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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Secretary of the Army appoints three new civilian aides

Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth swore in Angela Showell, Richard "Rick" Morris and Joseph "Joe" Driskill as Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army during an investiture ceremony at the Pentagon on Jan. 23.



TRADOC awards MSCoE safety experts

Fort Leonard Wood's Maneuver Support Center of Excellence demonstrated its commitment to safety excellence during fiscal year 2023, earning eight U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command safety awards, officials announced.



Grand opening of Fort Leonard Wood's new Spouse Resource Center set for Jan. 30

A grand-opening celebration for Fort Leonard Wood's new Spouse Resource Center is scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 30 on the second floor of Bldg. 470, in Room 2222.



Fort Leonard Wood service members assist Waynesville's JROTC Drill Competition

Fort Leonard Wood service members volunteered their time once again this year to support the Waynesville Junior ROTC Drill Competition, which took place Jan. 20 at Waynesville High School.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

ASBP blood drive

The U.S. Army Prime Power School will host an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the school's multipurpose room. The ASBP provides blood for the military healthcare system. Call 573.596.6150 for details.

On-post housing inspections

Beginning in mid-February, contractors will be performing a required inspection of all Fort Leonard Wood on-post family housing, to include a visual survey of the exterior, along with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, plumbing and electrical systems. The inspectors – who will wear a mask and shoe covers, if requested – will need access to the interior of each home for approximately one hour per house, and at least one resident 18 years or older must be present during the inspection. An online self-scheduling option is available by clicking [here](#) or by scanning

the QR code on the door hangars that will be placed on each home. Call the Fort Leonard Wood Housing Division at 573.596.0984 for details.

Veteran of the Year nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Fort Leonard Wood Veteran of the Year, to be honored during Retiree Appreciations Days later in the year. Nominees must be retired at least 10 years, currently living in the Fort Leonard Wood community, and have distinguished military service and continued distinguished service in the community after retirement. Nominations are due by Feb. 1, and may be emailed to camilah.l.jefferson.civ@army.mil or physically mailed to Retirement Services, P.O. Box 614, Fort Leonard Wood MO, 65473. Call 573.596.0413 for details.

National Prayer Breakfast

Fort Leonard Wood leaders will host the National Prayer Breakfast event

from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Feb. 13 in Nutter Field House. The guest speaker is Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) William Green, deputy chief of Army Chaplains. Free tickets are available through unit ministry teams and donations will be accepted at the event. Call the Religious Support Office at 573.596.2127, or email beth.j.shamhart.civ@army.mil for details.

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.



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ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

2024 YOUTH SPORTS SPRING

REGISTRATION: JAN 29 - MAR 1

YOUTH SOCCER AND TRACK



Ages: 3-18

Ages 3-4: \$30
Ages 5-18: \$50

Season runs Mar 25 - May 11

M&W or Tu&Th practices. Games Saturday mornings.



THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ANGELA DAY

A LIBRARY MYSTERY



FEB 2 6PM

BRUCE C. CLARKE LIBRARY

DOORS OPEN AT 5:45PM

Join us for a FREE after hours event to check out the clues and solve the mysteries!

FEB 9



PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER



DUELING PIANOS

Don't miss this upbeat, dynamic show featuring country, rock & roll, and top pop hits from the 50s to today, with your requests taken throughout the show!

Purchase tickets in advance from Leisure Travel Services and online! Open to ages 18 & up.

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ALLEN WARD

HOUSING MANAGER, FORT LEONARD WOOD
HOUSING OFFICE

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ward helps ensure Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner, Balfour Beatty Communities, provides the services to which it is contracted.



Where are you from originally?

Pennsylvania

When did you start working for the Department of Defense?

In 1993, I joined as an enlisted Soldier with the military occupational specialty of **92G Culinary Specialist**. I met my wife in Germany. She was a military police officer. I enjoyed the camaraderie she had with her teammates, and I decided to become an MP, too. I rose to the rank of sergeant first class, then I crossed over to become an officer. I retired as a captain, serving as a company commander at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

What are some of your favorite memories from your service?

In Germany, I was awarded cook of the year, and I got to work for a Michelin Star restaurant. It was cool. I was

so young; I didn't really understand the magnitude of that honor. I would say my most memorable experience is the camaraderie while being deployed. I still talk to a lot of those guys. I appreciate that camaraderie so much, and I try to recreate that with the team I have here in the Housing Office. The whole division is great, but my little crew is tight. We have no problem covering down for one another.

Why did you choose to serve and why do you continue to serve?

I wanted an adventure, and I continue to serve because I love taking care of service members. I like helping others. It is rewarding to help people when they need it. I enjoy having the ability to help them or know where to go to get them help. If a service member is having trouble with an emergency work order, for example, I would rather them

call my cell phone, than wait all weekend without water or something. If I don't know about it, I can't fix it.

The DPW Housing Division is located in Bldg. 470, suite 1217. For more information, visit the [Army Housing Office website](#) or call 573.596.0984/0972.

Ward can be reached by email at allen.l.ward.civ@army.mil, or by calling 573.596.3754 or 573.528.1857.

