



Eerie-sistible events announced for Fort Leonard Wood's spooky season

For those looking for something to do this spooky season, Fort Leonard Wood has several fa-boo-lous opportunities to celebrate Halloween.



SNAIR helps Fort Leonard Wood drivers deal with winter weather

With winter weather always a concern in Missouri from November through March, the installation's snow and ice removal program — referred to as SNAIR — has various methods in place to keep people informed of treacherous travel and weather-related information.



Air Force students use unique MOS taught on post to help Soldiers reach their fitness goals

Students from Fort Leonard Wood's U.S. Air Force 368th Training Squadron are putting their new pavement skills to the test by laying concrete pads for the Army's gyms-in-abox that will support the Secretary of the Army's Holistic Health and Fitness initiative.



Hiring fair sets transitioning service members up for success

Leaving one job for another can be a nerve-wracking experience, especially when trying to transition from a military to a civilian career. That is why the Fort Leonard Wood Army Transition Assistance Program hosted a Career Fair Oct. 12 in Nutter Field House.

Oktoberfest

Fort Leonard Wood's Oktoberfest celebration is set to start at 4 p.m. Friday at Pershing Community Center. Call 573.329.2455 or click here for details.

Make a Difference Day

Fort Leonard Wood's Army Community Service is hosting a Make a Difference Day event from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, beginning at Bldg. 486. Call 573.596.0613 for details.

Special Operations visit

Soldiers with the Special Operations Recruiting Battalion will conduct informational briefings Tuesday through Oct. 26 at Fort Leonard Wood about the Army Special Operations Forces branches – special forces, psychological operations and civil affairs – as well as provide detailed guidance regarding the application packet. The briefings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 630, and 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Morelli Heights barbecue area. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Lyons at 270.798.9818 or andrew.d.lyons.mil@ army.mil for details.

Photo studio closure

The Fort Leonard Wood Visual Information Service Center will be closed through mid-December.

Child care options

Child Youth Services currently has family child care providers offering hourly care, as well as a list of people, who recently completed the CYS Babysitters Course. Call 573.596.0238 or visit Bldg. 470, Rm. 1126, for more information. The next scheduled CYS Babysitters Course will be spring break of 2024.

RSO lists fall Faith Skills classes

Fort Leonard Wood's Religious Support Office has a schedule of classes for their fall Faith Skills program, including "Trauma REBOOT," "Are We There Yet? The Marriage Journey," "God's Presence in Our Profession" and more. A 5:30 p.m. dinner, followed by classes, will be held Wednesday evenings through Nov. 8 at the Main Post Chapel. Call 573.596.0089, or email martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil for details. Additionally, a Faith Skills Facebook group is available to join.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 132 at the Main Post Chapel. Call 253.363.3306 or 970.390.5724 for details.

Teen ID post access policy

Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Emergency Services has policies on checking teenager Department of Defense ID cards at installation access points. If a child is with a parent or guardian, then no ID is required unless the child looks close in appearance to an adult or if the child is driving. Additionally, DOD ID card holders under the age of 18 are not authorized to sponsor non-DOD personnel on post. More information on installation access policies is available on the Fort Leonard Wood website or by calling the visitor center at 573.596.0590.

DFAC closure

The Bldg. 3223 dining facility near the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence NCO Academy - commonly referred to as Tony's - is closed through the end of January 2024, while improvements are made to the water and electrical systems, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and new floor tiles and ceiling are installed, along with new paint. While it's closed, during the week, the Bldg. 630 DFAC. located at 5323 Colorado Ave., is providing support, and a shuttle service runs approximately every 25 minutes between the north side of the parking lot outside Thurman Hall at the MSCoE headquarters building and Bldg. 630, which is open from 5:30 to 8 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, and 4 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner. On weekends and holidays, the Bldg. 1792 DFAC – located between Cooley and Oklahoma avenues - is providing support, though there is not a shuttle service to Bldg. 1792. Hours are 5:30 to 8 a.m. for breakfast. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, and 4:30 to 7 p.m. for dinner. Call Master Sgt. David Barrera at 573.563.5501 for details.

October is Energy Awareness Month

Like they do in the summer, ceiling fans can provide comfort during the winter months as well. Most fans have a switch that reverses the motor to operate the fan in the opposite direction. This produces an updraft that forces warm air near the ceiling down into the living space.

> Click here for more energy saving tips from the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.

USO gets renovations, upgrades



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

A ribbon cutting ceremony at Fort Leonard Wood's USO on Oct. 12 officially re-opens the building with new renovations and upgrades. The USO of Missouri received a grant as part of a partnership with a home improvement store and the NFL — since the Kansas City Chiefs won Super Bowl LVII, they chose Fort Leonard Wood's USO to receive the grant. The USO used the grant to replace the ceiling, paint the walls, build a game room with six new gaming stations and an arcade game, and landscape the outside with new benches and picnic tables. The old bar area is still in the process of being turned in to a charging station for devices, such as smartphones, tablets and laptops.

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The Army's Digital Garrison mobile app is a one-stop information source for military communities. It's free and available at the Google Play and Apple stores.



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

"Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour" Rated PG-13 Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday*

"The Nun II" Rated R Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Insidious: The Red Door" Rated PG-13 Showing at 2 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showings are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 6 to 11). First-run showings are \$8.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children. 3D showings are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Children under 5 are free. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the Exchange website for details.

*Admission price for this showing is \$10 for adults and children of any age.



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KIMBERLY HARRIS

SHOP OPERATIONS MANAGER

FLEET MAINTENANCE EXPANSION, TANK-AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMAMENTS COMMAND

Supervises the maintenance of more than 15,000 pieces of equipment on Fort Leonard Wood.



What do you do on post?

My main function is to supervise the maintenance of over 15,000 pieces of equipment. TACOM's main mission here is to support training. All the vehicles, tactical vehicles and road vehicles that the students operate, we maintain them. They range from tanks to trucks to Humvees, boats and bridges.

When did you start working for the Army at Fort Leonard Wood?

I came out here to Fort Leonard Wood as a drill sergeant in 1996 and never left. I retired from the Army in 2001 as a 62B Army Construction Equipment Repairer. I started working for the Army here as a civilian in 2003 in an Army Warrior Restaurant that was just starting up, then I came to TACOM.

What do you like most about your job?

The freedom. I work with a great group that allows me to think outside the box. We are encouraged to be creative when fixing problems or improve things. We have great discussions. I also enjoy the standards we are expected to uphold. We are a family here. I work with a great group of people that have really made coming to work here enjoyable. I am excited to come to work every day.

Why are you proud of the work you do on post?

The biggest thing is safety. We ensure the safety of all the trainees learning to operate this equipment. I try to stress this to my team — when you put your initials on the paper you have done everything in your power to make sure this vehicle is safe for a person to get in, operate and go home at the end of the day. It's a big deal, a very important job. We have people's lives in our hands every day.

What advice would you give to others working for the Army?

As a supervisor, I try to always remind folks that their glass is half full, it is never half empty. As a supervisor, as a leader, I am the morale committee. I set the tempo for the day. If I come in to work with a great attitude it spills over to my team. I try stay positive about everything for them.