



TRADOC awards MSCoE safety experts

Fort Leonard Wood's Maneuver Support Center of Excellence demonstrated their commitment to safety excellence during fiscal year 2022, earning six U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command safety awards for their efforts.



Fort Leonard Wood ranges to receive updates

Four of Fort Leonard Wood's live-fire ranges are scheduled to receive upgrades during the next few months. The ranges, which are used by Soldiers for practice and live weapons qualifications, are expected to have more than 400 targets upgraded or replaced.



Best Sapper Competition registration now open

The U.S. Army Engineer School is now accepting applications for the 16th Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers Best Sapper Competition, scheduled to take place here from April 21 through 24.



Military working dog teams receive advanced training

More than 12 military working dog teams received specialized detection training this week during a week-long course at Fort Leonard Wood. Hosted by the 180th Military Police Detachment, the purpose of the course, referred to as "Nose Knows," was to increase the MWD's abilities in substance detection problem solving, that focused on enhancing their target odor detection capability.

Read these stories and more at https://www.army.mil/paowood.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pre-retirement briefing

The Retirement Services Office is hosting a pre-retirement briefing from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Call 573.596.6637 for details.

TAP virtual hiring event

The Fort Leonard Wood community is invited to participate in a virtual hiring event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday. Click here for details or to register.

Scholarships for military children

The Scholarships for Military Children Program – run in conjunction with the Defense Commissary Agency – is accepting applications through Wednesday. Click here for details.

Resume building workshop

The Female Mentorship and Morale Program is hosting a resume building workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Thurman Hall, Room 1521. All are invited to attend and lunch will be provided. Call 573.596.0218, or email darian.l.abenes.mil@army.mil for details.

Faith Skills classes

The Fort Leonard Wood Religious Support Office is now offering its spring Faith Skills religious education classes on Wednesday evenings at the Main Post Chapel. The classes, which occur through April 26, include a dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the classes run until 7:30 p.m. Call 573.596.0089, or email martha.a.strong.civ@army.mil for details. A Faith Skills Facebook group is also available here.

Army transition centers update

Army transition centers are now able to create and sign DD Form 214s and separation orders. Soldiers who experienced a delay can contact their transition center for separation orders and to schedule an appointment to receive their DD Form 214s. Soldiers already on transition leave – or who separated but did not receive their DD Form 214 – will receive a copy in the mail and in IPERMs. DD Form

Lane closure near North Express



Courtesy graphic

The right-turn lane in the direction of the North Express, Bldg. 150, on Missouri Avenue will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 20 and 21, while a buried manhole is excavated. The normal exit lanes at the stop light will be temporarily closed for exit purposes and used only as an entrance. The only remaining exit from the North Express will be the exit north of the gas pumps. Call 573.596.0214 for details.

214s for Soldiers who are on transition leave or separated will state "service member not available for signature." A DD Form 214 marked this way instead of signed by the Soldier are completely valid. Anyone needing corrections done on a DD Form 214 after separating should contact the Army Service Center 24/7 line at 1.844.474.7772.

JEDI program

The Junior Executive Development Initiative was created here to grow future leaders and installation management professionals. The program is designed for individuals interested in self-development and self-care, leadership and competency skills, and career growth. Many JEDI members have used the knowledge gained through the program to earn promotions or new positions. Call 573.563.4005, or email farrah.l.overman. civ@army.mil for details.

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 dropoff 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 accurately and in a timely manner. Call 573.596.1040 during business hours 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.

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.

Pollio cuts the ceremonial ribbon to officially reopen the East Gate bridge



Photo by Brian Hill

With assistance from individuals with the directorates of Emergency Services and Public Works, Col. Anthony Pollio, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander, cuts the ceremonial ribbon Feb. 2 to officially open the bridge that connects J Highway to the installation just outside the East Gate. Hours of operation at the gate are 5 to 8:30 a.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. weekdays. The gate was initially closed in 2021, so workers could mill and resurface the asphalt deck on the 420-foot-long bridge, while also sealing the underlying concrete. The project's scope changed, however, when officials noticed the amount of deteriorating concrete underneath. The plan was altered to include the removal and replacement of the deteriorating concrete, and the 80-year-old bridge now has a full-depth concrete deck.



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The Army's Digital Garrison mobile app is a one-stop information source for military communities. It's free and available at the Google Play and Apple stores.



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

"Plane" Rated R Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"The Menu" Rated R Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday

"House Party" Rated R Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Plane" Rated R 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.



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Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

Opportunity and coincidence, combined with timing. I got stationed here in 2004, as an active duty Army air traffic controller and was planning on getting out in 2005. It just so happened that the Army was transitioning all Garrison air traffic controllers to civilian positions at the same time I was getting out. Initially, I was looking to move to Florida, but it was a great career field, and I was 25 years old with the opportunity to stay here and further my career, so I took it.

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

My favorite part about what I do now is getting people to communicate to

leadership what they need. I also enjoy participating as a mentor in the Junior **Executive Development Initiative pro**gram. That's my favorite part about my day-to-day activities. I think my purpose in this life is to build others up. First, my wife, then my children then everyone else I have the opportunity to work with. The JEDI program allows me to fulfill my purpose with the people who are also members of the program, and bring a certain amount of experience and skill sets and training to the table. Over the course of a year we get to see every member go from where they started to having a better leadership toolkit.

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

Opportunity is everywhere. You can spend your time complaining or second

guessing yourself, or you can spend your time seeking opportunity. What I found, is those who seek opportunity tend to benefit from the opportunities available. I found that people are more than willing to help you get to where you want. So, carpe diem, seize the day.

How would you define leadership?

Leadership is serving others. You have to first lead yourself. Leadership takes

action, and I think it must be moral, ethical, legal and serve to influence people to a positive outcome.

