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Top Brass take on Senior Noncomms in hardwood action

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood senior noncommissioned officers vie to hold onto being named the best in hoop action as they take on installation top brass in the annual Commanders vs. Command Sergeants Major basketball game scheduled at 3:30 p.m., Friday in Davidson Fitness Center.

The game is similar to the annual softball game between the installation's top officers and noncommissioned officers.

While the Sergeants Major Association won the 2014 game 28-20, the main focus is all about camaraderie.

“This is an annual event that truly promotes teamwork and esprit de corps on the installation,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood command sergeant major.

Murphy said the game will include players from the post's Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force units.

“This game is about the MSCoE Family and about our great installation working and playing together,” Murphy said. “When teams are able to work together and play together, it brings them much closer as a body who (is) out for the same goal no matter the service.”

The event is free and open to the public.

Media interested in covering this game, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than 3:30 p.m., Thursday.

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Commanders_vs_CSMs_1: Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Williams, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital command sergeant major, goes up for a layup during the 2014 Commanders vs. Sergeants Major Association basketball game. (Photo Credit: Matt Decker, Guidon)

Commanders_vs_CSMs_3: An officer fires off a 3-point shot in the 2014 Commanders vs. Sergeants Major Association basketball game. (Photo Credit: Matt Decker, Guidon)

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.
