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New record set: 155,975 personnel train at McCoy during fiscal year 2017

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A record 155,975 personnel trained at Fort McCoy in fiscal year (FY) 2017 — up more than 18,000 from FY 2016.

The previous record number of people to train at the installation was 155,237 people during FY 2015. The first time more than 100,000 people trained on post during a fiscal year (October to September) was FY 1985.

"We're seeing our numbers increase partly because of our investment in improving our range complex over the last decade, and the efforts we've made to advertise our capacity and capability for training is paying dividends," said Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Director Brad Stewart.

"Through the investment that the Fort McCoy team has made through strategic planning and taking care of our customers, we continue to see how that investment brings more units to train here as well as more of the large exercises."

Training statistics reflect many types of training opportunities that take place at the installation by active- and reserve-component forces and other governmental agencies, said DPTMS Training Division Chief Ed Carns.

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An instructor and a student with the Regional Training Site-Maintenance Tracked-Vehicle Recovery Course drive an M88A1 Medium-Tracked Recovery Vehicle on a driving course on North Post as part of course training Oct. 20 at Fort McCoy.

Battle-drill, institutional training part of busy fall schedule at installation

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Training activity at Fort McCoy in late October and into November includes a healthy dose of battle-drill training as well as institutional training.

Throughout October, battle-drill and weekend training has included numerous National Guard and Army Reserve units completing Army Warrior Tasks and weapons training.

"It's a new fiscal year and a great opportunity for these units to get some of their weapons

training and other training done," said Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Training Coordination Branch Chief Craig Meeusen. "This also is a good time of year for many units to have good access to the ranges they need for their training."

Between October and November, the number of Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers completing training is in the thousands and include field artillery, engineer, infantry, and military police units, Meeusen said.

For many tenant training organizations at Fort McCoy, the new fiscal year also means the start of a new

school year.

At the Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy, new sessions of the Battle Staff NCO Course and Basic Leader Course started and continue into November. At Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance, several courses started in early October and others take place in November, including courses supporting the 91B and 91J military occupational specialties (MOS).

"October is still a great time of year to begin courses because you still have pretty good weather

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An aircrew with the Illinois Air National Guard's 182nd Airlift Wing at Peoria operates a C-130 Hercules at Young Air Assault Strip on July 18 on South Post during the Patriot North 2017 Exercise at Fort McCoy.

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Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. provides closing remarks during the Garrison-Tenant Staff Meeting on Oct. 12 in building 905 at Fort McCoy.

Garrison-Tenant Staff Meeting brings ideas together at Fort McCoy

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Representatives of Fort McCoy garrison staff and tenant organizations met Oct. 12 in building 905 for a biannual meeting.

The Garrison-Tenant Staff Meeting is an important opportunity for all who attend, said Fort McCoy Garrison Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Jared T. Corsi.

"This is an opportunity for open dialogue and discussion between the garrison staff and our tenant (organization) partners," Corsi said during the meeting.

The meeting includes a round-robin format where garrison staff representatives are assigned a place at a table and representatives from tenant organizations move from table to table to meet individually with garrison representatives.

The meeting also highlighted news from various directorates, including:

- Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Director Brad Stewart highlighted the installation's fiscal year 2017 training numbers reaching a new record of

155,975 people who trained on post.

He noted that fiscal year 2018 also will be a busy year with 13 exercises planned along with six Cold-Weather Operations Course sessions to be taught by DPTMS personnel over the winter months. "Slots for the Cold-Weather Operations Course are rapidly filling up and more units are interested in this training," Stewart said.

- Directorate of Public Works Director Liane Haun said the next Fort McCoy Real Property Planning Board will be held Dec. 13, and she encouraged as many people to participate in order to receive information related to recently completed and upcoming construction projects across the installation. She also said that since it's getting closer to the winter season, people should be aware of operating safely in snow and remember cold-weather safety to prevent slips, trips, and falls.

- Directorate of Emergency Services Physical Security Chief Mark Reaves gave an update on the ongoing firearms registration process at the installation. He said approximately 150 people have registered so far, and more registration forms arrive daily.

"People who have completed the new firearms registration

forms can drop them off at (Visitor Control) in building 35 or at the police station (building 1681)," Reaves said.

"Anyone with more questions should call 608-388-2266 and ask for the Physical Security Office. Our people are ready to help."

- A representative with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation said the Fort McCoy annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held Dec. 7 at McCoy's Community Center and that activities for the community will be ongoing continuously through the winter.

At the end of the meeting, Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. said the meeting was another great opportunity for the sharing of ideas between members of "entire Fort McCoy team."

"This has been another meeting that has paid great dividends," Pinter said. "I think everyone had a great exchange of information."

The next Garrison-Tenant Staff Meeting is planned for April 2018.

For more information about the meeting, call the Garrison Command Group at 608-388-3545.

Instructor training week

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Shearer (right) with the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment conducts a ranks inspection with fellow instructors Oct. 17 as part of an instructor training week at the battalion at Fort McCoy.

The 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment held the instructor training from Oct. 16-20 to prepare course material and instructors for upcoming courses.

The unit provides training and training support to Soldiers in the ordnance maintenance military occupational specialty series. The unit, aligned under the 3rd Brigade, 94th Division of the 80th Training Command, has been at Fort McCoy since about 1995.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Doug Dobitz



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■ TRAINING

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where we can go out and complete that outdoor training," said CW4 James Clark with RTS-Maintenance.

Col. Clifford D. Gehrke, site director for RTS-Medical, said they are planning some special training in November.

"(RTS-Medical) is conducting a new pilot course Nov. 16-17," Gehrke said. "This course was designed by our staff to provide instruction to newly assigned combat support hospital and field hospital commanders."

At the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment (13th, 100th), an Advanced Leader Course (ALC) and Senior Leader Course (SLC) are taking place from October to November for Soldiers in the 89B military occupa-

tional specialty as well as a course for the 89A MOS.

"We'll be active with these courses well into November, then we'll take a break in December, and then have more courses starting up in early January," said Sgt. 1st Class Doug Dobitz, course manager for the 13th, 100th.

Fiscal year 2018 starts the second year with the 13th, 100th's expanded curriculum with the ALC and SLC sessions.

"The training went well last year and we look for continued success," Dobitz said.

Training sessions also will continue at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy, Wisconsin Military Academy, and the Wisconsin Challenge Academy.



Soldiers drive military vehicles in a convoy on Highway 21 en route to training Oct. 11 at Fort McCoy.

■ RECORD

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DPTMS personnel document the training statistics each month of the fiscal year, Carns said. This involves combining numbers of the entire training population, which encompasses reserve- and active-component military forces as well as other training agencies, such as law-enforcement agencies or the Wisconsin Challenge Academy.

The FY 2017 training statistics were split between extended combat training (ECT) and battle drills.

The ECT total for the fiscal year was 102,183, which includes institutional, civilian, and law-enforcement training and major exercises.

The battle drill (weekend training) total for FY 2017 was 53,792.

Contributing to the ECT statistics were the many exercises that took place throughout the fiscal year, such as the Warrior Exercise, Combat Support Training Exercise, Operation Cold Steel, Red Dragon, Global Medic, and more.

Also contributing to the training increase was the start of the DPTMS Cold-Weather Operations Course, which began in January. Stewart said the course, which fully prepared dozens of service members to operate in winter conditions, is helping bring more units to train at Fort McCoy during the upcoming winter.

"Fort McCoy is having a direct impact by helping (troops) train in a four-season climate," Stewart said. "Fort McCoy is truly becoming the year-round Total Force Training Center."

Training throughout the fiscal year also didn't focus solely on the Army. Plenty of Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and international service members trained at Fort McCoy, as well.

For example, more than 1,000 Marines trained at Fort McCoy throughout the year as well as hundreds of Airmen and Sailors.

Stewart added that the Fort McCoy Training Coordination Working Group, spearheaded by the DPTMS Training Division, has been a critical component to the success of training support on post. The working group not only includes garrison personnel, but also partners from installation tenant organizations, such as the 86th Training Division, 181st Multifunctional Training Brigade, Logistics Readiness Center, Network Enterprise Center, Mission Installation Contracting Command-McCoy, and 88th Regional Support Command.

"This training support system enterprise that we have at Fort McCoy comes together every year to work this training synchronization in a superb manner," Stewart said. "Everyone involved in this enterprise across the installation should be proud of the work that's been done."

Another force behind Fort McCoy's training success is many appreciative customers, such as 644th Regional Support Group Commander Col. Dominic Wibe of Fort Snelling, Minn.

"I've traveled to a lot of places, and Fort McCoy's range complex is great," Wibe said when his unit trained on post in March. "We've also had great support from the full-time staff here. We will come here (several) times a year, and the support is always great."

Stewart said the annual training numbers will likely continue to grow in the future.

"Having 175,000 (people) train here in a year is still a goal," he said.



Staff Sgt. Timothy Moree with Detachment 2, Garrison Center Training Command of Paris, Texas; Sgt. Ryan Johnson with the 652nd Multi-Role Bridge Company of Guthrie, Minn.; and Sgt. Kyle Harpster with the 267th Maintenance Company of Lincoln, Neb., work on a transmission for a 130G Grader during training in the Construction Equipment Repairer Advanced Leader Course on May 10 at the Regional Training Site-Maintenance facility at Fort McCoy.

NEWS

Quarterly council meeting focuses on driving safety

STORY & PHOTO BY AIMEE MALONE
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Seasonal driving hazards were the focus of the Oct. 17 Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council meeting.

One of the biggest fall driving hazards is deer crossing the road, said Safety Specialist Don Vender with the Installation Safety Office.

October through December is the breeding season and has the highest concentration of deer vs. vehicle accidents.

"The bucks kind of go crazy this time of year," Vender said. "They will walk out in front of you in a heartbeat. They don't care about anything but trying to get that doe on the other side of the road."

Slowing down makes it more likely a driver will notice a deer before it's too late. Flashing the lights and tapping the horn can scare off a deer that's stopped in the roadway. Also, deer are pack animals that rarely travel alone. If one steps into the road, there are usually more behind.

Unless you're driving a motorcycle, it's usually better to hit a deer that jumps out in front of your vehicle than to try to swerve to avoid it. When people try to avoid the deer, they can hit another vehicle; roll a vehicle; or hit something even harder, like a tree, Vender said.

Colder weather will soon follow fall, bringing new hazards to the roadways.

Vender recommended that everyone prepare their vehicles for winter before the cold weather begins. It's important to check antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and tire tread and pressure. Tires lose pressure as the air gets colder. Even if a vehicle has sensors, it's still good to check the pressure manually.

Vender also recommended putting a survival



Safety Specialist Don Vender talks to Fort McCoy employees Oct. 17 at the quarterly Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council in building 905.

kit in every vehicle and thinking about what might be needed before setting out on any trip, long or short.

"Do I have enough gas in the car? Do I have lights? Do I have water? Do I have snacks in the back?" he asked. "Remember a few years

back, up in Buffalo, they were stranded on the interstate for days."

Sgt. Tony Green with the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy shared some tips for driving safely during wintry weather.

"No. 1: You have to slow down," Green

said. He said he's often passed by drivers during the winter, and he'll see them in the ditch or median a little way down the road. While sometimes accidents are unavoidable in bad weather, people have a better chance of correcting or avoiding injury if they slow down. Drivers need to judge their speed based on road conditions and not speed limits, Green said.

Lighter vehicles can have a hard time correcting if they go off course, he said. "A great investment (is) a sand bag," Green said. "With (most) cars being front-wheel drive now, the weight is in the front, and ... you lose control in the back."

Balancing the weight can help keep a vehicle from spinning out of control, and the sand can be used for traction if a driver ends up stopped on the road.

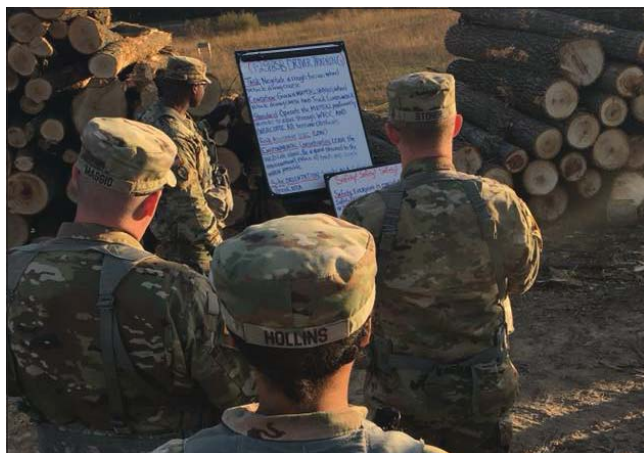
Green also said that softer tires, while they don't last as long, are often better at dealing with snow. Lower-mileage tires are usually softer and have more grip than their longer-wearing, harder counterparts.

The meeting also covered perennial safety topics such as dealing with unexploded ordnance and pedestrian safety.

Vender said the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC) is launching a new year-round campaign to replace its older seasonal campaigns: "Your Life, Our Loss."

"When a Soldier dies in a preventable accident, it has a detrimental effect on the unit morale and welfare," states the campaign's website, <https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/SeasonalSafetyCampaigns/AllSeasons.aspx>. "That Soldier's absence, however, extends far beyond the Army because often they also leave behind heartbroken family, friends, and colleagues."

More safety information is available at the USACRC website and through the Installation Safety Office. Call 608-388-3403.



OC/T training day

(Left) Soldiers who are observer-coach/trainers with the 1st Battalion, 291st Brigade Support Battalion of the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade conduct training Oct. 18 at the Vehicle Recovery Site on North Post at Fort McCoy.

(Right) Soldiers with the battalion complete training on one of Fort McCoy's simulation training systems.

The Soldiers with the "Shadow Battalion" conducted weapons qualification, day and night check rides, and other training.

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Fort McCoy community gathers for 2017 Safety Day

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Nearly 200 people from the Fort McCoy community gathered Oct. 11 for a Safety Day event.

The event, coordinated by the Installation Safety Office (ISO) and Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Fire Department, offered a variety of indoor and outdoor displays and activities for guests. Areas covered included ergonomics for the office, internet safety, fire safety and prevention, personal-protective equipment, traffic and highway safety, hunting safety, effects of drug and alcohol abuse, sexual assault and harassment prevention, wood-cutting safety, and information about worker's compensation from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

"I think everyone enjoyed what we had on hand for presentation," said ISO Manager Randy Eddy. "People were flowing through steadily and were treated to displays that were about things that affect their everyday lives."

New to this year's event was the display areas for internet safety, led by a local cellular service provider, and hunting safety with a local business that showed how to properly set up a tree stand and how archery hunters can use a harness while in a tree stand.

"We also had our installation forester, James Kerkman, there to show people about the right kinds of safety equipment to use when cutting firewood with a chainsaw," Eddy said. "All these things aided in our presentation to bring safety to the forefront to the Fort McCoy community."

Eventgoers were eligible for a discounted meal ticket, thanks to the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, to use at Primo's Express in the center. At least 100 people took advantage of the offer, Eddy said.

Outdoor displays included vehicles from the DES Fire Department, a MedEvac helicopter from Gunderson Health System, a safety harness display from Mine Safety Appliances Inc., and the Operation Life Saver railroad-safety display.

"We are always working to promote the safety culture throughout the installation," Eddy said. "With an event like this, it provides our community with a firsthand understanding of how safety affects our every-day lives. It gives people something to think about and again helps bring safety to the forefront of their minds."

Eddy said that while Safety Day is held once a year, "we should be thinking about safety in everything we do every day."

The ISO, located in building 1678, has information available and can help with safety presentations. For more information, call the ISO at 608-388-3403.

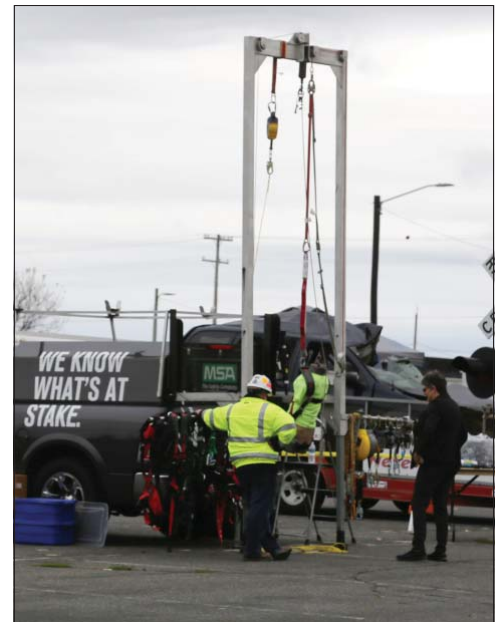
For more information Army safety, visit the Army Combat Readiness Center's webpage at <https://safety.army.mil>.



Fort McCoy community members check out displays at McCoy's Community Center on Oct. 11 during the installation's Safety Day event.



A MedEvac helicopter from Gunderson Health System lands just outside McCoy's Community Center on Oct. 11. The helicopter and staff were on hand for anyone who had questions or wanted to see the helicopter.



A Safety Day visitor looks over the harness safety display by Mine Safety Appliances Inc.

FEATURE

This month in Fort McCoy history

75 years ago — Oct. 10, 1942

Area Boy Scouts visited Camp McCoy to help collect scrap metal from the artillery range. The Boy Scouts and Soldiers collected more than 10 tons of lead, brass, copper, iron, and steel. The salvaged metal was recycled for the war effort. Afterward, the Boy Scouts watched a formal military review of the 301st Ordnance Regiment.

30 years ago — October 1987

Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort McCoy, implemented a new training program designed for Soldiers who failed the Army Physical Fitness Test, or APFT. The program, which ran three days per week, varied workout sessions to keep Soldiers from becoming bored and giving up. The program was required for Soldiers who failed the APFT but was open to any other military members or civilians who wanted to join.

25 years ago — Oct. 8, 1992

Twelve M1 Improved Product tanks were delivered to Fort McCoy on Oct. 8 for use by the 84th Training Division. An additional seven tanks were scheduled to be delivered by rail shipment during the last two weeks of October. The M1 series of tank was approximately 12 years old at the time and replaced the then-25-year-old M60 series.

10 years ago — Oct. 7, 2007

Fort McCoy's Army Ten-Miler Team placed first in the Reserve Women's Division during the Oct. 7 race in Washington, D.C. The four team members practiced together six days a week for 15 weeks leading up to the race and averaged 7:30 per mile during the race.

(Article compiled by Public Affairs staff from *The Real McCoy* and Triad archives.)



Soldiers participate in the first class of the C.W. Radio School on Oct. 24, 1950, at then-Camp McCoy. Standing is Pfc. D.H. Oatlund, who served as the instructor for the class.

File photo

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT

Sandstone abrader

Archaeology work has been ongoing at Fort McCoy for more than 30 years.

One of the unique artifacts found in that process includes a sandstone abrader.

The artifact was recovered from one of the pre-contact archaeological sites at the installation.

Abraders are used for grinding, shaping, polishing, smoothing, and sharpening materials such as stone, bone, antler, and wood.

They are made of granular, coarse or rough-to-the-touch stones that serve well as abrasive materials. Sandstone is the most common material used to make an abrader.

Abraders are typically identified by the appearance of abrasion marks or worn grooves.

One specific example of an abrader's function was to smooth the shaft of an arrow by placing the shaft between two pieces of sandstone, also known as bar abraders.

This type of usage would be marked by a shallow U-shaped groove running lengthwise along the tool.

Another use of an abrader was to sharpen a stone tool, which would leave a V-shaped groove on the abrader.

The grooves are usually shorter in length and display greater variation in width and depth. Abraders were also used to smooth and polish a celt (an axe or wood-working tool).

Visitors and employees are reminded they should not collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals.

Anyone who excavates, removes, damages, or otherwise alters or defaces any historic or prehistoric site, artifact, or object of antiquity on Fort McCoy is in violation of federal law.

The discovery of any archaeological artifact should be reported to the Directorate of Public Works Natural Resource Branch at 608-388-4793.

(Article prepared by the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands and Directorate of Public Works Natural Resources Branch.)



Photo by Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands

Pictured is a pre-contact sandstone abrader, used by Native Americans hundreds of years ago, that was found at Fort McCoy.

FEATURE

Special duty: Comptrollers hone skills at annual conference

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Every year, the American Society of Military Comptrollers puts on the National Professional Development Institute. And every year, Fort McCoy sends one or two comptrollers from the Resource Management Office.

In 2017, Budget Analyst Brenda Cafferty and Budget Technician Karen Hanratty were selected to attend, and both agreed the May conference in San Diego was a valuable experience.

According to the American Society of Military Comptrollers' website, www.asmconline.org, the National Professional Development Institute is "the premier training event for resource/financial managers in the Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Coast Guard, and public and private sectors."

This three-day training event features a full day of service and defense agency workshops; six general sessions with keynote speakers; 17 mini-courses aligned to the DOD Financial Management Certification Program competencies and associated proficiency levels; more than 50 financial management, audit, acquisition, and workforce management workshops; and other special activities.

More than 4,100 DOD comptrollers attended the 2017 conference. About 1,500 were from the Army, and more than 40 were from Installation Management Command positions.

Audit readiness was the focus of the 2017 conference. While the Army and other Defense agencies have always been audited, a new auditing system is going into effect in fiscal year 2018 for the Army.

Cafferty and Hanratty said Fort McCoy tries to send different people to the conference each year so everyone has a chance to take advantage of the networking and educational opportunities.

The event offers a great chance to meet people throughout the DOD.

"The first day you do breakouts into your service — Army, Navy, Coast Guard — you do your breakout for your specific branch," Cafferty said. "The other days were courses that you can choose."

The available courses covered a variety of topics. While many of them focused specifically on financial management, classes on leadership, professional development, and technical skills were also available.

"I took more of the professional development courses," Hanratty said. "They didn't have a whole lot of classes (this year) for financial management on level one, which was the certification I needed." She opted for classes that focused on budgeting.

Cafferty said she was working on her level two financial management certification, so she focused mostly on those courses, knocking out some of the continuing education credits required for her position.

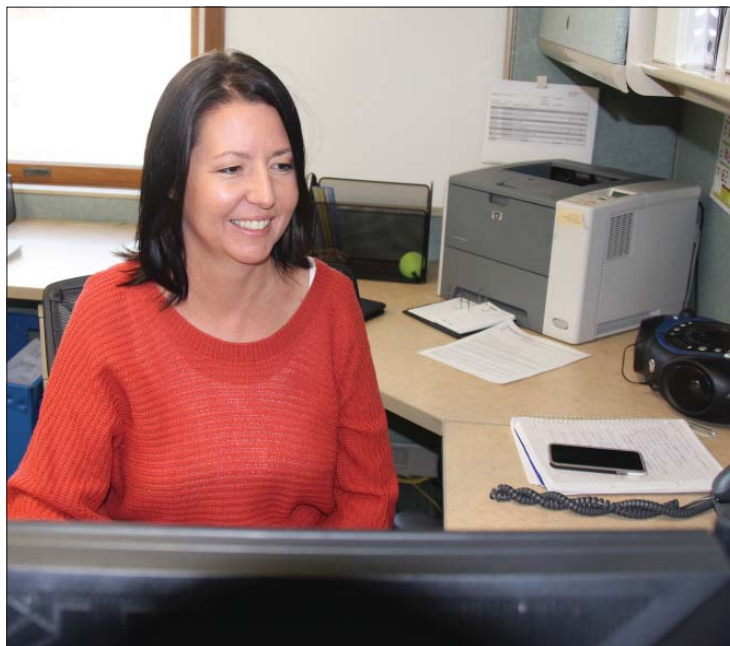
"I thought they offer a wide variety — whether you're new to your position or you've been in your position 25 years, they gave a wide variety of courses we could take," Cafferty said.

Opportunities to learn extended beyond the scheduled courses.

"During our lunches, they had people come in and give speeches," she said. She said she really enjoyed the last day's presenter, who was an inspirational speaker.

Cafferty said she also enjoyed seeing the exhibitor booths that were set up throughout the conference. The displays covered topics like federal benefits, educational programs, and businesses offering services related to financial management.

Hanratty said the exhibitors kept track of who visited their booths and have used the information to connect with conference attendees since then.



Budget Technician Karen Hanratty with the Resource Management Office works on a project Oct. 19 in building 1913 at Fort McCoy.

"DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Service) reached out to us, and they want to keep that communication open," she said. "Clearly what we do is going to route through DFAS." It gave them the opportunity to get a direct point of contact if help is needed with a DFAS system.

Networking was one of the biggest benefits of the conference, both Hanratty and Cafferty said.

"You meet people from all branches of service, you get ideas, (and) you have instructors from all over the world," Cafferty said.

Hanratty said she really enjoyed the chance to speak with other finance professionals and learn what sort of situations they deal with. She said it gave her a better idea of how her work and Fort McCoy fit into "the big picture."

Resource Management Officer Maureen Richardson said she thinks the conference and training are very valuable to Fort McCoy and is committed to seeking it for the Resource Management Office staff every year.

"I consider the RMO a learning organization, and what the people learn, they bring back and share with the entire office. They come back to Fort McCoy with a broader perspective," Richardson said.

"The training provides each participant with a 'big picture view' of resource management across all segments of government," she said.

It also allows RMO staff to earn credits toward their Financial Management certification, which is required by the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act.

For more information about the American Society of Military Comptrollers and the National Professional Development Institute, visit www.asmconline.org. For more information about the Resource Management Office, call 608-388-3808.



Budget Analyst Brenda Cafferty with the Resource Management Office works at her desk Oct. 19 in building 1913.

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FEATURE

DFMWR: Supporting troops, taking care of Family

BY AIMEE MALONE
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A lot of pieces go into supporting Fort McCoy's busy summer training season and the accompanying exercises, as well as training throughout the year.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) does its part, too, working to keep service members' morale high by providing opportunities for good food and fun.

"The key components for MWR's involvement is at the tail end of the exercise when (service members) have recreation time," said DFMWR Director Patric McGuane. "We're the fun part, the slice of home, where they get some different kinds of meals and get off the MREs."

McGuane said they try to plan activities based on when the Soldiers are likely to have a chance to attend them.

"We tried a couple of new things this year," he said. "We started trivia at McCoy's on Mondays, which was really popular in August. We had a beer expo that was fantastic. We had 60-some troops come out and take part in that."

One of the biggest events of the summer is the annual Army Concert.

The genre varies from year to year, but it always features world-famous musical talent. While a lot of factors go into deciding the date

of the concert, including the artist's schedule, McGuane said Fort McCoy always selects dates when a high volume of troops are scheduled to be on post.

DFMWR staff members also plan more food specials for the summer months, and McGuane said they're working on expanding their souvenir options for Soldiers to take home something for themselves or their loved ones. McCoy's Community Center also offers WiFi, a lending library, video game and movie rentals, and bowling.

"We're always looking for something to entertain them while we have them here in our facilities," he said.

"We want to make sure that once your training's done, you actually liked being here, too. It wasn't just getting your work done, but you were treated pretty well once you got done with work, too."

Another big component of DFMWR's work during the summer season is distributing unit funds to troops training at Fort McCoy. These funds help units plan recreational events for their Soldiers, promoting teambuilding and allowing them to wind down after training.

"While (the units) are here for AT (annual training), they can come and get \$1 per Soldier to help support any morale, welfare, and recreation event they have," said Christy Stelzner, administrative assistant with DFMWR.

On average, DFMWR provides about



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Personnel with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation serve Fort McCoy community members a meal during the annual Army Birthday Celebration on June 14 at McCoy's Community Center.

\$11,000 per year to Soldiers training at Fort McCoy for morale events.

"Any unit that's here for annual training is authorized those funds," Stelzner said. "It's not there to cover the whole event, but it helps offset the cost."

The DFMWR team has put together packages to offer easy options to units, such as pizza or bowling parties at McCoy's Community Center. Barbecues are also popular options, and DFMWR rents both pavilions and grills to interested units.

A lot of units will rent a pavilion at Pine View Campground and take advantage of the recreation areas for their events.

"Christy and Kaleen do a very good job of recommending to them where to go or what to do and the points of contact for all the activities," said Mark Siple, chief of Management Support Services.

"It's always fun to hand out money," Stelzner said.

Siple said that the sooner a unit contacts DFMWR upon arrival, the easier it is to get the funds and help plan events.

"If they know in advance to check in right away, then they can get the paperwork right away to fill out, and then they get our packages right away so they have a few days to coordinate," Siple said.

Talking to the unit funds team early on also helps DFMWR staff prepare, making it more likely for a unit to get what it wants.

"(McCoy's) doesn't always have food for 300, and maybe you can't do three events (in one day)," Siple said. But if staff members have a week to plan, they can order extra food and

schedule staff to handle the extra numbers.

Getting the right number of staff for summer activities and business levels is a challenge throughout DFMWR, McGuane said.

"The planning part of that is huge for us because it's about getting the staffing right. Obviously, none of this stuff happens unless you have the right number of people," he said. "And so the recruiting for us starts back in the winter when we're trying to get into job fairs and bring people in and make sure that we're ready for the (summer) surge. ... You'll notice the lines are long, but we move through them pretty quickly at all of our facilities."

"It's the same at the fitness center. You have to make sure you have enough people to do classes and take care of the equipment and teach people to train on them properly," McGuane said.

The Child and Youth Services' School-Age Center/Youth Center's summer camp program also accommodates higher numbers because of the training surge.

While most of the youth who attend the camp are Family members of Soldiers permanently stationed at Fort McCoy, some have parents stationed at Fort McCoy for long-term temporary duty assignments.

McGuane said the DFMWR team keeps extremely busy throughout the summer, but they're very proud of their work.

"We have a very motivated team," McGuane said.

"They're tired, but they're very happy and it was a really good summer."

For more information about DFMWR events and services, call 608-388-7400.



Photo by Lorie Retzlaff

Fort McCoy community members participate in the 'Build a Bird Feeder' workshop Sept. 30 at the Army Community Service Family Building. Events such as this workshop are designed so entire Families can participate. Army Community Service is part of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

SPORTS

McCoy Ten-Miler coach: 'It started with a vision and a plan for success'

BY LT. COL. MARK WOOMMAVOVAH
181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade,
and Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler coach

During the 2017 Army Ten-Miler competition Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C., the Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team earned a second place finish in the Reserve Mixed Category.

Team Fort McCoy didn't achieve its success by accident. We, as a team, achieved success through dedication, hard work, and having a common goal.

It started with a vision and a plan for success. We selected our team based on time trials, past performance, and potential future performance. Once the team was selected and established, we had a plan and way to employ our plan based on dedication and hard work.

Rumpel Fitness Center was our training headquarters when we started. We divided our training plan into three phases — the base phase, preparation phase, and peak phase.

The base phase develops endurance, the foundation of any distance-running plan. Phase two, preparation, adds a layer of speed by introducing tempo runs and long repeats. The peak phase is characterized by short, fast workouts that simulate racing.

We tested our training by entering local running events in communities near Fort McCoy, such as Sparta, Tomah, New Lisbon, Oakdale, West Salem, La Crosse, and Madison. These many races ranged from 5ks to half marathons.

Our team met three days a week for our key workouts. On other days, it was easy runs plus some added cross training and aqua running, and strength and elliptical training.

As we understood, the will to win means nothing without the will to prepare. Team



Contributed photo

The Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team stops for a team photo prior to the race Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C.

Fort McCoy was well prepared to run its best at the 2017 Army Ten-Miler!

One quote that might best represent this team's dedication is: "Running is the greatest metaphor for life, because you get out of it what you put into it."

I think I speak for the entire Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team when I say we run to have fun, we run to win, we run for our teammates, and that we are Team Fort McCoy!

I want to thank everyone who has supported and continues to support this team. Special thanks to the Fort McCoy Garrison command team and Higher Headquarters

Company; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation members Patric McGuane, Sara Wiedenfeld, Jobi Spolum (now with garrison staff) and Christy Stelzner; all of the Rumpel Fitness Center staff including Jeff Utesch and Julie Pressler; and the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.

(Editor's note: The 2017 Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler overall team competed in two teams — Team Fort McCoy 1 and Team Fort McCoy 2. Team members were: Team 1 — Maj. Martin Wennblom, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade (MFTB); Maj. Tony Steinhoff, 88th Regional Support Command (RSC); Maj. Peter Demaras, 86th Training Division (TD); Capt.

Billi Bierle, 2nd Battalion, 361st Training Support Battalion (TSB); 1st Lt. Jerel Villanueva, 1st Battalion, 338th TSB; 1st Lt. Mark Jensen, 86th TD; Staff Sgt. Xavier Acevedo, Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA); and Staff Sgt. Beatriz Sanchez, 86th TD. Team 2 — Woommavovah; Maj. Gloria Rosario, Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance; 1st Sgt. Hector Ocasio, Higher Headquarters Company (HHC), Fort McCoy Garrison; Sgt. 1st Class Boyce Harris, 181st MFTB; Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Baugher, RTS-Maintenance; Sgt. 1st Class Lenchow Griffith, NCOA; Sgt. Andre Smith, 181st MFTB; and Sgt. Holli Barnes, 376th Financial Management Support Unit, 88th RSC.)

McCoy athletes participate, place in Sparta Half Marathon

Several athletes from Fort McCoy ran in the Sparta Half Marathon Oct. 14 with three of those runners earning second, third, and fourth places in the race.

Capt. Adan Rivas with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade earned second place with a time of 1:32:44. Capt. Billy Thomson, also with the 181st, earned third place — clocking in at 1:34:03.

First Sgt. Hector Ocasio with Higher Headquarters Company, Fort McCoy Garrison, placed fourth in 1:36:00.

Also competing were Command Sgt. Maj. Chad Peters with the 181st who finished the race in 1:54:35, and Maj. Gloria Rosario, commandant for Regional Training Site-Maintenance, who finished in 1:57:10.

The event course featured varied terrain features and included part of the Sparta-Elroy Bike Trail.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.)



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First Sgt. Hector Ocasio with Higher Headquarters Company, Fort McCoy Garrison, runs in the half-marathon Oct. 14 en route to a fourth-place finish.



First Sgt. Hector Ocasio (fourth-place finisher), Capt. Billy Thomson (second place), and Capt. Adan Rivas (third place) stop for a photo together after the race.

OUTDOORS

When standards aren't enforced or followed, that's when an mishap is likely to happen.

Whether handling an assigned or a privately owned weapon, remember to always **THINK** safety:

- T**REAT EVERY WEAPON AS IF IT IS LOADED.
- H**ANDLE EVERY WEAPON WITH CARE.
- I**DENTIFY THE TARGET BEFORE YOU FIRE.
- N**EVER POINT THE MUZZLE AT ANYTHING YOU DON'T INTEND TO SHOOT.
- K**EEP THE WEAPON ON SAFE AND YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU INTEND TO FIRE.

YOUR LIFE, OUR LOSS

When a Soldier dies in a preventable accident, it has a detrimental effect on the morale and welfare of the unit. That Soldier's absence, however, extends far beyond the Army because often they also leave behind a heartbroken family, friends and colleagues. Remember, **IT'S YOUR LIFE, BUT OUR LOSS.**

A weapons safety lesson I will never forget

BY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 THOMAS FRENCH

Detachment 26, Operational Support Airlift Command
Sandston, Va.

I believe you must learn lessons from certain events in your life. Life-changing situations can become blessings when viewed through the right lenses.

When I was about 4 or 5 years old, my grandfather showed me his gun collection. He worked on the railroad, and gun collecting was his hobby since returning home from World War II. His collection was his prized possession. Imagine my excitement when he told me I could have a gun of my very own and gave me a .22-caliber revolver that resembled a six shooter from the Old West.

My grandfather explained how to clean and maintain the gun, as well as how to safely handle it. He warned me it was important to not pull the trigger when there were no bullets in the pistol because it could break the firing pin. My grandfather was a big man who always demanded respect but also gave me a lot of love. I looked up to him and always wanted to please him, so I obeyed his warning.

Fast forward about a decade to when I was 14 years old. It was a sunny day, and I was preparing to go groundhog hunting on the farm. Hunting was a regular activity on the weekends. My friends and I would hunt until we either ran out of bullets or got hungry. Before hunting, I would always clean and oil my rifle and pistol to make sure they didn't get rusty or malfunction. As I was about to clean my pistol, I heard one of my best friends, Kevin, walking up to my back porch.

In what can only be explained as a juvenile lack of judgment, I suddenly thought about scaring Kevin. I decided to go out onto the deck and catch him by surprise. I walked

out just as Kevin was stepping onto the porch and, without explanation, pointed my pistol at him.

I still remember seeing the stunned expression on his face as he saw the pistol pointed at him. As he looked at me, I thought, "Maybe I'll pull the trigger just to show him the gun is unloaded." I wanted to scare him, but I also wanted him to know I wouldn't place him in danger. At that point, for some unknown reason, I thought about what my grandfather had told me about pulling the trigger of my pistol on an empty chamber and breaking the firing pin. In that split second, I lowered the pistol and released the trigger without pulling it.

We walked back into my house and I asked Kevin if I had scared him. He said I caught him by surprise, but he knew I was just kidding. We laughed and put on our boots and jackets and got ready to go hunting.

I grabbed my rifle, pistol, and a box of .22-caliber bullets. To this day I don't remember what Kevin saw on my face when I opened the cylinder and saw the pistol had been loaded all along. In that instant, my whole life flashed before my eyes.

I thought about my friendship with Kevin and my own dreams for the future. I thought of Kevin lying on the ground dead because of my stupidity. How would I explain the accident to our parents? I even thought about going to prison for taking another person's life due to my negligence. It's a lesson I'll never forget.

I sometimes think back to that day and what it was that kept me from pulling the trigger. I thank my grandfather for making the type of impression that would cause a split-second memory that prevented a tragedy. I also think of the other impressions he made on me that have guided my life in a positive way. In this case, I know it saved a life.

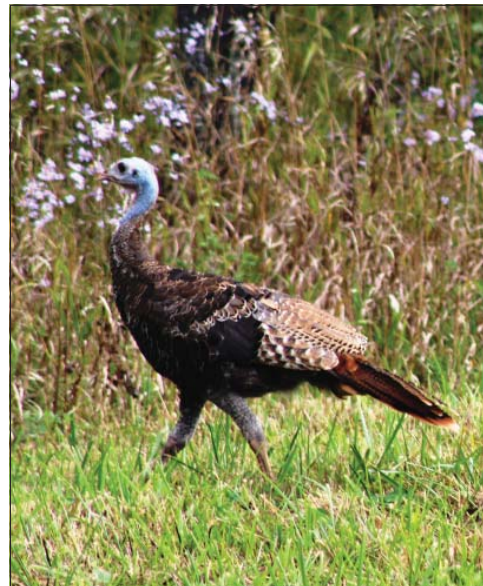


Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Wild turkey

A wild turkey crosses a roadway Sept. 20 on North Post at Fort McCoy. Turkeys are among many species of wildlife living on the post's 60,000 acres of land. Wildlife management at the installation is completed by the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Fall at Commemorative Area

Fall colors can be seen at Equipment Park at the Commemorative Area on Oct. 4 at Fort McCoy. The Commemorative Area consists of five World War II-era buildings set aside to help tell Fort McCoy's unique story.

NEWS NOTES

Zombie Pool Party set for Oct. 27

Rumpel Fitness Center will hold a Zombie Pool Party from 5 to 6 p.m. Oct. 27.

The Family event features an underwater scavenger hunt, cookie decorating, and punch. The event costs \$5 per person.

Registration is not required. The event is open to eligible Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. For more information, call 608-388-7060.

Halloween bowling party planned for Oct. 27

The X-tremely Spooktacular Bowling Costume Bash is planned for 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 27 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The event is open to children age 16 or younger. Bowling costs \$2 per game with free shoe rental. The event will feature costume contests, games, and prizes.

Registration is not required. For more information, call 608-388-2065.

Open Play Extravaganza scheduled for Oct. 28

Pine View Recreation Area's Tactics Paintball and Laser Tag will host an Open Play Extravaganza 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 28.

The cost is \$25 per person, which includes 500 paintballs and equipment (gun, mask, and chest protector). Players must be at least 10 years old. Door prizes will be given out, and food will be available on site.

No advance registration is required. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 608-388-3517.

South Post Family Housing sets trick-or-treat hours

South Post Family Housing has set trick-or-treat hours.

Trick-or-treating is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31. Families wishing to hand out treats will leave on their porch lights. South Post Community Center will host Halloween activities from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 608-388-3704.

Halloween walk/run scheduled for Oct. 31

A costumed "No Treats, Just Tricks" 1-mile walk/relay run is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 31 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

All participants must wear costumes. Runners and walkers compete in three-person teams. Walkers must start and finish the race as a team. Runners participate in a relay race.

The fastest relay and walking teams, as well as the team with the best costumes, receive prizes. The event is free and open to all eligible Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. Registration is required by 11 a.m. Oct. 31 at Rumpel Fitness Center.

For more information, call 608-388-2290.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Challenge Academy formation

Cadets with the Wisconsin Challenge Academy stand in formation during daily operations for their cadet class Oct. 11 at Fort McCoy. The Challenge Academy, a Fort McCoy tenant organization, offers youth the opportunity to change the direction of their lives and develop the strength of character and life skills necessary to become successful, responsible citizens.

Walk-in flu vaccinations available at Health Clinic

Walk-in flu vaccinations are available to Fort McCoy civilian personnel from Oct. 31 to Nov. 22 at the Fort McCoy Health Clinic, building 2669.

Vaccinations will be available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the clinic at 608-388-3025.

Family Calendar Workshops scheduled for Nov. 4, 14

Family Calendar Workshops are scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 and 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Army Community Service Family Building in building 2161.

November is Military Family month. Families may create personalized 2018 calendars using stickers, stamp art, and more.

Family photo CDs from the September photo shoots can be picked up during the workshops and used for the calendars. Supplies will be furnished. Families can bring their own photos to use in the calendars.

Class size is limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Exceptional Family Member Program participants may start one hour earlier than the scheduled time during the first Nov. 4 session and the Nov. 14 session.

The workshop is open to military members, retirees, DOD and NAF civilians, contractors, registered volunteers, and Family members. Registration is required by Oct. 30 or Nov. 8. For more information, call 608-388-3505.

Veterans Day Prayer Luncheon set for Nov. 9

The Veterans Day Prayer Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Nov. 9 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The guest speaker is Pastor Darren Price of Tomah Pentecostal Assembly. Price is a retired police officer and Army veteran.

Lunch is provided for the first 140 people to register. For more information, call the Religious Support Office at 608-388-3528.

Veterans Day Run/Walk scheduled for Nov. 9

A Veterans Day Run/Walk is scheduled for 8 a.m. Nov. 9 at the Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The free event is coordinated by the Tomah VA Medical Center and 1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineering Battalion of Fort McCoy. This is a formation/release run, and no prizes or awards will be given.

Participants may register the morning of the event. For more information or to register, call Capt. Chafac Mofo at 404-936-2443 or Jennifer Conzemius at 608-372-1727.

Art Attack nights planned at USO

USO Fort McCoy will host Art Attack, an arts-and-crafts event, from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 11 and Dec. 9.

Each month has a different theme. Participants may also bring their own projects. The event is free to attend, but advance registration is required.

USO events and services are open to active military members, military retirees with IDs, and their legal dependents. For more information or to register, call 414-477-7279.

Health Benefits Fair scheduled for Nov. 13

The Health Benefits Fair is scheduled for 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in building 2187. Representatives of health insurance compa-

nies will answer questions and hand out literature. The 2016 Federal Employees Health Benefits Program open season is Nov. 13 through Dec. 11. Rates will be available at www.opm.gov/openseason in late October.

For more information about the health fair, call 608-388-3019. For more information about health benefits, visit <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/healthcare/>.

Fowl 5K run/walk set for Nov. 15 at fitness center

The Fowl 5K run/walk is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Nov. 15 at Rumpel Fitness Center.

The event costs \$15. The first 25 participants to register will receive T-shirts. Prizes will be awarded the fast male and female participants.

The event is open to all eligible Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. Registration is required by 10:30 a.m. Nov. 15.

For more information, call 608-388-2290.

SHARP training dates available for FY 2018

Training dates have been scheduled for fiscal year 2018 Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) training.

The class is required for both military members and government civilians. It covers prevention and intervention strategies for sexual harassment and assault, as well as what support resources are available.

Classes are 9 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 6 and 14, 2017; Jan. 25, 2018; Feb. 15; March 7 and 20; April 25; May 8 and 30; June 6; July 17; Aug. 9 and 23; and Sept. 5 and 18. All classes will be at Army Community Service, building 2111. Onsite training is also available for organizations.

To register or for more information, call Jamie Cram at 608-388-8989.

Post welcomes new employees

New employees started working in several post organizations in October.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Kory Freeberg** — 88th Regional Support Command.
- **Tiffany Worden** — Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.
- **Kenneth Foster** — Directorate of Emergency Services.
- **Xzaryne Zeno** — Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.
- **Gary Noth** — Directorate of Public Works.
- **Christian Martinez** — Equipment Concentration Site-67.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Nov. 10.

The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication in the Nov. 10 issue is noon Nov. 1.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

Recreation

Automotive Skills Center: Building 1763. Open 1-9 p.m. Thurs.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Call 608-388-3013.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Meets 4:30 p.m. third Thurs. of each month at McCoy's Community Center. Call 608-388-3200.

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Manager has discretion on closing time. Call 608-388-7060.

Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Extreme bowling 4-9 p.m. Fri.

Leisure Travel Services Office: Open noon-8 p.m. Mon., 2-8 p.m. Tues., and noon-8 p.m. Wed.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2619. For weekend/night assistance, call the camp host at 608-633-1044.

Rumpel Fitness Center: Building 1122. Open 5 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 5 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri., and 6 p.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-2290.

Indoor swimming pool, atrium, sauna and steamroom: Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fri., and 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

Sportsman's Range: Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

Tactics Paintball & Laser Tag: Open 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sun. Reservations available outside of regular hours. Call 800-531-4703.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Closed for the season. Call 608-388-3517.

Dining

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. ATM located inside. Catering/admin. call 608-388-2065.

Prime's Express: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Limited menu after 2 p.m. Call 608-388-7673.

Sports bar: Open 4 p.m.-midnight Mon.-Fri. Manager has discretion on closing time.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Breakfast available 7:30-10:30 a.m. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Closed for the season. Call 608-388-3517.

Services

Alteration Shop: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

Barber Shop (Exchange): Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1710.

Car Rental (Enterprise): Information available at the Exchange, building 1538. Use the phone at the Enterprise sign. Call 608-782-6183 or 800-654-3131; use the following number: CDP# 1787245.

Car Wash: Building 1568. Offers self-service bays. Automatic bay closed for repairs. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Call 608-388-3544.

Commissary: Building 1537. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Early bird/self-checkout open 9-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel: Building 2180. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

Education/Learning Center: Building 50, room 123. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7311.

Exchange: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

ID Card/DEERS Section: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4563 prior to any visit to verify the ID Section is operational.

IHG Army Hotels: Building 51. Open 24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-TEAM (8326).

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities: Buildings 1671,

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Nov. 10, 2017**.
Most offices closed Nov. 10 for Veterans Day.
Bold, italic typeface indicates a change since the last publication.
Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours.
To report updates to this page, call 608-388-2407.

2763, and 2877 open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy pursuant to military orders. Civilians and retired military are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 (Troop and Installation Support Branch, building 490).

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

Patriot Outfitters: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-269-1115.

Permit Sales: Building 2168. Open 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3337.

Retirement Services Office: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Tues. and Thurs.-Fri. Call 608-388-3716.

R.I.A. Credit Union: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Thurs.-Fri. ATMs are located in building 1501 (available 24/7); McCoy's, building 1571; Exchange, building 1538; and IHG Army Hotels, building 51 (available 24/7). Call 608-388-2171.

RV Storage Lot: Next to building 2880. Short- or long-term storage. Fees charged. Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or ext. 4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7. ATM located inside. Cash transactions available during Express hours.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Open 6-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4988.

Family Support

Army Community Service Center: Building 2111. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-388-3505.

Army Substance Abuse Program: Building 1344. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-388-2441.

Child Development Center: Building 1796. Open 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3534/2238.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program (MFLC): Building 2111. Provides education, information, and support for anyone affiliated with the military. MFLC services are confidential. Available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

Red Cross: Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313 or 608-788-1000.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1792. Activities for youth grades kindergarten through 12. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Open nonschool days 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. For After School Program. Call 608-388-4373.

SKIESUnlimited Instructional Program:

Building 1668. Provides instructional classes for children and youth from infancy through the end of their senior year in high school. Register at Parent Central Services. Call 608-388-8956.

Health Care

Alcoholics Anonymous: For more information, call 608-388-5955/2441.

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Screening and referral services for eligible civilian employees and family members who are experiencing difficulties due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/family discord, or other causes. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

Fort McCoy Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP): 24/7 hotline: 608-388-3000.

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 2669. Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2414.

TRICARE: TRICARE North Region, 877-874-2273; TRICARE West Region, 877-988-9378; TRICARE South Region, 800-444-5445; TRICARE for Life, 866-773-0404; or visit www.tricare.mil.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Open for sick call 7-8 a.m. and appointments 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Authorized use only for Extended Combat Training Soldiers on orders of less than 30 days. Personnel on orders for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote and will see off-post providers. Call 608-388-3025.

Worship

Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. Mass at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675. Call 608-388-3528.

Jewish: Congregations of Abraham, 1820 Main St., La Crosse, Wis. Call 608-784-2708.

Mormon: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Services from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-3377.

Protestant: Chapel 1, building 2672. Protestant worship at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Bible Study: Building 2675. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wed. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380 or visit www.facebook.com/groups/PWOCFortMcCoy/.

Spanish Language: Catholic services in Norwalk at 4 p.m. Sun.; call 608-823-7906. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142.

Call 608-388-3528 for more information about Chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities. The RSO is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO.

If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266, and the on-call duty chaplain will be contacted.

Organizations

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Spartan Chapter: Meets monthly. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/AGCRAspartan or call Staff Sgt. Cassandra Ross at 251-327-8400.

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882: Building 1411. Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Meets at 5 p.m. second Tuesday of each month. Call 608-388-1882.

American Society of Military Comptrollers: Meets several times throughout the year. For more information, call Maureen Richardson at 608-269-1912 or Bonnie Hilt at 316-209-2787.

Association of the United States Army - AUSA (Robert B. McCoy Chapter): For information on meetings, visit www.mccoysa.usa.org.

Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy: Meets third Wednesday of each month. For information, email fsfmcocoy@gmail.com.

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: For more information, call David W. Alderfer (LTC-retired) at 920-535-0515 or email justdave49@centurylink.net.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. by appointment. For more information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, call 608-609-2212 or 785-979-7370, or email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

DAILY BUGLE CALLS

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