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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Army promotes Lovasz to brigadier general

Col. Alexander Lovasz, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood deputy commanding officer, was promoted to brigadier general during a ceremony July 10, 2026, in the Chemical Corps Regimental Room of the John B. Mahaffey Museum.



Fort Leonard Wood warrant officers honor heritage, welcome new USAES regimental chief

In a dual milestone, Fort Leonard Wood's warrant officer cohort celebrated the 108th anniversary of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps and conducted a transition of leadership for the U.S. Army Engineer Regiment's warrant officer position.



Fort Leonard Wood warfighters share close combat expertise with airmen

In a demonstration of joint-force lethality, Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers and Marines shared their hand-to-hand combat tactics with more than 120 airmen from the 368th Training Squadron during a July 10, 2026, training exercise focused on close-contact threat engagement.



Celebrating 61 years of support: Fort Leonard Wood community to honor ACS at birthday bash

The Fort Leonard Wood Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is inviting the community to celebrate 61 years of Army Community Service from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 24, 2026, at Bldg. 486 to honor ACS's dedication to supporting military members and their families.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

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 on 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 to 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](#).

Free car seat inspections

The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department is planning to conduct free car seat safety inspections from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 28 in the Main Exchange parking lot. Certified child passenger safety technicians will also be teaching caregivers how to properly

install car safety seats. For a complete inspection, bring the car seat, car seat manual and vehicle manual. In case of inclement weather, the inspection will be hosted at Fire Station 3, Bldg. 2375. For more information, call 573.596.0886.

Chaplain Corps cake cutting

Fort Leonard Wood chaplains plan to celebrate the 251st birthday of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps with a cake-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m., July 29 at the Main Post Chapel.

USAES change of command

The U.S. Army Engineer School has scheduled a change-of-commandant ceremony for 9 a.m., July 31 on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza to welcome Col. Robert Newbauer and bid farewell to Col. Timothy Hudson. The inclement weather location will be Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

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.

Education Center annual graduation

The Truman Education Center is hosting the 41st annual combined colleges and universities graduation ceremony for the Class of 2026 at 10 a.m., Aug. 7 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. For more information, call 573.596.0172.

New website for PCSing

The Department of War Personal Property Activity has launched a new website at www.ppa.mil. To contact the PPA call center, call 833.645.6683.



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July 25
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11am - 5:30pm
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