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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## Warriors show no mercy during grueling Best Sapper Competition

Two 75th Ranger Regiment Soldiers used the violence of action strategy to dominate the competition, earning the title of Best Sappers during the 18th Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers Best Sapper Competition held April 25 through 28 at Fort Leonard Wood.



## Community honors high school seniors for choosing path of selfless service

Parents, teachers, school staff, Fort Leonard Wood leaders and community members gathered April 30 in Waynesville High School's gymnasium to congratulate and honor 36 students from across South-Central Missouri who have chosen to become warriors for freedom and the American way of life.



## ACS to thank military spouses at appreciation event

In recognition of National Military Spouse Appreciation Day, the Fort Leonard Wood Army Community Service team is inviting military spouses to an open house event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 9 at ACS, Bldg. 486, on Replacement Avenue.



## Letter to the Force: Army Transformation Initiative

To maintain our edge on the battlefield, our Army will transform to a leaner, more lethal force by adapting how we fight, train, organize, and buy equipment.

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



## Defense secretary orders review of medical standards for military enlistment

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth signed a memorandum, April 24, directing a comprehensive review of medical conditions that disqualify individuals from joining the military.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### AMPO closure

The Army Military Pay Office will be closed from noon to 4 p.m., May 2. For pay emergencies, call 317.631.0198.

#### Commissary sidewalk sale

The Fort Leonard Wood Commissary is planning to have a spring stock-up sidewalk sale May 14 through 17.

#### SRC sleep habits workshop

Fort Leonard Wood's Spouse Resource Center is hosting the Armed Forces Wellness Center for a class about the science of healthy sleep habits and how to achieve a better quality sleep at 10 a.m., May 14 at the SRC, located in Bldg. 470, room 2222. For more information, call 573.596.3196/6066.

#### Hiring event

Fort Leonard Wood's Transition Assistance Program is organizing a hiring event for May 22 in the Pershing Community Center. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., local, state and federal employers will be available to receive applications and speak to job seekers. For more details, visit the [Recruit Military website](#).

#### Brave Hearts and Strong Homes

A Brave Hearts and Strong Homes group meeting is set for 11:30 a.m., May 22 in Bldg. 470, room 2222. The Spouses' Resource Center event is designed to explore common challenges parents face and help participants gain access to resources that strengthen family bonds and enhance

parenting skills. For more information, call 573.596.3196.

#### Driver training opportunities

The Fort Leonard Wood Garrison Safety Office plans to host intermediate drivers' training from 8 to 11 a.m., May 30 and remedial drivers' training from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 27, both in Bldg. 499. For more information, call 573.596.3449/4103. A link to register can be found by visiting the [U.S. Army Installation Registration System](#).

#### International tour of foods

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is taking community members on an international tour of foods at the Pershing Community Center. Foods from Ireland will be on the menu May 26, southern comfort foods July 21 and Germany Sept. 29. The dinners will start at 6 p.m., and pricing will vary based on each menu. Tickets are available for purchase 30 days prior to the scheduled dinner and can be purchased at Leisure Travel Services or [online](#).

#### FMWR weekly updates

Want Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation event updates emailed to your inbox each week? Click [here](#) to join the email list.

#### OPSEC Awareness Month

May is National Operations Security Awareness Month. This year focuses on the protection of sensitive, unclassified information and personal infor-

mation to ensure safe and successful operations and personal safety.



#### Stay weather aware

Common Access Card holders, their family members, long-term contractors, private organizations and Fort Leonard Wood tenants can receive notifications on their phones via the ALERT! Mass Warning Notification System — instructions for setting up ALERT! notifications are on the [Weather and Hazardous Conditions](#) page.

#### Warrior banquets at Pershing

Pershing Community Center can host warrior banquets for initial entry training units, offering a place for graduates and families to share a buffet-style meal, and a place for leaders to present awards and promotions. Call 573.329.2455 for details.

# SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

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ON REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES.



## Spouses learn about engineer occupations



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Sgt. 1st Class Marion Chisolm, an instructor with the 554th Engineer Battalion's Horizontal Skills Division, instructs spouses on the operation of dozer simulators April 29 at the Dozer Annex of Training Area 244 during the Engineer Spouses Day event. Spouses also visited the Army Engineer Museum and ate lunch at an Army Warrior Restaurant. The event is part of Engineer Regimental Week planned from April 28 through May 2 to celebrate 250 years of service.

"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.



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### OIL CHANGE CLASS



WITH RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY DAN DAILEY

Join us for a FREE oil change class--bay rental, tools, oil, and filter all provided.

**MAY 6, 8:30AM - 3:30PM:**  
Service Members E6 & below

**MAY 7, 8:30AM - 1:30PM:**  
Service Members E6 & below, spouses, and dependents (Ages 16-18 must have a parent present. Must have valid D.O.D I.D.)

SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER!



### DISCOVER SCUBA

DAVIDSON FITNESS CENTER POOL



**MAY 8**  
(REGISTRATION THROUGH MAY 6)

Learn the basics of scuba diving while exploring a new world underwater with MWR and Odyssey Scuba! 6 or 7 pm. Open to the public, age 10 and up. \$30 per person. Register online or in person at Davidson Fitness Center

### SIP AND PAINT

**MAY 9, 6PM**  
PERSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

Choose from a variety of glasses and paint them up in this exclusive freestyle painting class! \$60 per person, includes charcuterie board and non-alcoholic beverage.



Register online or at Leisure Travel Services





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**Above: 1st Lts. Andrew Ficenec and Austin Chambers, with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, prime blocks of inert Trinitrotoluene and tie them using field expedient branch line knots during the 2025 Best Sapper Competition April 26 on Gerlach Field.**

**Left: 1st Lt. Megan Colpo, with the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, prepares to breach a door while teammate 1st Lt. Jake Lanham looks on April 28 at Training Area 147.**

## Soldiers 'be all they can be' during 2025 Best Sapper Competition



**Above: Sgt. 1st Class Justin Morgan, with the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, saws through a wooden rod, simulating a protruding tree limb, April 26 at the U.S. Army Prime Power School.**

**Right: Cadet Carlos Salinas, from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, pulls a weighted rescue sled while teammate, Cadet William Watts, motivates him April 26 during the nonstandard physical fitness test in Waynesville's Roubidoux Park. To view more photos from the competition, visit Fort Leonard Wood's [Flickr page](#).**

