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## Annual safety and health fair at Fort Leonard Wood

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**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – With the summer season just around the corner, the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Safety Office, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital and the Alcohol Substance Abuse Program office are gearing up to host the 2013 Fort Leonard Wood Annual Safety and Health Fair.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 23 at Nutter Field House which will cap off Fort Leonard Wood's Annual Safety Days. Civilian and military personnel are required to receive eight hours of safety training during safety days and the fair can account for two hours of training.

“The Fort Leonard Wood Annual Safety and Health Fair allows service members, civilian employees, Family members and the local community to receive annual safety awareness training,” said Robbin Johnson, safety specialist.

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“Most of us tend to engage in risky activities that begin as a day of fun and ends with an emergency room visit. The event provides information and a reminder to focus on safety while enjoying events both on and off-duty throughout the year.” Memorial Day typically signals the beginning of summer.

“During the critical days of summer many unsafe summer activities can turn fatal without warning due to the lack of proper planning,” Johnson said.

The fair will feature safety and health booths, including motorcycle safety blood pressure and blood sugar checks, cpr/first aid, dental hygiene, ergonomics, fitness/nutrition, severe weather information, drug/alcohol, assault prevention and reporting, suicide awareness and prevention, boating, jet ski, hunting, pov vehicle repair safety, and more.

“(The) Fort Leonard Wood Fire department will have interactive training events, fire trucks on display and a vehicle fire trainer. Missouri Department Of transportation will provide traffic safety information and hands on skills training, testing your ability to drive a golf cart while wearing fatal vision goggles that simulate alcohol impairment,” Johnson said.

Additional events will include the Save-a-Life-Tour with a impaired driving video simulator and other high impact displays. Johnson said most injuries occur due to a lack of planning, the majority of which could have been prevented if safety practices were followed.

“No one can argue the fact that safety is important, yet it’s often unintentionally overlooked, which causes many injures both on and off duty to our Soldiers and civilians. A safe Family improves mission readiness. Family members who are informed in safety planning helps keep all of us safe and secure. As the old adage goes, ‘an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.’ It’s important to realize accidents can happen to anyone at anytime and in most cases without warning,” Johnson said.

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Reporters interested in covering the this event are asked to contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145 no later than 4 p.m. 22 May.

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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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