



WWW.WOOD.ARMY.MIL / MSCoE
U.S. ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FT. LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI



Media Release

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI 65473
VOICE: 573-563-4145
BY: Marti Yoshida
EMAIL: martha.l.yoshida.civ@mail.mil

Media Release No. 12-133

Dec. 10, 2012

Annual benefit brings holiday joy to area children

The Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club, Army Community Service and numerous community groups surrounding the installation are hosting this year's 32nd annual St. Nick's Benefit at 10 a.m. Dec. 11 in Grant Hall, 43rd AG Battalion Building 2100.

The purpose of this cooperative effort is to provide some holiday joy to children in the area who may otherwise go without a Christmas present.

The event includes musical performances and a visit by St. Nick himself. The Army National Guard Patriot Chopper will be on display in support of the St. Nick's Benefit.

Last year, the benefit, sponsored by the Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club, helped more than 1,000 children.

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.