



WWW.WOOD.ARMY.MIL / MSCoE

U.S. ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FT. LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI



PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI 65473
VOICE: 573-563-4145
FAX: 573.563-4012
BY: Derek Gean, Guidon Community editor
EMAIL: shatara.r.seymour.civ@mail.mil

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Release No. 15-168

Oct. 1, 2015

Disability expo designed to educate

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood is scheduled to host a National Disability Awareness Month Expo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday at Nutter Field House.

According to Robert Hard, Equal Employment Opportunity intern, the event is an opportunity to raise awareness of the challenges and barriers people with disabilities encounter and to inform the general public about the installation's disability program.

Several organizations, including Army Community Service, the installation safety office, educational institutions and more, are scheduled to showcase services and products that can enhance independent living for persons with disabilities. There will be providers on hand to provide free hearing tests, and there will be experts available to help with resume writing, job application completion and other employment concerns.

Kathlene Aydt, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood deputy garrison commander, is scheduled to serve as the guest speaker at the event.

The theme for the program is "My Disability is Part of Who I Am," and organizers hope community members will see that disabled individuals can work and have successful lives.

- more -

“I (hope) attendees understand what a disability is, the challenges employees face, and dispel the stigma of how a disability can affect employees,” Hard said. He said there are many resources available to disabled individuals.

“Disability is only one part of the total individual in the work force here at Fort Leonard Wood,” Hard said. He said if people learn anything from the event, he hopes they realize that someday they may require additional assistance and resources.

“I see this event benefiting the Fort Leonard Wood community by providing awareness, which will lead to a greater understanding of how everyone has talent regardless of their ability and how this diversity is key to readiness and mission accomplishment,” Hard said. “(The expo should) provide everyone with the resources to unleash this talent by showing how employees can easily overcome their workplace barrier.”

For additional details on the expo, contact EEO at 573.596.0131, ext. 63353.

- 30 -

For more information, 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 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, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting 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.
