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Fort Leonard Wood Soldier to talk during Native American heritage month observance

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – A Native American Soldier from Fort Leonard Wood is scheduled to provide the keynote speech during the 2012 Native American Indian Heritage Month observance and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Pershing Community Center.

The speaker, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Oxendine, plans to talk about his upbringing and experience as a Native American in today's Army.

A song and dance performance by members of the Osage Tribe from Oklahoma is also planned for the event, which is being hosted by the 14th Military Police Brigade.

This year's theme is "Serving Our People, Serving Our Nations: Native Visions for Future Generations."

Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 and may be obtained through brigade Equal Opportunity advisors, the installation Equal Opportunity Office located in Building 315, or by calling 573-596-0131 ext. 6-0601/6-1013.

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Attached:

Flyer: 2012 Native American Indian Heritage Month observance

Biography and photo: Sgt. 1st Class Richard Oxendine

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 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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