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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Each May since 1977, we honor the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our nation's history.



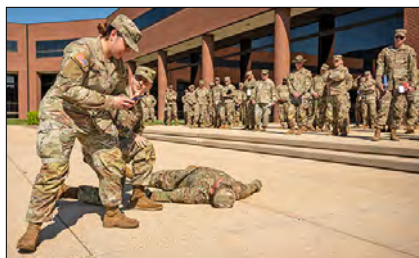
MSCoE senior leaders award Soldier's Medal for life-saving actions at area gas station

For his part in saving the life of a motorist at an off-post gas station in 2021, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence senior leaders presented Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Mobley with the Soldier's Medal during a ceremony April 29 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



Engineers converge on Fort Leonard Wood for regimental week

The U.S. Army Engineer School celebrated Engineer Regimental Week April 19 to 26 at Fort Leonard Wood.



Fort Leonard Wood leaders focus on heat injury prevention at forum

With Missouri's hot and humid summertime weather merely days away, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence training leaders met April 30 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium to learn more about the prevention, mitigation, recognition and treatment of heat injuries.

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



Fort Leonard Wood Army civilian bonds with her Korean War-veteran father during honor flight

Lisa Shattuck, a Fort Leonard Wood Security Specialist, escorted her Korean War-veteran father April 27 on a one-day sightseeing trip to Washington, D.C., arranged through a non-profit organization that gives veterans a free chance to visit many of the war memorials dedicated to honoring their service and sacrifice.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gate hours changes

Starting May 6, the South Gate will be open 24/7, and the West Gate will be open from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. There are no changes to the hours of operation for the North or East gates.

Workforce development courses

A new employee orientation is scheduled from 7:50 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7 to 10 – register [here](#), and a supervisor development course is scheduled from 7:50 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 21 to 23, register [here](#). Both courses will be hosted at Countee Hall. Call 573.596.4123 for details.

Community Salute to Service

The Fort Leonard Wood community is invited to attend the Community Salute to Service event at 6 p.m. May 8 in the Waynesville High School gymnasium, where future service members from high schools across South-Central Missouri will be honored for their commitment to serve their country.

TAP Career Fair

The Fort Leonard Wood Transition Assistance Program is hosting a career fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 9 in Nutter Field House. Call 573.596.7070 for details.

Commissary sidewalk sale

The Fort Leonard Wood Commissary will have a sidewalk sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 16 to 18, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 19. Call 573.596.0783 for details.

Ready and Resilient Fair

The next Ready and Resilient, or R2, Fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 22 at the Main Post Chapel. The R2 Fair provides opportunities to participate in activities and speak with subject matter experts about resources and assistance programs that can

Garrison leaders host walking housing town hall



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

On-post family housing resident Vonnie Hitchcock (left) speaks with Col. Anthony Pollio, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander, April 30 during a walking town hall through the South Lieber Heights neighborhood. Pollio, who brought along other garrison leaders, community members, Army Housing officials and representatives from Balfour Beatty Communities – Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner – conducts regular walking town halls to engage with residents and listen to their ideas, issues and concerns regarding on-post family housing.

help with life stressors. Some mandatory training opportunities will be offered. Call 573.596.6754 for details

Volkslauf 10K fun run

The Fort Leonard Wood Marine Corps Detachment is hosting its Volkslauf 10K fun run, starting at 8 a.m. June 8 at the Auto Skills Center. The race contains multiple man-made obstacles, mud pits and river crossings. Cost is \$30 per person, if registering before May 1. Click [here](#) for details.

USO Support Motorcycle Ride

Registration for the USO Support Motorcycle Ride is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. June 15 at American Legion

Post 43, in Lebanon, Missouri. Riders will depart at noon and travel along Historic Route 66 to the American Legion Post 331, in St. Robert. Call 573.512.1419 for details.

Sexual assault helpline

Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327. Visit the [Safe Helpline website](#) for more options.

Suicide prevention helpline

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

Chaplains host National Day of Prayer event



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Chaplain (Capt.) Logan Lair, with 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, prays with his family May 2 at the Main Post Chapel during Fort Leonard Wood's National Day of Prayer event. Congress created a law signed by President Harry Truman in 1952, calling on the president to proclaim the first Thursday in May each year as the National Day of Prayer. And as they do at this event each year, chaplains took turns praying for the nation, its elected leaders, military leaders, service members, military families, peace and the community. More National Day of Prayer photos are available to view and download on the [Fort Leonard Wood Flickr page](#).

★ COMMUNITY ★ SALUTE TO SERVICE

6 P.M. MAY 8

WAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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The Community Salute to Service will recognize South-Central Missouri high school seniors, who are joining a branch of the military, ROTC, and/or have received an appointment to a military academy.

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MWR EVENTS & SPECIALS - LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM

SUNDAY COFFEE CRUISE-IN



Join fellow automotive enthusiasts every Sunday to show off your wheels, enjoy some hot coffee, and talk shop!

STRONG BANDS SOFTBALL



Register April 22 - May 7 in person or by phone at Davidson Fitness Center. \$275 per team - 12 team slots available. 9 players per team minimum, age 18 & up.

Mother's

**APPRECIATION
DINNER**

May 11, 6pm

**PERSHING
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Make your menu selection by reservation online or by visiting the Leisure Travel Office in the PX mini mall by May 8.



Photos by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: Sgt. John Scott rappels down a fixed rope utilizing a rack bar descension device while Sgt. Eric Cole provides safety through a belay system that can act as a friction brake. **Right:** Sgt. 1st. Class Yamil Davila attempts to change from ascending to descending while suspended on a fixed rope.

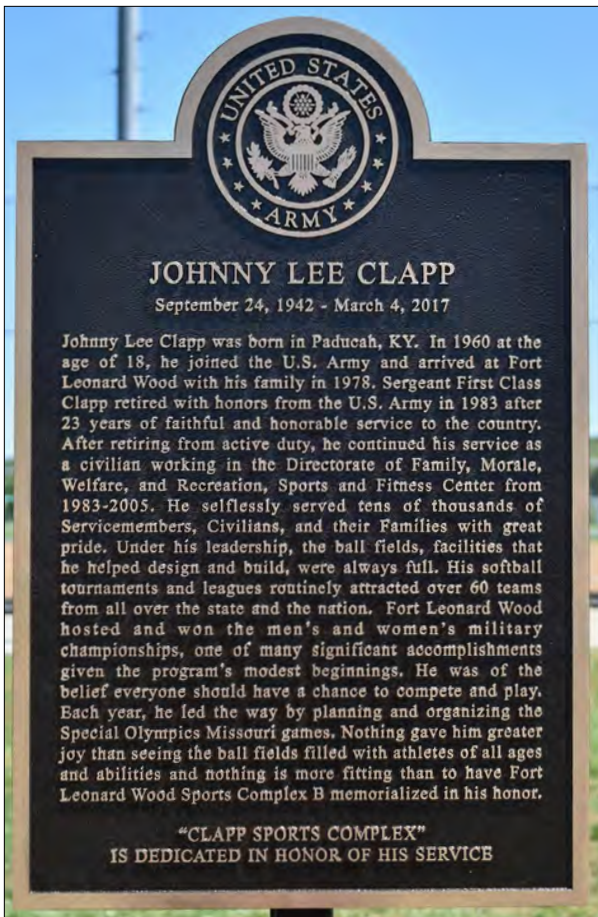


Soldiers, Airmen gain skills at Fort Leonard Wood

Service members attending Fort Leonard Wood's Civil Support Skills Course practiced rappelling techniques April 29 at the Lt. Joseph Terry CBRN Responder Training Facility. The eight-week course trains National Guard and Reserve component Soldiers and Airmen, from civil support teams throughout the United States and its territories, in the skills and knowledge needed to respond to weapons of mass destruction incidents as part of the state emergency management response system.



Above: Soldiers practice rappelling techniques as part of the course that is taught by instructors with Fort Leonard Wood's Homeland Defense Civil Support Office. **Left:** Lt. Col. Casey Nunn attaches a prusik device — a knot that grips when pulled to hold a climber in place — onto a fixed rope in preparation for ascension.



*Garrison leaders rename
Fort Leonard Wood sports
complex in honor of*

A LIFE OF SERVICE



Photos courtesy of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Above: Garrison leadership, along with family members of Johnny Clapp, unveil a new sign April 30 along Minnesota Avenue, designating Sports Complex B as the Clapp Sports Complex.

Left: A new informational sign details the life and service of Johnny Clapp, who, as both a Soldier and civilian, helped grow Fort Leonard Wood's sports program.



Above: Johnny Clapp's daughter, Kim Ramirez, takes a photo of one of the new signs.

Left: Col. Anthony Pollio, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander, thanks Brenda Clapp (center), Johnny Clapp's widow, and Kim Ramirez, Johnny Clapp's daughter, for attending the unveiling ceremony.



FORT LEONARD WOOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

SPOTLIGHT

DAVID MACKEDANZ
CURRICULUM DEVELOPER
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT INSTRUCTION COMPANY
FORT LEONARD WOOD MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT



Annually, an average of 600 Marine students attend one of the three basic Engineer Equipment Instruction Company courses – Engineer Equipment Repair, Engineer Equipment Operator and Technical Engineering – and Mackedanz is responsible for maintaining and updating the program of instruction for each course. And every three years, Mackedanz conducts a course content review board to make sure each course is meeting current Marine Corps doctrine.

Where are you from?

Peculiar, Missouri

When did you join the Marines and why?

I went to boot camp in 1982. A friend of mine joined the Marine Corps, and when he came back,

he dared me to join. So, I did. He thought I wouldn't do it, but I did. I wanted to get out of my small town and do something different. I ended up serving for 20 years.

What made you decide to continue serving as a civilian?

It is what I was used to. The civilian world was different. There were more opportunities for my skillset on post. And the pay and benefits are better working for the military.

What do you like most about your job?

The people. I like being here to support the service members. I have met so many different people that have so many different stories and backgrounds. I like knowing I am passing my knowledge on to future

generations of Marines. It is drilled into your head in boot camp – once a Marine, always a Marine. When these Marines leave the schoolhouse, I know I played a part in their success. I take pride in making sure the information they are learning is correct.

Are there benefits to the different military branches training together?

A mechanic is a mechanic, whether you are a Soldier or a Marine. The equipment might be a little bit different, but your mission is the same. At some point, the branches end up serving or working together, and it is good to understand each other's similarities and differences. At the end of the day, we are doing the same thing, just in different uniforms.

Click here to nominate a Fort Leonard Wood civilian employee for recognition.