



DES: Be alert for back-to-school safety challenges

As Waynesville R-VI School District students return to classrooms on Monday, Aug. 23, Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Emergency Services has some back-to-school tips to help ensure a safe school year. Additionally, check out this article for back-to-school fire-safety tips from the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department.



102nd Training Division-Maneuver Support bids farewell to Bethurem, welcomes Lamberson

The 102nd Training Division-Maneuver Support bid farewell to its outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Bethurem, and welcomed its new leader, Command Sgt. Maj. James Lamberson, during a change-of-responsibility ceremony Friday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



On-post housing residents volunteer to beautify their community

Residents of Fort Leonard Wood's North Stonegate community volunteered their time Aug. 13 during a beautification effort organized by the neighborhood's mayor, Ty Fogal. The 10 volunteers at the 2.5-hour event focused on removing trash and storm debris from Montrose Street

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Be OPSEC aware before you share

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month. Many people use social media, but not everyone understands the impact of what they are sharing and who can see their posts, pictures and information. It's important to remember that everything on social media is up for grabs by anyone, including an adversary.

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



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Soldiers, Civilians, Family members and Soldiers for Life:

Over the past two decades, you have answered the call to serve our great Nation when needed. The sacrifices you've made, have and will be a lasting legacy of honor and commitment for all to remember.

As we all reflect on the events of this past week in Afghanistan, I want you to know how much I appreciate your service and your sacrifice and I could not be more proud of what you have accomplished. We have Soldiers presently supporting combatant commanders around the world and I know that you will continue to serve with honor and valor when called upon.

The attacks on September 11, 2001, reminded us of the true strength of our Nation and our military. You are a reflection of what makes us the best Army in the world and I ask that you remain committed as we work to get through this tough time.

In the next few days and weeks, I'd ask that you check in on your teammates as well as our Soldiers for Life, who may be struggling with the unfolding events. We will continue to move forward and serve our Nation with honor and dignity.

PROUD TO SERVE WITH YOU!

mes C. McConville General, United States Army

*Anyone having suicidal thoughts is encouraged to call or text 1.800.273.8255 (text 8-3-8-2-5-5). Help is available 24/7 and is anonymous. Download the free app for mobile devices called WeCare for details on additional resources.



ID card office strives for continuous improvement

Fort Leonard Wood's Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, ID card office is constantly striving to improve and expand the services they provide to service members, their families, civilians and retirees in the Fort Leonard Wood community and beyond.



A budget: one simple tool that does it all

The importance of creating and following a budget, also called a spending plan, is a lesson that cannot be overemphasized if you want financial stability and security.

NEWS BRIEFS

West Gate closure

The West Gate is currently closed overnight from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. while repair work is performed on the Polla Road Bridge. The project is scheduled for completion on Aug. 27. Call 573.596.0918 for details.

Special Ops briefing

Army Special Operations recruiters are hosting briefings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Bruce C. Clarke Library for enlisted and officer candidates interested in special forces, psychological operations and civil affairs careers. Call Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Salabarria at 910.474.1471, or email joshua.t. salabarria.mil@mail.mil for details.

East Gate closure

The East Gate will be closed from Aug. 30 to Sept. 10 while construction work is performed the bridge near the gate. Call 573.596.0918 for details.

Blood drive

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence is hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 14 in Thurman Hall, Room 1522. Email dominique.m.batton. mil@mail.mil for details.

COVID-19 PX clinic

The General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital's COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Post Exchange is open for walk-in customers from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customers are encouraged to wear a short-sleeve or loose-fitting shirt. Visit GLWACH's Facebook page for updates on COVID-19 vaccination opportunities on Fort Leonard Wood.

Sexual assault helpline

Security guard **Salvador Avila** and supervisory security guard **Christopher Blakely** partnered with the Public

Affairs Office for a series of public information videos

regarding access-control procedures under current Force

Protection and Health Protection conditions. They answered

valuable members for the V Corps team.

Anonymous and available 24/7 at 573.855.1327

HEROES OF BATTLEFIELD

Maj. Stacey Wuchter and Capt. Raman Botta, represented us at the V Corps command post exercise with invaluable expertise, performance and professionalism in support of Waypiont 2028/29 and Protection Brigade learning demands. Wuchter effectively became the V Corps Dep. Protection Coordinator for the night shift; Botta personally

refined and briefed multiple concepts of operations to the V Corps DCG-S on behalf of the Corps PC. Their performance helped validate aspects of the PSE design, and made them

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actual ICE comments with expertise while also invoking humor and personality to provide an educational and effective message. Each video had over 5,000 views and numerous positive comments.

Have an upcoming event or an interesting idea for a story? Submit it here.



CAPT. TERRA FORWARD

CHIEF FORT LEONARD WOOD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Senior medical officer and leader of the Fort Leonard Wood Public Health Department.

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What do you like most about your Army career?

I enjoy the diversity of people, places and challenges. There are not many places where you can have a wide range of positions within the same field of medicine. I am **never bored and am challenged with many complicated situations** – the COVID-19 pandemic is definitely an example of one of those.

What advice would you give to others who might be looking at joining the Army?

The Army offers so much if you are willing to put in the work. You get what you put in. What is your most memorable Army experience?

When I was a noncommissioned officer, **one of my Soldiers nominated me for a three-day pass** and it was granted. Usually, leaders nominate their Soldiers, but to have one of my Soldiers take the time to write a recommendation **meant more to me than any other honor bestowed.**

What are the benefits of working for the Army?

Benefits include opportunities for growth, a **wide breadth of possible experiences** and **relationships formed** with those you serve, to name a few. What made you decide to have a career with the Army?

I enlisted as an Arabic linguist. After spending eight great years in that job, I was **ready for a change**. I decided to leave the service to pursue a few educational goals, which led to a career in medicine.

After a nine-year break in service, I signed up for the **Army Health Professions Scholarship Program**, which allowed me to obtain my medical degree and return to active duty service. The **Army has given me many opportunities to succeed**, and I really appreciate the opportuni-

ty to give back by **serving this community**.

