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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Send Me: The making of a Soldier | Week 1

Barely 72 hours with their basic combat training unit at Fort Leonard Wood, trainees with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Chemical Brigade, were thrown straight into training. No transition, no preparation — just their first brutal BCT test — Entry to Excellence.



US Army MPs celebrate 85 years of protecting the force

From Sept. 21 to 25, 2026, Military Police Soldiers gathered at the home of the regiment and the U.S. Army Military Police School, to celebrate 85 years of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps at Fort Leonard Wood.



US Army releases 'The NCO Barracks Guidebook' to empower leaders, reinforce standards

The U.S. Army has published "[The NCO's Barracks Guidebook](#)," a comprehensive resource developed by noncommissioned officers for noncommissioned officers, to empower junior leaders with the tools and confidence to improve Soldiers' living conditions and enforce standards.



Missouri State Highway Patrol urges motorists to stay alert during 2026 harvest season

In 2025, there were 163 Missouri traffic crashes involving farm equipment and implements. In those crashes, one person was killed and 37 were injured. Missouri has entered the fall harvest season and it's important that drivers and farmers pay attention and share the road.

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

PX pet Halloween costume contest

The Fort Leonard Wood Exchange is searching for the military community's most fur-ightfully fun pet companions with its Halloween Pet Costume Photo Contest. From Oct. 1 to 31, authorized Exchange shoppers ages 18 years or older can submit a photo of their pets in their Halloween finest at [ShopMy-Exchange.com/Sweepstakes](https://shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes) for a chance to win a share of \$3,000 in gift cards. Two grand-prize winners will each receive a \$500 Exchange gift card. Eight others will receive a \$250 gift card. No purchase is necessary to win. Winners are set to be contacted this November.

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](#).

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](#).

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.

Health insurance benefit fair

An Open Season Benefit Fair with representatives from Government Employees Health Association and Anthem is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 5 in Bldg. 470, Room 2224. Literature from additional plans will also be available.

Estate claim

Anyone with claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Jacob Pugh, 1st Engineer Brigade, or knowing of assets belonging to Pugh, should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, Capt. Grady Kershaw, at 573.596.0626, or by email at grady.t.kershaw.mil@army.mil.

Testosterone deficiency screenings

The War Department released clinical practice guidelines for medical professionals across the force on how to evaluate and treat potential testosterone deficiencies in male warfighters. More information may be found in this [Pentagon News article](#).

Defense Public Health alert

Recent [Health of the Force data shows chlamydia remains the most commonly diagnosed sexually transmitted infections](#) across the services. Left untreated, many STIs can cause long-term complications that impact readiness and well-being. Use protection and get tested regularly — routine screening is a critical part of overall health.

Army E-8 merit-based promotions

The Army announced a new authority enabling the [merit-based promotion of eligible sergeants first class to master sergeants](#), with a follow-on lateral appointment to first sergeant. This initiative will identify, retain and promote exceptional noncommissioned officers who have successfully demonstrated leadership potential.

Historical society Victorian Ball

The Lebanon and Laclede County Historical Museum and Society is hosting a Victorian Ball set for 6:30 p.m., Nov. 21, at Laclede County Shrine Club. Victorian, steampunk, colonial or pirate attire welcome. Admission is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Tickets purchased in advance through this [link](#) are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. For more information, call 573.337.4396.

Storage lot slots available

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation [RV Storage Lot](#) has more than 50 slots available for campers and boats. For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at 573.596.0243.

Request PAO support

Have an event for the news briefs section? Planning an upcoming training event that may be a strong candidate for coverage? Units on Fort Leonard Wood can request support from the Public Affairs Office by completing this [online form](#).

You Made the Grade program at PX

Good grades are back in session at the Fort Leonard Wood Exchange. Military-connected students in first through 12th grades can turn report-card success into rewards with You Made the Grade. Straight A's earn a \$20 Exchange gift card, while a B average earns \$10 plus coupons.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

VISIT THE FORT LEONARD WOOD WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES.



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Events and Specials



Spooky Scuba

Oct. 8 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Learn the basics of scuba diving and have fun at Davidson Fitness Center Indoor Pool. Cost is \$30 per person. Open to ages 10 and up. Register by Oct. 5 at DFC or by calling 573.596.43593.



CG Scramble

Oct. 9 | 12 p.m.

Join Piney Valley Golf Course for their last Commanding General's Scramble in 2026. Cost is \$40 for Tier 1-3, \$50 for Tier 4 and Twilight Pass, and \$60 for non-members. Stop by the course to sign up.



Texas Hold'em

Oct. 9 | 6 p.m.

Texas Hold'em is back at Pershing Community Center. Cost is \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Register in advance at Leisure Travel Services, by calling 573.329.8587 or [online](#).



Bump in the Night Volleyball

Oct. 10 | 12 p.m.

Wear your costumes for a fun volleyball tournament at Davidson Fitness Center. Cost is \$10 per team. Stop by DFC or call 573.596.4359 to register early.



Shoot Out Cancer

Oct. 11 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Shoot pink clay targets for Breast Cancer Awareness at Outdoor Adventure Center. Cost is \$30 per person. Register by Oct. 11 at OAC or by calling 573.596.4223.



Cross Country Par Three

Oct. 12 | 9 a.m.

Play your own ball individually and post a score at Piney Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Stop by the course to sign up today.

Did You Know?

Davidson Fitness Center offers daily group fitness classes including Zumba, Yoga, Cycling, Line Dancing and more. Classes are \$5 each, one hour long, and open to all fitness levels. DFC also offers 5-, 10-, and 15-class passes to get more bang for your buck.



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