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Medical experts talk TBI at FLW March symposium

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Medical experts from across the country are slated to take part in Fort Leonard Wood's annual traumatic brain injury symposium scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., March 13 in Nutter Field House here.

Subject-matter experts from the St. Louis University School of Medicine, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress will provide presentations on and discuss techniques and procedures for identifying potential head injuries, how to address and treat these injuries, and methods and practices for protection and prevention.

The symposium is open to the public and being held to help people better understand the causes, symptoms, impacts of mild traumatic brain injury, and how to assist those affected.

Across the Department of Defense a total of some 313,816 Traumatic Brain Injuries have been diagnosed since the year 2000.

According to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, more than 80 percent of the some 313,816 TBIs are diagnosed in a non-deployed setting.

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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 4:30 p.m., March 11.

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, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned 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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