

Guidon

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM send: October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Our installation relies on the hard work and dedication of our total workforce and we recognize the potential that exists when including every teammate's skills and talents. Those with disabilities have experience in problem solving, are adaptable and can contribute to the accomplishment of our mission.



Fort Leonard Wood Child Development Center earns A+ in quality child care

Fort Leonard Wood's Child Development Center 408 demonstrated the quality of their care earlier this year when they exceeded the Army standard while applying for reaccreditation of their program.

Commissary, Exchange adapt to market changes to provide same level of service

Shoppers at the Fort Leonard Wood Commissary may notice a change to or a limited amount of the types of brands or products that are currently available due to supply chain shortages occurring across the country.



Fort Leonard Wood hosts sixth Raider Challenge Junior ROTC event

Fort Leonard Wood hosted about 200 Junior ROTC cadets from schools across Missouri and Kansas Saturday, as they participated in the sixth Raider Challenge.

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

HBL ticketing for trainees begins at DFC

Trainees with Company B, 795th Military Police Battalion, lined up Wednesday morning at Davidson Fitness Center, to finalize travel itineraries with family and friends and purchase bus and airline tickets for the annual Christmas through New Year's Day Holiday Block Leave.



Fort Leonard Wood civilian receives 'Kentucky Colonel' commissioning honors

Don Murray, deputy director of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Proponent Office – Geospatial, or TPO-GEO, was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in a brief ceremony Friday, in the foyer in front of the U.S. Army Engineer School command section.

Annual Red Ribbon Week symbolizes individual, community commitment to be drug free

You may notice some large red ribbons on display across Fort Leonard Wood this month. These are in honor of the Red Ribbon Campaign, which the Army Substance Abuse Program promotes each year.



Fort Leonard Wood partners with Missouri, USDA Wildlife Service to remove feral hogs

Missouri takes an aggressive approach to feral hog removal due to the potential for significant threats to the state's \$10.5 billion agriculture, wildlife and recreation industries. As one piece of a multi-agency task force called the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership, Fort Leonard Wood is doing its part to help.

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

October is Energy Awareness Month

Like they do in the summer, ceiling fans can provide comfort during the winter months as well. Most fans have a switch that reverses the motor to operate the fan in the opposite direction. This produces an updraft that forces warm air near the ceiling down into the living space.



Click [here](#) for more energy saving tips from the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.

NEWS BRIEFS

COVID-19 vaccine available

Vaccination efforts for Fort Leonard Wood personnel are underway this week. For COVID-19 vaccinations, service members and Defense Department civilians are encouraged to use the walk-in clinic at the Main Exchange from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Vaccinations are also available at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital's Immunization Clinic by appointment. Call 866.299.4234 to schedule an appointment.

Road closures

New traffic routes for the next phase of the Headquarters Avenue realignment – part of the new hospital construction project – will be established between now and Monday. This phase will close the western half of Headquarters Avenue, open all of Hawaii Avenue and the northern portion of Illinois Avenue to Headquarters Avenue. Completion of the 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.

West Gate closure

The West Gate will be closed from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Nov. 1 to 3, while repairs are performed to the Polla Road Bridge. Call 573.596.2463 for details.

RSO hosting 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.

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.

EIB/ESB validation event

Fort Leonard Wood is hosting a validation event Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 for an upcoming opportunity to earn the Expert Infantry Badge or Expert Soldier Badge at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Interested Soldiers have until Nov. 18 to reserve a spot through their unit. A maximum of 30 Soldiers may attempt to validate during the event. Call Sgt. 1st Class Todrick Murry, noncommissioned officer in charge of operations at MSCoE, at 573.563.5652. for details.

Army Traffic Safety Program

Fort Leonard Wood's Garrison Safety Office offers Army Traffic Safety Program courses year-round. Contact Ashley Shetland at 573.596.0116, or by email at [ashley.c.shetland.civ@mail.mil](#) for details.

Sexual assault helpline

Available 24/7 at 573.855.1327.

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.



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XTREME BOWLING

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
DAUGHERTY BOWLING CENTER
Friday nights: 10-midnight
Saturday nights: 9-midnight
\$5 per person, per game
\$25 per lane, per hour (up to 6 bowlers)

Bldg 1809 S. DAKOTA AVE
573-596-1498



HARVEST FEST

OCT 23, 12-4PM
Piney Valley Golf Course

Activities for the whole family, including hay rides, mask making, and much more! Food & beverages available for purchase. \$5 per person for entrance (CASH ONLY)—age 4 and under free. No registration required.

573-596-4359



SPECKER PINK WEEK

OCT 24 - OCT 31



Specker Gym honors those who have battled breast cancer-- show your support by wearing pink for the week and share photos online:

#SpeckerPINKweek

Q&A

CAPT. AMY MOLINA

OFFICER IN CHARGE
OPTOMETRY SERVICE
GENERAL LEONARD WOOD
ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Officer in Charge of Optometry Service at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital



“I love being part of a diverse team and family, and I value the strong leadership training and development opportunities available.”

What do you like most about your Army career?

The Army has allowed me to travel and practice optometry in different environments, locations, clinics and countries - something I may have never been able to do otherwise. I love being part of a diverse team and family, and I value the strong leadership training and development opportunities available. **I am definitely a better teammate, leader and mentor based on my experiences thus far and continue to learn something new every day.**

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

Find a good mentor, take initiative, make a plan and stick to it. If

there is something you are passionate about, pursue it. **Do not let ‘the little things’ stop you.** Do not be afraid to branch out and discover something new, whether it be a new hobby, sport, workout routine or job. **Let the Army help you become the best version of yourself.**

What is your most memorable Army experience?

I have many memorable Army experiences, some I can laugh about and some that have been very rewarding. **The most rewarding experience was practicing optometry in different countries and learning about different cultures by traveling.** My assignment in Germany was a blast and also gave me the opportunity to play competitive softball all across Europe representing the Wiesbaden Garrison.

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

While in the process of completing my optometry degree, I was not sure what route, location or job I wanted to do after graduation. **An Army recruiting team came to the school for a presentation and was offering pizza - and I did not bring my lunch that day.** After learning about the opportunities that the Army had to offer, I realized it was something I could do. **It felt fulfilling to have a purpose and motivating to serve our country by taking care of Soldiers.**

