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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Time to prepare for Missouri's tornado season

Spring weather can be unpredictable and preparing for severe weather events, specifically tornadoes, is so important in March that the National Weather Service has dedicated the first week as Severe Weather Preparedness Week.



Commissary now dropping off groceries at two locations on post

People living near Morelli Heights and Magness Street can now order from Fort Leonard Wood's Commissary online and receive their orders in their neighborhoods on Saturdays.



Updated Army Warrior Restaurant menus helping set IMT Soldiers up for H2F success

Experts managing Army Warrior Restaurants at initial military training installations have worked to update menu options, in an effort to provide the fuel to meet the physical and non-physical demands placed upon service members.



ARMY CHANGES FORCE STRUCTURE FOR FUTURE WARFIGHTING OPERATIONS

Army changes force structure for future warfighting operations

The U.S. Army announced on Feb. 27 changes to its force structure that will modernize and continue to transform the service to better face future threats.

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



MP company dedicates award to late 1SG

After positively impacting the lives of thousands of service members over the course of 18 years in the Army, 1st Sgt. Michael Calkins is still assisting in recognizing excellence – even after death.

NEWS BRIEFS

SRC to host classes in March

The Fort Leonard Wood Spouse Resource Center is hosting classes throughout March, including a chance to learn about educational financial assistance available via the My Career Advancement Account at 1 p.m. March 5; a class by the Armed Forces Wellness Center on improving metabolism at 10 a.m. March 13; a class on developing a LinkedIn profile at 1 p.m. March 14; a resume-building class at 1 p.m. March 19; and a USA Jobs overview and federal resume review at 9 a.m. March 27. The SRC is located in Bldg. 470, Room 2222. Call 573.596.3196 for details.

FMMP quarterly breakfast

Fort Leonard Wood's Female Mentorship and Morale Program quarterly networking breakfast is scheduled from 7 to 8 a.m. March 6 in the Engineer Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex. Email Capt. Victoria Warrington at victoria.c.warrington.mil@army.mil for details.

H2F clinic

Holistic health and fitness experts will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9 in Cunningham Fitness Center for an H2F Clinic. Attendees can learn more about healthy eating habits, Army Combat Fitness Test improvement techniques, sleep and stress management, cognitive performance techniques, spiritual fitness

Clearing the way for new on-post homes



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Contractors work to remove vegetation in the Woodlands neighborhood along Cable Street Feb. 28 in preparation for new on-post family homes scheduled to be constructed starting later this year on Cable and Diamond streets.

and more. Activities will be available for all ages. Call 573.596.3087 or email Capt. Oluwaleke Ajenifuja at oluwaleke.k.ajenifuja.mil@army.mil for details.

Faith Skills classes

The Religious Support Office is offering its spring Faith Skills religious education classes on Wednesday evenings through May 1. The classes include a dinner at 5:30 p.m. and run

until 7:30 p.m. Call 573.596.0089, or email martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil for details. A Faith Skills Facebook group is also available [here](#).

Suicide prevention helpline

The national 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.



DIGITAL GARRISON

– Keeping military communities connected!

The Army's Digital Garrison mobile app is a one-stop information source for military communities. It's free and available at the [Google Play](#) and [Apple](#) stores.

TAP hosts career fair



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Fort Leonard Wood's Army Transition Assistance Program hosts a Career Fair Feb. 29 in Nutter Field House. More than 50 employers, such as city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, health care companies, school districts, machinery companies, food service companies and workforce development organizations, participated in the fair. TAP is planning to host the next career fair in May. For more information, call TAP at 573.596.0175.



U.S. ARMY



Your Army Wants to Hear from You!

Your feedback can make a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in the quality of life for Army families.

TENANT

SATISFACTION SURVEY

March 4 to April 18

*Completely confidential

We are investing significantly in housing improvements to ensure quality living conditions are provided to our Soldiers and families. Survey feedback will guide the Army's efforts to provide quality, safe and secure housing.



The completely confidential survey will be emailed from ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com. For additional questions, please contact your local Army Housing Office.



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BIG BASS

TOURNAMENT

LAKE OF THE OZARKS RECREATION AREA
MARCH 9: 7 AM - 3PM

POP UP ROAD TRIP

WITH LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES

MARCH 16

VAN LEAVES FLW AT 7:45AM
DEPARTS SALEM FOR RETURN AT 3:45PM

Join us for a trip to Salem, Missouri for the **100 ACRE WOOD RALLY**
\$25 per person. Register today through March 12 at Leisure Travel Services or online!



Parent Outreach Services

BABYSITTER TRAINING

MAR 18-22

REGISTER BY MAR 14
AT PARENT CENTRAL SERVICES



10AM - 1PM

DRU PIPPIN YOUTH CENTER

FORT LEONARD WOOD
SERVICE MEMBER

SPOTLIGHT

MARINE STAFF SGT. PEDRO ALICEA
COURSE PROGRAMMER
MOTOR TRANSPORT INSTRUCTION COMPANY
MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT



Marine Staff Sgt. Pedro Alicea joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 2009, completing military occupational specialty training at Fort Leonard Wood. He is now responsible for registering and updating the status of Motor Transport Instruction Company students in the Marine Corps Training Information Management System. He also serves as a liaison between the Marine Corps Reserve and the active-duty force through what's called the Marine Corps Active Reserve Program.

Where are you from?

I was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, but moved to Orlando, Florida, after high school.

What does active reserve mean?

It is a special program that allows us to do everything active-duty Marines do, but we also support the

Reserve. We have a lot of Reserve Marines that come through the schoolhouse, so I am here to help them transition back into their Reserve units and inform them on what to expect.

Why did you decide to serve?

Before enlisting, I had completed the police academy. But being married with a wife and two kids, I decided to join the Marines and go the Reserve route. It has been the best experience of my life.

Why do you continue to serve?

I like new experiences, living and serving in different places, and meeting new people. I love to travel. And the military is the best profession for networking. I am always looking forward to the next adventure the Marine Corps is going to give me. I was an instructor before becoming the

course programmer. I love watching Marines graduate and move on to the fleet or Reserve units to begin their new experiences. It is fulfilling to know I had a part in their success and know I'm setting them up to have fruitful careers.

Did you choose to return to Fort Leonard Wood?

I did. I wanted to come back to the schoolhouse. This is my MOS community, and I love it here. My family loves it, too. It is quiet, and my wife said she feels like she can breathe here and has more opportunities. She has blossomed at Fort Leonard Wood as well, becoming a fitness instructor and working at the thrift store. There are also a lot of opportunities here that I wouldn't have had at other bases. I have been able to attend our advance courses and add to my MOS. Fort Leonard Wood has been a blessing to us.



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