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Thursday, March 5, 2026 Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Fort Leonard Wood reception battalion — transforming civilians to Soldiers

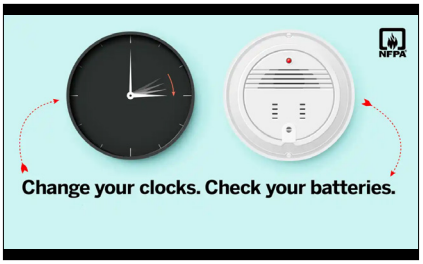
From haircuts and combat boots to medical wellness and paychecks — the Soldiers and civilians serving at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence's 43rd Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) welcomes 25,000 to 30,000 of the U.S. Army's newest recruits each year.

New MP Soldiers work different shifts, respond to myriad of calls during final training exercise

Fort Leonard Wood trainees learning to serve as military police Soldiers spend four of their last few days of initial entry training focusing on the role of law enforcement and policing a U.S. Army Garrison — safeguarding service members, civilians and their families, as well as maintaining law and order at home.

Fort Leonard Wood kicks off 2026 AER campaign, receives first donations

The 2026 Army Emergency Relief campaign officially kicked off March 4, with Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders signing the first donation pledges during the Community Information Forum in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.



Spring forward: change your clocks, batteries

The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department would like to remind community members to change the batteries in all home smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when moving clocks forward one hour in preparation of daylight saving time March 8.

NEWS BRIEFS

Monthly MWNS test rescheduled
Due to weather conditions, the monthly test of Fort Leonard Wood's mass warning notification system is rescheduled for 12:30 p.m., March 11.

Severe weather preparedness
Information about Missouri's Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 2 to 6, may be found here. Tornado safety information is available at stormaware.mo.gov. Missourians are also encouraged to use the Ready in 3 program to create a plan, prepare a kit and listen for information regarding severe weather emergencies.

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.

Tenant Satisfaction Survey
The U.S. Army has launched its annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey, to gather feedback from more than 200,000 tenants in privatized, government-owned and government-leased housing. This confidential and voluntary survey is a critical tool for the Army to assess and improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families. Tenants who do not receive the survey should contact the Fort Leonard Wood housing office at 573.596.0413.

Gardening workshop
A free workshop on raised bed and container gardening is being offered by the University of Missouri Extension and Missouri Master Gardeners in Pulaski County. The event is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m., March 12 in the Community Room of the Pulaski County Courthouse in Waynesville. The course will include information on types of containers, soil, and nutrients and plants specific for Missouri growing conditions. Register by calling the MU Extension at 573.774.4766 to leave the names of those attending.

Exchange craft fair
The Fort Leonard Wood Exchange is hosting a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 21 at the Mini Mall in Bldg. 490. In addition to craft vendors, there will be photos with the Easter Bunny, food trucks and a scavenger hunt.

Easter Sunrise Service
An Easter Sunrise Service is scheduled for 6:30 a.m., April 5 in Chemical Memorial Grove. Inclement weather location will be Soldier Memorial Chapel.

GLWCH opening
The first patient day for the new General Leonard Wood Community Hospital is April 7. The Emergency Room is scheduled to start seeing patients at 7 a.m., April 7.

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