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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Recognizing Vietnam War Veterans Day

On March 29, we recognize National Vietnam War Veterans Day, which commemorates the 51st anniversary of U.S. military combat operations ending in Vietnam.



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Recognizing the strengths and sacrifices of our military children

In 1986, the Department of Defense designated April as the Month of the Military Child. This observance is meant to highlight the unique lives of military children, recognize their incredible resilience, and allow us to applaud military families for their daily sacrifices.



Garrison leaders introduce new community mayors at quarterly housing town hall

Fort Leonard Wood's newly elected community mayors were introduced at the quarterly housing town hall March 26 at Stonegate Community Center.



Fort Leonard Wood to host events, raise awareness during SAAPM

Fort Leonard Wood is hosting a slate of activities to raise awareness and educate on the prevention of sexual violence in observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, or SAAPM.

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



Fort Leonard Wood to celebrate Month of the Military Child with action-packed events

Fort Leonard Wood is preparing to celebrate the Month of the Military Child, commonly known as MOMC, with a schedule of events designed to recognize the unique role America's tiniest heroes play on this installation.

NEWS BRIEFS

Photo studio hours

Fort Leonard Wood's photo studio has head and shoulder photo appointments — for command teams and instructors — available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Department of the Army photo appointments — when a current official photo needs to be maintained in the DA Photograph Management Information System — available from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 573.563.8362 for details, and visit the [Army Visual Information Ordering Site](#) to make an appointment.

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 or visit [their Facebook page](#) for details.

MOMC kick-off celebration

Fort Leonard Wood's Month of the

Military Child proclamation signing and kick-off celebration is set to take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 1 at Daugherty Bowling Center. The event will feature raffle drawings and giveaways, bowling and concessions. Visit the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation [website](#) for details.

Community Information Forum

Fort Leonard Wood's monthly Community Information Forum will next take place at 10:30 a.m. April 3 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. The forum is designed as an information exchange and dialogue between garrison leaders and the community. April's theme is Month of the Military Child. Visit the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation [website](#) for details.

German Easter service

The German Liaison Element to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence is hosting a German Easter service for the Fort Leonard Wood community, starting at 5:30 p.m. April 3 at Soldier Memorial Chapel, followed by a reception in the chapel's annex. Call 573.563.4028 for details.

Solar eclipse safety

A total solar eclipse will cross North America the afternoon of April 8, with Fort Leonard Wood skywatchers able to see about 97% of the totality at around 2 p.m., weather permitting — a

partial eclipse will be visible throughout all 48 contiguous U.S. states. Those wanting to view the event are encouraged to do so with specialized eye protection for solar viewing. More information on the total eclipse is available on NASA's [website](#).

ADPAAS training opportunity

A team will visit Fort Leonard Wood April 16 to 18 to provide Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment training for command officer representatives. The sessions are scheduled to last from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (attendees are asked to arrive 30 minutes early) in Thurman Hall, Rooms 3722 and 3738, and each trainee need only attend one of the days. Those interested must register by April 12. Call 573.596.2665 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.

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.



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.

ID-T director visits Fort Leonard Wood



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

William Kidd, director of U.S. Army Installation Management Command's Training Directorate at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, speaks with Col. Anthony Pollio, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander, and Stephanie Nutt, a Fort Leonard Wood Cultural Resources Program coordinator and archeologist, during a March 28 tour of Countee Hall, part of a larger, multi-day initial site visit to Fort Leonard Wood. Kidd, who assumed the ID-T director position in February, also met with Maneuver Support Center of Excellence senior leaders during his visit, and toured facilities, training ranges and housing areas. Fort Leonard Wood is one of 17 garrisons and Army Support Activities Kidd oversees in his current role.



Your Opinion Matters!

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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FORT FANDOM
MAY 18
PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL FOR VENDORS!

Join us in a celebration of your favorite fandoms on the Fort!
Video game / card tournaments, vendors, and a cosplay contest!

We're looking for vendors, cosplayers, panel speakers, tutorial instructors, and artists of all kinds to participate!

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2024
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Right: Staff Sgt. Kayleefaye Jessee, a Bravo Company drill sergeant, instructs trainees prior to sending them into the gas chamber, where they spend about 90 seconds – 15 seconds, of which, is unmasked – exposed to what's commonly called CS gas. The experience causes a temporary burning sensation and tearing of the eyes, along with irritation of the mucous membranes of the nose, mouth and throat.

Below left: Trainees check the seal on their masks before entering the chamber.

Below right: Trainees take their first steps out of the gas chamber and begin decontamination efforts.

Bottom left: Pvt. Ella Brizendine works to decontaminate herself by flapping her arms and moving throughout the training area.



Photos by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

REINFORCING TRUST IN EQUIPMENT

Trainees with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, completed the Mask Confidence Course March 26 at Training Area 106C. The two-part course, which includes classroom instruction and hands-on training, typically occurs during week four of basic combat training and is intended to reinforce the trainees' trust in their equipment. More photos from this training event are available [here](#).



FORT LEONARD WOOD SERVICE MEMBER

SPOTLIGHT

SGT. BRETT TRAGER
COMBAT LIFESAVER COURSE INSTRUCTOR
COMBAT TRAINING COMPANY



As a *68W Army Combat Medic Specialist* with Fort Leonard Wood's Combat Training Company, Sgt. Brett Trager teaches the Combat Lifesaver Course to Soldiers and first aid to basic combat training attendees.

Where are you from?
Merritt Island, Florida

Why did you join the Army?

Both my dad and my grandfather served in the Army. They each did four years and really enjoyed their time serving. They encouraged me to consider the Army for the experience. Also, a lot of my friends from school enlisted in the military. The Junior ROTC program is huge at Merritt Island High School. I went into the workforce after high school. I debated joining

for a while, but at age 22, I finally decided to enlist. I am glad I did.

Why do you continue to serve?

I have been in a little more than eight years now. We are having a baby soon, and this profession allows me to care for my wife and our growing family. I also enjoy being a leader and being a good example for new Soldiers.

How do you like being at Fort Leonard Wood?

This has been one of the best duty stations for me. I have had time to spend with my wife. I was an infantry line medic at Fort Cavazos, Texas, and the NCO in charge of a clinic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. I worked a lot of long hours there, including nights and weekends. When I got here and found out I

was going to get to be an instructor, I was surprised and happy.

What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

I get to teach trainees in their first month of basic combat training. I enjoy sharing my skills with others. I am teaching life-saving skills to trainees that they will take with them throughout their Army careers. During the three days, you can almost see when it clicks with them — they realize they might need to use this in the real world one day.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

We see a lot of challenging things. Our training does a good job at preparing us, but some people find parts of our job nasty. We just react; we don't even think twice.



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