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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating the U.S. Army's 249th Birthday

June 14 marks the U.S. Army's 249th birthday. On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress met and approved the establishment of the Continental Army. Soldiers from the New England colonies were rallied, and on June 15, 1775, George Washington was unanimously elected by Congress to serve as commander in chief of the new Army.



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Enjoy the Juneteenth holiday safely

On June 19, we commemorate Juneteenth National Independence Day and the ending of slavery in the United States.



## Fire inspectors learn to identify new construction hazards during course at Fort Leonard Wood

Thirteen firefighters and safety inspectors from across the Department of Defense are on Fort Leonard Wood June 10 to 14 to learn how to examine facility designs to ensure the plans meet fire codes before construction workers even break ground on new projects.



## Soldiers work to protect Fort Leonard Wood community from tick-borne disease

While most people try to avoid ticks, some Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers are searching for them.

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



## Gold Star mothers donate stuffed toys, blankets to Fort Leonard Wood police

Fort Leonard Wood's Survivor Outreach Services hosted a meeting and crafting event with Gold Star mothers June 7 at Army Community Service, that included a donation of stuffed toys and blankets to the Directorate of Emergency Services' Law Enforcement Division for the Bears and Blankets program.



## Fort Leonard Wood Marines host 23rd Volkslauf 10k Mud Run

Nearly 400 runners took to the streets and trails of Fort Leonard Wood June 8 for the 23rd Marine Corps Volkslauf 10k Mud Run.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### H2F clinic

A holistic health and fitness clinic is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. June 14 in Cunningham Gym. Call 573.596.3087 for details.

#### Army Engineer birthday event

The U.S. Army Engineer School will celebrate the Army Engineer Regiment's 249th birthday at noon June 14 in the Engineer Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex.

#### Sock hop event in Lebanon

The Lebanon/Laclede County Historical Museum and Society is hosting a sock hop, starting at 7 p.m. June 15 at the Laclede County Shrine Club (204 North Madison Ave., Lebanon, Missouri). Awards will be given to the best dressed and best dancer. Cost is \$15 per person (or \$25 per couple). Call 417.664.4023 or 417.453.6700 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.

#### Garrison quarterly town hall

The next garrison quarterly town hall is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to noon June 17 in Nutter Field House.

#### ASBP blood drive

The Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center is hosting an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 18 in Thurman Hall, Room 1521. Call 573.596.6150 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.

#### SRC June events

The Spouse Resource Center, located in Bldg. 470, Room 2222, has classes available in June, including an optimism and strength of character class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. June 24, and a USA Jobs and federal resume overview from 9 to 10:30 a.m. June 26. Call 573.596.3106 for details.

#### Garrison change of command

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood will conduct a change-of-command ceremony at 10 a.m. June 25 on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza, where Col. Anthony Pollio will relinquish command to Col. Steven Bartley.

#### ARSOF informational briefings

Army Special Operations recruiters will host informational briefings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25 in Thurman Hall, Room 1521, and June 26 and 27 in Dillard Hall, Room 2108. Soldiers in the ranks of private first class through staff sergeant, and first lieutenants from year groups 2020 through 2022, are invited to attend. Call Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Frost at 315.383.9675, or email [christopher.e.frost6.mil@army.mil](mailto:christopher.e.frost6.mil@army.mil) for details.

#### Fort Leonard Wood amnesty day

An amnesty collection point will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 28 at Range 19, off of FLW 1, where small quantities of loose ammunition may be turned in anonymously. For unexploded ordnance, call range control at 573.596.2525 if found on a range, or the 763rd Ordnance Company (EOD) at 573.596.2818 if found anywhere else on post.

#### Museum closure

The John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex will close from July 4 to 7.

#### Warrior banquets at Pershing

Pershing Community Center can host banquets for initial entry training units, offering a place for graduates and families to share a buffet-style meal, and a place for leaders to present awards and promotions, and give family day briefings. Call 573.329.2455 for details.

## IMCOM honors U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood



Photo by Stephen Warns, U.S. Army Installation Management Command

U.S. Army Installation Management Command Commanding General Lt. Gen. Omar Jones, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Copeland, far right, honored Fort Leonard Wood at the annual Garrison Command Team Conference June 4 to 6 in San Antonio, Texas. Accepting the third-place honor for the 2023 Best Garrison Competition is, from second to left, Col. Anthony Pollio, garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Danny Castleberry, William Kidd, ID-Training director, and ID-Training Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Speichert.



U.S. ARMY

249<sup>th</sup>  
**ARMY  
BIRTHDAY**



**FORT LEONARD WOOD'S  
CELEBRATION**

**DIVISION-STYLE  
BIRTHDAY RUN**

5 A.M.  
JUNE 14  
GAMMON  
FIELD

**CAKE CUTTING  
CEREMONY**

10:30 A.M.  
JUNE 14  
MSCOE PLAZA



## Army Warrior Restaurants celebrate diversity



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Fort Leonard Wood Marines order from a selection of Asian entrees June 11 in the Army Warrior Restaurant at Bldg. 6111. Throughout the week, each Army Warrior Restaurant on post is featuring a cultural diversity menu and informational tri-fold, highlighting a different region of the planet each day as part of Army Heritage Month. Implemented under the Army's Equal Opportunity Program in 2020, the month provides an opportunity for Army leaders to highlight the history and culture of the branch in the weeks surrounding the Army Birthday, June 14.

"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

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**Summer**  
**KICK-OFF**  
**June 21**  
**7:30pm**

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**BOUNCE**

**June 26**  
DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER  
**11AM-3PM**

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER, DAVIDSON  
FITNESS CENTER, AND SPECKER GYM.





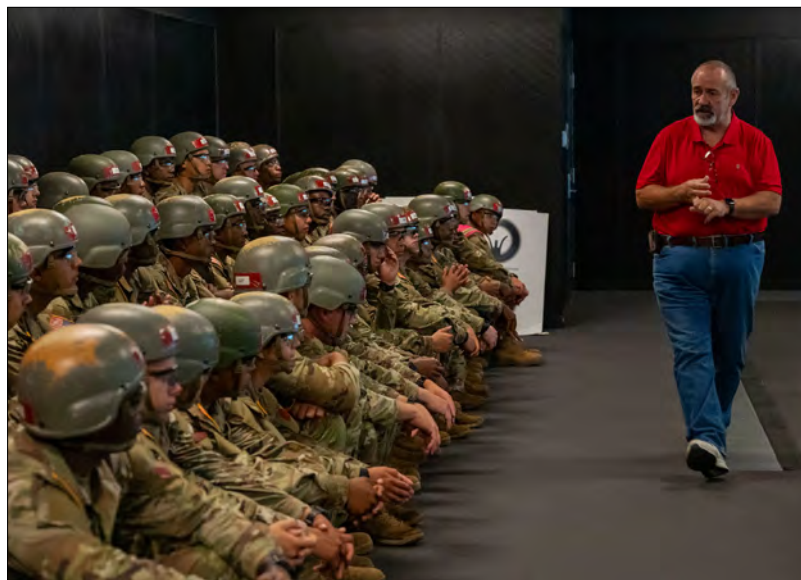
Photos by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

**Above: Pvt. Francisco Corona (left) and Pfc. Keiran Anderson (right) conduct simulated rifle qualifications June 7, utilizing the engagement skills trainer facility. The simulated training has saved the Army nearly \$2 million in ammunition costs over the past 12 months.**

**Right: Staff Sgt. Shaun Apgar, a drill sergeant with Company D, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, instructs trainees on proper firing positions during marksmanship training June 7. The simulated environment allows trainees to safely prepare for live-fire training later in the training cycle.**



## ESTs help prepare trainees for live-fire training



**Above: Training Technician Orville Wilson Jr., instructs trainees with Company D, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment on proper procedures for operating the Engagement Skills Trainer equipment prior to marksmanship training June 7 at the EST training facility.**

**Left: Pvt. Justin Acan practices weapons grip for correct position for weapons qualifications after completing marksmanship training June 7 at the EST training facility.**







Photos by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Participants gather to listen to opening remarks from Marine Col. Scottie Redden, Fort Leonard Wood Marine Corps Detachment commanding officer, before the start of the 23rd Marine Corps Volkslauf 10k Mud Run June 8 near the Auto Skills Center.

# Hundreds have fun at Marine mud run



Above: The Big Piney River alongside the Happy Hollow recreation area is the final obstacle in this year's Volkslauf, which attracted nearly 400 runners.

Right, top and bottom: Participants traverse course obstacles along the 6.2-mile route that included a mix of street and trail running.





## FORT LEONARD WOOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

# SPOTLIGHT



### RENA BROWN

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**Where are you from?**  
Washington, D.C.



**When did you start working for the U.S. Army?**

My brother was in the Army, and I enlisted in the Army right after high school. I did basic training here at Fort Leonard Wood. I was an [Army Transportation Management Coordinator](#). Mostly, I did load plans



for airplanes and was a hazardous material certifier. I did that for six years. Then, in 2003, I started working as a paralegal for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. I left there in 2011, when I moved to the Fort Leonard Wood area. Soon, I am moving to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where I will be a paralegal there. It will be a promotion for me, and I am going home.

**What made you want to continue serving as an Army civilian?**

I love law and helping others. I like helping Soldiers when they need it most. As a civilian, I am able to provide consistency for an office. I can remember cases from years ago that apply today, but new Soldiers in

the office don't have that knowledge.

**What have you enjoyed about your time at Fort Leonard Wood?**

We have such a great team here at Fort Leonard Wood. We work well together, and we get the job done. It is bittersweet to leave. The communities around post have a small-town feel, and I am going to miss that. Our community here sticks together and helps one another. The installation also offers lots of programs civilian employees can take advantage of, like the Physical Fitness Program. You most likely won't find programs like that at a civilian job off post.

Click [here](#) for details on Army civilian careers.

**Click [here](#) to nominate a Fort Leonard Wood civilian employee for recognition.**