



Annual Gold Star family recognition event connects survivors, Fort Leonard Wood community

Fort Leonard Wood's Survivor Outreach Services hosted its annual Gold Star family recognition event Saturday.



Marine Corps team takes 'King of the Road' title during annual truck rodeo event

Fort Leonard Wood's Marine Corps Detachment took the top spot at the seventh-annual Joint Service Truck Rodeo, hosted by the 58th Transportation Battalion Friday at Training Area 228.



Gateway Battalion ROTC cadets gain valuable training during FTX at Fort Leonard Wood

More than 60 ROTC cadets from the nine Missouri universities that make up the Army's Gateway Battalion converged on Fort Leonard Wood this past weekend for their annual fall field training exercise.



JAG Corps awards Fort Leonard Wood paralegal for 35 years of work helping service members

Beth Rowden, a claims paralegal specialist for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate here, was presented the Judge Advocate Legal Service Sustained Outstanding Civilian Career Award Sept. 12 during the annual conference of SJAs in Charlottesville, Virginia, for her sustained excellence as a claims paralegal for 35 years.

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



Have a fire-free fall with these safety tips from the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department

While fire safety is a year-round concern, most fires happen in the fall and winter months. Here's a roundup of fall fire safety tips to keep your family safe and sound.

Suicide prevention event

Fort Leonard Wood suicide prevention experts are set to host a suicide prevention awareness event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday on Gerlach Field. The community is invited to participate in team-building activities and games while also gaining credit for fiscal year 2022 Personal Readiness training. Complimentary lunch will also be provided by the USO. Call 573.596.0938 for details.

Archaeology Month event

October is Archaeology Month, and Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division is hosting an event from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Colyer Park to celebrate the prehistoric people who once occupied what is now Fort Leonard Wood. The event will feature informational displays, as well as hands-on activities for children. Call 573.596.6655 for details.

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Fire Prevention poster contest

Fort Leonard Wood's Fire Department is hosting a poster contest in honor of October's Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign theme is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." Winners will be chosen from two groups: kindergartners and first graders, and second and third graders. Posters should be relevant to the theme; each poster must be the work of one child; the child's name, grade, school and teacher's name must be on the back of the poster; and no stickers or cut outs may be pasted on the posters. Entries are due by 11 a.m. Oct. 4 at Fire Station No. 3, Bldg. 2375. Call 573.596.0886 for details.

Combined college graduation

Fort Leonard Wood's Truman Education Center is hosting a combined college commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. Oct. 7 at Nutter Field House. Call 573.596.0172 for details.

East Gate construction update

Demolition work on Fort Leonard Wood's East Gate bridge is set to resume this month, and construction completion is scheduled for January 2023. Call 573.596.7131 for details.

DOD sexual assault helpline

The Department of Defense sexual assault helpline is 877.995.5247. Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center may be reached at 573.855.1327. Visit the Safe Helpline website for other support options.

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Name: Amber Garcia-Acevedo

Community: The Woodlands

Why did you decide to become a community mayor?

I wanted to represent my community and be a voice for the military spouses. I also believe there is strength in numbers, and we can get more things done when there's a bigger voice.

What are some initiatives you want your community to know about?

I enjoy seeing improvements being made to the community. We've been able to put stop signs in – we're hopefully going to be able to improve the park on Depuy Street, and I'm hoping to do a fall cleanup towards the end of this month. We did a meet your neighbors event earlier this year, where we had the USO come out – we had free hotdogs and it was a great event. I encourage people to reach out to me by email at woodlandsmayor@gmail.com.

On-post family housing here is operated and maintained by Balfour Beatty Communities, Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner. Routine maintenance requests may be made online through the resident portal on the BBC website. Work order requests received via the website are monitored during normal duty hours. Non-routine maintenance needs can be addressed by calling BBC's 24/7 work order line at 573.329.4000.





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

"Beast" Rated R Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"The Woman King" * Rated PG-13 Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday

"Fall" Rated PG-13 Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Beast" Rated R Showing at 2 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showing are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children. Prices for 3D showings are \$8.50 for adults and \$5.75 for children. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the Exchange website for details.

*Denotes a first-run showing.





Photo by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Military Police School Soldiers pause after the lowering and folding of the flag during the MP Regimental Retreat Wednesday on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza.

FORT LEONARD WOOD CELEBRATES 81 YEARS ∯ U.S. ARMY MP CORPS

The Military Police Corps' Regimental Week continues through Saturday. Here's a look at some of the events that took place so far this week.



Photo by Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office Retired Sgt. 1st Class and bagpiper Dan Jackson serves as the Lone Piper, playing "Amazing Grace" during the conclusion of the MP Memorial Tribute Monday at MP Memorial Grove.





Photo by Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office Retired U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. James Frye (left), and MP Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Klosterman present 1st Sgt. Roberto Castaneda with the inaugural Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. James W. Frye Noncommissioned Officer of Excellence Award during a ceremony Tuesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. The award is presented to an NCO for their outstanding dedication and commitment to the MP Corps. Frye, for whom the award was named, was appointed as the MP Corps' first regimental sergeant major in September 1982.



Photo by Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Motorcyclists line up Tuesday morning outside Nutter Field House for the MP Regimental Ride. About 15 participants rode to Osage Beach, Missouri, and back to Fort Leonard Wood. If we go to our leadership and say 'this is the change that we need to make,' my leadership listens, and we make changes.

JEREMIAH HARCOURT

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM SPECIALIST

FORT LEONARD WOOD ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Responsible for providing education and prevention services to the military community regarding child abuse and domestic violence.



Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

I did three enlistments as an active-duty Soldier and completed my master's and bachelor's degrees while I was in. When I transitioned, I went to work for the state of Missouri for a couple years, and then I kept applying back here until I got a job. I love working with Soldiers and was very proud of my service. Being able to serve those who are serving is an important aspect of my career.

What is your favorite part about your job as a DA Civilian?

My favorite part about my job is teaching classes and talking to

people. We cover uncomfortable topics, but I find if I keep it respectful, we have good conversations. I'm pleased with the kind of feedback we get from the classes we do here, and that's what makes it my favorite aspect of my job.

What are the benefits of being a DA Civilian?

I know there's a system in place that protects not only me and who I am, but my coworkers. I also like the fact that we get the opportunity to make real changes. If we go to our leadership and say 'this is the change that we need to make,' my leadership listens, and we make changes. So, that's a real reward and makes this workplace something more than what I've had at other places.

What advice would you give to someone thinking of becoming a DA Civilian?

Keep trying. I put in 50 applications before I got this job. Sometimes you get accepted for a job and it takes them a long time to get you on board, and sometimes it's quick, but you must be patient.

