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Country music artist Chris Young to perform as part of FLW Independence Day celebration

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – As a part of Fort Leonard Wood’s Independence Day celebration, country music star Chris Young is slated to perform at 8 p.m., July 4 on Gammon Field here.

Young, a Grammy-nominated artist, will perform in conjunction with the 2014 Tour of the Troops Concert, hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Air Force Reserve. He is known for his songs “The Man I Want to Be,” “Getting You Home,” and “Aw Naw.”

The Fourth of July events do not begin with the concert, though. The Independence Day festivities kick off at 8 a.m., with a myriad of activities to include “These Colors Don’t Run 5K/10K Color Run,” a car show, washer tournament, performances by the 399th Army Band and Cricket Alley, the Salute to the Union and wraps ups with a fireworks display.

The July Fourth celebration is free and open to the public. Those planning to attend should bring lawn chairs and blankets. Concessions and various booths will be available.

No coolers, pets and fireworks are allowed. No video or audio recordings of the Chris Young concert are permitted. For more information about the festivities, call 573.596.6913 or visit the Fort Leonard Wood FMWR website at www.fortleonardwoodmwr.com.

Media wanting to cover the July Fourth activities, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145, no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 2.

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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