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FLW Soldiers return from Afghanistan deployment

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The first group of Soldiers from the 55th Mobility Augmentation Company returned to Fort Leonard Wood Monday night, following their deployment to Afghanistan.

The unit conducted route clearance operations while deployed to Afghanistan for about nine months.

The remainder of the Soldiers is slated to return in the near future. The 55th MAC is a part of the 5th Engineer Battalion, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

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Encl.(1) Photo 55th MAC

Photo Caption: Pfc. Dakota Van Petten, 55th Mobility Augmentation Company, kisses his 3-month-old daughter, Riley, for the first time, Monday night, April 28, 2014, at Fort Leonard Wood's Main Post Chapel during a redeployment ceremony. The 55th MAC, part of the 5th Engineer Battalion, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, spent approximately the last nine months in Afghanistan. Van Petten was part of the first group of 55th MAC Soldiers who returned to Fort Leonard Wood. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Patton, 4th MEB PAO.)

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.

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