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Army birthday celebration

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – To observe the official formation of the United States Army, recorded as June 14, 1775, the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood will celebrate the Army's 240th birthday June 12 on post.

Events include a division-style run at 5:30 a.m., a cake-cutting ceremony on the steps of Hoge Hall at 11:30 a.m. and a streamer ceremony followed by retreat from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. at the MSCoE plaza. The event is open to the public.

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Media interested in covering this event, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than 3 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

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Photo cutline: Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers kicked off the 239th Army birthday celebration with an early morning run June 13, 2014.

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, one of only four 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.
