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Soldiers devote more than 400 years of service to America

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood are slated to hold a retirement ceremony for 23 Soldiers with a combined total of more than 400 years of military service.

The ceremony is scheduled at 3 p.m., Thursday in Fort Leonard Wood's Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, and Command Sgt. Maj. Butler Kendrick, U.S. Army Engineer School command sergeant major, will preside over the ceremony.

The cumulative time of service deployed on combat tours for all those retiring equals more than 500 months, totaling more than 43 years spent serving our nation separated from family and loved ones.

These Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Somalia and Qatar.

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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.
