

# Guidon

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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## CG issues General Order No. 4

As leaders here continually assess COVID-19 protection and mitigation measures, Brig. Gen. James Bonner, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, issued General Order No. 4 Monday with important changes for service members, their families and civilians in the community.



## Post leaders finalize on-post taxi, deliveries guidance

Fort Leonard Wood leadership has provided guidance that allows deliveries and taxi services to return to the installation after being suspended for more than six months.



## GLWACH welcomes new CSM

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital welcomed incoming Command Sgt. Maj. John Castillo (left) during an Assumption of Responsibility ceremony Friday at Nutter Field House.



## ROTC cadets compete in annual Ranger Challenge

The three-day Task Force Leonard Wood ROTC Ranger Challenge, held here Friday through Sunday, pitted five- and nine-person teams of cadets in events such as a timed 10-kilometer ruck march, a land navigation course, rifle marksmanship, the Hand Grenade Assault and Physical Endurance courses, casualty and medical evacuation exercises, and an artillery call for fire.

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## Home for the holidays:

### *Ticketing process begins for annual Holiday Block Leave*

More than 200 trainees assigned to Company D, 787th Military Police Battalion, lined up bright and early on the morning of Oct. 21 at Davidson Fitness Center — not to exercise, but to be the first service members here this year to purchase tickets and get travel itineraries organized for Holiday Block Leave.



## More post access control system upgrades coming

The Fort Leonard Wood Directorate of Emergency Services recently completed their transition to the new Automated Installation Entry system, or AIE. However, officials said improvements are still planned in an attempt to minimize wait times at the post's entry control points while improving security.



## 2020 Federal Benefits and TRICARE Open Season run Nov. 9 to Dec. 14

The 2020 open benefit enrollment season for both Federal Employee Health Benefits and TRICARE coverage is Nov. 9 to Dec. 14. During open season, eligible individuals can enroll in or change their health care coverage.



## If you are cold, your pets are cold, too

It's that time of year again — the leaves are well into their color show and the weather is beginning to turn chilly as we progress further into autumn and begin our transition into winter. As we pull out our flannel jackets and fuzzy scarves, it's important to remember that our furry friends are relying on us for comfort and safety as the days and nights get colder.



## Middle School/Teen Center reopens with new COVID-19 mitigation protocols

The Middle School/Teen Center, formerly known as the Dru Pippin Youth Center, reopened last week after having been closed for nearly seven months. The center is resuming select services for children in grades six through 12.



## Stay safe, hunters: Wear orange

Missouri's early youth deer season will take place Saturday and Sunday. It's the first of four firearms seasons in the Show-Me State, during which hunters are required to wear hunter orange.

# Q&A

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

I heard about the intern program for becoming an Instructional Systems Specialist. I qualified because I taught at Drury University and Missouri State University in Springfield. I got the information and started my journey.

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

Besides the dedicated co-workers, the **benefits of insurance and retirement** in today's economy have been a much-appreciated blessing to me and my family.

## What do you like most about your Army civilian career?

The people I have met and

worked with all share a **positive attitude** about training Soldiers. That brings me the most **fulfillment**. Those people have **inspired me** to do my best to assist, whether that be my current duties in training support or my past duties as an instructor evaluator and course manager.

## What is your most memorable Army civilian experience?

Attending the Intermediate Course of the Civilian Education System at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, stands out as my most memorable Army civilian experience. Just to be in interesting and informative classes with **great instructors** and fellow cohort members made the experience a positive one I'll always cherish.

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

Be willing to adapt and learn the Army way of teaching and training, while contributing your expertise to the process. Be open to working and learning with individuals who have a **unique set of life skills** to the job.

