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# Media Advisory

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## Fort Leonard Wood dedicates building in honor of Missouri's first female Soldier KIA due to hostile fire

**When:** Thursday July 26, from 2-3 p.m.

**What:** Training Support Center Memorial Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting

**Who:** The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE) and surrounding community

**Where:** Ceremony to be held at Building 12350 (Corner of FLW 1 and 28), Fort Leonard Wood from 2-3 p.m.

**Significance:** This dedication will honor the service of Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson through a formal unveiling of a memorial plaque in her name as well as the official ribbon cutting of the new facility. Sgt. Pinson was killed in Tikrit, Iraq on March 16, 2006 when a single mortar round

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exploded near the division headquarters. She is a native daughter of the State of Missouri and her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. In addition, she is the first female from the State of Missouri Killed in Action due to hostile fire. A tour of this facility and a reception will follow.

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Reporters interested in covering this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573-563-4145, no later than Jul 25.

*Possible Facebook entry: Fort Leonard Wood's Training Support Center's new facility dedicated in honor of Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson, first female from the State of Missouri Killed in Action due to hostile fire, during a ceremony to be held at 2 p.m. 26 July.*

*Possible tweet: FLW's Training Support Center dedicated in honor of Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson, MO's first female Soldier KIA due to hostile fire.*

#### *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*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.*