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DoD instructors vie for “King of the Road” title

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Military and civilian instructors are slated to contend for the best of the road title in a Truck Rodeo from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday at Training Area 228 on post.

Sponsored by the 58th Transportation Battalion, the rodeo is being held to promote individual driving proficiency, camaraderie and esprit de corps via friendly competition between military and civilian instructors.

The Rodeo will place competitors in three situations in which the driver’s skill, judgment and knowledge of vehicle limitations are required for effective maneuvering. The events include parallel parking an M915 tractor trailer, serpentine driving an M1120 Load Handling System, and backing down an alley in an M1083 Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles.

The top three finishers will be awarded trophies, Certificates of Achievement, a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation package (including golf, bowling and paint ball vouchers) and a battalion coin. A “King of the Road” plaque will be displayed in the battalion area with the 1st place winner’s name inscribed.

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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 2 p.m., Thursday.

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.
