



Fort Leonard Wood 2012: A look back



Jan. 9
The first Geospatial class to begin on post, the Warrant Officer Basic Course, commenced Jan. 9. Advanced Individual Training is set to begin in April, followed by the Noncommissioned Officer Course in October.

Jan. 18
The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, is now a major general — Maj. Gen. Mark Yenter was promoted Jan. 18, in the Engineer Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex. Maj. Gen. Meredith Temple, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, acting chief of engineers and acting commander, presided over the ceremony. He



Jan. 24
To help counter the improvised explosive device threat to our military forces, A-T Solutions Inc., a global, counterterrorism solutions firm headquartered in the Washington, D.C. area, has opened a new office at Fort Leonard Wood. A-T Solutions will be supporting the MSCoE through a five-year contract for services valued up to

Jan. 26
Trains on Fort Leonard Wood are moving again, after a nearly two-year hiatus. The railroad has only been lightly used due to bridge replacements down the 18-mile section of the Fort Leonard Wood spur. The trains are used to move heavy



Feb. 5
More than 90 Soldiers with the 55th Mobility Augmentation Company, 5th Engineer Battalion, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, were greeted by Family members, friends, and comrades who filled the gymnasium at the welcome home ceremony. They returned from Afghanistan after a 12-month deployment, during which the company con-



Feb. 9
Military recruits who wear glasses won't be issued S9s or "birth control glasses" anymore — the nickname given to the iconic BCGs because many service members believe that while wearing the frames, it is impossible to appear attractive. Beginning this month, Fort Leonard Wood's basic trainees will be



April 6-10
The MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood found the best of the best through three days of grueling competition, 48 hours of continuous operations and 16 miles of ruck marching during the 2012 Best Warrior Competition. The competition tested 15 of the installation's top brigade- and battalion-level NCOs, drill sergeants and Soldiers on their combat skills, leadership, and ability to withstand high-stress mental and physical environ-

April 3
A Talon robot cut the ribbon on the new Robotic Systems Joint Project Office Robotic University. The new facility consists of technician bays and classrooms, an improved warehouse with adequate shelving and space for numerous robotic parts and components, and office space for the headquarter element

Mar. 15
698 storm shelters were delivered to Fort Leonard Wood and have been strategically placed on the training areas and ranges. By the Federal Emergency Management Agency's standard, 14 people can fit inside each one of the new 8-by-10 foot concrete



Mar. 12
76 Soldiers from the 515th Engineer Company were greeted at the north gate Monday evening with the sound of wailing military police vehicles and the roar of more than a dozen motorcycles as they made their way toward a welcome home ceremony concluding the unit's yearlong deployment to



Mar. 2
Dr. Rebecca Johnson, deputy to the commanding general, is now a Tier II in the Senior Executive Service. In the Army rank system a Tier II in the SES is equivalent to an officer having two stars, meaning that protocol for her



April 19
76 Soldiers, representing 13 installations, spread across Fort Leonard Wood's training areas — competing for the title of Best Sapper 2012. New this year, the public is invited to watch the events unfold by way of bus tour. For 52 hours straight the Best Sapper competition will push Sappers past their physical and mental limits until one team of



April 21
Thousands of Engineers were on Fort Leonard Wood for ENFORCE 2012 "Engineering for the Wars We Fight" — ENFORCE wrapped up April 21 after five days of events.

May 5
The USO, in conjunction with Operation Homefront's Missouri/Southern Illinois chapter, hosted its first Bundles and Boots Baby Shower for pregnant and new mothers in the military community. Each registered guest received a car seat, several packages of diapers, books, baby clips, bibs and blankets, to name a few items. Just Between Friends also donated lightly used baby cloth-



June 13
After a year-long deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, more than 100 Soldiers from the 509th Engineer Company returned from Afghanistan to Fort Leonard Wood June 13. The men and women who spent a year clearing roadside bombs, were met at Gerlach Field by a cheering crowd of fellow Sol-



June 13
The USO Sesame Street Experience for Military Families provided two shows for Families at Abrams Theater. The free musical, a collaborative effort by the USO and Sesame Street Workshop, was designed to help military children, ages 1-6, deal with the rigors of

June 17-22
The U.S. Chemical Corps Regiment commemorated its 94th anniversary by kicking off a two-week celebration with the Best Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear



Sep. 27
History was made on Fort Leonard during Warfighter 2012, not once, but twice, as an Internment/Resettlement Specialist lead a mixed team of active-duty and Army Reserve military policemen to victory.



Sep. 18
60 members of the 463rd Military Police Company, 92nd Military Police Battalion, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, returned home Sept. 18 from Afghanistan after a 10-month deployment in support of Op-



Sep. 7
Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs became the commandant of the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School and 27th Chief of Chemical in a ceremony held at the MSCoE plaza. She was promoted to brig. gen. in a ceremony held earlier that morning.



Aug. 9
The Army's top non-commissioned officer, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III, was on Fort Leonard Wood to learn more about post and more importantly spend time with Soldiers and



July 24
After a yearlong deployment overseas, friends and Family members of 1st squad, 3rd platoon, 988th Military Police Company waited for an additional three hours while their Soldiers finished the last leg of their delayed flight July 24 from Afghanistan.

July 23
The Training Support Center Memorialization Ceremony and ribbon cutting was held at Bldg. 12350 on July 23 to honor the service of Sgt. Amanda Pinson, Missouri's first female Soldier killed in



Sep. 27
The Fort Leonard Wood community conducted Suicide Prevention Stand Down training which was themed "Shoulder to Shoulder, We Stand Up for Life." This day, while set aside to improve the health and discipline of the force, was also used to reduce stigma and increase resilience.

Oct. 11
First female Marine graduates — Sapper Leader Course and is the first Marine to be the Sapper Spirit Awardee — making Sapper history twice.

Nov. 15
Fort Leonard Wood officials hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for 40 houses that were built to replace the ones destroyed when an EF3 tornado struck the installation Dec. 31, 2010. The entire project, called the Woodlands New Homes Expansion Project, is expected to be completed by May 2013 with a total of 160 duplex houses.



Dec. 6
When Hurricane Sandy hit the Northeastern United States in late October, Soldiers from Fort Leonard Wood answered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers call for help. In all, 30 Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers, 26 engineers and four chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear Soldiers, dropped what they were doing on post and volunteered their Army expertise to help the people left distressed in the hurricane's

Dec. 10
The final platoon of 463rd Military Police Company, 92nd Military Police Battalion, returned to a welcome home ceremony at Abrams Theater where friends and Family members gathered to greet them. During the yearlong deployment, the platoon was responsible for Depart-



Dec. 13
The 103rd Engineer Company, 94th Engineer Battalion, donned the chemical protective suits and conducted training in the areas designated for use with real chemical nerve agent. This was

