

## Media Release

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## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Observance and Luau to be held at Fort Leonard Wood

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – The Fort Leonard Wood Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Observance and Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 29 at the Pershing Community Center. The theme this year is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion." The guest speaker is slated to be Chaplain (Maj.-Retired) Mansueto T. Calasara Jr., also known as "Father James." The dance group Our Hula Ohana is scheduled to perform at the luncheon.

Tickets are \$10 and the event is open to the public. For more information, call the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Equal Opportunity Office at (573) 596-0601.

Media interested in covering this event should contact the FLW Public Affairs Office at 563-4145.

*Possible Facebook post for your use:* Come celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with Fort Leonard Wood May 29 during an observance and luncheon scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fort's Pershing Community Center. The event is slated to feature guest speaker Chaplain Mansueto Calasara Jr. and performances by the Our Hula Ohana. For more information, call (573) 596-0601

*Possible Tweet:* Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage @ Fort Leonard Wood May 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 573-596-0601 for info.

## 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.