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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE, Fort Leonard Wood welcomes senior civilian at SES induction ceremony

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood welcomed its new Deputy to the Commanding General, Douglas Babb, during a Senior Executive Service induction ceremony May 13 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



## Fort Leonard Wood MP company receives Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Waynesville High School Junior ROTC Drill and Raider competitions, Wreaths Across America, Armed Services Blood Program drives and Night at the Museum – what is something all these events have in common? Volunteers from Company B, 787th Military Police Battalion, helped make them all possible.



## MSCoE leadership announce 2023 civilians of the year

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence leaders announced the 2023 civilians of the year during a ceremony May 14 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



## Area communities honor future service members at Waynesville event

For volunteering to serve as future military members, high school students from across South-Central Missouri were celebrated May 10 at the Community Salute to Service event in Waynesville High School's gymnasium.

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



## ASAP to host Ready and Resilient Fair May 22

Fort Leonard Wood Army Substance Abuse Program officials are scheduled to host a Ready and Resilient Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 22 at the Main Post Chapel.



## Fort Leonard Wood engineer students build stage, ramp system for area high school

Nearly 20 Soldiers attending the U.S. Army Engineer School's 120A Warrant Officer Basic Course had the chance to build a new, portable stage for Plato High School, in Plato, Missouri, complete with accessibility ramps, as a volunteer class project over the past couple of months.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Commissary sidewalk sale

The Fort Leonard Wood Commissary is having 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.

#### DECA paid summer intern program

The Defense Commissary Agency's Pathways Program provides students in high school, college, technical or vocational school with opportunities to explore federal careers as paid interns, and the Fort Leonard Wood Commissary currently has open positions. Call 573.596.0783, or click [here](#) for more information on the program.

#### Change of responsibility

Fort Leonard Wood's 1st Brigade (Engineer) Army Reserve unit will host a change of responsibility at 8 a.m. May 18 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Toth will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Fielder.

#### 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.

#### USAES change of commandant

The U.S. Army Engineer School will conduct a change-of-commandant ceremony at 9 a.m. May 31 on the

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza.

#### 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.

#### Quarterly FMMP breakfast

The Female Mentorship and Morale Program is hosting its quarterly networking breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. June 7 in the Engineer Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex. Service members and civilians of all ranks and gender are welcome and light refreshments will be provided.

#### 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.

#### Wreaths Across America exhibit

A Wreaths Across America mobile education exhibit will make a stop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 22 at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood (25350 State Highway H, in Waynesville), with information on veterans and how everyone can play a part in remembering and honoring them. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

#### 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 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.

“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.



**Museum unveils student-created exhibit**



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

After the unveiling of his temporary exhibit May 15 at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex, Ryan Corp, a Waynesville High School student, explains the inspiration behind his music-themed display – he said he plans to study music composition at the University of Missouri in St. Louis. Corp created the display as part of the High School Career Embedded Learning Opportunity, a student volunteer internship program that allows high school students to participate in the Army civilian workforce. The new exhibit, titled “Role of Music in the U.S. Army,” will be on display in the museum for the next six months. The sheet music and clarinet are courtesies of the U.S. Military Police Corps collection. The accordion is from the Chemical Corps collection and the cornet from the Engineer collection.

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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**

KICKS OF FURY

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

MAY 25 9AM

COACHES MEETING 8:15AM  
COMPLEX B

ALL-NIGHTER

PAINTBALL TOURNAMENT

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER

MAY 25, 6-9 pm

\$50 per team to sign up. Prizes, food, and entertainment for the whole family! Register May 5 - 25 at Outdoor Adventure Center or online.



SOLDIERS AND MARINES IN CORRECTIONS TRAINING WITH COMPANY C, 701st MILITARY POLICE BATTALION, LEARN TO

# CONTROL A SUBJECT USING LESS THAN LETHAL CAPABILITIES

MAY 9 OUTSIDE THE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING



Photos by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Charlie Company Instructor Staff Sgt. Sarah Dwyre exposes Pvt. Michelle Cummings to pepper spray, which helps the service members in the course understand its effects. Throughout the day's lesson, the temporarily blinded service members were challenged with subduing individuals in a variety of situations using non-lethal means.



Pfc. Jan Barreto practices applying flexible handcuffs while still feeling the effects of the pepper spray.



After being temporarily blinded with pepper spray, Marine Pfc. Duncan Clausing attempts to break through a simulated crowd.



Pvt. Nazriah Collins is assessed as she fights the effects of the pepper spray and draws her own weapon to apprehend an individual with a weapon.

FORT LEONARD WOOD  
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

# SPOTLIGHT



**RUSSELL GEHRLEIN**  
OPERATIONS OFFICER  
U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL  
AND NUCLEAR SCHOOL

*In his role as an operations officer, Gehrlein assists Fort Leonard Wood's CBRN School in aspects of planning and coordinating of operations and ceremonies, including the upcoming Army Chemical Corps Regimental Week, to be held June 3 to 7.*

**Where are you from?**

I was born on the East Coast but grew up in Kansas City. So, moving here was part of my plan to get my wife and I back to my home state.

**When did you start working for the Army and why did you choose to enlist?**

In 1982, I was in seminary (an educational institution for students of scripture and theology) in Portland, Oregon. Our daughter was born in 1985. I was working

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as a math teacher, but in 1986, I decided I needed to do more to take care of my growing family, so I joined the Army (Gehrlein enlisted in the 54E military occupational specialty at the time, which was called a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare Specialist). It turned out to be a great fit. I was just going to do it for three years and then get out and try to go back to the ministry, but I kept reenlisting. The next thing you know, 20 years went by.

**Why do you continue to serve?**

I feel like my job matters. It is very fulfilling. I like to take care of Soldiers.

When I retired from the 3rd Chemical Brigade in 2006, I was here at the home of the Chemical Corps. It was just a smooth transition. I get to work with a great team of leaders. Fort Leonard Wood is a great community to live and work.

**What are you looking forward to most about regimental week?**

It is like a family reunion. A lot of the folks coming, I have known for more than 20 years. It is always good to reestablish those relationships face to face. We also host some very special events, like honoring our fallen at a sunrise service.



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