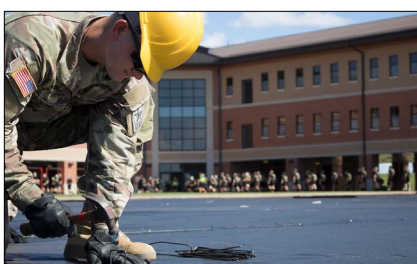


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## 554th Engineers gain valuable experience during training area construction project

Soldiers from Company A, 554th Engineer Battalion, are repairing two rubber-mulch physical training areas for the 31st and 35th Engr. Bns., providing a valuable training opportunity.



## Housing update: move-in can now be 'contactless'

Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner, Balfour Beatty Communities, has updated its move-in options for all homes on the post to minimize contact residents have with representatives.



## 'Digital Garrison' app takes FMWR, AAFES mobile

Workers at Fort Leonard Wood's Forney Airfield – which also serves as Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport – are putting the finishing touches on “significant upgrades” to the air traffic control tower to better service an increasing number of military and civilian flights in and out of the area.



## A simple, brass pin

July 15 started out as any typical summer work day does in Fort Leonard Wood's Survivor Outreach Services office. The sun was shining outside and I was making my way through my inbox when the phone rang.

Read these stories and more on the Guidon website!



## People with disabilities, buildings and COVID-19 – plan to ensure accessibility for all

In the past several months COVID-19 has impacted the globe with significant health, safety and economic challenges. Unfortunately, these challenges have, at times, disproportionately impacted those with disabilities.



## Updated hunting regs require crossbows, compound bows to be declared on Fort Leonard Wood

Hunters, anglers and other outdoor recreationists take note: Several changes have been made to Fort Leonard Wood's hunting and fishing regulations this year, as well as to FLW 190-11, which partly governs use and transportation of all weapons on the installation.



## Outdoor Adventure Center to sponsor Ha Ha Tonka park hikes beginning Aug. 29

Visitors to Ha Ha Tonka State Park near Camdenton, Missouri — about 50 miles from Fort Leonard Wood — can expect to see caves, a natural bridge, bluffs, the state's 12th-largest spring and the ruins of a European-style stone castle along its 15 miles of hiking trails.



## Waynesville K-8 students to start school Monday

*Positive COVID-19 tests mean WHS, WCC students to stay home, learn remotely until Aug. 31*

School starts Monday in the Waynesville R-VI School District. However, it's already clear that, thanks to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it's not going to be a typical school year.



## Waynesville school district limits attendance for high-school, middle-school sporting events

Capacity for all Ozark Conference competitions will be limited to 50 percent of occupancy during the 2020-21 school year. Masks will be required at all times unless social distancing can be observed.



## What's for dinner?

This week, Guidon Managing Editor Brian Hill shares his wife's recipe for a successful taco night.



# Q&A

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Documents unit history, assists with professional development and provides historical perspective during planning and execution of operations.



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### Why did you choose a career with the Army?

The American Dream, the love of military history and the mission of the U.S. Army. **I couldn't imagine working anywhere else.**

### What do you like most about your job/career with the Army?

It is hard to call some of the things I do “work.” — it is **a hobby I get paid to do.**

The U.S. Army Engineer School is truly a **team of professionals** and the mission command philosophy is big at the school. I have great freedoms in regards to the projects and work I do. This freedom makes me a better historian and I seek challenges to make the Engineer School and all of its student better as well.

### What are the benefits of working for the Army?

If you want challenges, you can seek them out. There are some high-speed Army civilian jobs out there that **truly make a difference**, not only for the Soldiers and civilians around us but for **the security of our nation.**

### What is your most memorable Army civilian experience?

All of my experiences blend together rather well and complement each other. I believe my own experience as a Soldier and being deployed is very important to my abilities as an Army historian. **I see my career as a progression.**

The memories from my civilian deployments to Afghanistan are

something I will cherish forever. We were constantly in the field, joining patrols, talking to regular Afghans.

### What advice would you give to others who might be looking at becoming an Army civilian?

If you haven't served your country in uniform, you can still do so as an Army civilian. The Army truly has **many great opportunities** — find a position that is of interest to you and give it your all.

