

# Media Release



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## Fort Leonard Wood replaces houses destroyed by tornado; hosts ribbon cutting

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Fort Leonard Wood officials plan to host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Nov. 15 for 40 houses that were built to replace those that were destroyed when an EF-3 tornado struck the installation Dec. 31, 2010.

The ceremony is scheduled to take place at 153 Frizell Street.

The entire project, called the Woodlands New Homes Expansion Project, is expected to be completed by May 2013. At the end of the project, a total of 160 duplex houses are scheduled to be constructed. Each house will have a tornado safe room.

A self-guided tour of the home will immediately follow the ceremony.

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Reporters interested in covering this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573-563-4145, no later than 4:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

Photo outline:

DSC05724: Fort Leonard Wood officials plan to host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Nov. 15 at 153 Frizell Street for 40 houses that were built to replace those that were destroyed when an EF-3 tornado struck the installation Dec. 31, 2010. The new duplex homes, which average about 1,840 square feet, offer increased living space and a tornado safe room for Soldiers and their families. (Army photo/Marti Yoshida)

DSC05726: Construction of 70 new duplex units on Frizell Street will be designated for company-grade officers; and 90 duplex units on Epps Street will house junior-enlisted Soldiers, primarily E1-E4. Each new duplex unit in the Woodlands neighborhood will have a tornado safe room.

### *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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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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