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## MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

### Construction update

#### Prime power school

Fort Leonard Wood broke ground on the new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Prime Power School earlier this year. The new \$29 million, 77,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to be completed July 2010.

#### New chapel complex

Fort Leonard Wood broke ground on a new chapel complex Oct. 27. The \$13.9 million, 32,900-square-foot chapel is expected to be completed February 2011.

#### CDC to open in 2010

Plans are underway for a ribbon cutting ceremony to take place early next year for the new Child Development Center.

#### Plans underway for new mine dog kennel

Plans are underway for a new 14,600-square-foot kennel. The estimated cost of the facility is \$10.8 million.

## Academic partnerships get a boost

For many years the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood have partnered with universities throughout the country to enhance our programs and provide more educational benefits for our community.

Through the Continuing Education Program here at Fort Leonard Wood, Soldiers, family members and those living in the surrounding communities are able to obtain associate, bachelors and master degrees.

In addition to these programs, our academic partnerships have created graduate-level courses for our Captain's Career Courses, and several research projects that focus on capabilities development, economic development and strategic communication.

Universities are also assisting us in our most critical domain – the Human Dimension. Several training programs have been developed by universities to help assist our troops in dealing with personal conflicts, such as domestic abuse and suicide.



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### Fort Wood leaders visit universities

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood leaders met with University of Missouri-Columbia faculty Oct. 19.

The visit included presentations and tours of MU's key operations. Prior to visiting MU, Fort Wood leaders met with Missouri University of Science and Technology faculty in Rolla Oct. 16.

The visits provided an opportunity to strengthen and broaden relationships and to discuss potential partnering opportunities.

Working in concert with the MU Tech Park and the Leonard Wood Institute, there is great potential for collaboration in everything from science and technology to strategic communications, to the Human Dimension.

## "THE STRENGTH OF THE FORCE DEPENDS ON THE STRENGTH OF THE FAMILY" Fort Leonard Wood tackles Community Covenants

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood (MSCoE and FLW) Commanding General Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, Missouri National Guard Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Stephen Danner and MSCoE and FLW Army National Guard Chief of Staff Col. Patricia Ryan sign the Army Community Covenant with Springfield community leaders Dec. 3 at Bass Pro Shops in Springfield, Mo.



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The Army Community Covenant program is designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families, at their current duty stations and as they transfer to other states. It is a formal commitment of support by state and local communities to Soldiers and Families of the Army - Active, Guard and Reserve.

Currently Fort Leonard Wood leads the Army in Community Covenants due to the support of Missouri's communities. Communities that have signed covenants with Fort Leonard Wood are: Lebanon, Pulaski County, Rolla, Sedalia, Waynesville, Mountain Grove and Springfield.

For more information, check out these sites or call the Strategic Communication Office

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## Upcoming events

### Units to deploy, return

Six different platoons with the 13th Military Police Company, along with the 512th Military Police Company, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood are scheduled to deploy in spring 2010.

The 50th Multi-Role Bridge Company is scheduled to return from a year-long deployment to Iraq later this month.

### Army-Navy football game played Dec. 12

The eighth annual Fort Leonard Wood Army versus Navy and Marine flag football game took place at 10 a.m., Dec. 10 at Gerlach Field. Army won by a score of 27-19.

### Holiday Block Leave begins Dec. 18

Fort Leonard Wood's Holiday Block Leave is scheduled to take place Dec. 18 through Jan. 2. Many of Fort Leonard Wood's troops will be traveling home for the holidays.

The purpose of Holiday Block Leave is to allow service members the opportunity to spend the holidays at home with their families.

### Community Covenant

Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders will sign an Army Community Covenant with St. Louis Dec. 18 at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

St. Louis civic and community leaders, along with leaders from the USO and the airport, will join Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin in signing the covenant.

# MU TECH PARK LOOKS TO EXPAND

The University of Missouri Technology Park located on Fort Leonard Wood may soon have a new addition to its 61-acre complex.

Negotiations are under way

between the University of Missouri and Turning Pointe Development LLC for the construction of three facilities at the Tech

Park site, with the first groundbreaking projected to take place this winter. The new development is expected to consist of two, 100,000-square-foot buildings and a multi-purpose facility.

The two buildings that make up the Tech Park have been fully occupied since 2006 with about 25 tenant organizations, and a waiting list exists for new office space, said Joe Driskill, executive director for the Leonard Wood Institute, a tenant at the Tech Park.

The need for expansion came about in part due to projects that have been funded by

LWI, causing an increased demand for office space at the park, Driskill said.

"Part of (LWI's) role, as a partner with the Army, is to bring more offices, more companies,

more operations here such that there is more demand for space in this park; that is part of our economic develop-

ment role," Driskill said. "As a result of that, we have created a demand through investment in projects."

Since 2007, LWI has funded more than 100 research and development projects that are primarily aimed at supporting the Army's mission at Fort Leonard Wood. Approximately half of the projects awarded by LWI to date are being performed by Missouri-based small businesses and universities, including Missouri University of Science and Technology, University of Missouri-Columbia and Lincoln University.

As a nonprofit organization that receives funding from Congress through a cooperative agree-

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ment with the Army Research Laboratory, LWI plays an important role in advancing the Army's mission, said Maj. Gen. Gregg

Martin, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general.

In fact, LWI's mission is aimed at funding projects to improve the Army's combat development, training and education missions here at Fort Leonard Wood.

"The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood have a unique partnership with LWI," Martin said.

For 2009, LWI has awarded 33 projects worth a total of about \$18 million aimed at capabilities of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, which include protection; law enforcement; chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear; and engineering.

According to Martin, LWI has established itself as a key member of the Fort Leonard Wood "Team of Teams," and has become an enduring organization on the fort.

"Fort Leonard Wood is a hub of innovation, and LWI is a key partner in driving the collaboration between the military, industry and academia," Martin said.

For more information about LWI, visit [www.leonardwoodinstitute.org](http://www.leonardwoodinstitute.org).

## CNN covers Fort Wood Soldier in training

CNN is following Pvt. William McLain through basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood. CNN's National Correspondent Jason Carroll is reporting the story.

The first story in a series, "A Soldier's Story: Off to the Army," aired Dec. 4 and the second, "24 hours in the Army," aired Dec. 5.

This series is expected to chronicle the experiences of Pvt. McLain and his fellow Soldiers while they go through the Army's rigorous training.

CNN was at the Fort Dec. 7-8 and captured the Soldiers going through more training for another story in the series. The story aired Dec. 16.

The CNN crew is also planning on being at St. Louis, Dec. 18 at the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport during Holiday Block Leave.

Many of Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers will have the opportunity to tell their story to a national audience.

To view the article or to watch the videos, visit <http://amfx.blogs.cnn.com/a-soldiers-story/>.

A similar story was done back in 2007 by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch when reporter Phil O'Connor and photographer Dave Carson followed around a squad of Soldiers in basic combat training for nine weeks.

**Check out the Army Magazine's story about Fort Leonard Wood**

<http://www.ausa.org/publications/armymagazine/archive/november2009/Pages/default.aspx>



# Fort Leonard Wood hosts more than 800 visits this year

## *COME AND SEE WHAT WE'RE ABOUT*



PHOTO BY FORT LEONARD WOOD VISUAL INFORMATION OFFICE

Leaders from RAND Corporation ended a tour of Fort Leonard Wood Aug. 6 at the post's Joint Services Park. About 20 leaders from the non-profit think tank held their strategic off-site meeting Aug. 5-6 at Fort Leonard Wood. After the off-site, many of RAND's leaders stayed for Fort Leonard Wood's Human Dimension Forum held Aug. 7. Several have since followed up with Fort Leonard Wood leaders to conduct further research.

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood sponsored 832 visits to Fort Leonard Wood this year. The visits ranged from local groups to national groups to international delegations from China and India.

We encourage our military and political partners, as well as our community, academic and industrial partners to visit the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and see what we are doing for this state and nation, both here at home and abroad.

From privates in basic combat training, to colonels in the Precommand Course, to Marines, Air Force and Navy, from our permanent party to our family members and civilians—we are building stronger, healthier, better people in mind, body, heart, and spirit; grounded in the basics of our profession and the Army values; experts in their specialty; adaptive, innovative, and flexible for success in full-spectrum operations; inspired and passionate to serve, learn, and grow; built to last and thrive in this high op-tempo environment like never before.

## Fort Wood reviews security across post

*Message from Commanding General Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin*

The Nov. 5 shootings at Fort Hood, Texas, have raised questions and concerns about security measures the Army has in place at installations across the country.

As Defense Secretary Robert Gates said during a Pentagon briefing, "There is nothing any of us can say to ease the pain for the wounded, the families of the fallen, and the members of the Fort Hood community touched by this incident. All that is left for us to do is everything in our power to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future."

At Fort Leonard Wood, we are doing exactly that. While no one can predict when a tragedy will occur, Fort Leonard Wood is taking several steps to ensure security precautions around the fort are relevant to counter today's threats.

Our security personnel are reviewing Fort Leonard Wood's: random anti-terrorism measures, privately owned weapons policy, installation access policies, community-oriented policing programs, screening measures for various events, and information sharing between local civilian and installation law enforcement and health agencies to ensure the correct training, tactics and procedures are in place.

Commanders and supervisors: engage your Soldiers and employees, and know their behaviors, on and off duty. Use the battle-buddy system. Safety and security are not just important in combat, they are also important on post, and the No. 1 way to stay safe is to have a battle buddy. Protect the person next to you, get to know them and report to your chain of command any unusual behavior. Emphasize Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the Army (SAEDA) training and make sure your organization is in compliance.

Know the seven signs of terrorism: surveillance, elicitation, test of security, acquiring supplies, suspicious persons, dry and trial runs and deploying assets. Even more specific, the following activities may

also be indicators of potential terrorist activity:

- Advocating violence, the threat of violence, or the use of force to achieve goals that are political, religious or ideological in nature;
- Advocating support for international terrorist organizations or objectives;
- Providing financial or other material support to a terrorist organization or to someone suspected of being a terrorist;
- Association with or connections to known or suspected terrorists;
- Repeated expressions of hatred and intolerance of American society, culture, government or the principles of the United States Constitution;
- Repeated browsing or visiting Internet Web sites that promote or advocate violence directed against the U.S. or U.S. forces, or that promote international terrorism;
- Expressing an obligation to engage in violence in support of international terrorism or inciting others to do the same;
- Purchasing bomb-making materials or obtaining information about the construction of explosives;
- Active attempts to encourage others to violate laws, disobey lawful orders or regulations, or disrupt military activities;
- Familial ties to known or suspected international terrorists.

Our security professionals have a tough job, but we shouldn't just rely on them to keep us safe. Each one of us has a vital role in securing our safety both at home and abroad. Become educated on indicators of potential threats, know your surroundings and stay vigilant at all times.

Thank you all for what you do and for who you are.

Maggie and I wish each of you a joyous and safe holiday season.

Army Strong!

Hooah!

***Building strong Warriors, Leaders, Families and Forces ... One person at a time***