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FLW Soldiers retire after 410 years of combined service

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood are slated to hold a retirement ceremony for 20 Soldiers with a combined total of more than 410 years of military service.

The ceremony is scheduled at 3 p.m., Thursday in Lincoln Hall Auditorium here.

Brig. Gen. Maria Gervais, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School commandant and chief of Chemical, and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Kraus Jr., USACBRNS command sergeant major, will preside over the ceremony.

Together, these Soldiers deployed for more than 450 months to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Panama, Philippines and Saudi Arabia, while serving our nation, separated from family and loved ones.

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Media interested in covering this ceremony, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than 3:30 p.m., Wednesday.

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 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.
