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Garrison Commander Workforce Briefing provides update to installation staff

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Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss spoke about the past year and the state of Fort McCoy during the annual workforce briefing March 31 at the annual garrison workforce briefing.



Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss gives a briefing March 31 to Fort McCoy Garrison workforce members in building 60 at Fort McCoy.

Poss shared some of the highlights and accomplishments of 2021. Some of the larger training events included hosting the Army Reserve Best Warrior/Best Squad Competition; Army Reserve Medical Command's Expert Field Medical Badge event; two Warrior Exercise iterations; Operation Pershing Strike, a Level III Mobility Exercise 65; Global Medic; and the Cold-Weather Operations Course.

In all, 116,053 service members trained at Fort McCoy in fiscal year 2021, almost double the number that trained in fiscal year 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"We've got a lot of field space," Poss said. "We're open for business, to train safely and effectively."

Community engagement was a strong focus during 2021. Reconnecting with the surrounding communities after COVID-19 safety precautions had forced everyone to distance themselves was a priority.

Fort McCoy hosted a number of distinguished visitors and community leader engagements. Garrison organizations also returned to community events, such as the Monroe County Fair and local Memorial Day and Veterans Day events.

"Despite COVID-19, we try to get out and circulate," Poss said.

In August, Fort McCoy received notification that it would host Afghan evacuees for Operation Allies Welcome (OAW), and within days, the first guests arrived.

Fort McCoy quickly reached capacity with approximately 13,000 Afghan men, women, and children, as well as the accompanying support staff for the mission.

Fort McCoy personnel immediately sprang into action to prepare facilities and receive additional military, civilian, and non-governmental personnel, Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard said.

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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Fire-suppression training

A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter and aircrew with the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment of Madison, Wis., dips a giant water bucket in Big Sandy Lake on March 28 on South Post as part of fire-suppression training at Fort McCoy. See more about the training and the related prescribed burn on pages 8 and 9.



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SAAPM proclamation signing

Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, garrison command sergeant major, joins other Fort McCoy community leaders in a proclamation signing ceremony April 5 declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy. See more about the event on page 2.

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Fort McCoy kicks off April SAAPM with proclamation signing

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Fort McCoy community leaders participated in a proclamation signing ceremony April 5 declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy.

The installation held the special proclamation signing ceremony at the center that was organized by the Fort McCoy Army Community Service office and the Fort McCoy Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program office.

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss; Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, garrison command sergeant major; and other unit leaders signed the proclamation.

Poss addressed the audience about the importance of sexual assault prevention, and more.

"Let's be active participants and change our culture by being positive influences promoting bystander intervention, by stopping sexual harassment and assault, and by participating ... in events throughout the month," Poss said.

The Department of Defense theme for SAAPM is "Step forward. Prevent. Report. Advocate."

SAAPM is an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate com-

munities on how to prevent sexual assault.

According to the Army SHARP Program Office, the 2022 Army theme for SAAPM is "Prevention Starts With You."

This theme builds on the concept of upholding what it means to be a member of an Army team.

"When it comes to sexual assault and sexual harassment, the only person responsible for committing the act is the perpetrator, but all members of the team have the ability to look out for each other's safety," states the theme explanation at <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/SAAPM-2022/index.html>.

"Leaders and Soldiers must work in unison to

build camaraderie and trust amongst the ranks. This trust allows teams to focus on mission and unit readiness, eliminate harmful behaviors by preventing sexual harassment, sexual assault, and associated retaliation."

At the proclamation signing, in addition to Fort McCoy Garrison personnel, representatives from the 88th Readiness Division, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, and other post tenant organizations were there. Other events are planned for the month as well.

See more event coverage at <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417888/fort-mccoy-kicks-off-april-with-sexual-assault-awareness-and-prevention-month-proclamation-signing>.



Fort McCoy's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Rebecca Wilkinson (right) with the installation Army Community Service Office provides opening remarks April 5 for the proclamation ceremony at McCoy's Community Center.



Col. RJ Hughes, the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade commander signs the proclamation April 5 at McCoy's Community Center.

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BRIEFING

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Maynard and Poss thanked the garrison organizations and highlighted some of the ways they'd provided support in both the early days and throughout ongoing operations: the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) for ramping up security and training military police personnel, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) for its 24/7 responses to issues with OAW facilities, and the Directorate of Human Resources for managing the sudden onslaught of mail to and from the Afghan guests. Another success highlighted was the opening of the West Side Post Exchange during the OAW mission, which helped relieve congestion at the overtaxed Main Exchange and promoted safety by reducing foot traffic crossing central thoroughfares on post.

OAW ended Feb. 15 at Fort McCoy with the departure of the last Afghan guests, though some support personnel remained on hand to help wrap things up.

Looking forward, the installation is moving into a recovery phase to repair damaged facilities and proceed with ongoing modernization efforts.

Poss also shared some of the awards and accomplishments that garrison organizations had earned during the year.



Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard also gives a briefing March 31 garrison workforce members.



Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss gives a briefing March 31 to Fort McCoy Garrison workforce members in building 60 at Fort McCoy.

The DES Fire Department was reaccredited with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Child and Youth Services scored 100 percent on its annual Higher Headquarters inspection.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center's nonappropriated fund division scored 98 percent on a human-resources audit.

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security's Mobilization Branch received commendations from Forces Command, Installation Management Command, and First Army for supporting the Level III Mobility Exercise.

DPW's housing team earned a Platinum A List award for customer service.

The Garrison Public Affairs Office received awards at Department of Defense, Army, Army Material Command, and Army Installation Management Command levels for 2020.

The Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center helped deploy two Army units to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, supported rail deployments, and supported eight training exercises

from two dining facilities consisting of 120,345 meals.

Mission Installation Contracting Command-McCoy completed 1,900 actions totaling more than \$140 million and managed 787 government purchase card accounts with \$34.6 million in expenditures.

The briefing also covered the ongoing construction of transient troop training barracks, which is currently seeing the second barracks building that was funded in fiscal year 2020 still under construction. The first barracks project was turned over to the Fort McCoy DPW on April 1.

Also discussed was Fort McCoy's economic impact for fiscal year (FY) 2021, which was nearly \$2 billion. Fort McCoy's total economic impact for FY 2021 was an estimated \$1.93 billion, above the \$1.479 billion reported for FY 2020. The data was compiled by Fort McCoy's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office. Workforce payroll, operating costs, and other expenditures totaled \$481.6 million for FY 2021 compared to \$369 million for FY 2020. A total of 17,753 personnel worked or were guests at Fort McCoy in FY 2021 — 1,702 civilians, 2,023 military, 1,452 contract employees, and 12,576 Afghan guests. This includes all personnel who were on post during Operation Allies Welcome and with Task Force McCoy.

This also was the first in-person workforce briefing since before the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020.

Fort McCoy's motto is to be the "Total Force Training Center." Located in the heart of the upper Midwest, Fort McCoy is the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin.

The installation has provided support and facilities for the field and classroom training of more than 100,000 military personnel from all services nearly every year since 1984.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching "fmcocoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy."

See more coverage at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417982/workforce-briefing-provides-update-fort-mccoy-garrison-staff>.



Photo by Christopher Hanson

Recognizing DHR director

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss presents a Commander's Coin for Excellence to Fort McCoy Directorate of Human Resources Director Terry Streeton on April 1 in front of Garrison Headquarters at Fort McCoy. Poss was thanking Streeton for decades of service to the Army as Streeton retires from civil service.



Workers complete Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) program work March 7 in Training Area B-05 on South Post at Fort McCoy. The work was completed in conjunction with Fort McCoy Forestry Office to assist them in providing an area for planting trees and to improve the area for training. LRAM crews use heavy-duty forestry mowers to shred vegetation.

Fort McCoy officials coordinate LRAM work on South Post for training area improvement, more

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Employees working a mission under a cooperative agreement for the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) program completed work in Training Area B-05 on Fort McCoy's South Post in early March.

The LRAM program is aligned under the DPTMS Integrated Training Area Management program. DPTMS ITAM Coordinator Brooks Lundeen said the work in B-05 was just one of several areas receiving improvement.

"That work on South Post is in conjunction with Forestry to assist them in planting trees and improve some areas for training," Lundeen said.

"We are also currently working in Training Areas B-08 and B-20 to reduce down woody vegetation and improve areas for training following a timber harvest."

Forester Charles Mentzel with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch said his office often works hand-in-hand with the LRAM program to coordinate

work all over the post's many forested areas.

Mentzel said why they required more LRAM work in the Training Area B-05 area.

"Timber was harvested from that location over two harvests," Mentzel said.

"The first harvest was around the 2005 timeframe. Strips were harvested with the plan for the remaining trees to 'seed in' the harvested strips. It didn't work. The remaining jack pine was harvested in 2016.

"Fast forward to 2022, and we are going to eventually plant all 50-60 acres — roughly five to 10 acres annually — with new trees. This will be done with the support of several different organizations, and red pine is what is being planted."

Mentzel said in 2022, the plan is to plant trees on 10 acres of Training Area B-05.

"We want that location to be trees as a screen to the Interstate and the training area complex," Mentzel said. "We are planting other locations as well this year with Sparta (Wis.) students on April 26 and Wisconsin Challenge Academy cadets on April 30."

Mentzel added that more tree planting is planned on the cantonment during the annual Fort McCoy Arbor Day celebration

April 29 at 9 a.m. that will take place just west of Gate 5 of the cantonment area.

"All are welcome to attend that celebration," Mentzel said.

Lundeen said LRAM crews use heavy-duty forestry mowers to shred vegetation. He said this allows access to areas and improves them for training purposes.

In addition to shredding, Lundeen said the LRAM team performs trail- and training-area maintenance, reconfigures sites to increase training potential, and repairs maneuver damage, including native grass seeding and erosion-control projects to meet Army guidelines or standards for sustainability.

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See more coverage and photos at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417593/fort-mccoy-coordinates-lram-work-south-post-training-area-improvement-more>.

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88th Readiness Division support key to successful OAW mission

BY ZACHARY MOTT

88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

When the first Afghan evacuee stepped foot off the plane at Wisconsin's Volk Field more than six months ago, they were met with a classic Midwestern smile ... and a chain of support that spanned everything from the very bus they boarded to the blankets that would cover them and every need in between.

A collection of Soldiers and civilians from across the 88th Readiness Division were part of that support team called Task Force McCoy. For the six months from mid-August to mid-February, they worked daily to ensure the nearly 13,000 guests were provided and cared for through each step of their journey at Fort McCoy.

As a readiness division, the 88th was uniquely suited to assist with this mission by providing specialists in the realms of finance, information management, security, intelligence, planning, legal assistance, and public affairs.

Additionally, Maj. Gen. Darrell J. Guthrie, commanding general of the 88th RD, served as the senior commander for the duration of the OAW mission at Fort McCoy.

"Working with our partners from across the Department of Homeland Security (and) Department of State, as well as the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, and a variety of other governmental and nongovernmental organizations, has been nothing short of spectacular. This is a historic mission and one that we're proud to support," Guthrie said.

Knowledge Management

The Knowledge Management team helped facilitate the transfer of knowledge among key stakeholders within the operation, build and provide access to collaborative systems, analyze opportunities of collaboration, facilitate the building and improvement of the systems to meet mission needs, and provide education on how to engage with the platform, said Ike Rebut, Army 365 configuration manager with the 88th RD.

Managing that information mission presented many challenges for the team. "The largest challenge was the coordination of the information, the speed that new requirements were coming down, and the ability to analyze and anticipate mission support needs," Rebut said.

"The facilitation of the use of Army 365 was

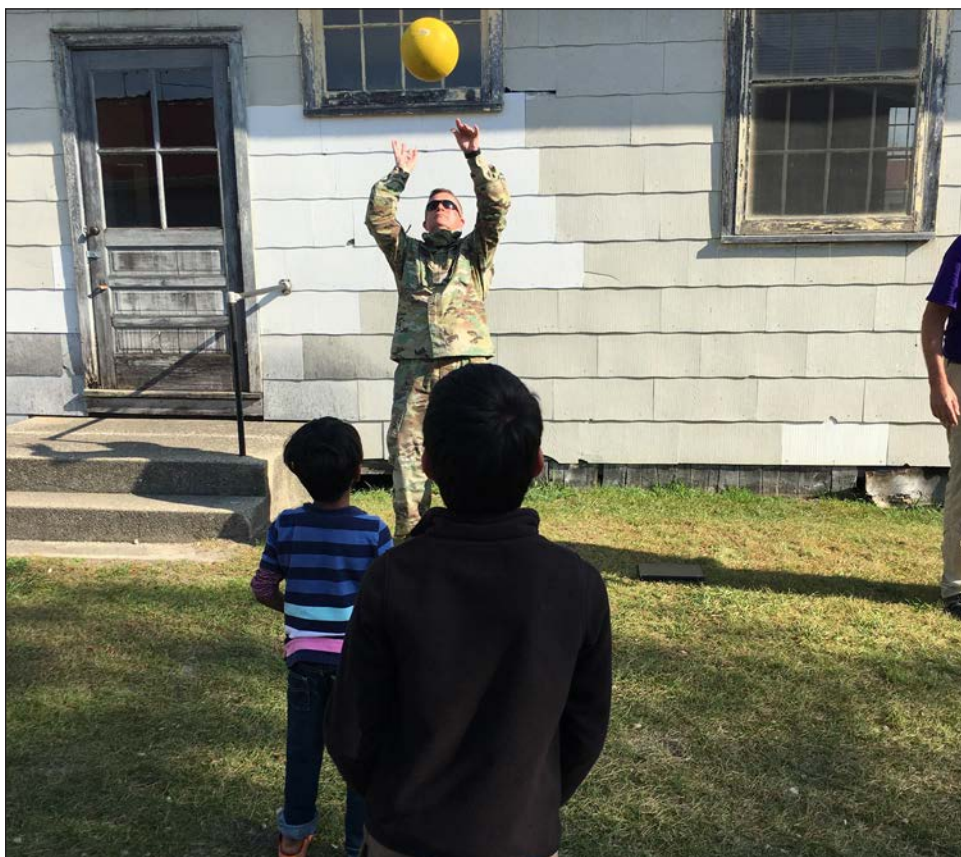


Photo by Zachary Mott

Maj. Gen. Darrell J. Guthrie, Task Force McCoy senior commander and commanding general of 88th Readiness Division, plays a game of catch Sept. 30, 2021, with Afghan children during a walk through neighborhoods on Fort McCoy during Operation Allies Welcome.

a huge advantage for us in ways that we had not anticipated. Putting together a site collection and building out products for over 1,000 troops in about a 48-72 hour time frame was something that really pushed the limits of capabilities," he said.

For the first time, Rebut and the Knowledge Management team implemented Army 365 capabilities into a mission scenario.

"The system had only been released about 45 days prior to the start of the mission, and users were engaging with the system for the first time," he said. "We were essentially able to 'battle test' the readiness of the platform, and we had many eyes on what we were doing from multiple stakeholders across the Army. We were able to coordinate with HQDA on setting up the environment that we could utilize and scale out

as needed."

From these challenges, successes were gained throughout the mission.

Rebut explained those as, "the implementation of the Knowledge Management doctrine in real life, connecting people, processes, and tools. As a command, we talk about the importance of Knowledge Management, and we have seen real leadership from our senior staff supporting this implementation, but to take the background and learning, and make it a practical application in a live mission, was truly a new level of maturity for our section."

G-3/5/7/Plans and Operations

The G-3/5/7 had responsibility for all of the operational planning and execution of OAW at Fort McCoy. Col. D. Scotty Lene, chief of plans and operations for 88th RD, described his section's involvement as such: "In plans, (G5) we planned all of the major operations of the mission, to include daily taskings, mass vaccinations, processing of guests' assurance packets, mobilization of forces to support the mission, (and) demobilization of forces when complete.

"In operations (G3), we executed the plans for the operation and conducted daily operations synchronizations; issued daily fragmentary orders; tracked all of the guests processing; tracked all of the actions and execution of the mission, utilization of the translators, utilization of the facilities, and all of the security issues of the guests and Soldiers," he said.

Lene filled several roles during his time supporting the OAW mission. First, he served as the chief of plans and operations. Next, he shifted to chief of staff from Dec. 1, 2021, to Feb. 23. In this role, his responsibilities expanded to the synchronization of all efforts by the task force across the spectrum of the operation. Additionally, he became responsible for ensuring all aspects of the task force supported the commander's intent.

Currently, Lene serves as the Task Force McCoy commander, a role he assumed Feb. 23. In this role, he said his major objective was to dispose of all donated and acquired commodities,

turn over all buildings back to Fort McCoy garrison after they'd been cleaned, and to move all service members to demobilization platforms.

Throughout the six months, various challenges presented themselves. Lene said the biggest of which was "the constant change of one emergency to the next. The team had to be agile and resilient. First, just receiving 13,000 guests in 10 days; to measles and COVID outbreaks and quarantine and mass vaccinations; three transitions between units; and guest accountability and reconciliation of Department of Defense and Department of State systems for accountability and guest tracking."

Above all else, Lene highlighted the successes he and the Task Force McCoy team enjoyed.

"The absolute best success was simply executing the mission," he said. "We took staff from three different organizations that had never worked together and different levels; threw them together; and within two days, they were working like they had been together for years. It was an amazing sight to see just how good our Army really is when given a common task and direction. Everyone did their job and did it well."

Seeing how well the different organizations worked together was his professional highlight. Lene said the emotional highlight caught him by complete surprise.

"However, the most memorable was when we witnessed the first family reunification at the mass vaccination when a father who was separated from his family in Afghanistan saw them in line," Lene said. "The father, nor the mother and children, didn't know the others were at McCoy. It was a very emotional and inspirational moment and made the whole mission worth the while. Also, just watching the guests and children run around without a care in the world. Knowing they were safe and enjoying life without fear."

With every mission there are always lessons to be learned. That was no different for Lene and his team through Operation Allies Welcome.

He said they learned to "be resilient, be versatile, be agile. (Defense Support to Civilian Authority) is a logistics mission with a human touch. Go (logistics) heavy and bring civil affairs; establish Female Engagement Teams; and use Civil Authorities Information Support Element early. Information is the key to success; logistics make it happen and must all be part of the operational execution."

Public Affairs

"Working in concert with Department of Homeland Security as the lead federal agency, the Department of State, and Fort McCoy Garrison public affairs, we served as the Task Force McCoy Public Affairs Office. We conducted media engagements and community relations events in support of Operation Allies Welcome and Task Force McCoy," said Cheryl Phillips, public affairs director, 88th RD.

One of the challenges faced by the PA staff was the dynamic and ever-changing media environment for this high-profile mission.

"DHS did not permit media on the installation to protect the privacy and security of the Afghan evacuees temporarily staying at Fort McCoy," Phillips said. "However, this created a demand for information from the media that we had difficulty filling, creating fertile ground for misinformation and rumors."

To fill this void of credible information, Phillips and the public affairs team turned to providing that content directly to all media outlets.

"We had an awesome team of Public Affairs NCOs who created hundreds of stories, photos, and videos that could be used by the media to help us promote the great work done by the Soldiers assigned to Task Force McCoy," she said.

One thing Phillips said she will take away is "patience, patience, patience when working with interagency partners and higher headquarters."



Photo by Spc. Froylan Grimaldo/7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Afghan evacuees walk to their barracks Oct. 19, 2021, at Fort McCoy.

See more coverage on this at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/418061/88th-readiness-division-support-key-successful-oaw-mission-fort-mccoy>.

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512th Field Hospital trains at RTS-Medical at Fort McCoy

STORY & PHOTO BY
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Key leaders and staff of a U.S. Army field hospital unit in Kaiserslautern, Germany, researched where their Soldiers could undergo training on how to set up a field hospital from the ground up, and Regional Training Site (RTS)-Medical at Fort McCoy was chosen.

Training for the 512th Field Hospital service members was held Feb. 7-11.

The unit's Soldiers include a wide variety of military occupational specialties, ranging from doctors to mechanics. During the training, they learned about setting up a field hospital in an austere environment.

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Nealis, a hospital wardsman with the 512th located at Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Kaiserslautern, said his commander's intent was for Soldiers to receive training about what it takes to ensure there is power to a hospital, how to use a M1022 Dolly Set mobilizer, and how to design the shape and plan of a complex.

"We wanted to increase our bandwidth in doctrinal instruction and be right in line with what the doctrinal says," said Nealis, who has been in the Army for 18 years. "I was excited to come and get this firsthand training."

Maj. Matthew Krull, chief of Ancillary Support Services for the 512th, went one step further.

"Training (was) very useful and very beneficial to improve our full hospital capability," he said. "It has been very impressive to see a lot of things here — not just the staking, the power, and the Dollies — the whole operation here."

A hospital set-up starts with staking using 550 cord, a long tape measure, a hammer, nails, and tin plates. A hospital layout is also sketched on paper. This layout includes the measurements for International Standard Organization (ISO) containers, like an operating room or intensive care unit or tents, and spaces between all these structures.

Once the staking was complete, the four-wheel dolly, which is a diesel-powered hydraulic system, comes into play. An ISO is placed on a dolly, which is then towed to the field hospital location by a Light Medium Tactical Vehicle (LMTV). The LMTV driver and his or her crew place the ISOs in the exact location using the stakes and plates.

Spc. Ali Camara, a 512th medical logistics specialist, said the training on the dolly went very well.

The training on how to provide power to the hospital structures was very detailed. Richard Kimpel, RTS-Medical training lead/laboratory/power instructor, said he wanted to teach the Soldiers about electricity, how to use power equipment, including generators, the equipment's capabilities, and how to troubleshoot the equipment.

He cited this scenario: What happens if a generator that powers an emergency room goes down? Soldiers must know how to provide power from another generator quickly.

One of these Soldiers who may have to react quickly in this situation is not in the medical field. Instead, Sgt. Fabian Alor with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 519th Hospital Center, Kaiserslautern, is a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear specialist. This is his first hospital center assignment, and he said he was impressed with the generator training for first-time users like himself.

"There are a lot of things that we were taught in the class which is a great asset to the field hospital," said Alor, who has been in the Army for five years.

"There is a lot of plug and play going on with these generators and ensuring we are placing the right generators at the right place for the field hospital set up."

He said his biggest takeaways were learning about cables and how they correspond to each output and each generator and the correct way to set up a field hospital's power system.

The Soldiers returned to Germany qualified to train fellow Soldiers on these procedures.



Sgt. Fabian Alor with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 519th Hospital Center, Kaiserslautern, Germany, powers up an M200 100,000-watt or 100-kilowatt generator Feb. 10 during a power class at Regional Training Site-Medical at Fort McCoy.

See more coverage of this at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/415145/512th-field-hospital-trains-fort-mccoy>.

Students study 'theory of operations' during power generation class training at McCoy

STORY & PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS CLINTON WOOD
88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

Students in fiscal year 2022's first Logistic Sustainment Training (LST) Power Generation class, held Feb. 26 to March 3 at the 88th Readiness Division-operated Draw Yard at Fort McCoy, learned the theory of operations for generators and extensive details about how each piece of a generator works.

Brant Amble, LST instructor, said students learned those two aspects of generators in addition to troubleshooting them. This class has been taught at the Draw Yard since 2019.

Amble said the students performed a hands-on component review, traced the schematics, and learned how to troubleshoot a broken generator as part of the training, which he described as "operator-orientated."

"That only gives you a small part," said Amble. "If you break one thing, that's just one part of the circle."

Knowledge of generators will come full circle after this class for Sgt. Red Cuyugan with the 345th Field Hospital, 332nd Medical Brigade, 3rd Medical Command, 807th Medical Command (Deployment Support) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Fla., and a military technician with Area Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA)-44 at NAS Jacksonville.

He said his prior knowledge of generators only included services like oil changes.

Cuyugan said he learned the locations of each generator component, how they work, and the purpose of each one.

When he found a relay the size of a miniature candy bar and pulled it out and held it between his thumbs and fingers, he said, "This is the first time I have held a relay."

He was assisted by his teammate, Staff Sgt. Chris Reichert with the 469th Engineer Company, 416th Engineer Command of Dodgeville, Wis., and a military technician with AMSA-139 in Madison, Wis. The students were broken up into two- and three-person teams.

Reichert, who is proficient with electricity and generators, said

he was glad the class was taught in a way that all the students were starting from "square one."

"So that way, everybody understands," Reichert said. "People may not know as much as other individuals."

Brandon Johnson, a Department of Army civilian employee who is a heavy mobile repair inspector with AMSA-164 in Lexington, Ky., said mastering electricity has been his weakness.

"So, I jumped at the opportunity to take this class," said Johnson, a former Reserve staff sergeant wheeled-vehicle mechanic.

For two days, the students learned how each individual system on the generators is supposed to operate and how they work together to make the generator run.

They also learned how to trace components on schematics and how to troubleshoot them.

Three generators were used in the class: 3 kilowatts, 5 kilowatts, and 15 kilowatts. The third can provide enough power to run a small home. Amble said these theories tell the students what may be wrong with a generator quickly. He continued by saying if students don't learn the basics, how are they going to be able to tackle more advanced problems?

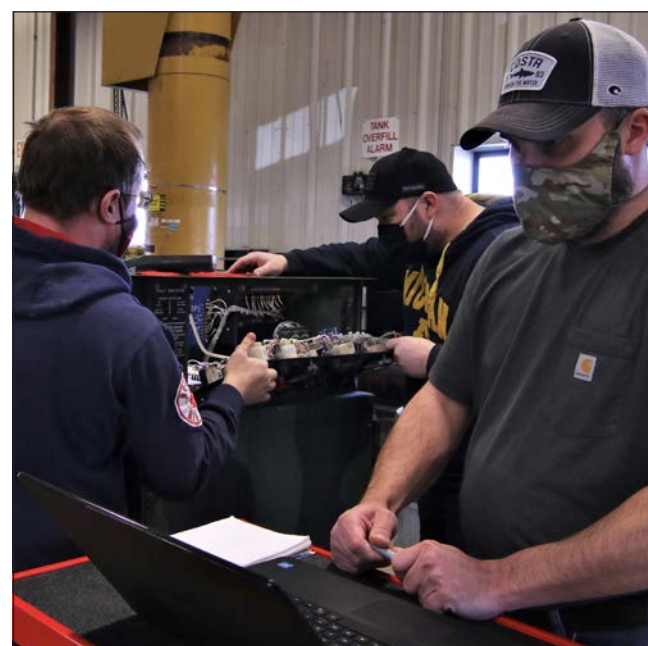
The students had to tackle determining why the 5-kilowatt and 15-kilowatt generators were broken as the final test.

"Everybody is here to collaborate and get better at maintenance," Amble said.

Sgt. Justin Meidinger with the 452nd Ordnance Company, 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command at Aberdeen, S.D., and a military technician with AMSA-108 Branch Maintenance Activity-1 in Aberdeen, said his biggest takeaway was that a generator's technical manual wiring diagrams are the most valuable component.

"If you have the wiring diagrams but not the (technical manual), you can still troubleshoot almost every issue that you come across," he said.

The 88th Readiness Division is a tenant organization at Fort McCoy. See more coverage at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/415801/theory-operations-studied-power-generation-class>.



Brandon Johnson (right), a Department of the Army Civilian heavy mobile repair inspector with the Area Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA)-164, Lexington, Ky., reads a theory of operations of a 15-kilowatt Tactical Quiet Generator as Sgt. Justin Meidinger (left), assigned to the 452nd Ordnance Company, 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Aberdeen, S.D., and a military technician with the AMSA-108 Branch Maintenance Activity-1 in Aberdeen, and fellow Soldier and co-worker Sgt. Larry Woodell search for the relay March 1 during the Logistic Sustainment Training Power Generation class at the 88th Readiness Division-operated Draw Yard at Fort McCoy.

NEWS

Training operations continue at steady pace at installation



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Black Hawk, U.S. flag at Fort McCoy

An aircrew with the Wisconsin National Guard's 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment operates a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter over the cantonment area March 28 at Fort McCoy with the U.S. flag shown in the foreground. Members of the unit regularly complete training operations at Fort McCoy and the unit also supports numerous training events at the installation each year. The helicopter and its crew were at Fort McCoy for fire-suppression training. See more at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417699/photo-essay-uh-60-black-hawk-training-operations-fort-mc-coy>.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Shick/386th Public Affairs Detachment

Weapons training

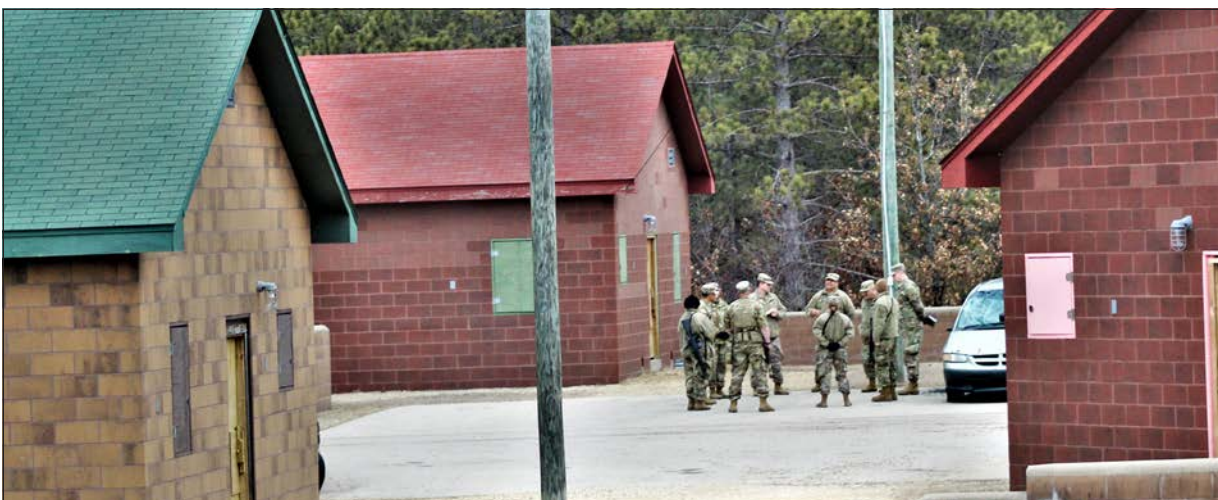
Sgt. Emmett A. Hickey, wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 410th Medical Company Logistics Support in Milwaukee instructs Spc. Jennifer Diaz, a utilities equipment repairer also with the 410th, on firing the M249 machine gun during target practice on a range April 3 at Fort McCoy. Soldiers with the unit were completing qualifying for marksmanship as part of maintaining combat readiness.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

CACTF training

Soldiers hold training scenarios at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) on March 21 on South Post at Fort McCoy. The CACTF provides a wide variety of training environments. The complex, built at a cost of more than \$14 million, was completed in late 2012. The first use of the CACTF for training was by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in March 2013. Since then, hundreds of different military units as well as law-enforcement agencies have made use of the facility. See more at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/418078/photo-essay-soldiers-hold-march-2022-training-fort-mccoys-cactf>.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Last CWOC class

(Above) A student in the Fort McCoy Cold-Weather Operations Course (CWOC) class 22-06 participates in cold-water immersion training March 25 on South Post at Fort McCoy. (Below) CWOC students complete a training scenario March 25 on South Post at Fort McCoy. Hundreds of service members from multiple services trained in the course from 2021-2022. More about the season overall will be in the April 22 edition of The Real McCoy. See more coverage at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/418079/photo-essay-fort-mccoy-cold-weather-operations-course-class-22-06-training-ops>.



NEWS

Federal, state agencies partner for fire-suppression training

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy's fire and forestry officials and aircrew and Black Hawk helicopters with the Wisconsin National Guard's 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment of Madison, Wis., teamed March 28 to complete prescribed-burn and conduct fire-suppression training in Training Area Bravo-26 on the installation's South Post.

The event built on a continuing relationship between the Fort McCoy prescribed burn team and the Wisconsin National Guard training, said Forester Charles Mentzel with the Directorate of Public

Works (DPW) Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB).

Mentzel said Fort McCoy is the ideal place to hold fire-suppression training with the Black Hawks and the water buckets, which are also known as "Bambi" buckets.

"We are a military training base, have the facilities to support the helicopters, and the land base to do the training," Mentzel said. "The water sources also are on the installation, so helicopters don't have to cross any public roadways while carrying water to the fire."

Prescribed burns are typically completed every spring and fall through a combined effort of several post organizations that make up the prescribed burn team. The post prescribed burn team includes personnel with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department; NRB; Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; and the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands, under a cooperative agreement to conduct natural resource management work on post.

Mentzel said the fire-suppression training has been going on at Fort McCoy for more than a decade, and it's a great partnership of federal and state organizations working together to help each other.

"The relationship has evolved over time so much that we now have each other's cell phone numbers for the coordination efforts," Mentzel said. "Many times we need to chat on a Sun-



(Above and below story) A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment of Madison, Wis., carries a giant water bucket to a douse a fire March 28 on South Post as part of fire-suppression training at Fort McCoy.

day before the training for last-minute changes due to weather or training conflicts for the mission on a Monday. We have also learned on the ground exactly what the helicopters/water bucket capabilities are, and we try to give them real-world issues to practice on. It is a fun, yet stressful day of burning and training."

For the March 28 training, Big Sandy Lake on South Post was used for a water source for the Black Hawk crew to draw their water from. From there it was only a few miles to the drop area where a prescribed burn was taking place.

According to the Wisconsin National Guard, the bucket training allows Black Hawk flight

crews to sharpen their skills. Understanding how to use the bucket can be used to potentially assist the people in a fire emergency, such as a wildfire response.

More prescribed burns will likely take place across Fort McCoy during spring 2022 and later in the year as conditions permit.



See more photos and coverage of the training at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417683/federal-state-agencies-partner-fire-suppression-training-with-black-hawks-fort-mccoy>.

NEWS

Post prescribed burn team supports Black Hawk training



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Team members oversee a prescribed burn March 28 on South Post at Fort McCoy. The post prescribed burn team includes personnel with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department; Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch; Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; and the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands, under a cooperative agreement with the post.



A Fort McCoy prescribed burn team member ignites a prescribed burn March 28 on South Post at the installation. The burn was completed in support of fire-suppression training. See more coverage and photos of the prescribed burn at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417789/photo-es-say-2022-prescribed-burn-operations-fort-mccoy-part-ii>.



Fort McCoy prescribed burn team members oversee a prescribed burn March 28 on South Post while a UH-60 Black Hawk flies overhead with a water bucket while participating in fire-suppression training.

FEATURE

Two 88th RD mechanics recall equipment volume, condition during 1991's Operation Desert Fix

STORY & PHOTO BY CHERYL PHILLIPS

88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

Many people are familiar with Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Desert Fox, but not nearly as many might be aware of Operation Desert Fix, in which the heroes were the mechanics assigned to the Equipment Concentration Site (ECS)-67 at Fort McCoy.

Starting in spring 1991, ECS-67 began receiving equipment and vehicles for repair after the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm, which grew to “hundreds of hundreds” of items, said George Hafner, one of only two current employees at ECS-67 who were at McCoy at the time of Operation Desert Fix. Presently a work leader, then he was a “straight 8” or Wage Grade-08 mechanic. Hafner has been with ECS-67 since December 1990.

Joining him was Timothy Lawrence, then an automotive worker and now a heavy mobile equipment repair supervisor. He joined ECS-67 the same month and year as Hafner. Currently, ECS-67 belongs to the 88th Readiness Division, which is dual-headquartered at Fort Snelling, Minn., and Fort McCoy. At the time of the mission, the ECS fell under the 86th Army Reserve Command.

For six to eight months, Lawrence and Hafner were joined by about two dozen other mechanics to repair the flood of equipment and vehicles surging into the ECS. Other shops located at Fort McCoy also participated in Operation Desert Fix over the course of a year.

“The volume of the equipment coming in was taking away from our mission, so halfway through, we went to two shifts,” Lawrence said.

Lawrence said that two reasons ECS-67 was chosen for the mission were the location and availability of manpower.

“A lot of the equipment belonged to units located around here. We maintain and store Army Reserve equipment from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, and parts of Ohio,” Lawrence said. One positive thing during Operation Desert Fix was the mechanics saw no equipment they hadn’t worked on in the past. Hafner spent most of his time at the trailer shop, where he mainly repaired M872 three-axle flatbed trailers. “Most of them were pretty rusty. They were really in tough shape,” he said.

Lawrence worked largely on tactical wheeled vehicles, such as deuce-and-a-halves, 5-tons, cargo trucks, and tractors.

Hafner said he saw the competing requirement to repair the equipment coming in for Desert Fix and continue to execute the dual mission to support the Army Reserve units as the biggest challenge. Hafner also noted that another difficulty was “the condition of the equipment was so bad — rusty, rusty, rusty. Trying to repair equipment when it’s rusty is really rough. It’s hard to get it apart; hard to repair.”

Lawrence said the poor equipment condition was the result of the climate, from the desert environment, sand, and exposure to salty sea water and sea air during transport to and from the Middle East. “All that coming together really takes a toll on the equipment,” he said.

One of the lessons Hafner learned from the experience was “being flexible with my schedule. At a moment’s notice, you could be pulled to work on something else.”

Lawrence said that one of the advantages of being involved in the historic mission was that the work “enhanced my learning and broadened my maintenance skills.”

He added that “the completion of the mission, having a sense of purpose and supporting the troops” gave him fulfillment. Hafner also said he felt a sense of accomplishment from the mission.

“Seeing a piece of equipment after it first came in, getting it apart, and repairing it back to (Technical Manual) 10-20 standards was the best part about the mission,” Hafner said. “Seeing a trailer go out ready for a mission was by far the best, and we know the units that used the equipment were appreciative of the work we did.”

Lawrence shared a story from the mission about an issue with a 10-ton crane.

“The hydraulics weren’t working. They got to the point where they drained the reservoir — you’re looking at 50 gallons of hydraulic fluid,” Lawrence said. “When they started draining it, they noticed chunks of rubber, like inner tube rubber. They could see this thing laying in there. It was an AK-47 (rifle) a troop wanted to bring back to the states. He wrapped it up in tire rubber and dropped it in the hydraulic tank and was planning to recover it at the Reserve Center.”

The unidentified Soldier didn’t get to keep the rifle.

See more coverage at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/416175/two-88th-rd-mechanics-recall-equipment-volume-condition-during-operation-desert-fix>.



George Hafner and Timothy Lawrence, both with the 88th Readiness Division Equipment Concentration Site 67 at Fort McCoy, hold the certificate of appreciation March 9 from the 86th Reserve Command for the successful completion of Operation Desert Fix in 1991.

COMMUNITY

Fort McCoy teen named Wisconsin Military Youth of the Year

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy family member Charles Tempski has been named the Wisconsin Military Youth of the Year by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for his leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle.

The Youth of the Year title is a prestigious honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle. Now in its 75th year, the program honors the nation's most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures.

As the Wisconsin Military Youth of the Year, Tempski will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state, receive a \$2,500 college scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and go on to contend for the regional Youth of the Year and ultimately the national title.

Tempski has overcome many challenges during his time at the Fort McCoy School Age and Youth Center. He struggled with popularity, building relationships, and with school. Through the years, Tempski has grown into an outgoing young man.

"The Fort McCoy Youth Center have enabled me to grow as a leader in my community, allowed me to build relationships through the Youth Sponsorship Program, and made me feel accepted for who I am," Tempski said.

Tempski has been a member of the Fort McCoy Torch and Keystone clubs for 5 years now. Torch club is for youth ages 10-13, and Keystone is for youth ages 14 and up. Keystone is the Boys & Girls Club Movement's most dynamic teen program. It affords teens an oppor-



Photo by Fort McCoy Child and Youth Services

Charles Tempski, a Fort McCoy family member, is shown in this portrait March 31 at Fort McCoy. Tempski was named Wisconsin Military Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club of America.

tunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. Teens conduct activities in four areas: academic success, career exploration, communi-

ty service, and teen outreach.

Tempski has been a pillar of leadership in his community. He serves as an assistant senior pa-

trol leader, military youth mentor, church council member and youth representative, hockey support staff, and school youth mentor for new students from military families. He also volunteers at a local nursing home when he can and peer mentors at the Fort McCoy Youth Center. Tempski plans to attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison for a bachelor's degree in biology. He would like to become a doctor of podiatry.

"We are incredibly proud of Charles and all the Youth of the Year nominees," said Jim Clark, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "Being named Youth of the Year is a lifelong honor. As the Wisconsin Military Youth of the Year, Charles will serve as a spokesperson for kids and teens across the state who face the many unique challenges associated with military life."

Founded in 1947 as Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier youth recognition program, Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community, and Boys & Girls Club. Youth of the Year representatives are the workforce leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers of tomorrow.

This fall, Tempski will compete for the title of Midwest Region Military Youth of the Year and an additional \$20,000 college scholarship. Five regional winners will advance to the virtual National Youth of the Year event in Los Angeles in October 2022 to compete for the title of National Military Youth of the Year. The final stage of the journey, National Youth of the Year, presents the opportunity to receive an additional scholarship of \$50,000 and a brand-new car.

For more information about the Youth of the Year program, visit www.youthoftheyear.org.

See more coverage and photos at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417603/fort-mccoy-teen-named-wisconsin-military-youth-year>.



Photo by Christopher Hanson

Month of the Military Child

Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss provides remarks April 1 during a special event at the Fort McCoy Child Development Center (CDC) commemorating April as the Month of the Military Child. Poss and Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard also signed a proclamation declaring April 2022 as the Month of the Military Child. Children from the CDC sang "Red, White and Blue" to parents and guests who attended.

COMMUNITY

Fort McCoy leaders speak at Wisconsin Student Leadership Conference

STORY & PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER HANSON

Public Affairs Staff

Leaders with the Fort McCoy Garrison command team spoke April 4 at the Wisconsin Association of School Councils (WASC) Leadership Conference in the Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard; Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, garrison command sergeant major; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander Maj. James Lavelle spoke on the importance of leadership to outstanding student council members from middle and high schools from around the state of Wisconsin.

The discussion was facilitated by WASC Executive Director Bjorn Berg.

Fort McCoy was invited to the 2022 conference to present about leadership in the military, for each leader to share their experiences about when they were in school, and the reasons behind their choices to join the U.S. Army.

The students broke into two sessions — one with the middle schools and one with the high schools — to answer specific questions for each group.

DiDomenico said she was specifically asked about being a woman in the Army and to share her experiences. She shared her own examples of becoming a leader and talked about the outstanding opportunities the military has to offer and how all military occupational specialties are now to women. She also that one in four U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers are women.

During the high school group, the team invited a few volunteers to come up and participate in a push-up challenge after DiDomenico demonstrated the correct form for an Army push-up.

The event participation is part of regular community engagement by Fort McCoy military and civilian personnel.

Fort McCoy Garrison command staff and the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office helped coordinated the conference participation.

Fort McCoy's motto is to be the "Total Force Training Center." Located in the heart of the upper Midwest, Fort McCoy is the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin.

The installation has provided support and facilities for the field and classroom training of more than 100,000 military personnel from all services nearly every year since 1984.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching "fmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy."

See more coverage at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/417901/fort-mccoy-leaders-speak-wis-student-leadership-conference>.



Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, garrison command sergeant major, addresses students at the Wisconsin Association of School Councils Leadership Conference on April 4 at Wisconsin Dells.



Leaders with the Fort McCoy Garrison command team respond to questions April 4 during the conference.

NEWS NOTES

Easter Eggstravaganza scheduled for April 9

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host Easter Eggstravaganza from 9 to 11 a.m. April 9 at McCoy's Community Center.

The event will feature crafts and activities, an Easter egg hunt, and photos with the Easter bunny. Separate hunts will be held for young children and Exceptional Family Member Program members.

No registration is required.

Bird feeder, house workshops scheduled throughout April

Build-your-own bird feeder and birdhouse workshops will be hosted throughout April at the Army Community Service Workshop, building 1133.

Step into spring by creating a bird house the whole family can enjoy over the spring and summer months.

ACS will provide a wood bird house kit to put together and personalize by painting or adding decorations.

Workshops are 4 to 6:30 p.m. April 12 and 21. All materials are provided. Space is limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

ACS events are open to service members, family members, civilian workers, retirees, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

To register, call 608-388-3505.

EFMP Spring Craft Night set for April 14

Army Community Service (ACS) is hosting a Sprint Craft Night for its Exceptional Family Member Program from 5 to 7 p.m. April 14 at the ACS Family Building, 2161.

This is a great opportunity for parents with Exceptional Family Members to meet and exchange information, resources, and ideas that meet the unique needs of their child(ren). This also provides the perfect chance for Families to mingle with new families and make new friends.

Crafts available include:

- finger painting.
- canvas painting.
- create/decorate a picture frame.
- marble painting.
- string painting.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 608-388-7262.

SAC/YC hosts Youth Days April 15, 18

Child and Youth Services is hosting Youth Days 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 15 and 18 while area schools are closed.

Some of the activities featured will include pop art, crash test cars, group games, and cooking lessons.

Youths must be registered with CYS. Normal CYS charges apply.

To register for a Youth Day, call 608-388-4373.

AER annual campaign runs through May 15

The Army Emergency Relief (AER) campaign runs annually from March 1 to May 15, according to the AER webpage, www.armyemergencyrelief.org. AER helps provide emergency financial funds for food, rent, funeral expenses, emergency medical expenses, and other needs.

Contributions to AER help active-duty Soldiers (single and married) and their families, retirees and their family members, and surviving spouses or orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

On the AER website, AER Chairman, retired Army Gen. John F. Campbell, states the importance of AER and of supporting it.

Army Emergency Relief has always been an

important tool for commanders," Campbell is quoted on the page.

"In my nearly 40 years of service, I repeatedly witnessed the impact Army leaders had on their Soldiers' lives by sending them to their AER office for financial assistance. AER provided \$70 million in loans and grants to 40,000 Soldiers and families in 2019. This incredible amount of assistance was possible due to the support of our generous donors. Since our founding in 1942, this organization has relied on the camaraderie and generosity that exists between our men and women in uniform."

If you are an active-duty service member or retiree, consider donating to the campaign by contacting your AER unit representative or stopping by building 2111.

Strike Out Sexual Assault held April 19-23

The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program and McCoy's Community Center are holding a "Strike Out Sexual Assault" bowling event April 19-23 at McCoy's Community Center.

Win prizes by bowling a standard game at McCoy's Community Center and then posting a picture of the score to the Army Community Service Facebook page.

The event discussion board will be available at www.facebook.com/fortmccoyacs.

Commissary holds contest for Month of the Military Child

Children of authorized commissary shoppers can help save the environment and enter to win a chance at a \$25 gift card in the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) Month of the Military Child contest April 1-30.

"Our military youth experience many sacrifices associated with living in military families – moving from place to place and in many instances watching a parent deploy," said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo, senior enlisted adviser to the DeCA director. "During April, the Month of the Military Child, we celebrate our military families and applaud their children for the ad-

versity they've overcome."

This year, DeCA is using an Earth Day theme with the tagline, "One world. One chance. Make it great for them." to engage children of eligible commissary shoppers from Kindergarten through 12th grade along with their parents, caregivers or teachers.

More information and full rules of the contest can be found on <https://shop.commissaries.com/militarychild>. The following is a short summary of contest requirements:

- Photos. Participants must upload a photo of their child completing one of the elements on the Month of the Military Child Passport to <https://shop.commissaries.com/militarychild> for a chance to win a \$25 Commissary gift card. Photos with copyrights will not be accepted. Each passport activity asks that the child complete an element that makes the world a better place in one or more of the following areas: 1) Recycling, 2) Composting, 3) Reusing a grocery bag or 4) Planting.

- Passports can be downloaded at <https://shop.commissaries.com/militarychild> and parents, teachers or other adult can verify completion of those activities by signing and dating the activity. Participants with one or more completed elements can visit their commissary to receive a Certificate of Participation from their commissary representative.

- Timeline. Photos must be uploaded no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time April 29.

- Eligibility. Only children of authorized commissary patrons in grades K – 12 – one entry per household – can participate in the contest. DeCA employees and family members are not eligible.

- Certificate of Participation. Parents showing a completed passport can obtain a Certificate of Participation from store personnel.

- Deadline. Winners will be notified by email no later than May 31, and gift cards will be mailed to the winner's address.

"I cannot wait to see some of their contest passports," Saucedo said. "This contest is a wonderful way to honor our military children and encourage their responsibility for taking care of the environment."

AAFES holds contests for Month of the Military Child

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is calling on America's youngest heroes to show off their creative creations for a chance to win prizes during Month of the Military Child.

The virtual contest lineup began April 1. Each contest runs for one week. The lineup includes:

- Gaming Contest – April 8-14, kids can snap a fun photo during family game night and submit for a chance to win a \$50 Exchange gift card grand prize or one of three runner-up prizes.

- Nerf Target Contest – April 15-21, kids can add their own creative touch to the Nerf Target and submit a photo of their completed target for a chance to win a \$50 Exchange gift card grand prize or one of three runner-up prizes.

- Ultimate Princess Event – April 22-28, kids can design a princess castle placemat and submit a photo for a chance to win a \$50 Exchange gift card grand prize or one of three runner-up prizes.

"The Exchange is honored to recognize the resilience and sacrifice of military children with fun contests and prizes during Month of the Military Child," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Osby, Exchange senior enlisted adviser. "Honoring America's youngest heroes is the ultimate prize for the Exchange."

Authorized shoppers 18 and older can visit ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes to enter. Judges will select four winners from each event. Contest rules and materials can be found at ShopMyExchange.com/momc.

Military kids can continue the fun after the contest with activities, drawing lessons, fun videos and more on the Exchange's Hub page. For the full list of Month of the Military Child activities at the Exchange, visit ShopMyExchange.com/momc.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next edition of The Real McCoy will be published April 22.

The deadline for submissions or article ideas is April 13.

For more information about The Real McCoy, call 608-388-4128.

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AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL

Identifying a substance abuse problem can help change your life. Understand the warning signs and where to get help.

militaryonesource.mil/substance-abuse-and-addiction/

U.S. ARMY

Warrior Restaurant

Warrior Restaurant 1362 closes April 1. Warrior Restaurant 50 opens April 2. Military members and Department of Defense civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use Warrior Restaurants. Units must coordinate through the Food Program Management Office at 608-388-6518/4739.

Hours
Breakfast: 6-8 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Rates
Breakfast — \$3.85
Lunch — \$6.15
Dinner — \$5.35

Recreation

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Call 608-388-3200.

iSportsman: Portal for outdoor recreational activities; registration and check-in required. Register, apply for permits, and sign in or out of recreation areas at https://f1mccoy.isportsman.net.

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. (Bar, food, bowling). Call 608-388-7060.

Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.
Leisure Travel Services Office: Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Call 608-388-2619.

Recreation Accommodations: Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Mon. by appointment only. Call 608-388-2029.

Rumpel Fitness Center: Building 1122. Open 5 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 24/7 access available. Limited capacity. Call 608-388-2290.

Indoor swimming pool, atrium, sauna and steamroom: Open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Sportsman's Range: Closed for the season. Call 608-388-9162 for information.

Tactics Paintball/Laser Tag: By appointment only; 2-day notice required. Call 608-388-3517.

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Closed for the season. Call 608-388-4498.

Dining

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Catering/administration, call 608-388-2065. Building 1571. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. Call 608-388-7060.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-

388-4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Limited seating available. Delivery available to South Post and in cantonment area. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet/Ten Point Pub: 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. Call 608-269-1710.

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

Car Wash: Building 1568. Offers self-service and automatic bays and vacuums. Open 24/7. May close during extremely cold weather. Accepts cash or credit cards. Call 608-388-4161.

Commissary: Building 1537. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

Computer Lab: Building 50, room 100A. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Computers, projector, printer, scanner, fax machine available. Call ahead for availability. Call 608-388-2474.

CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel: Building 2180. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

Education/Learning Center: Building 50, room 123. Open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Email darrel.l.hawkins.ctr@mail.mil to schedule tests. Email connie.j.schauer.civ@mail.mil for other services.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Open 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Call 608-388-3106/3107 or email usarmy.usarc.usarc-hq.mbx.eeo@mail.mil.

Exchange: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604.

ID Card/DEERS Section: Building 35. Open 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and Fri. and 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Thur. By appointment only. Call 608-388-4563.

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

Installation Legal Office: Building 1644. Call 605-388-2165.

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities: Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy. Civilian, family members, and retired military members are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 to find out which buildings are open.

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open 8

facilities services

This schedule is projected through April 21, 2022.
Hours of operation and services may be affected by COVID-19.
precautions and are changing frequently.
Call facilities to verify hours before traveling.
Bold, italic typeface indicates a change since the last publication.

a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

Military Personnel: Building 2187. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. By appointment only.
In-/Out-processing: 608-388-4822.
Personnel Automations: 608-388-4842.
Reassignments: 608-388-4746.
Records Update: 608-388-5677.
Centralized Promotions: 608-388-5677.

Multimedia/Visual Information: Building 2113. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. No DA/command photos until further notice per DA policy. Call 608-388-4520.

Official Mail Distribution Center: Building 1654. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3205.

Patriot Outfitters: Building 1538. Closed until further notice. Call 608-269-1115.

Permit Sales: Building 2168. Hunting, fishing, and firewood permits. By appointment only. Check f1mccoy.isportsman.net for updates. Call 608-388-3337.

Personal Property Processing Office: Building 200. Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 608-388-3060, fax: 608-388-5634, email: usarmy.mccoy.asc.mbx.lrc-pppo@mail.mil.

Retirement Services Office: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-3716.

R.I.A. Credit Union: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 2-4 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 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.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-388-4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7.

Transition Service Center: Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-7956.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Open 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Passes issued at Main Gate outside of VCC hours. Physical Security open for fingerprints Thur. only; call 608-388-2266. See ID/DEERS section for its hours.

Family Support

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

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

Child Development Center: Building 1796. Open with reduced capacity. Call 608-388-3534/2238.

Housing Office: Building 6158. Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Family Housing, Single Soldier Housing, and referral services. Self-Help Warehouse open open noon-3:30 p.m. Wed. and 8 a.m.-noon Fri. Call 608-388-2804.

Military Family Life Counseling: Building 2111. MFLCs can provide short-term, non-medical counseling at no cost and augment existing military support programs. Services can be provided on or off post. Call 608-388-8068 or 352-598-4972 or email fischert@magellanfederal.com 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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 kindergarten through 12th grade. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Call for options for distance and year-round schooling. Open with reduced capacity. Call 608-388-4373.

Health Care

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

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

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

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 1679. Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-8461.

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 www.tricare.mil.

Worship

Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. 9:15 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at https://www.facebook.com/F1McCoyRSO. Call 608-388-3528.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Call 608-269-3377.

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

Protestant: Chapel 1, building 2672. 10:30 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at https://www.facebook.com/F1McCoyRSO. Call 608-388-3528.

Spanish Language: Catholic services in Norwalk; call 608-823-7906 for options. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142 for options.

Face-to-face services are not currently available. Call RSO at 608-388-3528 for options and assistance.

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

Organizations

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882: Call 608-388-1882.

American Society of Military Comptrollers: Meets several times throughout the year. For more information, call 608-269-1912.

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: For more information, call 920-535-0515 or email justdave49@centurylink.net.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club: Email michael.p.gibson.mil@mail.mil for information.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and noon-8 p.m. Sat. Mobile services available noon-4 p.m. Fri.-Sat. on ranges. For more information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

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Open to all new installation personnel and their spouses. Provides briefings on the services available at Fort McCoy.

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McCoy's Community Center

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Attack	30-sec. to 5-min. wavering tone or voice announcement	Attack imminent or in progress. Examples: Vehicle bomb, terrorist action, release of biological or radioactive materials.	Be alert. Ensure all personnel are warned. Implement force-protection condition (FPCON) procedures as indicated. Take cover by evacuating to a safe location or sheltering in place. Notify supervisor of location.
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All privately owned firearms brought on the installation must be registered through the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Police Department.

Firearm registration is required by Army Regulation 190-11, 4-5, "Privately owned weapons and ammunition."

Firearms are required to be registered prior to entrance or immediately upon entering any lands identified as Fort McCoy property. For more information, call 608-388-2266.

COMMUNITY

Longstanding tradition of bugle calls continues at Fort McCoy

Every day at 6 a.m. and 5 p.m., Soldiers, family members, and civilian employees can see, hear, and participate in a ritual that honors the nation while continuing a tradition as old as the U.S. Army. Traffic stops, work pauses, and activities cease while we render honors to the colors.

But reveille in the morning and retreat at night are only two of many bugle calls that punctuate daily life at Fort McCoy. Most think of old Western movies and cavalymen when hearing a bugle call, but few actually understand the significance of most of the bugle calls heard throughout the day.

In the frontier outposts of the late 1800s, bugle calls united Soldiers and their families. These small, lonely forts with garrisons of only 100 to 200 Soldiers were often far from the nearest town. Household clocks were set by the bugle calls. According to some tales, an Army wife even used assembly as the signal for the children to take their naps.

Days began early for Soldiers as they began feeding and grooming the horses before dawn. Following reveille and breakfast, Soldiers came together for inspection when they heard the call for Assembly. The Soldier with the best uniform and equipment was selected to be the commander's orderly, which gave him bragging rights and (sometimes) the following day off.

After inspection, Soldiers trained in critical skills of the day: marching, riding, bayonet drill, marksmanship, and gun crew drills. Mess call to lunch ended the morning's training. Soldiers spent most of the afternoon in fatigue details, such as chopping wood, maintaining the buildings and stables, and taking care of the horses.

Soldiers returned from these tasks when the bugler sounded recall, giving the Soldiers time to prepare themselves for the evening parade and retreat. The day at most frontier outposts ended with a parade of the entire command around the central field. This was a way to inspect the discipline and equipment of the unit, but it was also a community social event that was attended by nearly all of the family members.

Prior to the 1890s, Soldiers were required to assemble for a final roll call at 10 p.m. at the sound of tattoo, but this practice — along with inspections on Sundays — ended when the Army made efforts to improve the quality of Soldiers' lives.

Purpose of bugle calls (times played at Fort McCoy)

- First call (5:55 a.m.) — sounded as a warning for Soldiers to begin assembling for a formation.
- Reveille (6 a.m.) — signals the Soldiers to Stand-To for morning roll call and accompanies the raising of the national colors.
- Assembly (6:45 a.m.) — signals Soldiers to assemble at a designated place.
- Mess call (7 a.m., noon, and 5:45 p.m.) — signals breakfast, lunch, or dinner.
- Retreat (5 p.m.) — signals the end of the official duty day.
- To the colors (5 p.m.) — used to render honors to the nation when no band is available or in ceremonies requiring honors to the nation more than once. It requires the same courtesies as the national anthem. It is used to accompany lowering the national flag.
- Call to quarters (10 p.m.) — symbolically signals all Soldiers not authorized to be absent to return to their quarters for the night.
- Tattoo (10:30 p.m.) — signals that all lights in squad rooms be extinguished and that all loud talking and other disturbances be discontinued within 15 minutes.
- Taps (11 p.m.) — signals that unauthorized lights are to be extinguished. This is the last call of the day. It is also sounded at the completion of a military funeral.

Some bugle calls require certain actions or courtesies, whether the listener is civilian or a service member. For reveille (6 a.m.) and retreat and to the colors (both 5 p.m.), Soldiers in formation should execute the commands of the officer or noncommissioned officer in charge. Soldiers who are in uniform but not in formation should face the flag (or the direction of the music if the flag is not in view) and render a hand salute until the last note of music.

Civilians and Soldiers wearing civilian clothes should face the flag, come to the position of attention, remove any headgear with the right hand, and place the right hand over the heart until the last note of music. Soldiers, veterans, and retirees may render a hand salute rather than placing their hand over their heart, according to a 2009 law passed by Congress.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Emergency Management Office.)

GUIDE TO FORT MCCOY DAILY BUGLE CALLS

First Call Sounded as a warning for Soldiers to begin assembling for formation.	0555	No action required.
Reveille Signals Soldiers for morning roll call and accompanies the raising of the National Flag.	0600	Soldiers in uniform: Face the flag and render a hand salute. All others: Face the flag with your right hand over your heart.
Assembly Signals Soldiers to assemble.	0645	No action required.
Mess Call Signals breakfast.	0700	No action required.
Mess Call Signals dinner.	1200	No action required.
Retreat/To the Colors Signals the end of the duty day and the lowering of the National Flag.	1700	Soldiers in uniform: Stand at attention. Render a hand salute with "To the Colors" begins. All others: Face the flag with your right hand over your heart.
Mess Call Signals supper.	1745	No action required.
Tattoo Signals that unauthorized lights are to be extinguished within 30 minutes.	2230	No action required.
Taps Signals all lights must be extinguished.	2300	No action required.

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