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Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers to attend inauguration ball

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Two Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers have the honor of representing the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood at the Presidential Inauguration Jan. 21 in Washington D.C.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Hernandez of Gary, Ind., and Spc. Tony Brown of St. Louis, Mo., have been invited as special guests to attend one of the official inauguration balls. Hernandez, an instructor with the Sapper Leader Course, 1st Engineer Brigade, is the MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood Noncommissioned Officer of the 4th Quarter and Brown, a supply clerk with the 3rd Chemical Brigade, is the MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood Soldier of the 4th Quarter, which is why they were selected to attend and represent the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood.

According to the Joint Task Force National Capital Region, more than 2,100 military personnel will be marching in the 57th Presidential Inaugural Parade Jan. 21, with a total of about 5,000 troops supporting the inauguration. Military involvement in the Presidential Inauguration is a centuries-old tradition. The U.S. military has participated in this important American tradition since April 30, 1789 when members of the U.S. Army, local militia units and Revolutionary War veterans escorted President George Washington to his first inauguration ceremony at Federal Hall in New York City.

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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.