



MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Commanding General receives second star

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general is now a major general. Maj. Gen. Merdith Temple, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers acting chief of engineers and acting commander, presided over the promotion ceremony at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex on Jan. 18.



Photo by Melissa Buckley

Flanked by his wife, Lisa, and his father, Ken, Maj. Gen. Mark Yenter, MSCoE and FLW commanding general, receives his second star.

"I have been a combat engineer for 31 years," Yenter said. "This means a lot to me and my family."

Yenter said it was an honor to have both his wife, Lisa and his father, Ken stand beside him and pin his new stars to his shoulders. "They have been there the whole time, before I even joined the Army," Yenter said.

Yenter believes much of his success is due to the Soldiers he has been able to work with and that he was lucky to have been a combat engineer for the last 31 years. He promised to continue to give his all to the Army.

Prior to coming to Fort Leonard Wood, Yenter served in Afghanistan, where he worked as the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, Trans-Atlantic Division. Maj. Gen. Yenter officially took command of the installation Sept. 23, 2011, and was nominated for appointment to the rank of major general July 2011.

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Post's top civilian promoted to two-star level

Maj. Gen. Mark Yenter, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, administers the oath of office to Dr. Rebecca Johnson, deputy to the commanding general, during her promotion to a Tier II in the Senior Executive Service Friday. Photo by Melissa Buckley



Dr. Rebecca Johnson, deputy to the commanding general, is now a Tier II in the Senior Executive Service. She took her oath of office in a ceremony March 2. In the Army rank system a Tier II in the SES is equivalent to an officer having two stars, meaning that protocol for her will be the same as a major general.

Johnson said she will continue to "support and advise the commanding general, be an advocate for our collective interests, provide continuity in leadership and planning that enables our organizations to achieve our goals; further our growth as it supports the Department of Defense's needs; communicate to the nation the valuable national security role of our three branches, the Center and installation; and, to generally leave things better than I found them."

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Upcoming events

Competition

The Best Warrior Competition is scheduled at Fort Leonard Wood for April 6-12. The competition is the last test in determining the MSCoE Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Soldier of the Year, Drill Sergeant of the Year, Joint Service Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Joint Service Member of the Year.

Conference

The Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Commander's Conference is planned for April 10-12.

ENFORCE

Engineer Regimental Week is scheduled for April 17-21. The purpose of the week is to celebrate those engineers in the professions of science, technology and math.

Luncheon

Fort Leonard Wood plans to host its quarterly Community Leader Luncheon on April 26.

Did you know?

More than 28,000 vehicles enter and leave Fort Leonard Wood's gates each day.

SENIOR LEADER VISITS

Senator Blunt assesses single Soldier housing

Photo by Amy Newcomb



Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., visited Fort Leonard Wood Feb. 21 to view Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing in response to a Military Construction Army program requesting to build 200 additional spaces in FY2018.

The Directorate of Public Works has a MCA program under way to renovate 288 spaces on Indiana Avenue and to begin construction on 240 additional spaces this year to improve the quality of life for single Soldiers.

Click [here](#) for the complete story.

From left, Alice Bischoff, Housing Division chief, Bobby Rakes, DPW director, Col. Charles Williams, Garrison commander, and Maj. Gen. Mark Yenter, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, escort Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., on a tour of single Soldier housing on the installation.

Commanding General and Deputy visit US Capitol

On Mar. 20, Fort Leonard Wood Commanding General, Maj. General Mark Yenter, and his Deputy, Dr. Rebecca Johnson, visited several members of Missouri's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. Sen. Roy Blunt, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer, Rep. Vicky Hartzler, and Sen. Claire McCaskill's staff warmly received the post's top military and civilian leaders, expressing great continued support for the installation, the surrounding regions, and the state.

Yenter gave updates on Fort Leonard Wood's current population and potential, and his priorities, which include the following: Supporting current operations; Developing the Army of 2020; Instilling the Profession of Arms; Preventing Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, and Hazing; and Improving Drill Sergeant Strength.

CG visits Mo. State Capitol

Maj. Gen. Mark Yenter, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, visited the Missouri State Capitol Feb. 23 and provided a Fort Leonard Wood update to state legislators and appointed officials such as the Executive Director of The Missouri Veteran's Commission and the Missouri Adjutant General. Yenter also met with Gov. Jay Nixon.

Yenter thanked the elected and appointed officials for their service and for continually making life better for all Missourians — including our veterans, retirees, service members and Families. Yenter emphasized the critical role that the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear; Engineer; and Military Police forces have in our nation's security. He also discussed the fort's ability to sustain itself and to potentially add to its mission now and in the future.

Congressional Staffers visit Fort Leonard Wood

In a visit to Fort Leonard Wood last week, members of a congressional staff delegation said they were "extremely pleased" with Fort Leonard Wood's policies and the breadth and depth of the programs targeted toward prevention of sexual assault and harassment. The programs and education start as early as the reception battalion and continue into initial military training, leader development and functional courses, which include prevention training and training for investigators.



Staffers received a command briefing and attended a Basic Combat Training class on sexual assault prevention with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment.

55th MAC, 515th Engr. Co. return from deployment

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 held at Davidson Fitness Center Feb. 5.

The 55th MAC returned from Afghanistan after a 12-month deployment, during which the company conducted route clearance operations. For the complete article, click [here](#).



Photo by Sgt. Kelly Malone



Photo by Sgt. Heather Denby

Soldiers from the 515th Engineer Company were greeted at the North gate on March 12 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 Afghanistan.

As the 76 Soldiers marched into Nutter Field House, they were greeted by the cheers from hundreds of friends and family members. Click [here](#) for the full story.

NCO Academy welcomes new commandant

Sgt. Maj. John Vicars relinquished command of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy to Command Sgt. Maj. Curtis Johnson during a ceremony at Lincoln Hall Auditorium on Jan. 23. During the opening remarks, Maj. Gen. Mark Yenter, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, recognized the contributions Vicars had made to the NCOA while he served as commandant and welcomed Johnson as the new Commandant.

Prior to becoming the commandant of the NCOA, Johnson served as the Headquarters of the United States Pacific Command senior enlisted advisor in Hawaii and was the principal advisor to the Chief of Staff. Click [here](#) for the complete story.



Photo by Amy Newcomb

Command Sgt. Maj. Curtis Johnson takes the NCOA colors from Maj. Gen. Mark Yenter, MScOE and FLW commanding general.

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we've come...**

Fort Leonard Wood barracks have come a long way since 1941, when two 2-story wood barracks, mess halls, day rooms and orderly/supply buildings were erected.

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