

Friday, February 7, 2025

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri











Fort Leonard Wood wins one of seven Army Community Partnership Awards

The Department of the Army announced Fort Leonard Wood as being one of seven installations to be recognized as winners of the 2024 Army Community Partnership awards for the installation's "outstanding partnership" with the cities of St. Robert and Waynesville.



February information forum focuses on transition services

Whether moving to Fort Leonard Wood, retiring or thinking about going back to college, the word of the day was "transitions" as Fort Leonard Wood officials talked about community resources at February's Community Information Forum, held Feb. 5 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



Fort Leonard Wood's National Prayer Luncheon focuses on spiritual readiness

More than 200 Fort Leonard Wood community members gathered Feb. 4 in Pershing Community Center for the 2025 National Prayer Luncheon.



Best Mapper Competition registration closing soon

Soldiers from the Army's geospatial community are set to gather at Fort Leonard Wood March 28 to 31 for the Regimental Best Mapper Competition to be held at the home of the U.S. Army Engineer School. Feb. 14 is the last day to register.



Fort Leonard Wood museum shares Army history with Missouri teachers

Missouri educators got the opportunity to tour all three Army regimental museums housed in Fort Leonard Wood's John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex Jan. 24, as part of the Museums of Missouri Initiative.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tax services offered in Waynesville

A free drop-off tax center is open to military retirees, Department of Defense retirees and Gold Star families at 201 North St. in Waynesville. The office is scheduled to be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The last day for operation is scheduled to be April 15. For more information, call 573.452.8624.

SRC meal prep workshop

Fort Leonard Wood's Spouse Resource Center is hosting the Armed Forces Wellness Center for a meals in minutes class at 10 a.m., Feb. 12 in the SRC, located in Bldg. 470, room 2222. For more information, call 573.596.3196/6066.

Missouri S&T military appreciation

Missouri S&T is hosting two military appreciation basketball games Feb. 15 at Gibson Arena in the Gale Bullman Building. The Missouri S&T Miners women's team will play at 1 p.m. and the men's team at 3 p.m. There will be free admission for active and retired service members and their families. ROTC cadets commissioning as officers will be recognized during the men's half-time.

SRC education seminar

Fort Leonard Wood's Spouse Resource Center is scheduled to have an education counselor on site to answer questions and share options for higher education, credentialing and career development. The meeting is scheduled for at 10 a.m., Feb. 18 in the SRC, located in Bldg. 470, room 2222. For more information, call 573.596.3196/6066.

Faith Skills classes

The Fort Leonard Wood Religious Support Office plans to offer Faith Skills religious education classes on Wednesday evenings at the Main Post Chapel. The classes, which occur Feb. 19 through April 30, 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.

Kids' Trout Fishing Derby

Fort Leonard Wood's 2025 Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is scheduled to take place Feb. 22 at Stone Mill Spring Recreation Area, located off FLW 26, near Piney Valley Golf Course. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the derby is slated from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parking will be available near the Piney Valley Golf Course along FLW 26 because vans will be shuttling participants from the

parking area to the event. More information can be found on Fort Leonard Wood's website.

CHRA to visit SRC

Fort Leonard Wood's Spouse Resource Center is hosing the Civilian Human Resource Agency for a USAjobs and federal resume overview at 10 a.m., Feb. 26 in room 2222 of Bldg. 470. For more information, call 573.596.3196/6066.

Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline is available by calling 9-8-8. Veterans may press "1" for assistance.

Slide for Life reopens for training



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Five trainees from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Chemical Brigade are among the first to get to zip down the Slide for Life obstacle, which was closed for almost a decade, Feb. 3 at Training Area 97. The five trainees were chosen as a reward for doing well in basic combat training. To conquer the Slide for Life, trainees leap off a 30-foot-tall platform before zipping about 80 feet to the ground. The obstacle is designed to build confidence while negotiating obstacles above 20 feet.

"I can't donate. I have tattoos."

"I can't donate. I deployed to a malaria-risk location."

"I can't donate. I lived in Italy."

You may now be able to donate.

The Food and Drug Administration updated its guidelines on blood donor eligibility, and the Armed Services Blood Program needs your donation. After all, they supply 100% of blood required for deployed service members

The Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center is located in Bldg. 759 along Buckeye Avenue. Walk ins are welcome from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Call **573.596.5385** for details.



Practice makes perfect for CRE students



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response Enterprise Mass Casualty Decontamination Course students practice how to properly decontaminate each other Feb. 6 in Bldg. 684. The course, which falls under Fort Leonard Wood's Homeland Defense Civil Support Office, is for active-duty service members, Reserve, National Guard and civilians who have jobs related to CRE technical support forces. This is the first class taught in Bldg. 684 since being renovated. According to CRE instructors, the building's upgrades allow the entire course to be taught in one location, instead of several spread across the installation.

