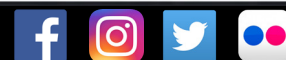


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Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Be safe this Thanksgiving holiday

On Thursday, we will reflect upon the things, and, more importantly, the people whom we are grateful for. We hope each of our teammates can enjoy time with loved ones and do so safely.



Garrison leaders announce Thanksgiving holiday office closures, installation services updates

Fort Leonard Wood garrison leaders have announced Thanksgiving holiday hours of operation for offices and installation services, including Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency facilities.

Trees for Troops returns to Fort Leonard Wood

Hundreds of live Christmas trees will be free for the Fort Leonard Wood community again this year as the Trees for Troops program returns to the Automotive Skills Center Dec. 3 and 4.



399th Army Band performs for Afghan evacuees and Soldiers at Camp Atterbury

Members of Fort Leonard Wood's 399th Army Band visited Camp Atterbury, Indiana, this month to perform for Afghan evacuees and Soldiers, in support of Operation Allies Welcome.

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

Drill sergeant assists injured motorist in Waynesville

Staff Sgt. Ian Phillips normally spends his days molding America's sons and daughters into Military Police Soldiers in his role as a drill sergeant with Company B, 787th MP Battalion. While he's usually doing the instructing, Phillips was able to demonstrate his MP skills while driving in Waynesville a few weeks ago.



NEWS BRIEFS

Garrison employee town hall

Fort Leonard Wood garrison leaders will host a town hall for garrison employees at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lincoln Hall Auditorium and live-streamed via MS Teams. The link will be provided closer to the event.

Tree-lighting ceremony

The annual Fort Leonard Wood tree-lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Joint Services Park. Enjoy music by the 399th Army Band, hot drinks and snacks will be provided by the USO Mobile unit, and socially-distanced photo opportunities with Santa will be available. In addition, the annual Cards to the Community winner will be announced. Call 573.596.6913 for details.

Holiday concert

The 399th Army Band is hosting a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in Baker Theater. The concert will

be streamed live on the [Fort Leonard Wood Facebook page](#). Call 573.596.0686 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 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 to participate in a live chat on one of the following dates: Wednesday or Dec. 8. Click [here](#) to find and compare 2021 FEHB healthcare plans.

DOD sexual assault helpline

The Department of Defense sexual assault helpline is 877.995.5247. The Fort Leonard Wood 24-hour Sexual Assault Resource Center is also available at 573.855.1327.

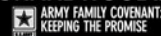
Suicide prevention helpline

Need help overcoming suicidal thoughts? Call the Veterans Crisis Hotline at 1.800.273.8255, or text 8-3-8-2-5-5). It is anonymous and available 24/7.



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Happy Thanksgiving from Fort Leonard Wood MWR



Q&A

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What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

My most memorable experience is going to a 554th Engineer Battalion reunion and **meeting veterans who I have assisted** by providing historical data or information they need for the VA.

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

My advice would be to **ask yourself why you want to be a DA Civilian** and remember we are supporting our country, Soldiers and community.

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

I enjoy being able to help veterans and family members obtain historical data about their family members who served in the military. **The most rewarding part of my job is assisting veterans with historical documents to meet their VA requirements.**

What made you decide to have a career as a DA Civilian?

I chose a career as a DA Civilian so I could **continue serving my country and veterans, and working with Soldiers.**

What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

My continued service to our country, Soldiers, family members and community.

