



## MSCoE Sends: Honoring our Gold Star mothers and families

On the last Sunday of September, we honor America's Gold Star mothers and families — those whose loved ones have died while serving on active duty. As members of a grateful nation, we owe these mothers and families an unpayable debt. As military members, we owe them our connectedness, our time and our care.



## MSCoE Sends: Counseling — a professional responsibility

Face-to-face discussions, including counseling sessions, provide a unique opportunity for a leader and subordinate to work together one-on-one and allow leaders to get to know our team, to show them we care, to clarify expectations, and to improve well-being and performance.



## Fort Leonard Wood leaders walk Lieber Heights community during monthly housing town hall

The walking town hall Tuesday evening provided a casual environment, where Fort Leonard Wood's senior leaders could engage with service members and their families regarding housing issues and concerns.



## Fort Leonard Wood service members participate in Missouri's bicentennial parade

Fort Leonard Wood service members participated in the Missouri Bicentennial Parade Saturday in the state capital, Jefferson City. The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Color Guard helped lead the parade with the 399th Army Band and a representative formation following close behind.

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



### Soldiers assess emerging technologies at MSSPIX

Army Forces Command Soldiers from installations in Colorado, Kansas and Texas, assessed the military utility of emerging technologies here over the past two weeks as part of the annual Maneuver Support, Sustainment and Protection Integration Experiments, or MSSPIX.



### Army team wins annual Joint Service Truck Rodeo

The 58th Transportation Battalion's heavy equipment operator team of Staff Sgts. Gilbert Briceno, Steven Burns, Ernest Haefner, Gabriel Ortiz and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Kroon finished in first place at the sixth-annual Joint Service Truck Rodeo Sept. 17 at Training Area 228.



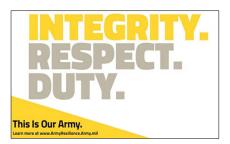
## Fort Leonard Wood hosts Gateway Battalion ROTC cadets' fall FTX

Nearly 100 ROTC cadets from the nine Missouri universities that make up the Army's Gateway Battalion converged on Fort Leonard Wood Sept. 17 to 19 for their annual fall field training exercise.



## Waynesville-St. Robert Veteran of the Year a 'pivotal pillar' of the Fort Leonard Wood community

When the Waynesville-St. Robert Veterans Day Parade begins, Johnnie Bryant, the Chamber of Commerce's 2021 Veteran of the Year, will be leading it as Parade Marshal.



#### Army News

### New SHARP policy grants additional services to Army civilians

The safety and well-being of all Department of the Army Civilians, or DACs, is at the forefront of a policy unveiled Sept. 17, which now allows them to receive Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention services.



## Relationships, connections and support critical to preventing suicide

Challenges created by the pandemic have left many feeling stressed and isolated. During times like these, relationships and interpersonal connections to family and friends are vital to a person's wellbeing.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Community Information Forum**

The October Community Information Forum is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6, to be livestreamed on the Fort Leonard Wood Facebook page. The monthly forum is designed to be an information exchange and dialogue between the garrison and the community on a range of topics and interests to improve quality of life for service members, families, civilians and retirees.

#### Flights to Chicago start Oct. 12

Daily direct flights to Chicago O'Hare International Airport from the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport at Forney Airfield via SkyWest Airlines begin Oct. 12. The last flight from Fort Leonard Wood to St. Louis is Sept. 30, and there will be no commercial flight service out of Fort Leonard Wood from Oct. 1 to 11. Chicago offers more than 630 non-stop flights to other destinations versus 130 from St. Louis, and SkyWest is partnered with United Airlines, so bags may be checked through to any final destination United serves. To search for flights, use Fort Leonard Wood's airport code, TBN.

#### **Pre-retirement briefing**

A pre-retirement briefing is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 12 at Lincoln

Hall Auditorium. Call Retirement Services at 573.596.0947 for details.

#### **RSO** announces fall classes

The Fort Leonard Wood Religious Support Office is hosting its fall religious education classes from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 3, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Email Martha Strong, or click here for details.

#### East Gate closure

The East Gate is closed until further notice while construction work is performed on the bridge near the gate. Call 573.596.0918, or click here for details.

#### Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Pvt. Jamal Rogers, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, or knowing of assets belonging to Rogers, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Christina Hill, at 202-805-3944, or by email at christina.i.hill2.mil@mail.mil.

#### Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Robert Early, Medical Activity, or knowing of assets belonging to Early, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, Capt. Jessica Dolan, at 573.596.9093, or by email at jessica.l.dolan3.mil@mail.mil.

#### Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Spc. Joshua Morrison, 50th Multi-Role Bridge Company, 5th Engineer Battalion, or knowing of assets belonging to Morrison, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, Capt. Kevin BemisterBuffington, at 573.596.5075, or by email at kevin.a. bemisterbuffington.mil@mail.mil.

#### Virtual health benefits fair

The 2021 open benefit enrollment season for Federal Employee Health Benefits coverage runs Nov. 8 to Dec. 13, and a virtual benefits fair will be available to assist eligible individuals enroll in or change their healthcare coverage. Register at www.benefeds. com to participate in a live chat on one of the following dates: Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 1 or Dec. 8. Click here to find and compare 2021 FEHB healthcare plans.

#### Suicide prevention helpline

Anyone having suicidal thoughts is encouraged to call 1.800.273.8255 (text 8-3-8-2-5-5). It is anonymous and available 24/7.

**MWR Events & Specials. Just For You.** ONLINE AT LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM WARFHOUSE PINEY VALLEY GOLF COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP MAKE YOUR OWN OK' SEPT 25 + 26. 9AM Order through Sept 26th online or by phone at the Recreation and houseshold items up number below. Pickup your boxes at Pershing Community Individual stroke play, 2-day event. for auction1 Bids close Sept 29 at Center Sept 30th, from 11am-6pm. Regular men's division, senior mens' division 3pm, and are awarded on Sept 30th. (age 60 & over), and ladies' division. MEAL FOR 4: \$35 Cost is \$50, open to age 18 and up. All sales final. No refunds/exchanges. MEAL FOR 2: \$18 REGISTER BY SEPT 24 ONLINE, Prices are non-negotiable. Items will be sold as-is. INDIVICUAL MEAL: \$10 OR AT THE NUMBER BELOW. BLDG 2347 LOUISIANA 573-329-4770

#### **CPL. BRYAN GARCIA**

LEAD FIREFIGHTER 562nd ENGINEER DETACHMENT, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 5th ENGINEER BATTALION

Responsible for responding to a variety of calls, including medical emergencies, structural fires, victim rescues and hazardous materials incidents.



An Army career can take you to the furthest corners of the world, and connect you with wonderful people from all walks of life.



### What do you like most about your Army career?

I like the group of people I work with in my unit, and my coworkers in the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department. **Being stationed here gives Army firefighters the opportunity to work alongside DOD civilian firefighters.** They take us under their wing and treat us as one of their own. **We live together, train together and serve the community together as one big first responder family.** 

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

Do it. It will be one of the most honorable, memorable and rewarding

things you will ever do. An Army career can take you to the furthest corners of the world, and connect you with wonderful people from all walks of life. Meeting so many people from all around the world has filled my life with new friendships and perspectives, and helped mold me into the man I am today.

### What is your most memorable Army experience?

One of my most memorable experiences was my unit's deployment to Romania and Bulgaria. **There was a new level of camaraderie established among my peers, which brought us closer together**, and we got to do it while traveling and experiencing a new culture and beautiful country. What are the benefits of working for the Army?

The Army presents amazing opportunities and endless possibilities. It provides many rewarding careers for Soldiers, and takes them down avenues one could only dream of. The Army bestows each Soldier with the essential components for life-long success in any endeavor.

### What made you decide to have a career with the Army?

I wanted to serve my country and leave a legacy my family can look up to.



# 2021 COMMANDER'S CUP

### **POINTS STANDINGS**

Unit	5K run	Archery	Bowling	Golf	Cornhole	Trap	Swimming	Tennis <sup>Monday</sup>	Total
554th Engineer Battalion	100	100	64	76	78	100	100	monday	618
Marine Corps Detachment	92	96	96	72	78	88	80		602
84th Chemical Battalion	96	92	92	56	78	80	96		590
Garrison	76	86	100	66	58	84	88		558
Navy Detachment	64	64	44	100	100	92	76		540
31st Engineer Battalion	88	68	52	60	58	76	72		474
Medical Activity	84	56	40	92	58	68	68		466
58th Transportation Battalion		76	76	80	96	96			424
14th Military Police Brigade	52	72	88	96	88				396
Air Force		80	48	48	78	72	72		326
Dental Activity	60	86	56	66	58				326
795th MP Battalion	68		60	88	58				274
787th MP Battalion	72		68				84		224
3rd Battalion, 10th Inf. Reg.	80	60	36						176
554th Engineer Battalion No. 2				52			92		144
43rd Adjutant General Battalion	44				92				136
252nd MP Detachment			72		58				130
Marine Corps Detachment 2				84					84
MSCoE			84						84
3rd Chemical Brigade			80						80
701st MP Battalion	56								56
35th Engineer Battalion	48								48
2nd Battalion, 48th Inf. Reg.	40								40

For more information on the Commander's Cup series, email Danny Howell at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Branch.