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## MSCoE, Fort Leonard Wood welcome new commanding general

Brig. Gen. Daniel Hibner assumed command of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood Nov. 23, 2026, in a ceremony on MSCoE Plaza.

## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Thanksgiving safety message

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving as a national holiday in a proclamation entreating all Americans to “heal the wounds of the nation” at the height of the Civil War. Today, Americans now celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November, a time to express gratitude for blessings.



## Send Me: The making of a Soldier | Week 9

Closing in on the final hurdle of U.S. Army Basic Combat Training, Fort Leonard Wood trainees with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Chemical Brigade, started Week 9 as trainees and ended it as U.S. Army Soldiers.




## Fort Leonard Wood MWR to host tree lighting, holiday market Dec. 4

Fort Leonard Wood will kick off the holiday season “in a very merry way” with the installation Tree Lighting and Holiday Market set to begin at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 4, 2026, at the Joint Services Park.



# Missouri State Fire Marshal's Thanksgiving fire safety tips

Thanksgiving, the day Americans gather with family and friends to celebrate, cook and eat, is the nation's leading day for cooking fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the number of cooking fires on Thanksgiving is three times as high as on any other day of the year.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**PX Thanksgiving closures**
On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, the North Express is set to be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All other Exchange facilities are scheduled to be closed for the holiday. Express gas pumps will remain available 24/7.

**PX car wash grand opening**
The Fort Leonard Wood Exchange is hosting a grand opening for the car wash at 8 a.m., Nov. 30, in Bldg. 1605 near the South Express gas station.

**Trees for Troops**
Trees for Troops is making a stop at Fort Leonard Wood to deliver real trees for the holidays. Pickup will take place Dec. 4 and 5 at a new location this year, the Outdoor Adventure Center. Pickup for active duty, Reserve, National Guard and their spouses begins at 11 a.m., Dec. 4 —a military ID is required at time of pickup. Trees left on Dec. 5 will be available for other authorized Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons.

**Holiday tree lighting and market**
Celebrate the season at the lighting of the Installation Christmas Tree at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at Joint Services Park. Enjoy an evening of activities, sweet treats, photo opportunities with Santa and the announcement of the Cards to the Community winners.

**Santa at the PX**
Santa Claus is planning some special visits to the Main Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Dec. 5 for hot chocolate and cookies, again at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 12 to view the Exchange's winter fashion show while decorating cookies, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 19.

**PX model search**
The Fort Leonard Wood Exchange is looking for models to showcase winter clothing trends at 1 p.m., Dec. 12 during a fashion show in the Main Exchange. Models must register at the Main Exchange by Dec. 7 to walk the runway.

**Noontime bowling league**
Daughterty Bowling Center's noontime league plans to start games at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 10. League is held on Thursdays. Two-person teams will bowl two games each for 16 weeks. Awards will be given at the end of the league. For more information, call 573.596.1498.

**Holiday gate closures**
Fort Leonard Wood's West and East gates are slated to have condensed hours during the Christmas and New Year holidays. The West Gate is scheduled to close at 9 p.m., Dec. 23, 2026, and is set to remain closed until 4 a.m., Dec. 28. It will be closed again at 9 p.m., Dec. 30 and remain closed until 4 a.m., Jan. 4, 2027. The East Gate is set to close at 6 p.m., Dec. 23 and remain closed until 5 a.m., Dec. 28. It will close again at 6 p.m., Dec. 30 and remain close until 5 a.m., Jan 4.

**Community Health Assessment**
The Fort Leonard Wood Department of Public Health wants to hear from you. The team is conducting a Community Health Assessment to better understand the health, safety and wellness needs of the installation's service members, families, civilians and retirees. Take the Fort Leonard Wood Community Strengths Survey now through Jan. 4, 2027, and help improve your community. The survey may be found here.

**Drunk Driving Prevention Program**
The Fort Leonard Wood chapter of the Drunk Driving Prevention Program offers to drive service members home for free. Military members can access services by contacting the Fort Leonard Wood chapter through their dedicated hotline, 573.452.8595 or by email at FLWDDPP@gmail.com.

**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 Main Exchange restaurants are also planning to stay open until 8 p.m.

**You Made the Grade program at PX**
Good grades are back in session at the 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 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 to be announced in January.

**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.

# MWR Events and Specials



## Coach Interest Meeting

Nov. 30 | 5 - 6 p.m.

Interested in coaching youth basketball, wrestling, bowling, or cheer? Join Youth Sports and Fitness in their office to learn more about the sign up process and expectations.



## Youth Winter Special

December 1-30

Youth ages 16 and under can enjoy discounted bowling at $2 per game at Daugherty Bowling Center. Special is held throughout December, excluding Sundays and holidays.



## Lost in the Yarn

Dec. 2 | 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Swing by Bruce C. Clarke Library for this monthly fiber arts club to work on projects and chat with others sharing the same hobby. Meeting is held the first and third Wednesday every month.



## Cards to the Community

Register by Dec. 3

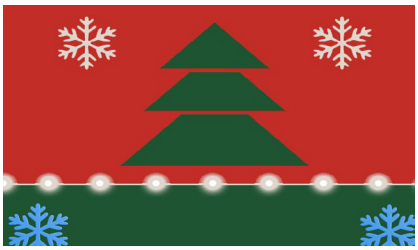
Design a larger-than-life card to be displayed at Joint Services Park throughout the holiday season beginning Dec. 4. Guidelines and how to join the competition can be found on the MWR website.



## Trees for Troops

December 4-5

It's that time of year again! Trees for Troops is delivering free real trees to Fort Leonard Wood for the holidays. Pickup will take place at Outdoor Adventure Center. Visit the MWR website for pickup times.



## Tree Lighting

Dec. 4 | 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with the lighting of the Installation Christmas Tree, activities, photos with Santa, a Holiday Market and more. Event is held at Joint Services Park.

## Did You Know?

Fort Leonard Wood MWR facilities and offices will have adjusted holiday hours or closures in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27. Hours can be found on the MWR Website.

**Holiday Hours & Closures**

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