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Thursday, July 23, 2026

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



FLW Marines bid farewell to Mestemacher, welcomes Grissett during ceremony

Fort Leonard Wood's Marine Corps Detachment marked a new chapter July 17, 2026, bidding farewell to Col. Robyn Mestemacher and welcoming Col. Gideon Grissett as their new commander, during a ceremony held on Gammon Field.



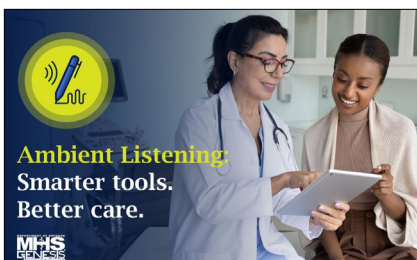
Mission complete: Fort Leonard Wood drill sergeants de-hat for final time

It is unmistakable. It is iconic. To wear it is to carry the weight of transforming thousands of civilians into U.S. Army Soldiers. For the noncommissioned officers who earn it, the drill sergeant campaign hat means everything — making the moment they finally remove it and leave the trail one of the most pivotal of their careers.



102nd Training Division welcomes Bell, bids farewell to Palmer at change of command

Incoming [102nd Training Division](#) Commanding General Brig. Gen. Charles Bell Jr., accepts the unit's colors and assumes command of the training division from Brig. Gen. Noel Palmer July 18, 2026, on Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. More photos may be viewed in this [Fort Leonard Wood photo album](#).



Leveraging technology to support warfighters through ambient listening

As technology rapidly evolves and improves, the Defense Health Agency is strategically integrating emerging technology tools like artificial intelligence into military medicine. The technology reduces administrative burden and enhances patient experiences and care, while supporting interoperability and warfighter readiness.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

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.

Walking housing town hall

The next walking housing town hall is set to begin at 5 p.m., July 30, in the Piney Estates neighborhood. U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood leaders,

with representatives from the Directorate of Emergency Services, Directorate of Public Works Housing Division and Balfour Beatty Communities, Fort Leonard Wood's housing partner, also plan to be there to engage with residents. For more information, call the [Army Housing Office](#) at 573.596.0984.

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.

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.

Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention helpline is available by calling 9-8-8.



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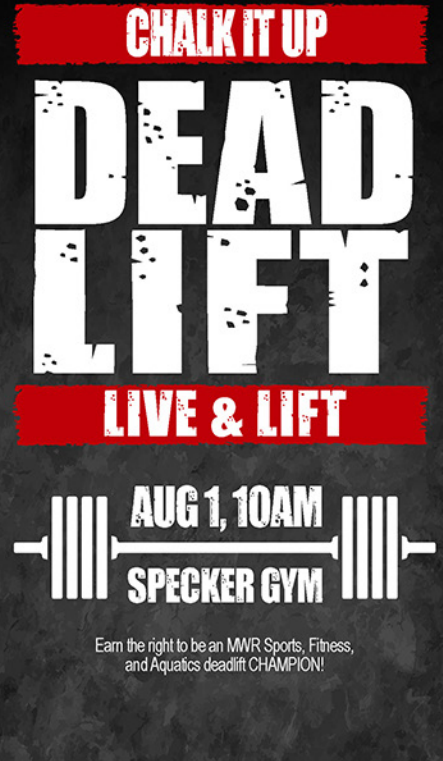
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