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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating the National Guard's 385th Birthday

The oldest military force in the Department of Defense — the National Guard — celebrates its 385th birthday on Monday.



New Fort Leonard Wood hospital gets 'topping out'

Leaders from the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence; the Defense Health Agency; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the U.S. Army Health Planning Agency; JE Dunn Construction and RLF Architects; and the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital held a "topping out" ceremony Tuesday at the construction site of Fort Leonard Wood's new hospital, slated for completion in 2024.

Blood Donor Center finishing 2021 strong

Two Fort Leonard Wood companies donated a total of 218 units of blood to the Armed Services Blood Program in October and November, earning themselves spots on the all-time single-day donations list.



Fort Leonard Wood kicks off holiday season with virtual tree-lighting ceremony

Fort Leonard Wood leaders — with a little help from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus — flipped the switch Tuesday evening at Joint Services Park, lighting the installation Christmas tree and signaling the start of the holiday season.

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

EOD Soldiers clear more than 1,000 items from Air Force training range on Fort Leonard Wood

Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldiers with Fort Leonard Wood's 763rd Ordnance Company cleared the way for Air Force ground attack training by removing more than 1,000 ordnance items from Cannon Range over two days in November.



Impaired driving runs contrary to the Warrior Ethos

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month – sometimes called “3-D month.” We often hear messages about how impaired driving can negatively affect your career, how much it can cost and even how dangerous it is. For service members, there's another important reason to avoid driving under the influence: it's contrary to the values we live by.

Fort Leonard Wood names 554th Engineer Battalion 2021 Commander's Cup trophy winners

After a season that began more than six months late due to COVID-19 mitigation protocols, the 554th Engineer Battalion was presented the 2021 Commander's Cup trophy Monday.



NEWS BRIEFS

Holiday concert

The 399th Army Band is hosting a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Baker Theater. The concert will be streamed live on the [Fort Leonard Wood Facebook page](#). Call 573.596.0686 for details.

Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Spc. Ethan Williams, 595th Sapper Company, or knowing of assets belonging to Williams, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, Capt. Spencer Black, at 850.797.0323, or by email at spencer.b.black.mil@mail.mil.

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 ends Monday. Click [here](#) to compare 2021 FEHB healthcare plans.

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 for assistance 24/7.

Parents with inquiring minds

As part of the Child and Youth Services series, Parents with Inquiring Minds, the Pip-pin Youth Center is hosting a discussion on social media safety for elementary school children at noon and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, and at noon Dec. 16. A separate discussion on social media safety for middle school students will take place at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 16. Call 573.596.0357 for details.

Part-day preschool

Fort Leonard Wood's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is once again offering part-day preschool for children ages 3 through 5. The program begins Jan. 3, and runs through May 27. Call 573.596.0238 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.

Army Public Health Center launches inaugural Health of the Army Family report

The Army Public Health Center has released their inaugural Health of the Army Family report, which uses a holistic view of health to highlight what is known and unknown about Army family member health across multiple health domains and within the military lifecycle.



FirstNet to give Army first responders a boost in wireless communications

The Army marked the start of a partnership that will provide a dedicated communication network to first responders, every day and in every emergency.

HEROES^{OF} THE BATTLEFIELD

Trainees from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, were throwing live grenades on Range 31, when a trainee underthrew his second grenade, resulting in it landing in the pit. **Staff Sgt. Roy Meeks**, an instructor with the Combat Training Company, quickly grabbed the trainee and pushed him out of the pit while simultaneously jumping on top of the trainee to protect him from the blast. Meeks then assessed the trainee for injuries until the medic arrived. Meeks' quick thinking and bravery unequivocally saved a life.



Amanda Sullivan, one of our talented public affairs specialists, has spearheaded the Student of the Month program in conjunction with our local districts and our unit command teams and leaders. We have received extremely positive reactions from the school administrations, students and family members, and this has been a critical part of our community outreach and presence among the recruitable pool. Sullivan's efforts have helped to continue to strengthen Fort Leonard Wood's relationship with our surrounding community.



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ARMY FAMILY COVENANT:
KEEPING THE PROMISE

LEARN TO SWIM



DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER POOL

Pick up registration forms at the Rec Plex—first come, first served. Spaces are limited, so return the forms to the Rec Plex as soon as possible! Registration is from Dec 13-30, and will be open for January, February, and March, Saturdays and Sundays, in 30-minute sessions, with times ranging from 8am-4pm.
\$60 per child, ages 3-18 for a 4-session course.

573-596-3529

WINTER WONDERLAND BRUCE C CLARKE LIBRARY

DEC 14 & 15

11 AM - 1 PM AND 3 PM - 5 PM

Social Distancing & masks are required for all patrons age 2 and older. StoryWalk® featuring "Cookiesaurus Christmas," photo ops, and a craft bag!

Call ahead or stop by the library to sign up for a day & time slot. Register by Dec 10 by calling the number below!

573-563-4113

CANDY CANE TOSS

DEC 20

STARTING FROM FIRE STATION 1
FORT LEONARD WOOD HOUSING AREAS
AT 2 PM

Santa will ride along in the FLW fire truck through the housing areas on post and deliver holiday cheer and sweets to children in the community. When you hear the sirens, come out, say hi and pick up a candy cane!

573-596-6913

Q&A

MICHAEL N. CURTIS

**PHOTOGRAPHER
FORT LEONARD WOOD
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE**

Responsible for taking promotion and command photos and documenting events at Fort Leonard Wood through photographs



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

The camera has allowed me to see and do some very interesting things. What I enjoy most is photographing Soldiers-in-training – ‘in the trenches,’ as they say. **I enjoy the variety of different types of photographic assignments, and having my images published is very satisfying.** It is hard to call this career a job because I do what I love. **I will be retiring soon and will miss this.**

Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

I’m not sure if I chose this career, or if it chose me. My dad was in the Army - and I should have chosen an Army career. I liked

everything about the Army lifestyle, but I was stubborn and didn’t want to do what my dad did at the time. **It’s ironic how most of my photography career has been photographing Soldiers.**

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

The Soldier is your customer. **Give them your best each and every day.** Always take the opportunity to learn and improve your skill set.

What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

My most memorable experience was **photographing the Best Sapper Competition.** Being out with the

camera at all hours of the day was hard, but very enjoyable.

What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

Working with Soldiers as a small part of the team of teams **is the biggest benefit for me.**



FORT LEONARD WOOD ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP AWARD

NOVEMBER RECIPIENTS

The Fort Leonard Wood Leadership Award recognizes local students who make a positive impact on their community by demonstrating the Army Values.

November's value was Duty.



Name: Ember Ashley
School: Dixon Middle School

Lt. Col. Vanessa Bowman, 169th Engineer Battalion commander, presented Ember Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Nov. 29. Ember demonstrates the Army Value of Duty through her devotion to her fellow students, her teachers and her school. Ember is a leader who consistently fulfills her obligations every day. When finished with her work, she moves on to help other students who are struggling to finish.

Name: Allana Chitwood
School: St. James High School

Lt. Col. John Moran, 554th Engineer Battalion commander, presented Allana Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Nov. 30. Allana serves the school as Student Council President, Senior Class President and Senior Beta Club Secretary. She also helped organize and emcee a Veterans Day assembly. She is at the top of her class, and still finds time to play volleyball and work outside of school. In everything she does, Allana gives her all.



Name: Isabelle Crowell
School: Rolla High School



Lt. Col. Matthew Mason, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment commander, presented Isabelle Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Nov. 22. As a member of the girls' volleyball team, Isabelle put the team's goals above her own and strived to make the team better by showing up every day and giving everything she had.

Name: Basmalah ElGawady
School: Rolla Junior High School

Capt. Joshua Penny (left) and 1st Sgt. Nicholas Baker, 14th Military Police Brigade, presented Basmalah Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Nov. 29. Basmalah is a hard-working, straight-A student, who is dedicated to her studies. She participates in multiple clubs and continuously fulfills all of her obligations. She is always polite, respectful and on task. She can always be counted on to step up when needed and is willing to help with any activity.



Name: Abigail Helms
School: Crocker R-II School District

Lt. Col. Matthew Mason, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment commander, presented Abigail Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Nov. 29. Abigail is a model student and dedicated athlete, who is a friend to all and always has a pleasant attitude. She works hard in class, is on the Student Council and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Name: Abigail Lewis
School: Newburg Junior High School

Maj. Christina Cavanaugh, 35th Engineer Battalion executive officer, presented Abigail Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Dec. 3. Abigail goes above and beyond by getting work done correctly and on time. She is the type of student who will help others complete their work. Teachers are beyond proud of her work ethic and her willingness to help others.



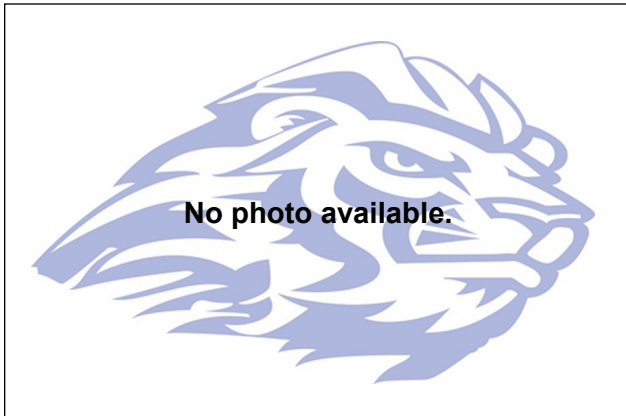
Name: John Tyree
School: Licking High School

Maj. Monica Rivera, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment executive officer, presented John Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Nov. 29. John is passionate about his faith and spreads a message of hope to everyone around him.

Name: David Vance

School: Newburg High School

Maj. Christina Cavanaugh, 35th Engineer Battalion executive officer, presented David Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Dec. 3. As one of two third-period library aides, David comes in every day and immediately gets started on his aiding duties without having to be told. He is always in a good mood and never complains about the duties asked of him.



Name: James White II

School: Crocker R-II School District

Lt. Col. Matthew Mason, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment commander, presented James Fort Leonard Wood's Leadership Award Nov. 29. James is student body president and exhibits strong leadership qualities. He devotes his time to being involved in a variety of organizations and serving others. He does everything with excellence and a humble attitude.



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