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Fort Leonard Wood's tax center calls for volunteers

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Each year, the Tax Center, operated by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, offers free tax services to the Fort Leonard Wood community including Soldiers, their families and qualified military retirees.

Volunteers are vital to accomplishing the Tax Center mission.

The Tax Center is asking for volunteers to donate their time by assisting with tax return preparation or by answering the Tax Center phone and scheduling appointments. Volunteer hours will be flexible to accommodate individual schedules.

Volunteers who assist with tax return preparation must be able to complete the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance training from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10-14. Volunteers who assist with office administration are not required to complete the VITA training.

The Tax Center is scheduled to open to the public from Jan. 14 to April 19, 2013.

In addition to helping others, former Tax Center volunteers have said that the experience has given them confidence when dealing with their own personal tax situations and also qualifies volunteers for Army Community Service volunteer credit hours.

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In the past year, the Tax Center filed over 2,500 federal tax returns.

For additional information, call Capt. Bridget Karns, Tax Center officer in charge, at 573-596-0629.

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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 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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