



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, or SAAPM, an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to eliminate sexual assault and sexual harassment.



MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating the Month of the Military Child

Since 1986, the Department of Defense has observed April as the Month of the Military Child to recognize and honor the role military children play in the Armed Forces community.



AAFES honors Vietnam War-era veterans with pinning ceremony at Main Exchange

Vietnam War-era veterans were honored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service on Wednesday, in recognition of Vietnam War Veterans Day. This year marks 50 years – March 29, 1973 – since the U.S. military ended its combat operations in Vietnam.



Finishing what he started: 50-year-old returns to Army service after 17-year break

Staff Sgt. Randall Threet stands out among the trainees of Company F, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment. For one thing, he's an NCO completing basic combat training. For another, he's as old or older than most of his fellow trainees' parents.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

GLWACH change of responsibility

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital will hold a change-of-responsibility ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Friday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium, where Command Sgt. Maj. John Castillo will relinquish senior enlisted responsibilities at GLWACH to Command Sgt. Maj. Victoria Reeves.

Military Child Month kick off

April is celebrated each year as the Month of the Military Child. Starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Fort Leonard Wood will kick off its observance with a MOMC proclamation signing and family movie at Abrams Theater. Cost is \$5 per person and includes a small popcorn and drink. The first 140 attendees get in free. Call 573.596.0238 for details.

Lent, Holy Week, Easter schedule

Community Easter Sunrise Service is set for 7 a.m. April 9 at Soldier Memorial Chapel. Additional religious services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter include the Stations of the Cross for Catholics, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday at Soldier Memorial Chapel, with a meatless potluck to follow at Bldg. 590. Also for Catholics will be a Palm Sunday Mass on Sunday at 9 a.m. at Soldier Memorial Chapel and 1 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel; Holy Thursday Mass at 6 p.m. April 6 at Soldier Memorial Chapel; Good Friday Mass at 6 p.m. April 7 at Soldier Memorial Chapel; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. April 8 at Soldier Memorial Chapel; and Easter Sunday Mass on April 9 at 9 a.m. at Soldier Memorial Chapel and 1 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Protestant Good Friday service will take place at noon April 7 at Soldier Memorial Chapel. Call 573.596.2127 for details.

Gate closures on April 11

Fort Leonard Wood's installation access points will close for about 10 minutes before noon on April 11 due to a full-scale exercise.

U.S. vs. World soccer match

The 2023 U.S. vs. World soccer match, hosted by the International Military Student Office, is set to take place at 10 a.m. May 6 at the Waynesville High School soccer field. Participation is open to all service members and Department of Defense civilians. The U.S. team is holding practices at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Soccer Field No. 8, on First Street. For more information, visit the Fort Leonard Wood United Soccer Club Facebook page, or contact Maj. Zachary Weigelt at 573.337.8591, or by email at zachary.d.weigelt.mil@army.mil. Contact Micah Pereza at 573.563.2662, or by email at micah.w.pereza.civ@ army.mil for details on joining the World team.

USID online card renewal

Sponsors of individuals holding active Uniformed Services Identification, or USID, cards now have the option to request renewals through ID Card Office Online. More information on this new policy is available here.

REAL ID gate access policy

Beginning June 1, Fort Leonard Wood physical security specialists will no longer solely accept state-issued identification that does not meet the REAL ID Act of 2005 standards. Anyone with a non-compliant ID will also need to provide a secondary form of identification, such as a U.S. passport or a certified birth certificate. More information – including the full list of acceptable secondary ID – is available here, or by calling 573.596.0590.

Civilian retiree ID cards

Effective immediately, Department of Defense Civilian Retiree Identification cards will no longer be issued. DOD civilian retirees must present and register an acceptable credential, such as a REAL ID Act-compliant driver's license, and their retirement Standard Form 50 at the Visitor Control Center to facilitate future visits to the installation. Previously issued DOD Civilian Retiree ID Cards will remain valid through Aug. 31, and will not be reissued.

Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Reginald Alford, 58th Transportation Battalion, or knowing of assets belonging to Alford, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Michael Northcraft, at 573.596.7650, or by email at michael.r.northcraft.mil@ army.mil.

Army Engineer Association

Fort Leonard Wood's local chapter of the Army Engineer Association hosts regular events, including monthly roundups, quarterly breakfasts with senior leaders, trivia nights and more. Visit their Facebook page, or email sverdrupsecretary@armyengineer. com for details.

Tax Center information

The Fort Leonard Wood Tax Center is 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 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.

Tobacco cessation

A tobacco cessation group meets at 11 a.m. on Thursdays in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Primary Care conference room. Call 573.596.0518 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.



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

"Creed III" Rated PG-13 Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"Air" Rated R Showing at 11 a.m. Saturday*

"Creed III" Rated PG-13 Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"Cocaine Bear" 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.

*This is a distributor appreciation screening. Admission is free; seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Post opens first government EV charge point



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Col. Anthony Pollio, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander (center left), cuts the ribbon on Friday outside the Directorate of Public Works building to officially open the installation's first electric vehicle charging station, with assistance from Will Wibberg, Fort Leonard Wood Energy Manager (left); Allen Simpson, the installation's former Energy Manager (second from left); Jeannie Belew, DPW Utility Manager (to the right of Pollio); Marc Roecker, Laclede Electric Cooperative CEO (second from right); and Angellia Points, DPW Operations and Maintenance Division chief. Fort Leonard Wood, in conjunction with utility partner, Laclede Electric, is initially installing seven stations, with more to come. The stations will provide charging capabilities for the electric vehicle fleet that will eventually replace all non-tactical government-owned vehicles on post, part of an Army directive in line with Presidential Executive Order 14057 — Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability. The order requires the Department of Defense to transition its non-tactical vehicles to a 100 percent zero-emission fleet.



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As the executive officer of the Combat Training Company, 1st Lt. Christopher Cooper is responsible for the safety, deployment readiness, logistical support, morale, discipline, health, welfare and professional development of more than 130 Soldiers across 13 primary military occupational specialties.

Where are you from originally?

I'm originally from Jefferson City, Missouri.

What is your MOS?

I am an 88A – transportation officer.

Why did you choose to be a transportation officer?

I wanted to be in logistics. I think it is an interesting and important field, because it's the in-between that makes the Army successful. It's not the front line, but it's necessary. If you do it right, the Army is going to be better at what it does – but, if you do it poorly, you're taking away from what your front line unit is going to be able to do.

Where did you attend Initial Entry Training?

I attended the basic officer leader course at Fort Lee, Virginia, in 2020, after 4.5 years in the Army ROTC at the University of Missouri.



1st Lt. Christopher Cooper, Combat Training Company

Why did you join the Army?

Joining the Army was something I always wanted to do growing up. My dad was in the Army before I was born, and my uncle was in the Army and deployed to Afghanistan when I was young. Both my grandfathers were also in the Army. So, I looked up to people in the military growing up. I wanted to be like the Soldiers on TV.

How do you define leadership?

Leadership is taking care of people, but I think there's another level to it where you, as a leader, do the things you're supposed to do as far as your job. (Your Soldiers) have their own tasks, but for them to be fully successful, there's tasks you have to do so their work is not in vain.

What has been your most memorable experience in the Army so far?

I was a platoon leader for a truck company at Camp Casey in South Korea, and we would do a lot of live haul missions where we got to drive around the peninsula. My most memorable experiences were the times we would drive all the way from Camp Casey to Busan, South Korea, to either pick up or drop off people's equipment. It was exciting, because I had the opportunity to see all of Korea on those trips.

