



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

In April, we focus on National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, or SAAPM, as we reaffirm our commitment to eliminate sexual assault, sexual harassment and retaliation against survivors.

## WeCare app offers Fort Leonard Wood community additional SHARP, suicide prevention resources

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command has an app available that provides resources and educational materials on sexual harrasment and sexual assault reporting options, along with suicide prevention tools – with one click of a button.





## Fort Leonard Wood garrison leaders host first garrison employee town hall of 2022

Fort Leonard Wood garrison leaders hosted a town hall for garrison employees Tuesday at Nutter Field House and broadcast via MS Teams.

## Garrison leaders address issues, introduce new community mayors at housing town hall

Senior garrison leaders and representatives from Balfour Beatty Communities – Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner – hosted a housing town hall March 24 at Stonegate Community Center, providing an opportunity to hear from residents, address any issues or concerns and provide information in an open forum.



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



## JRTC and Fort Polk CG visits Fort Leonard Wood on 'Winning the Fight for Talent' campaign

Brig. Gen. David Doyle, commanding general of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Louisiana, visited Fort Leonard Wood this week as part of his "Winning the Fight for Talent" campaign.

### Coming full circle: Hispanic junior officer shares her story of going from mentee to mentor

Prior to 2015, when she was an undergraduate at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, Sonia Buher would not have thought she would one day be a captain in the U.S. Army.



#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### SAAPM observance events

In recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, Fort Leonard Wood is hosting several events to raise awareness and show solidarity with victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault:

- The **Walk a Mile in their Shoes** virtual event takes place through May 31. Complete 100 miles in this self-directed program and receive a commemorative T-shirt. Cost is \$10. Register by calling 573.596.6913, or click here.

- Strike Out Sexual Assault takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday at Daugherty Bowling Center. Teams may pay the \$20 entry fee the day of the event; the fee includes shoe rental and two games. Teams interested in participating should send the names of their four members – including which person is the team captain – along with the name of their team to Carol Oberwager at carol.a.oberwager.civ@ army.mil. Call 573.528.4098 for more information.

- Turn It Teal Zumba takes place from 9 to 10 a.m. April 23 at Davidson Fitness Center. Participants are asked to wear the color teal to show support for and solidarity with victims of sexual assault. Cost is \$20 in advance, and includes a commemorative T-shirt, or \$15 at the event (no T-shirts will be available for day-of registrations). Call 573.596.4359 for details, or click here.

Month of the Military Child events April is the Month of the Military Child, and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a schedule of events and other specials available. Daugherty Bowling Center is offering a discounted rate of \$2 per game all month to children 16 years and younger. The Outdoor Adventure Center is offering a 50-percent discount on bounce house rentals throughout the month. A drive-through celebration with giveaways and informational flyers is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 29 in the Bldg. 470 parking lot. A superhero-themed 5K fun run is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. April 30 at Davidson Fitness Center. In addition, artwork produced by children here will be on display in the lobbies and halls of Bldg. 470 throughout the month. Visit the FMWR website for the latest information on these and other upcoming MOMC events.

#### Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

Muslim personnel here will observe the Holy Month of Ramadan from Sunday through May 3. During the month, Muslims fast (including water) each day until sunset. The fasting period ends with a three-day festival called Eid al-Fitr. Religious accommodations may be necessary to enable Muslim personnel to fulfil this obligation to their faith. Commanders may adjust Muslim Soldiers' participation in rigorous physical training; they may release permanent party Muslim Soldiers from duty at least one hour prior to sunset; and they may authorize liberal leave or a pass. Muslim trainees are precluded from fasting. Call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brad Godding at 573.596.2127, or email bradley.c.godding.mil@army.mil for details.

#### **Fitness center updates**

Fort Leonard Wood's fitness centers have updated the services they provide. At Davidson Fitness Center, the parent/child room is now open - parents may workout and have their children 12 years and younger present (children under 13 years old are not allowed in cardio or weight rooms); children 15 years and younger may workout and take fitness classes with their parent or guardian; and patrons 16 years and older may be unaccompanied in fitness centers. Additionally, the saunas are now open at DFC and Specker Gym. Both facilities are open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on holidays. Call DFC at 573.596.4359 for details. Specker Gym can be reached by calling 573.596.7377.

#### Suicide prevention helpline

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

# HEROES OF BATTLEFIELD

**Cpl. Dylan Dollarhide,** an investigator with the 252nd/180th Military Police Detachment, was working day shift road patrol and responded to our main access control point, when two individuals were arguing after they had gotten into a vehicle

accident outside of the installation. Dollarhide interacted with the individuals, bringing calm and control to an emotional and complex situation.



#### **NEWS BRIEFS, continued**

Peak PCS season delays

Fort Leonard Wood personnel preparing for a permanent change of station move in May, June, July, August - and potentially September - should anticipate delays in the scheduling of their household goods move, and should not try to move or store their household goods prior to receiving PCS orders. Individuals should contact the Fort Leonard Wood transportation office when orders are received - any delay in contacting the transportation office may result in non-availability of Department of Defense-contracted moving companies. Call 573.596.0077, or visit in person in Bldg. 470, Room 1220. The transportation office is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Customers also have the option to start the process on-line through the Defense

Personal Property System. To request access to DPS, click here. Scroll down to the red button that reads, "LOG IN TO DPS." When at the DPS landing page, scroll down to the customer column and click on "Register as a Customer," and fill out the requested information. A user ID and password is sent to the email provided when registering. This option is not available for first-time movers, retirees and separating members. Additional assistance is available via the DPS help desk at 800.462.2176.

#### **EIB, ESB testing**

Soldiers can attempt to earn the Expert Infantry Badge or Expert Soldier Badge here during a testing and training event scheduled for May 31 to June 10. Those interested may contact their unit expert badge representative, or Sgt. 1st Class James Boyette at 573.563.8032, or by email at james.c.boyette8.mil@army.mil.

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multiple unit commanders

insight, expertise and effort immensely helped in their

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#### Estate claim

Dawn Arden, a Public Affairs specialist here, is assisting

our units in their understanding and execution of Inside the

Wire. Arden reviewed dozens of social media accounts for

implementation of Inside the Wire, and provided instruction to

Anyone with claims against the estate of 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.

#### Photo appointments now available

The Visual Information Center is accepting appointments for official Department of the Army and head-and-shoulder command photos. Visit the Visual Information Ordering Site to make an appointment.





Photos by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Staff Sgt. Sondra Fotopoulos, a drill sergeant with Company A, 31st Engineer Battalion, instructs Pvt. Kayla Dills how to use an oxygen cutting torch as part of combat engineer training during Black Phase of One Station Unit Training. While in Black Phase, Soldiers learn the skills directly related to the job they will perform in the military once they graduate OSUT.

### Combat Engineer Training Turns up the HEAT



Above: Staff Sgt. Sondra Fotopoulos, a drill sergeant with Company A, 31st Engineer Battalion, assists Pvt. Kayla Dills with the proper wear of safety gear in preparation of using an oxygen cutting torch. Upper right: Combat engineers help Soldiers navigate on combat missions by constructing bridges, clearing barriers, avoiding mines and other environmental hazards. Exothermal breaching is one of many tools used to complete the mission.

Bottom right: A trainee is taught how to spark an oxygen cutting torch.







### **JUSTIN FANATIA**

#### TRAINING SPECIALIST counter explosive hazards center fort leonard wood

As a Reserve Soldier myself, my goal was, and always will be, to make an impact on the lives of those around me.

Assists in the development of functional explosive hazard training aids used in CEHC courses, as well as partnership in equipment testing, focusing on counter explosive hazard threats. Reviews and recommends changes to doctrine regarding explosive hazards, while looking toward the future and developing new methods and strategies to combat threats across the operational environment.



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

I chose to be a DA Civilian to make an impact on Soldiers' lives. As a Reserve Soldier myself, my goal was, and always will be, to make an impact on the lives of those around me, whether that be through mentorship, training or support.

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

The most important benefit of being a DA Civilian is **being a part of a community focused on supporting and developing the next generation**, **all while having the flexibility to make an impact, not only on the military**, **but also my family.** I have done a lot of things that provided a lasting impact, and to me, that is what it means to be, and a benefit of being, a DA Civilian.

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

I enjoy being a part of the community, but more importantly, **I have a passion** for training and mentoring Soldiers to excel.

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

My most memorable experience is implementing change in doctrine that will impact how our military safely executes explosive hazards operations in the future. What advice would you give to others considering becoming a DA Civilian?

Find your passion, and seek it out. Take every opportunity to be innovative, creative, motivated and conscientious about who you will influence because it takes both

civilians and Soldiers working as a team to be successful.

