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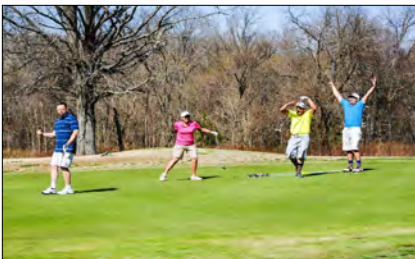
Thursday, March 7, 2024

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating Women's History Month

In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress passed legislation designating the entire month of March as National Women's History Month.



Fun in the sun with FMWR

Due to warmer weather, the Fort Leonard Wood community is spending more time outdoors — from golf to paintball, the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation team has activities to keep everyone entertained.



Time to spring forward, change your smoke alarm batteries

As we prepare to spring forward March 10, let's not forget to change the batteries in our smoke alarms. We also need to focus on home safety tips as we make the change from winter to summer.



Service members are not the only ones low crawling around Fort Leonard Wood

Many of the service members who live, work and learn at Fort Leonard Wood are not native to the Missouri Ozarks. For some, coming across a tick, spider or snake while training or exploring can be alarming — but being able to identify the creature and knowing how to avoid it can make it seem less scary.

Daylight saving time begins this weekend. Don't forget to set clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. on March 10.



NEWS BRIEFS

H2F clinic

Holistic health and fitness experts will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9 in Cunningham Gym 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 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.

Storm-spotter class

A storm-spotter class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 13 in the community room of the Pulaski County Courthouse in Waynesville, hosted by the Pulaski County Office of Emergency Management, in conjunction with the National Weather Service. This free class includes information about the NWS, tornadoes, thunderstorms, flash floods, dust storms, high winds and winter storms. Those who complete the class can become part of the country's volunteer storm observing and reporting network. Visit the [Pulaski County Office of Emergency Management Facebook page](#) for more information.

SRC to host classes in March

The Fort Leonard Wood Spouse Resource Center is hosting classes throughout March, including 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.

Motorcycle mentors meeting

The annual meeting of organizational Motorcycle Mentors Course instructors and technical monitors is scheduled for 9 a.m. March 14 in Bldg. 312. Call 573.596.4103 for details.

Bi-monthly retirement ceremony

Fort Leonard Wood's bi-monthly retirement ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. March 14 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Call 573.596.0947 for details.

14th MP Bde. headquarters move

The 14th Military Police Brigade headquarters has moved back to their original location at 6923 Iowa Avenue, Bldg. 844, across from the USO building.

Antique show

The New Lebanon Historical Society is hosting an antique show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 23 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4107, 1617 Lynn St., Lebanon, Missouri. Admission is \$8, and vendor tables are available for \$30. Call 417.664.4023 or 417.453.6700 for details.

Quarterly housing town hall

The next quarterly on-post housing town hall is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. March 26 at Stonegate Community Center. Call 573.596.0984 for details.

Holy week services

In addition to regularly scheduled religious services, a Protestant Good Friday Service is set for noon March 29 at Soldier Memorial Chapel. A Catholic Good Friday service begins at 6 p.m. March 29 at Soldier Memorial Chapel. A Community Easter Sunrise Service starts at 6:30 a.m. March 31 at the Military Police Memorial Grove (inclement weather location is the

Specker Barracks Chapel). Two Easter Sunday masses will be held on March 31: 9 a.m. at Soldier Memorial Chapel and 1 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Call the Religious Support Office at 573.596.2127 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](#).

Scholarship opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation scholarship program for the 2024-2025 academic year. All current Balfour Beatty Communities housing residents — including spouses and children — set to be attending an accredited college or university in the fall of 2024 — or who are enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program — are eligible to apply. Applications are being accepted now through March 21. Click [here](#) 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 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.

Fort Leonard Wood kicks off 2024 AER campaign



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Fort Leonard Wood leadership officially kicks off the Army Emergency Relief donation campaign by signing their donation forms March 4 in the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence headquarters building. As the U.S. Army's official nonprofit, AER provides grants, interest-free loans and scholarships to promote readiness and help relieve any financial distress of Soldiers and their families. With nearly \$300,000 raised and 65% of the installation's population donating in 2023, Fort Leonard Wood exceeded the Army's goals, finishing in the top spot across the Army for medium-sized installations. Call 573.596.0212 to make an AER donation. More information on AER is available on their [website](#).

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.

OMB Control Number: 0704-0553. OMB Expiration date: 05/31/2025

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Discovery

SCUBA

MAR 14
6 AND 7 PM

Davidson
Fitness
Center Pool

Register by March 13, 12pm
online or by calling
573-596-3529

BOUNCE INTO SPRING

MARCH
16, 19, 21

DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER
11AM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
CENTER, DAVIDSON FITNESS GYM, AND
SPECKER GYM

SPRING BREAK

BRANSON TRIP

MAR 20

LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES

Join Leisure Travel Services for a trip to
Branson for a day of family fun!



Photos by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood Commander Col. Anthony Pollio greets students during a Read Across America Day event March 1 at Freedom Elementary School in St. Robert. More than 70 Fort Leonard Wood service members, civilians and family members volunteered to read to area elementary school students as part of the annual event. More photos are available to view and download on the [Fort Leonard Wood Flickr page](#).

Right: Deputy Garrison Commander Renea Lazzarini reads to Freedom Elementary School students during Read Across America Day events throughout the area March 1.



Fort Leonard Wood celebrates Read Across America Day 2024



Photo courtesy of the Waynesville R-VI School District



Above: U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood Command Sgt. Maj. Danny Castleberry joins Freedom Elementary School students for a Read Across America event March 1.

Left: Military spouse Sally Beck reads to Thayer Elementary School students March 1 on Fort Leonard Wood to celebrate Read Across America Day.



Lt. Herbert Culver, is a gate security supervisor for the Directorate of Emergency Services. He can most often be found at the Sverdrup Gate, where his duties include safeguarding U.S. government property, facilities and personnel, and managing a shift of security guards and Soldiers controlling access to the installation.

Where are you from?

Denton, Texas

Did you serve in the military?

I retired from the Air Force after 22 years as a Security Forces member.

Why did you decide to work for the Army?

This is what I did in the Air Force, and I like the job. I enjoy working with people and helping them. When I retired, I was stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and my wife is from Missouri. We love it here, so in 2005, I decided to take this job at Fort Leonard Wood.

Do you find yourself relying on your Air Force experience in your current role?

The Air Force only has controlled access installations, so I came here fully trained. A few months after I got here, I was

promoted, because I already knew what I was doing.

What is your favorite thing about your job?

My coworkers, my teammates — I work with a fine group of people.

What is your most memorable experience working in gate security?

We had an individual who was turned away from one gate come to another gate, then attempt to run it. He was stopped, and after we handcuffed him, we found weapons in his vehicle.

How do you stay prepared for events like this?

We brief the team every day and train regularly.

If there was one thing you want the community to know about gate security, what would it be?

We will always strive to be kind and helpful. We are here for customer service, but we are also here to maintain the security of the installation. When there is a delay or a gate is closed unexpectedly, we are not doing it on purpose — there is a security reason. And we might not be allowed to tell them what it is until we are sure the threat is no longer a threat.



HERBERT CULVER
GATE SECURITY SUPERVISOR
DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



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