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## **Temporary closures planned for historic building on FLW**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – One of Fort Leonard Wood's historic landmarks will soon close for renovations.

Nutter Field House, originally built in 1942 to provide recreation for Soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood, will close during two planned phases for interior upgrades, repairs and improvements.

The first phase of the closure is scheduled from June 29 through Aug. 24, and the second phase will take place following holiday block leave, from Jan. 5 through March 6, 2016.

The closure of Nutter Field House is necessary to upgrade the audio/visual system and perform needed interior repairs and improvements, according to Rodney Chang, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, U.S. Army Garrison.

The closure is planned in two phases to minimize the impact to units and organizations, he said.

During the Phase I closure, the analog audio/visual equipment will be replaced with a digital system. Additionally, the audio room tile flooring will be removed and replaced, new carpeting will be installed on the stage, and dimmable LED lights will be installed in the main assembly area, Chang explained.

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Ceiling rafters will be stripped and painted to include repainting of interior walls during the Phase II closure next year, Chang said.

“This is a critical project to repair the paint that is flaking off of the rafters on to the main flooring,” he said of the building’s unique roof truss system.

Chang said the benefits of the closures far outweigh any inconveniences.

“We have rescheduled the Military Police graduations to the theaters during both phased closings,” he said. “No social events were impacted during Phase I closure. The only social event that will get delayed until after Phase II renovation is the Father-Daughter Ball that is normally held in February.”

The Father-Daughter Ball is slated to take place in March 2016, he said.

“The upgrades will improve the audio/visual system, provide the needed repairs to the interior of the facility and provide a lighting adjustment system that is capable of lowering the lighting for social/special events,” he said. “The upgrades and repairs for Nutter Field House are needed so that we can continue to provide our military, Families, civilians and community with a premier facility.”

Nutter Field House was named in honor of 2nd Lt. Daniel Nutter, 25th Armored Engineer Battalion, 6th Armored Division, who posthumously received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in World War II.

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*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 four 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 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.*