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Change of Command set for Garrison's top leader

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – A change-of-command ceremony is scheduled for the Fort Leonard Wood Garrison Command at 9 a.m. Friday, June 15, in Nutter Field House.

Col. Charles Williams is slated to pass command of the U.S. Army Garrison to Col. William Pfeffer

Williams is retiring in the local area and Pfeffer is coming to Fort Leonard Wood from Vicenza, Italy.

"It has been a pleasure to serve as the commander of the Garrison command, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, and to assist Maj. Gen. Yenter in the management and welfare of the Fort Leonard Wood community," Williams said.

Col Williams will be officially recognized during an awards ceremony at 8:30 a.m. just prior to the official Change –of-command.

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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., Thursday, June 14.

Photo enclosure:

Col. Charles Williams
Col. William Pfeffer

Possible Facebook Entry: Fort Leonard Wood to host US Army Garrison Commander Change- of - command ceremony 9 a.m., June 15, Nutter Field House . Col. Charles Williams is slated to pass command of the U.S. Army Garrison to Col. William Pfeffer

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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.