

# Media Release



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## Volunteers set to make a difference

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Area volunteers are planning to give back to the community during Fort Leonard Wood’s annual Make A Difference Day event scheduled from 7 a.m. to noon Oct. 27 at Colyer Park.

Volunteers of all ages and capabilities are signed up to support activities, such as a motorcycle ride and a display recognizing the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, a stream clean-up, and a scouting project at Fort Leonard Wood’s Happy Hollow recreation area.

In combination with Make A Difference Day, a Domestic Violence Awareness Month 5k Fun Run/Walk is planned for 8:30 a.m. Oct. 27 at Colyer Park. The event is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to wear purple in support of ending domestic violence and promoting healthy relationships.

Last year, more than 577 people volunteered about 2,400 hours on Make A Difference Day projects throughout various locations on Fort Leonard Wood to include Happy Hollow, Memorial Grove, the horse stables, the John B. Mahaffey Museum and the USO to name a few. Volunteers also assembled and distributed more than 500 Thanksgiving baskets to military families.

For more information or to volunteer for Make A Difference Day events, contact Rhonda Hutsell, Army Community Service, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator, at 573-596-0212.

About National Make A Difference Day:

For two decades, USA WEEKEND and HandsOn Network, a business unit of Points of Light Institute, have joined together to sponsor Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of community service and helping others. Make A Difference Day takes place on the 4th Saturday in October each year. For national Make A Difference Day information and stories visit:

<http://handsonnetwork.org/MakeADifferenceDay>.

### *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 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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