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## **Tee times still available for international golf challenge**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Members of the Fort Leonard Wood community are invited to golf with international military students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Friendship Challenge that is set for 9 a.m. May 3 at the Piney Valley Golf Course.

“The event, which is open to the public, introduces international military students to the game of golf—a sport that they may not traditionally get to play,” Charlie Rogers, International Military Student Office chief, said.

“We really want to encourage everyone to attend and interact with military students, who are visiting America for a brief time to attend the officer basic or captain’s career courses,” he said. “This is also a great time for the command group at Fort Leonard Wood to meet with these students and find out how their training is going.”

“The rules will be relaxed for the event to make it easier for non-golfers to compete,” he said.

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Teams of three Americans and one international military student will form up to golf 18 holes; and everyone will get together at the end of the day for a meal, he said.

Cost for the event is \$150 per team, or \$50 for each golfer who is not an international military student.

The cost all goes to the golf course to cover greens fees, cart rental and dinner, Rogers said.

All participants will also receive a coupon for a free round of golf, he said.

Advance registration is open through May 2. Participants may also register at the golf course from 8 to 9 a.m. the day of the event.

For more information and to register, call 573-563-0068 or 563-5509.

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International military students at Fort Leonard Wood are here to attend the officer basic or captain's career courses. On average, there are students from approximately 40 different countries represented on post at any given time.

IMG\_1522.JPG: International military students at Fort Leonard Wood practice for last year's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Friendship Challenge April 21, 2012 at the Piney Valley Golf Course. Now in its sixth year, the tournament is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 3 at the PVGC. (Courtesy asset/Released)

IMG\_1573.JPG: International military students at Fort Leonard Wood practice for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Friendship Challenge April 21, 2012 at the Piney Valley Golf Course. Now in its sixth year, the purpose of the tournament, which is planned for May 3, is to provide students a chance to meet with members of the community and Fort Leonard Wood command. (Courtesy asset/Released)

IMG\_1480.JPG: International military students at Fort Leonard Wood practice for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Friendship Challenge April 21, 2012 at the Piney Valley Golf Course. Now in its sixth year, the purpose of the tournament, which is set for 9 a.m. May 3, is to provide international students, who are here for officer basic or captain's career courses, a chance to meet with members of the community and Fort Leonard Wood command. (Courtesy asset/Released)

## *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*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 80-90,000 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 Non Commissioned 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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