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12,000 units of blood needed, FLW to hold donation drive

Who: Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center staff
What: Media representatives are invited to get an inside look into military blood donation
Where: Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center, Building 822
When: Monday, Dec. 9, 2013

Significance: The Fort Leonard Wood Blood Donor Center staff collects blood for the Armed Services Blood Program, the official blood collection agency for the Department of Defense. Donated blood is provided to service members being treated in medical facilities in Iraq, Afghanistan and other overseas contingency areas. It also goes to military hospitals throughout the Department of Defense to help service members, retirees and their family members recover from illnesses and injuries.

The ASBP requires about 400 units of blood every day or 12,000 units per month. December is the ASBP's lowest collection month of the year; however, the need for blood doesn't slow down.

For blood drive information, contact the FLW Blood Donor Center at 573.596.5385.

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Reporters who would like to cover this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145 no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6.

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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