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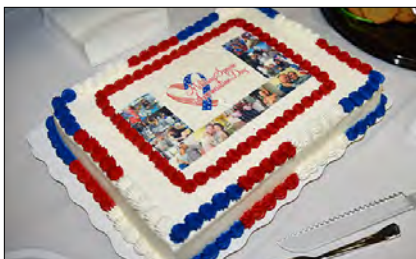
Thursday, May 9, 2024

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Every year on the Friday before Mother's Day, we recognize Military Spouse Appreciation Day. First recognized in 1984, by President Ronald Reagan, it is an opportunity to celebrate the husbands and wives of our service members. Their strength, loyalty and unwavering commitment to their service members is the strength behind our force.



## ACS hosting Military Spouse Appreciation Day open house event

Fort Leonard Wood's Army Community Service team has scheduled an open house event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10 at ACS, Bldg. 486 on Replacement Avenue, in celebration of National Military Spouse Appreciation Day.



## First international students graduate Fort Leonard Wood search and rescue course

Two Japanese firefighters are the first international students to graduate from the Fort Leonard Wood Homeland Defense Civil Support Office's Urban Search and Rescue Course.



## Army discusses future of Holistic Health and Fitness at symposium

Leaders from across the U.S. Army, industry and academia descended on the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia, April 29 to May 1 for the 2024 Holistic Health and Fitness Symposium.

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

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Voting assistance workshop

A workshop for voting assistance officers is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. May 16 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium, with information on the voting process, along with resources for VAOs. Visit <https://www.fvap.gov> for additional details on voting for service members and their families.

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

### ID card office closure

The Fort Leonard Wood ID Card Office will be closed May 28 for software updates at the ID card stations. The office will resume normal hours May 29. Call 573.596.0744 for details.

### BSEP class in June

A Basic Skills Education Program class, for Soldiers interested in potentially raising their General Technical score, is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays June 4 to 18 in Bldg. 499. Call 573.598.0172 for details.

### Education fair

Fort Leonard Wood's Truman Army Education and Personnel Testing Center is hosting an education fair, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

June 5 at the Exchange indoor mall. Call 573.598.0172 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 course contains multiple obstacles and river crossings. Cost is \$35 per person. 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.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 132 at the Main Post Chapel.

### Teen ID post access policy

Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Emergency Services has policies on checking teenager Department of Defense ID cards at installation access points. If a child is with a parent or guardian, then no ID is required unless the child looks close in appearance to an adult or if the child is driving. Additionally, DOD ID card holders under the age of 18 are not authorized to sponsor non-DOD personnel on post. More information on installation access policies is available on the Fort Leonard Wood [website](#) or by calling the visitor center at 573.596.0590.



**WHEN SERVICE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT,**

**GIVE 'EM A BRAKE!**

If you must pass a bus while service members are loading or unloading, please do so carefully and legally. Do not drive on sidewalks, shoulders or ditches to avoid waiting, and if driving into an oncoming traffic lane to pass, take caution. On one-way roads, the bus driver doesn't always know which direction the service members will be directed to depart, so passing on either side is dangerous and potentially deadly.

★ **COMMUNITY SALUTE TO SERVICE** ★

**6 P.M. MAY 10 AT WAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Future service members from high schools across South-Central Missouri will be honored for their commitment to serve their country.

## Top enlisted TECOM Marine visits USMC det



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

During a May 8 visit to Fort Leonard Wood, Marine Corps Training and Education Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Griffin, talks with Marines about Military Police Instruction Company training at the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer inside Bldg. 1704. This was Griffin's first visit to the mid-Missouri installation, which is home to the largest Marine Corps detachment not located on a Marine Corps installation. TECOM is headquartered at Quantico, Virginia, and leads the Marine Corps' training and education continuum, according to its [website](#).

"I can't donate. I have tattoos."

"I can't donate. I deployed to a malaria-risk location."

"I can't donate. I lived in Italy."

### You may now be able to donate.

The Food and Drug Administration updated its guidelines on blood donor eligibility, and the Armed Services Blood Program needs your donation. After all, they supply 100% of blood required for deployed service members.

The Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center is located in Bldg. 759 along Buckeye Avenue. Walk ins are welcome from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Call **573.596.5385** for details.



## MWR EVENTS & SPECIALS - LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM

**CROSS COUNTRY  
PAR THREE  
GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
MAY 18  
9 AM**

\$35 members, \$50 non-members.  
Register by May 15--\$5 late fee afterwards.

**573-329-4770**

**FORT FANDOM**  
**MAY 18**  
**10AM - 4PM**  
**PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Join us in a celebration of your favorite fandoms on the Fort! Video game and card tournaments, vendors, and a cosplay contest!  
Entry Fees: \$15 adults,  
\$5 children age 3-9

Leisure Travel Services:  
**573-329-8587**

### AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES KIDS'

## GLOW RUN

**MAY 18 7:30PM**  
**GERLACH TRACK**



Join us for a kid's glow run—free and open to children of all ages!

Youth Sports & Fitness, Bldg 470, Rm 1125

**573-596-0185**



Photos by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Spectators look on as Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rohrer reverses a truck during the Organic Truck Rodeo, hosted by the 58th Transportation Battalion May 3 at Training Area 228. The individual competition allowed instructors to showcase their driving skills and compete for a chance to represent the U.S. Army at the 2024 Joint Service Truck Rodeo, scheduled for July 31 on Fort Leonard Wood.

*Army Transportation Corps Soldiers compete in*  
**ORGANIC**  
**TRUCK RODEO**  
 May 3 at Training Area 228



Staff Sgt. Ladarrius Campbell navigates the question mark alley backing event, when drivers must pull forward and make a wide left turn and then reverse the vehicle and trailer into the parallel parking position.



Staff Sgt. Zevian Pettway completes the reverse serpentine event, when the driver must pull forward in an S shape, avoiding the markers, and reverse in the same manner, completing a figure eight.



Sgt. 1st Class Alejandro Trujillo completes the reverse serpentine event under the watchful eye of Staff Sgt. Carlos Rodriguez, who helped grade the event. The rodeo included four events that tested various skills.



FORT LEONARD WOOD  
SERVICE MEMBER

# SPOTLIGHT

**SGT. 1st CLASS KEVIN SMITH**  
SMALL GROUP LEADER  
MILITARY POLICE SENIOR LEADER COURSE  
MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE NCO ACADEMY



*Soldiers attend the senior leader course before they can be promoted to sergeant first class, and, as a small group leader, Smith helps teach them how to be competent, well-rounded senior NCOs. The course is taught virtually for two weeks, with five weeks of resident classes following.*

#### **Where are you from?**

Bethany, Oklahoma, just outside Oklahoma City

#### **Why did you join the Army?**

I wanted to see the world. It was the middle of the Iraq War, and I wanted to serve my country. There wasn't a whole lot going on in Bethany, so I thought I would enlist, do five years, then go to college. That has turned into almost 20 years now.



#### **Why do you continue to serve?**

I am still motivated to wake up at 5 a.m. each day and do physical training. I love contributing to the future of our country. My wife is in the Army as well, and we have three children. They have gotten to live all over the world. My oldest and middle child were born in South Korea. My youngest was born in Hawaii. We have lived all over the world, and we enjoy it.

#### **What do you like most about your job?**

When I am teaching a new subject, and I see them have the "I got it" moment. We talk a lot about multi-domain operations and other subjects a lot of sergeants have never been exposed to. It isn't new, but it is new to a

lot of people. When they finally get it and understand where the Army is going, it is a fulfilling moment.

#### **You're also president of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Ozark Region. Why is it important to give back? And where can Soldiers go for more information on the club?**

As Soldiers, people thank us all the time for our service, but we really need to thank the community because without them, we wouldn't be as successful as we are. It takes a village, a community, to keep a Soldier in the fight and mission ready. Soldiers looking for more information can contact me on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SAMCOzarkRegion>, or at [kevin.n.smith22.mil@army.mil](mailto:kevin.n.smith22.mil@army.mil).



**Click here to nominate a Fort Leonard Wood service member for recognition.**