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Fort Leonard Wood Retire Days set for Sept. 7-8

Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood will host its 33rd Annual Retiree Appreciation Days Sept. 7-8. The purpose of the annual celebration is to provide social and informational events for members of the retired military community and their families.

The celebration starts at 8 a.m., Sept. 7, with a golf tournament and lunch at the Piney Valley Golf Course; followed by a tour of the installation which departs from Nutter Field House at 12:30 p.m.; and a Retirement Ceremony, honoring the Retiree of the Year, at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

The annual Retiree Dinner is scheduled to be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Pershing Community Center. This Retiree Dinner is sponsored by the Fort Leonard Wood Retiree Council and Retirement Services Office, providing a venue for guests to reminisce with friends and meet new members of the retired community. It is open to retired military personnel and their guests.

On Sept. 8, retiree registration for door prizes will be available beginning at 8 a.m. at Abrams Theater followed by the guest speaker's address at 9 a.m. This year's guest speaker is Robert Rice, Fort Leonard Wood Exchange general manager. A speaker from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, (DFAS), Retired and Annuity Pay Department is also scheduled to speak.

The Services and Health Fair Expo will begin at 10 a.m. at Nutter Field House with a variety of booths providing information for retirees and their families. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:15 a.m. at the Garrison Command dining facility; followed by the return to Nutter Field House for the door prize giveaways at 1:30 p.m.

To obtain detailed event and registration information, contact the Retirement Services Office at 596-0947.

Possible Facebook Entry: Fort Leonard Wood to host Retiree Appreciation Days Sept. 7 and 8. Come to reconnect and find out the latest information of interest to retired military members and their families.

Possible Tweet: Fort Leonard Wood hosts Retiree Appreciation Days Sept. 7 - 8. Reconnect; get the latest information available to retired military members.

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.