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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## Send Me: The making of a Soldier | Week 3

Week 3 of U.S. Army Basic Combat Training pushed more than 100 Fort Leonard Wood recruits past their fears, transforming civilian mindsets into the Soldier spirit through a battery of milestone training events.



## Harvest Fest, sweet autumn treats to thrill this frightful season

As autumn leaves begin to turn and the nights grow cooler, Fort Leonard Wood is preparing a full lineup of seasonal events to celebrate the Halloween season.



## Teamwork, rapid mobilization welcome triplets at GLWCH

Demonstrating the highest standards of military medical readiness, the clinical team at General Leonard Wood Community Hospital successfully mobilized a multi-disciplinary critical care response to safely deliver and stabilize premature triplets, a first for the hospital in its long history.



## With focus on barracks, dining, childcare, Army taking decisive action to improve quality-of-life

Upgrades to HVAC systems and dining facilities, along with childcare access and spouse employment challenges, were among the main topics at an Association of the United States Army family forum held Oct. 12 in Washington.

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

### Building heat to be turned on

This week the Directorate of Public Works is coordinating with the base maintenance contractor to perform manual cooling-to-heating changeover activities to HVAC systems at facilities without automatic changeover capabilities. Please allow the changeover to be completed through the end of this week. If issues with HVAC systems persist, contact the facility manager to submit a service order request to Army Maintenance Online at <https://maintenance.army.mil/arma>.

### 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.

### PX holiday hours

Fort Leonard Wood Exchange locations are increasing their weekend shopping during the holiday shopping season. The Main Exchange and Class Six will be open until 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from Oct. 17 to Dec. 19. Some restaurants in the Main Exchange are also planning to stay open until 8 p.m. those nights.

### Unclaimed veterans funeral

The Missing in America Project is planning to have full military honors for four unclaimed veterans at 11 a.m., Nov. 4, at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Waynesville. The service will honor the lives and sacrifice of one airman, one sailor and two Marines. Members of the community are asked to attend and ensure these heroes are laid to rest with the dignity, gratitude and company they deserve. For more information, call MIAP Missouri State Coordinator Daniel Poirier at 770.377.2377.

### Sexual assault helpline

Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327. Visit the [Safe Helpline website](#) for more options.

### 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.

### USO baby shower

A Storybook Beginning Baby Shower is set for 9 to 11 a.m., Nov. 7 at the Fort Leonard Wood USO, located at 805 Iowa Avenue. This event welcomes currently serving active duty, Reserve, National Guard and dependents who are expecting a child or who have recently welcomed a baby, 6 months or younger, including through pregnancy, adoption or surrogacy. Please note that due to the size of the event, only the expecting parent may attend, the USO asks that guests, including significant others, do not accompany participants. Babies aged 6 months and younger are welcome to attend. [Register online](#). For more information, call 573.329.2039.

### 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 the education center at 573.596.0172.

### 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 slots available. For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at 573.596.0243.

### 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.

### 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. Now through Oct. 31, authorized Exchange shoppers ages 18 years or older can submit a photo of their pets in their Halloween finest at [ShopMyExchange.com/Sweepstakes](http://ShopMyExchange.com/Sweepstakes) for a chance to win a share of \$3,000 in gift cards. Two grand-prize winners will receive a \$500 Exchange gift card.

### 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](mailto:grady.t.kershaw.mil@army).

### Flu vaccine schedule

The General Leonard Wood Community Hospital has announced its 2026 Flu Shot Rodeo schedule. TRICARE Prime beneficiaries assigned to GLWCH, ages 6 months and older, may now visit the Immunization Clinic between the weekday hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to receive the shot. Evening flu vaccine clinics for children ages 6 months to 17-years-old are set for 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 5, 17 and 30 at the Immunization Clinic. Hospital and dental employees may receive a vaccine from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 13 to 16 at the Infusion Clinic. Active duty units are being scheduled to visit Danner Hall Oct. 20 to Nov. 18 for flu vaccines.

### Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline is available by calling 988. Military and veterans may press "1" for specialized assistance.



# MWR

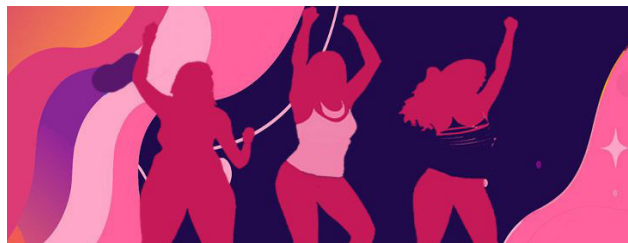
## Events and Specials



### Harvest Fest

Oct. 24 | 3:30 - 9 p.m.

Gather friends and family to join MWR at Piney Valley Golf Course for an evening of fun for all ages. They will have the haunted house, zombie paintball, rock climbing wall, bounce houses, hayride, a pumpkin patch and more. Shuttle service starts at 3 p.m. at the Pershing Community Center parking lot.



### Pink Zumba Party

Oct. 24 | 9 a.m.

Put on some pink and join MWR for tons of Zumba fun at Davidson Fitness Center. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 day-of the event. Register in advance by Oct. 23 at Davidson Fitness Center or by calling 573.596.4359. Registration includes a complimentary fitness pass.



### Make a Difference Day

Oct. 24 | 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join Army Community Service at Bldg. 486 for the nation's official day of community service. Registration begins on-site at 7 a.m. Lunch is provided at 11 a.m. For more information, call 573.596.0613.



### BOSS Haunted House Contest | Oct. 24

The BOSS Program is giving units a chance to win funds by decorating rooms in the haunted house. Call 573.596.6913 to sign up. Stop by during Harvest Fest to see what the units come up with.



### Trunk or Treat

Oct. 30 | 3 - 6 p.m.

Get those costumes on and join MWR at the Main Post Exchange parking lot for tricks, treats and tons of fun for all ages. Interested in hosting a trunk during the event? Give MWR a call at 573.596.6913.

## Did You Know?

Bruce C. Clarke Library has StoryWalk events throughout the year. They read a story while taking a walk plus have other activities and games to enjoy. The next one is planned for Oct. 28 — put on those costumes and join MWR for this special themed event.



**Find more events, programs, and specials at [leonardwood.armymwr.com](http://leonardwood.armymwr.com)**