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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



## MSCoE CG and CSM Send: Celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Army Reserve

On April 23, 1908, Congress established the Medical Reserve Corps, the precursor to today's robust and vital Army Reserve. For over a century, the citizen-Soldiers of the Army Reserve have answered the nation's call, embodying the spirit of service and sacrifice.



## Best Sapper Competition to commence April 25 at Fort Leonard Wood

Competitors are registered, challenges are primed and the stage is set for the 18th Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers Best Sapper Competition April 25 to 28 at Fort Leonard Wood.



## Teens immerse in military history while staying in Army museum for night of adventure

It's a Month of the Military Child event that has teenagers racing to spend a night within the walls of the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex, surrounded by artifacts from the three regiments that call Fort Leonard Wood home.



## Senior enlisted leaders say lethality tied to service members' quality of life

The Defense Department's ability to be a lethal fighting force can be linked to the quality of life for America's warfighters and their families. Such was the theme embraced by the top enlisted leaders of DOD's six branches of service during a House Appropriations Committee hearing in Washington on quality of life in the military.

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



Photo by Nia Dickinson, Fort Leonard Wood Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

## Runners turn purple for MOMC

Runners scurry through a cloud of purple chalk April 12 during the Month of the Military Child Color Run around Gerlach Field. Purple symbolizes military children from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The fun run, organized by Fort Leonard Wood's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, also included obstacles set up throughout the 1-mile course. Coming up, a MOMC Neon Dance Party is planned for 5 to 7 p.m., April 18 at Nutter Field House, and MOMC Palooza is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 26 at Gerlach Field. For information on more MOMC events, visit [MWR's calendar](#). To view more photos, visit [MWR's Flickr page](#).

## 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 the [Weather and Hazardous Conditions](#) page.

### Easter sunrise service

Due to inclement weather, Fort Leonard Wood's Easter sunrise service scheduled for 6:30 a.m., April 20 will be held at Soldier Memorial Chapel.

### German Easter service

A German Easter service and reception, hosted by the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence German Liaison Element, is scheduled for 6 p.m., April 24 at Soldier Memorial Chapel.

### Step Forward Expo

The theme for this year's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is "Together we can, Step Forward. Prevent. Report. Advocate." A ceremony is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a walk-through table expo from 12:30 to 4 p.m., April 25 at the Main Post Chapel. The event is open to any Fort Leonard Wood community members with post access. The 3rd Chemical Brigade Unit Ministry Team plans to

host a spiritual resilience class at 10 a.m., before the opening ceremony. For more information, call 573.855.1808/5818.

### Brave Hearts and Strong Homes

A Brave Hearts and Strong Homes group meeting is set for 11:30 a.m., April 24 in Bldg. 470, room 2222. The Spouses' Resource Center event is designed to explore common challenges parents face and help participants gain access to resources that strengthen family bonds and enhance parenting skills. For more information, call 573.596.3196/6066.

### Salute to Service

Future service members from high schools across South-Central Missouri will be honored for their commitment to serve their country at the 2025 Community Salute to Service event, scheduled for 6 p.m., April 30 in the Waynesville High School gym.

### Engineer ball tickets for sale

Tickets for the U.S. Army Engineer Regimental Ball, scheduled for May 2 in Nutter Field House, are on sale now. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., with the formal event at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

### Hiring event

Fort Leonard Wood's Transition Assistance Program is organizing a hiring

event for May 22 in the Pershing Community Center. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., local, state and federal employers will be available to receive applications and speak to job seekers. For more details, visit the [Recruit Military website](#).

### Driver training opportunities

The Fort Leonard Wood Garrison Safety Office plans to host intermediate drivers' training from 8 to 11 a.m., May 30 and remedial drivers' training from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 27, both in Bldg. 499. For more information, call 573.596.3449/4103. A link to register can be found [here](#).

### International tour of foods

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is taking community members on an international tour of foods at the Pershing Community Center. Foods from Ireland will be on the menu May 26, southern comfort foods July 21 and Germany Sept. 29. The dinners will start at 6 p.m., and pricing will vary based on each menu. Tickets are available for purchase 30 days prior to the scheduled dinner and can be purchased at Leisure Travel Services or [online](#).

### 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.



## MWD warfighting teams train at FLW



Amanda Sullivan, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Sgt. Sam Slobert, a Military Working Dog handler with the 131st Military Police MWD Detachment in Ansbach, Germany, surveys the area from a tactical vehicle while his explosive detection dog, Spencer, waits for his Soldier's next command during a training event hosted April 7 through 11 by the 180th MP Detachment and 97th MP Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood. Training focused on patrol tactics, detection skills and real world operational readiness, such as indirect fire response, weapons proficiency and transition training from bite work to detection — ensuring both human and K-9 warriors are fully mission-ready, enhancing the Army's lethality in modern warfare. More photos from this training event can be viewed on [Fort Leonard Wood's Flickr page](#).

"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

### COMMANDER'S GOLF SCRAMBLE

*Piney Valley Golf Course*



APRIL 25, MAY 16, JULY 18, AUGUST 15,  
SEPTEMBER 12, OCTOBER 17

### 3RD ANNUAL MOMC PALOOZA MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD CELEBRATION

APRIL 26  
10 AM - 1 PM  
GERLACH FIELD



Bounce houses, music, food trucks, static displays, obstacle course, games, activities, and much more!

### OIL CHANGE CLASS



LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE--REGISTER TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

WITH RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY DAN DAILEY

Join us for a FREE oil change class--bay rental, tools, oil, and filter all provided.

MAY 6, 8:30AM - 3:30PM: Service Members E6 & below

MAY 7, 8:30AM - 1:30PM: Service Members E6 & below, spouses, and dependents (Ages 16-18 must have a parent present. Must have valid DOD ID.)

SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER!

