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Thursday, November 30, 2023

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## Fort Leonard Wood unit's supply program is named best in Army

The 58th Transportation Battalion's Motor Transport Operator Course is now displaying a new Army Supply Excellence Award, proving superior performance when it comes to keeping track of thousands of pieces of equipment.



## Three Fort Leonard Wood streets getting new names

Three Fort Leonard Wood streets will have their names changed in the new year, following Department of Defense Naming Commission guidance.



## H2F clinic this Saturday to provide 'tools needed for a successful fitness journey'

Holistic health and fitness experts here will be on hand to discuss healthy eating and sleeping habits, along with physical and spiritual fitness, during an H2F clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Cunningham Gym, located in Bldg. 746, on West 11th Street.



## Annual tree-lighting ceremony set for Monday

Fort Leonard Wood's annual holiday tree-lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. Monday on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza, with activities for attendees, young and old.

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



## Five units earn 100-Donor Club membership in 35-day span at Blood Donor Center here

Five Fort Leonard Wood training companies collectively saw more than 600 of their Soldiers in training volunteer to give blood with the Armed Services Blood Program between Sept. 10 and Oct. 15, each earning membership in the Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center's 100-Donor Club.



## Stormwater management is everyone's responsibility

Fort Leonard Wood protects the waterways within installation boundaries through a stormwater management program responsible for reducing debris and pollutants, as polluted stormwater runoff is commonly transported through municipal storm sewer systems, and is often discharged, untreated, into local water bodies.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Holiday craft and antique fair

The Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club is hosting a holiday craft and antique fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Waynesville High School. Admission is \$5 (children ages 15 and younger get free admission). Click [here](#) or email [craftfairfwsc@gmail.com](mailto:craftfairfwsc@gmail.com) for details.

#### Chanukah celebration

The Fort Leonard Wood Jewish community will host a Chanukah celebration at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the South Iowa Chapel. Email Lt. Col. Kathryn Shaw at [kathryn.l.shaw4.mil@army.mil](mailto:kathryn.l.shaw4.mil@army.mil) for details.

#### FEHB Open Season

This year's Federal Employees Health Benefits open season runs through Dec. 11. During this time, FEHB enrollees can change their health care, vision and dental insurance coverage. More information is available on the [Army Benefits Civilian website](#) and the [BENEFEDS website](#).

#### ACCESS briefing

Experts on the Army Credentialing and Continuing Education Services for Soldiers, or ACCESS, program will be providing a briefing open to all Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers at 9 a.m. Dec. 12 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. ACCESS promotes life-long learning, readiness and resilience through flexible and relevant education programs and services. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Seth

Childers by email at [seth.d.childers.mil@army.mil](mailto:seth.d.childers.mil@army.mil), or call 573.563.7551 for details.

#### Breakfast with Santa

Fort Leonard Wood service members, civilians and their families are invited to a Breakfast with Santa event, starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 16 at Pershing Community Center. Cost is \$14 for attendees ages 12 and older, \$9 for children ages 4 through 11 and children ages 3 and younger are free. Call 573.329.8587 for details.

#### Holiday hourly child care options

Child Youth Services is currently offering holiday hourly care for children ages 3 to 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at Child Development Center 615. To apply for hourly care, an orientation must be completed and children must be registered with CYS. Meals will be offered at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Hourly care is limited to 15 hours per week. Cost is \$8 per hour per child. Call 573.596.0238 for details on registering. Call 573.596.0197 or visit the [online hourly care system](#) to make a reservation.

#### Flu shots

Flu shots are now available on post for beneficiaries within the Fort Leonard Wood community. For Tricare beneficiaries, mandated Department of Defense and non-appropriated funds civilians and contractors, and tenant

units without organic medical teams (call 573.596.3663 for group scheduling) between the ages of 18 and 64, without a complex medical history, walk-in hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays at Harper Clinic, Bldg. 500. For beneficiaries between the ages of 6 months and 17 (along with the parents of children being vaccinated) and beneficiaries 65 and older, and beneficiaries with a complex medical history, walk-in hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Immunizations Clinic. Active-duty service members with a U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Organic Medical Team should contact their unit operations or TOMS for times and locations. Call 573.596.0518 for more information.

#### Photo studio closure

The Fort Leonard Wood Visual Information Service Center will be closed through mid-December.

#### 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

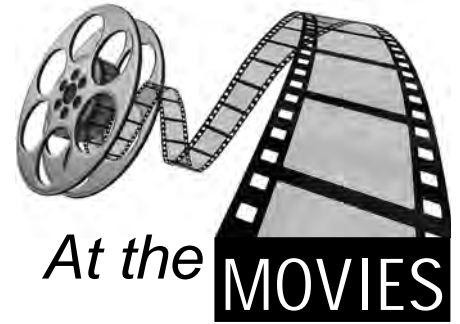
The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline is available by calling 9-8-8. Press "1" to be connected with a responder trained to assist military and veteran populations.

## MWD MPs conduct rappel training



Photo by 1st Lt. Anna Grove, 180th Military Police Detachment

Cpl. Jean Beltran, with Fort Leonard Wood's 180th Military Police Detachment, performs rappel familiarization training with military working dog, Zeke, this week on the 47-foot Warrior Tower at Training Area 136. The training, which began earlier in the week at the lower, practice tower, helps prepare the dogs to get used to uncomfortable situations they may experience in real-world scenarios.



Abrams Theater is open for movies on Saturdays and Sundays. This weekend's showings include:

"Wish"  
Rated PG  
Showing at 11 a.m. Saturday\*

"Five Nights at Freddy's"  
Rated PG-13  
Showing at 2 p.m. Saturday

"Killers of the Flower Moon"  
Rated R  
Showing at noon Sunday

Prices for regular showings are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 6 to 11). First-run showings are \$8.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children. 3D showings are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Children under 5 are free. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the [Exchange website](#) for details.

\*This is a first-run showing.

# DIGITAL GARRISON



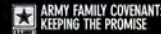
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### Fort Leonard Wood TREE LIGHTING

DEC 4  
5:30 PM

MSCoE Plaza

Musical entertainment, photo opportunities, and a visit from Santa!

FedEx



A CHRISTMAS SPIRIT FOUNDATION

### TREES FOR TROOPS

DEC 8

ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE,  
NATIONAL GUARD, AND SPOUSES  
REGISTER FOR YOUR PICKUP TIME.  
MILITARY I.D. REQUIRED AT TIME OF PICKUP.

DEC 9

PICK UP FOR ALL AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL  
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

### SIP AND PAINT

DEC 8  
6PM

CHECK-IN 5:30PM

PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER



Photos by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

**Above: Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, and his wife, Sally, speak with Military Police trainees Nov. 23 in the Army Warrior Restaurant, Bldg. 908, during Thanksgiving festivities here. More photos from Thanksgiving here are available to view and download on the [Fort Leonard Wood Flickr page](#).**

**Right: Trainees try out one of the chocolate fountains at the AWR, Bldg. 6111.**



# **THANKSGIVING 2023**

**More than 800 food-service workers served about 12,000 Thanksgiving meals to Fort Leonard Wood service members, Defense Department ID cardholders, Gold Star families, retirees and their families in 10 Army Warrior restaurants across the installation.**



**Above: U.S. Army Engineer School Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Zachary Plummer greets a trainee as the USAES command team serves Thanksgiving meals in the AWR, Bldg. 6111. Left: MScOE and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge Arzabala speaks to trainees during a Thanksgiving visit to the AWR, Bldg. 908.**

# Q&A

## JOSUE VELAZQUEZ

REAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER  
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REAL PROPERTY BRANCH

Maintains accountability of more than 5,300 pieces of real property on the installation, including buildings, linear structures and utilities.

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

Ancón, Panama

### **When did you start working for the Department of Defense?**

I joined the Army in 2006, and spent eight years as a combat medic. I started working at the Training Support Center, when I was in the Army Reserve, and was detailed out to help DPW Real Property. After that, I just worked hard to get a permanent position.

### **What is considered real property?**

With some exceptions, if you were to take the installation and flip it upside down, the things that didn't fall — buildings, roads, sidewalks and utilities — would be real property.

### **Can you explain what a real property accountability officer does?**

I maintain all the real property for the

garrison commander. That includes ensuring physical inspections are completed, and that project details, such as cost, funding and which organizations are in which facilities, are accurate.

### **What do you like most about the work you do?**

It is a never-ending supply of work, and I like to stay busy. I also love the fact I can provide for my family while still giving back to the military.

### **What is something people may be surprised to learn about your job?**

When a unit or organization wants a building, it is not our office that gets to decide if they are authorized or not. It is governed by, among other things, their program of instruction, their tables of organization, equipment, and tables of distribution and allowances. For our Interservice Training Review Organizations,

we go by student load and active-duty permanent party numbers. That information will tell us, for instance, how many classrooms they need.

### **What is the most challenging thing about your job?**

The requirements are always changing. We have to keep up with Army Installation Management Command changes and our own requirements.

### **What advice do you have for individuals thinking about a career as an Army civilian?**

I would say make sure you understand your benefits and take advantage of the training and courses you can get to assist you in your job, but also to improve yourself. Depending on the field you're in, there's plenty of room for advancement if you take advantage of the training and education.