



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Give thanks for the important roles our military families play

When we think of November, things like football season, cooler weather or outdoor recreation and hunting come to mind for many of us. It's also the time of year when we give thanks for what is most important to us. Since 1993, November has been synonymous with Military Family Appreciation Month.



# MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Honoring Native American heritage

The nearly five million Native Americans across 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States hold a rich history, stretching back long before the founding of our country. In the month of November, we highlight their unique culture and their role in developing and nurturing our nation's deep roots.



# Chemical Defense Training Facility recertifies with OSHA's highest safety certification

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recertified Fort Leonard Wood's Chemical Defense Training Facility last month for meeting the office's highest standard for workplace safety.



### Wearing orange is essential to hunter safety

With firearms deer-hunting season kicking off in the Show-Me State on Nov. 12, it's important for hunters to know the regulations regarding the wear of solid hunter orange.



Daylight saving time ends this weekend. Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday.



# When it's time to turn back the clock, it's also time to check smoke alarms

As the fall season ushers in cold weather, it also increases the risk of deadly home fires. That's because heating equipment is the second-most common cause of fatalities from home fires, which, on average, take seven lives every day in the U.S.



## Leisure Travel Services assists thousands of service members with holiday travel plans

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Leisure Travel Services expects to assist more than 6,000 service members with travel arrangements this year.



### Retiree Council names Fort Leonard Wood's 2022 Retiree of the Year

Donald Gerspach, deputy chief of nonlethal weapons for the U.S. Army Military Police School's Army Nonlethal Scalable Effects Center, is Fort Leonard Wood's 2022 Retiree of the Year.

#### FEHB open season

The Federal Employees Health Benefits open season is Nov. 14 to Dec. 12. During this time, FEHB enrolees can change their health care, vision and dental insurance coverage. More information is available on the BENEFEDS website, and a virtual benefits fair is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 and 22, and Dec. 1 and 8.

#### **GIS Day**

Fort Leonard Wood's U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Proponent Office – Geospatial is hosting a Geographic Information System, or GIS Day event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16 in Danner Hall. Call 573.563.8300 or 8730 for details.

#### **Dental Assistant Program**

Applications for the Dental Assistant Program will be accepted through Jan. 9, 2023. The program is a free, six-month combination of classroom and hands-on training designed to provide skills necessary to become employed at any dental **NEWS BRIEFS** 



treatment facility. Candidates must have regular access to Fort Leonard Wood. Applications are available by calling Jason Ramlow at 816.536.0108, or by email at jason.ramlow@redcross.org for details.

#### Sexual assault helpline

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.

#### 9-8-8 for mental health help

Dial 9-8-8 to reach the national suicide prevention and mental health helpline. Press "1" to be connected with a responder trained to assist the military and veteran populations. Click here for details.

## LEONARD WOOD JUSTICE

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#### Reprimands

— A captain received a general officer memorandum of reprimand for failing to follow reporting procedures.

— A first lieutenant received a general officer memorandum of reprimand for refusing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

— A first sergeant received a general officer memorandum for driving while intoxicated and damaging his jail cell. He was removed as the company first sergeant.

— A master sergeant received a general officer memorandum of reprimand for driving while intoxicated.

— A staff sergeant received a general officer memorandum of reprimand for driving recklessly while under the influence of alcohol.

— A sergeant received a general officer memorandum of reprimand for driving while intoxicated.

#### **Other Misconduct**

— A staff sergeant received an article 15 from a field grade officer for disrespectful conduct toward a superior NCO. Punishment included: forfeiture of \$1,852 of pay per month for two months, suspended; and extra duty for 30 days.

— A private (E-2) received an article 15

from a company grade officer for violating the Army's Equal Opportunity Policy. Punishment included: reduction to private (E-1); forfeiture of \$427 of pay for one month; and extra duty for 14 days. — A private (E-2) received an article 15 from a company grade officer for failing to obey a lawful order which prohibits intimate relationships between trainees. The Soldier was caught passing inappropriate notes back and forth with the another trainee. Punishment included: reduction to private (E-1).

— A private received an article 15 from a field grade officer for sexual harassment. Punishment included: forfeiture of \$847 of pay for one month, suspended; extra duty for 30 days, suspended; and an oral reprimand.

— A private was administratively separated from the service for abusive sexual contact.

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 film showing's include:

"Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank" Rated PG Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"Don't Worry Darling" Rated R Showing at 2 p.m. Saturday

"See How They Run" Rated PG-13 Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Amsterdam" 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.





Photos courtesy of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation A competitor targets a pumpkin during the Outdoor Adventure Center's pumpkin hunting archery competition Oct. 22 at the OAC.



### Fort Leonard Wood celebrates

HALLOWEEN

Service members, civilians and their families had many opportunities to celebrate Halloween here this year, including a spooky movie series, story walk and pumpkin decorating contest at the Bruce C. Clarke Library, zombie paintball and pumpkin archery at the Outdoor Adventure Center, a haunted house set up by volunteers from the Better Opportunities for Single Service members program, a trunk-or-treat event at the Main Exchange and more.



Chloe Williams, with the Outdoor Adventure Center, gets into the spirit during the zombie paintball event Oct. 21 at the OAC.



Families could participate in the Halloween story walk Oct. 26 at the Bruce C. Clarke Library.



A trick-or-treater asks for candy Friday during the trunk-ortreat event at the Main Exchange.





For Staff Sgt. Chakia Jackson, being a senior drill sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood has proven to be a great opportunity to learn about the diverse cultures and backgrounds that make up the Army and the professions within it.

#### Why did you join the Army?

Initially, I joined the Army to get away from home and to pay for college, but I ended up loving it, so I stayed.

## Where did you complete Initial Entry Training?

I completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Virginia.

### What do you do for the Army when you are not a drill sergeant?

My military occupational specialty is 92F – I'm a petroleum supply specialist. We do multiple operations, including the distribution and receiving of aircraft and ground fuel.

## What has been your most memorable Army experience so far?

Being a drill sergeant – what makes it so exciting for me is the people and learning different cultures and how to work with different MOSs. I have worked with motor transport operators and automated logistical specialists, but as a basic training drill sergeant, I work with everyone from infantrymen to engineers. I enjoy the diversity of our professional backgrounds and having the opportunity to learn from all the different people we call 'drill sergeant.'

## What are your plans for when your time as a drill sergeant is over?

I am scheduled to come off the trail in August 2023, and my plan is to become a warrant officer. I plan on submitting my packet in



Staff Sgt. Chakia Jackson, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment

January, and hopefully get selected in March. I want to be a warrant officer because I love my job. I love being a fueler. I like teaching, and so I think as a warrant officer I'll be very successful.

## How would you describe your role as a drill sergeant?

I would describe my role as making the Army better by providing it with the Soldiers that come from civilians. At that point, we're the first thing that they see, so we, as drill sergeants, are responsible for molding them into the Soldier they need to be.

#### How do you define leadership?

I define leadership as being adaptable. It's a new generation, and what I did in basic training isn't what we do in basic training now. But, if you adapt to your surroundings, and you adapt to the people, especially the younger generation coming in, it helps. It is important to know your audience and how to speak to them and teach them in a variety of ways.

## What advice would you give to new or future drill sergeants?

Humanize yourself. These are people's children, cousins, brothers and sisters and you want to treat them with care, dignity and respect. Talk to them, see where they're coming from, because I want my brothers or my sisters, when and if they join the Army, to be treated the way I treat these trainees.