

## **Sustainable Ozarks Partnership to hold virtual annual meeting**

The Sustainable Ozarks Partnership will host their 8th Annual Meeting virtually on Thursday, August 20 from 9 a.m. until noon. This webinar will maintain the same structure as previous annual meetings, but it will be condensed due to the event being held virtually.

The following distinguished leaders will provide attendees with insightful updates about the important work happening at the local, state, and federal levels in support of our national defense, Fort Leonard Wood and the Fort Leonard Wood Region.

This year's speakers will include:

- Senator Roy Blunt
- Senator Josh Hawley
- Representative Vicky Hartzler
- Missouri Governor Mike Parson
- Fort Leonard Wood and MSCoE Commanding General Brigadier General James Bonner
- Missouri Military Advocate and Association of Defense Communities President Joe Driskill
- Mike Dubois, Director, Defense and International, Kit Bond Strategies
- Steve Hyjek, Baker Donelson Associates

During the meeting the SOP will also report on organizational accomplishments, consider the organization's performance over the past year, and set objectives for the coming year.

“Our 2020 Annual Meeting theme of “Resilient and Focused” speaks to where we find ourselves during these unprecedented times. We know that we will emerge stronger in the end having never lost focus of our regional strategy of strengthening Fort Leonard Wood and the region. Once again, this year's lineup of distinguished speakers is a testament to the unwavering support we receive from all levels of government. We are thankful for their confidence in the work we are collectively doing in support of our nation's defense, and the state, region and Fort Leonard Wood. We also appreciate the support of our Sustaining Members and our leadership for ensuring that we remain viable and able to pursue our vision, mission and goals,” said SOP executive director Dorsey Newcomb.

Fort Leonard Wood Region citizens and those who support the region are invited to register through the SOP website: <https://sustainableozarks.org/2020-sop-annual-meeting>.

The Sustainable Ozarks Partnership is building on the Fort Leonard Wood Region's strong past and preparing the region for a healthy, resilient future. We are a nonprofit organization working to bring all of the region's stakeholders to the table to drive regional development and advocate for new or expanded military and federal missions, all as part of our efforts to strengthen the Fort Leonard Wood region.

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