

## **Media Release**

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## Combatives tournament to be held on Fort Leonard Wood

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Soldiers from all units across post are eligible to compete May 3-5 in the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood Combatives Tournament.

Several preliminary bouts will take place before the final event is held at 1 p.m. May 5 at the Davidson Fitness Center. Soldiers who compete in the finals will be qualified to represent the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood at the All Army Combatives Tournament July 20-23, at Fort Hood, Texas.

The final fights are open to the public and all are encouraged to see these warriors compete for a place on the Fort Leonard Wood team.

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Media interested in attending this event need to contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573-563-4154.

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.