



USAES announces Engineer Regimental Week events at Fort Leonard Wood

The U.S. Army Engineer School will host the annual Engineer Regimental Week celebration from April 20 to 30 at Fort Leonard Wood.



Fort Leonard Wood puts its emergency response abilities to the test

Sirens were blaring, gates were closed and emergency responders raced against time Tuesday as the Fort Leonard Wood community took park in a full-scale exercise.



MWD teams assist with MSSPIX assessment

More than 20 military working dog teams from across the Army converged on Fort Leonard Wood last week to participate in an assessment of a new training aid developed at the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.



Organizations team up to celebrate Earth Day while honoring volunteers

Looking for a way to celebrate National Volunteer Week or Earth Day next week? The Directorate of Public Works and Army Community Service have planned an event designed to clean up the earth while celebrating volunteers at the same time on April 22.

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



Army Transportation Corps senior leaders attend 58th Transportation Battalion NCO symposium

Army Transportation Corps senior leaders from Fort Lee, Virginia, visited Fort Leonard Wood March 24 to participate in an NCO symposium in Lincoln Hall Auditorium, organized by the 58th Transportation Battalion.



Camdenton middle school students learn about Army life during Fort Leonard Wood visit

Middle school students from Camdenton, Missouri, visited Fort Leonard Wood on Wednesday to learn more about Army life as part of a semester-long area career interest class they are taking that helps introduce students to different potential future careers.

SAVE THE DATE

★ COMMUNITY ★ SALUTE TO SERVICE

6 P.M. WEDNESDAY

<u>MAY 10, 2023</u>

Waynesville High School

The Community Salute to Service will recognize South Central Missouri <u>high school seniors</u> who are joining a branch of the military, ROTC, and/or have received an appointment to a military academy.

NEWS BRIEFS

SAAPM events

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. and Fort Leonard Wood has events planned to provide information and help individuals here maintain a safe environment. where all teammates are treated with dignity and respect. A Strike Out Sexual Assault bowling event is set for 1 to 4 p.m. April 21 at Daugherty Bowling Center. Cost is \$20 per four-person team, including shoes and two games per person. Register by Wednesday. Call 573.528.4098 for details. Additionally, each Tuesday in April, the Fort Leonard Wood community is encouraged to wear teal clothing or a ribbon, and Denim Day is April 26, when individuals are encouraged to wear denim or a Denim Day pin.

Change of responsibility

The 3rd Chemical Brigade will host a change-of-responsibility ceremony at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Baker Theater, where Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Johnson will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Kiana Bell.

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.

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

Army energy official visits Fort Leonard Wood



Photo by Angi Betran, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Paul Farnan (second from left), Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and the Environment, speaks with Soldiers and civilians on Monday at the Contingency Basing Integration Training and Evaluation Center during a two-day visit to Fort Leonard Wood this week. Farnan, who also toured housing areas and the U.S. Army Prime Power School, was here to engage with Army Engineer leaders and students on the Army's climate strategy and how it may impact future Army construction projects.

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.

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.

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:

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

"Covenant" Rated R Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday*

"Cocaine Bear" Rated R Showing at 11 a.m. Sunday

"65"

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.

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



Female Mentorship & Morale Program Calendar for 2023 Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



<u>ALL</u> genders, ranks, service branches, and civilian employees invited!

| Date | Location | Event | Topic/Speaker |
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| Apr 18 2023, | Starbucks in the | Open | Topic: New ALARACTS and DoD Directives |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mail | Discussion | |
| May 16 2023, | Starbucks in the | Guided | Topic: Credentialing and School Opportunities |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mail | Discussion | Guest Facilitator: Education Center |
| Jun 20 2023, | Starbucks in the | Open | Topic: Navigating Child Care in the Military |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mall | Discussion | |
| Jul 18 2023, | Starbucks in the | Guided | Topic: Army Weilness Center |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mall | Discussion | Guest Facilitator: TBD |
| Aug 15 2023. | Starbucks in the | Open | Topic: Moving to a new Duty Station, Tips & Tricks |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mall | Discussion | |
| Sep 19 2023, | Starbucks in the | Guided | Topic: Renting vs. Buying in the Military, The VA Loar |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mall | Discussion | Guest Facilitator: CPT Michelle Kokoski |
| Oct 17 2023, | Starbucks in the | Open | Topic: Avoiding Burn-out |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mall | Discussion | |
| Nov 21 2023, | Starbucks in the | Guided | Topic: Military Evaluations and Candid Conversations |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mail | Discussion | Guest Facilitator: TBD |
| Dec 19 2023, | Starbucks in the | Open | Topic: Maintaining Healthy Habits |
| 0700-0830 | FLW Mini-mall | Discussion | |

Interested in facilitating a session, suggesting a future topic, or want more information? Reach out at: michelle.m.kokoski.mil@army.mil



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- keeping military communities connected!

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.





Photos by Brian Hill Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Above: Four-year-old Aliana Chidlow picks up an Easter egg she found on Saturday outside Stonegate Community Center during an Easter egg hunt event organized by Stonegate Community Mayor Eric Hawes and Balfour Beatty Communities, Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner. The event featured prize-winning tickets hidden inside some of the eggs that could be redeemed for toys. Right: Three-year-old Hunter Evans meets the Easter Bunny on Saturday outside Stonegate Community Center after an Easter egg hunt.





FORT LEONARD WOOD COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR EASTER CELEBRATION

More than 200 Fort Leonard Wood families turned out for two Easter egg hunt events over the past two Saturdays on post. On April 1, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation held their event at the post sports complex. And on Saturday, Stonegate Community Mayor Eric Hawes and Balfour Beatty Communities, Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner, held a separate hunt outside Stonegate Community Center.







Photos by Laura Hankla, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Above and left: Fort Leonard Wood children hunt for Easter eggs April 1 at Softball Complex B. Tickets hidden in some of the eggs could be redeemed for prizes, including bicycles and toys. The FMWR-sponsored event also featured face painting and opportunities to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT FORT LEONARD WOOD



Sgt. Jake Owens is a Military Policeman with the 252nd Military Police Detachment's Traffic Accident Collision Investigation Office

Where did you complete one station unit training?

I completed one station unit training here with Company E, 787th Military Police Battalion, in June, 2013.

What is your hometown?

Chenango, New York

Why did you join the Army?

I grew up in a bad neighborhood, where kids were dealing drugs for their parents and stuff like that, and I wanted to make a difference. I always had an eye on the military and wanted to be in law enforcement from a young age, so I combined the two doing this.

What is the most fulfilling part of being an MP?

The most fulfilling part is working with people who are having the worst day of their life and trying to make it better. I deal with people who have just gotten into an accident, whether it be minor or severe, and now they're having to answer questions from me. If I can shine some brightness into their day and try to help them out the best I can, it really goes a long way for them.

What has been your most memorable experience in the Army?

I was talking to a trainee at the 43rd Adjutant General Battalion, who was



Sgt. Jake Owens, 252nd Military Police Detachment

having doubts about his decision to join the Army, and I talked to him for a minute. I told him, "You know, you're only here for a little bit, then you go on to your unit and this time that you're here on Fort Leonard Wood is going to fly by really quickly." A few months later, I saw him at his graduation and that really gave me a good feeling.

What advice would you give to those who are considering joining the Army as an MP to make a difference?

The advice that I would give them is to take the experiences you had prior to joining and try to use that every day to make someone else's day a little bit better. Even if it's your own. If you can go home at the end of the day knowing that you made someone's day better, or someone's life better, by either talking to them or directing them to people who can help them, then that is a fulfilling day in my mind.

How do you define leadership?

I define leadership as being there for the Soldiers. Whenever that is – whether it be two o' clock in the morning, or two o' clock in the afternoon – it's helping any Soldier with any situation they find themselves in, whether it be in their personal life or during work and helping them to become better leaders.

Click here to learn more about opportunities in the Army's Military Police career field.

Click here to nominate a Fort Leonard Wood Soldier for recognition.