



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Everyone plays a role in ensuring the safety of our school-aged children

The Waynesville R-VI and several surrounding school districts will begin the 2023-24 school year Monday. Families start new routines, and while not every family at Fort Leonard Wood has children attending school this year, everyone plays a role in ensuring the safety of our school-aged children.



Fort Leonard Wood to host Retiree Appreciation events around post Sept. 8-9

Fort Leonard Wood is set to host its Retiree Appreciation Days celebration Sept. 8 and 9 at various locations around the installation.



Fort Leonard Wood fire experts receive award for improving DFAC design in new hospital

With more than 50 years of fire safety experience between them, Fort Leonard Wood Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Curtis and Fire Inspector Olaf Jensen are two valuable individuals to collaborate with when designing a new facility.



August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month: Know how to properly control, disseminate CUI

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Whatever floats your boat: Fort Leonard Wood hosts annual Cardboard Boat Race event

While thunderstorms moved through the area most of the morning, the weather cleared just in time for Fort Leonard Wood's annual Cardboard Boat Race Saturday at Training Area 250, organized by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Brother follows in big sister's Army boot prints to become Soldier

After watching his sister transition from civilian to Soldier, Pvt. Walter Sollet said he wanted to, "be all I could be, too" — he just never expected to attend Army Basic Combat Training while his sister serves as a drill sergeant less than a mile away on the same installation.

NEWS BRIEFS

GLWACH school, sports physicals

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital is hosting school and sports physical appointments between 7:40 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Friday in the Family Practice Clinic for eligible beneficiaries ages 5 to 17. Call 866.299.4234 to make an appointment and click here to access the intake form.

Women's Equality Day event

A Women's Equality Day event is set to begin at 1 p.m. Aug. 25 in Baker Theater. Call 573.596.0602 for details.

Motorcycle safety event

The "Thunder in the Fort" motorcycle safety ride and rally will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Main Post Chapel parking lot. All Fort Leonard Wood motorcycle riders are invited to attend to learn more about safety awareness. Email Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Ornot at matthew.j.ornot.mil@ army.mil for details.

Know Your World

Fort Leonard Wood's International Military Student Office is hosting the 21st Know Your World event, from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 25 at Nutter Field House. This year's event brings together individuals from 42 countries to share culture and customs. Additionally, a smaller preview event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in Bldg. 470. Call 573.563.0068/2662/8015 for details.

College 101 workshop

The Truman Army Education and Personnel Testing Center, along with the Child and Youth Services school liaison officer, will host a workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 30 in Bldg. 499, with representatives from local colleges for individuals interested in learning more about area programs and scholarship opportunities. Call 573.596.0172 for details.

Garrison employee org day event

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood employees are invited to celebrate the 2022 Best Garrison Award win with a Garrison Employee Organizational Day, set to take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Main Post Chapel and Rec Plex. Wrist bands for unlimited mini-golf and go-karts cost \$3, and barbecue is \$15. Each organization will have a designated employee to collect all payments.

DFAC closure

The Bldg. 3223 dining facility near the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence NCO Academy – commonly referred to as Tony's – is closed through the end of January 2024, while improvements are made to the water and electrical systems, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and new floor tiles and ceiling are installed, along with new paint. While it's closed, during the week, the Bldg. 630 DFAC, located at 5323 Colorado Ave., is providing support, and a shuttle service runs approximately every 25 minutes between the north side of the parking lot outside Thurman Hall at the MSCoE headquarters building and Bldg. 630, which is open from 5:30 to 8 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, and 4 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner. On weekends and holidays, the Bldg. 1792 DFAC – located between Cooley and Oklahoma avenues - is providing support, though there is not a shuttle service to Bldg. 1792. Hours are 5:30 to 8 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, and 4:30 to 7 p.m. for dinner. Call Master Sqt. David Barrera at 573.563.5501 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 132 at the Main Post Chapel. Call 253.363.3306 or 970.390.5724 for details.

Sexual assault helplines

The Department of Defense sexual assault helpline is 877.995.5247. 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 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.

Scott team wins this year's Scott Leonard Wood Cup



Courtesy photo

Golf teams from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois (in red), and Fort Leonard Wood pose for a photo with the Scott Leonard Wood Cup trophy this past weekend at Scott AFB's Cardinal Creek Golf Course, the location for this year's Scott Leonard Wood Cup. Held each year since 2017, between 12-person teams from Scott and Fort Leonard Wood – and alternating locations each year – the goal of the annual event is to bring people together through friendly competition. The Scott team came out ahead at this year's event, winning 15 to 3. The 2024 event is scheduled to be held Aug. 10 and 11 at Piney Valley Golf Course here.

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

"The Blackening" Rated R Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"Barbie" Rated PG-13 Showing at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday

"Insidious: The Red Door" Rated PG-13 Showing at 1 p.m. 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.





Photos by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Competitors race to finish (without sinking) during Fort Leonard Wood's annual Cardboard Boat Race Saturday at Training Area 250, organized by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. In total, 17 teams entered boats in this year's competition, and the teams each competed in one of two divisions — adult and family — for four award categories.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the

2023 CARDBOARD BOAT RACE



Byron Steele goes overboard, as the "Compos 2&3" team's boat begins to sink. For their efforts, the team — which also included Dennis Hatch and his three-year-old son, Carlyle — were presented the Titanic Award for most-epic sinking.





The "All Steel Dragons," consisting of team members Brad Miller and Keith Robinet, took home the Torpedo Award for fastest finish in the adult division.



Despite their lack of buoyancy, the "Plummer Family" — consisting of team members Aric "Luigi" and Caleb "Mario" Plummer — took home the Admira's Pride Award for the best creativity and design in the family division.

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FRANCISCO MURRIETA

SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER

Responsible for issuing hand receipts and ensuring training equipment and aides are returned in the appropriate condition.



When did you become an Army civilian?

I have been an Army civilian since 2018 — I started in supply with the Logistics Readiness Center.

What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

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What has been your most memorable experience as an Army civilian?

My most memorable experience was the level of support I received from my leadership and coworkers after my daughter was born. Being able to take time off to spend with my wife and newborn is something I probably wouldn't have received working at other places.

What is your favorite part about your job here?

My favorite part is interacting with all the military members and helping them get their equipment — it's like I'm still in the military.

How does your job support the overall mission at Fort Leonard Wood?

We're the only warehouse with all the training aides, and we supply all the training aides for the trainees. Without that, they wouldn't get the quality of training they do.

What advice would you give to someone considering a career as an Army civilian?

Keep applying — even if you get denied, keep pushing for that position. When I started applying for jobs here, it took me a while to get in. So, if it's something you really want to do, don't become complacent.



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