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2017 troop projects improve installation ops; more planned for 2018

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Troop projects are a regular part of planned improvements at Fort McCoy each year, and in 2017, the completion of those projects have continued to make a difference in improving installation operations, said Troop Projects Coordinator Larry Morrow with the Directorate of Public Works.

A majority of troop projects were worked on or completed in August during the Combat Support Training Exercise, Morrow said. The number of projects completed for the year, however, was less than in past years.

"We didn't have as many engineer units here this year as in past years, but we still saw a lot of work done," Morrow said. "And we appreciate everything that's been done."

A couple of big projects were finished or nearly finished, Morrow said. These included a new pole building near Range 2 on North Post for Range Maintenance as well as a new picnic shelter built next to building 1108, (See **PROJECTS**, Page 2)



Soldiers with the 327th Engineer Company of Onalaska, Wis., work on a troop project to build a pole building Aug. 16 near Range 2 at Fort McCoy.



Wisconsin law-enforcement personnel from several counties participate in a training scenario Sept. 20 at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at Fort McCoy.

Multiple police agencies train at post's CACTF

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The roar of a BearCat truck marked with "Sauk County" on the side could be heard rolling along a road at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) on Sept. 20 at Fort McCoy as it transported a team of law-enforcement personnel to a training scenario.

The personnel came from police agencies throughout Wisconsin, and they were part of training taught by George Creamer of Integrated Tactical Concepts (ITC) LLC of Los Angeles. More than 50 personnel were taught in two courses over several days of training in September, including ITC's Tactical Armored Vehicle Operations and Operations courses.

"Each course is approximately 24 hours of training," said Creamer, owner and trainer of ITC. "What we did in the training at (Fort McCoy) included both classroom and practical exercises through field training."

Law-enforcement officers from Milwaukee and Eau Claire, Dane, La Crosse, Sauk, and Oneida counties were among those who participated in the courses. The training was hosted and coordinated by the La Crosse County Sheriff's Office.

The Tactical Armored Vehicle Operations Course is designed to expose law-enforcement tactical teams to the tactical capabilities

of the Lenco fleet of armored vehicles, such as the BearCat, Creamer said. The course also focuses on deployment methods of the armored vehicle and helps the teams understand tactical situations where an armored vehicle can be used.

"This includes barricaded suspects, high-risk warrant service, hostage rescues, civilian evacuations, and rescue operations," according to the course description at www.integratedtacticalconcepts.com.

At the CACTF, the Wisconsin law-enforcement personnel practiced tactics, techniques, and procedures to use the BearCat as well as other law-enforcement skills. Three BearCat armored vehicles were used for the training, including those from Sauk, La Crosse, and Eau Claire counties.

CACTF Manager Tom Hoff with contractor Advanced Systems Technology said the CACTF complex is an ideal location for law-enforcement training as well as other types of training, such as technical rescue for firefighters as well as urban operations training for service members.

"We've even had medical-evacuation training here with Blackhawk helicopters," Hoff said. "The CACTF is set up to be as realistic as a training environment as possible so the people who train here can train in ways that are as close to a real-world situation as possible."

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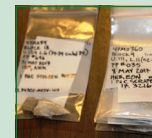
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Hydrant flushing

Firefighters Ryan Liss and Duane Becker with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department flush a hydrant on the cantonment area Oct. 4 at Fort McCoy. The hydrant flushing is completed annually by fire department personnel to ensure all hydrants are working properly and to check pressure within the system. Liss and Becker were two of several firefighters who were completing the work.

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home of Mission Installation Contracting Command-McCoy.

Other troop work included:

- Ground work on the tank trails by Equipment Concentration Site-67 and by the rail head near training area B-31 was completed.

- Stumps were removed from an area near training area B-31.

- More work was completed on the marshaling yard at Young Air Assault Strip on South Post and work was started on helicopter tie-downs at the strip.

- Troops started to re-side the chalet at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area. They also installed four parking-lot light poles and a water fountain at the chalet.

- Two new circuits were installed at building 751 for a freezer.

- A lean-to building was started near building 2784.

- A portable shed building was started near building 2889.

- Further work was completed on the shower facility at Integrated Tactical Training Base Freedom on South Post.

- Upgrades were made at the Vehicle Recovery Site on training area D-8.

"So many small projects were worked on this year, and those are the ones that aren't noticed as much by everyone but still are very important," Morrow said. "For example, we had a lot of concrete work done by the (Army Reserve's) 609th Engineer Detachment. They did and have done a lot for us."

Morrow said he plans projects to coincide with

troop training needs.

"I work with the units to find out what they're trying to accomplish each year," Morrow said. "From there, we come up with projects that we need to have done and at the same time helps them meet their training goals."

For the remainder of the year, little troop project work will be done. However, the 327th Engineer Company of Onalaska will finish their trim work on the pole building at Range 2.

For 2018, Morrow said there will be more projects. "We should have a minimum of 20 to 30 projects planned," he said.

In June 2018, an Army engineer-focused Castle Installation-Related Construction (IRC) exercise is planned and that exercise will take on numerous projects, Morrow said. A Castle IRC is the newer engineer exercise that replaced the former Essayons Exercise.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joel Sikora, engineer with the 327th Engineer Company, said his unit appreciates every training opportunity at Fort McCoy. Not only is the installation conveniently close to Onalaska, but the unit also appreciates the support received from the Fort McCoy team, especially from Morrow's team.

"Larry always takes care of us if we ever need anything," Sikora said. "He's always got a (lengthy) list of stuff to do that we could be on active duty here for him. We know that if you want something for training, Larry has it. We've never showed up here and not had something to do for us to train on."

For more information about troop projects, call 608-388-3551.



A picnic shelter was built next to the Mission Installation Contracting Command-McCoy building as part of a 2017 troop project.

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The support buildings in the CACTF complex represent multistory residential, commercial, government, business, and industrial operations, Hoff said. Underground tunnel and sewer training areas also are on site. The complex also includes a subway station building and a Structure Collapse Venue Site, which can support rescue training by firefighters and other emergency responders.

Hoff said the facility offers an especially great training opportunity for law-enforcement personnel.

"Besides being one of the most realistic training environments available in this part of the country, we also have the after-action review (AAR) capability that really adds to the training capabilities," Hoff said. "You are only limited by your imagination in the types of training that can be done here."

The CACTF has approximately 80 percent camera coverage of the facility interiors as well as three exterior cameras. People training there also have the capability to stream in audio and other effects to simulate the "sights, sounds, and smells" of combat operations and more. There also is a 100-seat AAR theater available for use.

During the third week of September, nearly a dozen law-enforcement agencies trained at the installation, according to Range Scheduling with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS). The CACTF falls under DPTMS management for the overall Fort McCoy Range Complex.



An officer provides cover from the turret of a BearCat armored vehicle during a training scenario Sept. 20 at Fort McCoy's Combined Arms Collective Training Facility.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Instructing the instructors

Staff Sgt. Nathan Carlson with Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance teaches a class for instructors about suicide prevention Oct. 4. The class was part of three days of in-service training by staff members of RTS-Maintenance.



Photo by Sgt. Robert Larson

Best Warrior competitor

Staff Sgt. Moise Creighton with the 1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion, navigates an obstacle Sept. 14 during an event for the First Army Division West Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy. Creighton did not win the competition but did well. Creighton was the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade's "Best Warrior" from an earlier competition by the brigade. The First Army competition lasted three days.

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Fisheries Biologist John Noble (center) explains the work that was done on Silver Creek to remove the West Silver Wetland Dam at the site in summer 2017 with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel, Fisheries Biologist Louise Mauldin (left) and Project Leader Sam Finney (right). Mauldin and Finney visited Fort McCoy to see progress on stream-habitat and fish-passage improvement projects that have been completed in recent years.

USFWS staff visits McCoy; observes progress of stream-habitat improvement

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For several years, work has been coordinated and completed by a team of agencies at Fort McCoy to remove dams, culverts, and other stream barriers to improve the natural flow of those waterways.

Part of that team is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). On Oct. 3, two members of the USFWS office in Onalaska, Wis., visited Fort McCoy to see the progress of projects they've worked to help via agreements and grant funding support throughout the installation.

Areas such as Tarr, Stillwell, and Silver Creek and the La Crosse River have had decades-old dams removed, had stream banks revitalized, and stream habitat for fish improved through a plethora of projects, said Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB). Those projects have been completed with USFWS, NRB,

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and other partners.

"The projects that have been completed improve fish passage to other parts of the streams and enhance overall trout habitat," Noble said. "Through working with the USFWS and others, we are able to continually make these improvements."

USFWS Fisheries Biologist Louise Mauldin was one of the two people who visited. She said the USFWS has invested in many of the Fort McCoy projects.

"We actually have two pots of money that we have used to help out with projects at Fort McCoy," Mauldin said. "This includes the Fish Passage Program, which helps with barrier removal, and the Driftless Area Restoration Effort Fish Habitat Partnership, which helps with stream restoration, bank stabilization, and other efforts."

During the visit, Mauldin and USFWS Project Leader Sam Finney observed the area where the most recent stream-improvement work was completed along Silver Creek on South Post,

where the West Silver Wetland Dam was removed this past summer. They also observed the progress on a project that was completed on Stillwell Creek in 2014 and reviewed the area of the La Crosse River on North Post where the Alderwood Dam was removed in 2015.

"We're seeing the response to the actions that have occurred during our visit," Mauldin said.

"I think from what we saw that things look great. I'm looking forward to hearing more about the future plans of what is going to be done (on post) as well."

Mauldin said she also receives monitoring information from stream studies at the installation. "That's really where we are able to look at the response from brown trout and brook trout and how they've adapted to the changes in the streams," she said.

Finney said the visit was a great opportunity to learn more about Fort McCoy's stream-improvement efforts, and more.

"I'm relatively new in my role and a big part of what our office does is the habitat work that

Louise runs," Finney said. "I'm often tied up with other things, and she does such a good job doing what she does that I don't get as much of a chance to get out here and see some of the work that has been done, so this was a great opportunity."

"This visit provided me a great opportunity to see where we have helped in the past, and it also gives me a better perspective on where we can help in the future," Finney said.

Noble said the NRB and Fort McCoy are always looking at ways to improve the miles and miles of streams and rivers on the installation. He added the USFWS has always been a great supporter of every effort.

"They have been a major catalyst in all these projects," Noble said.

"Without them, we wouldn't be able to partner with the WDNR (and others) as well as we do for these projects. We appreciate all of their support."

For more information about the stream restoration projects or fisheries information at Fort McCoy, call at 608-388-3337.

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Sergeant major credits success to parents, Hispanic heritage

BY AIMEE MALONE
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Sgt. Maj. Estevan Sotorosado, guest speaker for Fort McCoy's Hispanic Heritage Month observance on Sept. 21, said he owes his current success to his upbringing and his heritage.

Sotorosado is the training sergeant major for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence in Fort Rucker, Ala. He was born in New York City, but his parents moved him and his sisters to their home in Aguada, Puerto Rico, when he was young. He said growing up in Puerto Rico under the watchful eyes of his parents instilled the values in him that set him up for success in the Army.

"I grew up in a very tough neighborhood," Sotorosado said. "My dad had a sixth-grade-level education; my mom has a third-grade-level education. ... When it was time for us to go to school, they demanded a lot of my two sisters and I to ensure that education was the No. 1 priority."

Sotorosado said that when he was young, he didn't appreciate the demands his parents made of him. "I wanted to live my own way. I wanted to have my own identity."

After finishing school, he said, he began making bad choices, but his parents set him straight.

"My dad grabbed me and told me, 'You think you own your life,



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Sgt. Maj. Estevan Sotorosado, training sergeant major for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence in Fort Rucker, Ala., gives his presentation during the Fort McCoy observance of Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 21 in McCoy's Community Center.

but you don't. Your life ... belongs to the people," he said.

When he decided to join the Army, his mother told him he had to stay focused. He asked her what she meant, and the definition she gave him differed from the one found in the dictionary.

Her answer turned the word focus into an acronym FOCUS: F for faith, O for obedient, C for commit-

ted, U for united, and S for strong.

Having faith means trusting the people, communities, and installations around you, Sotorosado said. "If you don't have faith in your team, ... you're not going to accomplish anything," he said.

He said his parents stressed the importance of obedience while he was growing up, whether it was his elders, teachers, or the rules. That

translated well into being obedient to his superiors in the military and to the laws of society.

"If you don't have faith and you don't have discipline, and you're not obedient to others, I'm telling you that you are going to crash, and you will fail in life," Sotorosado said.

After joining the Army, he said his mother told him, "You are now a man. You are serving a nation so you

must remain committed to all values, to the country that gave you a chance to be successful."

Being united means making sure your team gets along and works together, Sotorosado said, but it also means making sure your team can work with others on the same mission.

"We are part of a nation that comes together to work for one purpose," he said. "That's what my parents instilled in me: to have faith, to be obedient, to be committed to unite the team, so that I can be successful."

Being focused and keeping his mother's definition of the word in mind have helped him succeed, rise through the ranks, and be strong, Sotorosado said.

Being focused, going back to basics, and following the Army values will help all Soldiers ensure their personal success.

"Don't allow your dreams — don't allow your goals — to die because your eyes are focused on something else. Keep your eyes on your goals," he said.

The Hispanic Heritage Month observance was arranged by the 1st Battalion, 337th Brigade Support Battalion in conjunction with the Fort McCoy Equal Opportunity office. For more information on Equal Opportunity events, call 608-388-6153.

Weapons hot!

Soldiers with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade (MFTB), also called the "Eagle Brigade," complete weapons training Sept. 20 at Range 34 on North Post at Fort McCoy.

The Soldiers were completing annual weapons qualification requirements on machine guns, such as the M249.

The 181st MFTB, a tenant organization at the installation, partners with Army Reserve and National Guard units to advise, assist, and train Army formations throughout their complete Sustainable Readiness Model cycle to achieve collective training readiness in support of worldwide requirements.

Range 34 is one of 31 live-fire ranges at Fort McCoy.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol



FEATURE

Fort McCoy's Re-Use It Store cuts waste, saves money

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Reducing waste and saving money at your workplace can be as simple as visiting Fort McCoy's Re-Use It Store in building 207.

The Re-Use It Store, which is open to both civilian workers and military members, operates on a simple concept. Instead of throwing away or indefinitely storing extra supplies, organizations can bring them to a central location for others to take and use.

"Units or tenants or garrison staff bring things they can't use anymore that are still serviceable," said Michael Reistad, environmental protection specialist with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division. "We put it on our shelf, and units can come get it to use as it was intended."

Visiting units also bring supplies they don't want or have room to haul back to their home bases, leaving the items for other military members to claim and use.

The supplies from the Re-Use It Store can't be taken off post or back with training units, Reistad said.

The supplies change frequently as units come and go. "We'll get toilet paper in one week from a departing unit, and next week, it'll be gone when a new unit comes in," he said. The staff members dispose of products that remain unclaimed for too long, ensuring that supplies are still good to use.

The most common supplies are cleaning and basic maintenance supplies, but anything that isn't extremely hazardous will be accepted, Reistad said. Turned-in supplies often include glass cleaner, spray lubricant, motor oil, paper products, spray paint, and more.

In fiscal year 2016, the Fort McCoy Re-Use It Store saved the installation and visiting troops about \$72,000 in purchase and disposal costs. Reistad said the cost savings is calculated by



A customer looks over the selection at the Re-Use It Store in building 207 on at Fort McCoy.

adding the average new cost of products that are claimed to the costs of disposing those products, whether it's sending it to a landfill or for hazardous-material disposal.

"The Re-Use It Store is an integral part of the waste minimization plan at Fort McCoy," Reistad said.

"Training dollars are always short," he said. "If units can

come get supplies from us, they can spend that money someplace else instead."

The Re-Use It Store is open noon to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment in building 207.

For more information, including current available supplies, call 608-388-5705.



Fall colors

Ash trees displayed bright colors in September along the roadway near the Fort McCoy Garrison Headquarters building.

Ash trees along this roadway are among the first to change color every fall.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

FEATURE

Friends & Spouses of Fort McCoy seeks new members

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Once a month, the Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy assemble at McCoy's Community Center to socialize, participate in fun activities like raffles or art projects, share information on area events and services, and support local charities.

Guest speakers from both on- and off-post organizations talk to the members at each meeting on a variety of subjects. For example, the September meeting's guest speaker was club member and Warrens Cranberry Festival board member June Potter, who talked to the group about the 2017 festivities.

Club President Carrie Olson and Secretary Rose Holland said club membership has dwindled as former members have changed duty stations or otherwise left the area, but the Friends and Spouses are looking to recruit new members.

With the influx of new families in the newly expanded South Post housing area, club leaders said they're working on getting more post organizations to participate in the meetings and provide information about services available on post. Olson, who is also the Family Advocacy Program manager for Army Community Service, lets club members know what events are coming up for her organization.

"One of the things we're doing is we're bringing in MWR ... just to give us a quick rundown of some of the amazing programs we have," Holland.

The club also supports a different local nonprofit organization each month, collecting supplies and/or cash. Some examples of organizations the club has supported include USO Fort McCoy and food pantries in Sparta and Tomah.

"Last year, we did more than \$700 in donations to local agencies," Olson said. "That's incredible from our small little group."

"It's just people taking time to grab some-



June Potter, Warrens Cranberry Festival organizer and Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy club member, talks to club members during lunch Sept. 20 at McCoy's Community Center.

thing while shopping," Holland said.

"And it's so appreciated," Olson said. "We try to share the thank-you notes when we get them."

DFMWR Director Patric McGuane stopped by the September meeting to talk about what's available through DFMWR and to encourage club members to reach out to his office with any ideas or requests they have.

"I'd like to come in and conduct a focus

group and (ask) what are you looking for (from DFMWR)?" McGuane said. He said he'd appreciate the feedback on what programs are well-liked or still wanted, especially in the newly expanded South Post housing area.

While the club is primarily intended for military spouses and government civilians, anyone with an interest in or connection to Fort McCoy is welcome to attend. And while child-care services are not provided, parents are

welcome to bring along young children. Club leaders are also requesting input on what activities members would like to see and what organizations they support.

The Friends and Spouses club meets at 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Members are emailed invitations monthly. Nonmembers interested in attending should email fsofmc coy@gmail.com for more information about the group and meetings.



Infrastructure improvement

(Left) Contractors work on building 1678, home of the Installation Safety Office, in September at Fort McCoy. The work is part of a complete renovation of the building to permanentize the facility.

(Right) Contractors complete some street maintenance near an intersection, also in September, at Fort McCoy. The work is part of continuing maintenance to streets and roadways at the post.

All the work was being completed through contracts coordinated by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

ADS

FEATURE

Fort McCoy archaeological work aids understanding of Wisconsin's distant past

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Fort McCoy is part of the Driftless Area, also called the Paleozoic Plateau, which escaped glaciation in the last Ice Age, some 11,700-plus years ago.

Combine the location with archaeological work done at Fort McCoy for more than three decades and a greater understanding of early human life in the region and the state is unfolding as more research is done, said Alexander Woods, Ph.D., an archaeologist with Colorado State University's (CSU) Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under contract with Fort McCoy.

"Archaeology (on post) has helped the state of Wisconsin better understand the Driftless Area because the work has produced a broad set of data," Woods said. "Archaeological surveys and digs at Fort McCoy have produced hundreds of thousands of artifacts, some more than 10,000 years old, that show how the earliest of peoples inhabited the Driftless Area of Wisconsin and more specifically around Fort McCoy."

The Driftless Area is mainly in southwestern Wisconsin, but also includes areas of southeastern Minnesota, northeastern Iowa, and extreme northwestern Illinois. Because the area wasn't under a glacier during the last Ice Age, ancient people — believed to be ancestral to members of the Ho-Chunk Nation — were able to live and sustain their lives in areas around the installation.

"During some of the phase II archaeological work we did here, we found a couple of (arrowheads) that were almost 10,000 years old," Woods said. "We know there were people in this area that far back. ... We have some carbon dates to back that up."

The archaeological teams that have worked on post categorized artifacts in certain archaeological time periods. For North America, those time periods include Paleo-Indian, pre-8000 before Common Era, or BCE; Archaic, 8000-1000 BCE; Woodland, 1000 BCE to 1000 Common Era, or CE; and Mississippian, 800-1600 CE. The Plainview points would have fallen into the Late Paleoindian period.

"We've also found ancient pottery and Madison points from the Woodland period," Woods said. "Being able to have the huge collection of artifacts we have from this area (around Fort McCoy) has led to further understanding of the Driftless Area."

During a recent phase III archaeological dig on Fort McCoy's South Post, a team of 20-plus people worked for two months to do a very thorough survey of a previously marked archaeological site. The site yielded several thousand artifacts that will be studied to further understand how people lived in Wisconsin so long ago.

"We have to find out and understand more about the various activities and occupations



Alexander Woods, Ph.D., an archaeologist with Colorado State University's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under contract with Fort McCoy, looks at an artifact at an archaeology lab Sept. 11 in Tomah, Wis.



A pottery sherd that is estimated to be thousands of years old and made by Native Americans is shown Sept. 11 at the archaeology lab.

people did out here so many years ago," Woods said. "That requires a full-scale excavation like (the phase III excavation)."

Some artifacts that were found years ago during archaeological work are being re-examined with new scientific methods. One example

is a glass bead, found in 1997, believed to have been used as part of the fur trade in Wisconsin several hundred years ago.

"The (technology) we have today is much better than in 1997," said Heather Walder, Ph.D., also an archaeologist with CSU work-

ing at Fort McCoy. "With the glass bead, we can analyze it using mass spectrometry, which can break down the properties of the bead without damaging the artifact."

Walden described herself as a historical archaeologist, specializing in the first contact between fur traders and native people hundreds of years ago.

"What I am able to do is look at things like the records French Jesuit priests kept when they came here, and then go look at an archaeological site and work toward matching up the evidence from the written text with what we can find in material culture," Walden said. "That could be pottery or glass beads that we study."

Woods said they continue to educate people about the history of the region. In June, an archaeological tour was held for members of the public to learn about the work done at Fort McCoy.

In May, Woods participated in the annual Armed Forces Day Open House, during which thousands of people visited the post. Woods had a display and handed out posters. "The poster was a good example and a small snapshot of all the types of artifacts we have found at the installation," he said.

Most of the artifacts found at Fort McCoy are curated with the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Woods said. From there, archaeology students and other scholars can see material examples of Wisconsin's ancient past.

"There is so much there, and there is a lot of further study that needs to be done on what has been found," Woods said.

In the meantime, archaeological work will continue at the installation as needed.

"Fort McCoy isn't only about completing (archaeology) because they have to," Woods said. "They are also doing it to find the value of the history of this area. There is a lot of valuable artifacts and understanding that has come from this effort. ... This has been a win for science as well as Fort McCoy and the public."

Archaeology efforts at Fort McCoy are governed by federal regulations and the National Historic Preservation Act, said Mark McCarty, chief of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

Federal law requires the Army to protect historic properties under its control and to consider the effects of Army actions on those properties. The law further defines the need to find historic properties, including archaeological sites, and determine their importance.

Any artifacts spotted while on Fort McCoy or other federal properties should be left alone, McCarty said. It is illegal to dig for or remove artifacts from federally owned land without permission.

For more information about archaeology and cultural resources at Fort McCoy, call the Directorate of Public Works Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-4793.

FEATURES

Surveys for endangered bumblebee held at installation

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed the rusty patched bumblebee as endangered under the Endangered Species Act on March 21. Since then, researchers, biologists, and others have come to Fort McCoy to complete two bumblebee surveys looking for the species.

The surveys included people from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the USFWS, said Wildlife Biologist Tim Wilder with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

"This species of bumblebee was recently listed and when this occurred we realized we did not have sufficient data to determine which species occurred on the installation, including the rusty patched bumblebee," Wilder said. "Both biologists from the USFWS and WDNR were interested in surveying for the rusty patched bumblebee on the installation because of the high quality habitat found here."

There are approximately 20 species of bumblebees found in Wisconsin, Wilder said. At Fort McCoy, 11 of those species have been found, including the rusty patched bumblebee. Other species found include the two-spotted, half-black, black and gold, brown-belted, red-belted, yellow, tri-colored, boreal, and lemon cuckoo bumblebees.

Wilder was the first to discover a rusty patched bee while completing field work on South Post in early August.

"I was out showing a (co-worker) an area known for the Karner blue butterfly ... and I ended up finding a rusty patched bee, which I was able to get some photos of," he said.

Rusty patched bumblebees live in colonies that include a single queen and female workers, according to the USFWS. The colony produces male bees and new queens in late summer. Queens are the largest bees in the colony, and workers are the smallest. All rusty patched bumblebees have entirely black heads, but only workers and males have a rusty reddish patch centrally located on the back.

The bees once occupied grasslands and prairies of the Upper Midwest and Northeast, but most grasslands and prairies have been lost, degraded, or changed because of other uses.

"Researchers have been finding these bees in several areas around Madison and in the Minneapolis area," Wilder said. "This year is the first year we've been looking for them at Fort McCoy. Now that we've found some, there is more research and work to do."

Wilder admitted that understanding what different species of bumblebees are out there has been a learning experience.

"Before this year, I didn't realize we had so many species of bumblebees at Fort McCoy, or in Wisconsin," Wilder said. "But it has been



Photos by Tim Wilder

Jill Utrup with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service captures a bee for identification during a bumblebee survey Aug. 8 at Fort McCoy.



A bumblebee is shown in a photo taken by Fort McCoy Endangered Species Biologist Tim Wilder on June 16.

very educational and we are going to do our part here to help understand more about the species."

Now that the species is known to be found on Fort McCoy, Wilder said the natural-resources team will work together to find ways to further improve habitat.

"We'll also incorporate information about the rusty patched bumblebee into Fort McCoy's integrated natural-resources plan," Wilder said. "And we'll have more surveys take place here in the future. We'll look more for the bees this year, and more surveys are planned for

next year."

For years, Wilder has been well-versed in managing endangered species on post. Most notable is his work with the Karner blue butterfly. The butterfly flourishes across many areas of the installation because much work has been done to ensure high quality habitat for the butterfly exists.

"And Fort McCoy has a lot of good habitat for this bee," Wilder said. "This installation, the military training activities that have occurred on the landscape for the past 100+ years, and 50+ years of natural resource management has



Susan Carpenter with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum and others photographed different species of bumblebees at a grassland area June 16 at Fort McCoy.

provided habitat for many rare and endangered species."

For more information about the rusty patched bumblebee, visit the USFWS page about the bee at <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/insects/rpbb>.

For more information about endangered species and natural resources management, call 608-388-2252.

People can also learn more about wildlife at Fort McCoy by visiting the Natural Resources Branch interpretive area in the Permit Sales Office in building 2168.

SPORTS

Fort McCoy's Army Ten-Miler team earns 2nd place finish

Team Fort McCoy 1 raced to a second-place overall finish with a total team time of 4:41:08 in the Reserve Mixed Category of the Army Ten-Miler competition Oct. 8 at the Pentagon.

Team member **Maj. Martin Wennblom** with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Command placed first in the male 35-39 age category with a time of 55:49 and a 39th overall finish among all competitors.

Maj. Tony Steinhoff with 88th Regional Support Command and Mission Installation Contracting Command-McCoy also did well, finishing 30th in the 40-44 age category out of 933 participants in that category with a time of 1:07:08.

Finishing times for the rest of Team Fort McCoy 1 are:

- **Maj. Peter Demaras**, 86th Training Division (TD), 1:15:47.
- **Capt. Billi Bierle**, 2nd Battalion, 361st Training Support Battalion (TSB), 1:39:07.
- **1st Lt. Jerel Villanueva**, 1st Battalion, 338th TSB, 1:20:42.
- **1st Lt. Mark Jensen**, 86th TD, 1:38:59.
- **Staff Sgt. Xavier Acevedo**, Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA), 1:14:29.
- **Staff Sgt. Beatriz Sanchez**, 86th TD, 1:23:22.

Team Fort McCoy 2 competed in the Active Duty Mixed Category, finishing 30th of 36 teams with total team time of 5:33:56. Team member 1st Sgt. Hector Ocasio, Higher Headquarters Company (HHC), Fort McCoy Garrison, had the top team time at 1:13:08 for an 815th overall finish and 73rd among 2,023 competitors in the active duty male 40-44 age category.

Finishing times for the rest of Team Fort McCoy 1 are:

- **Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah**, 181st MFTB, 1:35:44.
- **Sgt. 1st Class Boyce Harris**, 181st MFTB, 1:22:45.
- **Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Baugher**, RTS-Maintenance, 1:36:34.
- **Staff Sgt. Joshua Beyer**, HHC, Fort McCoy Garrison, 1:22:45.
- **Sgt. Andre Smith**, 181st MFTB, 1:20:24.
- **Sgt. Holli Barnes**, 376th Financial Management Support Unit, 88th RSC, 1:37:39.

Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. said the team represented the installation well in yet another competition. He noted the garrison command team is "very proud of Team Fort McCoy, its tenants, and the support provided" by all.

The Army Ten-Miler is the second largest 10-mile race in the United States. Each year, tens of thousands of runners and spectators travel to Washington, D.C., to join the race.

More information about the 2017 Army Ten-Miler results are available at www.armytenmiler.com/Results/Team-Results.cfm.

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



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team members gather for a photo during a send-off for the team Oct. 4 at McCoy's Community Center.



Contributed photo

Army Ten-Miler competitors run the race Oct. 8 in Washington D.C.



Photo by Spc. Winterlyn Patterson

Soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Regiment Old Guard present the colors during the National Anthem in the 33rd annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 8.

NEWS NOTES

Fall Harvest Celebration set for Oct. 14

USO Fort McCoy will host a Fall Harvest Celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 14 at building 1501.

The celebration will feature a homegrown pumpkin weight contest, pumpkin carving (bring your own pumpkin), face painting, a photo booth, and hot cider and coffee.

USO events and services are open to active military members, military retirees with IDs, and their legal dependents.

For more information, call 414-477-7279.

Holiday card workshops' scheduled for Oct. 21, Dec. 2

Family Christmas Card Workshops are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21 and Dec. 2 at the Army Community Service Family Building in building 2161.

Families may create personalized holiday cards using stickers and stamp art.

Supplies will be furnished. Supplies will be available for other seasonal holidays, as well.

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.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, DOD and NAF civilians, contractors, registered volunteers, and Family members. Registration is required by Oct. 16 or Nov. 27. For more information, call 608-388-3505.

Health Clinic offers flu shots starting Oct. 24

Walk-in flu vaccinations are available to Fort McCoy civilian personnel from Oct. 24 to Nov. 15 at the Fort McCoy Health Clinic, building 2669.

Vaccinations will be available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. Shots are available to civilian (wage grade and general schedule) employees.

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

'Connect the Tots' play group meets Oct. 24

The 'Connect the Tots' play group will meet 9:30 to 11 a.m. Oct. 24 at Army Community Service Family Building in building 2161.

The play groups are for children 5 years old or younger. Through play, transitions, circle time, songs, activities, and informal conversations, parents learn about developmental ages and stages, gain tools to help understand their children's behavior, and become empowered to prepare the Family and children to enter school ready to learn.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workforce, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Additional play groups are scheduled for Nov. 7, 14, and 28 and Dec. 5 and 12.



Photo by Aimee Malone

Healthy cooking demonstration

Paula Przywojski, registered and certified dietitian with Clinical Dietetics, contracted through Mayo Clinic Health System, talks to Fort McCoy employees during a cooking demonstration Sept. 19 at Fort McCoy. The event was organized by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Wellness Committee, which promotes and encourages healthy lifestyles through events like runs/walks, wellness challenges, and more.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

USO STEM challenges planned monthly this fall

USO Fort McCoy will hold STEM challenges for children ages 5 to 12 every month this fall.

The hour-long activities will start at 6 p.m. Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20 at building 1501. The activities are designed to teach children about science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields and how they can change the world. There is no cost, but advance registration is required because seating is limited.

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.

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, and to celebrate, 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.

Parents: Remember to fill out Impact Aid Survey

Impact Aid Survey forms soon will be sent home with students in the Tomah Area and Sparta Area school districts.

The Impact Aid Program is designed to directly compensate local school districts for "federally connected" students, such as children who reside on military bases, in low-rent housing properties, on Native American lands, or on other federal properties or who have parents in the armed services or employed at eligible federal properties.

Nationwide, the program disburses roughly \$1.3 billion annually in unrestricted federal funds directly to school districts.

Parents need to fill out a form for each child who attends school in the Sparta Area or Tomah Area school districts. Each section needs to be filled out completely and signed and dated by a parent or guardian. Districts cannot count a child for funding if the form is not both signed and dated.

For more information, call the Tomah Area or Sparta Area school district offices or Fort McCoy School Liaison Officer Becky Walley at 608-388-6814.

USO launches mobile app

USO has created a mobile app to help military members locate USO programs and events near them.

The iPhone app launched in late September. The Android app is set to release in mid-October.

The app will allow users to locate USOs near them, see programs and services that are offered at each location, and avoid the check-in kiosks in a center by logging in on their phones.

"By utilizing this app at Fort McCoy, the military will have a better and more efficient way of finding activities on the installation that the USO is part of," said Ellie Hazlett, USO Fort McCoy operations director. "USO will have a digital presence for those who are stationed at Fort McCoy to see what we are doing from the comfort of their office, home, or while traveling."

USO Fort McCoy is working to expand its activities on the installation, Hazlett said. Some planned fall events include STEM classes, art activities, movie nights, and holiday-themed events. While many events are free, some may have a fee to cover costs.

USO Fort McCoy is open noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday. The office is located in building 1501 next to R.I.A. Federal Credit Union.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Hazlett at 414-477-7279. USO events and services are open to active military members, military retirees with IDs, and their legal dependents.

For more information about USO Wisconsin, visit www.usowisconsin.org.

Fort McCoy community donates to Feds Feed Families

Fort McCoy community members donated about 500 pounds of food and supplies for the annual Feds Feed Families food drive, said Staff Sgt. Anthony Cintron with Fort McCoy Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

The items were collected from June to August and donated to a food pantry in Tomah. Collected items are donated to local communities each year.

For more information about Feds Feed Families, visit www.usda.gov/our-agency/initiatives/feds-feed-families.

Post welcomes new employees

New employees started working in several post organizations in October.

Welcome to the following new employees:

• **Ryan Rosier** and **Rodney Garlinghouse** — Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

• **Christopher Veters** — Directorate of Public Works.

• **Christopher Hanson** — Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Oct. 27.

The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication in the Oct. 27 issue is noon Oct. 18.

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 a.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.

Dining

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

Primo'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.

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, 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

facilities services

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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.mccoyausa.org.

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

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