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Fort welcomes new Command Team

STORY BY MELISSA BUCKLEY (LEONARD WOOD)

Under the attentive eye of hundreds of service members in formation on Gammon Field and guests, Brig. Gen. Kent Savre took command of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood from Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith April 7.

Savre's prior assignments include serving as the commander of the United States Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division, and as the director of the Office of the Chief of Engineers in the Pentagon. He has also served as the U.S. Forces-Iraq Theater Engineer Brigade commander in Iraq, commander of the 36th Engineer Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, and director of the Counter Explosive Hazards Center at Fort Leonard Wood.



**Brigadier General
 Kent Savre**
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Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward took possession of the noncommissioned officer's sword from Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy during the ceremony, signifying his assumption of responsibility as the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood command sergeant major. Ward is coming to Fort Leonard Wood from the Transatlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Winchester, Virginia. His previous assignments include first sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and command sergeant major of the 130th Engineer Brigade.



**Command Sergeant
 Major Roy Ward**
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PHOTO BY MELISSA BUCKLEY (LEONARD WOOD)

Brigadier General Kent Savre and Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward lead the color guard and subordinate unit colors during a joint change-of-command and assumption-of-responsibility ceremony on April 7 at Gammon Field.

Did you know?

A new Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention, also known as SHARP, application for mobile devices is now available to help troops. Information including directions to the nearest hospital, touch-dial reporting for agencies and command contacts are now at service members' fingertips. The free app was created on Google Play and is compatible with Android and iOS mobile operating systems. [FULL STORY](#)

Upcoming Events

July

10th: 3rd Chemical Brigade Change of Command at Gammon Field

30th: BG(P) Savre Promotion at the MSCoE Plaza

August

6th: COL(P) Raymer Promotion at the MSCoE Plaza

8th: United States Army Soldier Show at Abrams Theater

15th: Tops in Blue Show at Abrams Theater

21st: Military Police School Change of Commandancy at the MSCoE Plaza

25th: Community Information Forum at Pershing Community Center

September

4th-7th: Labor Day Holiday Weekend

4th-5th: Annual Retiree Appreciation Day and Health Fair Expo

18th: Air Force 67th Birthday

29th: Community Information Forum at Pershing Community Center

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SHARP seminar calls leaders to action

STORY BY MARTI YOSHIDA (LEONARD WOOD)

The Fort Leonard Wood SHARP Summit, hosted by the U.S. Army Military Police School April 29, was conducted to increase leader and Soldier knowledge and awareness on prevention techniques through lecture and panel discussions, update personnel on response capabilities, exchange lessons learned and best practices, and demonstrate the Army's commitment to prevent sexual assault.



PHOTO BY MARTI YOSHIDA (LEONARD WOOD)

Meghan Tokash, Military Sexual Assault Prosecution expert, attorney-adviser, speaks to attendees on sexual assault prevention.

“Some of you may be asking, ‘Why are we going through another SHARP summit? I’ve already done my online training, I was at a summit last fall, I’ve got this,’” said Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, who opened the summit. Savre said sexual harassment and assault situations break down trust, which impacts mission, people and teams.

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200 job offers at summit

STORY BY MARTI YOSHIDA (LEONARD WOOD)

More than 200 transitioning Soldiers now have solid civilian job offers following a hiring fair, which capped off the Soldier for Life — Transition Assistance Program Summit May 5 and 6, an event held as part of the Army's new model to ensure Soldiers, retired Soldiers, veterans and Families leave military service “career ready.”

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PHOTO BY MARTI YOSHIDA (LEONARD WOOD)

Hundreds of job seekers take part in the hiring fair May 6 in Nutter Field House.

Full scale exercise tests response

STORY BY MELISSA BUCKLEY (FORT LEONARD WOOD)

Fort Leonard Wood was put to the test when a simulated twister hit May 19, causing warning sirens which signaled the beginning of a full-scale exercise. The purpose of the three-day exercise was to rehearse response actions and crisis management following a disaster or event.

“It is so important to train as we will respond and recover for real natural disasters in order to save lives, reduce human suffering and restore quality of life back to pre-event conditions. It takes a team-of-teams, to include our supportive community, to accomplish these imperatives,” said Col. Andy Herbst, Fort Leonard Wood Garrison commander.

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PHOTO BY MIKE CURTIS (LEONARD WOOD)

Members of the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department render aid to simulated victims.

SOMO athletes front and center

STORY BY MATT DECKER (LEONARD WOOD)

Nearly 1,800 athletes throughout the “Show Me” State filled Daugherty Bowling Alley and Davidson Fitness Center March 27-29, as Fort Leonard Wood hosted major portions of the 2015 Special Olympics Missouri State Indoor Games. “There’s just something different about having a competition on post,” said Brandon Schatsiek, Public Relations coordinator with Special Olympics Missouri. “When you have the support from Fort Leonard Wood and from the Soldiers and Marines as a source of volunteers, the athletes love it. I don’t know how else to put it other than the athletes love being here, seeing everybody in their uniforms, getting a hug from them. It kind of takes the competition to another level - it really does.”



PHOTO BY DAWN ARDEN (LEONARD WOOD)

Joshua Smith, from Schulyer County, MO., lights the torch to help open the 2015 SOMO State Indoor Games on March 27 at Gammon Field.

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Fun Fact:

Fort Leonard Wood is now among 25 Army installations to receive StormReady certification through the National Weather Service. StormReady is a nationwide program to help communities, universities and installations better protect their citizens, students, Soldiers, Families and workforce during severe weather incidents.

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Dragon Soldiers celebrate

STORY BY KYRENE RESEL (LEONARD WOOD)



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The rising sun greets several participants of the regimetal run.

Fame/Distinguished Member of the Corps Induction ceremony, "Honor to Our Fallen" Sunrise Service and the Green Dragon Ball.

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The Chemical Corps Regiment celebrated their 97th anniversary with a full lineup of regimetal week events beginning June 20. Activities for the week included a regimetal run, state-of-the-regiment and cake-cutting ceremony, Sibert Award presentation, Hall of

4th MEB cases colors, inactivates

STORY BY STAFF SERGEANT MARK PATTON (LEONARD WOOD)



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The teal and gold colors of the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade graced Fort Leonard Wood one last time, before being cased June 17 at a ceremony on the rain-soaked grounds of Gammon Field.

Leaders, Soldiers and guests looked on as the 399th Army Band belted out traditional military music and the 1st Infantry Division's commanding general's Mounted Color Guard made the trip from Fort Riley, Kansas, to join the 4th MEB troops and military working dogs in formation.

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Left: The 4th MEB command team, Col. Andy Munera, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Stanley case the colors.

Engineers Plan for 2025 and beyond

STORY BY MARTI YOSHIDA (LEONARD WOOD)

The U.S. Army Engineer School wrapped up Engineer Regimental week on April 24th, setting the course for 2025 and beyond. This year's theme, "Shaping Engineers to Win in a Complex World," included the Army Engineer Association's Industry Days vendor exhibition, a spouses event, the Senior Engineer Leadership Council and regimetal ball.

The Army Engineer Association's Industry Days vendor exhibition kicked off April 21 and 22 at Nutter Field House with 55 vendors participating.

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PHOTO BY MARTI YOSHIDA (LEONARD WOOD)

Engineer Regiment members pay tribute to fallen Sappers during a memorial April 23.

U.S. Army Engineer School welcomes new Command Team

STORY BY MIKE BOWERS (LEONARD WOOD)

The U.S. Army Engineer School's 96th commandant comes to Fort Leonard Wood from the Pentagon where he was director, Office of the Chief of Engineers. Col. James Raymer replaced Brig. Gen. Anthony Funkhouser as the Chief of Engineers at a change-of-command ceremony held June 19 in Nutter Field House. Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Houston assumed responsibility as the top enlisted leader for the U.S. Army Engineer School during the same ceremony, and is a former drill sergeant on post. He also served in Southeastern Europe with Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general. Houston was most recently the command sergeant major for the 2nd Engineer Brigade and deployed to Afghanistan.



PHOTO BY MIKE CURTIS (LEONARD WOOD)

Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Houston accepts responsibility.

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PHOTO BY MIKE CURTIS (LEONARD WOOD)

Col. James Raymer accepts command responsibilities from Brig. Gen. Kent Savre.

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Best Sapper, 2015

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MELISSA BUCKLEY (LEONARD WOOD)

A pair of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Soldiers emerged victorious from Fort Leonard Wood's grueling 2015 Best Sapper competition — Sgt. Brandon Loeder and 1st Lt. Daniel Foky, Company B, 127th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

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1st Lt. John Kuderka and 1st Lt. Rudy Chelednik aim their platter charge at their target.



1st Lt. Daniel Foky breaches during the Stress Shoot event.



Sgt. Clint Currier and Capt. Gregory Shepard complete an improvised-raft water crossing.

Fort Leonard Wood celebrates Army 240th Birthday

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To kick off the 240th Army Birthday celebration, thousands of Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers, representing today's current force, participated in a division-style run beginning at 5:30 a.m. at Gammon Field.

"There's nothing that represents Army tradition like the cadence call-and-response of Soldiers running through the cantonment area at sunrise. It's very motivating," said Sergeant Major Richard Prater, MSCoE G3/5/7 Sergeant Major.

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Brigadier General Kent Savre, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, leads the Army Birthday run on June 12, 2015.

Kids get fit during 'Play 60'



PHOTO BY STEVE STANDFIRD (LEONARD WOOD)

Fort Leonard Wood hosted the St. Louis Rams' Play 60 event on June 6 at Gerlach Field. Nearly 50 kids participated in events such as football toss, inflatable obstacle course, a 40-yard dash, and more.

Quartet wins prestigious U.S. Army Music Award

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The 399th Army Band's Icarus Saxophone Quartet, founded in January of this year, dazzled on the road to winning the 2015 Music Performance Team of the Year.

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Fox Sports Midwest "This One's For You" Broadcast on May 29



PHOTO BY SHATARA SEYMOUR (LEONARD WOOD)

Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers rally during the FOX Sports Midwest "This One's For You" live telecast during their pre-game and for the St. Louis Cardinals' game against the L.A. Dodgers.



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Pat Parris, FOX Sports Midwest personality, interviews Brig. Gen. Kent Savre and Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward.

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Spc. Rebecca Baker, wearing Revolutionary War garb, leads the Fort Leonard Wood joint services color guard.