

Guidon

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM send: Happy Birthday, U.S. Navy!

The United States Navy turned 246 years old on Wednesday. We are very proud to serve with the Sailors and civilians who are part of nearly two and half centuries of tradition and accomplishment.



SNAIR helps Fort Leonard Wood drivers deal with winter weather

With winter weather always a concern in Missouri from November through March, travelers and commuters need to know the latest conditions before hitting the roads.

Army transforms protection warfighting function

The new Army Futures Command Pamphlet 71-20-7, AFC Concept for Protection 2028 – approved in April – is a significant change to the protection warfighting function, officials said.

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Future USACE leaders get taste of Army life at Fort Leonard Wood

Members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, donned the Army Combat Uniform and experienced a small taste of Army life Oct. 5 to 7 during a visit to Fort Leonard Wood – part of USACE's Leadership Development Program.

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

Is that food a trick or a treat?

With Halloween around the corner and more holidays on the horizons, it's important to remember that some of the treats we love can be dangerous for our pets. We care about your pet staying safe and healthy through the holiday season, so here are some common substances around the house to be aware of.



NEWS BRIEFS

Road closures

Phase two of the Headquarters Avenue realignment – part of the new hospital construction project – is scheduled for completion on Saturday. The next phase will close the western half of Headquarters Avenue, open all of Hawaii Avenue and the northern portion of Illinois Avenue. These changes will include new traffic routes that will be established between now and Monday. Overall completion of the Headquarters Avenue realignment is scheduled for the end of the year. The new hospital is slated for completion in 2024.

Halloween events

The Veterinary Treatment Facility is hosting a Howl-o-ween pet costume contest now through the end of the month. Bring costumed pets to the VTF for a chance to win a goodie basket. A drive-through trick-or-treat event is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Bldg. 470 parking lot. On-post

Halloween trick-or-treat hours in housing areas is 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 30.

Forney Airfield to Chicago

SkyWest Airlines now offers daily direct flights to Chicago O'Hare International Airport from the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport at Forney Airfield. Chicago offers 630-plus non-stop flights versus 130 from St. Louis, and SkyWest is partnered with United Airlines, so bags may be checked to any final destination United serves.

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.

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.

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.

Suicide prevention helpline

Anyone having suicidal thoughts is encouraged to call the Veterans Crisis Hotline at 1.800.273.8255 (text 8-3-8-2-5-5). It is anonymous and available 24/7. Download the free WeCare app for details on additional resources.



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ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

FOOTBALL COMBINE

OCT 16, 10AM
GERLACH FIELD

We're looking for the best of the best to show their speed, agility, and power at Davidson Fitness Center's first Combine.

Prizes awarded to the top finisher of each age category: 16-24 years, 25-29 years, 30 years and up, male and female.

\$10 per person, ages 16 & up.
Register by Oct 15, at Davidson Fitness Center.



BLDG 1300 S. DAKOTA AVE. **573-596-4359**

Oktoberfest

5K FUN RUN & VOLKSMARCH
OCT 16, 11AM
COLYER PARK

Advanced: \$25, by COB Oct 14
Day-of: \$30 (12 & under are free)

5k Run starts at 11am (run & jog only).
Check-in and day-of registration: 10-10:45am.

5k Volksmarch (w/alk) day-of registration & check-in: 11:30am - 1pm and can start upon completion of check-in.

FREE 1-mile kid's run for children 12 and under at 12pm. Must be onsite at 11:45 for instructions



573-596-6913

\$10 OFF PAINT BALL

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER

OCT 23, 24, 30, 31

\$10 off regular price. Bring a group of 8 or more and get an additional discount.
18 and under require parent/guardian waiver.

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573-596-4223

Army secretary discusses ‘extraordinary year’ for Army, future challenges

Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth took the stage Monday morning at the annual Association of the U.S. Army event to tout several wins by Soldiers this past year and promised to keep placing people first while addressing future challenges.



Best warriors brave tough conditions to secure names in Army history

The Army crowned its top Soldiers Monday following a year that saw Best Warrior Competition participants adapt to the challenges of training in pandemic conditions.

Past issues of the eGuidon are available [here](#).

HEROES^{OF}THE BATTLEFIELD

Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Buwal, a drill sergeant with the 795th Military Police Battalion, was traveling on leave with his parents when he spotted an overturned vehicle on I-44. Without hesitation, he pulled over and protected the overturned vehicle with his vehicle and ran to assess and assist. He found the driver still upside down in her seat, bleeding from multiple cuts, and a baby upside down in a car seat. With the help of two others who stopped, they extracted, checked for injuries and comforted the baby. Buwal then extracted the mother and rendered first aid to her injuries. He stayed until EMS arrived and demonstrated what it means to be an Army Professional worthy of recognition.

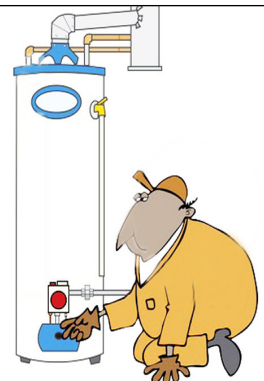


After a computer glitch set a retiree’s ID card appointment for 8 p.m. – after the ID facility is closed and locked up for the night – the retiree, who drove two hours, arrived to find only one employee in the building. **Megan O’Donoghue**, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director, immediately called **Eyonda Williams**, the Military Personnel Division chief, to explain. Williams, along with **Lauren Hill**, Human Resources specialist, returned and took care of the retiree’s needs. The retiree commented that they

were “smiling, pleasant and apologetic” about the miscommunication. Both Williams and Hill had a “pleasant and professional attitude” throughout the encounter, and are worthy of recognition.

October is Energy Awareness Month

The optimal temperature for a hot water tank is 120 degrees Fahrenheit (48 degrees Celsius). This is a temperature that is comfortable and sanitary, yet does not significantly increase energy costs. Most water heaters are set higher than that, so lower your monthly utility bills by lowering your hot water temperature.



Q&A

BARBARA MELTON

FORT LEONARD WOOD
CHILD YOUTH PROGRAM

Lead Child Youth Program Associate for Fort
Leonard Wood Child Development Center 408.



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What do you like most about working with the Army?

Getting to know the families. **Working with all the families and meeting everyone.** I grew up a military brat so working with the families and children now is pretty amazing.

What advice would you give to others who might be looking at a career in the Army?

Truly have a passion for what you are doing. Working here and being with the children again after being a military brat, it's like a full-circle moment for me but at the end of the day we, as the caregivers, we are the first to see all of the changes and everything going on,

whether it's with the mission or a PCS season, but **just have passion for the families and what you are doing.**

What is your most memorable experience working in the Army?

My very first day in my classroom, it was a group of 21 children. They didn't know me but it was an immediate connection with that group of children and just the love that they gave me from just walking into that classroom was pretty amazing.

What are the benefits of working for the Army?

Just **making friends, making those connections with the families and the**

children. I am still friends with a couple of families from the very first group of kids I had and those children are now in third grade. So just those connections itself it's been pretty amazing.”

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

After 20 years of working in our community outside of Fort Leonard Wood, I decided to try something new. I actually fell in love with giving back to the military and giving back to the mission. I love being with the families and being with the children. I just absolutely love it; **it's a great place to be and it's a great place to work.**

