

# Guidon

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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## Missouri celebrates Month of the Military Child

When leaders, educators and students gathered in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda April 1 to kick off the Month of the Military Child, keynote speakers used one word to describe military children: resilient. Missouri's 2025 Purple Star Award winners were also recognized during the event.



## Engineers win title of MSCoE Best Squad

After 56 hours of competition, the squad representing 1st Engineer Brigade was named the 2025 Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Best Squad during a ceremony held March 31 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. MSCOE's squad will now go on to compete in the TRADOC Best Squad Competition.



## 3rd Chemical Brigade bids farewell to Bell, welcomes Gutierrez during ceremony

The 3rd Chemical Brigade held a change-of-responsibility ceremony March 28 at Nutter Field House, where Command Sgt. Maj. Kiana Bell relinquished her role as the brigade's top enlisted leader to Command Sgt. Maj. Ronis Gutierrez.



## 14th MP Brigade gets new top enlisted Soldier during change of responsibility

The 14th Military Police Brigade held a change-of-responsibility ceremony March 28 at Nutter Field House, where Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Neikirk relinquished his role as the brigade's top enlisted leader to Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Elderkin.

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



Photo by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

## Fort Leonard Wood kicks off MOMC

Jennifer Chapman, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Parent and Outreach Services director, introduces the artist behind this year's Month of the Military Child t-shirt, 8-year-old Jaxson Brawdy, during the MOMC kickoff celebration April 1 at the Daugherty Bowling Center. Col. Steven Bartley, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander, and Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, also spoke at the event. The purple t-shirts will be worn by MOMC supporters across Fort Leonard Wood during the month of April. For more MOMC events, visit MWR's [calendar](#).



## General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital holds change of responsibility

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital said farewell to one command sergeant major and welcomed another during a change-of-responsibility ceremony held March 25 at Lincoln Hall.



## Turn around, don't drown: flooding is Missouri's deadliest severe weather hazard

Flooding is the deadliest severe weather hazard in Missouri, with the vast majority of fatalities occurring during flash flooding and affecting people in vehicles. In 2024, flooding killed nine people in the state, according to Missouri State Emergency Management Agency.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Stay weather aware

Common Access Card holders, their family members, long-term contractors, private organizations and Fort Leonard Wood tenants can receive notifications on their phones via the ALERT! Mass Warning Notification System — instructions for setting up ALERT! notifications are on Fort Leonard Wood's [Weather and Hazardous Conditions](#) page.

#### Strike out sexual assault

The Strike Out against sexual assault event is scheduled for 11 a.m., April 4 at the Daugherty Bowling Center. Cost is \$20 per four person team — this includes shoe rental. Register by email to

ladon.d.carter-smithers.civ@army.mil or by calling 573.528.8551.

#### Youth center open house

Dru Pippin Youth Center is planning an [open house](#) for 4:30 p.m., April 4 in Bldg. 9625. For more information, call 573.596.0209.

#### Lane closures

Parts of Nebraska, Minnesota and Michigan avenues are scheduled to have lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 14 to 19, for upgrades to the installation's cellular system. Contact the Directorate of Public Works at 573.596.0920, for more information.

#### FMWR weekly updates

Want Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation event updates emailed to your inbox each week? Click [here](#) to join the email list.

#### ID Card Facility additional hours

The ID Card Facility in Bldg. 470 is scheduled to be open from 8 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays for appointments and walk-ins: June 14 and Aug. 16. Appointments may be made at [RAPID ID Card Office Online](#).

#### Suicide prevention helpline

The national suicide prevention helpline is available by calling 9-8-8.

## Engineers announce 2025 Best Mappers



Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Sgt. Warren Watkins and Staff Sgt. James Bryson, with the 75th Ranger Regiment, are the winners of the U.S. Army Engineer School's 2025 Best Mapper Competition, following an awards ceremony March 31 in the Engineer Regimental Room of the John B. Mahaffey Museum. Nine teams from around the world began competing March 28 at Fort Leonard Wood. The competition focuses on the 12Y military occupational specialty of geospatial engineer, which includes tasks such as topographic analysis, geospatial data collection and terrain visualization and tests Soldiers' physical, mental and technical skills. Look for an article highlighting the competition in next week's eGuidon. More photos can be seen [here](#).

"I can't donate. I have tattoos."

"I can't donate. I deployed to a malaria-risk location."

"I can't donate. I lived in Italy."

### You may now be able to donate.

The Food and Drug Administration updated its guidelines on blood donor eligibility, and the Armed Services Blood Program needs your donation. After all, they supply 100% of blood required for deployed service members.

The Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center is located in Bldg. 759 along Buckeye Avenue. Walk ins are welcome from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Call 573.596.5385 for details.



## MWR EVENTS & SPECIALS - LEONARDWOOD.ARMYMWR.COM

**MURDER MYSTERY**  
APR 11

6PM  
Pershing Community Center

Someone killed millionaire Ben Slade, and no one can leave until the murder is solved!

Join us to solve a one-of-a-kind mystery performed by Ozark Actor's Theatre, or volunteer to become a character and join on the fun!

**TURN IT TEAL FITNESS**  
APRIL 12, 9AM

**PAMPSON FITNESS CENTER**

Come out for a fitness experience for a good cause! Wear teal and show support for Sexual Harassment / Assault Response and Prevention awareness.

**EGG HUNT**  
APR 12

**CLAPP SPORTS COMPLEX**

Photos with the Easter Bunny and loads of fun activities and prizes!