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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood welcomes new command chaplain

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence has a new command chaplain, Chaplain (Col.) Craig Ludwig. Ludwig officially took over the position July 3 following Chaplain (Col.) Brad Godding's retirement ceremony.



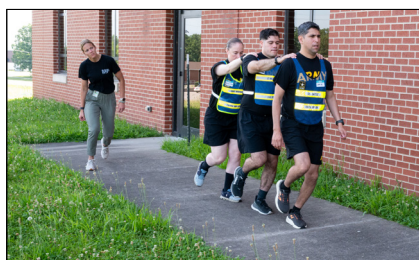
## Tick-borne illness protection starts with prevention

As tick season is well underway in Fort Leonard Wood, medical professionals at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital are urging the community to protect themselves from tick-borne diseases by avoiding contact with the parasites.



## Crisis Action Team provides unified effort to solve problems during emergency situations

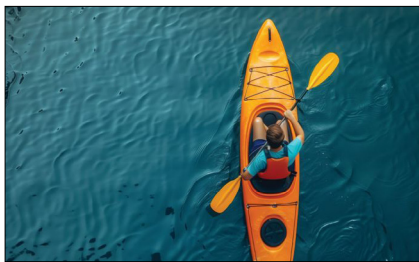
When a major incident occurs at Fort Leonard Wood that tests first responders' capabilities to meet the community's need for support, the Crisis Action Team may be called in to assist.



## Soldiers increase lethality by strengthening mind and body

In an effort to strengthen their mission readiness, 14th Military Police Brigade Soldiers spent a day focusing on training from the inside out.

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



## Flatwater kayaking workshop to be offered on Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Adventure Center is partnering with the Missouri Department of Conservation to bring a basic flatwater kayaking workshop to the installation from 5 to 6:30 p.m. July 14 at Bloodland Lake.



## Army updates facial hair policy to reinforce grooming standards

The U.S. Army is updating its facial hair grooming policy in an Army Directive that resulted from a force-wide review of military standards.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### 14th MP Bde. change of command

The 14th Military Police Brigade is scheduled to have a change-of-command ceremony at 9 a.m., July 11 on Gammon Field, where Col. John Copeland will hand over command to Col. Samuel Meyer. The inclement weather location will be Nutter Field House.

#### Rec Plex luau

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a luau from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 19 at the Rec Plex. Preregistration until July 11 is \$20 per person, night of entry will be \$25 per person. To register visit the Rec Plex or the [MWR website](#). For more information, call 573.596.0843.

#### 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 through July 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 24 at the BOSS Corner, Bldg. 496. For more information, call 573.596.6913. Next meetings are set for 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.

#### Public Notice

The U.S. Army is assessing community interest in forming a Restoration Advisory Board to consult in the environmental restoration decision-making

process at Fort Leonard Wood. Decisions would apply to sites with hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants and military munitions remaining from past activities at the installation. If established, the RAB would review and comment on plans and activities related to ongoing environmental studies and restoration. Members would be expected to serve as a voluntary liaison between the community and the RAB. Members would serve a one- to two-year term and attend regular meetings. RAB meetings would be open to the public, location to be determined. Adult residents of Pulaski, Laclede or Texas counties are eligible. If interested, please contact Michelle Wilson at 816.389.3119 or [michelle.d.wilson@usace.army.mil](mailto:michelle.d.wilson@usace.army.mil) to obtain an interest form, available through July 30.

#### 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.

#### Sexual assault helpline

Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327. Visit the [Safe Helpline website](#) for more options.

"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.



## FLW celebrates Independence Day



Caitlyn Marler, Fort Leonard Wood Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Singer-songwriter Canaan Smith performs during Fort Leonard Wood's Fourth of July celebration on Gammon Field. The day started with a Patriotic Color Run, Kansas City Disc Dogs show and a car show before BoomTown Saints, Craig Campbell and Canaan Smith entertained community members gathered around the main stage. The evening concluded with a fireworks display lighting up the sky over Fort Leonard Wood. For more photos from the July Fourth events, visit Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's [Flickr page](#).



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### SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

**JULY 12**

**7PM - 10PM  
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE  
CENTER**

**Aim high and break clay with us!  
Register June 11 - July 12 online,  
by phone, or in person at OAC!**

### anything on wheels



**JULY 17, 5:30PM  
GEOLACH TRACK**

**Bring your bikes, scooters, skateboards,  
and anything else on wheels!**

### THUNDERDOME Dodgeball Tournament



**JULY 18, 6PM**

**Costumes HIGHLY encouraged!  
PROVE YOUR WORTH IN THE  
THUNDERDOME!  
Register through July 16, age 16 & up,  
Davidson Fitness Center.**