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## **Fort Leonard Wood welcomes new commanding general, command sergeant major**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Brig. Gen. Kent Savre and Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward took the helm as the new Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general and command sergeant major today.

In a ceremony, marking one of the most cherished Army traditions – passing of the colors and noncommissioned officer’s sword – Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith and Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy relinquished responsibility of MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood to Savre and Ward.

Lt. Gen. Robert Brown, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth commanding general, presided over today’s change of command and responsibility ceremony.

Brown said that Maj. Gen. Smith is best at building a team, and he has an infectious spirit.

Now, it’s Savre and Ward’s turn. They will have to grab the ruck sack, carry on the initiatives and move forward, Brown said. They proved a long time ago their investment in the Army.

Across the globe, Soldiers conduct various missions in defense of the nation.

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Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Soldiers fight Ebola in Africa; military police Soldiers provide detainee operations in Guantanamo Bay, and engineer Soldiers conduct route clearance in Afghanistan, and they all started (trained) right here, Savre said.

Both Savre and Ward vowed to be steadfast and committed leaders to the MSCoE team and provide the best quality of life for the service members and Families serving here at Fort Leonard Wood.

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Photo cutlines:

One – From left to right: Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy, Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, Brig. Gen. Kent Savre and Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward, rehearse, April 6 for today's change of command and responsibility ceremony. (Photo by Melissa Buckley, Public Affairs Office)

Two – During officers and colors, Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith takes charge of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood formation one last time during today's change of command and responsibility ceremony. (Photo by Mike Curtis, FLW Visual Information Center)

Three – Lt. Gen. Robert Brown, U. S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth commanding general, along with Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith and Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, conduct inspection of the troops during the change of command and responsibility ceremony. (Photo by Mike Curtis, FLW Visual Information Center)

### *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*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, 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.*

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