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St. Louis resident, Holocaust survivor Ben Fainer to speak at FLW's Days of Remembrance Commemoration event

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Holocaust survivor, Ben Fainer of St. Louis, is slated to be the guest speaker for Fort Leonard Wood's 2015 Days of Remembrance Commemoration event from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

Fainer spent the entire war as a Nazi prisoner, surviving for six years in multiple concentration camps. After losing his mother, three siblings and more than 250 other relatives in the Holocaust, Ben was liberated by American Soldiers while on a final death-march in the spring of 1945.

Fainer will tell his heart-wrenching life experience of survival and horrific treatment by the Nazis during World War II.

According to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, events commemorating the Holocaust can occur during the Week of Remembrance, which runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday.

This year's theme is "Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act."

The event is free and open to the public.

Media interested in covering this event, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than 4:30 p.m., April 15.

Encl: Flyer

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, 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.
