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# Fort Leonard Wood celebrates expansion of CBRN training facility

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – A ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open an expansion of Fort Leonard Wood’s Lt. Joseph Terry Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear First Responder Training Facility was held June 28 on post in combination with the Chemical Corps Regiment’s 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

“The new wing will allow the facility to increase the number of students each year to more than 2,500,” said Dan Arden, Lt. Terry Facility director.

Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School commandant, called the facility a “Field of Dreams” training facility.

“If you build it, they will come. And come they did. We have trained thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, DoD personnel, FBI and several other federal agencies,” Combs said. “This is the third expansion of this facility, and we are very proud of this achievement.”

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Combs called the facility the most unique training facility in the Department of Defense inventory and said the Secretary of the Army agreed with her during his recent visit to the installation.

“I asked him, ‘What other facility has its own cave complex, railroad, urban terrain, pre-positioned car and truck wrecks, laboratories, classrooms and conducts tours by (John Deere) Gators?’” she said. “He replied, ‘You’re right, this is the most unique training facility,’” Combs said.

Training in the new expansion is set to begin in August, Combs said.

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Photo outline:

Members of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence leadership team and Chemical Corps Regiment commemorate the expansion of the Lt. Joseph Terry Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear First Responder Training Facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 28. The event was held in combination with the 95th anniversary of the Chemical Corps Regiment. Army photo by Marti Yoshida/Released

### *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*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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