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Army Reserve Soldiers with U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Army Reserve Aviation Command and 79th Sustainment Support Command, practice gunnery validation tables March 12 on the Engagement Skills Trainer during Operation Cold Steel at Fort McCoy.

Cold Steel Soldiers build skills using McCoy sim facilities

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

Before Soldiers could complete live-fire training at Operation Cold Steel, they had to practice their skills at many of Fort McCoy's simulation facilities.

Operation Cold Steel is the Army Reserve's first large-scale live-fire training and crew-served weapons qualification and validation exercise, which took place March 9 through April 25. The gunnery exercise is critical in ensuring that Army Reserve units and Soldiers are trained and ready to deploy on short notice and bring combat-ready and lethal firepower in support of the Total Army Force and joint force partners around the world.

To prepare Soldiers for the live-fire

portion of training, they first practiced their skills at the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer (RVTT), the Engagement Skills Trainer, and Virtual Battle Space 3 (VBS3).

Rich Mitchell, contractor with CSRA Inc. through the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), was one of the technicians running the RVTT for Soldiers at Operation Cold Steel. The RVTT provides Soldiers with comprehensive and realistic combat convoy training using a variety of simulated weapons systems. The system is customizable depending on a unit's goals.

"If a unit has ... some sort of training they want to focus on, we can tailor a mission either solely for that or make it part

of (another) mission," Mitchell said. "All of our missions that we have created here. We start off with a blank map."

Hazards can be added based on a unit's needs. For Operation Cold Steel, an existing program was modified to use the terrain Soldiers would encounter in the field and simulate the required firing table.

Fort McCoy's simulation facilities were the first step for all before going out on a range for Cold Steel. Mitchell said a number of the crews that came for the exercise were freshly assembled and had little or no prior experience with the equipment and procedures. The simulators provided them a chance to practice in a safer environment before handling

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IMCOM-Readiness director visits installation

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Fort McCoy welcomed Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough for an official visit April 11-12.

As the director of IMCOM-Readiness, McCullough is responsible for installation management activities at 16 active- and reserve-component Army installations and joint bases — including Fort McCoy — located in 13 states and Puerto Rico.

McCullough and the IMCOM-Readiness team provide support for approximately 1.4 million service members, Family members, retirees, and civilians as well as oversight of an annual budget exceeding \$2.2 billion for programs across several appropriated and nonappropriated funds, according to her biography.

McCullough was joined in her visit to Fort McCoy by Command Sgt. Maj. Roy L. Rocco, IMCOM-Readiness command sergeant major, and Gwendolyn Garfield, installation support team specialist.

The group toured several areas on the installation, (See **DIRECTOR**, Page 3)



Fort McCoy Garrison Commander David J. Pinter Sr. and Brenda Lee McCullough, director of Installation Management Command-Readiness at Fort Bragg, N.C., discuss facts about Fort McCoy during a helicopter tour of the installation April 11.

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NEWS

Regulations define official use of government vehicles

Have you ever noticed a government vehicle parked somewhere where you thought it shouldn't be? Did you ever see someone using a government vehicle like it was a privately owned vehicle? If you have, then you've probably wondered whether the drivers of these government vehicles are violating Army regulations or the law.

Tactical vehicle use is governed in the Army by Field Manual (FM) 4-01 and Army Techniques Publication (ATP) 4-11. Specifically, ATP 4-11 gives the company commander overall responsibility for the transportation assets under their command. It states the commander must maintain accountability and visibility of employed transportation assets and personnel.

The commander is to establish unit policies, procedures and standard operating procedures for the transportation mission. The commander also enforces the principles of supply economy through proper use, care, maintenance, and accountability of individual and organizational equipment and material. ATP 4-11, Appendix G also provides guidance on planning and operating military convoys in the continental United States.

Nontactical vehicles (NTVs) and base commercial equipment (BCE) include any commercial motor vehicle, trailer, material handling, or engineering equipment that carries passengers or cargo acquired for administrative, direct mission, or operational support of military functions. Sedans, station wagons, carryalls, vans, and buses, leased or owned, are considered "nontactical." These specifically include vehicles leased from the General Services Administration.

Army Regulation 58-1, "Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles," prescribes policies, responsibilities, and procedures for the management, acquisition, and use of Army-owned, Army-leased, or otherwise controlled NTVs.

Also, the Logistics Readiness Center McCoy Motor Vehicle Management and Use Standard Operating Procedure sets forth the rules governing what you can and can't do while driving an Army-owned, -leased or otherwise controlled motor vehicle.

Operators of a government nontactical motor vehicle must:

- Ensure a vehicle is used for official business only.
- Possess required license(s), permits, identification, and proof of accident-avoidance training in the past four years.
- Ensure no smoking or use of any tobacco products in the vehicle.

- Ensure all vehicle occupants are wearing seat belts prior to operating the vehicle. Use of seat belts is mandatory.

- Ensure cellphones are not used unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless using a hands-free device.

- Obey all motor-vehicle laws. All violations are the personal liability of the operator.

- Obtain written authorization to use the vehicle more than 100 miles outside of Fort McCoy.

The use of Army owned or controlled nontactical vehicles (NTVs) are restricted to official purposes only. A government vehicle may not be used for private business, private social functions, personal errands, personal convenience, recreation, or side trips for unofficial purposes.

NTVs must not be used for transportation to or be parked at commissaries, post exchanges (including all concessions), bowling alleys, officer and noncommissioned officer clubs, or any nonappropriated-fund activity unless personnel using the vehicles are on official government business or temporary duty, or TDY, travel. Using a government vehicle to travel to or from commercial entertainment facilities is not authorized. Furthermore, using an NTV for travel between a residence and place of duty is prohibited.

In limited circumstances, government vehicles may be provided to personnel in receipt of valid TDY orders to assist in



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Personnel with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security operate a General Services Administration-leased government vehicle along a range road on Fort McCoy's North Post on April 11.

mission performance. TDY personnel have more latitude in the use of a government vehicle provided to them and should check with the Transportation Motor Pool for permissible uses.

The joint travel regulations define use of NTVs for personnel while on TDY assignments. These include:

- Transportation may be provided between lodgings and duty stations for personnel on TDY when public or commercial services are inadequate or nonexistent. The TDY status of an individual does not necessarily justify the use of an NTV. Use of NTVs will always be predicated on need, distance involved, and other conditions that justify their use. When an adequate Department of Defense (DOD), public, or commercial transportation system is available, the use of any individual NTV or commercial rental car is prohibited.

- When a DOD-owned or controlled NTV is authorized for use while on TDY, the NTV will be operated between places where the person's presence is required for official business or between such places and temporary lodgings. When public transportation is not available or its use is impractical, the use of DOD-owned or controlled NTVs is authorized between places

of business, lodging, eating establishments, places of worship, and similar places required for the comfort or health and welfare of the member.

The unauthorized or willful misuse of an Army-owned or -controlled motor vehicle may be cause for disciplinary actions. Civilian personnel can be suspended from duty, without compensation, or summarily removed from office if circumstances warrant.

Military personnel who willfully misuse or authorize the misuse of any government tactical or non-tactical vehicle may be disciplined under the provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other administrative procedures deemed appropriate.

Remember, personnel are never anonymous while driving a government vehicle. Potential violators can be reported to the installation transportation officer at 608-388-3966 or the NTV fleet manager at 608-388-5279.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office, Installation Legal Office, and the Logistics Readiness Center Transportation Division.)



Brenda L. McCullough, director of Installation Management Command-Readiness at Fort Bragg, N.C., looks at Fort McCoy from a helicopter during an aerial tour over the installation April 11 as part of an official visit. McCullough visited Fort McCoy from April 11-12 to learn more about the installation as well as attend the Fort McCoy Installation Planning Board meeting.

■ DIRECTOR

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including the simulations training complex in the 200 block.

They also received an aerial tour of the post aboard a helicopter operated by Maj. Marcea Weiss, Capt. Casey Voss, and 1st Sgt. Patrick Deuberry with the Wisconsin National Guard's

1st Battalion, 168th Aviation (MedEvac) of West Bend.

While on the aerial tour, McCullough received updates on various training areas and the overall installation from Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. and Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Director Brad Stewart.

McCullough and her team also attended a meeting of Fort McCoy's Installation Planning Board, or IPB. During the meeting, McCullough presented the installation with its fifth straight Army Safety Streamer. She also learned more about the installation and its plans to continuously improve the post.

Ken Musselwhite, chief of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, said being able to have McCullough be a part of the meeting was helpful in melding ideas and future strategy.

"The IPB's purpose is to develop a mutually agreed upon Integrated Priorities List (IPL) in support of improving installation services and programs," Musselwhite said.

"Completion of action plans associated with the IPL is a measure of garrison success."

After the meeting, and throughout her visit, McCullough said she learned a lot about Fort McCoy.

"From what I've seen, your partnerships (on post) are strong," McCullough said. "You should be very proud of what you have done with what you have."

"I liked what I've seen, and I look forward to coming back to Fort McCoy," she said.



Fort McCoy workforce members and McCullough participate in the Installation Planning Board meeting April 11 in building 102.



Command Sgt. Maj. Roy L. Rocco, command sergeant major for Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness at Fort Bragg, N.C., reads a citation during the presentation of an Army Safety Streamer to Fort McCoy on April 11 while Brenda Lee McCullough, director of IMCOM-Readiness, places the streamer on the Fort McCoy garrison flag held by 1st Sgt. Hector Ocasio of Fort McCoy Garrison.

NEWS



Directorate of Human Resources Director Terry Streeton addresses Fort McCoy workforce members and others during the Installation Planning Board meeting April 11 in building 102. The Installation Planning Board meets twice a year. The board's purpose is to develop an Integrated Priorities List in support of improving installation services and programs.

Installation Planning Board meets, discusses McCoy's forward vision

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy's Installation Planning Board, or IPB, met April 11 in the first of two meetings for the year.

The board is a forum for identifying, assessing, and providing a common-operating picture for installationwide planning requirements, said Plans, Analysis and Integration Office Chief Ken Musselwhite.

"The IPB is an opportunity to enhance collaborative communication and decisions installation-wide, prioritize local requirements, and highlight issues for elevation to Army senior leaders," Musselwhite said.

Among those who attended the meeting included Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda L. McCullough from Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort McCoy senior commander and 88th Regional Support Command Commanding General Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert; Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr.; Deputy Garrison Commander Col. James A. Parkinson; Deputy to the Garrison Commander James A. Chen; and other leadership members and special staff from Fort McCoy garrison and tenant organizations.

The meeting agenda included going over follow-up actions from the previous IPB session in 2016, reviewing numerous discretionary topics, updating the Integrated Priorities List, and noting upcoming major events at the installation.

"The IPB goes through all these steps in the meeting to ensure resourcing decisions are aligned with the Installation Strategic Plan and operationalize with the IMCOM principle of sustainability," Musselwhite said. "This meeting forum also

allows us to disseminate information and demonstrate integration of garrison requirements and planning efforts with the senior commander, tenant organizations, and other installation stakeholder planning functions."

One of the follow-up items from the last IPB meeting was the establishment of the Cold-Weather Operations Course by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, or DPTMS. Brad Stewart, DPTMS director, said the course was successful and beneficial, holding three course sessions between January and March graduating more than 40 service members.

Stewart added that in order to reach full operational capability for fiscal year 2018, DPTMS will add two more cadre instructors and is working with the Army's Northern Warfare Training Center to send a mobile training team to Fort McCoy to certify and validate the instructors and program of instruction (POI) for the course.

"We'll also continue to refine the POI and equipment so that it is consistent with developing doctrine and requirements," Stewart said.

The meeting also covered eight items on the Integrated Priorities List, including:

- integrated protection of the force.
- execution of sustainable readiness and Total Force integration.
- delivery of Family and Soldier services.
- sustain renovation of World War II-era facilities and execute long-range strategy.
- prioritizing and executing base operations support responsibilities.
- pursuing information technology infrastructure upgrades

to support mission command systems and anticipated Army future communication changes.

- ensuring military value and relevance through a comprehensive and aggressive strategic messaging and communications strategy.

"Completion of action plans associated with the Integrated Priorities List is a measure of garrison success," Musselwhite said.

Under each item, Fort McCoy workforce members addressed the progress and importance of each item. For example, Directorate of Public Works Director Liane Haun discussed how current facility upgrades are taking place in the 1900 block to World War II-era facilities, and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Patric McGuane highlighted planned improvements at Pine View Campground and other facilities. All of these demonstrated successes and challenges directly relate to Fort McCoy's Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2016-2020, Stewart said.

"Without the support of, and input from, the garrison staff, installation tenants, transient customers, and our higher headquarters, we wouldn't have been able to develop the strategic objectives, performance goals, and strategic action plans to continue ensuring Fort McCoy's military relevance and success as briefed during the IPB," Stewart said. "Fort McCoy is and remains the premier Total Force Training Center for the early deployers in the Army Early Response Force to meet the Army's operational demand requirements."

The next IPB meeting is planned for September. For more information about the board, call the Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office at 608-388-8443.

NEWS

Annual Armed Forces Day Open House set for May 20

BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

Everyone is welcome to visit Fort McCoy and learn about the post's role in keeping the nation's armed forces ready for action during the annual Armed Forces Day Open House on May 20.

The free event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the public. Adults must be prepared to present IDs upon entering the installation. Food is available to purchase at the event, but visitors can bring their own lunches and eat at the picnic pavilion.

The day's activities are centered on the Commemorative Area, which features the History Center; five World War II-era buildings filled with historical equipment and displays, the outdoor Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Planned activities include guided installation bus tours, a sandbag-filling station, personalized ID tags, camouflage face painting, military equipment displays, marksmanship galleries, and more.

"The shooting galleries and ID tags are always favorites," said Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald. "Both adults and children like the equipment our units and fire department bring out for display. It's a chance for them to get close to machines they may have only seen at a distance before."

The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch, or NRB, arranges another popular display every year that includes some of the wildlife found on post, such as turtles, frogs, and snakes.

"Fort McCoy, as a multiple-use federal property, has a responsibility to properly manage the landscape. While our primary purpose is conducting and supporting military training, we also have the responsibility to maintain wildlife diversity and ecosystem health for all users now and into the future," said David Beckmann, wildlife biologist with the NRB. "Fort McCoy has a long history in providing quality hunting and fishing opportunities and has a strong responsibility to manage its rare species, which are more common on military installations because the lands are less developed and built up."

He said the display is a good opportunity to show members of the public what Fort McCoy does to protect the land while still supporting the training U.S. service members need to be successful.

"It's good to have something for a hands-on experience, such as the snakes and turtles, that shows what we do," Beckmann said. "It catches people's interest. Especially younger kids — they really like seeing the animals, and that helps interest them in conservation in the future."

Both civilian departments and military units working at Fort McCoy will have displays and be available to talk about their jobs.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Visitors to the 2016 Armed Forces Day Open House tour through Veteran's Memorial Plaza in the Commemorative Area. Thousands of people attended the open house in 2016.

Representatives of the Navy and Coast Guard auxiliary also will be on hand to talk to visitors and explain what they do.

Fitzgerald said the explosive ordnance robotics display is one new feature this year. The robotics crew will demonstrate the equipment using mock explosives.

This year, the installation will also host a "Welcome Home" ceremony for Vietnam veterans at 1 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Plaza. The guest speaker will be retired Maj. Gen.

Paul Lima, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Stumpf of Tomah, a Medal of Honor recipient, will help present pins to Vietnam veterans.

Fitzgerald said it's important to honor Vietnam veterans, many of whom were never thanked for their service.

"At the time, the American public mostly disapproved of the war, so returning Soldiers were often protested or simply ignored," she said. "Public sentiment has changed over the

years, but for many of these veterans, a welcome home is long overdue."

Vietnam veterans who served in any branch are eligible to participate in the ceremony, which is part of the installation's efforts to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Members of the public are invited to attend and join the Fort McCoy community in finally welcoming these veterans home.

For more information about open house, call Public Affairs at 608-388-2407.

NEWS

88th hosts 1in6 presentation promoting awareness, prevention of sexual assault

STORY & BY ZACHARY MOTT

88th Regional Support Command

Sexual assault is a crime the military continues to take seriously and punish accordingly. During Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, military commands across the world set aside time to focus on eliminating it from the ranks.

The 88th Regional Support Command (RSC) welcomed Steve LePore, the founder and executive director of 1in6, to give a presentation on male sexual assault and abuse to more than 60 Soldiers and civilians April 13 at the RSC headquarters building at Fort McCoy.

The name of LePore's organization refers to the statistic that one in six men in the United States have had an unwanted or sexually abusive experience before the age of 18, a statistic that equates to 21 million men.

"It's a taboo subject," said LePore. "It's important for those men and then tangentially for everybody who deals with those men — their partners, their wives, their parents, their children, their employers, their buddies in the field, so on and so forth — the idea is to destigmatize the subject by talking about it."

During his 90-minute presentation, LePore highlighted his 10 years at the helm of 1in6 and the efforts it has made to help men who are survivors of sexual assault or abuse. He said it's often impossible to tell if someone has been a victim just by looking at them.

"They look like everybody else in the room," he said. "They may not tell anyone. Ever."

But, LePore said, his organization is working to change that last part. He wanted to create a safe environment where men could share their experiences and begin to heal, he said.

For the 88th RSC, bringing in a speaker to highlight some of the lesser-known issues sur-



Steve LePore, founder and executive director of 1in6, gives a presentation to Soldiers and civilians April 13 at the 88th Regional Support Command Headquarters at Fort McCoy.

rounding the month of awareness and prevention allowed discussion of a topic that is often avoided.

"It's important to bring to the forefront the recognition of the sexual assault and trauma that's placed on men that's normally been pushed to the side or been ignored in the past," said Bryan Taylor, Programs and Services Di-

vision chief for the 88th RSC. "It was an excellent tool to bring that information to the forefront."

LePore also discussed the "lens" through which men are typically defined — a lens that shows what men should be and a lens for what men must never be.

To which LePore responds, "It's OK to ask

for help. It's OK to see yourself through this lens."

The presentation concluded with a plethora of resources, both online and in print, as well as a push to get more people involved to help eliminate the stigma.

"The military is leading the charge on this issue in regards to men," LePore said.

Cold Steel .50-cal training

Soldiers at Fort McCoy for the Operation Cold Steel exercise fire M2 .50-caliber machine guns as part of training April 18 at Range 34 on North Post.

Operation Cold Steel was the Army Reserve's first large-scale live-fire training and crew-served weapons qualification and validation exercise that took place from March 9 through April 25.

According to the Reserve, the exercise is crucial to ensure ensure that America's Army Reserve units and Soldiers are trained and ready to deploy on short notice and bring combat-ready and lethal firepower in support of the Total Army Force and Joint Force partners around the world.

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NEWS

McCoy team meets to review safety, health topics

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Representatives from across Fort McCoy met in building 905 to discuss current safety and health topics and concerns April 18 during the quarterly meeting of the Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council.

The meeting, led by Installation Safety Office (ISO) Manager Randy Eddy, covered a wide array of topics, including severe-weather awareness, tick prevention, and motorcycle and pedestrian safety.

Eddy first addressed that people within organizations throughout post can serve as additional duty safety officers (military) and collateral-duty safety officers (civilian). These are appointed positions coordinated with the ISO.

"This is a good opportunity to make a difference to improve safety in your workplace and to help us keep safety on everyone's minds in everything we do," Eddy said. "If you have been identified to be your organizations safety representative, contact our office, and we will work with you on official appointment, training, and to get you on our distribution lists."

Eddy said that during spring, everyone should be aware of what to do during severe weather, such as during a severe thunderstorm or a tornado. "In the U.S. in 2015, it was estimated there were more than 25 million lightning strikes and 1,200 tornadoes," he said.

When lightning is present, Eddy said people should avoid using electrical equipment or corded phones, for example. Also, avoid contact with metal objects and stay in a safe place indoors if possible.

For tornadoes, he said that people should adhere to watches and warnings and to be ready if one takes place.

"Have a plan and know where to go," Eddy said. "Get to a basement or the lowest floor of your home or work area if there is a tornado."

Eddy said spring also is a time when ticks become more prevalent at Fort McCoy and throughout Wisconsin.

"The ticks are out now, so take preventative measures," he said. "The most common types found at Fort McCoy are the wood tick and the deer tick. Wear protective clothing and repellent, and just be aware of areas you are frequenting where there might be ticks."

Fort McCoy offers the right mix of landscape and weather conditions that make human contact with ticks probable, according to David Beckmann, wildlife biologist with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch. Ticks prefer wooded areas with brush and vegetation and thrive in hot and humid conditions. Tick exposure can occur throughout most of the year.

Eddy said ISO is holding motorcycle safety training again in 2017 with the first training beginning in June. This training is for military personnel only.

Military members interested in attending the training should contact Safety Specialist Tim Cumberworth at ISO at 608-388-7712 and register for a course online at <https://imc.army.mil/airs>.

"We have an instructor who will be coming in from Fort Campbell (Ky.), so maximum participation is encouraged," Eddy said.

Eddy added that everyone needs to be aware of motorcycles on the road. "Watch for motorcycles while out on the road and give them the space they need," he said.

Supervisor safety training is planned throughout the year as well, Eddy said. The first session of the year was held April 25; however, other sessions are planned for July 25 and Oct. 31.

"If you have the people who need the training or need a



Installation Safety Office Manager Randy Eddy goes over safety topics during the quarterly meeting of the installation Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council on April 18 at Fort McCoy. The council is led by the Installation Safety Office and provides an overview of current safety-specific topics relevant to the installation.

refresher, ensure they take the opportunity to attend a session to learn about everything they need to know to do in case of a safety incident at work or how to make work areas safer for employees," Eddy said.

Meeting attendees also had safety items to be shared.

- A representative with the Fort McCoy School-Age Center/Youth Center wanted to let people know that as the weather continues to warm drivers need to take caution around the center and the Child Development Center because of children traveling to and from areas near there. Similarly, a representative with the Wisconsin Challenge Academy asked that drivers be careful of cadets frequenting roadways.

- Curt Ladwig with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department shared that people who need CPR and first-aid training can do so with the fire department. Contact the department at 608-388-2508 for more details.

- Col. Jim Davis with the 86th Training Division said there will be increased traffic around post in May with the start of the Warrior Exercise in May. He asked that people be careful as

many service members will be walking and driving throughout the installation.

- Dave Gundlach with DPW said if anyone finds something that seems unsafe with facilities or other areas of Fort McCoy, they can call the DPW Helpline at 608-388-HELP (4357) in addition to ISO.

- Sgt. Tony Green with the Wisconsin State Patrol reminded everyone that road construction season has begun in Wisconsin. People should be aware of workers in construction zones and adhere to established speed limits for those zones. He advised people to look at the Wisconsin 511 website, www.511wi.gov, to see the latest construction and other roadway news from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter wrapped up the meeting, advising everyone to practice safety every day.

"Get the word out about safety," Pinter said. "Safety starts with you. ... Don't become complacent."

For more about the quarterly meeting or safety at Fort McCoy, call the ISO at 608-388-3403 or stop by building 1678.

FEATURE

This month in Fort McCoy history

70 Years Ago — April 7, 1947

Col. Newton G. Bush, post commander since May 1946, departed from Camp McCoy on April 7 for his new assignment as post commander of Fort Sheridan, Ill. Lt. Col. Oliver W. Schantz, former post executive officer, assumed the duties of post commander, succeeding Bush.

30 Years Ago — April 24, 1987

A safety investigation board, convened by the commander, 12th Air Force, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, continued to investigate the fatal March 27 crash of an Air National Guard A-10 jet aircraft at Fort McCoy. The A-10 tactical Fighter jet belonged to the 176th Tactical Squadron, 128th Tactical Fighter Wing, at Truax Field in Madison, Wis.

20 Years Ago — April 24, 1997

Members of the Fort McCoy workforce packed into McCoy's on April 24 to help celebrate the grand opening of the new state-of-the-art entertainment/food facility at Fort McCoy. McCoy's, the newest morale, welfare and recreation facility, features an eight-lane bowling center, four 8-foot video screens, NTN trivia, a golf simulator, and Primo's Express snack bar.

10 Years Ago — April 10, 2007

The new Fort McCoy Commissary, building 1537, opened its doors to serve authorized military customers. The new 15,000-square foot facility was built at a cost of \$4.2 million.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office from the Triad and The Real McCoy archives.)



File photo

Shoppers check out the new Fort McCoy Commissary after it opened its doors April 10, 2007, in building 1537.



Chopper ops

First Sgt. Patrick Deuberry with Company C, 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation (MedEvac) of the Wisconsin National Guard at West Bend steps from a Blackhawk helicopter April 11 at Fort McCoy.

The helicopter and crew were at the installation to support an official visit by Brenda L. McCullough, director of Installation Management Command-Readiness at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Crew members aboard the helicopter included Maj. Marcea Weiss, Capt. Casey Voss, and Deuberry.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

FEATURE

NEC: Keeping installation's workforce online 24/7

STORY & PHOTOS BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

It's easy to take something for granted when it's working. The average computer user may not think much about the work involved in keeping a system running or the people doing that work until it fails.

But at the Fort McCoy Network Enterprise Center, or NEC, the employees spend their days keeping those systems running. They do their best to head off computer and network problems before they affect users and find solutions as quickly as possible when interruptions do occur.

Alexis McVicker and Nancy Tralmer, both informational technology specialists with NEC, work in desktop support. They spend their time helping military personnel, civilian employees, and contractors get back to work when they encounter problems with computer applications, printers, or other devices.

"We are on the phone probably 90 percent of the day," Tralmer said. She said the desktop-support team, which has fewer than 10 people, is responsible for more than 1,500 pieces of equipment.

"We never have enough people to do the job," McVicker said. "I don't know if there's any department in the Army that can say they have enough bodies to do the job, but that is a challenge."

"My focus is normally on printers and scanning devices, but I think our main thing is applications not working," she said. "It usually happens after a security patch push. That takes up a lot of time."

Bandwidth issues generate a lot of tickets and phone calls, Tralmer and McVicker said. Fort McCoy is scheduled to upgrade its bandwidth, but the process has been delayed several times on the internet service provider's end.

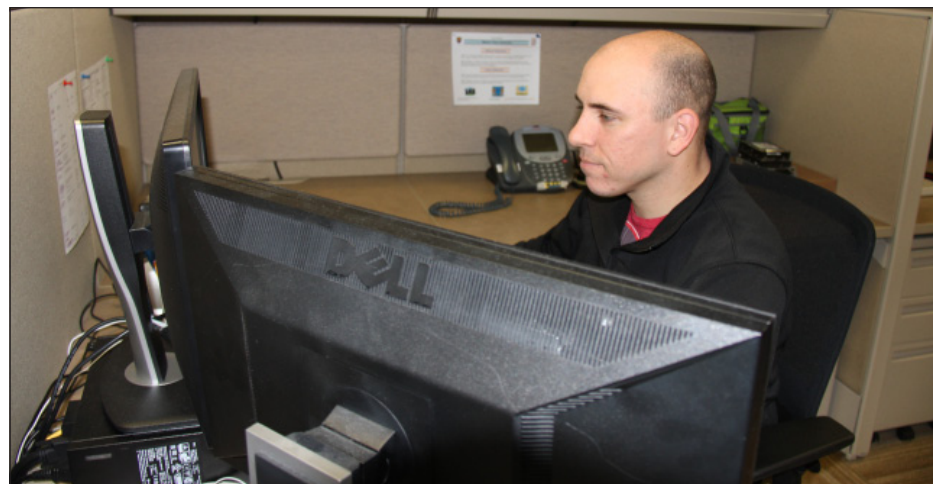
"A lot of the Army has gone to web-based applications, so if our web is crowded, it causes a lot of issues for us," McVicker said. "We also have to tweak our browsers so they can work with those applications."

One of the challenges everyone at NEC faces is the push toward regionalization.

"We used to be able to work one-on-one and find something that worked for us and you, and now it goes through an approval process," McVicker said. Even if a technician knows exactly how to fix a user's problem, if it's not a preapproved solution, it has to be reviewed by a regional NEC first.

Security is the No. 1 issue for Army computers. Security precautions influence a number of factors, including what programs technicians are allowed to install and which updates are applied.

"Security takes up the biggest amount of my time, just trying to make sure that everything is as secure as we can make it," said Nerzhin Santiago, an information services technician with



Will Westlund (above) and Nancy Tralmer (below), both information technology specialists with the Network Enterprise Center at Fort McCoy work on network systems projects at the center April 20.



NEC. Santiago works with servers, which are basically more powerful computers that serve one particular function (such as running programs, providing email, or storing group files) as opposed to serving multiple purposes like the average desktop.

"Technology is a daily changing (environment). ... Staying on top of that is interesting," Santiago said. "Sometimes we have to delay the upgrades that we can do, depending on the budgeting and (security)." NEC does its best to make sure the Army keeps up with the curve, he said.

While all patches and security updates are tested and approved by higher headquarters, some problems won't show up if a program isn't frequently used on a test machine. Bugs may not become apparent until employees log on to their computers and start up programs.

"When it comes to security, there's a very fine line between it being usable to people and it being really secure," Santiago said. "On the

civilian side, they try to find the line that is in the middle. On the Army side, they try to go as secure as possible, which often means that it makes things more difficult for the average user."

Santiago said his job is to make sure the local servers are available and secure and to troubleshoot any problems as quickly as possible.

"It's a lot of research. I end up doing a lot of Google searching or on the Microsoft site. I look at the error messages and try to narrow down what portion it is that's broken," Santiago said.

Sometimes it's not actually a server problem but a network issue.

"For example, the web servers, those are actually in a ... demilitarized zone. It's a separate portion of the network that's accessible both out to the internet and to the internal network," Santiago said. "Everything else is internal; it's behind several layers of security so that it's not as easy to get into. If we put our web

servers in there, it makes it that much harder for the public to get to it. We want the public to get to it."

Networks are handled by another team at NEC, including information technology specialist Sandy Ohler. A number of issues can affect network connections, Ohler said.

"It could be mice eating the fiber link to a building. It could be that switch took an electrical surge or hit," she said. Air conditioning failures can take out servers and switches. Security updates and configurations can change or become corrupted. NEC is as proactive as it can be, Ohler said, but outages and failures still occur.

"Things will fail, but that's what we're here for," she said. "We try to get everyone back online again so they can get their jobs done."

Sometimes they can simply reboot a switch. "Sometimes that switch is fried, and we have to configure a new switch and swap it out," Ohler said.

If a user's network goes down, the problem could be in a wall port, a distribution hub, or anywhere in between.

When they're not troubleshooting network problems, Ohler said the network team works on projects to upgrade Fort McCoy's internal networks and keep security up to date. They're currently working on replacing end-of-life switches throughout post.

"We try to keep the network humming along," Ohler said.

Information technology is a good career for people who like research and puzzles, Ohler and Santiago said.

"If you like to solve problems, this is an excellent field to be in," Ohler said. "You have to be a good detective."

"One of the things I love about technology is figuring things out," Santiago said.

"Especially when I'm tasked with setting up something brand new. ... I've got to do my research, figure it out, (and) find all the nuances."

Tralmer and McVicker said the best part of their job is finding solutions that help the customer.

"We hope we can continue to work as a team to meet everyone's goals," McVicker said. She said they know it can be frustrating for customers when there isn't an immediate, easy solution to a computer problem.

"We appreciate their patience," Tralmer said.

"We have a number of tickets on a daily basis," McVicker said. "Those we can actually help, and we know we're able to help the customer reach their goals and do their jobs, that's the rewarding part."

For help with computer problems, Fort McCoy customers should first call the Army Enterprise Service Desk at 866-335-2769. For more information about the Fort McCoy NEC, call 608-388-4884.

TRAINING



Soldiers at Fort McCoy for the Operation Cold Steel exercise learn about crew gunnery on the Virtual Battle Space 3 software program April 10 at Range 26 on North Post. The training simulates Fort McCoy training areas and allows gunnery crews the ability to experience gunnery training before going out to a range to complete live-fire training.

Cold Steel Soldiers prepare for live-fire ops with VBS3 training

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Team members with Fort McCoy's Virtual Battle Space 3 (VBS3) simulation facility played a direct role in training during the Operation Cold Steel exercise in March and April through use of the Mounted Machine Gun Trainer Plug-in Vehicle Crew Evaluator software program.

Operation Cold Steel is the Army Reserve's first large-scale live-fire training and crew-served weapons qualification and validation exercise that took place from March 9 through April 25. According to the Reserve, the exercise is crucial to ensure ensure "that America's Army Reserve units and Soldiers are trained and ready to deploy on short notice and bring combat-ready and lethal firepower in support of the Total Army Force and Joint Force partners around the world."

The VBS3 software program used to support training allowed hundreds of Soldiers to see Fort McCoy ranges in virtual reality and helped each of the three-person gunnery crews practice for their actual range missions, said Mike Latour, senior consultant and trainer with contractor Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., which supports the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security's (DPTMS) VBS3 facility.

"The program is great because it allows (the crew) to see what it's like to be in their vehicles, see how to choose their targets, and helps them understand the scoring they will have during actual live-fire sessions," Latour said.

Operation Cold Steel gunnery crews first completed their training on the system in building 222, then would go through live-fire training to further build their skills. The crews then would return to train on the system at Range 26 before going on to complete more live-fire training.

"The difference I'd see, just in communication, among crews that were first starting and working with us in 222, and then later at Range 26, was incredible," Latour said.

"Some of these crews were put together right before they arrived here for Cold Steel, and they had to work really hard at their communication skills to be successful. I think their ability to come in and practice on the software program was a big help."

Rob Miller, a virtual training integrator with Booz Allen Hamilton who also supported Cold Steel training, said the Army Training and Doctrine Command-developed program helped the crews build their skills one step at a time.

"This goes back to the idea of the crawl-walk-run phase where at each step of their team-building as a gunnery crew, they are able to continuously improve," Miller said. "This simulation training served as a crucial piece for these crews to practice their skills and improve."

Latour said his team would train, on average, 26 crews a day during the course of the exercise — 13 at building 222 and 13 at Range 26.

"The beauty of this VBS3 software is that it's mobile and allowed us to train people in two locations," Latour said. "I think

that helped us get more people trained faster."

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Laurent, a vehicle commander on a crew with the 346th Psychological Operations Company at Columbus, Ohio, said his gunnery crew appreciated the ability to practice their skills on the software program.

"The best thing was it gave us a chance to have additional (opportunities) to practice our calls as a crew," Laurent said. "We all know we can shoot well, but we knew we needed to work on communication, and this was a great way to practice those verbal commands."

Training Support Officer Rob Weisbrod with DPTMS said the VBS3 program is one of numerous simulation training platforms available at Fort McCoy that allows those service members who are training on post to get the most out of their training experience.

"The VBS3 training, as an example, allows units to integrate training strategies into any exercise or training event," Weisbrod said.

"And this is important because it allows training (service members) to rehearse missions, enhance their abilities, make mistakes, and continually get better."

Latour said similar VBS3 training will be held in the Combat Support Training Exercise and the Warrior Exercise later this year at Fort McCoy. "We'll be set up right at some of the tactical training bases," he said.

For more information about VBS3 and other Fort McCoy simulation facilities, call 608-388-2733.

FACILITIES

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the real equipment.

"Here, (the Soldiers) can make all kinds of mistakes," Mitchell said. "And hopefully it saves them time out on the actual range because they've already figured out the flow."

Mitchell said the simulation facilities staff members can do the same thing for other units they did for Cold Steel. They have access to Armywide databases and can program routines for other installations' ranges and training areas. He said they created a simulation for one unit that was going to Alaska to train. The program started at the airport and helped the unit find its way to its training areas and living quarters to help save time upon arrival at a strange location.

Maintenance technicians also had a hand in keeping things running for Cold Steel.

"Each exercise comes with its own requirements," said Aaron Wallander, a contractor with CSRA through DPTMS. He said their primary goal is to keep everything running smoothly and stay on top of any problems that develop so the Soldiers can complete their training.

John Braman is a supervisory training instructor for the EST. He said the Soldiers training for Operation Cold Steel used one of the standard simulation programs in the system, but the qualification table they shot was the same the Soldiers were using in the live fire.

Braman also said the EST allows Soldiers to practice their skills in a safer environment before going out on the range. It also gives them more immediate feedback on their performance.

The simulation used in Cold Steel starts with "paper" targets, then progresses to tanks and other targets displayed on an open field. "Close-ups show where their rounds hit (on a target) after firing," Braman said. The close-up views let Soldiers see exactly how accurate they were and how they might need to adjust before going out to the range.

The VBS3 was the third simulation facility used by Soldiers training during Operation Cold Steel. VBS3 is a semi-immersive, port-



Photo by Aimee Malone

Soldiers training at Fort McCoy for Operation Cold Steel use the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer on April 12 in building 221.

ble, virtual training system.

Dale Waggoner, contractor with Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. through DPTMS, said VBS3's physical equipment is closer to video-game equipment that Soldiers and civilians are used to, unlike other Fort McCoy simulation facilities, but the important part of the system is the programming.

"Because it's a semi-immersive system, you're only limited to the software you have in the computer," Waggoner said. "Pretty much if the unit designs a training concept, we can do it. ... We will build them a scenario that matches."

He said VBS3 is not going to make a Soldier a better shooter or driver, but it is going to

help them feel comfortable with the routines and procedures in firing or operating a convoy. Crew members learn to work together as a team and internalize the proper procedures to react to an improvised explosive device or an enemy unit.

"It's not going to make them a better shooter by clicking that mouse. It's not going to make them a better driver by using that gaming wheel, but as a team, they have to identify if it's a gunner or a truck (they're encountering)," Waggoner said. "All those things they have to accomplish before (the gunner) starts pulling the trigger, ... it needs to become second nature. This (system) lets them run through multiple engagements and practice fire commands."

"VBS3 is a rehearsal tool," he said. "It's used to rehearse procedures, not necessarily actions."

Soldiers training for Operation Cold Steel used VBS3 to practice the commands needed for the live-fire training they'd be completing a day or two later. The same route was built into the system so they would encounter the same terrain in the virtual system as in real life.

Waggoner said another tool that was popular during Cold Steel was the virtual sand table. Sand tables are used to create mock-ups of terrain during exercises or planning sessions. Traditionally, they use models to depict equipment, units, buildings, and other terrain features. Waggoner said sand tables are often replaced by slides and maps in modern training.

With a virtual sand table, they can project those maps onto the sand and build up the terrain the same way as in a traditional sand table. They can then hook up the VBS3 system into

the projector and show leadership or other Soldiers exactly what a group of Soldiers is doing on the system, displaying the virtual convoy as the Soldiers react.

Waggoner said the virtual sand table helps engage Soldiers more than slides. "With a slide projected on the wall, you might have four or five Soldiers speak up," he said. "We had whole groups crowding around the (virtual) sand table to watch."

Soldiers with the 221st Ordnance Company of Fort Wayne, Ind., made up some of the crews that trained at Operation Cold Steel.

Spc. Bryan Zinsmaster with the 221st had just finished a session at the RVTT and said the training had been excellent so far.

"It's informative, and .. it's something we almost never get to do back home because we focus on the ammo side," he said.

Spc. Jordan Rutledge Corley with the 221st said Operation Cold Steel helps prepare them by giving them a good idea of what it will be like if they are deployed and face enemy units.

"Back at our home station, we're ammo specialists, ... so we don't get a lot of ground time engaging the enemy," she said.

"We practiced gunnery training, firing commands, and engaging multiple targets," said Spc. Robert Lott with the 221st. "(The Fort McCoy trainers) keep it really enthusiastic and fun. It's not dry."

Rutledge Corley said the Fort McCoy trainers were very good at providing both positive and critical feedback.

"The NCOs and cadre here really know what they're doing," she said. "They have a good idea of what to correct and what to praise and let us know we're doing well."

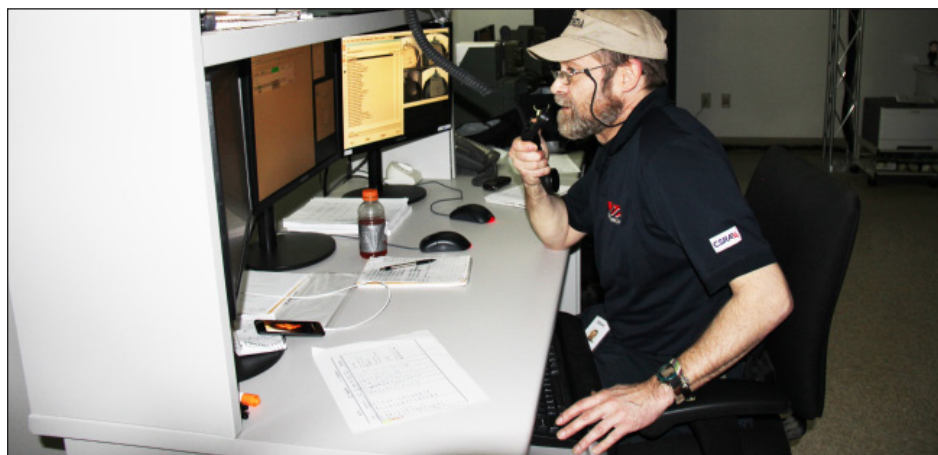


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Rich Mitchell, a contractor with CSRA Inc. through the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, runs a crew through a simulated convoy April 12 on the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer.

ABOUT POST

Fort McCoy raises awareness with fitness during April Showers 5k



Photos by Jobi Spolum

Runners take off at the start of the April Showers 5k Run/Walk on April 13 in front of Rumpel Fitness Center. The event was held in honor of several April awareness months, including Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual-Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Participants were encouraged to dress in blue or teal in observance of those months. Also, the Fort McCoy Child and Youth Services' No More Task Force was at the event to hand out information on assault and harassment prevention.



Participants, both young and older, came out in droves and brought strollers and bicycles.



Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. provides opening remarks at the start of the event.

ABOUT POST



Photo by Sarah Wiedenfeld

Easter Eggstravaganza

Fort McCoy youth take off at the start of the Easter egg hunt at Constitution Park as part of the Fort McCoy Easter Eggstravaganza held April 8 on post. The egg hunt was just one of several activities held during the event that also included face painting, egg decorating, photo-frame decorating, and an egg toss. The Eggstravaganza is put on jointly by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Fort McCoy Exchange.



Photo by Aimee Malone

Japanese tour

Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald (right) with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office gives a tour of the History Center to Japanese visitors Shinji Ichiyanagi (left) and his nephew Takashi Minda on April 11. Ichiyanagi's father and Minda's grandfather was a Japanese prisoner of war held at Camp McCoy during World War II. Ichiyanagi talked about how after his father returned to Japan from the war with many good memories about his time at Camp McCoy.



Photo by Karl Bugman

Taste of art, wine

Attendees to the Taste of Art and Wine event look over wine selections at the event April 7 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area at Fort McCoy. In addition to wine, local artists also exhibited a variety of work to the dozens of people who attended.

OUTDOORS

Fishing season opens May 6 on post lakes, streams

The Fort McCoy fishing season opens May 6, concurrent with the Wisconsin season opener.

Fishing on installation lakes and flowages is allowed May 6 through March 4, 2018, said Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

"It looks like we will have good fishing opportunities all around the installation," Noble said. "Surveys showed lots of decent-size bluegills in North Flowage and Lost Lake. Also, our trout streams are filled with many decent-size trout, including brown and brook trout."

Anglers are reminded that when the game-fishing season concludes March 4, there is no catch-and-release season for game-fish species such as bass or walleye. Fishing is open year-round for panfish, such as bluegill, on North Flowage and Lost Lake.

For trout fishing, there is a bag limit of five trout with no size restrictions.

"There is, however, an exception and a special regulation for Silver Creek for trout," Noble said. "For the lower reach of Silver Creek from the bridge at the West Silver wetland to the western boundary near the railroad trestle, anglers may keep three trout as their daily bag limit using artificial lures only. There is no size restriction."

The fishing map, available on the Fort McCoy i-Sportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net, is highlighted in orange along Silver Creek to distinguish the special regulation area.

This is the second year in which Wisconsin also has a longer trout season, running from May 4 to Oct. 15. "And, as I said, the trout fishing at Fort McCoy should be excellent," Noble said.

Anglers must have the appropriate Fort McCoy permits and state of Wisconsin licenses to fish on post. This includes a general Wisconsin fishing license, a trout stamp if fishing for trout, and a Fort McCoy fishing permit. Fort McCoy fishing permits are sold through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Automated License Issuance System (ALIS). Permits can be purchased at any authorized WDNR ALIS vendor.

On Fort McCoy, licenses can be purchased at the Pine View Campground office. Military ID card holders can purchase licenses at the Exchange service desk. The cost of a Fort McCoy annual fishing permit is \$13 for people age 17 and older. Permits for youth age 16 and younger, seniors and disabled anglers and four-day fishing permits are \$8.

Licenses also can be purchased at the WDNR online at <https://gowild.wi.gov>. All prospective anglers have to do is create an account at the Go Wild site, select the licenses they need, pay for the licenses, and print them, all online. There also will be a free fishing weekend June 3-4 in Wisconsin and at Fort McCoy. No license is needed, but all bag limits and other rules apply.

"Prospective anglers also should know that many of our lakes have fishing piers available that are all handicapped accessible and are less



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Al Behn of Saint Charles, Ill., and Necedah, Wis., takes time to fish for stocked rainbow trout at Suukjak Sep Lake in 2016 near Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy. Behn said he regularly fishes at Fort McCoy and enjoys the easy access to many installation fishing areas. Suukjak Sep Lake was formerly known as Squaw Lake and was renamed in May 2016 by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names of the U.S. Geological Survey.

than 2 years old," Noble said.

Also, people interested in renting fishing equipment can do so through Recreational Equipment Checkout with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Available equipment includes fishing poles, kayaks, canoes, and boats.

Varying rates apply. To find out more, visit <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy/programs/recreational-equipment-checkout-outdoor-recreation> or call 608-388-3517/2619 or

800-531-4703.

For more Fort McCoy fishing information and to identify which waters are open for fishing, contact the Permit Sales office at 608-388-3337, or visit the Fort McCoy i-Sportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net. For more information about fishing in Wisconsin, go online to the WDNR website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing.

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



Fort McCoy fox

A red fox is shown April 10 on the Fort McCoy cantonment area.

The fox is one of many types of animal species on the installation.

Wildlife management at the post is completed by the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Drug take-back event scheduled for April 29

The Monroe County Safe Community Coalition will host drug take-back events 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 29.

People wishing to discard old medications, both prescription and over the counter, can take them to Monroe County Solid Waste Management at 20448 Junco Road in Norwalk or the Sparta Police Department at 121 E. Oak St. in Sparta. The Sparta Police Department will hold a child passenger seat safety check and recycle event that same day.

Permanent drop boxes are located at Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center in Cashton and Sparta and Tomah police departments.

Fort McCoy does not hold a separate drug take-back event, but community members are encouraged to take unwanted medications to one of these events or the permanent drop boxes. Pills, liquids, ointments, patches, nonaerosols, and pet medications are all accepted.

For more information about discarding unused medications, visit www.mcsafecommunities.org or www.dea.gov.

2-person trap league starts May 1

A two-person trap league will compete at 5 p.m. Mondays starting May 1 at Sportsman's Range.

Shooters will have the same partner every week. The competition will be 50 shots: 25 team shots at 16 yards and 25 individual at handicap yardage. During the first week, all shooters will shoot from 21 yards. Starting the second week, shooters will compete from the handicap yard line determined by the first week scores.

Participants may shoot any time during Monday range hours. The winning team will receive a gift card to Ace Hardware in Tomah.

The entry fee is \$40, plus a one-time birds fee of \$80 per team. Members receive a \$5 discount. Registration is required by May 1.

Range events are open to eligible participants. For more information, call 608-388-9162.

Military Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for May 4

McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, is hosting a Military Appreciation Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 4.

The first 200 current and retired service members will get a free lunch buffet. Door prizes also will be given out. Military members and retirees must show appropriate IDs to receive free meals. Dependents are not eligible.

For more information, call 608-388-2065.

3-D archery league starts May 4

A 3-D archery league will compete at 5 p.m. Thursdays starting May 4 at Sportsman's Range.

NEWS NOTES



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Self-defense class

Fort McCoy community members participate in a self-defense class on April 19 at Rumpel Fitness Center. The free class was taught by Robert Bird of Choka U Gym and was organized by Army Community Service.

Participants may shoot in one of two classes. The hunter class allows a stabilizer length of 12 inches or less, no lens in the sight (peep sight is allowed), and arrows must be 23/64 inch or under. The open class has no restrictions on sights, stabilizers, or arrow diameters.

Participants will shoot at 14 target stations per week. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooter in each division.

The entry fee is \$20. Registration is required by May 4.

Range events are open to eligible participants. For more information, call 608-388-9162.

McCoy's to hold Cinco de Mayo event

McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, will hold a Cinco de Mayo celebration starting at 7 p.m. May 5.

Food and drink specials will be available, such as margaritas, tacos, and chips and salsa. The celebration also will feature games, prizes, and music. Advance registration is not required. The event is open to Fort McCoy community members. For more information, call 608-388-2065.

50-bird skeet league starts May 5

A 50-bird skeet league will compete at 5 p.m. Fridays starting May 5 at Sportsman's Range.

Semi-automatic, pump, or double-barrel 12-gauge (or smaller) guns are allowed.

Participants may shoot any time Monday during range hours. A prize will be awarded to the top participant.

The entry fee is \$20, plus a one-time birds fee of \$40. Members receive a \$5 discount. Registration is required by May 5.

Range events are open to eligible participants.

For more information, call 608-388-9162.

Auto workshop planned for May 12

"Summerize Your Vehicle" is scheduled for 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 12 at the Automotive Skills Center, building 1763.

The hands-on, do-it-yourself workshop is designed to get vehicles prepared for spring and summer. Participants can get guidance on checking tire pressure, antifreeze, air filters, tire tread depth, brake fluid, transmission oil/fluid, headlights, taillights, windshield wiper fluid, batteries, alternators, belts and hoses, and power-steering fluid.

The bay fee is \$3. Advance registration is not required. For more information, call 608-388-3013.

'Annie Oakley' shoot scheduled for May 12

The "Annie Oakley" shoot, a youth .22lr shoot, is scheduled for 4 p.m. May 12 at Sportsman's Range.

The event is designed for children. There is no minimum age to participate, but all youths must be accompanied by an adult.

Children can shoot three different challenges for \$10 each. Rifle rental and ammunition are included. A door prize will be drawn for a Family membership at the end of the night.

Range events are open to eligible participants. For more information, call 608-388-9162.

Fort McCoy Wellness Fair scheduled for May 17

The annual Fort McCoy Wellness Fair is scheduled for May 17 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For donor information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.redcross.org. Walk-in donations also are accepted.

A 5k run/2-mile walk will start at 10:15 a.m. The first 100 participants to register will receive free T-shirts. Registration is required by 9:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top runners in age and gender categories.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., area businesses will showcase products and services related to fitness and health.

Health screenings also will be available from some vendors.

At noon, "Countdown to Wellness" winners will be announced.

Food is available to purchase from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Door prizes will be drawn every 15 minutes. Participants must be present to win; unclaimed prizes will be redrawn at 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

'Sit, Sip, Paint' set for May 19 at McCoy's

A "Sit, Sip, Paint" canvas-painting party is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. May 19 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The workshop is a step-by-step painting demonstration by artist Linda Oldenburg. Participants will paint a 16-by-20-inch work of art. No artistic ability is required, and all art supplies are provided. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., and painting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Wine, beverages, and food will be available to purchase. The workshop costs \$35 per person. The event is open to the public. Space is limited. Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoyrectrac.html> or at McCoy's Community Center by May 15.

For more information, call 608-388-2065.

1st, 310th; Tomah VA to hold May 25 walk/run

The 1st, 310th Brigade Engineering Battalion, a unit belonging to Fort McCoy tenant 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, is coordinating with the Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center to hold a 5k run/1-mile walk May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.

There are no prizes or awards. Participants also may choose to walk 1 mile instead.

The event will be at the Tomah VA Medical Center. Registration is required by 8 a.m. May 25. Opening remarks will start at 8:30 a.m., and the run/walk will begin shortly after.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or for a registration form, call Capt. Chafac Mofor at (404) 936-2443 or Jennifer Conzemius at (608) 372-1727.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published May 12. Deadline for submissions to be considered for that issue is noon May 3.

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 in building 1571. 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. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 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.

Sports bar: Open 4 p.m.-midnight Mon.-Sat. and 4-11 p.m. Sun.

Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. **Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6-7.** Call 608-388-2619.

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: Starting May 1, open 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sat. and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sun. Reservations can be made outside of regular hours. Call 800-531-4703.

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Closed for the season. Call 608-388-3517/4498.

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. and 4-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 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.-Sat. and 4-11 p.m. Sun. Manager has discretion on closing time.

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

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

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

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Closed for the season. Available year-round for private parties. Call 608-388-3517/2260.

Services

Alteration Shop: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-3 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.-3 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1710.

Beauty Salon: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

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 and automatic bays. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Call 608-388-3544.

Combat Cache: Building 1645. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-567-4231.

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.

GNC: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1115.

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

facilities services

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

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities: Buildings 651, 755, 1671, 1735, 1856, 2002, 2568, 2671, 2763, and 2877 open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy pursuant to military orders. Civilians and retired military *are not authorized* to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 (Troop and Installation Support Branch, building 490).

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

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 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 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, 608-788-1000, or the installation operator at 608-388-2222 and request Red Cross assistance.

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

for After School Program 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4373.

SKIESUnlimitedInstructionalProgram: 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. Office hours 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. 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 Thurs. of each month. For information, email fsfomccoy@gmail.com.

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: 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. by appointment. For information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

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

DAILY BUGLE CALLS

5:50 a.m. – First Call • 6 a.m. – Reveille • 6:45 a.m. – Assembly • 7 a.m. – Breakfast • Noon – Mess Call (Dinner) • 5 p.m. – Retreat/To the Colors • 5:45 p.m. – Mess Call (Supper) • 10:30 p.m. – Tattoo • 11 p.m. – Taps

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