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International officers team up with Soldiers in golf tourney

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Approximately 30 students, from some 20 countries with Fort Leonard Wood's International Military Student Officer Program, will be introduced to the game of golf as part of the 8th annual International Friendship Challenge Golf Tournament, at noon, May 21 at Piney Valley Golf Course here.

International officers are practicing, to participate in this year's tournament, where seasoned American golfers and first-timers will join forces on the Piney Valley Golf Course.

Students plan on learning the difference between a putter and a wedge, while playing on teams with U.S. players as part of a day of camaraderie and fun.

The cost to attend the tournament is \$20 per person and includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner and refreshments.

The public is invited to register at the Piney Valley Golf Course or by calling the IMSO at 573.563.0068 or 573.563.8015. The registration deadline is May 15; military ID is not required to attend.

Prior to the noon shotgun start, participants are invited to gather for a pre-game lunch at the club house.

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Students in the IMSO program are at Fort Leonard Wood to attend either the officer basic or captain's career courses. In addition to giving students a chance to discover golf for themselves, a twin goal of the tournament is to build relationships between international military students, U.S. service members and community members.

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For more information, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

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, 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 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.
