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## Holly Petraeus to visit Fort Leonard Wood

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Fort Leonard Wood is slated to host the assistant director of the Office of Servicemember Affairs for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau next week.

Hollister Petraeus, better known as Holly Petraeus, is set to attend the Army Emergency Relief breakfast March 12 and host two town hall style sessions later in the day.

“At the breakfast she will be speaking about the benefits and advantages of the AER program,” said Chuck Matthews, Army Community Service AER program officer. “In the town hall events, she will be speaking about military- specific financial issues.”

The AER Breakfast has been going strong for three years as the annual kick-off event for the fundraising campaign. The breakfast event is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. in Pershing Community Center. The cost is \$10.

The town hall meetings are scheduled for 10:30 to 11:40 a.m. and 1 to 2:10 p.m. in Pershing Community Center. The morning meeting is for E7 and above. The afternoon meeting is for service members E1 through E6.

“She is very dedicated to assisting the military with financial matters,” said Jerry Patton, ACS Financial Readiness Program manager. “She is a brilliant speaker. I am looking forward to next week.”

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“Attendees are going to learn a lot from her,” he added.

Matthews agreed.

“We are very lucky to have Holly Petraeus, a well-known national speaker, coming to Fort Leonard Wood,” Matthews said. “She has a lot of experience to share with us.”

Petraeus’ office partners with the Pentagon to see that military Families receive strong financial education; to monitor complaints from military Families and responses to those complaints by the CFPB and other agencies; and to see that federal and state agencies coordinate their activities to improve consumer protection measures for military Families.

Prior to joining the CFPB, Petraeus spent six years as the Better Business Bureau Military Line director.

A military spouse of 37 years and a former Department of the Army civilian employee, Petraeus also has experience as a volunteer leader in military Family programs.

AER assists Soldiers and retirees, their Families, survivors of deceased Soldiers, and Reserve Component Soldiers on active duty for 31 days or more.

AER provides financial help for emergency needs like rent, utilities, food, emergency travel, emergency vehicle repair, upfront funeral expenses of parents, spouse or child and emergency medical or dental expenses.

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*(Melissa is a photojournalist with the Guidon.)*

### *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 about 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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