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Fort Leonard Wood Military Police to host national law enforcement academy

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The National Law Enforcement Explorer Academy is coming to Fort Leonard Wood July 13-20.

Thirty young adults, ages 16-20, will have the opportunity to train with members of the U.S. Army Military Police School during the eight-day academy, hosted by the 701st MP Battalion. The academy is designed to provide practical training and leadership experience, as well as an exploration of careers within the Military Police Corps.

Explorers will participate in hands-on training to gain an understanding of military police work such as protective services, law enforcement and confinement operations, traffic and patrol incidents, and the military working dog program. They will experience daily military police life, including Physical Readiness Training, the Army Physical Fitness Test, field training exercises, barracks life and MREs (Meals Ready to Eat).

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The week will culminate with a graduation ceremony from 1-3 p.m. July 19 on the MP Memorial Grove.

Explorers are selected from across the United States to attend the academy through a competitive application process that is reviewed by a board of senior law enforcement officials at the federal, state and local level.

Fort Leonard Wood is one of four national academies to host the academy biannually.

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Reporters interested in covering the NLEEA graduation or events should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573-563-4145.

Photo outline 110920-A-WN220-017.jpg: The U.S. Army Military Police School plans to hold a graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. July 19 on the MP Memorial Grove for 30 young adults, ages 16-20, who are attending the National Law Enforcement Explorer Academy July 13-20 on Fort Leonard Wood. The academy is designed to provide practical training and leadership experience, as well as an exploration of careers within the Military Police Corps. The Crossed Pistols at Fort Leonard Wood's MP Memorial Grove reflect the official symbol of the Military Police Corps and continue to represent military and martial preparedness. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

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 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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