



WWW.WOOD.ARMY.MIL / MSCoE

U.S. ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FT. LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI



PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI 65473
VOICE: 573-563-4145
FAX: 573-563-4012
BY: Public Affairs Office
EMAIL: shatara.r.seymour.civ@mail.mil

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Release No. 14-065

July 25, 2014

Rolla civic leaders get inside view of Fort Leonard Wood's hospital

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Rolla civic and business leaders visited Fort Leonard Wood July 23 and got a first-hand look at the installation's hospital.

Rolla Mayor Louis Magdits; John Denbo, Director of Recruitment/Business Development and Marketing/Public Relations for Phelps County Regional Medical Center; Rolla Chamber of Commerce President Barry White; and several members of Phelps for the Fort joined about 20 other community leaders from the surrounding area at the Fort Leonard Wood Community Leaders Luncheon, where the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital was the primary focus.

Col. Peter Nielsen, GLWACH commander, provided an overview of the hospital, where he gave a glimpse of the unique services it offers not only to its supported population of about 35,000 but to the surrounding community.

“As the only hospital in Pulaski County with an ER (emergency room), an OR (operating room), ICU (intensive-care unit) and in-patient capability, we are very busy with EMS calls to this facility,” Nielsen said. GLWACH can “admit patients or stabilize them for as much time as necessary and then find the most appropriate location once they're stable.”

- more -

“This hospital has been state, nationally and internationally recognized for its safety and quality programs over the past several years and for initial initiatives that have started here that have spread outside of this organization,” he added.

After the update, community leaders received a tour of the facility to include its pharmacy, behavioral health and physical therapy departments.

This was Magdits’ first visit to the fort’s hospital. He said the tour offered valuable information to community leaders.

“Sometimes you have assets and people right in your backyard and you don’t appreciate the extent of those assets and people, and I would have never thought were it not for this tour t what we really have in our backyard,” Magdits said.

Forums like these, Magdits said, our important to both Fort Leonard Wood and the surrounding communities.

“The fact that you have people like us here today shows that we do care, we are interested and it’s a symbiotic relationship, both sides need each other to be successful,” Magdits said. “In order for Fort Leonard Wood to advance its mission, I think you need some support from the community and in return those communities get support for the Army being here.”

- 30 -

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

Encl.

Photo

Cutline: Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, talks to Laclede, Phelps and Pulaski counties’ leaders as a part of the FLW Community Leaders Luncheon and post hospital tour.

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, one of only five reception stations in the Army, 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.

www.facebook.com/fortleonardwoodmissouri

www.wood.army.mil