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## **Combs relinquishes command of CBRN School March 3; Gervais to be next commandant**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs is slated to relinquish commandancy of the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School in a ceremony scheduled at 9 a.m., March 3 in Nutter Field House here.

Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, is slated to preside over the ceremony.

Brig. Gen. Maria Gervais, currently the U.S. Army Cadet Command's deputy commanding general, will replace Combs as the CBRN School commandant. Gervais is scheduled to arrive to Fort Leonard Wood in the spring or summer of 2014.

Col. Jeffrey Brodeur, USACBRNS assistant commandant, is slated to serve as the acting commandant in Gervais' absence.

Brig. Combs will head to Fort Knox, Ky., as the next U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox commanding general.

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Media interested in covering the ceremony should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145 no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28.

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Gervais photo

Combs photo

### *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 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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