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**Fort Leonard Wood to honor Martin Luther King Jr.
with celebration luncheon**

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood is scheduled to hold a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his significant contributions to the civil rights movement from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 15 in Nutter Field House here.

This year's theme mirrors the King Holiday lasting theme: "Remember! Act! Celebrate! A Day On, Not a Day Off."

As a part of the installation's celebration, Dr. Antiqua Bradley-Hunter is slated to be the guest speaker. Bradley-Hunter, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is the principal at Wood Elementary School, which is on Fort Leonard Wood.

Entertainment at the luncheon will include the Thayer Elementary School Choir and 399th Army Band Jazz Ensemble.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$10, and the event is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased through the Installation Equal Employment Office at building 315. For more information, call (573) 596-0131, extension 60601.

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Media interested in attending this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563.4145.

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 more than 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 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.
