



Guidon

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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE Sends: Military Family Appreciation Month

People are our military's greatest strength and most valuable assets, and our military families are an invaluable component of our team. During the month of November, our nation seeks to recognize their resilience and commitment through the observance of Military Family Appreciation Month.



MSCoE Sends: Celebrating Native American Heritage

The diversity of our nation is one of our greatest strengths. The nearly five million Native Americans, across nearly 574 federally recognized tribes, in the United States possess a rich history that stretches back far before the founding of our country. In the month of November, we recognize their unique culture during National Native American Heritage Month.



Leaders respond to employee queries at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood town hall

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood Commander Col. Jeff Paine and his leadership team hosted a joint in-person and virtual town hall Wednesday for garrison employees to bring concerns forward and gain clarification on policies.



Fort Leonard Wood leaders improve resiliency program for mid-tour drill sergeants

More than 50 mid-tour drill sergeants here are spending time this week away from their trainees, completing necessary recertifications. More importantly, however, they're getting extra free time to spend with friends and family while building resiliency.

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Construction begins on new Chemical School training facility

“There will be a hallway here and a wall over there with a door,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Matthew Chrisman, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School project lead on a new training facility being built here that’s being referred to as the Large-Scale Production Facility.



Stockdale Stoicism event provides lessons for Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders gathered Oct. 29 in Hoge Hall for a professional development event centered on the writings of the late Medal of Honor recipient Vice Adm. James Stockdale, a U.S. Navy aviator and prisoner of war for more than seven years in Vietnam.



CPAC explains weather, safety leave and teleworking

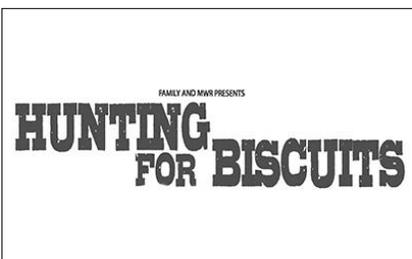
With a few exceptions, Office of Personnel Management regulations state teleworkers are ineligible for weather and safety leave when a closure is announced.



Building character and a perfect ACFT score:

A passion for physical fitness makes an impact on trainees

Capt. Jeffrey Ferrel, executive officer for Company D, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, led a supplemental physical training program that improved the Army Combat Fitness Test scores for trainees at both ends of the fitness spectrum while minimizing injuries.



‘Hunting for Biscuits’ a family tradition for FMWR staffer

Paige Jennings has been hunting ever since she was old enough to get a license, regularly stalking deer, turkey, waterfowl and more with her family in rural northwest Pulaski County.



Texas Hold'em returns to FLW Nov. 20

Texas Hold'em is set to return to Pershing Community Center Nov. 20, but in a new, larger location to allow for social distancing.

Q&A

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Responsible for administrative duties at GLWACH,
focusing on day-to-day operations.



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What made you decide to have a civilian career with the Army?

I am prior-enlisted Navy and have always enjoyed working for the Department of Defense, both in and out of uniform. I enjoy working as an Army civilian because it is **progressive, challenging** and my core values are symbiotic with the Army’s core values.

What are the benefits of working for the Army?

There are **many tangible benefits**, such as comprehensive **health and life insurance** options, **paid leave and retirement** with matching employer contributions. However, I’ve been most impressed with the amount of **training** offered. I attended the Advanced Civilian Education

System course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas within a year of starting at GLWACH which built my leadership skills and improved my ability to critically think about complex decision making.

What is your most memorable Army civilian experience?

My most memorable experience was meeting Lt. Gen. Scott Dingle, the 45th Surgeon General of the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Medical Command commanding general, and Lt. Gen. Ronald Place, director of the Defense Health Agency in Falls Church, Virginia. They visited Fort Leonard Wood in June for the new hospital groundbreaking. It is always beneficial to hear the way forward from the top leaders.

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

My advice would be to find a mentor within the field you’re looking to apply to and get a feel for the overall mission. Having a mentor who can help translate your experience into an effective resume is essential when applying to civil service positions.

