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## **Fort Leonard Wood to celebrate Army's 238<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – On June 14, our nation will commemorate the 238th birthday of the greatest army known to history – the United States Army. To celebrate the Army's 238th birthday and recognize 40 years of professionalism and bravery of ready and resilient Soldiers in the all-volunteer force, the Fort Leonard Wood team plans to host a division-style run, luncheon, and streamer ceremony and retreat June 14.

The division-style run for military personnel is set to take place at 5:30 a.m. starting from Gammon Field. The three-mile run allows interservice training units to celebrate the Army's birthday, promote esprit de corps, and take pride in the Army's heritage. The 399<sup>th</sup> Army Band is scheduled to provide motivational music to start off the event.

A luncheon for Department of the Army personnel is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pershing Community Center. The event features the Army Birthday cake-cutting ceremony by Fort Leonard Wood leadership, along with participation from the oldest and youngest Soldier and DA civilians.

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The celebration culminates in an afternoon streamer ceremony and retreat for the entire community at 4:30 p.m. on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. During the ceremony, streamers, which represent different conflicts throughout the nation's history, are attached to the Army's flag by Soldiers who are dressed in uniforms appropriate to the time of the conflict that the streamers represent.

In support of the streamer ceremony, First Street, from Missouri Avenue to Nebraska Avenue, will be closed beginning at 4 p.m.

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

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Reporters interested in covering Army Birthday events should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573-563-4145 no later than 4 p.m. June 13.

Resources:

Quiz: How well do you know your Nation's Army? <http://www.army.mil/birthday/238/quiz/army.html>

238<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday Products: <http://www.army.mil/birthday/238/products.html>

238<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday logo

### *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 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.*

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