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Fort Leonard Wood's best move through day 2 of competition

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (April 2, 2013) – Fifteen competitors strive for top honors during day 2 of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood's 2013 Best Warrior Competition taking place April 1-5 on post.

The purpose of the competition is to identify Fort Leonard Wood's next Drill Sergeant of the Year; along with the Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant of the Year, Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, Joint Service NCO and Joint Service Member of the Year.

Sgt. 1st Class Adam McQuiston, who won Fort Leonard Wood's Drill Sergeant of the Year competition last year, said that to get to the installation-level competition, each of the service members had to compete and win at their respective battalion and brigade levels.

The post's Best Warrior Competition is very intense, he said.

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“It’s a lot of late hours, early mornings, and little sleep,” McQuiston said.

The competition includes weapons qualification, land navigation, warrior tasks, battle drills and events that test the service member’s combat skills, he said.

In addition to the physically demanding tasks, competitors must prove expert familiarity with core values of each branch of military service, Fort Leonard Wood programs and policies, current events and world news, leadership, military justice, salutes, and honors.

The winners of the competition are scheduled to be announced at an award ceremony April 5 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

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130401-A-WN220-005: Fifteen competitors strive for top honors during day 2 of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood’s 2013 Best Warrior Competition taking place April 1-5 on post. Army photo/Michael Curtis

130401-A-WN220-015.jpg: Staff Sgt. Adam Zimmerman observes Spc. Tony Brown, 3rd Chemical Brigade, as he completes pushups during day 2 of the 2013 Best Warrior Competition being held April 1-5 at Fort Leonard Wood. Brown is competing to be the installation’s next Soldier of the Year. Army photo/Michael Curtis

130401-A-WN220-027.jpg: Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Marvin Montescruz and Staff Sgt. Steven Bellows, 1st Engineer Brigade, complete physical fitness tasks during the 2013 Best Warrior Competition April 1-5. Montescruz competes to be the Joint Service Member of the Year. Army photo/Michael Curtis

130401-A-WN220-045.jpg: Service members perform pull-ups on day 2 of the 2013 Best Warrior Competition, which runs April 1-5 at Fort Leonard Wood. Army photo/Michael Curtis

130401-A-WN220-086.jpg: Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Washington, 3rd Chemical Brigade, competes on day 2 of Fort Leonard Wood’s Best Warrior Competition. The event takes place April 1-5 and winners of the competition are scheduled to be announced at an award ceremony that is planned for April 5 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Army photo/Michael Curtis

130401-A-WN220-090.jpg: Service members complete a run on day 2 of the 2013 Best Warrior Competition at Fort Leonard Wood. The event takes place April 1-5 and winners of the competition are scheduled to be announced at an award ceremony that is planned for April 5 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Army photo/Michael Curtis

130402-A-WN220-008.jpg: Fifteen competitors strive for top honors during day 2 of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood's 2013 Best Warrior Competition taking place April 1-5 on post. Part of the day's events included skills tests at the Physical Endurance Confidence Course at Training Area 98. Army photo/Michael Curtis

130402-A-WN220-013.jpg: Staff Sgt. Paul Ramos, Noncommissioned Officers Academy, participates in the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood's 2013 Best Warrior Competition taking place April 1-5 on post. Ramos is competing to be the installation's next Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Army photo/Michael Curtis

1340402-A-WN220-022.jpg: Spc. Tony Brown, 3rd Chemical Brigade, performs tasks at the Physical Endurance Confidence Course at Training Area 98 during day 2 of the 2013 Best Warrior Competition being held April 1-5 at Fort Leonard Wood. Brown is competing to be the installation's next Soldier of the Year. Army photo/Michael Curtis

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 80-90,000 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 Non Commissioned 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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