first aid to an individual until EMS arrived. Their efforts ensured the individual remained



conscious and well cared for until EMS arrived.

When his battalion had four companies in cycle and two drivers out on emergency leave, **James Ritchie**, with 1st Engineer Brigade, selflessly took on extra work and stood in the gap to support transportation, meal pick up and trainee appointment requirements for three total companies. Ritchie is a tremendous teammate, and we appreciate his service.



## At the MOVIES

Abrams Theater is now open for movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This weekend's film is a first-run showing of:

"Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"  
 Rated PG-13  
 Showing at 5 p.m. Friday (doors open at 4 p.m.), 1 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. and 3 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.

**U.S. ARMY**

**TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY**  
 25 OCT - 16 DEC, 2022

Your opinion makes a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in the quality of life for Army families.

**Your Army Wants to Hear from You!**

Give your input on the steps taken to improve our families' housing quality and help to shape ongoing investment in Gov't-owned housing units.

*\*Completely confidential*

The survey will be emailed from [ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com](mailto:ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com). OMB Control Number: 0704-0553. For additional questions, please contact your local Army Housing office.

**NEED HELP?**

**DIAL 9-8-8**

The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline may now be reached by calling 9-8-8. Veterans may still press "1" to be connected with a responder trained to assist military and veteran populations.

**MWR Events & Specials. Just For You.** ONLINE AT [LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM](http://LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM)

**TEXAS HOLD'EM**  
all in!

**PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

**NOV 18** CHECK-IN BEGINS: 5:30PM  
PLAY: 6PM

\$30 Advance registration through Nov 17 online or at the MWR Leisure Travel Office in the PX Mini Mall. Door: \$40. Must be at least 18 to participate. Additional dates: Jan 20, 2023

**573-596-6913**

**THANKS, TOM! TURKEY SHOOT**

**NOV 19, 12PM-3PM**

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER**

Shoot the feathers off of Tom the Turkey target to reveal hidden prizes on the way to winning the big one! Prizes for 9 & under, 10-15, 16-18, and adults. Adult winner takes home a turkey!

Register in person at the Outdoor Adventure Center, or online at [LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM](http://LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM)

**573-596-4223**

**MONTH OF THE MILITARY FAMILY**

Daugherty Bowling Center would like to recognize our Military, both Active and Retired, and their supportive families for the month of November, by offering 2 hours of bowling, shoes, soft drinks, a 1-topping pizza, and salad for only \$60 per lane (up to 6 persons per lane) with Military I.D.

**573-596-1498**



Photos by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Left: Marquette University Cadet Tyler Hansen climbs a rope Friday at the Physical Endurance Course on Training Area 98 during the 3rd Brigade ROTC Ranger Challenge competition. Marquette University's five- and nine-person teams finished in first place.

Top: Cadet Seth Dennis, from University of Illinois-Chicago, tosses a practice grenade into a bunker on station two of the Hand Grenade Assault Course Friday on Range 31 during the 3rd Brigade ROTC Ranger Challenge competition.

# ROTC CADETS TAKE ON CHALLENGE

*Army ROTC cadets from Missouri and other Midwest-region states competed on Fort Leonard Wood Friday and Saturday in the U.S. Army Cadet Command's 3rd ROTC Brigade Ranger Challenge. The military skills competition consisted of 14 events including weapon's skills, a hand grenade course and physical endurance events.*



Marquette University cadets, part of the nine-person team, carry their teammates to the finish line of the Hand Grenade Assault Course Friday on Range 31 during the 3rd Brigade ROTC Ranger Challenge competition.



Wheaton College Cadet Luke Altorfer shoots an M4 carbine rifle Friday on Range 7 during the 3rd Brigade ROTC Ranger Challenge competition.



# Q & A

## CHERL MILLER

CASUALTY OPERATIONS COORDINATOR  
CASUALTY ASSISTANCE OFFICE  
FORT LEONARD WOOD

Responsible for taking care of the families of deceased veterans by assisting them through the process of bringing their loved ones to their final resting place.



“  
*The most fulfilling part of my job is being able to bring the veteran home to their final resting place, and being there for the families to provide whatever they need.*  
”

### What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

My husband was in the Navy and was stationed here before he retired after more than 20 years of service.

### What is the most fulfilling part of your job/career as a DA Civilian?

**The most fulfilling part of my job is being able to bring the veteran home to their final resting place and being there for the families to provide whatever they need.** Sometimes, it can be very emotional. You have to wear your emotions on your sleeve a lot and just kind of hold tight until it's all over. **We are on duty 24/7.** I have some cases that

are several years old and some of the family members still call me and talk to me about things.

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

**I have a lot of empathy for veterans and their families, in part because of my experience being an active-duty and retiree spouse.** I started at the hospital in 2008, in the lab, and worked my way up and then came here as a Mortuary Affairs Coordinator and eventually ended up in the position I am in now. I do have some family background in this career field— **my uncle was a Mortuary Affairs Coordinator**

**in the Navy and retired military, too. I can remember him talking to me as a child about how he took care of the military families.**

