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Fort Leonard Wood celebrates Army's 239th birthday

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood are slated to host a celebration in honor of the Army's 239th birthday Friday.

The birthday events will begin with a division-style run at 5:30 a.m., Friday, followed by a birthday luncheon at 11 a.m., Friday in Nutter Field House.

The oldest and youngest Department of the Army civilians and Soldiers will participate in the cake-cutting ceremony. Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, MSCoE and FLW commanding general, will provide remarks at the birthday luncheon.

This year's theme is "America's Army: Our Profession."

In conjunction with the Army's birthday, Fort Leonard Wood personnel will take part in celebratory events at the 9th Annual Springfield Cardinals' Fort Leonard Wood Military Appreciation Day game at about 5:40 p.m., Saturday at Hammons Field in Springfield.

During the Fort Leonard Wood Military Appreciation Day, Springfield Mayor Robert Stephens and Maj. Gen. Smith will sign a memorandum of understanding. This mutual agreement will allow Soldiers, to include those assigned to the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, to use airport facilities, equipment and life support elements at the airfield to conduct practice drills and activities during actual emergencies within Fort Leonard Wood's emergency response plan at the Springfield-Branson National Airport.

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For more information, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145.

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 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, one of only five reception stations in the Army, 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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