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Fort Leonard Wood change of command, responsibility ceremony set for April 7

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood are scheduled to host a joint change of command and change of responsibility ceremony at 10 a.m., April 7 on Gammon Field here.

Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith is slated to transfer command to Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, and Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward.

Smith's next assignment will be as the deputy to the inspector general, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, District of Columbia; Murphy is scheduled to retire.

Savre comes to Fort Leonard Wood from the Corps of Engineers in New York, while Ward comes from the Corps of Engineers in Virginia. Both have had previous assignments at Fort Leonard Wood.

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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 1 p.m., April 6, 2015.

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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 about 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, 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.
