

Diverse mission

- Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post more than 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.
- Fort Leonard Wood is a valued asset and has proven to be a great investment for our nation, receiving gains in prior BRACs for three U.S. Army training schools, their brigades and the Prime Power School.
- Fort Leonard Wood has also received discretionary gains of inter-service and joint training missions for the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Air Force which are integral parts of the post's mission.
- All Department of Defense (DoD) training for earthmoving, truck driving, civil support, and CBRN first responders happens at Fort Leonard Wood. It is also home to the DoD Humanitarian Demining Training Center, a large international student detachment, and the 102d U.S. Army Reserve Training Division, commanded by a Brigadier General. Nearly 13,800 people from 120 reserve units train at FLW each year.
- The Army is also considering moving the Army Geospatial School to Fort Leonard Wood from Fort Belvoir as a discretionary move.
- Not only does Fort Leonard Wood train and educate service members and develop leaders, doctrine and future capabilities for the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, the U.S. Army Engineer School, and the U.S. Army Military Police School...it also trains 1 in 5 new Soldiers entering Army basic combat training. 42% of women in the Army start their careers at Fort Leonard Wood as it is one of only two gender-integrated reception sites. Fort Leonard Wood is also home to the Army's largest, most diverse Non Commissioned Officers Academy.
- 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; one in seven Marines will train at Fort Leonard Wood. A large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well. In addition our U.S. Army Engineer School's, 1st Engineer Brigade has joint agreements and command and control for numerous joint training companies located in Florida, Mississippi, Texas, and North Carolina.
- The post is also home to a large international student detachment that has representation from over 50 different countries.
- Chemical, Engineer, and Military Police branches and forces are critical to the Army and nation and have critical input to nearly every area outlined in the newly published defense priorities. Our three branches and their deployed forces are critical to deter and defeat aggression, anti-access, countering-weapons of mass destruction, defending the homeland and supporting civil authorities, stability operations, disaster relief, and humanitarian assistance.
- Fort Leonard Wood has several highly critical missions for the Army or Training and Doctrine Command including lead for capabilities development in Countering Improvised Explosives Devices; lead for Homeland Defense and Civil Support; performing high risk Chemical Defense training with Live Nerve Agent; executing the State Department's training for Humanitarian Demining.

- In addition to being a premier training Center, Fort Leonard Wood is home to and supports numerous deployable Forces Command units including the Fourth Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, which oversees 4 battalions composed of 27 companies representing engineer, military police, and support functions. The Maneuver Enhancement Brigade is the Army's choice to execute the Defense Chemical Biological Radiological & Nuclear Response Force mission for the nation
- Add to these the strength of our retirees, families, civilians, resident school district, and industry and academic liaisons, and you have the full picture of Fort Leonard Wood's current mission and population served – nearly 100,000 – and its competencies and contributions to the Army and Nation.

Economic impact

- Not only is Fort Leonard Wood a leading training and support platform, it's also a leading employer and economic engine, employing a highly professional and motivated civilian workforce of more than nine thousand people in a variety of fields.
- Fort Leonard Wood has an operating budget of approximately \$470M not including \$680 in annual military salaries.
- The post's typical supported population includes 12,000 Service members in training; 7,000 military permanent party; 13,000 military family members; and 55,000 retirees and their families. In addition, nearly 200,000 families and friends attend their loved ones' graduations at Fort Leonard Wood each year. So, it's no surprise that Fort Leonard Wood was recently ranked third in Forbes' list of fastest-growing small towns in America.
- In addition to population and salaries, military construction also plays a role in economic impact. With funds allocated from prior and current year(s), Fort Leonard Wood's military construction projects currently underway or pending start total more than \$275M. And between now and FY17 there are approximately \$1B worth of projects planned.
- The installation boasts an annual economic impact of about three billion dollars not including indirect impacts such as revenue and jobs created off post.
- Over the past several years, more than 60% of military retirees chose to make the communities around Fort Leonard Wood their lifelong homes.

Community Relations, Location, and Future

- Over the years and throughout its tremendous growth, Fort Leonard Wood has continually experienced fantastic relationships among senior commanders and leaders, tenants, and the surrounding communities and the state.
- Across communities throughout the state, Fort Leonard Wood has signed 14 Army Community Covenants – more than any other Army installation.
- Leading in innovation and development for the future of our Army, Fort Leonard Wood has established community service partnerships with 11 school districts and six universities- which include a

Memoranda of Agreement with the University of Missouri, participation with six economic development organizations, and collaboration with the Leonard Wood Institute.

- Military, family members, and local residents can gain higher education right on post as well. Through cooperative agreements, Fort Leonard Wood is home to Missouri's 6th largest degree granting program through several institutions of higher learning at our Truman Education Center.
- The local schools systems are second-to-none and boast incredible statistics in learning, graduation rates, and placement; the local schools demonstrate excellence in appreciation for the military, quality of education, and excellence in academia, athletics and the arts.
- Missouri is one of the most military-friendly states in the nation with state legislation allowing for the following: greater access to education and ease of transfer including leniency with kindergarten/first grade entry and waivers for state history credits in high school; spouses' interim professional licenses if they've had them in another state; continuing Missouri Military Family Relief Fund to assist National Guard and Reserve Families; unemployment for spouses who must leave their jobs to accompany military spouses on a military transfer; assisting veterans in educational pursuits through the Returning Heroes Education Act; and providing a graduated relief from state income tax on military retired pay.
- Fort Leonard Wood has an outstanding master plan for future facilities and is one of the few Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) installations without energy, environmental, water, space, or encroachment concerns.
- During 2011 visits from senior leaders including elected officials, Secretary of Defense, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Chief of Staff of the Army, staffers from U.S. Representatives House Armed Services Committee, and numerous other General and Flag Officers, a resounding and common feedback theme was Fort Leonard Wood's tremendous contributions and its capacity, infrastructure, and capabilities that would allow for even more growth.
- Over the past several months and years, the Army continues to consider Fort Leonard Wood for such growth.
- With everything Fort Leonard Wood has to offer – from its inter-service Chemical, Engineer, Military Police, and Truck Driver missions supporting national security....to its quality of and capacity in infrastructure, facilities, and land...to its inexpensive and military-friendly state and communities– it's not surprising that more and more service members, families and civilians are making Fort Leonard Wood their lifelong home. With these qualities, Fort Leonard Wood is postured to grow and prosper for years to come.