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Fort Leonard Wood to recognize women's contributions in the Army, STEM

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood plan to honor women's roles in the U.S. Army's 237-year history, during a Women's History Month observance and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 28 at the Pershing Community Center.

Dr. Tommie Turner, Institute for Science and Mathematics director for Harris-Stowe State University, one of Missouri's oldest public institutions for higher learning, is scheduled to be the guest speaker for the event.

The theme for this year's observance is "Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics."

According to Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Rider, 1st Engineer Brigade equal opportunity adviser, the event provides an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of women who have contributed to the Army and our country as well.

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“We are fortunate to have Dr. Turner as our guest speaker and believe that the presentation will inspire both women and men who are considering careers in STEM or who are already serving in these fields,” he said.

Tickets for the event, which is being sponsored by the 1st Engineer Brigade, cost \$10 and are available through brigade equal opportunity representatives or by calling 573-596-0601.

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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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