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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Honoring our Gold Star spouses

On April 5, we recognize Gold Star Spouses Day, in honor of those who bear the unimaginable weight of the loss of a Soldier, Marine, Sailor or Airmen, who has made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our country's freedom. As members of a grateful nation, we owe a debt we can never repay.



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Recognizing Sexual Assault and Awareness Prevention Month

April marks National Sexual Assault and Awareness Prevention Month. It serves as an opportunity for us to reaffirm our commitment to eliminating sexual assault and sexual harassment.



Fort Leonard Wood community members attend Missouri ceremony honoring military children

Fort Leonard Wood community members were in Jefferson City, Missouri, April 2 to attend a Month of the Military Child ceremony in the Missouri State Capitol building.



Local competitors prepare to be all they can be for Best Sapper Competition

With the Best Sapper Competition just two weeks away, local competitors said they are diligently preparing their bodies and minds for the intense challenge.

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



MSCoE leaders highlight Fort Leonard Wood retention successes at awards presentation

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence senior leaders hosted the fiscal year 2023 Commanding General's MSCoE Retention Recognition Ceremony April 1 in the Command Briefing Room.

NEWS BRIEFS

Free car safety seat inspections

The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department is hosting a free car safety seat inspection from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 5 in the east parking lot of Williams Elementary and Early Childhood Center (the event will be held at Fire Station No. 3, Bldg. 2375, in case of inclement weather). Call 573.596.0886 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](#).

Tax Center to close

Fort Leonard Wood's Tax Center will cease accepting new income

tax clients after April 9. The center will remain open April 10, 11 and 15 for processing and signatures. Call 573.596.1040 for details.

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.

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.

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.



April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Some signs of a drinking problem include:

- drinking more than initially intended;
- having problems with family and friends caused by drinking, and
- experiencing memory blackouts when drinking.

Call Fort Leonard Wood's Public Health Clinic at 573.596.0518 for more alcohol-related information and resources.

Fort Leonard Wood kicks off MOMC



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood Commander Col. Anthony Pollio reads a list of facts regarding military children, including the average number of schools they attend as they move with their military family, before signing Fort Leonard Wood's official Month of the Military Child proclamation, during a kick-off celebration April 1 at the Daugherty Bowling Center. After the ceremony, families had the chance to partake in cake, bowling and giveaways. Fort Leonard Wood's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program has events scheduled throughout April to give military families a chance to have fun and celebrate. Click [here](#) for a complete list of the month's events, or visit the [FMWR website](#) for a list of upcoming family events on post. More photos from the kick off are available [here](#).

U.S. ARMY

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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Meet Fort Leonard Wood's MOMC T-shirt art contest winner!



Mackenzie shows off her winning T-shirt design at the MOMC kick-off event April 1 at Daugherty Bowling Center.

Four-year-old Mackenzie Evans won Fort Leonard Wood's 2024 Month of the Military Child T-shirt art contest.

Mackenzie attends Child Development Center 408, and her younger sister, Lillian, attends CDC 615. Her father, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joshua Evans, is a pavements and equipment instructor with the 368th Training Squadron, and her mother, Gabby, works for Dental Command.

"It's about all my friends in the whole planet, in Earth, and I love them so much," Mackenzie said of her winning drawing.



Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, gave Mackenzie a coin of excellence for her win.



Photos by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: A downed tree lies on Gammon Field April 2 after an overnight severe weather event caused damage and power outages across the Fort Leonard Wood community. Garrison leaders said all power has now been restored on Fort Leonard Wood. Residents on post who are still experiencing issues should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Housing Office at 573.596.0984.

Right: Along with many trees, high winds during the weather event blew over road signs.

SEVERE WEATHER EVENT CAUSES POWER OUTAGES, DAMAGE ON POST



Above: Foliage debris blocks a driveway April 2 along Funk Street in the South Lieber Heights neighborhood. For those who do not have insurance coverage and need assistance, the following organizations may be able to assist: [Army Community Service](#), which can be reached by calling 573.596.0212; [Army Emergency Relief](#), which can be reached by calling 573.596.3154; and the [Red Cross of Missouri](#), which can be reached by calling 573.596.0300.

Left: A road sign is damaged by falling trees at the corner of Funk and Ellis streets in the South Lieber Heights neighborhood.

Information regarding services off the installation can be found on [Pulaski County's Office of Emergency Management Facebook page](#), the [City of Waynesville Facebook page](#), the [Mayor of Waynesville Facebook page](#), and the [City of St. Robert Facebook page](#).



**FORT LEONARD WOOD
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**

SPOTLIGHT



JON MURRY
MATERIAL HANDLER
CENTRAL ISSUE FACILITY
LOGISTICS READINESS CENTER



The Central Issue Facility supports both Fort Leonard Wood's training mission and permanent-party Soldiers by issuing required organizational clothing and individual equipment and accepting items that are unserviceable or no longer needed.

Where are you from?

Mosinee, Wisconsin



When did you start working for the Army?

When I quit farming, I needed a job to be able to stay living in the area near my four children and my eight grandchildren. I started mowing grass for the Directorate of Public Works in 2005. I needed help with my resume. The Army programs here



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helped me get a job in grounds maintenance and then again when I wanted to move to CIF. If the fort wasn't here, I really don't know where I would be today.

How long have you worked at the CIF?

Five years

How would you describe the work you do?

I am a forklift operator and truck driver. I move gear from one warehouse to another. I have several requests to complete every day. We have

11 warehouses I operate between.

What is the best thing about your job?

I enjoy it. I was a farmer before working on base, so operating this equipment comes natural to me. I like what I do. I also like being able to work outside part time.

What motivates you?

These service members are willing to serve. I only have a job because of them. My small contribution helps them to be able to complete their mission.



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