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Change of Command/Responsibility set for 4th MEB's top leaders

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – A change-of-command and change-of-responsibility ceremony are scheduled for the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, on Gammon Field.

Col. Frank Y. Rangel Jr. is slated to pass command of 4th MEB to Col. James Reckard.

Rangel is slated to become the Director of Protection for III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas and Reckard is coming to Fort Leonard Wood from the National War College in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Command Sgt. Maj. William Allen will pass responsibility for the brigade to Sgt. Maj. Frederico Boyce.

Allen will retire after 27 years of military service and Boyce is coming to Fort Leonard Wood from Fort Detrick, Md. where he served as the garrison Command Sgt. Maj.

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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, July 16.

Possible Facebook Entry: 4th MEB leadership to change during 10 a.m. ceremony, 18 July, on Gammon Field, Fort Leonard Wood.

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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.