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Army Community Service celebrates 50th anniversary

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood will take part in the Army-wide recognition of Army Community Service’s 50 years of serving military Families this weekend.

The celebration is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday at the ACS Center, Building 486, with cake cutting at 11 a.m., inflatables for the kids, giveaways and food.

The event is scheduled to include a recognition ceremony for former ACS staff members. From 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, the fun will move to the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation RecPlex, with free mini golf and go-karts courtesy of FMWR. The USO mobile canteen will also be providing food.

“This is a milestone for the Army and the Army Family,” said Dan Furlano, ACS director.

“We are taking an opportunity to honor the vision of Gen. Harold Johnson, the Army chief of staff who established ACS (in 1965). We also want to honor the dedication and service of everyone who worked so hard to provide real-life solutions to our Soldiers, Families, civilians and retirees. It is also a birthday party, and who doesn’t love birthday cake?”

ACS has provided for the needs of Army Families by providing services that can ease military Family life. Some of the services provided include employment training, financial counseling, Family advocacy programs, Army Family Team Building, relocation services and more.

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Furlano said over the years, the program has responded to the changing needs of military Families.

“By the Vietnam era, a significant number of Soldiers had Families,” Furlano said. “They faced typical problems – financial, medical and personal – the stresses of wartime service. In 1965, the Army created a structured program to help commanders maintain readiness by delivering services promoting Family self-reliance, resiliency and stability during war and peace: Army Community Service.”

Furlano said ACS is about skill building, providing life skills and a pathway to success.

“Whether you would like to improve your financial skills, your credit score, your marriage, your parenting or your resume, ACS has had your back since 1965,” he said.

Furlano said he encourages the Fort Leonard Wood community to take part in the celebration. For more information about ACS or the celebration, call 573.596.0131, ext. 60212.

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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 about 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 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.
