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Soldiers recognized for some 337 years of honorable service in support of our nation

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – With deployments to Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia, Iraq, Kosovo and Kuwait, 17 Soldiers will remain Soldiers for Life as they are recognized tomorrow for a combined total of more than 330 years of honorable service in the Army.

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood are slated to honor these Soldiers with a retirement ceremony at 3 p.m., Thursday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium here.

Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, and Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy, MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood command sergeant major, will preside over the ceremony.

The cumulative time of service deployed on combat tours for all those retiring equals more than 445 months, totaling some 37 years spent serving our nation separated from family and loved ones.

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Media interested in covering this event, should contact the Public Affairs Office at (573) 563.4145, no later than 4 p.m., today.

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 more than 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 five 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.
