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Fun, safe, memorable Independence Day planned

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood and the Directorate of Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be hosting the annual Independence Day Celebration beginning at 3 p.m. July 4 on Gammon Field.

The installation will celebrate the 236th year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence with various games, activities and performances. Participants are encouraged to check out the great custom rides on display during the car show event from 3 to 6 p.m.

A Salute to the Union will begin at 7 p.m.; followed by the 90-minute Army Soldier Show at 7:30 p.m. Fort Leonard Wood Operation Rising Star winner Sgt. Jon Whittle, a member of the 94th Engineer Battalion, is scheduled to perform in this year's show.

The event will conclude with a fireworks display. Concessions will be available. Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted. No pets, coolers or personal fireworks will be allowed. For more information call 596-6913.

The event is free and open to the public.

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MWR Independence Day Celebration

July 4 Event Timeline

- 6 a.m. Stars & Stripes 10K run
- 8 a.m. Stars & Stripes 5K Run/Walk
- 9 a.m. Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament, Piney Valley Golf Course
- 3 to 6 p.m. Car Show at Gammon Field, judging begins at 5 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Games / Activities & Concessions open
- 3 to 4:30 p.m. Woodchucks 399th Army Band (Main Stage)
- 3 p.m. Horse Shoe Tournament
- 4:30 p.m. Watermelon eating contest
- 5 to 6:30 p.m. Watermelon seed spitting contest
- 3 to 9 p.m. Interactive Games and Rides
- 7 p.m. Salute to the Union / National Anthem
- 7:30 p.m. Soldier Show (Main Stage)
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks display

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Recommended Facebook entry: Celebrate Independence Day with games, activities, performances and evening fireworks display at Fort Leonard Wood beginning at 3 p.m. July 4 at Gammon Field. Family-friendly fun, free and open to the public.

Recommended Tweet: Celebrate Independence Day with games, activities, performances and evening fireworks display at Fort Leonard Wood beginning at 3 p.m. July 4 at Gammon Field. Family-friendly fun, free and open to the public.

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.