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Quartermaster unit turns lake water drinkable for 2017 WAREX

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Soldiers with the Army Reserve's 810th Quartermaster Company of Cincinnati turned the water of Big Sandy Lake into drinkable water for the nearly 6,000 participants in the 86th Training Division's Warrior Exercise (WAREX) 86-17-02 in late April and early May at Fort McCoy.

The 810th deployed 62 Soldiers to the exercise and began operations April 30. Approximately 40 of those Soldiers managed and operated two Reverse-Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPUs) — one of which provided the main drinking-water source for exercise participants.

"On average, we were pumping and purifying approximately 8,000 gallons of water every day of the exercise," said Spc. John McBryant, a water-treatment specialist with the 810th. "We brought two ROWPUs for the exercise. One was used for training, and the other for purifying water."

A ROWPU can provide potable water from any water source and can process up to 3,000 gallons an hour, said Pfc. Makayla Black, also an 810th water treatment specialist.

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Pfc. Makayla Black with the 810th Quartermaster Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, works on a Reverse-Osmosis Water Purification Unit at Big Sandy Lake on May 10 during operations for the 86th Training Division's Warrior Exercise 86-17-02 at Fort McCoy.

2017 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House entertains many attendees

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An estimated nearly 2,000 people attended the 2017 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House here May 20 despite, at times, some heavy rain conditions.

The open house was held on the grounds of Fort McCoy's historic Commemorative Area, which includes World War II-era buildings, the Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Attendees enjoyed the many displays, activities, bus tours, and historical areas as well as a special "Welcome Home" ceremony for Vietnam veterans that was held in Rumpel Fitness Center.

Dennis Thompson from La Vallee, Wis., attended the open house with his wife and attended the ceremony.

"This experience was excellent," said Thompson, a Vietnam veteran who served in the Navy from 1966-67. "It was great to



Visitors to the 2017 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open house visit booths and displays May 20 in building 905 on post.

see everything that's here and to attend the ceremony. Also, it was great to see the place where my (father) served in World War II.

Thompson shared a photo that included his father, former Army Tech. Sgt. Eugene Thompson, pictured atop a tank at then-Camp McCoy in the early 1940s. "Dad always had fond memories of this place and his experience here," Thompson said.

Veteran Douglas Gisler of Milton, Wis., who served in the Army during the Vietnam War, attended the open house with his wife Susan. Both took part in seeing everything available and were also ceremony participants.

"I've trained here in the past," Douglas said. "It's really changed a lot for the better."

"We really enjoyed the tour," said Susan, who also was one of hundreds who participated in the 45-minute installation bus tours offered throughout the day. "It was really wonderful to see everything that is here at this (installation)."

Activities were available for people of all ages, and those activities highlighted more than history. People lined up for camouflage face painting, personalized ID tags, an interactive-

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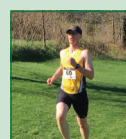
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NEWS



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ACOE team recognized

Members of the Fort McCoy Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) team were recognized by Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. with the Commander's Award for Civilian Service May 15, 2017 at Fort McCoy, Wis., for helping the installation earn the Bronze Award in the 2017 ACOE competition. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Mary Fries, Laurie Hertzfeldt, Jobi Spolum, Judy Stadifer, Amy Jo Schueler, Deputy to the Garrison Commander James A. Chen (back row, left to right) Pinter, Mark Fritsche, Jamie Gular, Pete Hodges, Dee Ann Hunter, Joshua May, John Ott, Dave Thurston, Jeff Winkler, and Col. James A. Parkinson, garrison deputy commander.

Fort McCoy participates in 'Click It or Ticket' campaign

As motorists take to the roads during the Memorial Day holiday, Fort McCoy police are urging everyone to buckle up.

Beginning May 22, law-enforcement officials across the country will be out in full force, taking part in the 2017 "Click It or Ticket" seat-belt enforcement mobilization and cracking down on motorists who are not belted.

"As we kick off the busy summer driving and training season, it is critical that everyone buckles up every time they go out, day and night — no excuses," said Sgt. Kevin Eckelberg with the Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department. "Our officers are prepared to ticket anyone who is not wearing their seat belt, including drivers that have neglected to properly buckle their children. Click it or ticket."

At 4 p.m. May 22, Fort McCoy will join law-enforcement agencies across half of the United States in mobilizing the Click It or Ticket "Border to Border" Operation.

Law-enforcement agencies will join forces to provide increased seat-belt enforcement, sending a zero-tolerance message to the public: driving or riding unbuckled will result in a ticket, no matter what state or local area.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-

tion, 9,874 passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2015 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

Unbelted fatalities are more prevalent at night than during the daytime — 51 percent of those killed in 2015 during the overnight hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. were unbelted at the time of the crash.

"Seat belts save thousands of lives every year, but far too many motorists are still not buckling up, especially at night when the risk of getting in a crash is even greater," Eckelberg said.

"We want to make this the safest summer possible. Buckling up is not optional; it's both a violation of Army regulation and Wisconsin state law. It's the difference between life and death in a crash. That's why we're out here enforcing the law. Click it or ticket, every time, day or night."

From 1975 through 2015, seat belts have saved an estimated 344,447 lives nationwide. So while this year's Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization runs from May 22 to June 4, officers will continue to save lives by enforcing seat belt laws year-round.

For more on the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, visit www.nhtsa.gov.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department.)



Photo courtesy Directorate of Emergency Services

Law-enforcement personnel from Wisconsin participate in a Click-It or Ticket campaign announcement in Madison, Wis., on May 18. Included in this photo are officers Kevin Zebro (second from right) and Kevin Eckelberg (right) with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department.

■ OPEN HOUSE

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marksmanship gallery, and military-vehicle and fire-truck displays; to see the latest Army medical equipment in use and fill sandbags to build a mock defensive position; and more.

At the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home ceremony, dozens of veterans participated. Each veteran received a Vietnam Veterans Lapel Pin from retired Maj. Gen. Paul Lima and retired Command Sgt. Ken Stumpf, a Medal of Honor recipient. Both Lima and Stumpf are, also, Vietnam veterans.

The ceremony is one of many taking place around the United States that officially recognize veterans who served between May 1, 1955, and Nov. 15, 1975.

"When many of us came back (from Vietnam), we came back to a time of turmoil," Lima said. "No one could recognize the invisible wounds coupled with haunting memories from that time. ... (We) didn't receive a public welcome or recognition of service."

"Many (veterans) quietly assimilated back into their communities and used their skills to better America," Lima said.

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. also recognized all the Vietnam veterans in attendance. "All of you have served as my inspiration to serve."

The Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home event was something "long overdue for a generation of veterans that's been long overlooked," said Fort McCoy Public Affairs Officer Tonya K. Townsell. "While we can't change the past, I hope our event brought a feeling of recognition and appreciation to our Vietnam veterans."

Fort McCoy also held the South Post 5k Run for dozens of people in observance of the day. Dozens of people attended and the run also served as a time trial for Soldiers looking to join the installation's Army Ten-Miler team.

Earlier in the day May, Fort McCoy members also participated in the "Our Community Salutes" event at Rumpel Fitness Center. "Our Community Salutes", created in 2009 by Dr. Kenneth E. Hartman, is a national non-profit organization designed to recognize and honor high school seniors who have committed to enlist in the Armed Forces following high school graduation.

Townsell said, overall, the 2017 open house was a great success even though the weather impacted the usual amount of open house attendees.

"While the rain kept a good portion of our regular attendees home, those who did make it here to celebrate the day seemed to take the weather in stride," she said. "I saw a lot of smiling wet faces."

"Rain or shine, the open house provides an excellent opportunity for people to come and see what Fort McCoy is all about and to learn about the Army, the installation, the history, and Fort McCoy's continuing mission to support the nation as the 'Total Force Training Center,'" Townsell said. "The community around the region looks forward to this event every year, and we appreciated the opportunity to showcase the installation."

"Also, successful events such as this don't 'just happen,'" Townsell added. "Many employees put their energy and hearts into this to make it what it is every year."

Armed Forces Day is observed on the third Saturday in May. Planning already is underway for the May 19, 2018, open house.

For more information about the event, call the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407.



Retired Command Sgt. Ken Stumpf (right), a Medal of Honor recipient from Tomah, Wis., and others participate in the "Welcome Home" ceremony May 20 for Vietnam veterans at Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy. The ceremony was part of festivities for the open house.



Attendees to the open house visit with Directorate of Emergency Services personnel at one of the equipment displays.



Hundreds of open house visitors took advantage of installation tours to get away from the rainy conditions while at the same time learning more about the installation.



Vietnam veteran Dennis Thompson from La Vallee, Wis., who visited for the open house and attended the welcome home ceremony holds a photo of his father Eugene Thompson who trained at Fort McCoy during World War II in the 1940s.

TRAINING

Soldiers build leadership, repairer skills in Construction Equipment Repairer ALC

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Thirteen Soldiers from across the Army completed more than 240 hours of training to become advanced leaders in the service's "91-Lima" career field during training at the Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance facility in April and May at Fort McCoy.

The Soldiers were students in RTS-Maintenance's Construction Equipment Repairer Advanced Leadership Course (ALC).

"This class had 13 students, and they were taught in two phases of instruction," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles K. Abert, course manager at RTS-Maintenance. "The first block included 141 hours of training, and the second block was 103 hours."

Abert taught the course with fellow instructors, Staff Sgts. Francisco J. Vega and Thomas E. McKenzie. The course introduces students to subjects such as shop safety and management of operational, maintenance, and historical records and forms on construction-related equipment, Abert said.

The students also learn about the Army Oil Analysis Program, tool-control procedures, and prescribed load-list operations.

"The (military occupational specialty)-specific training they receive in the course includes troubleshooting electrical, diesel engine, hydraulic, brake, and power-train systems," Abert said.

"They also receive 40 hours of Global Combat Support System (GCSS)-Army training with actual live system-usage dispatching and ordering parts."

The advanced troubleshooting is especially helpful for the students as they go back to their units to lead other troops in equipment-repair efforts, Abert said.

"Everything they learn here will definitely help them," Abert said. "They also learn about the new Army evaluation system and critical thinking skills, and the networking they gain from each other is always great for them."

Sgt. Robert Kurka, a student in the course from the 262nd Engineer Company of Westbrook, Maine, said the course helped him build skills that will better support his unit.

"This is a good course, and I would definitely recommend it," Kurka said. "I learned a lot about running a maintenance section and working together as a team with people you don't know."

"Also, learning about different methods of training is something I can incorporate into our operations."

Gaining skills in using the GCSS-Army operations was helpful for student Staff Sgt. Noah Poe with the 771st Support Maintenance Company of Hohenwald, Tenn.

"It was great to learn more about that system, which is new, and it will definitely help with what we do at my unit," he said.

Student Staff Sgt. Jonathan Belton with the



Soldiers in the in Regional Training Site-Maintenance's Construction Equipment Repairer Advanced Leadership Course work on equipment during course operations May 10 at Fort McCoy.



Students operate a crane at the Regional Training Site-Maintenance facility as part of training May 10.

881st Engineer Support Company at Rockingham, N.C., also said the GCSS-Army training as well as the overall course curriculum are a good foundation for building leaders.

"This (training) will help me better work with our leadership, our motor sergeant, and provided me with what I need to know to become a senior (noncommissioned officer)," Belton said. "Also, with GCSS-Army ... just being able to learn more about parts order-

ing will allow me to better help our (support staff)."

Helping other Soldiers prepare for ALC is one skill where student Staff Sgt. Anthony Frost said he'll use once he gets back to his unit.

"Maintenance management like this is crucial to learn and was an awesome experience here," said Frost, who is with the 411th Engineer Company at Iowa City, Iowa. "I know that if I can grasp this training, my (Soldiers)

can grasp it. So, in turn, I can go back and help my Soldiers prepare for ALC when their time comes. Simply getting this training will help make our unit more productive and efficient."

RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy trains Soldiers in both active- and reserve-component.

For more information about RTS-Maintenance courses, call 608-388-3748 or stop by building 1370.

TRAINING

Engineers raft down Mississippi River during WAREX

STORY & BY SGT. ELIZABETH RANEY

343rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Army Reserve Soldiers with the 341st Engineer Company and 401st Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge Company) conducted river transport operations May 6-8 at Fountain City, Wis., as part of Warrior Exercise 86-17-02.

The Soldiers worked together to assemble a six-bay float raft on the Mississippi River and maneuvered it using Mark II Bridge Erection Boats.

First Sgt. David Blair of the 401st at Fort Smith, Ark., explained the mission.

"We're doing rafting operations," he said. "We're taking two Humvees 5 miles up, and (we'll) drop them, pick them up, and come back.

"They're doing their job," Blair said. "They're actually getting to put their hands on the equipment and getting proficient in their tasks and skills. They're excited to do their job, they're excited to be out here doing it, and they're having fun doing it."

Staff Sgt. Brandon Quail, a native of Marathon, N.Y., and observer-coach/trainer (OC/T) with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade at Fort McCoy, said rafting operations are needed often.

"This mission is to get these guys familiarized with rafting vehicles up and downstream for any type of combat zone or any real-world situation," he said. "In just about every battle zone, this is needed. There are a lot of rafting operations that go on."

Though bridge and raft operations are not everyday occurrences for them, the Soldiers, leaders, and OC/Ts made sure the proper safety precautions were taken, both on and off the watercrafts.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Graham, a combat engineer assigned to the active component/Reserve component of the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade at Fort McCoy, is an OC/T for



Army Reserve Soldiers from the 341st Engineer Company and 401st Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge Company) maneuver a six-bay float raft downstream on the Mississippi River at Fountain City, Wis., on May 7 as part of the 86th Training Division's Warrior Exercise 86-17-02.

the 401st.

"There's a lot of very dangerous pinch points on these rafts, and cables going around and the like, so they wear their protective equipment," he said.

"If they fall in the water with the pants bloused, water gets trapped inside the uniform and can weigh you down. So, they unblouse so any water can come right out of the bottom of the trousers."

For Staff Sgt. Jermaine Rhodes, a resident of Fort Smith, Ark., and combat engineer with the 341st, the benefits of the training were immediate and essential.

"It's really great. They are very excited because a lot of them are green, fresh out of basic and AIT (advanced individual training), so they've really only had one field training prior to this. Here, they get the training they need as they progress and they know their job," he said.

OC/Ts help Reserve Soldiers achieve 'flawless' execution in exercise

BY SGT. ELIZABETH RANEY

343rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

FORT MCCOY, Wis. — As Army Reserve Soldiers progressed through Warrior Exercise 86-17-02 training lanes, a specially trained cadre of officers and non-commissioned officers moved with them.

These observer-coach/trainers (OC/Ts) committed their training expertise to ensure the Reserve's status as the most capable, combat-ready, and lethal reserve force in the history of the nation.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Graham, a combat engineer assigned to 181st Multi-Function Training Brigade at Fort McCoy, served as an OC/T for the 401st Multi-Role Bridge Company during their WAREX rotation.

"Here in (the 181st), we coach, mentor, and train Reserve and National Guard units," Graham said. "We assist them from day one and take them through the entire exercise. That way we can have a lasting relationship with them and build that rapport with them so they trust us and are more apt to be open to our suggestions."

Graham said they train Soldiers on "the basic Army battle drills: how to operate in a



Staff Sgt. Kevin Graham, a combat engineer and observer-coach/trainer with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade works during a scenario for Warrior Exercise 86-17-02 on May 3 at Fort McCoy.

(tactical assembly area) and how to operate in an austere environment but, at the same time, how to do their specific job."

Maj. Joseph Andrejcek, an OC/T assigned to the 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment, 86th Training Division out of Indianapolis, said the role of an OC/T is to get the Soldiers prepared for the next level of training and ultimately be mission capable and ready for deployment when called upon.

"We have to be the subject-matter experts

for every unit that we OC for and try to give them the right guidance and information that can help them succeed in getting better at their jobs, at troop leading procedures, and general soldiering," he said.

These subject-matter experts employ a straightforward, graduated approach to instilling the required skills to accomplish the mission. Leading the troops to success is deliberate.

"It's important to guide them," said Sgt. 1st

Class Jarvis Randall, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) specialist with the 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade at Fort McCoy.

"We can get them to the walk and run phases through the crawl phase. We'll hold their hands, metaphorically speaking, through the process of developing the picture they need in order to accomplish their mission.

"Each day, we increase the intensity so they get to exercise that knowledge. By the time we're done with this exercise, they should be able to do it in their sleep, like a reflex," Randall said.

Spc. Sam Scarborough, a Gardendale, Ala., resident and CBRN specialist with the 318th Chemical Company out of Birmingham, Ala., said he benefited from having the OC/Ts on site during his previous annual training events.

"It's very helpful feedback," he said. "When we're out there in the heat of some kind of training environment, sometimes you forget things. The OC/Ts are there as a helpful eye. They watch everything, and afterwards they're able to give live feedback on what you did right, what you did wrong, and how you get better.



Pfc. Makayla Black and Spc. Zhixin Wang with the 810th Quartermaster Company place a hose over for a Reverse-Osmosis Water Purification Unit into Big Sandy Lake on May 10 at Fort McCoy.



Soldiers with the 810th Quartermaster Company reconfigure camouflage netting on a Reverse-Osmosis Water Purification Unit at Big Sandy Lake on May 10.

■ ROWPU

"With the filters and the water-purification capabilities of the ROWPU, it will provide drinking water that is better than store-bought bottled water," Black said. "It really is a great system to provide water for troops."

A ROWPU can not only draw water from a lake, but also from rivers, oceans, or even holes in the ice.

The system is built on to an Army trailer and includes its own generator and essentially a lab to operate the system from inside a covered enclosure.

The system uses a variety of chemicals and membranes to filter and purify the water.

McBryant said the team members of the 810th were proud to provide such a valuable resource to the exercise.

"It was good for all of us to come here and practice these skills and to train more of our Soldiers on ROWPU operations," McBryant said. "Providing clean water is important to any Army mission because without clean water, our troops won't be able to continue operations as well as they could with clean water."

Spc. Zhixin Wang, also an 810th water-treatment specialist, said he appreciated the opportunity to train at WAREX and to be able to support the water-purifying operations.

"As Soldiers, we need to be ready to deploy at any time," Wang said. "So, this training helps make us more professional and better at what we do as Soldiers. It was an excellent chance for us to do our job."

Black deployed to a WAREX for the first time, where she said she learned a lot more about ROWPU operations from fellow Soldiers as well as the practical on-the-job experience.

"Though this was my first time at Fort McCoy and to a WAREX, I have found it to be quite an adventure," Black said. "It was very (fulfilling) to be able to see how we can take dirty water and turn it into the clean water and to learn more about it. Certainly, being here, was a valuable experience."

The exercise also provided an opportunity for other types of training as well, said Sgt. Albert Fisher with the 810th.

"We not only went through all the station positions on the (ROWPU), we also had great training with convoys and (Army

Warrior Tasks)," Fisher said.

"This is important because even though we have to produce water, we also have to be able to defend ourselves in case something happens."

Fisher added that teamwork improved as the exercise went on.

"Normally as these things start, it may seem that we are still forming (our roles)," Fisher said. "But as time goes on and we communicate more, things improved and we definitely had mission success."

WAREX completed operations May 13. The exercise was a two-week training event that focused on realistic and austere operational environments, said Lt. Col Andrew Rigor, deputy for the Operations, Plans and Training Section with the 86th Training Division.

WAREX also provided unique training opportunities for Soldiers in various military occupation specialties to train together on simulated combat missions and to work together as a team, just like they would in a real-world environment.

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TRAINING

Soldiers train in CBRN defense, operations during Red Dragon exercise

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Approximately 480 Soldiers associated with Army chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) units trained at Fort McCoy from April 29 to May 13 for the 2017 Red Dragon exercise.

Red Dragon is the largest Army Reserve exercise that focuses on CBRN operations, according to the 209th Regional Support Group, the lead unit for the exercise, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. The exercise traditionally is conducted at Fort McCoy in tandem with a Warrior Exercise to benefit from the logistical requirements of both exercises.

According to the Army Reserve, Red Dragon is an exercise focused on supporting joint land forces performing operations in a CBRN environment. Soldiers are trained and assessed on tasks supporting CBRN defense at the individual, crew, and section levels in a field environment.

Also, the training helps improve Soldier proficiency to minimize or negate the vulnerability to, and effects of, CBRN attacks, the Reserve definition of the exercise states. The brigade and battalion staffs participating in the exercise also conduct concurrent mission-command training that also culminates in an integrated training event.

The 2017 Red Dragon exercise included Soldiers in 11 different units ranging from the company to major subordinate-command level.

Soldiers conducted reception, staging, onward movement, and integration in addition to warfighting and CBRN functional missions during the exercise, said Staff Sgt Justin Eller, a health readiness coordinator with the 209th who served as the acting public affairs point of contact for the exercise.

Other major training events during the 2017 exercise included reconnaissance and decontamination operations; surveillance; a Logistics Health Incorporated medical event; M16 weapons qualification; and required classes, including transgender training, a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program refresher, and suicide-awareness training, Eller said.

Fort McCoy has supported America's armed forces since 1909. The installation's motto is to be the "Total Force Training Center." The post's varied terrain, state-of-the-art ranges, new as well as renovated facilities, and extensive support infrastructure, combine to provide military personnel with an environment in which to develop and sustain the skills necessary for mission success.



Photo courtesy 1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion

Scenes of WAREX

(Above) Soldiers participating in the 86th Training Division's Warrior Exercise 86-17-02 listen in on a training feedback session from observer-coach/trainers from the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade on May 12 on a Fort McCoy training range. (Below) A Soldier watches over an entry control point during Warrior Exercise operations on May 10 on North Post.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

COMMUNITY

2017 McCoy Wellness Fair promotes healthy lifestyle options



Photo by Scott T. Sturkio

Fort McCoy community members take off during the start of a 5k run/2-mile walk as part of the 2017 Fort McCoy Wellness fair at Rumpel Fitness Center. In addition to the run/ walk, participants visited dozens of information displays featuring products and services from local businesses and post agencies. The American Red Cross also held a blood drive and many door prizes were given to fair attendees. The fair, organized by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR), brought exhibitors from numerous health care agencies as well as businesses.



Dozens of walkers joined the dozens of runners in the run/walk to start off the fair events.



Fair attendees visit one of the many booths set up at the fitness center.

SAFETY

R U paying a10shun? Beware of distracted driving

BY LORI YELDON

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

Distracted driving is typically synonymous with texting, but according to U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center officials and the New York State Police, any time a driver takes their eyes off the road or hands off the wheel, there's an increased opportunity for a crash.

"There's three types of distracted driving," said Bernie Kennett, technical sergeant, Troop D Traffic, New York State Police.

"Visual, when someone takes their eyes off the road; manual, when someone takes their hands off the wheel; and cognitive, when someone takes their mind off the road."

For Kennett, a 28-year NYSP veteran, there's not much he has not seen drivers trying to do while operating a vehicle.

"Besides cellphone usage and texting, we're seeing issues with people eating and preparing food (while driving), applying cosmetics, changing clothes, petting their dog ... anything and everything," Kennett said. "I've stopped a person who was shaving on the way to church. There have been people who were brushing their teeth. The automobile is an extension of our daily routines, so everything that someone does in their lives you can expect them to do in an automobile."

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration website, distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic. In 2014, 3,179 people died in distracted driving crashes.

Steve Kurtiak, a USACRC safety and occupational health specialist, off-duty driving, says all drivers are susceptible to distracted driving.

"There can be many distractions while driving a vehicle if you allow them to distract you," Kurtiak said. "Distractions may include navigation aids, entertainment programs (Bluetooth-type electronic devices) lighted roadside advertising and even passengers."

Kennett recalls a particular accident where distracted driving was a contributing factor in a pedestrian death.

"A driver hit a pedestrian that had already been hit by another car," he said. "The victim was laying in the road way and bystanders were trying to flag down the oncoming driver. The driver was eating cereal, on her way to work and didn't see the people trying to get her attention. She ended up driving over the pedestrian, who was already in critical condition. The victim succumbed to wounds inflicted by the driver who was eating cereal."

It's illegal to text and drive in New York and if you're caught doing it, the offense will cost you.

"You'll lose five points off your license and for a first offense you're fined \$50 to \$200, a second offense (within six months) \$50 to \$250 and a third and subsequent offense (within 18 months) costs \$50 to \$450," Kennett said. "It gets very expensive. For junior drivers, it could result in a license suspension for up to 120 days. If they have second conviction within six months, suspension could be up to one year."

Likewise, drivers are prohibited from texting and driving on all U.S. Army installations.

"Army Regulation 385-10, chapter 11-4e comprehensively covers the use of handheld devices while driving on installations," Kurtiak said. "While there are exceptions for emergency responders, everyone else is required to use hands-free devices."

Kennett says the NYSP does a lot of distracted driving educational outreach; however, offices have an uphill battle with enforcement of distracted driving because it's so commonplace.

"Even hands-free devices have their pitfalls as driver's attention isn't 100 percent on the road," he said. "I truly think that other than calling 911, there's probably no one out there that you need to talk to while driving. Something to think about is,



Distracted Driving

Any activity that diverts a driver's attention puts that driver, their passengers and everyone else on the road at serious risk. Why chance it?

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration reports that in 2014, that nearly 3,200 people were killed and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

"Do I really need to talk to this person or text them while I'm driving?"

"The only possible way to eliminate texting and driving is to make the devices inoperable when people are behind the wheel of a car," Kennett added. "The exception would be the ability to dial 911 in case of emergencies."

With Kennett's office location in proximity to Fort Drum, New York, he routinely speaks to Soldiers and encourages them to drive responsibly.

"It's sometimes difficult when we tell Soldiers to not text while driving, to not drink and drive, etc. because these men and women have often just come home from deployments that were far more dangerous," Kennett said. "While I acknowledge that what they've done while deployed is extremely dangerous, I try to help them understand that they're back home now and that driving irresponsibly is extremely dangerous as well."

Distracted driving accidents not only affect individuals and their loved ones, Kurtiak says they also influence unit readiness.

"The impact to unit readiness is painfully obvious because after the loss of a Soldier, your combat effectiveness has been reduced," Kurtiak said. "That position may take a great deal of time to be filled, causing other members in the unit to cover down on additional duties and responsibilities."

Kennett implores Soldiers, "You're back here and if you were deployed and survived over there, please don't come back home and let a distracted driver get you or be that distracted driver who runs over someone."

The NYSP even enlists the help of children in effort to curb distracted driving.

A technique we use during our educational outreach events that we're optimistic about is talking to children," Kennett said. "When we teach children to buckle up or to not text and drive, they become pseudo police officers when they get in the car with mom and dad."

"I spoke to a gentleman and his son at an outreach event and the dad said that he never texts and drive. However, his 5 year-old son spoke up and said, 'But dad, you just did it in the car!' At that point, I told the young man he was now a junior trooper and that I needed his help to keep his parents from texting and driving."

Kurtiak has a few questions for anyone who's willing to drive distracted.

"Are you prepared to possibly face charges and a lengthy prison sentence for taking a life while driving distracted," he said. "Are you prepared to have a loved one lose their life because you were driving distracted?"

SPORTS

Runners vying for spot on Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler Team

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Both active- and reserve-component Soldiers at Fort McCoy are vying for a chance to represent the installation in the Army Ten-Miler competition in October in Washington, D.C.

The Fort McCoy team, led by Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah, executive officer for the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade (MFTB), and Maj. Martin Wennblom, operations officer for the 181st MFTB.

Both Woommavovah and Wennblom are experienced runners. Woommavovah is a certified USAA Track & Field Coach with 10 years of experience and has raced competitively for years.

Wennblom, has raced competitively for 24 years, and the Army sent him to obtain a master's degree in kinesiology from Indiana University in 2011. Additionally, he was a member of three NCAA cross country national championship qualifying teams and help pace his hometown youth team to the 1993 USA Track & Field cross country national title.

Wennblom's knowledge of training to win continued while assigned as a boxing instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where he helped the Army Boxing team to win the 2013 and 2014 national championships. In 2012, he was a member of the West Point faculty Army Ten-Miler team, winning the mixed category.

The Fort McCoy team is being built as runners complete time-trial events. The first time trial was held April 13 during the April Showers 5k on post. A second time trial took place May 20 during the South Post 5k in observance of Armed Forces Day. The last time trial will be held June 14 on the Army's birthday during the Commander's Run.

"Fort McCoy will field an Army team consisting of Soldiers to support participation in the Army Ten-Miler competition," Woommavovah said. "Developing this team is a means to develop support, cohesion, and morale amongst the Fort McCoy population, outlying communities, and at the highest Army levels."

Woommavovah said they are building a competitive team through team training runs, injury prevention, and proper recovery.

"We learn from 'group wisdom' and camaraderie," he said. "We are competing at road races in our local communities. ... The Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler participation also is geared toward fostering health and improving morale and esprit de corps."

"The idea is to motivate Soldiers to train for, and succeed in, the Army Ten Miler competition," Woommavovah said. "As such, running programs, fitness events, and the time trials are held. Those who have qualifying times will be eligible to participate in the national Army Ten-Miler."



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Maj. Martin Wennblom, operations officer for the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, competes in a recent off-post running event. Wennblom is helping establish the 2017 Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team.



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Runners, including Fort McCoy athletes, begin the race at the Lung Bustin Justin 5k Cross Country Race in Leon, Wis., in late April.

Installation runners perform well in recent off-post events

A team of runners from Fort McCoy performed well in recent off-post running events in Leon and Tomah, Wis.

During the fifth annual Lung Bustin Justin 5K Cross Country Race at Justin Trails Resort in Leon on April 22, six runners from Fort McCoy participated. The team included Lt. Cols. Scott Victor and Mark Woommavovah, Maj. Martin Wennblom, 1st Sgts. Mark Aiken and Hector Ocasio, and Sgt. Andre Smith — all from the installation.

Wennblom placed first overall in the event and Woommavovah, the team captain, placed third.

"When the gun went off ... Team Fort McCoy runners were ready and well-prepared," Woommavovah said. "The crisp spring weather lead to all runners placing in the top 10. This was by far one of toughest cross-country courses in Wisconsin. We battled killer hills, narrow ridge lines, and mud."

On May 13, the Team Fort McCoy runners participated in the Tomah Area Cancer Support 5K Run/Walk. Participants included Woommavovah, Aiken, Smith, 1st Lt. Jerel Villanueva, and Sgt. Holli Barnes.

When all was said and done, Team Fort McCoy won the Fast Team Award, and Villanueva placed first overall in the male category. Woommavovah placed third overall, Barnes placed second in the overall female category, and Smith and Aiken were age-group winners.

"Villanueva out-learned the second runner to take first place," Woommavovah said. "I'm very proud of our team. ... It has a mix of active-duty and Reserve Soldiers who do well."

Fort McCoy team members are also in training to make the Fort McCoy Army 10-Miler Team, Woommavovah said. Like in 2016, the goal is for the post to field a team to participate in the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C., in October.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler Team.)

NEWS NOTES

DJ Trivia

held weekly at McCoy's

McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, holds DJ trivia from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays.

There is no cost to enter, and advance registration is not required. Prizes are awarded weekly to the top three teams.

The competition is open to all Fort McCoy employees and their guests. Participants must be at least 18 years old to play.

For more information, call 608-388-4161.

Fort McCoy participating in Free Fishing Weekend June 3-4

Fort McCoy will participate in Wisconsin's Free Fishing Weekend June 3-4.

No permits or licenses will be required to fish on Fort McCoy waters during Free Fishing Weekend. All Fort McCoy and Wisconsin fishing regulations, rules, lengths, and bag limits still will be in effect.

Anglers must call the game line at 866-277-1597 or access the i-Sportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net for information on lake closures due to military training. Fishing maps and regulations are also available on the website.

For more information about fishing at Fort McCoy, visit i-Sportsman or call the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

For information about Wisconsin fishing regulations, visit dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/index.html.

Suicide-prevention training available June 5-6

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 5-6 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

ASIST is for people who want to be able to provide suicide first aid. Shown by major studies to significantly reduce suicides, the ASIST model teaches effective intervention skills while helping to build suicide-prevention networks in the community.

Participants will learn to recognize and assess the potential risk of suicide, keep an at-risk person safe until help arrives, reach out and offer support, and link people with resources.

The training is intended for people who are gatekeepers. For more information about gatekeepers and whether the training is appropriate for a particular group, call the Army Substance Abuse Program office at 608-388-2441.

Registration is required by June 1.

Midlife Checkup class planned for June 7

The Midlife Checkup, a workshop designed for people 45 to 55 years old, is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. June 7 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The workshop is meant to help people understand where some feelings common

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to midlife — such as confusion, depression, and regret — come from and to begin assessing those feelings and planning for the future. There is an emphasis on issues specific to members of the Baby Boomers and Generation X.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by May 31.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-6712.

Commemorative Area open to walk-in visitors June 9, 23

The Fort McCoy Commemorative Area will be open for walk-in visitors from noon to 4 p.m. June 9 and 23. Members of the public are welcome.

The Commemorative Area consists of the Equipment Park, five World War II-era buildings with historical displays, the History Center, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. The History Center and World War II-era buildings contain artifacts dating from Fort McCoy's inception in 1909 up to present day.

Members of the public must present valid photo IDs at the main Gate to get a visitor's pass. For information on visitors' passes, call the Visitor Control Center at 608-388-4988.

Group of 15 or more may schedule tours from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407.

Mud Assault scheduled for June 10

The Mud Assault will be June 10 at White-tail Ridge Ski Area.

The approximately 3-mile course features more than 25 obstacles and mud pits. It is open to the public.

Participants may register online at <https://>



webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoyrectrac.html. Registration forms also are available at Pine View Campground and Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

For more information, call 800-531-4703.

Family crafting workshop scheduled June 10

A Crafting Resilience Workshops is scheduled for June 10 at Army Community Service's Family Workshop Center, building 2161.

The workshops provide time and space for Families to create projects together and learn skills to increase resilience, including time management, journaling, and more.

Supplies are provided for a number of activities, including scrapbooking, stamping, card making, canvas painting, and no-sew quilt blocks. Some items have limited supplies. Family members also may bring their own projects.

The workshop will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Exceptional Family Member Program members can begin at 8:30 a.m. Family can register for two- to four-hour blocks of time.

Additional workshops are scheduled for July 15 and Aug. 5. Registration is required by the Monday before a workshop.

Class size is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-6507.

Pallet flag workshops scheduled for June 17, 20

Army Community Service is holding Family workshops June 17 and 20 at the ACS Wood Shop, building 1133.

Families can create full or half-size pallet

flags together. Singles and geographical backdrops are also welcome. All materials and instructions are provided.

The workshop runs 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 17 or 4 to 7 p.m. June 20. Families may register for a three-hour block of time. Exceptional Family member Program participants may start at 8:30 a.m. or 3 p.m., if desired.

Class size is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by June 9.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-3505.

Ticket kick-off scheduled June 22 for 2017 Army Concert

The ticket kick-off sale for the 2017 Army Concert featuring Toby Keith, Cassadee Pope, and Waterloo Revival is scheduled for June 22.

Tickets will be on sale for \$45 on June 22 only. Purchase tickets at the following Kwik Trip locations from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Black River Street in Sparta, West McCoy Boulevard in Tomah by Kentucky Fried Chicken, Rose Street in La Crosse, Highway 16 in Onalaska, and Oak Forest Drive/Highway 35 in Onalaska. Tickets will be available on post at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The price will increase for advance tickets after June 22.

For updates about the concert, visit mccoy.armymwr.com or follow the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mccoymwr.

Fort McCoy golf tournament set for June 23

The Fort McCoy Golf Tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m. June 23 at River Run Golf Course in Sparta, Wis.

Teams of four will compete. The event includes dinner, a drink ticket, hole competitions, and door prizes. The tournament fee is \$35 per person; greens fees and cart fees are not included.

The tournament is put on by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

All tournament fees are returned to MWR to help fund quality-of-life programs for Soldiers and their Families.

The event is open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, call 608-388-3200.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published June 9.

Deadline for submissions to be considered for that issue is noon May 31.

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 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Starting May 25, open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri.-Sat.** 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: 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 bays. Automatic bay closed for repairs. 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.

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 Assistant, 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.mccoysausa.org.

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

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: Call David W. Alderfer (LTC-Retired) at 920-535-0515 or email jstdave49@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

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