



USAES announces Engineer Regimental Week events at Fort Leonard Wood

The U.S. Army Engineer School will host the annual Engineer Regimental Week celebration from April 20 to May 1 at Fort Leonard Wood.

Week-long Earth Day observance kicks off with scavenger hunt on Saturday

Earth Day is April 22, and the Directorate of Public Works' Environmental Division has events planned throughout the week to help the Fort Leonard Wood community learn more about the importance of protecting and maintaining the environment.





Abrams Theater makeover one of many quality-of-life improvements on Fort Leonard Wood this year

The newly-renovated Abrams Theater is now open for movies, graduations and other events, part of an ongoing effort here to provide amenities that service members, their families and civilians have said they want. This also includes many new restaurants and food trucks that are either now open or opening soon.

Firearms safety starts with responsible storage, handling practices

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence safety experts have a message for the Fort Leonard Wood community: Whether acquired for hunting, target shooting or personal defense, firearms are designed to be lethal. Storing or handling them in a responsible manner helps protect everyone.



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



Soldier for Life: Retired 1SG, now music teacher, uses Army experience to inspire, motivate students

Teachers and Soldiers have many traits in common. Both serve something bigger than themselves. Both coach, train, mentor, inspire and motivate others to be the best they can be. And they both lead by example. So, it was no surprise that when Dr. Joan Murray retired from the Army after serving 22 years, she would love to teach.

399th Army Band Soldier shares love of music with two high school bands

At the end of March, Spc. Douglas Olenik, a tuba player with the 399th Army Band and leader of its Route 66 Brass Band, conducted two high school bands during two different concerts. One happened to be at his alma mater, Norwayne High School, in Creston, Ohio, where he conducted in front of his very first band director.





ACS financial expert explains available programs to reduce, eliminate student loan debt

Tammy Fink, a financial readiness specialist at Fort Leonard Wood's Army Community Service, explains how individuals can save money via the student loan payment moratorium and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

R2 Fair

The next Ready and Resiliency Fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 21 at Nutter Field House. Available at the fair will be awareness tables and interactive training opportunities from various post resources open to service members, their families and Department of Defense civilians. Call 573.596.0938 for details.

ID Card facility renovations

Renovations on the ID Card facility waiting area are ongoing. A temporary waiting area is located in Room 2105. Expected completion is Aug. 30. Call 573.596.0740 for details.

Holy week services

Holy Thursday Mass begins at 6 p.m. tonight at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. A Good Friday Mass begins at 6 p.m. Friday at SMC. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at SMC. Easter Sunday Mass begins at 9 a.m. Sunday at SMC and 1 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. A Protestant Good Friday **service** begins at noon Friday at SMC. **Easter sunrise service** begins at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at the MPC. These are in addition to regularly-scheduled services. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

NEWS BRIEFS

Month of the Military Child events April is the Month of the Military Child, and Fort Leonard Wood 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. Author Mary Wertsch will be speaking on the military children subculture from 6 to 7 p.m. April 24 at the Main Post Chapel. Register by contacting Martha Strong at 573.596.0089, or by email at martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil. A drivethrough 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.

SAAPM observance events

In recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, Fort Leonard Wood is hosting 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. **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

HEROES OF BATTLEFIELD

Sgt. Stone Huntley, NCO in charge of supply for the 701st Military Police Battalion, worked tirelessly in a position above his rank, and under constrained resources, to ensure the battalion continued to meet mission. In addition to preparing for

a battalion-level Command Supply Discipline Program inspection and company-level changeof-command inventories, Huntley aided in the preparation of his Soldier's Basic Leader

the preparation of his Soldier's Basic Leader Course attendance. Huntley is fully invested in ensuring the battalion supply section remains operational in support of the

training mission. He is an invaluable member of the team.

John Warson, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence G3 Registrar, Training Administrator (Standards in Training Commission), provided outstanding support during an Army-level Ammunition Team site assistance visit, from March 28 to

> 31. As the MSCoE action officer, he developed the tasking order, scheduled multiple in-progress reviews, coordinated meeting locations and facilities, hosted senior leader engagements, facilitated Army

and proponent STRAC manager and developer discussions and de-conflicted schedules for all involved. John's attention to detail and hard work ensured the SAV was a great success.

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.

Peak PCS season delays

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 **NEWS BRIEFS, continued**

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.

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.

Suicide prevention helpline

Call 1.800.273.8255 (or text 838255). It is anonymous and available 24/7. Download the WeCare app for more resources.





RIDE SAFE with motorcycle safety





Photos by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Tami Grider, a motorcycle safety course instructor here, observes students as they complete the circle weaving portion of the Advanced Rider Course April 7 at Training Area 209A. The course is new this year and replaces the Basic Rider Course Two and the Military Sport Bike Rider Course. Service members on active duty are required to take the advanced course within one year of completing the two-day Basic Rider Course. After that, service members must take the ARC every five years.



Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Hoke, from the 554th Engineer Battalion's Horizontal Skills Division, practices braking in a turn during the April 7 Advanced Rider Course at Training Area 209A. For information about each course and to sign up visit https://imc. army.mil/airs.



Above: Instructor Tami Grider explains one of the learning objectives for the Advanced Rider Course April 7 at Training Area 209A.

Below: Fort Leonard Wood's Garrison Safety Office offers two motorcycle safety courses for service members on active duty here. The Basic Rider Course includes 14 lessons and the Advanced Rider Course includes 10 lessons.



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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT COUNTER EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS CENTER FORT LEONARD WOOD

Responsible for a variety of clerical tasks at CEHC, including managing calendars, defense travel system, government travel cards and coordinating meetings and visitors.



Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

Before my husband was stationed here, I worked as a training event and operations coordinator for several organizations. I had the opportunity to take a position in a battalion operations office at Fort Leonard Wood and really liked it.

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

Military spouses have to build much of our lives around our Soldiers, and **being a DA Civilian allows us to have the freedom to pursue our own careers**, and work with people who understand the lifestyle.

What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

The pay is good, and the benefits are great, but **as a DA Civilian I have also had the best co-workers in my career**. Both at CEHC and my previous position, I have had the opportunity to work with some great people who taught me a lot.

What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

About a month ago, **I got a flat tire in the parking lot of the Post Exchange**. My husband was unavailable, so I called one of my former co-workers. Even though I don't work with them anymore, they still arranged for someone to change my tire for me, and made sure I made it home OK. Any of my current co-workers would do the same. The people at CEHC have my back. Knowing that makes me feel like I'm not alone.

