

# Guidon

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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE Sends: Celebrating Veterans Day!

In 1918, at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month, the guns of Europe fell silent and ended more than four years of brutal conflict. The next year, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 “Armistice Day” to recognize the heroism of America’s World War I veterans. After World War II and the Korean War, Congress renamed the holiday “Veterans Day” to include all of our veterans.



## MSCoE Sends: Happy Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps!

In 1775, members of the Second Continental Congress met at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia to prepare for the Revolutionary War. On Nov. 10, they passed the Continental Marine Act establishing two Marine battalions to fight for U.S. independence.



## Flu vaccinations begin Friday at GLWACH

While active-duty service members will be given flu vaccinations at their unit of assignment, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital is offering vaccinations to all active-duty family members ages 6 months and older, retirees and retiree family members. Vaccinations will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and Monday and from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Immunizations Clinic.



## Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers fielding new combat casualty care technology

Soldiers here gained familiarization on a new medical readiness enabling system last week at the Training Support Center.

Read these stories and more on the Guidon website!



## **CYS hour-by-hour daycare program set to reopen Dec. 1 with limited schedule, roster**

This week, the Child and Youth Services' Hourly Care program announced its intention to reopen Dec. 1, resuming a limited schedule for Fort Leonard Wood children from 6 weeks to 5 years old.



## **Fort Leonard Wood hosts retiree virtual town hall**

The Fort Leonard Wood Retiree Council hosted a virtual town hall for retirees Saturday, livestreamed from Lincoln Hall Auditorium to the U.S. Army Fort Leonard Wood Retiree Days Facebook group.



## **Happy Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps!**

Marines stationed here celebrated the Marine Corps' 245th birthday Tuesday. Fort Leonard Wood is home to the largest USMC detachment not located on a Marine installation.



## **Rolla unveils Medal of Honor monument**

*Battalion commander speaks at dedication ceremony*

Lt. Col. Marlon Ringo, 35th Engineer Battalion commander, spoke Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park in Rolla, Missouri. A new monument there — one that celebrates recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor — was dedicated.



## **Fort Leonard Wood meteorologists compete in Air Force forecasting challenge**

Fort Leonard Wood's weather team placed first out of nine 3rd Combat Weather Squadron teams and eighth overall — out of 80 teams — in the 2020 Air Force Thor's Legion Forecast Challenge.



## **FMWR offering discounts on holiday party catering**

With the holiday season approaching, the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Food and Beverage staff at Pershing Community Center is taking reservations for holiday parties, as well as offering catering services elsewhere on the installation.

# Q&A

## CHRIS REDDINGTON

METEOROLOGICAL TECHNICIAN  
FORNEY AIRFIELD

Observes, analyzes and predicts the effects of weather at Fort Leonard Wood.



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### What made you decide to have a civilian career with the Army?

I served 20 years in the Air Force and was blessed to earn a **valuable education** through the military. I felt the need to repay my debt through additional **service to my country** as a civilian.

### What do you like most about your civilian career with the Army?

We help people. The Army doesn't get much attention for their **humanitarian relief efforts** during disasters across the globe, but they should. The look on a child's face who gets a warm blanket or a meal provided to a person who has lost everything helps to **restore hope**. From humanitarian efforts in Kosovo and the Middle East to bringing

aid supplies into Japan after the 2011 tsunami, I have been fortunate to have **made a difference** in people's lives. **Helping people** is what I like most about my job.

### What are the benefits of working for the Army?

Soldiers form a **close bond** that feels like a family. When you are tired and feel you can't go on, it is that **support from your teammates** that helps you push through. I've made a lot of friends in my time with the Army and I will value those relationships forever.

### What advice would you give to others who might be looking at becoming an Army civilian?

It isn't easy work and you can

pull many long hours, but working as an Army civilian gives you a chance to **give back to your country**. The military always needs qualified people who are willing to work hard to support our troops. Our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen risk everything so we can sleep peacefully at night. The **sense of pride** you feel from supporting them will make your job never feel like work.

