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Q: What role can the garrison play in helping units prepare for the ACFT? Is there any way the fitness centers can procure equipment to help train for the test? Is there a possibility of the garrison creating a centralized facility that administers the test?

A: The garrison coordinated with the command groups of testing units and provided locations (fields and container locations). Posted at gyms throughout the garrison are weight exercises that are similar to the ACFT events. Unfortunately, the garrison is not funded to support ACFT other than providing a location for the ACFT.

Army funding for the equipment was reserved directly for unit level purchasing and the garrison is not funded or approved at this time to procure additional equipment for use at our fitness centers. As stated above, there are posters at gyms and fitness centers that describe exercises using current fitness equipment that are similar to some of the ACFT events.

The garrison is currently assessing potential locations to be used as centralized locations for both diagnostic and record tests. Current locations where ACFTs can be done are MWR operated fields and coordination can be made with the Garrison S3/5/7 to schedule an ACFT. Due to the specific requirements for an ACFT location to meet, not all installations within our footprint meet the minimum requirement.

FMWR Fitness centers cannot procure equipment to help train for the test. Fitness center equipment is centrally purchased via bulk buys placed by Installation Management Command (IMCOM). Recently, two contracts were awarded to outfit the Army with the equipment required. 35,000 kits will be assembled and delivered early 2020. Additionally, in the future, Soldier Performance Readiness Centers will start appearing on installations. Although this is down the road, it is in the works.

DPW

Q: You promised that holes on the roads (in Baumholder) would be fixed. There are holes everywhere. One example, Smith Barracks, main exit. Those holes are getting bigger. Also when you drive towards the APO mail building from the Command building, holes everywhere.

A: Yes, you are correct. Unfortunately, we did not receive the amount of funding that we were anticipating so we were unable to complete the work that we wanted to. We have thoroughly assessed all of the roads in Baumholder to identify critical needs like you identified and once we have funding, we will fix them as quickly as we can.

DES

Q: Is there a way for the post office parking on ROB to be available as normal parking after 1700 daily and on weekends and holidays? It is currently 10 minute parking at all times, but building 201 barely has any parking and those spots would help.

A: That is a good suggestion and we will keep that as an option. What we prefer to do is enforce the parking in the area and clean up the non-operational registrations and other issues around that building. Units can move those cars and open up more barracks parking. Parking enforcement in the area will be increased to enforce the policy in the coming days as there have been significant violations.

DFMWR

Q: CYS has a requirement for sports this year that we have to be in line of sight for our kids, even those who are 10+. That is stricter than the base policy. Is there a way this can change?

A: According to the IMCOM-Europe CYS Sports and Fitness Operational Requirements from August 2016, parents must remain on site for practices. This has been a requirement for several years now so for clarification, it is not a new policy. Perhaps the confusion results from how strictly and consistently it may have been enforced by the CYS coaches throughout Rheinland-Pfalz. The reasoning behind this requirement is two-fold. First, it helps ensure the safety of the children and youth who are participating, particularly in the event a child needs any emergency first aid. Second, while all of our volunteer coaches must complete background checks to include an FBI Fingerprint Check in order to coach, DA policy does not require the Tier 1 check (formerly known as CNACI) like it does for paid staff. The Tier 1 check is required for all CYS employees and it must be adjudicated favorably before they are permitted to be alone with children.

Q: Can we make the gym at ROB 24hr?

A: We want to get the ROB Fitness Center to 24/7 service in the future. Due to heightened cybersecurity measures and approvals, we have a long lead time to get our camera and surveillance systems approved and installed. We have asked for appropriate waivers and approvals and as soon as they are received, we will move forward to installing the required video surveillance systems.

Q: Can we get the equipment in the gym fixed? The one cable machine at Mountaineer Fitness Center has been broken for several months.

A: Yes, we are doing our best to get the equipment fixed. Unfortunately, we do not have in house technicians to fix these items so we rely on a contractor. Due to the budget situation over the last month or so, they were delayed in moving forward with repair work. We have done many repairs and are moving as quickly as possible to complete the rest.