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## **Top Fort Leonard Wood officer heads to Washington D.C. for new assignment**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – The Army chief of staff announced today that Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, is slated to become the deputy to the inspector general, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, District of Columbia.

As Smith leaves Fort Leonard Wood, Brig. Gen. Kent Savre will take the helm as MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general.

Savre is no stranger to Fort Leonard Wood as he is an engineer, who was the director of the Counter Explosive Hazards Center at Fort Leonard Wood from 2005 to 2007.

A Minnesota native, Savre comes to Fort Leonard Wood from the U.S. Army Engineer Division, North Atlantic, Brooklyn, New York, where he was the commanding general.

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## *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*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 more than 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.*

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