



Cardinals Caravan makes a stop for baseball fans at Fort Leonard Wood

Five current and former St. Louis Cardinals baseball players spent time on Saturday meeting some of their Fort Leonard Wood fans, during an event in the Engineer Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex.



USAPPS civilian receives President's Lifetime Achievement Award for decades of volunteerism

From helping out at area nursing homes, to housing the homeless and feeding hungry children throughout Pulaski County, Susan Marshall, with the U.S. Army Prime Power School here, has given more than 10,000 hours of her time to helping people in need.



MSCoE NCO will compete to be named TRADOC Career Counselor of the Year

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Rojas, who performs career counselor duties for Soldiers with the 3rd Chemical Brigade here, will represent the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Career Counselor of the Year competition, happening next week at Fort Eustis, Virginia.



SNAIR helps Fort Leonard Wood drivers deal with winter weather

The installation's snow and ice removal program – referred to as SNAIR – has various methods in place to keep people informed of treacherous travel and weather-related information.

NEWS BRIEFS

Crockett promotion ceremony

U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School Commandant Col. Sean Crockett will be promoted to brigadier general during a ceremony at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

USAES change of responsibility

The U.S. Army Engineer School will hold a change-of-responsibility ceremony at 9 a.m. on Wednesday in Abrams Theater, where Command Sgt. Maj. John Brennan – who is retiring – will relinquish his role as the school's top enlisted leader to Command Sgt. Maj. Zachary Plummer.

14th MP change of responsibility

The 14th Military Police Brigade will hold a change-of-responsibility ceremony at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Baker Theater, where Command Sgt. Maj. Paul DeSanto will relinquish his role as the brigade's top enlisted leader to Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Neikirk.

Main Exchange closure

Fort Leonard Wood's Main Exchange will be closed on Wednesday for inventory. The food court and other shops will remain open. Call 573.329.2200 for details.

Albrycht promotion ceremony

U.S. Army Military Police School Commandant Col. Sarah Albrycht will be promoted to brigadier general during a ceremony at 4 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

Tax Center information

The Fort Leonard Wood Tax Center is now open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. weekdays in Bldg. 315 for drop-off and pick-up service. Customers are asked to bring a printed copy of the bank account and routing number – a voided check, for example – when dropping off tax documents to ensure any refunds are deposited

TAP hosts event for military spouses



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Military spouse Shawna Hayes (right), speaks with Trish Rogers, from the Missouri Job Center in Lebanon, Missouri, during an opportunity hosted by the Fort Leonard Wood Transition Assistance Program on Friday in Bldg. 470. The event was designed to provide information on free resources available to unemployed military spouses through the MO Heroes Connect program. More information is available here.

accurately and in a timely manner. Call 573.596.1040 for details.

Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Spc. Joon Su Lee, Company B, 43rd Adjutant General Battalion, or knowing of assets belonging to Lee, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Ryan Petty, at 573.596.1252, or by email at ryan.c. petty5.mil@army.mil.

Best Sapper Competition

Registration for the 2023 Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers Best Sapper Competition begins on Feb. 1. Visit the U.S. Army Engineer School website for details.

Upcoming training opportunities

A leader development class is scheduled for Feb. 6 to 10; the supervisor course is Feb. 28 to March 2; and the next new employee onboarding is March 28 to 31. Call 573.563.4005 for details.

Scholarships for military children

The Scholarships for Military Children Program – run in conjunction with the Defense Commissary Agency – is accepting applications through Feb. 15. Click here 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 can be reached by calling 573.855.1327. Click here for other available 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.

Army set to expand use of new digital HR and talent-management system

Army leaders announced that the Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army – the Army's top human-resources modernization effort – is now available for active-duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

Desert Storm anniversary: Veteran recalls American triumph

In the summer of 1990, then-Staff Sgt. Jim Gill listened to President George H.W. Bush announce on television that the U.S. would send troops to liberate Kuwait from Iraqi control and prevent a possible invasion of Saudi Arabia.

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

"Puss In Boots: The Last Wish" Rated PG Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"A Man Called Otto" Rated PG-13 Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday

"The Menu" Rated R Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Black Adam" Rated PG-13 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.



K.J. PETRY

FORESTER NATURAL RESOURCES BRANCH FORT LEONARD WOOD DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

Responsible for forest resource management, and prescribed burning on Fort Leonard Wood.



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Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

I came from the private sector, where I worked for a timber corporation. My wife and I are both from Missouri, and had been living in Arkansas for seven and a half years. We wanted to get closer to home, but I didn't realize that Fort Leonard Wood hired foresters until I saw the job posting. I applied, and **it was the best decision I've ever made,** aside from my kids.

What is your favorite part about your job as a DA Civilian?

The best part about my job is that I'm not stuck behind a computer desk 24/7. I get to go out and see the natural resources we have on Fort Leonard Wood, and see places a lot of people working in the cantonment don't get to see. There's a lot of opportunity outside of the cantonment area. There's a lot of forested land that needs to be managed.

What advice would you give to others who are considering becoming a DA Civilian?

Be patient. Things don't happen as quickly in the federal system as they do in the private sector, so **you have to really put things into perspective and realize that a lot of the frustrations are not in your control**. It won't happen overnight, so don't let those stressors add up.

What are the benefits of being a DA Civilian?

Being a DA Civilian is night and day compared to the corporate world. In the

private sector, there was always that expectation that you work for that corporation 24 hours a day. Here, I can have a family life outside of my eight-hour shift. Fort Leonard Wood is very family oriented from my family's perspective, and being a federal employee has been better for us all around.

