



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Think safety over the training holiday

On Friday, we will observe U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's spring training holiday. This weekend is a great time to spend with friends and family and experience the Ozarks. Enjoy your weekend and stay safe. We are proud to serve with you!



# MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Honoring service and sacrifice on Gold Star Spouses Day

Each year on April 5, we recognize the service and sacrifice of a very special group within our community. Gold Star Spouses Day is a time for us to pay tribute to the husbands and wives of our fallen comrades.



# 82nd Airborne Division Soldiers conduct CBRN training exercise at Fort Leonard Wood

Soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, visited Fort Leonard Wood this week to conduct a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear training event called Operation Steel Box, and speak with Soldiers here about opportunities in the Army Airborne community.



# IMCOM rates Fort Leonard Wood substance abuse program outstanding ahead of inspections

U.S. Army Installation Management Command has rated Fort Leonard Wood's substance abuse program outstanding, following an early March staff assistance visit in preparation for two upcoming inspections.



### Wild animals are meant to be wild

Most people have the very best intentions when they find wild animals. What people often fail to realize is that attempting to intervene often ends up doing more harm. Enjoy wildlife but leave animals to their natural world, not only for the animal's wellbeing, but for human safety.



### Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers prepare for Best Ranger Competition

Two Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers are mustering up their grit and determination and heading to Fort Benning, Georgia, to compete for the title of Best Ranger team.



### Nominations now being accepted for Fort Leonard Wood civilian awards program

Nominations are being accepted now through the end of April for the Fort Leonard Wood civilian awards program, intended to recognize employees for their outstanding efforts in both their daily work and specific acts.

#### Lent, Holy Week, Easter schedule Community Easter Sunrise Service is set for 7 a.m. Sunday at Soldier Memorial Chapel. Additional Catholic services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter include Holy Thursday Mass at 6 p.m. tonight at Soldier Memorial Chapel; Good Friday Mass at 6 p.m. Friday at Soldier Memorial Chapel; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. Saturday at Soldier Memorial Chapel; and Easter Sunday Mass on Sunday at 9 a.m. at Soldier Memorial Chapel and 1 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Protestant Good Friday service will take place at noon Friday at Soldier Memorial Chapel. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

#### **SAAPM** events

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and Fort Leonard Wood has events planned to provide information and help individuals here maintain a safe environment, where all teammates are treated with dignity

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and respect. Events include Turn It Teal Zumba at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Davidson Fitness Center. Cost is \$7 in advance, and includes a complimentary Turn It Teal surprise, or \$10 the day of the event. Anyone 16 years and older with access to Fort Leonard Wood can participate (50 spots are available). Call 573.596.4359 for details or to sign up. A Strike Out Sexual Assault bowling event is set for 1 to 4 p.m. April 21 at Daugherty Bowling Center. Cost is \$20 per four-person team, including shoes and two games per person. Register by April 19. Call 573.528.4098 for details. Additionally, each Tuesday in April, the Fort Leonard Wood community is encouraged to wear teal clothing or a ribbon, and Denim Day is April 26, when individuals are encouraged to wear denim or a Denim Day pin.

#### Gate closures on Tuesday

Fort Leonard Wood's installation access points will close for about 10

minutes before noon on Tuesday due to a full-scale exercise.

#### Change of responsibility

The 3rd Chemical Brigade will host a change-of-responsibility ceremony at 10 a.m. April 18 at Baker Theater, where Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Johnson will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Kiana Bell.

#### **REAL ID gate access policy**

Beginning June 1, Fort Leonard Wood physical security specialists will no longer solely accept state-issued identification that does not meet the REAL ID Act of 2005 standards. Anyone with a non-compliant ID will also need to provide a secondary form of identification, such as a U.S. passport or a certified birth certificate. More information – including the full list of acceptable secondary ID – is available here, or by calling 573.596.0590.

#### Fort Leonard Wood kicks off MOMC



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Tamara Smith, Child Youth Services coordinator here, introduces Col. Anthony Pollio, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander, at the Month of the Military Child kickoff event on Saturday at Abrams Theater. After welcoming the Fort Leonard Wood families who attended the event – which included a showing of the film, "Puss in Boots," along with free popcorn and soft drinks to the first 140 attendees – Pollio signed the annual MOMC proclamation. Visit the Fort Leonard Wood Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website for information on MOMC events throughout April.

#### U.S. vs. World soccer match

The 2023 U.S. vs. World soccer match, hosted by the International Military Student Office, is set to take place at 10 a.m. May 6 at the Waynesville High School soccer field. Participation is open to all service members and Department of Defense civilians. The U.S. team is holding practices at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Soccer Field No. 8, on First Street. For more information, visit the Fort Leonard Wood United Soccer Club Facebook page, or contact Maj. Zachary Weigelt at 573.337.8591, or by email at zachary.d.weigelt.mil@army.mil. Contact Micah Pereza at 573.563.2662, or by email at micah.w.pereza.civ@ army.mil for details on joining the World team.

#### USID online card renewal

Sponsors of individuals holding active Uniformed Services Identification, or USID, cards now have the option to request renewals through ID Card Office Online. More information on this new policy is available here.

#### **Civilian retiree ID cards**

Effective immediately, Department of Defense Civilian Retiree Identification cards will no longer be issued. DOD civilian retirees must present and register an acceptable credential, such as a REAL ID Act-compliant driver's license, and their retirement Standard Form 50 at the Visitor Control Center to facilitate future visits to the installation. Previously issued DOD Civilian Retiree ID Cards will remain valid through Aug. 31, and will not be reissued.

#### Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Reginald Alford, 58th Transportation Battalion, or knowing of assets belonging to Alford, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Michael Northcraft, at 573.596.7650, or by email at michael.r.northcraft.mil@army.mil.

#### **HVAC** systems switch

As summer in Missouri nears, the Directorate of Public Works is switching climate control systems in government-owned facilities from heating to cooling starting on Monday. Per Army Regulation 420-1, most facilities will have thermostats set at 74 degrees Fahrenheit for energy conservation purposes. Many climate systems monitor outside air temperatures and will automatically convert to cooling and back to heating when necessary. However, there are other facilities that require a manual switch-over. Once converted to cooling mode, these facilities cannot be switched back to heating mode until October. Buildings may take a few days to adjust. If cooling systems seem inoperable, a service request can be initiated using the Army Maintenance Activity site.

#### **Tobacco cessation**

A tobacco cessation group meets at 11 a.m. on Thursdays in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Primary Care conference room. Call 573.596.0518 for details.

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

#### Sexual assault helpline

Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327.

#### Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline may now be reached by calling 9-8-8.



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

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

"Avatar: The Way of Water" Rated PG-13 Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday

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

"Scream 6" Rated R Showing at 2 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showings 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.

# LEONARD WOOD JUSTICE

#### **Courts Martial**

— A staff sergeant was convicted at a general court martial of assaulting a family member under the age of 16. The military judge sentenced the Soldier to a reduction to private first class (E-3) and confinement for seven months. The Soldier is also being separated from the Army with an other than honorable discharge, and is serving his sentence at an Army correctional facility.

— A private was convicted at a general court martial of conspiracy to distribute marijuana and wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced the Soldier to 10 months confinement, total forfeitures of pay and allowances, and a bad conduct discharge. The Soldier is serving his sentence at an Army correctional facility.

#### Reprimands

— A specialist received a permanently filed general officer memorandum of reprimand for driving under the influence of alcohol.

— A first lieutenant received a permanently filed general officer memorandum of reprimand for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

#### **Other Misconduct**

— A sergeant received an Article 15 from a field grade officer for wrongful use of a controlled substance. Punishment included reduction to specialist, forfeiture of \$1,841 pay for two months, and extra duty for 21 days. The Soldier will be administratively separated from the Army.

A specialist received a field grade
Article 15 for wrongful use of a controlled substance. Punishment included reduction to private (E-1) and 45 days extra duty. The Soldier will be administratively separated from the Army.
A private received a field grade
Article 15 for wrongful use of a controlled substance. Punishment included reduction to private (E-1). The Soldier will be administratively separated from the Army.

A private received a field grade
Article 15 for failing unit urinalysis.
Punishment included forfeiture of \$958
pay per month for two months, and
extra duty and restriction for 45 days.
A private was separated from the
Army for failure to adapt and failure to
comply with Army regulations, policies
and orders on multiple occasions.

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.



### **RICK LAIRD**

RANGE TECHNICIAN

FORT LEONARD WOOD DIRECTORATE OF PLANS, TRAINING, MOBILIZATION AND SECURITY

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Helps ensure the safety of service members and trainees as units utilize Fort Leonard Wood's ranges and training areas.



Range Technician Rick Laird spent 23 years as a combat engineer in the Army. He was stationed here four times over the course of his career, including his final assignment as the first sergeant for the Combat Training Company. His plan after retiring from the Army in 2018, was to work in range operations here.

### What made you want to stay at Fort Leonard Wood?

Fort Leonard Wood is the home of the Army Engineer Regiment. After serving for 23 years, I hated to see all that information, knowledge and experience just go away. I worked as a contractor for almost three years before this job opened and I jumped on it.

### Why did you want to work in range operations?

Working with the active-duty Soldiers is the best part. You get the benefit of feeling like you're still in the military. In this area, you get the camaraderie of different military people and different branches. Besides engineers, we have military police, chemical Soldiers, we get infantry here, Chinook pilots – a little bit of everything. It's a pretty nice, tight-knit area around here.

#### What advice would you give to other service members who are transitioning and thinking about becoming a DA civilian?

They should at least try being an Army civilian. They have all that knowledge and should put it to good use. Most of the time, people get in and they stay and start progressing upward. That's what I like about being a DA civilian – it has similar structure to the military. You can get promoted; you can get recognized and move along your career path, whatever you choose. Choose your career path, don't just jump into any job, and expect it to work if you don't like it.

