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Thursday, July 3, 2025

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## 3rd Chemical Brigade welcomes new commander during ceremony

Col. Hector Montemayor relinquished command of the 3rd Chemical Brigade to Col. Kirsten McFarland during a ceremony July 1 in Nutter Field House.



## Fort Leonard Wood ready to celebrate Independence Day

Fort Leonard Wood invites the community to join in celebrating the Fourth of July with events planned throughout the day.



## Fort Leonard Wood AER campaign No. 1 in Army again

For the fifth year, Fort Leonard Wood's Army Emergency Relief campaign is No. 1 in the Army and the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, garrison officials announced July 1.



## Vietnam War veteran receives Purple Heart Medal 54 years after being injured

It was March 12, 1971, in northern Vietnam's Quin Tri, when the gun truck, "Proud American," was struck by two B40 shoulder-fired rockets, destroying the vehicle, killing the driver and wounding Spc. 4 Nelson Allen as well as the vehicle's officer in charge.

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

## NEWS BRIEFS

### FLW 25 open following repairs

FLW 25 is now open. The road was closed while contractors replaced a flooded active barrier near the East Gate.

### Chaplain Corps birthday art contest

In honor of the 250th Chaplain Corps birthday, which will be celebrated July 29, the Religious Support Office is having an art contest. Artwork should highlight the mission of the Chaplain Corps — to nurture the living, comfort the wounded and honor the dead. Art may be turned in between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday from July 1 to 18 at the Main Post Chapel, room 166. Winners will be announced at the celebration luncheon on July 29 and the art will be displayed at the Main Post Chapel. Categories are elementary, middle/high school and adult. For more information, call 573.596.0089.

### BOSS meeting

The Better Opportunities for Single Service Members program has a [meeting](#) scheduled for 3:30 p.m., July 10 at the BOSS Corner, Bldg. 496. For more information, call 573.596.6913. Next meetings are set for July 24, Aug. 7 and 21.

### Army diving officer selection

The U.S. Army Engineer dive field is looking for highly motivated and physically fit lieutenants. A diving officer selection event for the dive program is set for Sept. 19 and 20 at Davidson Fitness Center to choose junior officers currently serving in the engineer regiment, attending basic officer leader course or captains career course. For more information, email 1st Lt. Nathaniel Wilson at [nathaniel.a.wilson30.mil@army.mil](mailto:nathaniel.a.wilson30.mil@army.mil). Requirements for this selection process will include a dive physical fitness test, in-water assessment and

interview board. If selected, candidates will complete three weeks of Army Diver Phase 1 and 26 weeks of the Joint Diving Officer Course. [Company A, 169th Eng. Bn.](#), is a training unit assigned to the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, Florida.

### Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline is available by calling 9-8-8. Veterans may press “1” to be connected with a responder trained to assist military and veterans.

### 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.

### Warrior banquets at PCC

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, and give family day briefings. Call 573.329.2455 for details.

### 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.



**Piney Valley Golf Course**

**FREE MILITARY APPRECIATION GOLF CLINIC**

**MAY 10, JUN 7  
JUL 12, AUG 9**

**9-10 AM**

**FREE to active duty, retirees, and family members.  
All equipment and range balls provided.**

# SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

VISIT THE FORT LEONARD WOOD WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES.

"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.



## Soldiers perfect running technique



Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Vonnie Hitchcock (right), 795th Military Police Battalion athletic trainer, teaches 14th Military Police Brigade drill sergeants and cadre the pose method of running June 24, during a unit training event held in the Main Post Chapel. After identifying which type of runner they were — heel, mid-foot or forefoot striker — Hitchcock showed the Soldiers how to use each other to perfect the pose, fall and pull techniques. The cadre will now be able to share the military running method with their basic combat training Soldiers.



## MWR EVENTS & SPECIALS - LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM

PATRIOTIC 5k  
**COLOR RUN**  
JULY 4

9 AM, DAVIDSON  
FITNESS CENTER

WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE,  
AND BLUE FOR SOME  
GOOD MESSY FUN!

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4<sup>th</sup> of JULY  
**CAR SHOW**

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**ED MORSE FORD**  
SAINT ROBERT



**GAMMON FIELD**

\$12 Advance registration by July 3 online or  
in person at the Auto Skills Center.  
\$20 day-of registration (cash only).

Trophies awarded in 8 categories, and BEST IN SHOW!

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*Fort Leonard Wood*  
Celebration

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BOOMTOWN  
SAINTS  
Craig Campbell  
CANAAN  
SMITH

**JULY 4, 4PM**  
**GAMMON FIELD**

Musical performances by Boomtown Saints, Craig Campbell, and Canaan Smith!

Join us for a salute to the union, military equipment & demos, bounce houses, slides, games, petting zoo, pony rides, car show, frisbee dog shows, and the LARGEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE AREA!

Free to attend & open to the public. Concessions and Unlimited Activity Wristbands available for purchase.