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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Send Me: The making of a Soldier Day Zero

This begins an 11-part series embedding readers inside U.S. Army Basic Combat Training to track how Fort Leonard Wood transforms raw recruits into disciplined warfighters.



Homeland Defense enhances CBRN response training at Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood's Homeland Defense Civil Support Office officially opened its newly upgraded Incident Response Training Department Sept. 22, 2026, marking a major milestone in national disaster readiness training.



Military Police Corps honors 85 years of protecting the force during regimental week

Soldiers fold the American flag during the MP Regimental Retreat ceremony Sept. 21 in the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. From Sept. 21 to 25, MPs are celebrating 85 years of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. To view more photos from the week's events, visit this [Fort Leonard Wood photo album](#).



International military students set to share cultures at Know Your World event Oct. 2

International military students from 36 countries are preparing to share their cultures with the Fort Leonard Wood community from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 2, 2026, during the 24th Know Your World event at Nutter Field House.

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



Army promotes drill sergeants

The U.S. Army issued a policy to promote sergeants to staff sergeants upon completion of the Drill Sergeant Course. Sergeants who are currently serving in drill sergeant positions and meet all requirements will also be promoted, with an effective date of Sept. 10, 2026.

NEWS BRIEFS

E3B training and testing event

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence is holding Expert Infantryman Badge, Expert Soldier Badge and Expert Field Medical Badge training and testing now through to Oct. 9.

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.

Main Exchange giveaway

Military families can bring their young pocket monster trainers to the Exchange to claim a free promotional training card and add something special to their collection. The Main Exchange will be hosting a pocket monster card giveaway for military children from noon to 3 p.m., Sept. 26, while supplies last. Limit one card per customer.

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.

Community Information Forum

Fort Leonard Wood community members are invited to join garrison leaders at 10:30 a.m., Oct. 7 in Lincoln Hall

Auditorium for the [Community Information Forum](#). The CIF will address current and future events on and around Fort Leonard Wood.

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 alternatives, 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](#).

Fire prevention week proclamation signing



Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood Commander Col. Eric McCall (front left), along with Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Dodd, sign a proclamation Sept. 22 designating Oct. 4-10 Fire Prevention Week, as members of the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department look on. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower," reminds residents that safe charging can help reduce the risk of home fires. The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department is hosting Fire Fest from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 3 at the Main Exchange parking lot. At the event, participants will have the opportunity to meet local firefighters, tour the fire safety trailer, meet Sparky the Fire Dog and see fire trucks.



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Above: Staff Sgt. Alexander Cobb, with the 716th Military Police Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, performs a kettle-bell squat during the non-standard physical fitness test Sept 14 at Roubidoux Park, Waynesville.

Left: Spc. Jeremiah Williams, with the 14th Military Police Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood, performs a modified high crawl during the Marine Corps Combat Fitness Test Sept 14 at Training Area 130. The MP Warfighter Competition is designed to test the abilities of MPs in a variety of military occupational skill-specific tasks, as well as their mental and physical fitness.

Warfighter showdown: MPs compete to be named best in MP Corps



Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

The winning team, with the 504th Military Police Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, pose for a photo with Col. Robert Rodock (left), USAMPS commandant, and USAMPS Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. James Rutherford (right) Sept. 18, in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. From left, the members of the winning team are: 2nd Lt. Wilson Monroe, Sgt. Walter Sebastian, Spc. Trevor Stuber and Pfc. Eric Gonzalez. To view more photos from the competition, visit this [Fort Leonard Wood photo album](#).



Maria Cassidy, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Pfc. Andrew Martin (left) and 1st Lt. Erin Bevec, with the 20th Military Police Command, U.S. Army Reserve, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, take part in the Expert Soldier Badge lanes Sept. 16 at Training Area 190.



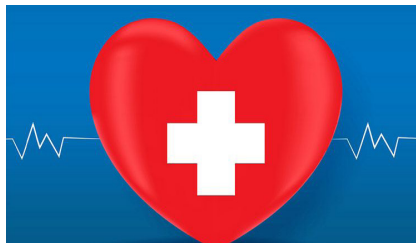
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Events and Specials



Touchdown Trot Oct. 1-31

Davidson Fitness Center staff are challenging customers to track running miles in October. Cost is \$10 per person. Stop by the facility to sign up.



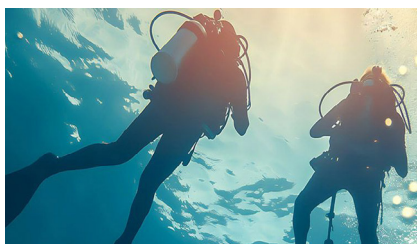
Water Safety Instructor Certification, Oct. 2

Become a certified Water Safety Instructor at Davidson Fitness Center Indoor Pool. Class is open to ages 17 and older. Cost is \$300 per person - register at DFC or by calling 573.596.4359 by Oct. 1.



Trivia Night Oct. 2 | 6:30 p.m.

Get a team together and test your trivia knowledge at Ozark Tavern the first Friday every month. Teams can consist of up to four players.



Open Water Scuba Certification, Oct. 3-4

Earn a Professional Association of Diving Instructors lifetime certification at Davidson Fitness Center Indoor Pool for \$695. Stop by DFC to register by Sept. 29.



Free Bowling Night Oct. 3 | 5 p.m.

Celebrate Blue Star Families Week with free bowling and pizza at Daugherty Bowling Center. Available first-come, first-served while supplies last.



Sunday Coffee Cruise-In Oct. 4 | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Join fellow automotive enthusiasts at Auto Skills Center to check out some wheels, enjoy hot coffee and talk shop.

Did You Know?

MWR has an RV Park conveniently located on Fort Leonard Wood. The 12-slot park offers full hook up that accommodates 30 or 50 amps of electricity. Stop by Outdoor Adventure Center or give them a call at 573.596.4223 for details or to make a reservation. Boondocking RV Park coming soon.



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