

MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating the selfless contributions of military spouses

On May 6, the Friday before Mother's Day, we will celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Since the early days of the Continental Army, military spouses have selflessly contributed to the strength of our armed forces by caring for and supporting our service members.





MSCoE CG and CSM Send: May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Each May since 1977, we honor the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our nation's history.

Army Engineers wrap up Regimental Week events

The U.S. Army Engineer School hosted Engineer Regimental Week from April 20 to May 1, including events such as the Best Sapper Competition, the Senior Engineer Leader Council, an Army Engineer Association industry exhibition, Army Engineer Family Day, the Fallen Sapper Tribute and the Engineer Regimental Ball and Awards Ceremony.





Community Salute to Service set for Wednesday

Future service members from high schools across South-Central Missouri will be honored for their commitment to serve their country at the Community Salute to Service event, scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at Waynesville High School's Tiger Stadium.

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

Fort Leonard Wood service members come together for National Day of Prayer event

Service members and civilians of various faiths gathered this morning at the Main Post Chapel to pray for the community, the nation, its leaders and the armed forces during the National Day of Prayer event.





Ed Center hosts pinning ceremony for new nurses

The Truman Education Center hosted a pinning ceremony for 21 new nurses Tuesday at Lincoln Hall Auditorium. The pinning ceremony – which is a separate event from the official university graduation commencement – is unique to the nursing field, and harkens back to the pioneering, mid-19th Century medical modernization work of Florence Nightingale.

NEWS BRIEFS

Community Information Forum

Garrison leaders here hosted the May Community Information Forum Wednesday at the Pershing Community Center. A recording is available to view on the Fort Leonard Wood Facebook page.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Army Community Service is hosting a Military Spouse Appreciation Day celebration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Bldg. 486. Click here for a schedule of events. Call 573.596.0212 for details.

School, sports physicals

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital staff will hold a back-to-school and sports physicals day by appointment for Tricare beneficiaries ages 5 to 18 years old on Saturday in the Pediatrics and Immunizations clinics. The event coincides with Child and Youth Services' summer registration, which is ongoing through May 26. Call 866.299.4234 to schedule an appointment.

Female Mentorship and Morale

The Female Mentorship and Morale Program will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Itschner Room at the 35th Engineer Battalion. The event is open to men and women.

IPPS-A transition summit

Experts from the Integrated Personnel

and Pay System – Army transition team will be here Tuesday and Wednesday to brief senior leaders and human resources specialists on the changes when active-duty and Reserve Soldiers are transitioned to the new system in September. Call 573.596.0136 for details.

Career summit

The Fort Leonard Wood Transition Assistance Program is hosting a career summit, starting at 8:30 a.m. May 12 at Nutter Field House. More than 35 employers are expected to participate and the event will also include workshops, with topics such as career planning and resume writing. Visit the Hiring Our Heroes website or call 573.596.0175 for details.

Pay office closure

The Military Pay Office will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 12. Call 573.596.0710 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.

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 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. Call the DPS help desk at 800.462.2176 for additional assistance.

Amnesty collection

An amnesty collection point will be manned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Range Amnesty Point, near the intersection of FLW1 and FLW 38. Call 573.596.3451 for details.

5 service members become U.S. citizens at Fort Leonard Wood

The Directorate of Human Resources and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services conducted a virtual naturalization ceremony today for five service members who are here attending training.





Army Engineer executive officers make military service a family business

The Army is a small world after all, at least for Maj. Christina Cavanaugh, 35th Engineer Battalion executive officer, and her younger brother, Capt. Derick Harjo, executive officer for Company C, 169th Engineer Battalion.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS

Air Force Spring Tattoo: Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling celebrates the Air Force at 75

Crowds of service members, Department of Defense civilians and military families celebrated the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force during a Spring Tattoo performance Tuesday at the Air Force Ceremonial Lawn on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.





DOD's Virtual Military Spouse Symposium slated for May 10 through 12

Military spouses worldwide are invited to participate this month in the Virtual Military Spouse Symposium, the Defense Department's premier event for spouse empowerment and goal setting.

Space Force budget request speeds transformation

Invoking Gen. Douglas MacArthur's observation that militaries fail when they are slow and "too late" to change, Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall urged Congress April 27 to embrace a \$194 billion budget request specifically tailored to "transform" and modernize the Air and Space Forces.





Military hospitality returns as Pentagon reopens for guided tours

Beginning Tuesday, and on a limited basis, visitors will again be able to take a guided tour of the Pentagon.

LEONARD WOOD JUSTICE

Courts-Martial

— A staff sergeant was convicted of engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a junior-enlisted Soldier, dereliction of duty, making a false official statement, and engaging in extra-marital conduct. Sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction to private (E-1), and confinement for 45 days.

— A staff sergeant was convicted of engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a trainee. Sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge and reduction to private (E-1).

— A sergeant was convicted of maltreatment of junior-enlisted Soldiers through sexual harassment, disparaging and offensive comments, and assault. Sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge and reduction to private (E-1).

Reprimands

— A warrant officer 1 received a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

— A sergeant first class received a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

— A specialist received a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand for engaging in extra-marital sexual conduct.

Other Misconduct — A staff sergeant received nonjudicial punishment by a field grade officer for violating a lawful order by being alone in a room with a trainee for several hours. Reduction to sergeant (E-5) and given an oral reprimand.

A private (E-2) received nonjudicial punishment from a company grade officer for bullying another trainee. Reduction to Private (E-1) and forfeiture of \$213 pay.
A private (E-2) separated from the Army with a General discharge for sexually harassing other trainees.

— A private (E-1) received nonjudicial punishment from a company grade officer for failure to obey a lawful order from a noncommissioned officer. Extra duty and restriction for 10 days.

— A private (E-1) received nonjudicial punishment from a company grade officer for lying to a noncommissioned officer and refusing a lawful order to clean their assigned weapon. Extra duty and restriction for 10 days.

— A private (E-1) received nonjudicial punishment from a company grade officer for disobeying a lawful order. Forfeiture of \$100 pay.

NOTE: Soldiers administratively separated receive one of three characterizations of service: Honorable, General, or Other Than Honorable. Anything less than Honorable may result in the loss of certain benefits and negatively impact employment and education opportunities.



Abrams Theater is now open for movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This weekend's films include:

"Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" Rated PG-13 Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday*

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Call 573.329.6176 for details.

*Denotes a first-run showing.





Photo by Dawn Arden, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office Capt. Alaimoana Paunga (right) and 1st Lt. Eric Mattia, from the 20th Engineer Battalion, at Fort Hood, Texas, complete the Prusik Climb April 23 at Training Area 147. Paunga and Mattia earned the right to be called 'Best Sapper' during the 15th Best Sapper Competition held April 23 through 25.



Photo by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office U.S. Army Engineer School Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. John Brennan (left), and Col. Daniel Hibner, USAES commandant, place a wreath in remembrance of fallen engineers during the Fallen Sapper Memorial April 28 at Soldier Memorial Chapel.



USAES hosts events for Regimental Week



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Capt. Aleksandrs Schuler, an Engineer Captains Career Course instructor (center), speaks with one of the nearly 40 defense contractors and industry partners on hand April 27 at Nutter Field House for the Army Engineer Association industry exhibition.



Photo by Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office Heidi Grabowski – spouse of Lt. Col. John Grabowski, 31st Engineer Battalion commander – operates a backhoe loader while Staff Sgt. Byron Lobos, Company A, 554th Engineer Battalion, supervises during the Engineer Family Day April 27 at Training Area 244. The event gave spouses and family members the chance to learn more about what it's like to be an Army Engineer.

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THEN AND NOW FORT LEONARD WOOD

COUNTEE HALL



Located at the intersection of Replacement Avenue and East 2nd Street, this building served as the **World War II-era Black Officers' Club**, during the period when the installation was segregated.

Originally constructed in **1941** as an administrative and classroom building, by the end of **1942** it had been converted to an officers' club to serve the increasing number of black officers on the installation.

The large painting featured inside the building was completed in **1945** by **Staff Sgt. Samuel Countee**, a well-known 20th century African American artist who had been drafted into military service in **1942**. The painting has been conserved and the building has been preserved and rehabilitated. It serves as a Garrison training facility and hosts a variety of activities including classes, meetings, VIP visits, and ceremonial and social events. Countee Hall is eligible for the **National Register**

of Historic Places.



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Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

They say you can take the Soldier out of the Army, but you cannot take the Army out of the Soldier. I am a Soldier for life, so for me, it was a no brainer. I can keep on doing what I was born to do – serving and protecting others.

What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

Some of the well-known benefits include a **healthy work-life balance**, competitive pay, generous sick and leave days and first-rate insurance programs. For me, the best benefit is continuity. As a DA Civilian, we serve in critical positions while playing an important role in the defense of our nation and in supporting our armed forces.

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

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What advice would you give to others considering becoming a DA Civilian?

Understand that **DA Civilians are** committed to serving the nation as

an integral part of the armed forces, who have the credentials to provide mission-essential capability, stability, and continuity during war and peace to support our nation. Take your support mission seriously, and **commit to selfless service** in the performance of your duties. Find a position that fits your talents,

and pursue your future with a diverse, challenging and rewarding DA Civilian career.

