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Engineer Regiment Lecture Series continues

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FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – A former Army engineer is one of two guest speakers invited to Fort Leonard Wood for the Engineer Regiment Lecture Series, scheduled to continue at noon Oct. 22 at Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

The speakers are slated to be Tim Gaidis and Lance Cage from HOK St. Louis. HOK is a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm that has done recent work with the Army Corps of Engineers in Germany.

Cage, senior vice president at HOK St. Louis, has an Army engineer background, having attended Engineer Officer Basic Course in 1987 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

He served in the 130th Engineer Brigade in Hanau, Germany, first as a platoon leader and executive officer in the 516th Engineer Company and then as a logistics officer in the provisional 559th Engineer Battalion.

“We have a lot of respect for the men and women who sacrifice and serve our country,” said Gaidis, senior associate at HOK St. Louis. “This is one small way that we can show that appreciation.”

The Engineer Regiment Lecture Series enhances engineer-specific learning by inviting industry leaders in engineering and construction to discuss current issues and innovations in the profession, said Capt. Lucas Eckenrod, U. S. Army Engineer School Speakers Program, action officer.

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Cage and Gaidis plan on giving a brief introduction to their work at HOK as well as a presentation that will focus on design and construction industry initiatives, including overviews and examples of projects related to military initiatives in the context of energy efficiency and industry sustainability.

“The armed forces have a significant critical mass for advancing design and construction initiatives, as well as leading the industry by example,” Gaidis said. “Based on Lance’s experience, Army engineers will find themselves working more closely alongside private contractors as their careers progress. Becoming more familiar with trends in the industry will help when engineer officers find themselves in a job where their success, to some extent, will be judged on how well they manage these contractors.”

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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 about 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 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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