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## **USACBRN Commandant to step down**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo**. – A Relinquishment-of-commandancy ceremony is scheduled for the United States Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the MSCoE Plaza.

Col. Vance P. Visser is slated to relinquish command of the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School during this ceremony. COL Jeffrey Brodeur will be the acting Commandant until Sept. 7. COL (P) Peggy Combs will officially assume the commandancy in a ceremony currently scheduled for 10:30 a.m Sept. 7.

COL Visser will be going to Fort Eustis, VA after leaving here. His next position is going to be Chief Human Dimension Directorate. ARCIC.

COL(P) Combs is joining us from Fort Knox, KY where she currently serves as the Deputy Commanding General, US Army Cadet Command (ROTC).

"It has been a pleasure to serve as the Commandant of the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School for the last 2 years. My family and I will take many wonderful memories away with us as we depart", Visser said.

Col and Mrs. Visser will be officially recognized during an awards ceremony at 8:00 a.m. just prior to the official ceremony.

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Media interested in attending the ceremony should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145 no later than 4 p.m., Monday, August 20.

Possible Facebook Entry: Fort Leonard Wood to host US Army Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School relinquishment- of - commandancy ceremony 8:30 a.m., August 21.

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Visser Bio and Photo: Combs Bio and Photo:

## 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.