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Sergeant Major of the Army visits Fort Leonard Wood

The Army's top non-commissioned officer Sergeant Major of the Army, Raymond F. Chandler III, and his wife Jeanne, visited Fort Leonard Wood the past two days to learn more about post, and more importantly to spend time with Soldiers and their Families.

As Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Chandler serves as the Army Chief of Staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. He devotes the majority of his time to traveling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to Soldiers and their Families.

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#### *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.*

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While at the Lt. Joseph Terry Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Responder Facility Sgt. 1st Class Yvonne Smith, Incident Response Training instructor gave Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III a tour of a mock methamphetamine lab. Photo by Melissa Buckley, Guidon staff

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Michael Reed, Dismounted Reconnaissance Course instructor tells Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III about explosive component identification at the Lt. Joseph Terry Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Responder Facility. Photo by Melissa Buckley, Guidon staff

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Shawna Swanson, Balfour Beatty community manager gives Jeanne Chandler a tour of a junior enlisted home on Fort Leonard Wood. Photo by Melissa Buckley, Guidon staff