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Fort Leonard Wood Engineers to farewell DeLuca, welcome Funkhouser

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – A change-of-command ceremony for the United States Army Engineer School and Regiment is scheduled for 9 a.m. July 30 on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza.

Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, is scheduled to preside over the ceremony where Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca will transfer command responsibilities for the Engineer Regiment to Brig. Gen. Anthony Funkhouser.

An award ceremony to honor DeLuca's service to the nation and the Army is scheduled to take place at 8:30 a.m. on the MSCoE Plaza.

DeLuca will move on to Vicksburg, Miss., as U.S. Army Engineer Division, Mississippi Valley, commanding general.

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Funkhouser joins Fort Leonard Wood from Portland, Ore., where he most recently served as U.S. Army Engineer Division, Northwestern, commanding general.

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Reporters interested in covering this event are asked to contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office by 3 p.m. July 29 by calling 573-563-4145.

Encl. photos Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca, Brig. Gen. Anthony Funkhouser

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, 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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