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Thursday, November 5, 2026 Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Send Me: The making of a Soldier | Week 6

With their lungs burning and sweat pouring, Fort Leonard Wood trainees traded the calm precision of static qualification for the chaos of high-stress shooting to hone lethal accuracy under physical duress during Week 6 of U.S. Army Basic Combat Training.



Community celebrates Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport expansion

Under joint celebration by Fort Leonard Wood and its neighboring communities, the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport officially unveiled its new 9,000-square-foot terminal Nov. 4, 2026. Featuring a 50-passenger capacity, the expanded facility stands as a testament to regional partnership and modernized travel, according to officials.



More than 12,000 Thanksgiving meals being prepared at FLW warrior restaurants

Traditional roast turkey is on top of the menu as Fort Leonard Wood plans to host its Thanksgiving Day celebration Nov. 26, 2026, in Army Warrior Restaurants across the installation.



TRICARE Open Season 2026: Get to know your health plan options

TRICARE Open Season 2026 is approaching, making now a good time to review your health plan options and consider whether your current coverage continues to meet your family's needs. TRICARE Open Season begins Monday, Nov. 9, and ends Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Missouri S&T military appreciation
Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla is offering free admission for active and retired service members, and their families, to attend the military appreciation day football game at 1 p.m., Nov. 7 at Allgood-Bailey Stadium. During halftime's call-to-service, future service members will take an oath to defend the nation.

PX honors veterans
In celebration of Veterans Appreciation Month, the Fort Leonard Wood Exchange will be hosting the following events and offering collectible items to show appreciation to veterans: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Nov. 7 they will be giving out collectible bottle opening keychains; 10-11 a.m., Nov. 11 they will have a collectible coin giveaway; and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Nov. 21 they will have collectible penny POGs — flat, disc-like cardboard tokens used historically by AAFES as military change in combat zones.

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.

BOSS meeting
The Better Opportunities for Single Service Members program has a meeting scheduled for 4 p.m., Nov. 19 at the BOSS Corner, Bldg. 496. For more information, call 573.596.6913.

R2 Fair set for November
The Fort Leonard Wood community is invited to attend a Ready and Resilient Fair scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 19 in the Main Post Chapel. There will be information booths set up from several resilience resources in the area. Also, these mandatory trainings will be offered: 9 to 10:30 a.m., SHARP; 10:35 to 11:05 a.m., OPSEC; 11:15 a.m. to noon EEO No Fear; 1 to 1:45 p.m., ASAP Personal Readiness; and 2 to 2:45 p.m., CIAR. Training will be held in the sanctuary and sign-in rosters will be available. For more information, call 573.596.0938.

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.

PX favorite holiday story contest
The Exchange is inviting shoppers to share their favorite holiday memories for a chance to win one of three $1,000 Exchange gift cards. Authorized Exchange shoppers 18 years and older can enter through Dec. 25 by submitting an original essay in English of 500 words or less about a favorite holiday memory, from childhood or recent years. Entries must be emailed to sweepstakes@aafes.com with "Favorite Holiday Story" in the subject line. Winners are to be announced no later than Jan. 29, 2027.

PX holiday hours
The Main Exchange and Class Six will be open until 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays now through Dec. 19. Some restaurants in the Main Exchange are also planning to stay open until 8 p.m.

Suicide prevention helpline
The national suicide prevention and mental health helpline is available by calling 988. Veterans may press "1" to be connected with a responder trained to assist military and veteran populations. For help from the Veterans Crisis Line via text messaging, text 838255. An online chat option is also available on the Army Suicide Prevention Program's website.

FLW Soldier receives leadership award



Courtesy photo

Vice Chief of Staff and Acting Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Christopher LaNeve (left), poses with Capt. Carlos Paiz, Military Police Captain's Career Course student and former commander of Bravo Company, 787th Military Police Battalion, during an award ceremony Oct. 27, 2026, at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia. Paiz received the 2025 Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding company-grade and junior warrant officers for exceptional performance, leadership and achievement reflecting MacArthur's enduring ideals.

MWR Events and Specials



BOSS Cooking Class

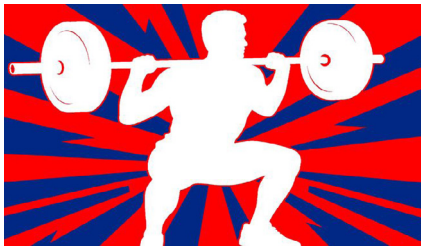
Nov. 9 | 5 - 7 p.m.

Join the Better Opportunities for Single Service Members Program at Pershing Community Center to learn how to prepare a delicious dinner and dessert.



St. Louis Blues Military Appreciation Night | Nov. 10

Swing by Leisure Travel Services to get tickets for this year's Military Appreciation Game. Cost is $30 for two tickets. Commemorative hats are also available for purchase.



Glutes of Glory

Nov. 11 | 10 a.m.

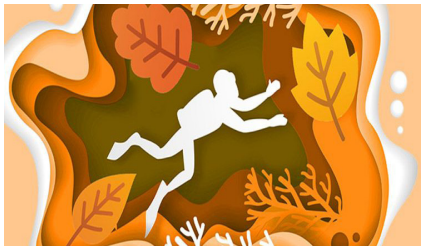
Squat to honor a veteran during this competition at Specker Gym. Free to enter. Competition will be the best of three attempts.



Veterans Day Special

Nov. 11 | 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Celebrate Veterans Day with Daugherty Bowling Center. Veterans can purchase one game of bowling and receive one game for free.



Tanksgiving

Nov. 12 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Dive into Davidson Fitness Center Indoor Pool to learn the basics of scuba diving and have fun. Cost is $30 per person - open to ages 10 and older. Register today.



Turkey Trot 5 K

Nov. 14 | 9 a.m.

Join MWR at Davidson Fitness Center for this fun run, plus register for a chance to win a turkey gift card at the end of the race. Register early for $15 by calling 573.596.4359.

Did You Know?

Davidson Fitness Center offers a variety of Commander's Cup Sports. The next sports coming up in 2027 include Basketball, Bowling, Swimming, Soccer and Softball. Stop by Davidson Fitness Center or give them a call at 573.596.4359 for more information.



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