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FLW holds Vietnam War Commemoration

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – A commemoration ceremony for the Vietnam War’s 50th anniversary is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., Sept. 5 at Fort Leonard Wood’s Memorial Grove.

Missouri’s only living Medal of Honor recipient, retired Col. Don (Doc) Ballard, the Vietnam War Memorial Traveling Wall and a special tribute to the men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces from 1965 to 1975, will be a part of the ceremony.

The Vietnam War Memorial Traveling Wall will be on display Sept. 1 - 6 at Fort Leonard Wood’s Memorial Grove.

In addition to the ceremony, starting at 1:30 p.m., Waynesville High School JROTC cadets are slated to read aloud the names of the 1,141 Missourians killed during the Vietnam War.

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For more information on the ceremony, please contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

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About the Vietnam War

On March 8, 1965, America's ground war in Vietnam began when 3,500 Marines were deployed with the American public's support. By Christmas, nearly 200,000 Soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors were in the country. At war's end on April 30, 1975, nearly 3

million Americans had been on the ground, in the air and on rivers of Vietnam. More than 58,000 Americans lost their lives.

http://www.army.mil/article/153312/50_years_ago__Army_executes_rapid_buildup_in_Vietnam/

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 about 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, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting 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.
