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New agreement to permit inpatient care of Veterans at post hospital

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Veterans living in the Fort Leonard Wood vicinity may now receive medical care at the post hospital and spare the commute to Columbia, Missouri, for Veterans Affairs approved treatments.

Under an agreement, signed Sept. 8, between the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital and the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital, inpatient care is authorized at the Fort Leonard Wood hospital, including surgery.

“The new agreement will allow us to enhance access to certain specialty care services for many veterans in that portion of our service area. We are excited about our expanded relationship with the Department of Defense,” said Wade Vlosich, director of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital.

Currently, veterans who live in and around Camden, Dallas, Dent, Laclede, Miller, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas counties must make a nearly two-hour drive, depending on their residence, for VA patient care.

“Our veterans deserve excellent care closer to their homes and Family,” said Col. Peter Nielsen, GLWACH commander.

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“While primary care enrollment is fundamental, our goal is to fully engage the hospital’s capability and capacity, including specialty and inpatient services, to effectively improve the health of all beneficiaries.”

Nielsen added a byproduct of the agreement is reduced travel time and related costs.

“Making care available to veterans here also provides enhanced wartime clinical skills for the Fort Leonard Wood hospital staff and its medical team,” Nielsen said. “The agreement will better serve the medical needs of patients at both facilities.”

Details will be released as soon as possible explaining the application process for veterans choosing to receive VA treatment at the post hospital.

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For more information, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

(Mike Bowers is the managing editor of the Guidon newspaper.)

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains more than 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command’s U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army’s largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.
