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## **Fort Leonard Wood plaque ceremony honors CST members killed helping accident victim**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – A plaque dedication ceremony was held Jan. 21 in the 1st Lt. Terry Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Responder Training facility to honor two Florida National Guard Civil Support Team members who lost their lives while rendering aid to others.

The plaque honoring Capt. Tecarie Czarnecki and Tech. Sgt. David Stone Jr. was hung by Kevin McNaught, partner of Czarnecki, and Katie Stone, wife of Stone, in the Communication and Scientific Laboratory, also known as the CASL Building, in the training facility's compound.

Czarnecki and Stone were struck and killed by an automobile Sept. 8, 2013 while assisting a motorist involved in a traffic accident on a Florida interstate.

Both received their CST qualification at the Civil Support Skills Course that is taught only at the 1st Lt. Terry CBRN Responder Facility.

The CST members are taught hazardous materials response, chemistry, confined space operations and how to conduct themselves as a CST survey team member.

In 2014, more than 184 students from throughout the United States and its territories attended the eight-week course that is taught only on Fort Leonard Wood.

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"Tech. Sgt. Stone and Capt. Czarnecki's actions on the evening of Sept. 8 reflect on their character of selfless service. With a disabled vehicle scattered in the median, and not knowing if the occupants were injured or not, their instincts kicked in -- they immediately and deliberately headed towards the vehicle to lend aid," said Col. Valeria Gonzalez-Kerr, assistant adjutant general for the state of Florida.

"Their first concern was for their fellow man and how they could make a bad situation better. Capt. Czarnecki and Tech. Sgt. Stone did exactly as they were trained to do. But more importantly they did exactly what their hearts told them to do. These heroes died as they lived-- serving others," Gonzalez-Kerr said.

She said Czarnecki had a national reputation forged in hard work, competence and unequaled sense of teamwork and was recognized as the best nuclear-medicine science officer in the nation.

Stone made it his passion to know his craft better than anyone else and became an authority on hazardous materials detection, sampling and most importantly how to lead Soldiers and Airmen, Gonzalez-Kerr said.

According to Heinrich Reyes, National Guard Bureau Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction division chief, the generous donations of the CST community as a whole made it possible to have two plaques made. The other plaque will be hung at the 44th CST, the home unit of Czarnecki and Stone.

"We are lucky to have had these two patriots for the short period of time that we had them," Gonzalez-Kerr said. "We must remember the laughter, the positive attitudes and know that they both experienced life with all its joys."

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Photo outline: Kevin McNaught and Katie Stone hang a plaque honoring Capt. Tecarie Czarnecki and Tech. Sgt. David Stone Jr. in the Communication and Scientific Laboratory on Jan. 21. Czarnecki and Stone, Civil Support Team members who trained at Fort Leonard Wood, were killed rendering aid to a vehicle crash victim.

### *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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