MWR'S
CARDS TO THE COMMUNITY COMPETITION

Spotlight your creativity and show your support for the Fort Leonard Wood community by presenting your holiday themed message. Ribbons and bragging rights will be awarded to the top three designs at the December 4th Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Celebration!

GENERAL RULES

- Open to all military and civilian; organizations, businesses, families, schools or individuals.
- Must use one 4'x8' piece of plywood to make card. The plywood must be cut in two pieces and hinged together. Each panel should be 4'x4' and represents the inside of a greeting card.
- Participants are responsible for all materials needed.
- MWR will not be responsible for materials damaged in transport or during display.
- Back of the card must be painted black and include your organization/business name on the back in the upper right hand corner with white exterior enamel paint.
- All cards must be able to stand up in the environment. We recommend using a primer to ensure quality paint coverage, and to help prevent the wood from warping.
- All cards must be anchored to the ground by the participant.
- Do not use lights or any other features that require electrical power. (electricity is not available)
- All entries will be displayed throughout the holiday season and will be spotlighted.
- All entries must be recovered by the participants between January 4th and January 7th.
- Any entries remaining on January 8th will be disposed of without contact to participant.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Register with the MWR Installation Wide Events office before Thursday, December 3rd, 2026 by calling 573-596-6913 or email @ shawn.v.koehler.naf@army.mil

CARD SETUP

All entries must coordinate their setup time with the program POC. Cards will be setup for display at the event site on Friday December 4th between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in order to be judged. Program staff will assist with placement during these hours only. Entrants are required to contact the Installation Wide Events office at 573-596-6913 in advance to schedule a time for placement.

All entries will be displayed for the event and remain on location for the holiday season. Best option to secure your card is with U brackets and rebar or fence posts pounded into the ground and then fastened to the card back. These items can be left with the card when dropped off.
The cards will be exposed to wind and wet conditions during the display time frame, MWR is not responsible securing your display or for any damages sustained.

JUDGING

Cards will be judged and winners announced on Friday, December 4th, 2026 at the annual FLW Tree Lighting Ceremony. We request that representation for entries be present when winners are announced. The ceremony begins at 5:30pm.

RIBBONS AND BRAGGING RIGHTS

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

Judging is based on a 5 point scale; 1: Good - 5: Outstanding. The cards receiving the most points win.

Judging Criteria
Artistic Appeal: Use of color, decoration, etc. and how well they are incorporated into the design.
Creativity of Theme: Not judged on content, but how well the creativity and the theme are executed.
Design and Overall Workmanship: Overall appeal (aesthetics) of the design. Workmanship and finish.

RECOVERY

All participants are responsible for the recovery of their card. Cards are NOT to be removed prior to Sunday, January 3rd, 2027 but must be recovered by Thursday, January 7th. Cards not recovered will be removed and discarded on Friday, January 8th, 2027.