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## Post to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Fort Leonard Wood is scheduled to hold a birthday celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and his significant contributions to the Civil Rights Movement from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday in Baker Theater here.

This year's theme at Fort Leonard Wood is "Building Trust," in conjunction with the King Holiday lasting theme: "Remember! Act! Celebrate! A Day On, Not a Day Off."

As a part of the installation's celebration, Charles Quinn, pastor of Manna-Fest Destiny Ministries in Dixon and St. Robert, Mo., is slated to be the guest speaker. A native of Montgomery, Ala., Quinn retired as an Army first sergeant after 25 years of military service.

The event is free and open to the public. Free entertainment and refreshments are slated to be provided as well.

The first official King Celebration took place in January of 1986, and later, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr federal holiday as a national day of service in 1994. Taking place annually on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community," according to [mlkday.gov](http://mlkday.gov).

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Media interested in attending this event, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563.4145, no later than 4:30 p.m., today.

Encl:  
Charles Quinn biography  
MLK event flyer

## *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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