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## Community expo encourages involvement, educates

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Army Community Service and the U.S. Army Volunteer Corps plan to sponsor the annual Fort Leonard Wood Community Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 3 in Nutter Field House.

The primary purpose of the Expo is to introduce incoming military personnel and families to the community resources that are available to them, said Rhonda Hutsell, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator.

More than 300 participants are expected to attend this year's event and 75 non-profit agencies are currently registered to exhibit.

The Expo is a one-stop opportunity for individuals to learn about the community and meet others who are active participants in the community. Potential volunteers are able to gather updated information, learn which organizations are accepting volunteers and how to register to become a volunteer.

Seeing families and individuals network and make new contacts to improve their current needs is her favorite part of the event, said Hutsell.

For vendors, the event allows not-for-profit agencies to promote their programs and recruit new volunteers.

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In addition to finding out that the Fort Leonard Wood community is really a unique place to live and visit, Hutsell said that most vendors will be providing a door prize to give away during the event which adds additional incentive to stop by.

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Recommended Facebook entry: Fort Leonard Wood's Community Expo is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 3 in Nutter Field House. Non-profit agencies exhibiting at the Expo will introduce incoming military personnel and families to the community resources that are available to them.

Recommended Tweet: Fort Leonard Wood's Community Expo is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 3 in Nutter Field House. Non-profit agencies exhibiting at the Expo will introduce incoming military personnel and families to the community resources that are available to them.

#### *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.*