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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE Sends: Celebrating Women's Equality Day

Diversity is one of our military's greatest qualities. The complete integration of women throughout the military gives us stronger formations and allows us to access a wider range of backgrounds and diversity of thought to solve complex problems. Through inclusion, we are able to build teams that fully leverage each member's amazing potential.



Fort Leonard Wood celebrates Women's Equality Day

Since 1973, Aug. 26 has been designated Women's Equality Day and commemorates the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The 100-year-old amendment granted women the right to vote. To celebrate, seven Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers were asked what inspired them to serve in the U.S. Army.



Hospital construction site earthmoving equipment to begin regular crossings of First Street Sept. 2

Fort Leonard Wood drivers are cautioned to expect some traffic delays as earthmoving equipment is set to begin frequent crossings of First Street across from the Logistics Readiness Center, Building 380, near the soccer fields.



EOD to host recruiting event here Sept. 3

Fort Leonard Wood Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldiers are hosting a recruiting event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Main Exchange. They are currently seeking junior enlisted Soldiers, E-3 through E-5, looking for a career change into what Army officials call the preeminent tactical and technical explosives experts.

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Motorcycle Riding Course receives resurfacing

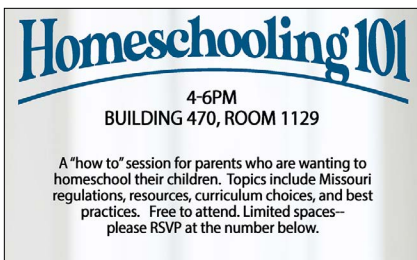
The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood Safety Office was able to leverage a COVID-19 delay into the successful renovation of the post's Motorcycle Riding Course, thanks to the cooperation and assistance of Army leaders, offices and organizations on the installation.



A fulfilling experience:

One Soldier explains why she enjoys recruiting for the Army

A lot of Soldiers enjoy their Army job, and Staff Sgt. Ami Witherspoon, a recruiter with the Mid-Missouri Company, Kansas City Recruiting Battalion, is no exception. What makes her work enjoyable, she said, is the ever-changing and fulfilling nature of helping people “achieve their goals.”



Next 'Homeschooling 101' session Sept. 15

Monthly events give parents resources for at-home learning

If you've ever wondered about homeschooling but weren't sure where to start, Fort Leonard Wood's School Support Services offers monthly “Homeschooling 101” sessions designed to give parents a variety of practical, “how-to” advice.



Movie in the park campout reservations open Monday

Registration has opened for the upcoming “Movie in the Park Campout,” which will give audiences a chance to see animated film “Frozen 2” as well as an opportunity to camp out under the stars starting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at Gerlach Field.



Cardboard boats race, sink at TA 250

Nearly 20 teams put their boat-building and racing skills to the test as they gathered Saturday at the lake at Training Area 250 for the 2020 Cardboard Boat Race, an annual event held by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Still time to enter Virtual Army Ten-Miler

The 36th annual Army Ten-Miler is being held in a virtual format this year, giving runners across the country the chance to participate individually on a route of their own choosing. Although early-bird registration has expired, registration remains open for a \$59 per-runner fee.

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Q&A

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

I enjoy seeing Soldiers succeed, and I like working in training because it’s so important to the success of our Army. We may have the best technology, equipment and plans, but I truly believe that **well-trained Soldiers and leaders are what make ours a superior force.**

What are the benefits of working for the Army?

There’s a lot of **diversity in the workforce** — I meet people who come from all over the country and from all walks of life. I’ve also enjoyed working with our international partners — it has given me a wider perspective of what we do. Obviously, seeing those we have

trained be successful in their career is **very rewarding**. It’s great to see those we’ve trained come back later as leaders who give back by training the next generation.

What is your most memorable Army civilian experience?

I have enjoyed the opportunities I’ve had to observe national-level exercises at some great training locations. Seeing units exercising what we train is a great opportunity and it’s rewarding to see our training in action.

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

It takes patience to get in the system sometimes. Working for the

Army provides a fulfilling career, but it also requires **flexibility and persistence.**

I would encourage people to consider working for the Army as a civilian, whether they have been in the military or not. I’ve never been in a Soldier, but I like to think I bring a different perspective to the work we do. I believe this kind of **diversity will only become more important** for us in finding creative solutions to the complex problems of the future.

