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## **24 fallen Chemical Soldiers to be honored in OEF/OIF monument dedication ceremony**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – An Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom monument dedication ceremony is slated to be held at 4:30 p.m., Thursday at the Chemical Memorial Grove on post.

The ceremony will honor the 24 fallen Chemical Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this nation in support of these two combat operations.

Brig. Gen. Maria Gervais, 28th Chief of Chemical and U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School commandant, will host the event.

The guest speaker is slated to be Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Bolin, USACBRNS chaplain.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

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Media interested in covering this event, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than 10 a.m., Wednesday.

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