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Col. Munera slated to take helm of 4th MEB

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – A change-of-command ceremony is scheduled for the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, on Gammon Field here.

Col. James Reckard III is slated to relinquish command of the 4th MEB to Col. Antonio Munera.

Munera comes to Fort Leonard Wood from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., where he was a student.

The 4th MEB is a mission-tailored force that conducts support area operations, maneuver support operations, and support to consequence management and stability operations in order to assure the mobility, protection and freedom of action of the supported force.

The 4th MEB assumed responsibility as Task Force-Operations for the Joint Task Force-Civil Support (JTF-CS) Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Force (DCRF) mission, Oct. 1, 2013. The 4th MEB's DCRF mission is to save lives and mitigate human suffering in a homeland chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear environment.

The 4th MEB has redeployed and deployed several companies, battalions and numerous smaller echelon units into theaters of operations throughout the world. The flexibility of the 4th MEB is showcased with the diversity of its missions.

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Soldiers with the 4th MEB have recently augmented Special Forces units in Afghanistan with Military Mine Detection dogs and others recently deployed to Romania to provide fire fighting support at the military's new transit hub there.

The brigade's units participate in multiple training exercises, including at the Fort Irwin, Calif.-based National Training Center and the Joint Maneuver Training Center in Indiana.

The brigade also provides support to Fort Leonard Wood and the surrounding communities through efforts such as military police patrols, severe weather response and partnerships with outlying communities and schools.

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Media interested in covering this event, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145 no later than noon, Tuesday, June 24. Staff Sgt. Mark Patton is a Public Affairs noncommissioned officer with the 4th MEB.

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.

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