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## Army National Guard celebrates 377 years

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – The oldest branch of the military, the Army National Guard, is scheduled to celebrate its 377<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Fort Leonard Wood is slated to hold a celebration in honor of the event at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 13 in Lincoln Hall here.

As a part of the birthday festivities, a cake-cutting ceremony will take place. Also, the National Guard's #88 car of NASCAR is scheduled to be on display from today to Dec. 12 at various post locations.

The Missouri Army National Guard is slated to host its annual birthday ball beginning at 5 p.m., Dec. 14 at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Mo.

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Media interested in covering this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than noon, Dec. 12.

### *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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