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Thursday, December 7, 2023

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Happy 387th Birthday, United States National Guard

On Wednesday, we recognize the United States National Guard's birthday. For 387 years, the men and women of the National Guard have been fighting for our nation's freedom at home and abroad.



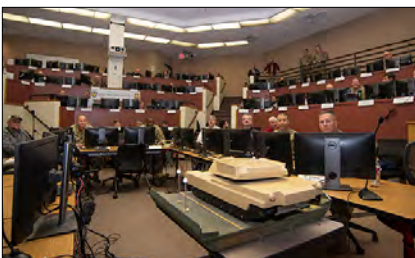
MSCoE Plaza a whole lot brighter after merry tree-lighting ceremony

The darkness of Monday evening on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza was gone in an instant, when Fort Leonard Wood and MSCoE leadership, with help from some excited children in attendance, flipped the switch, lighting the installation tree for the remainder of the holiday season.



399th Army Band to spread holiday cheer for all to hear

Fort Leonard Wood's 399th Army Band is rehearsing and preparing for next week's live holiday performance, scheduled for Tuesday evening at Nutter Field House.



MS CDID, USAES tackle emerging warfighting functional concerns at Phalanx Forge event

As the Army plans for its future warfighting needs, experts here are looking at ways to solve existing and emerging concerns to help the U.S. military maintain its strategic advantages over a myriad of threats on a variety of potential battlefields around the globe.

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



H2F clinic helps Fort Leonard Wood community learn healthier habits

The 1st Engineer Brigade hosted a holistic health and fitness clinic Saturday in Cunningham Gym, where Fort Leonard Wood service members, civilians and their families had the opportunity to learn more about healthy eating and sleeping habits, along with physical and spiritual fitness.



Spirit of giving can lower guard to fraud crimes

While fraud can happen to anyone at any time, holidays shoppers tend to be more susceptible to scammers.

NEWS BRIEFS

Commanding General's town hall

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders are hosting a town hall for residents of the installation at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Baker Theater. Child care will be available through Child and Youth Services. Children must be registered with CYS, and the cost is \$16 for this event. Children can be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. and picked up no later than 7:30 p.m. Children must be signed up no later than noon Monday, and registration can be completed in Bldg. 470, room 1126 (registration paperwork is available [online](#), which can then be dropped off in person. Call 573.596.0238 for details.

HBL worship schedule

Protestant: Candlelight Christmas Eve service starts at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at Soldier Memorial Chapel, and Combined Protestant service starts at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 24 and 31 at the Main Post Chapel. Catholic: Immaculate Conception starts at noon and 6 p.m. Friday at SMC. Christmas Eve (Regular Mass) starts at 9 a.m. Dec. 24 at SMC. Christmas Carols and Mass starts at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 at SMC. Christmas Day Mass starts at 10 a.m. Dec. 25 at SMC. New Years Eve (Regular Mass) starts at 9 a.m. Dec. 31 at SMC. Mary Mother of God Mass starts at 10 a.m. Jan. 1 at SMC. The following service cancellations will occur Dec. 24 and 31 during HBL: All 1st Engineer Brigade, 14th

Military Police Brigade and 3rd Chemical Brigade initial entry training service and CRU Bible Study; IET Catholic Mass in the MPC; Traditional Protestant Service; Gospel Service; Crossroads Service; Collective Protestant Service in Grant Hall; IET Islamic Service in the North Iowa Chapel; and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints service in the South Iowa Chapel. Additional HBL-related cancellations include: Buddhist service Dec. 21 and 28 in the NIC; Norse Pagan Dec. 19 in the NIC; and Jewish service Dec. 22 and 29 in the SIC. Call the Religious Support Office at 573.596.2127 for more information. For chaplain assistance after duty hours, call 573.563.6126 or 6127.

ACCESS briefing

Experts on the Army Credentialing and Continuing Education Services for Soldiers, or ACCESS, program will be providing a briefing open to all Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. ACCESS promotes life-long learning, readiness and resilience through flexible and relevant education programs and services. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Seth Childers by email at seth.d.childers.mil@army.mil, or call 573.563.7551 for details.

Breakfast with Santa

Fort Leonard Wood service members, civilians and their families are invited to

a Breakfast with Santa event, starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 16 at Pershing Community Center. Cost is \$14 for attendees ages 12 and older, \$9 for children ages 4 through 11 and children ages 3 and younger are free. Call 573.329.8587 for details.

Flu shots

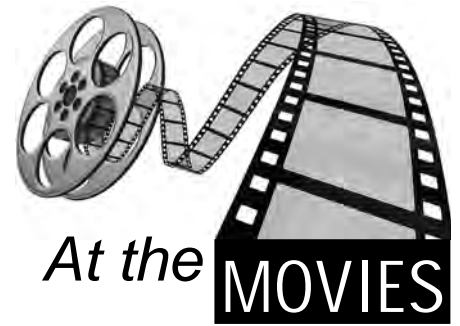
Flu shots are now available on post for beneficiaries within the Fort Leonard Wood community. For Tricare beneficiaries, mandated Department of Defense and non-appropriated funds civilians and contractors, and tenant units without organic medical teams (call 573.596.3663 for group scheduling) between 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 **through Dec. 15 (after that date, all flu vaccinations will be available at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Immunizations Clinic)**. 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 GLWACH 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. Call 573.596.0518 for details.

FMWR hosts Ugly Sweater Fun Run



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Lt. Col. Chris Evans, with the U.S. Army Military Police School, his wife, Kristin, and daughter, River, cross the finish line Saturday at the Gerlach track, during an Ugly Sweater Family Fun Run, hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. About 50 participants took part in the mile-long run, which circled Gerlach Park, with volunteer road guard assistance from the Marine Corps Detachment and Basic Officer Leader Course students here. Each participant received a trophy.



At the MOVIES

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 Holdovers"
Rated R
Showing at 2 p.m. Saturday

"Insidious 5: The Red Door"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Five Nights at Freddy's"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 2 p.m. Saturday

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.

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MWR Events & Specials. Just For You.

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Winter Wonderland
Dec 13
1:30 - 5:30pm
Bruce C. Clarke Library
Winter Storywalk plus photo ops, ornament making stations, and other holiday crafts!

SCUBA with Santa
DEC 14
6PM
Davidson Fitness Center Pool

Breakfast with SANTA
DEC 16
9AM
Pershing Community Center



Photos by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office
Above and left: Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general (left), and MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge Arzabala (right) – with help from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and children from the audience – flip the switch to officially light the installation’s holiday tree Monday on MSCoE Plaza. More photos from the ceremony are available to view and download on the [Fort Leonard Wood Flickr page](#).

'tis the season!

FORT LEONARD WOOD, MSCoE LEADERS HOST ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus pass out coloring pages to attendees.



Soldiers with the 399th Army Band perform festive holiday music prior to the tree lighting.



This year’s Cards to the Community contest winner was decorated by Soldiers with the 43rd Adjutant General Battalion (Reception).



In addition to the tree lighting, organizations here set up activities, such as bean bag toss, miniature golf and ornament making.

SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

FORT LEONARD WOOD



U.S. ARMY

Horizontal Construction Engineer, Sgt. 1st Class Seth Childers, is the Engineer Credentialing Program manager and a coordinator for the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program.

What is your hometown?

LaFayette, New York

What do you do for the U.S. Army Engineer School?

I take the training Soldiers receive at the Engineer School and match it to civilian engineer licenses and credentials, so the Soldier will not only be receiving military occupational training, but they will be also getting civilian certifications. I also manage the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program. Soldiers can earn apprenticeships, just by doing their job. They can build their military career, while building a civilian resume.

Why did you join the military?

My grandfather served in the Army during World War I and World War II; my dad served in the Army during Vietnam; and my brother served as a Marine. I felt like it was my turn.

What do you like most about being a Soldier?

I have met some outstanding and interesting individuals during my career. And I have visited so many different places. I have a better understanding of the world. I have seen it with my own eyes.

Why do you continue to serve?

I like to help people better themselves and their careers. When I found about the United Services Military



**Sgt. 1st Class Seth Childers,
Engineer Credentialing Program Manager, U.S. Army Engineer School**

Apprenticeship Program, I became a coordinator. I felt compelled to get this information out there. I can help direct any service member, even other branches, like the Marines and Navy.

What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

Helping Soldiers earn civilian certifications and licenses while they are earning their Army Additional Skill Identifier. I like helping them add to their professional military education and prepare for their possible future civilian careers. It just makes them a more well-rounded Soldier.

What advice would you give to people thinking about joining the Army?

If you don't join, you are going to be

missing out on a priceless opportunity. In one term or contract with the Army, you will be getting on-the-job training, have outstanding experiences and have the opportunity to set yourself up for career success in the civilian world. You could potentially get out at age 22 and go straight into a high-paying civilian career. There are no other programs like that out there.

Childers is providing a briefing on the Army Credentialing and Continuing Education Services for Soldiers at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Call 573.563.7551 or visit the [USMAP](#) website for more information.

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