



# MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Think safety over spring break

Spring break provides opportunities for us to enjoy our local communities, or to take pass or leave for travel. While we want everyone to enjoy this time of year, the onset of warmer weather comes with increased activity, and sadly, increased numbers of emergency room and doctor visits. Analyze risk, stay safe and stay connected to teammates.

## Fort Leonard Wood personnel facilitate drydecontamination assessment at Alaska exercise

Fort Leonard Wood personnel facilitated an operational assessment during Exercise Arctic Eagle-Patriot 2022, from Feb. 22 to March 1 at the Anchorage Fire Training Center, in Anchorage, Alaska, to look closer at dry-decontamination technologies for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear-exposed victims.





#### Army Adjutant General highlights AG professionals during Fort Leonard Wood visit this week

The 62nd Adjutant General of the Army, Brig. Gen. Hope Rampy, visited Fort Leonard Wood this week to meet senior leaders, and engage with and highlight human resources professionals here.

# U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician profession marks 80th anniversary

The U.S. Army is marking the 80th anniversary of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal profession this year. The U.S. Army's first enlisted EOD technicians began training at the Bomb Disposal School on Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, in April 1942.





Daylight saving time begins this weekend. Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Housing events

The Directorate of Public Works Housing Division is hosting two events this month for on-post housing residents. A meeting with the outgoing community mayors is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 21 and a town hall – and introduction of the new mayors – is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 24. Both events will be held at the Stonegate Community Center, 235 Ellis St. Call 573.596.0984 for details.

#### **Bataan Death March**

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The 787th Military Police Battalion is hosting a 14.2- and 26.2-mile ruck march in recognition of the Bataan Death March, when tens of thousands of American and Filipino prisoners of war were forced to march – many to their deaths – during World War II. The event begins at 5:30 a.m. March 26 at Training Area 93 (at the corner of Buckeye Avenue and 4th Street). All Fort Leonard Wood service members, Department of Defense civilians and family members are invited to participate. In-person registration will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. March 25, also at TA 93. Call 1st Sgt. Angelica Lopez at 928.593.9902, or email angelica.m. lopez16.mil@army.mil for details.

Anyone with claims against the estate of



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Two new stop signs were installed on March 3 on 3rd Street, along the south side of the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital to increase pedestrian safety. Drivers are asked to remain vigilant as more changes are made to the area while the new hospital construction continues.

Maj. Brittany Hall, Army Medical Department Activity, or knowing of assets belonging to Hall, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, Capt. Charlotte Chang, at 408.966.1130, or by email at charlotte.chang2.mil@mail.mil.

#### Soccer meeting

All service members, Department of Defense civilians, family members 18 years and older, and contractors interested in joining the Fort Leonard Wood United Soccer Club are welcome to attend one of two scheduled meetings at Bldg. 1023, on the corner of 20th Street and Artillery Circle: noon March 23 or 6 p.m. March 30. Email Jeff Cornuet at jeffrey.a.cornuet. civ@army.mil, or visit their Facebook page, for details.

#### Sexual assault helpline

Fort Leonard Wood's sexual assault helpline is available 24/7 at 573.855.1327.

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Above: Pvt. Rochelly Figueroa, Company E, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, qualifies on the M4A1 carbine rifle's backup iron sight Monday at Range 8 during White Phase of Basic Combat Training. Covering weeks five through seven, White Phase provides individual Soldiering skills training.

Right: Pvt. Sherna Williams, Company D, 31st Engineer Battalion, participates in a four-mile ruck march to Range 5, where she will be graded on her ability to fire the M4A1 carbine rifle under pressure during Blue Phase of BCT. This phase, which occurs between the eighth and tenth weeks of BCT, tests trainees on their ability to complete team-based exercises.

Below left: Spc. Sabrina Hernandez, a Reserve Soldier with the 409th Engineer Battalion, in Windsor, Colorado, cuts a steel I-beam Monday at the Urban Search and Rescue training area. Hernandez is currently in week four of the seven-week Collapsed Structure Training Course.

# Leading the way









Spc. Nastassia Harrison, a combat medic with the 92nd Engineer Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia, cuts wooden structural supports Monday at the Urban Search and Rescue training area as part of the Collapsed Structure Training Course.

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Responsible for collecting and preserving the material history of the Military Police from 1775 to present. Promotes the heritage and traditions of the Military Police branch, and the values of the Army to Soldiers and civilians through public exhibits, educational programs and branch training support



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

There are always opportunities for growth and development. I started as a GS-7 temporary term employee, and today I am the Director of the MP Museum. My story is not unique or unusual; I know of many employees who have progressed to higher levels of responsibility during their DA Civilian career.

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

I love the opportunity to interact with Soldiers, veterans and their family members. I have established many friendships with veterans of every era, starting with WWII. Sadly, my WWII friends have since passed, but I cherish the stories of their experiences that they shared with me. The stories of today's Soldiers' experiences are the start of a new chapter in the rich MP branch history.

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

My most memorable experience was the day a veteran came to the museum to donate an item that belonged to his battle buddy, a fallen MP. We sat and chatted about his service and the service of his friend. We were then able to allow him to enter the exhibit case and place the artifact on display. Tears welled in his eyes as he performed a final tribute to his brother-in-arms. Moments such as this affirm the importance of what we do in the museum.

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

I was working as a contract employee on

a research project involving the history of the Military Police Corps Regiment, when a term position in the MP History Office became available. My research project had an end date, but **becoming a DA Civilian gave me an opportunity to work in the history field long-term**. Eventually, this job led to a transfer to the MP Museum as a permanent DA Civilian. I enjoyed serving our nation as an active duty member of the Army and becoming a DA Civilian allowed me to continue to

serve our country and provide support to our Soldiers.

