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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



MSCoE leaders name 2026 Drill Sergeant of the Year

Following a week of mentally and physically exhausting testing of both Soldiering skills and drill sergeant knowledge, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence senior leaders announced Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Johnson, Company E, 35th Engineer Battalion, as the 2026 MSCoE Drill Sergeant of the Year.



Warfighter Legal Readiness Program: New JAG program streamlines legal readiness

The JAG Corps fielded the Warfighter Legal Readiness Program, a modern capability that replaces a Department of the Army form to ensure Soldiers are legally clear and mission-ready faster than ever.



Blood Donor Center announces limited summer hours

The Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center will operate on a limited donor schedule this summer, 2026, while supporting multiple out-of-state blood drives, including Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.



Department of the Army updates Chaplain Corps uniforms

The Department of the Army released implementation guidance for the Army Chaplains Corps uniform and maternity tunic emphasizing their role as religious leaders and pastoral care providers across the force.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Independence Day celebration

To mark America's historic 250th anniversary, Fort Leonard Wood is hosting a series of family-oriented events July 3-4, 2026. Check out [this Fort Leonard Wood article](#) for the full schedule, featuring everything from the July 3 golf tournament to the July 4 fireworks finale.

BOSS meeting

The Better Opportunities for Single Service Members program has a [meeting](#) scheduled for 4 p.m., July 16 at the BOSS Corner, Bldg. 496. For more information, call 573.596.6913.

Marine Corps Detachment CoC

The Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood is planning a change-of-command ceremony for 9 a.m., July 17 at Gammon Field, where Marine Col. Robyn Mestemacher will relinquish command to Marine Col. Gideon Grissett. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved indoors at Nutter Field House.

Fort Leonard Wood VBS

The Religious Support Office is hosting Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon, July 20-24 at the Main Post Chapel. Classes are for students going into kindergarten through sixth grade. Register a child [here](#).

Army Reserve small arms match

The 3rd Brigade Chemical, an Army Reserve unit with the 102nd Training Division, is planning to host a combat pistol competition with the Army Reserve Marksmanship Unit and Army Reserve Careers Group Aug. 19-20 at Fort Leonard Wood. [Registration](#) is open to all Army component Soldiers until Aug. 7. This event will allow Soldiers an opportunity to earn and replace current marksmanship badges. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Keith Wilson at keith.m.wilson4.mil@army.mil.

Kids bowl free

[Kids can bowl for free](#) through Aug. 21 at the Daugherty Bowling Center. At

kidsbowlfree.com parents and guardians can sign their children up for two free games every day. Shoe rental is at the regular rate. For more information, call 573.596.1498.

Drunk Driving Prevention Program

The [Fort Leonard Wood chapter of the Drunk Driving Prevention Program](#) offers to drive service members home for free. Military members can access services by contacting the Fort Leonard Wood chapter through their dedicated hotline, 573.452.8595 or by email at FLWDDPP@gmail.com.

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 veteran populations. For help from the Veterans Crisis Line via text messaging, text 838255. An online chat option is also available on the [Army Suicide Prevention Program's website](#).

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Add a FLW Freedom 250 shirt! \$15 each, sizes XS-XXXL. While supplies last.

250% 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION CAR SHOW
GAMMON FIELD

FORT LEONARD WOOD'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Join us for live music, a salute to the union, military equipment & demos, bounce houses, slides, games, petting zoo, pony rides, car show, firebee dog show, and the LARGEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE AREA!
Free to attend & open to the public. Concessions and Unlimited Activity Wristbands available for purchase.
CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE
JULY 4, 4PM GAMMON FIELD
JACOB SMALLEY, NIKO MOON, JIMMY CHARLES