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U.S. Army MP Museum to break ground on its first addition

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The U.S. Army Military Police Corps is scheduled to host a ground-breaking ceremony at 4 p.m. Nov. 25 for a 2,000-square-foot addition to its museum, the museum's first addition since opening in 2000.

Fort Leonard Wood senior leaders are scheduled to take part in the ceremony, which will take place at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex, located at 495 South Dakota Ave., on Fort Leonard Wood.

According to Jim Rogers, U.S. Army MP Corps Museum director, the addition will be a multi-purpose classroom and lecture hall that will accommodate various ceremonies, including changes of-command, reenlistments, graduations, small receptions and banquets.

“The primary purpose of the addition is to conduct branch history classes at the museum, now mostly taking place elsewhere,” Rogers said. “Having such training located at the museum will greatly complement Soldier learning and encourage MP esprit de corps, and likewise will benefit the museum with additional and more meaningful Soldier and family visitations.”

The addition is expected to be completed next summer, Rogers said.

Reporters desiring to attend and cover the event should, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

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 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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