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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Happy Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps!

This week, we hope you will join us in celebrating the United States Marine Corps' 246th birthday – a day dedicated to every warrior who has earned the honor to wear the eagle, globe and anchor, and who is part of “The Few, The Proud.”



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Honoring military service on Veterans Day

On Nov. 11, we will honor and recognize the shared sacrifice and commitment of over 19.5 million individuals who have served in the United States military.

## Countee Hall preservation work receives award

The National Trust for Historic Preservation honored Fort Leonard Wood with the Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation Award Nov. 4, during a virtual conference livestreamed from Washington, D.C., for rehabilitation work done here to save Bldg. 2101, also known as the Black Officer's Club. Renamed Countee Hall in 2019, the building houses a mural completed by late artist Staff Sgt. Samuel Countee.



## Army North leader visits Fort Leonard Wood

Lt. Gen. John Evans, commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), and a team from Army North, U.S. Northern Command and the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, visited Fort Leonard Wood Monday to learn about the available unique capabilities to train CBRN Response Enterprise Technical Support forces.

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

## Retired sergeant major offers advice at professional development event

Fort Leonard Wood leaders were given the opportunity to hear from and pose questions to retired Sgt. Maj. Dennis Wolfe today at a leader professional development event in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Wolfe helped pioneer a foreign nuclear weapons role for Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians in special operations missions.



### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Household e-cycling event

The Fort Leonard Wood Recycling Center will host an electronic waste recycling, or e-cycling, event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the Recycling Center, Bldg. 2549. The Fort Leonard Wood community may e-cycle old computers, printers, ink and toner cartridges, televisions, audio equipment, cell phones, microwaves and household batteries — no government or business electronics and no large appliances are accepted. Call 573.596.3880 for details.

#### American Education Week

In celebration of American Education Week, counselors from the Truman Education Center will be providing information sessions on some of the programs available here from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Nov. 18 in Bldg. 499. No appointments necessary. Call 573.596.0172 for details.

#### Flu shots

Service members may get flu shots on

a walk-in basis from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Harper Clinic. Family members, retirees and Defense Department civilians with a flu vaccination requirement in their position description may get flu shots by appointment at the PX vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 866.299.4234 to make an appointment. Pediatric doses and 65 and older high-dose flu shots are offered on a walk-in basis at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Immunization Clinic. Tricare beneficiaries may also get flu shots at any off-post pharmacy in the Tricare network at no cost. Call 877.363.1303, or click [here](#) to find a participating pharmacy.

#### Virtual health benefits fair

The 2021 open benefit enrollment season for Federal Employee Health Benefits coverage runs through 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](http://www.benefeds.com) to participate in a live chat on one of the following dates: Friday, 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 at the event. Call Sgt. 1st Class Toddrick Murry, noncommissioned officer in charge of operations at MS-CoE, at 573.563.5652 for details.

#### Suicide prevention helpline

Need help? Call 1.800.273.8255 (text 8-3-8-2-5-5). It is anonymous and available 24/7.



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### TURKEY SHOOT

*Daugherty  
Bowling Center*

**NOV 1-19**

Bowl a turkey (3 strikes in a row), and be entered for a chance to win a FREE Thanksgiving turkey! Drawing will be held Nov 19th. Regular rates apply. Open to the public.

**573-596-1498**

### Thanks Giving IN A BOX!

**NOV 24, 11AM - 5:30PM**  
PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

Enjoy a holiday meal without all the work! Thanksgiving meal for a family of 2, 4, or an office of 20! Starting at \$35 -- call for details. Register by midnight, Nov 17. You can even pick up your pumpkin pies right from us, cooked and ready to go!

**573-329-2455**

### TEXAS HOLD'EM PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

**DEC 10**

**CHECK-IN: 5:30PM, PLAY BEGINS: 6PM**

\$25 advanced registration through Dec 9  
\$30 registration at the door.  
Cash prizes based on participation.  
Must be at least 18 to participate.  
ADDITIONAL DATES: Jan 21, Feb 25

**573-596-6913**





## Fort Leonard Wood hosts 3rd Brigade Army ROTC Ranger Challenge competition

Army ROTC cadets from Minnesota's Fighting Saints Battalion – comprised of students from Saint John's University, The College of Saint Benedict and Saint Cloud State University – were the winners of both the five- and nine-person team divisions at the 2021 3rd Brigade Army ROTC Ranger Challenge, held here Friday and Saturday.

## Elementary school jurors award monetary damages to Big Bad Wolf in Fort Leonard Wood mock lawsuit

The Big Bad Wolf was awarded \$10 million in monetary damages Friday at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate courtroom, after a jury of elementary school students found Georgia Piggly guilty of defamation.



### Army News



## Guard Soldier is first woman to graduate Army Sniper course

A Montana Army National Guard Soldier became the first woman to complete the U.S. Army Sniper Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, on Nov. 5.

## SMA to young Army leaders: There's an app for that

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston visited Army Futures Command's Army Software Factory in Austin, Texas, on Oct. 28, to meet with Army civilian and Soldier coders who are developing the Army software of the future.



## UPDATE: Army to extend temporary promotion policy for all NCO ranks

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston announced the Army will expand its temporary promotion policy to all non-commissioned officer ranks, giving Soldiers more time to complete required training schools.

## Army plans to recruit more civilian talent, diversify through scholarship program

The Army plans to hire over 1,000 civilians using scholarship programs over the next five years, with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, a top Army leader told lawmakers on Nov. 2.



# Q&A

**J.D. BALES**

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FORT LEONARD WOOD DIRECTORATE  
OF PUBLIC WORKS

Supervises engineers and architects performing design of new facilities and renovation or repair of existing facilities



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## What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

Security, good benefits and time off to be with family and have a life away from work. **Also, the friends I've made over my 35-year career.**

## Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

When I was 23, I realized the Army offered an opportunity for a great career with security. I was starting a family and **security was important to me.** This is my home, so the fact that there were engineering jobs available in the area was a plus.

## What advice would you give to others who might be looking at becoming a DA Civilian?

**While you won't get rich, you will make a good living** for a rural area. You will also work with **great professionals** from all over the world.

## What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

Working on the initial Base Maintenance Contract at Fort Leonard Wood at DPW. **It was challenging and at times frustrating, but the experience I gained has benefitted me throughout my career.**

## What do you like most about your job/career as a DA Civilian?

**My career allows me to serve my country by supporting the troops at Fort Leonard Wood while working with a diverse workforce.**



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