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More than two tons of turkey to be served for Fort Leonard Wood's Thanksgiving dinner

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood plans to celebrate Thanksgiving Nov. 22 with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to be served at the installation's dining facilities. Bill Moffitt, food service advisor with the installation food program, is expecting to serve approximately 10,000 people for the celebratory meal and is planning on serving 26,000 meals throughout the day.

Moffitt estimates that more than two tons of turkey will be served at Fort Leonard Wood that day. More than 700 food service personnel will work together to prepare this special meal.

In 2010, 9,920 personnel were fed Thanksgiving dinner on post; and 4,566 pounds of turkey, 400 gallons of mashed potatoes, 306 gallons of gravy, and 2,592 pumpkin pies were served.

The Double Dining Facility, Building 6111, located on Indiana Avenue, is scheduled to be open. The 2012 Thanksgiving holiday meal rate established by the Department of the Army for service members and their guests is \$7.50. Dependents of service members in the grade of E-4 and below are required to pay the discounted holiday meal rate of \$6.40.

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Editor's Note: Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office, contributed to this story.

Photo outline: (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

DSC0086: Fort Leonard Wood prepares to celebrate a traditional Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 22 at the installation's dining facilities. More than 700 food service personnel will work together to prepare this special meal for approximately 10,000 service members and their guests. (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

DSC0088: – It takes more than 700 personnel working together to serve Thanksgiving dinner at Fort Leonard Wood dining facilities. Planning for the meal begins early in September to ensure ingredients will be available and delivered on time. (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

DSC0090: In 2010, 9,920 personnel were fed Thanksgiving dinner on post; and 4,566 pounds of turkey, 400 gallons of mashed potatoes, 306 gallons of gravy, and 2,592 pumpkin pies were served. (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

DSC0093: Soldiers have a lot to choose from for their Thanksgiving meal at Fort Leonard Wood. In addition to more than two tons of turkey, dining facilities will offer ham, chicken, prime rib, salmon and shrimp. (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

DSC0100: This year, 4,505 pounds of turkey, 1,987 pounds of ham and 3,100 pounds of prime rib will be served to service members and their guests at Fort Leonard Wood dining facilities. (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

DSC0106: Food service personnel prepare shrimp cocktail for the 2011 Thanksgiving dinner at the Double Dining Facility on post. (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

DSC0111: More than two tons of turkey will be served at Fort Leonard Wood on Thanksgiving Day. (Army photo/Jeff Maddy)

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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