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## FLW's Sgt. Christiana Ball wins Army's Operation Rising Star competition

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Army entertainment announced Sgt. Christiana Ball, a native of Rising Fawn, Ga., and drill sergeant with Company B, 787<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion here, as the Army's Operation Rising Star winner, Dec. 14.

Ball competed against 11 other finalists to be named the top singer across the United States Army.

As the first-place winner, Ball and a guest receive an all-expense-paid trip to record a three-song CD. The trip includes airfare, lodging and three days of studio time at a professional recording studio and \$1,000 spending cash. Professional studio time includes: music arrangement, mixing, mastering, vocal coach, four musicians for one day, audio engineer and CD producer. Sgt. Ball will also receive her own personal professionally recorded and edited CD. This CD is a demo CD and not intended for resale purposes; approximate retail value of this prize is \$18,700.

Congratulations to Drill Sergeant Christiana Ball!

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*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.*

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