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I must admit that, between all the snow days and the holiday schedule, not a lot was accomplished at the Museum over the past two months. The response to AEA's fundraiser to purchase the WW2 Brockway for the Museum was inspiring. Thanks to all those that made donations, without your support it would be almost impossible to continue improving our Engineer historical collection. We are now just \$700.00 away from purchasing the truck. ESSAYONS!

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Planning Your Visit to the Fort Leonard Wood Museums.

I'm often asked, "How long does it take to go through the museum?" The answer is complicated. The Mahaffey Museum Complex comprises four museums, a vehicle park, and a memorial grove. It is easy to spend an entire day at the Museum Complex.

The 26 acres that comprise the Mahaffey Museum Complex house the Engineer Museum, the Military Police Museum, the Chemical Corps Museum, and the Fort Leonard Wood Museum. These four museums encompass almost 40,000 square feet of indoor exhibits. The vehicle park contains 17 historic vehicles, representing the three regiments.



The Engineer Memorial Grove on the south side of the Museum Complex.

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Engineer Flag and General Leonard Wood's Saber will be Getting a Face Lift.

The Engineer Museum Staff also manages over 4,000 artifacts belonging to the Fort Leonard Wood Museum. One of the highlights of this collection is a Model 1872 Cavalry Saber that was owned by General Leonard Wood.

The saber, and especially its accompanying scabbard, have had a hard life. Years of campaigning, left the scabbard scarred and rusted. Recently the Engineer Museum was able to obtain funds to clean and repair the sword and scabbard.



Gen Wood's name partially obscured by rust.

The cleaning and repair will take approximately six months. Once the sword and scabbard return from the conservator, the pair will be exhibited in the Leonard Wood exhibit.

A set of national colors carried by the Second Volunteer Engineer Regiment during the Spanish-American War will also be conserved. The flag will be cleaned, stabilized, and encased in an artifact-friendly mounting case.



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The memorial grove has amphitheaters where the soldiers of each regiment conduct their regimental induction ceremonies. In the center of the grove is a memorial to all service members.



In the center of the three memorial groves is a reflecting circle, which features monuments to each of America's major conflicts, flags of the services, and benches.

The Mobilization Training Area depicts how soldiers would have lived, eaten, worked, and worshipped during the World War Two to Vietnam era. One building also interprets the WW2 Axis Prisoner of War experience.



The latrines in the Mobilization Training Area show how the principle of privacy has evolved in the Army.

For groups of visitors, the World War Two messhall can be scheduled for brown bag lunch events. The messhall can seat over 100 people comfortably. Within the main museum building there are four classrooms which can be scheduled for a variety of functions.

Engineer Round-up.

On the last Friday of each month from January to October, the Sverdrup Chapter of the Army Engineer Association hosts an Engineer Round-up in the Engineer Regimental Room of the Engineer Museum. From 1630-1800, the Round-up provides a great fellowship and networking opportunity for Engineers. If you're in the area, stop by and enjoy free food, good fellowship and great Engineer history.



Over 400 people attended the January Engineer Round-up.

Things to Consider When Visiting the Mahaffey Museum Complex.

Admission is FREE and donations are accepted. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. The Museum is closed Sundays and Federal Holidays. Photography within the museum and on the grounds is encouraged.

If you served in the Engineers or on Fort Leonard Wood and you have photographs or slides, bring them. The museum staff can scan them while you visit. These slides and photographs are very helpful in planning future exhibits.

For questions call (573) 596-0313 x 62549, or visit these websites for more information:

Engineer Museum Website;

<http://www.wood.army.mil/usaes/museum.html>

Pulaski County Tourism Website;

http://visitpulaskicounty.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Pulaski%2BCounty&gclid=CP2h7daZ07sCFdBlOgod011APA

Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Website;

<http://www.army.mil/info/organization/paowood/>