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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Fort Leonard Wood ID Card Facility enhances readiness for thousands

From installation security to healthcare and network access, military ID cards are the critical key to daily operations — making the Fort Leonard Wood ID Card Facility a vital hub for readiness.



Preserving firepower: Fort Leonard Wood LRC keeps Army artillery heritage alive

With a sharp crack and a rolling blast of thunder, the historic cannons at Fort Leonard Wood do more than shake the ground — they keep decades of Army heritage alive. Long after that ceremonial roar fades across the parade field, technicians at the Logistics Readiness Center work behind the scenes to keep that history firing.



From first response to first cry: FLW firefighters help deliver baby in on-post housing

Fort Leonard Wood's firefighters train for long hours to battle dangerous blazes, but on Sept. 1, 2026, they answered a call of a completely different nature — helping an Army family welcome a rapid-delivery newborn.



Military Police Warfighter Competition underway across Fort Leonard Wood

During the [Military Police Warfighter Competition](#), 2nd Lt. Andrew Kleckler, with the 14th Military Police Brigade, performs a low crawl while executing the Marine Corps Combat Fitness Test Sept 14, 2026, at Training Area 130. The winners of this year's competition are set to be announced at 10 a.m., Sept. 18 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

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



MDC invites first-time Fort Leonard Wood dove hunters to mentored hunt event

The Missouri Department of Conservation will be hosting a mentored dove hunt for first-time dove hunters Sept. 26, 2026. According to Fort Leonard Wood Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Lt. Eric Magoon, this mentored dove hunt is specifically for 10 individuals ages 18 to 34 who have never harvested a dove.



Fort Leonard Wood hosts retirees for appreciation days events

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Drill Sergeant of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Johnson helps a retiree from the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James, Missouri, through the lunch line at a Fort Leonard Wood Army Warrior Restaurant Sept. 11, 2026, during Retiree Appreciation Days.

NEWS BRIEFS

Better Bigger Deals Days

The Fort Leonard Wood Commissary is hosting Better Bigger Deals Days now through Sept. 20.

Upcoming road delay

Due to construction to both lanes of FLW-WP, there is a scheduled road delay from Sept. 21 to Oct. 2 along FLW-WP South of FLW-38.

MP Regimental Week

The U.S. Army Military Police School is preparing to celebrate 85 years of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps from Sept. 21 to 25, 2026, during regimental week at Fort Leonard Wood. A list of MP Corps events may be found in this [Fort Leonard Wood article](#).

Education center open house

Truman Education Center is planning to host an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 29 in Bldg. 499. Representatives from on-site college and university partners will be there to meet with service members and families. For more information, call 573.596.0172.

Know Your World event

International military students from 36 countries are preparing to share their cultures and customs with the Fort Leonard Wood community from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 2, during the 24th Know Your World event in Nutter Field House.

TAP financial planning symposium

The Fort Leonard Wood [Transition Assistance Program](#) is planning to present a financial planning symposium from 1 to 3 p.m., Sept. 25 at the Truman Education Center, with recurring bi-monthly sessions. This event is designed to enhance the financial readiness of Soldiers and personnel in transition, reduce confusion about retirement systems, support informed decision-making and provide deeper, client-demanded financial education that aligns with TAP goals. For more information, call 573.596.0175.

Commander's cup sports

Commander's Cup Volleyball teams must register by Oct. 6. Six players are needed to form a team, with nine alternates, making 15 the maximum team number. Volleyball games are planned to begin at 6 p.m., Oct. 13. Basketball teams have until Jan. 12 to register their five-person teams with 10 alternates, making their maximum team size 15 players. The season is set to tip-off at 6 p.m., Jan. 19, 2027. To register a team, email garrison.sports.representatives@symone.a.smith.naf.army.mil or luka.k.woodrum.naf@army.mil.

TAP Career Summit

The Fort Leonard Wood Transition Assistance Program team is planning to host job-seeker workshops and a

hiring fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15 at Nutter Field House. The event is designed to connect transitioning service members, veterans, retirees, Department of War civilians, and family members with employers. Workshops are scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the hiring fair beginning at 1:30 p.m. Register via this [website](#).

Oktoberfest

Time to dig out those lederhosen and dirndls for Fort Leonard Wood's [Oktoberfest](#) celebration set to take place from 4 to 9 p.m., Oct. 16 at Colyer Park.

American Education Week

The Truman Education Center is planning to celebrate American Education Week Nov. 16 to 20 with events from noon to 1 p.m. each day at Bldg. 499. Workshops scheduled are: Nov. 16, Funding Your Education; Nov. 17, High School Equivalency Test and General Educational Development Programs Veterans Upward Bound; Nov. 18, Why Balance Matters; Nov. 19, College-Level Examination Program Testing; and Nov. 20, Blood Pressure Checks. Workshops will include lunch. For more information, call 573.596.0172.

Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention helpline is available by calling 988.



Photos by Marine Sgt. Alexandra Earl

Above: U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Carlos Ruiz, the 20th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, speaks to Marines with Marine Corps Maneuver Support School, during a town hall Sept. 10, 2026, at Fort Leonard Wood.

Left: Marine Sgt. Maj. Carlos Ruiz, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, observes Marines with Advanced Engineer Equipment Mechanic Non-Commissioned Officer Course during his visit to observe training at Marine Corps Detachment Fort Leonard Wood.

Top enlisted Marine visits Fort Leonard Wood Marine Corps Detachment



Marine Sgt. Maj. Carlos Ruiz, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, speaks with Marines with the Motor Transport Instruction Company, Marine Corps Maneuver Support School at Fort Leonard Wood. During his visit, Ruiz met with senior leaders, engaged with Marines and observed school house demonstrations to see firsthand how service members are preparing for today's operating environments. More photos from the visit may be viewed on the Department of War [Digital Visual Information Distribution System](#).



Marine Sgt. Maj. Carlos Ruiz (left), Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, speaks with Marines from the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense Instruction Company, at the Marine Corps Detachment Fort Leonard Wood.



MWR

Events and Specials



Karaoke

Sept. 18 | 6:30 p.m.

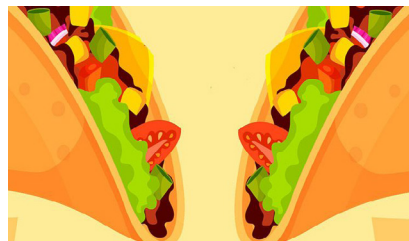
Join MWR for tons of karaoke fun. Get those singing voices ready and show off some dance moves at Morelli Heights Bar and Grill.



League Appreciation Day

Sept. 22 | 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Daugherty Bowling Center shows their appreciation to league members with discounted bowling every Tuesday. Enjoy bowling for \$1.50 per game.



Taco Tuesday

Sept. 22 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

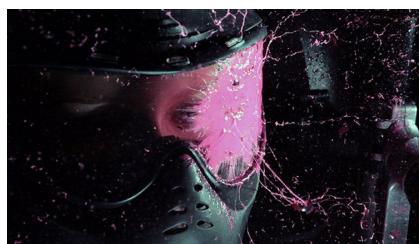
Stop by Pershing Community Center for a delicious taco bar. Cost is \$14.95 per person. Getting lunch with the office or big group? Cost is \$10.95 per person for groups of five or more.



Right Arm Night

Sept. 25 | 4 - 5 p.m.

Enjoy food, drinks and an evening of camaraderie and esprit de corps at Pershing Community Center. Gathering is free and open to ages 18 and older.



All Night Paintball

Sept. 26 | 6 - 10 p.m.

Show off those paintball skills at Outdoor Adventure Center during this tournament. Cost is \$30 and includes paintball gun, mask and bag of paint. Register early at OAC or online.



Live Music

Sept. 26 | 6:30 p.m.

Bring the friend group to Ozark Tavern to enjoy a fun evening of live music from Braden Van Kirk.

Did You Know?

Bruce C. Clarke Library has weekly Story Times. They read a couple books, do some music and movement, and have a small craft afterwards. Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Find more events, programs, and specials at leonardwood.armymwr.com