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Marines bolster cold-weather operating skills at Fort McCoy

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For many of the 49 Marines who attended Fort McCoy's Cold-Weather Operations Course 18-01, it was their first time learning how to survive and operate in cold-weather conditions and how to operate the equipment that allows them to do so.

They hiked dozens of miles through the wilderness at Fort McCoy, bivouacked in the snow and cold, learned to ski, and more.

"I liked the aspect of all the (training) events and how we were forced to either think critically, communicate, lead, and work as a team or else fail and suffer miserably," said student Sgt. Travis Grzeslo with the Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 28 of Marine Corps Air Station-Cherry Point, N.C. "You learn the importance of taking advantage of the resources available and to think outside of the box, take initiative, and try things out. We were shown 'a way' to do things by the instructors, but it was up to us to take responsibility and grow from there."

The course, also known as CWOC, is modified. (See **CWOC**, Page 6)



A Marine associated with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., works to get out of the water after plunging into an ice-covered Big Sandy Lake as part of cold-water immersion training for the Cold-Weather Operations Course on Dec. 13 at Fort McCoy.

IMCOM-Readiness director makes official visit to installation



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Cold-Weather Operations Course Instructor Bill Hamilton describes equipment used in the course with Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough and Command Sgt. Maj. Roy L. Rocco, IMCOM-Readiness command sergeant major, on Jan. 5 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

BY AIMEE MALONE

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Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough made her second visit to Fort McCoy on Jan. 4-5.

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 accompanied by Command Sgt. Maj. Roy L. Rocco, IMCOM-Readiness command sergeant major, during her visit to Fort McCoy.

She met with garrison and 88th Readiness Division leadership, conducted a town hall with garrison staff members, toured several areas of the installation, and attended the semi-

annual Installation Planning Board.

McCullough said that after her last visit, she wanted to return to Fort McCoy during winter to see how the installation dealt with the challenges of cold, icy, and snowy weather. She reviewed equipment used in the Cold-Weather Operations Course and toured Whitetail Ridge Ski Area, which hosts both winter training and recreational activities.

During the town hall, McCullough congratulated garrison staff members who'd won awards in the past year. She also conducted a question-and-answer session with (See **VISIT**, Page 2)

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Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough holds a town hall meeting with the garrison workforce Jan. 4 in building 60 at Fort McCoy.

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staff members, allowing them to voice any concerns they had about the installation.

"I want to thank you for what you do every day," McCullough told garrison employees at the end of the town hall.

"Supporting Soldiers and their Families is a unique business," she said. "Even though you align yourselves with the (Army) Reserve ..., I consider you all IMCOM, and to me, IMCOM folks are some of the best, brightest, and most creative folks we have in the Army because you get a lot done with a little bit of resources."

McCullough became the director of IMCOM-Readiness in November 2016.



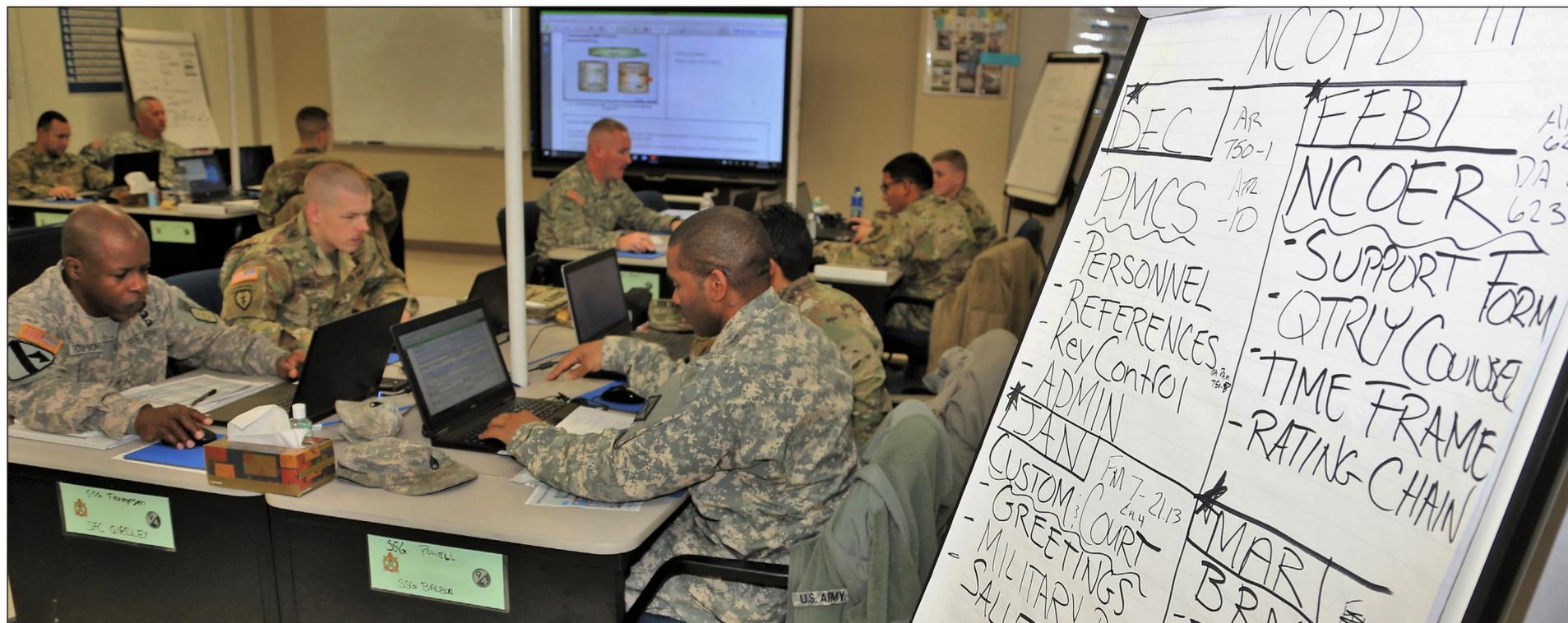
Director Patric McGuane with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation describes operations at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area with Brenda Lee McCullough.



Training Division Chief Ed Carns (right) with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security explains details about cold-weather training at Fort McCoy with Brenda Lee McCullough and Command Sgt. Maj. Roy L. Rocco.

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Soldiers participate in the Career Management Field 91/94 Ordnance Senior Leader Course on Dec. 13 at the Regional Training Site-Maintenance facility at Fort McCoy.

RTS-Maintenance trains Soldiers in senior leader course for 91, 94 specialties

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More than a dozen senior-enlisted Soldiers in the Army's 91 and 94 military occupational specialties built their leadership and technical skills during the Career Management Field 91/94 Ordnance Senior Leader Course at Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance in December at Fort McCoy.

The 80-hour course is in-residence training with an emphasis on Army ordnance leadership, logistics management, and more, according to Course Manager Sgt. 1st Class James Payne with RTS-Maintenance. The 91 specialty is for field mechanical maintenance and the 94 specialty is for electronic and missile maintenance.

The course, which is spread over 20 days, also provides selected noncommissioned officers (NCOs) with the capability to perform critical tasks and builds supporting skills and knowledge required to perform duties of their current skill level, and more.

"The course has two phases with 10 days of training for each phase," Payne said. "The first phase focuses on logistics and tactical operations. The second phase incorporates more leadership training as well as an emphasis on the Army's Global Combat Support System (GCSS)."

Phase one of the course is likely the most crucial for the students, Payne said. It helps build the foundation for everything that follows. This phase also includes teaching additional verbal and written skills. Phase two also

focuses on training management, common military skills, staff duties and responsibilities, and senior maintenance management knowledge and skills.

Staff Sgt. Clarence Powell Jr. with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 777th

Support Battalion of Camp Robinson, Ark., was one of 13 students in the course. He said he "loved the course" and "it was very informational."

Powell said the training in leadership was especially helpful. "I'll be able to bring better

training to my Soldiers," he said.

Those leadership lessons, which are highlighted in phase two of the course, included teaching students how to conduct a physical-readiness test and in-ranks inspections as well as the various regulations and rules needed to be a senior leader in their career field.

"I especially liked learning about what systems to use to track my Soldier's readiness," said Sgt. 1st Class Ashton Girdley with the 38th Sustainment Brigade of Kokomo, Ind.

Girdley, as well as many other students, appreciated what the instructors brought to the class environment. In addition to Payne, other instructors included Sgts. 1st Class Jason Boyles, Jorge Gonzalez, and Timothy Bruno.

"All of the instructors are very knowledgeable and bring valuable personal experience to the classroom," Girdley said.

"The instructors were very helpful at every stage of the course," said student Staff Sgt. Jackie Thompson with 2nd Battalion, 290th Regiment at Mustang, Okla. "The best parts of this training were the instructors interacting with the students."

Payne said overall the students leave the course with a better sense of what they need to do as senior NCOs in their career field. "They become leaders. This course broadens their scope and their horizons, which in turn helps the Soldiers and others they work with."

The Career Management Field 91/94 Ordnance Senior Leader Course is held at RTS-Maintenance several times each year. RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy trains Soldiers from active- and reserve-component forces.



Instructor Sgt. 1st Class Jason Boyles with Regional Training Site-Maintenance teaches a class for the Career Management Field 91/94 Ordnance Senior Leader Course on Dec. 13 at Fort McCoy.

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Several construction projects on post continue despite frigid temps, snow

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Entering 2018, temperatures outside at Fort McCoy hung around zero degrees or below, and some snowfall carpeted the installation in white in late December.

Despite the cold and snow, several construction projects continue at the installation, including continued construction of administration and storage buildings for Child and Youth Services (CYS) personnel with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) and the building of a DFMWR storage building in Constitution Park.

The new CYS buildings are moving along steadily. Employees with contractor Relyant Global, headquartered in Maryville, Tenn., continue to work on the buildings and now have both completely roofed. Exterior brick is being applied. Work on the buildings began in October.

A contract of \$1,871,209 was awarded in June to Relyant Global, said Construction Inspector Mark Nelson with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). "The project is located on West F Street. It's scheduled for completion in July 2018," he said.

In December, Nuvo Construction of Milwaukee nearly completed work on a \$262,000 contract to improve sewer infrastructure and complete repairs at several areas around the installation, said DPW Construction Inspector Adam Sands.

"Most of the work with this project is done," Sands said. "Remaining work will be completed in late spring. Overall, this improves our installation's sanitary sewer infrastructure significantly."

At Constitution Park, Nuvo Construction continues to build the \$724,000 storage facility for DFMWR. The contract completion date is in September.

"This storage building at Constitution Park will be brick-faced and have approximately 3,600 square feet of available storage space," Nelson said. "The contractor is working through the winter, is about 20 percent completed, and has a goal to complete the building prior to the annual concert at the park in August."

Nuvo Construction also has an \$848,000 contract to build a new fitness facility for the Directorate of Emergency Services, Sands said.

The project had already started in 2017 but the cold winter weather has some parts of the project on hold until concrete footings can be poured for the facility.

The contract completion date for the fitness facility is in October, and most of the work to complete that facility will take place once warmer weather arrives in the spring, Sands said.

Construction also continues through winter on the new Access Control Point that will replace the current Gate 20 at Fort McCoy.

A \$9.9 million contract for the new construction was awarded in May to Catamount Constructors Inc. of Lakewood, Colo., said Ken Green, construction representative and mechanical engineering technician with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is managing the contract.

"The contract duration is for 540 calendar days, which has the project's contract completion date set for November 2018," Green said.

The project description includes building a new identification check area with a new gatehouse; search office and inspection canopies; and development and construction of parking, lighting, and traffic control signals.



Employees with contractor Relyant Global, which is headquartered in Maryville, Tenn., work on constructing new buildings for the installation's Child and Youth Services administration and storage Dec. 28 at Fort McCoy.



Workers with Nuvo Construction Inc. of Milwaukee build a new storage building Dec. 21 at Constitution Park at Fort McCoy.

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DPW Housing Division offers customers variety of services, support

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In January 2014, the Directorate of Public Works Housing Division offices moved to the South Post Housing area.

At that time, the housing area had 57 homes, and many changes were planned. Now, South Post Housing has doubled in size, and new personnel are part of the Housing Division.

“We have a unique housing community,” said Housing Manager Zach Hynes, who started in his position in December 2016. “All of our Families here live in single-Family homes with large, spacious yards. It’s a very nice community.”

In summer 2017, 56 new ranch-style homes were accepted and opened, bringing the total to 113 homes available at the housing area. During an official ceremony accepting the new homes in August, DPW Director Liane Haun said the addition of the new homes shows the Army’s commitment to improve quality of life at the installation.

“To me, this demonstrates the Army’s commitment to Army Families by providing them with quality housing,” Haun said.

The 2014 move also included reopening the renovated South Post Community Center, building 6158, which is now home to Housing Division offices. And adjacent to the community center is the housing warehouse — building 6167 — that includes a Self-Help Center for housing residents.

DPW Chief of Housing Ross O’Neil said having the Housing Division staff co-located with their customers on South Post was a great move, and the new housing has made the area much busier. “Having the community center here, the housing office located here, and everything else in one place along with the new homes is an effort that we worked on for many years,” he said.

Working at the Housing Division offices in building 6158 are O’Neil, Hynes, Housing Referral Specialist Bob LaRock, and Housing Assistant Brenda Downing. Housing Maintenance Inspector Walt Sanders works in building 6167.

The South Post Community Center is a popular venue, Hynes said. It was built in 1931 and had previously served as an instructors building and the garrison commander’s home.

“We probably average about seven events at the center each month,” Hynes said. “We have regular Girl Scout meetings, the USO hosts events regularly, our South Post Housing Community Association meets here on the third Tuesday every month, and there’s also birthday parties and other events that take place.”

The inside of the center features an open-design concept with a conference and meeting



Some of the 56 new homes in the South Post Housing area are shown Dec. 1 at Fort McCoy. The Directorate of Public Works Housing Division supports Families in 113 homes overall in the housing area.

area, a fully upgraded kitchen, two bathrooms, and a sitting area with new furniture that includes a 64-inch flat screen television. The center’s front sunroom can be used during warmer weather. To schedule events at the center, residents just need to contact the DPW Housing Division.

The Self-Help Center section of the warehouse is heated and open year-round for residents, Hynes said. The rest of the warehouse is cold storage for spare appliances and other items required for maintenance on Family housing units. “The Self-help Center is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for our housing residents to get items they need,” he said.

When the new housing was added, Hynes said other improvements were included throughout the housing area as well.

“We have a paved, 2-mile walking path that goes around the entire housing area,” Hynes said. “This path is open year-round as we keep it cleared of snow in the winter. We also have five large playgrounds located throughout the housing areas for Families to use. They are all located in easy-to-access areas.”

Overall, the DPW Housing Division provides a wide range of housing-related services for the Fort McCoy community. First and foremost, they help Soldiers and their Families find housing on post or get them on the hous-

ing waiting list. If housing is not available or Families prefer to live off post, then the staff will assist them in finding quality, affordable residential rentals outside of Fort McCoy.

Every incoming Soldier and their Family receives an in-briefing that covers housing entitlements and services, Hynes said.

Housing staff will also brief Soldiers, Families, and civilians on areas covering subjects such as renter’s insurance and the military clause, which allows them to end leases or rental agreements if they receive orders to deploy or to move.

For military Families interested in buying a home, the housing staff also maintains basic referral information for what is available in the local housing market area.

The Housing Division also partners with the Army Community Service Relocation Program to offer prospective clients the best and most-current information available for completing a move to Fort McCoy.

The DPW Housing Division offices are open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call 608-388-3704 or 608-388-3906 for housing questions, to schedule events or reserve the South Post Community Center, or for support with the Self-Help Center and warehouse. People can also email the staff at usarmy.mccoymailcom-central.list.dpw-housing@mail.mil.

Post Housing Community Association seeking more involvement; meeting planned for Jan. 23

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The South Post Housing Community Association at Fort McCoy is an organization open to all members of the installation’s housing area.

“This is a resident-led and -driven group,” said Housing Manager Zach Hynes with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

“Every member of the housing community is a member of this association, and they are encouraged to participate in what the association does.”

The association meets next at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in building 6158, the South Post Community Center.

“During this meeting, we’ll be looking for a new mayor and deputy mayor for the association,” Hynes said. “With that in mind, we’d like to see as many of our residents attend as possible.”

The association normally meets every third Tuesday of the month at the South Post Community Center, but for January they are meeting on the fourth Tuesday. “We wanted to allow for extra time after the holidays,” Hynes said.

The reason behind the association is that it allows residents to bring ideas to improve the housing community.

“This is an opportunity for our residents to work together to make the area a better place to live,” Hynes said. “They can offer ideas for events and it’s a great opportunity for residents to meet each other. And as our residents get to know each other better, we can improve the community that much more.”

Even outside of the monthly meetings, housing residents can bring ideas to the association at any time, Hynes said. “Residents can contact housing staff and we will work with association representatives to help carry out new ideas and improvements.”

For more information about the association, call the DPW Housing Division at 608-388-3704 or 608-388-3906.

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Students in the Fort McCoy Cold-Weather Operations Course 18-01 — all U.S. Marines from units associated with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in North Carolina — participate in building Arctic 10-person cold-weather tents as part of course operations Dec. 13 at Fort McCoy.

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eled on the Cold-Weather Leader Course taught by the Army Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC) at Black Rapids, Alaska, said Course Instructor Bill Hamilton, who works for contractor Veterans Range Solutions, which supports the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, or DPTMS. The course curriculum is meant to challenge students at every turn.

“Our program of instruction includes seven days of overnight operations in the field, which teaches a finite set of individual, leader, and small-unit collective tasks within a structured ‘crawl, walk, and run’ methodology,” Hamilton said.

Some of the tasks taught during the course include cold-weather injury identification and treatment, proper ways to wear cold-weather clothing, cold-weather risk management, snowshoeing and skiing, and adverse effects of cold weather on military equipment, Hamilton said. Training also includes developing winter fighting positions in the field, camouflage and concealment, building improvised shelters, and numerous other areas that are important to know in order to survive and operate in a cold-weather environment.

Capt. Andrew Fabre, who served as student leader from Marine Air Control Group 28, which also is at Cherry Point, said all the Marines were pushed outside their comfort zone and came away from the training with some valuable skills.

“You have to trust the equipment and use the equipment properly,” Fabre said. “You can’t just ‘power through’ when it’s extremely cold outside. ... (We) had to rely on training and equipment, building trust in both. We also had to rely on each other to overcome challenges posed by the course, cadre, and environment.”

The course prepares service members for future deployments to cold-weather regions and assists in the proper planning and execution of missions in those regions. “The result is a greater chance of injury mitigation and overall mission success,” Hamilton said.

CWOC also is a “train the trainer” course designed for lead-

ers in the E-5 to O-3 range from all branches and components. Many of the Marines who attended said they will pass on what they learned to fellow Marines at their units, including Sgt. Logan Deatherage with Marine Wing Support Squadron 272.

“This course provides me the ability to train my Marines in the full spectrum of a pure survivalist mindset when thrown into a cold-weather environment,” Deatherage said. “Knowing how the (cold-weather) environment affects your capability as a warfighter in a survivalist situation instills trust in your equipment, especially when it comes to the clothing layer system.”

One of the new events added to the course curriculum was cold-water immersion. The students, dressed in full clothing, plunged through a pre-made hole in the lake ice at Big Sandy Lake on South Post.

The training was completed with all necessary safety gear and with medical staff and heated facilities nearby. And, many Marines said it was one of the most memorable events of the entire course. “Going through the cold-water immersion really helped in understanding and learning to identify and treat cold-weather injuries,” said Lance Cpl. Eric Reynolds Jr. with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271.

Including Hamilton, five instructors teach the CWOC. The other instructors are Joe Ernst, Hunter Heard, Mike Nguyen, and Manny Ortiz. Heard, Nguyen, and Ortiz are the newest members of the cadre.

“Hunter brings us experience from his time teaching at NWTC in Alaska, and Mike adds his experience from teaching at the Marine Corps’ Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport (Calif.),” Hamilton said. “And Manny brings his extensive senior experience as a medic.”

“I share my experience and teach all the ways to prevent cold-weather injuries,” Ortiz said. “If you can prevent injuries, especially in a cold-weather environment, then the mission can continue and that’s what I think we successfully passed on to these students.”

DPTMS Director Brad Stewart said the CWOC contrib-

utes to the installation’s strategic goal to be that year-round Total Force Training Center.

“Fort McCoy is having a direct impact by helping service members train in a four-season climate,” Stewart said. “We have the capability and capacity here to continue to grow that idea.”

The next CWOC sessions takes place in January and includes Soldiers and more Marines from units associated with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. Overall, there will be six sessions of the course during the winter of 2017-2018.



Students prepare lunch using cold-weather rations during a break in training Dec. 12.

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Students say McCoy an ideal place for cold-weather training, course is 'challenging'

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Going into the Cold-Weather Operations Course 18-01, many of the 49 students had never experienced any type of cold-weather training. Some students — all of whom were Marines — even said they never experienced cold weather.

But after 12 days of training in early to mid-December at Fort McCoy, many of those same Marines said they were transformed and thought Fort McCoy was an ideal place to conduct the course, which is also known as CWOC. All students were with units associated with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

"It's a great course," said Cpl. Abraham Westerman with the Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. "It was a gut check — both mentally and physically."

The winter of 2017-2018 is the second season of the course at Fort McCoy. The course is coordinated by a staff of five instructors with contractor Veterans Range Solutions, which supports the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, or DPTMS.

During training, students learn on a variety of cold-weather subjects, including skiing and snowshoe training as well as how to use akio sleds and the Arctic 10-person cold-weather tent, said Course Instructor Joe Ernst. Training also focuses on terrain and weather analysis, risk management, cold-weather clothing, developing winter fighting positions in the field, camouflage and concealment, and numerous other areas that are important to know in order to survive and operate in a cold-weather environment.

Capt. Andrew Fabre, who served as student leader from Marine Air Control Group



A Marine associated with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., plunges into an ice-covered Big Sandy Lake under the watchful eye of instructor Joe Ernst as part of cold-water immersion training for the Cold-Weather Operations Course on Dec. 13 at Fort McCoy.

28, which also is at Cherry Point, said he and the other Marines enjoyed what Fort McCoy offered.

"Fort McCoy is a top-notch training facility and base, and the CWOC staff were a joy to work with," Fabre said. "I would highly recommend this training for Marines of all grades."

Fabre said he believes all who attended are

ready to tackle operations in a cold-weather climate.

"Our mission cannot be completed without our Marines operating at a high level," Fabre said. "This training allows us to prepare for any environment with cold extremes, also allowing us to remain focused on the threat and the mission instead of the environment."

The first few days of training are classroom-based as well as time allotted for equipment issue. Then the rest of the 12-day course has students in the field ruck marching for dozens of miles, skiing, snowshoeing, building tents and shelters, and more.

"We want them in the field as soon as possible because that's where most of the learning takes place," said Bill Hamilton, also a course instructor. "Practical, hands-on application of using the equipment seems to be one of the best ways for students to get familiar with the equipment you have to have to survive in cold-weather."

The field training included having the Marines bivouac in various locations on North Post and South Post. In between bivouacking, the students would march from one point to another bringing all of their equipment with them. They also had to build improvised shelters using evergreen boughs and whatever resources they had available.

"I would say the best part of this course was building the shelters," said Lance Cpl. Rafael Diazdutari with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28, also at Cherry Point. "Building a shelter out in the cold after a long hike is a challenge, therefore a very realistic scenario. I also liked the fact that we had only a few tools to use to survive on and that you had to find other resources to survive. This course is very realistic and it was a reality check for most of us."

Gunny Sgt. Kevin Haunschild with Marine Air Control Squadron 2 at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., said cold-weather training is something every Marine may see in the future. He added the Fort McCoy CWOC also helped him build his skills.

"This course is an eye-opener toward the climate and direction today's fighting force is headed," Haunschild said. "Whatever I believed my limitations to be prior to this course were tested daily and expanded, and I now have complete faith and trust in gear and equipment that is provided to every individual Marine."

For Lance Cpl. Levi Ellis with Marine Air Support Squadron 1 at Cherry Point he said he learned that in a cold-weather-survival situation, rank doesn't matter as much as what is done as a team to help each other survive.

"This course gave me a lot of confidence as a Marine," Ellis said. "I've only been in the military for a little while, so it was great to complete this training with noncommissioned officers (NCOs), senior NCOs, and officers. Because of how we all worked together, I have a better grasp and more confidence in my gear, ... and really all the skills taught were great."

Five more sessions of the course will take place between January and March 2018. Hamilton said each class helps the next one as the course continues to improve with each session. "We'll keep on refining the course and making it even better than it is as we continue to get feedback," he said.



Fort McCoy Cold-Weather Operations Course 18-01 students march to a training area on South Post as part of course operations Dec. 13.

ADS

FEATURE

This month in Fort McCoy history

75 years ago — Jan. 30, 1943

A short notice in *The Real McCoy* asked men with “various entertainment abilities” to register with Service Club No. 1.

Soldiers with musical or other skills helped entertain their fellow service members at service clubs throughout Camp McCoy and sometimes in the neighboring towns.

71 Years Ago — Jan. 13, 1947

Area civic organizations and the Post Planning board met Jan. 13, 1947, to discuss future development of Camp McCoy, which had been designated a post-war permanent military installation by the War Department. Discussions included development of “a highway parallel to the North Western and Milwaukee Railroad tracks,” now known as Highway 21.

30 Years Ago — January 1988

Marines from Camp Le Jeune, N.C., settled in and unloaded equipment to be used while conducting winter training at Fort McCoy. Between January and March, members of the 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade took advantage of Fort McCoy’s snow-covered terrain and cool temperatures for members of the 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade participating in exercise Alpine Warrior-88.

20 Years Ago — January 1998

Soldiers moved into the renovated building 1662, which featured eight “apartments” for unaccompanied permanent-duty military personnel.

Building 1662 featured eight apartment-like areas with private entrances, bedrooms, kitchens, and bathroom areas, telephone hookups and cable television connections. Occupants could check out government furnishings or use their



File photo by Mike Orrico

Marines from Camp Le Jeune, N.C., participate in cold-weather training at Fort McCoy in January 1988.

own. The building had a shared laundry facility.

Building 1662 was one of five barracks renovated in the 1600 block.

10 Years Ago — Jan. 17, 2008

Maj. Gen. James R. Sholar was designated Fort McCoy’s new senior mission commander effective Jan. 17, 2008. U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) Commanding General Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz directed that the commanding generals of the four newly formed regional support commands (RSCs) assume the role of senior mission commanders of installations that pri-

marily support the Army Reserve within their geographical area of responsibility.

This was a change in the previous business model used by USARC when integrating training at dedicated Installation Management Command (IMCOM) installations.

For Fort McCoy, this meant that Sholar was dual-hatted and therefore had the duties of both the commanding general of the 88th RSC and senior mission commander for the installation.

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MLK Day of Service offers chance to help others, volunteer

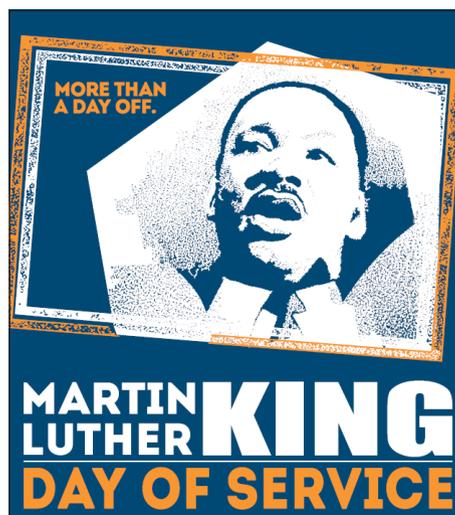
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The national Martin Luther King Jr. observance for 2018 is Jan. 15. The observance also has become known as the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, during which people can go out to their communities and make a difference through volunteerism.

In 1989, President George H. W. Bush signed the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission Extension Act, according to the Points of Light Foundation at www.pointsoflight.org.

“On MLK (Jr.) Day, Points of Light calls together its community of change makers to reflect on gains won during the Civil Rights Movement and to address contemporary issues facing our nation through act of volunteer service,” the website states.

Points of Light, as well as many other volunteer organizations, encourage Americans to go out into their communities for the day of service. Those organizations encourage widespread volunteerism that honors King’s legacy.



“Make it a day on, not a day off.”

There are many ways to volunteer and serve communities, according to the organizers for the Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service, online at mlkdayofservice.org.

org. First, people can create a project, such as a community building project, or something that can bring together the community and address pressing needs.

In supporting the day of service, the Philadelphia organizers say to “volunteer to take direct action, learn to expand your knowledge base, donate goods or funds to benefit others, advocate to inspire others, and connect to create a beloved community.”

The United We Serve organization also offers some ideas on ways to serve in communities, including:

- Recruit and train volunteers to be mentors or tutors.
- Host discussions about King’s life, teachings, and his principles of nonviolence and about community challenges and ways to address them.
- Provide job-readiness training in resume writing, interview skills, and dressing for success.
- Provide food assistance, such as bringing meals to homebound neighbors, organizing a food drive, or teaching healthy eating.

- Improve children’s quality of life by building a playground or devising craft projects for children in hospitals.

- Beautify a community by removing graffiti from a building and painting a mural or reclaiming a park or abandoned space for community use.

In addition to the National Day of Service, any day of the year is a good time to help others, said Lorie Retzlaff, Fort McCoy’s volunteer coordinator with Army Community Service of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

“Fort McCoy community members looking for an opportunity to positively impact the installation’s military community can do so by volunteering, which contributes in ways that have a lasting effect on the community’s Soldiers, Families, and volunteers,” Retzlaff said. For more information about the National Day of Service, visit www.serve.gov or www.pointsoflight.org.

For more information about volunteering at Fort McCoy, call Army Community Service at 608-388-3505.

COMMUNITY

DFMWR kicks off new year with January events

As the new year kicks off, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) is organizing a number of events to start it off with a bang.

Events are available in a variety of themes, including entertainment, wellness, self-improvement, and education.

Athletics and recreation

- **DJ Trivia Night** is starting up again at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

Trivia nights are 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays. Prizes are awarded weekly to the winners. No advance registration is required, but participants must be 18 years old to play.

For more information, call 608-388-2065.

- Rumpel Fitness Center is holding a **fitness challenge** through March 5.

Fitness center punch cards are available for \$25, a \$5 discount. Fill the card by attending fitness classes. Each filled card gets the recipient a chance to win a \$75 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods.

For more information, call 608-388-2290.

- A **mini triathlon** is scheduled for Jan. 16-18 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Participants will swim 200 meters Jan. 16, run 3 miles Jan. 14, and shoot free throws Jan. 18. The entry fee is \$5. Register by Jan. 15 at Rumpel Fitness Center.

- **Winter Extravaganza** is scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 20 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

The event features a variety of contests, including a slalom race, rail jam, obstacle course, tug of war, hot-dog-eating contest. Raffle prizes are drawn throughout the day.

No registration is required. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 608-388-4498.

- The **Cardboard Classic Sled Race** is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

Participants will build sleds out of cardboard and race them. There are two categories: on-site and off-site builds. On-site builders will have from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to build their sleds. They can bring supplies; cardboard, duct tape, and markers will be provided. No metal frames are allowed.

Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories. Races will start at 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 608-388-4498.

Education

- **Career Exploration** is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The class will include assessments focused on skills and interests and help you understand how your interests relate to career fields.

Registration is requested by Jan. 10, but further names may be taken if space remains



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

People visiting Whitetail Ridge Ski Area participate in some snow-tubing Dec. 28 at Fort McCoy. Whitetail Ridge is operated by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

after Jan. 10. For more information or to register, call 608-388-7262.

- **Active-shooter training** is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 23 and Feb. 1 at McCoy's Community Center.

The training is offered by the Directorate of Emergency Services, Directorate of Plans Training Mobilization and Security, and Army Community Service to enhance preparedness through a "whole community" approach by providing products, tools, and resources to help employees prepare for and respond to an active-shooter incident within the workplace.

Registration is required by Jan. 22 or Jan. 31. For more information or to register, call 608-388-6712.

- Training dates have been scheduled for fiscal year **2018 Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) training**.

The class is required for both military members and government civilians. It covers prevention and intervention strategies for sexual harassment and assault, as well as what support resources are available.

Classes are 9 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25, Feb. 15, March 7 and 20, April 25, May 8 and 30, June 6, July 17, Aug. 9 and 23, and Sept. 5 and 18.

All classes will be at Army Community Service, building 2111. Onsite training is also available for organizations.

To register or for more information, call Jamie Cram at 608-388-8989.

- **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)** is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 31 to Feb. 1, 2018, at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The ASIST model is shown by studies to reduce suicidality and teaches effective intervention skills while helping build suicide prevention networks.

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 to people with resources.

Space is limited. Register by Jan. 24. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2441 or email terrence.a.rogalla.civ@mail.mil.

Family

- The **"Connect the Tots" play group** will meet at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at the Army Community Service Family Building, building 2161.

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

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

Additional play groups are scheduled for Jan. 23 and 30 and Feb. 6, 13, and 27. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

Workshops

- **Mom's Night Out** is scheduled for 5 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Army Community Ser-

vice, building 2111.

Crafting supplies will be provided, or participants may bring their own projects. An appetizer potluck will be part of the event.

The event is open to military, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Parents are welcome to bring along their children, and the craft night is open to anyone who wishes to join.

Registration is required by 4 p.m. Jan. 12. For more information or to register, call 608-388-3505.

- **Beginning Sewing**, part of the Army Community Service Life Skills Series, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 20.

The workshop and class cover how to measure for a patterns, select material, cut the pattern from material, and sew a basic garment. Participants will be able to sew a pair of lounge pants.

All materials are included. Sewing machines will be available, although participants may also bring their own.

Class size is limited. The workshop is open to people ages 12 and older, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is requested by Jan. 10, but further names may be taken if space remains after Jan. 10. For more information or to register, call 608-388-6507.

For general information about DFMWR events, call 608-388-7400 or visit <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/>.

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

OUTDOORS

Early catch-and-release trout season at Fort McCoy now open

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Wisconsin's early catch-and-release trout season, which includes Fort McCoy streams and tributaries, opens Jan. 6 and continues until 11:59 p.m. May 4.

Only artificial lures may be used during the early catch-and-release trout season, and all fish caught must be released immediately, said Fort McCoy Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch. The appropriate Fort McCoy permit, Wisconsin license, and trout stamp are required.

Access to Fort McCoy's trout streams and tributaries is fairly easy.

There are many great trout fishing opportunities available within close proximity of several major roadways at Fort McCoy," Noble said.

Fishing licenses and permits for 2017 are valid through March 31, 2018.

A 2018 Wisconsin fishing license, trout stamp, and related Fort McCoy permit will be required April 1.

Licenses can be purchased from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (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.

Noble said many larger trout, such as brook and brown trout, have been caught in the approximately 71 miles of installation cold-water streams and tributaries.

For example, a 3-pound, 19-inch brown trout was caught in Tarr Creek on the installation's cantonment area in July 2017 by an installation angler.

"Our trout fisheries produce decent-sized trout," Noble said.

"Milder winters the last few years have helped trout growth as well as continued trout habitat improvement.

"Our trout numbers are continuously improving and they are especially good in Silver Creek, Tarr Creek, and the La Crosse River," he said.

Through a number of resources available online, following are some tips on how to properly catch and release trout:

- When catching and releasing a trout, face the fish upstream in gentle flowing water, preferably in the stream water near the shore and not in fast current.
- When releasing the fish, don't let fish go until it gives strong tail-swimming movements and swims firmly out of your gentle grip.
- Handle trout gently, keeping it in the water as much as possible. Unhooking the trout without lifting it from the water is best.
- Remove hooks with needle-nosed pliers or forceps. Using barbless hooks makes releasing trout much easier.
- If a trout is hooked deeply, cut the line and release the fish. The hook eventually will dissolve, leaving the trout unharmed.

More information about inland trout fishing is available online at the WDNR website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/trout. For Wisconsin fishing license rates and regulations, visit dnr.wi.gov/permits/residentlicense.html.

Anglers looking for more information about installation fishing regulations should go to the Fort McCoy iSportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net, or contact the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.



Contributed photo
This brook trout was caught at Fort McCoy by an angler in July 2017.

Free fishing weekend to be Jan. 20-21 on post

Anglers looking to get in some ice fishing can do so for free in Wisconsin and at Fort McCoy on Jan. 20-21.

Every year, the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June and the third consecutive Saturday and Sunday in January is designated as Free Fishing Weekend throughout Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Residents and nonresidents of all ages can fish without a fishing license (and trout stamps) over these days.

However, all other fishing regulations — such as length limits, bag limits, seasons — apply to all anglers.

For example, anglers can only fish for trout where the trout season is open. For more information about the Wisconsin fishing regulations, go online to dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations or to <https://gowild.wi.gov>.

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Groomer operations

An employee for Whitetail Ridge Ski Area operates a snow groomer at the ski area Jan. 5 to spread some freshly made snow on one of the slopes.

Whitetail Ridge provides a Family-friendly outing. It features space to ski, tube, and snowboard for people of all ages and skill levels and is open to the public.

For more information, call 608-388-4498.



NEWS NOTES

Moonlit Snowshoe Tour set for Feb. 3

The Moonlit Snowshoe Tour is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

The event is a guided tour through White-tail Ridge trails. There will be three routes to choose from, up to a mile long. Hot chocolate, coffee, and s'mores will be available afterward at the chalet.

Registration is required by 6 p.m. Feb. 3. The event is open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-4498.

Class on coping strategies scheduled for Feb. 8

A "Coping Strategies for the Uncertainties of Life" class is scheduled for 9 to 10:30 a.m. Feb. 8 at Army Community Service.

The class offers strategies to help adults cope with unexpected developments and disappointments in their lives.

Registration is required by Feb. 1. ACS events are open to military members, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Call Army Community Service at 608-388-7262 for more information or to register.

Military Appreciation, chili contest scheduled for Feb. 10

Military Appreciation Day and the Chili Taste-Off are scheduled for Feb. 10 at White-tail Ridge Ski Area.

Military Appreciation Day is 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Military members and their Family members get half off lift tickets, equipment rental, and tubing passes. Raffle prizes (for military members only) will be drawn at noon.

The Chili Taste-Off is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants submit their favorite recipes, and chalet guests can taste it and vote on their favorites. Participants must register and be set up by 10:30 a.m.

These events are open to the public. For more information or to register, call 608-388-4498.

Valentine card workshop set for Feb. 10

A Family Valentine card workshop is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Army Community Service Family Building, 2161.

All materials are supplied. Families can spend time together making cards for the holiday. Class size is limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Families may register for one- to three-hour blocks of time. Families in the Exceptional Family Member Program may start at 8:30 a.m.

Registration is required by Feb. 5. ACS events are open to military members, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

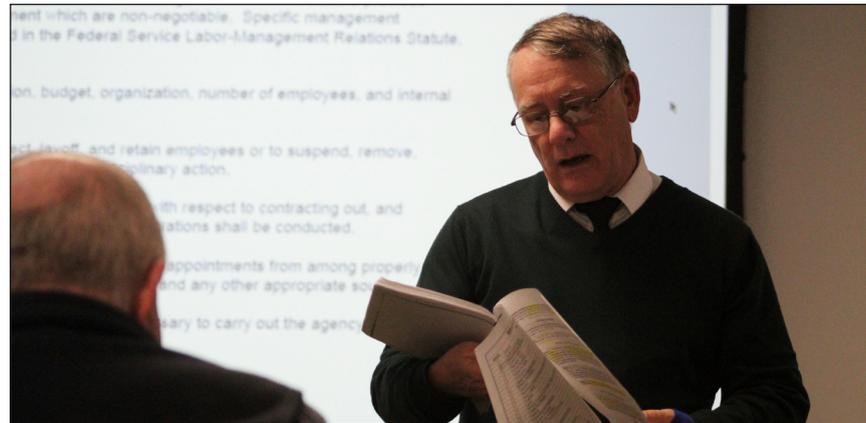


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CBA training

Directorate of Human Resources Director Terry Streeton conducts a training session with Fort McCoy workforce members about the installation's new union collective bargaining agreement Dec. 14 at Fort McCoy. The new agreement was finalized earlier in 2017 and the Directorate of Human Resources has held numerous training sessions for employees to help everyone gain a full understanding.

Call 608-388-3505 for more information or to register.

AER representative training set for Feb. 14, 21

Army Emergency Relief (AER) unit representative training is scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 14 or 21 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The training helps explain what AER is and what a unit representative does. AER is dedicated to "helping the Army take care of its own" by providing financial assistance to Soldiers with money donated by Soldiers.

Registration is required by Feb. 10. For more information or to register, call 608-388-3540.

Scholarships for Military Children deadline is Feb. 16

The Fisher House Foundation's Scholarships for Military Children program is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year through Feb. 16.

Now entering its 18th year, the program was created to recognize the "contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community," according to militaryscholar.org.

At least one scholarship worth \$2,000 will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional recipients will be selected on a prorated basis, so more scholarships will be awarded at those stores with larger numbers of applicants. A total of 700 scholarship grants will be awarded this year.

To qualify, applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active

duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree, survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applicants should ensure that they and their sponsors are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and have a military ID card.

The applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2018 or be enrolled in studies designed to transfer to a four-year program.

Applications must be hand-delivered or shipped to the commissary where the applicant's Family normally shops.

Applications cannot be emailed or faxed. For more information, visit militaryscholar.org.

Flag shadow-box workshops set for Feb. 20, 22

Flag shadow-box workshops are scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 20 and 22 at the Army Community Service Wood Shop, building 1133.

The shadow boxes will hold a folded U.S. flag and military memorabilia. All materials and instructions are provided. Class sizes are limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required by Feb. 14. ACS events are open to military members, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Call Army Community Service at 608-388-3505 for more information or to register.

'It's All About Us Day' scheduled for Feb. 24

The "It's All About Us" workshop is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 24 at Army Community Service Family Building, 2161.

Participants will get a chance to try out new

activities, such as quilting, canvas painting, chair yoga, quilting, latch hook, nail art, and journaling.

Crafting supplies will be provided, or participants may bring their own projects.

Bring a potluck dish or snacks, along with the recipe, to share. Families should bring their own drinks.

The event is open to military, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Participants must be 12 years or older, and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is limited. Registration is required by Feb. 2. For more information or to register, call 608-388-3505.

DeCA offers health resources online, in stores

If saving more money and eating healthier are part of your new year's resolutions, the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has plenty of in-store promotions and resources to help.

Patrons can check out www.commissaries.com for a treasure trove of recipes. The website offers access to the "Savings Center" for a sales flier with current sales pricing and the "Thinking Outside the Box" section, which offers quick solutions for dietician-approved and economical meal options.

The Savings Center also has links to the Commissary Rewards Card program and information on featured promotional items, commissary store brands, links to coupons, and more.

For patrons who want help making nutritious choices when they shop their commissary, DeCA offers the Nutrition Guide shelf sign program with color-coded labels that depict key nutrient attributes: low sodium, low fat, whole grain, no added sugar, good source of fiber, and organic.

Throughout January, DeCA's industry partners are collaborating with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substituted events for certain promotional programs. Customers should check their local commissary for details on promotions.

For information on the Fort McCoy Commissary, call 608-388-3542 or visit building 1537.

Post welcomes new employees

New employees started working in several post organizations in December.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Lawrence Modjeska** — Directorate of Emergency Services.
- **Robert Burch** and **Richard Sorenson** — Directorate of Public Works.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Jan. 26. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication in the Jan. 26 issue is noon Jan. 17.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

Recreation

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Meets 4:30 p.m. third Thurs. of each month at McCoy's Community Center. Call 608-388-3200.

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Manager has discretion on closing time. Call 608-388-7060.

Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Extreme bowling 4-9 p.m. Fri.

Leisure Travel Services Office: Open noon-8 p.m. Mon., 2-8 p.m. Tues., and noon-8 p.m. Wed.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2619. For weekend/night assistance, call the camp host at 608-633-1044.

Rumpel Fitness Center: Building 1122. Open 5 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 5 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri., and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-2290.

Indoor swimming pool, atrium, sauna and steamroom: Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fri., and 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

Sportsman's Range: Closed for the season. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

Tactics Paintball & Laser Tag: Open 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sun. Reservations available. Call 800-531-4703.

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Building 8061. **Open 4:30-9 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., and noon-6 p.m. Sun.** Call 608-388-3517.

Dining

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

Primo's Express: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Limited menu after 2 p.m. Call 608-388-7673.

Sports bar: Open 4 p.m.-midnight Mon.-Fri. Manager has discretion on closing time.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located

inside Express. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

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

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. **Open 4:30-9 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., and noon-6 p.m. Sun.** Call 608-388-3517.

Services

Alteration Shop: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

Barber Shop (Exchange): Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1710.

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

Car Wash: Building 1568. Offers self-service bays. Automatic bay closed for repairs. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Call 608-388-3544.

Commissary: Building 1537. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Early bird/self-checkout open 9-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel: Building 2180. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

Education/Learning Center: Building 50, room 123. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7311.

Exchange: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

ID Card/DEERS Section: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4563 prior to any visit to verify the ID Section is operational.

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

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Jan. 25, 2018.** **Unless otherwise noted, offices closed Jan. 15.** **Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication. Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours. To report updates to this page, call 608-388-2407.

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

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

Patriot Outfitters: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-269-1115.

Permit Sales: Building 2168. Open 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3337.

Retirement Services Office: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Tues. and Thurs.-Fri. Call 608-388-3716.

R.I.A. Credit Union: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Thurs.-Fri. ATMs are located in building 1501 (available 24/7); McCoy's, building 1571; Exchange, building 1538; and IHG Army Hotels, building 51 (available 24/7). Call 608-388-2171.

RV Storage Lot: Next to building 2880. Short- or long-term storage. Fees charged. Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or ext. 4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7. ATM inside. Cash transactions

available during Express hours.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Open 6-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4988.

Family Support

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

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

Child Development Center: Building 1796. Open 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3534/2238.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program (MFLC): Building 2111. Provides education, information, and support for anyone affiliated with the military. MFLC services are confidential. Available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

Red Cross: Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313 or 608-788-1000.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1792. Activities for youth grades kindergarten through 12. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Open nonschool days 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. for After School

Program. Call 608-388-4373.

SK/ESUnlimitedInstructionalProgram: 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 civilian employees and Family members experiencing difficulties due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/Family discord, or other causes. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

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

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 2669. Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2414.

TRICARE: TRICARE North Region, 877-874-2273; TRICARE West Region, 877-988-9378; TRICARE South Region, 800-444-5445; TRICARE for Life, 866-773-0404; or visit www.tricare.mil.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Open for sick call 7-8 a.m. and appointments 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Authorized use only for Extended Combat Training Soldiers on orders of less than 30 days. Personnel on orders for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote and will see off-post providers. Call 608-388-3025.

Worship

Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. Mass at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675. Call 608-388-3528.

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

Mormon: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Services from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-3377.

Protestant: Chapel 1, building 2672. Protestant worship at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-

11:30 a.m. at building 2675.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study: Building 2675. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wed. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380 or visit www.facebook.com/groups/PWOCFortMcCoy/.

Spanish Language: Catholic services in Norwalk at 4 p.m. Sun.; call 608-823-7906. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142.

Call 608-388-3528 for more information about Chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities. The RSO is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO. If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266, and the on-call duty chaplain will be contacted.

Organizations

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Spartan Chapter: Meets monthly. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/AGCRASpartan or call Staff Sgt. Cassandra Ross at 251-327-8400.

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882: Building 1411. Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Meets at 5 p.m. second Tuesday of each month. Call 608-388-1882.

American Society of Military Comptrollers: Meets several times throughout the year. For more information, call Maureen Richardson at 608-269-1912 or Bonnie Hilt at 316-209-2787.

Association of the United States Army - AUSA (Robert B. McCoy Chapter): For information on meetings, visit www.mccoysusa.org.

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

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

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. by appointment. For more information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

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

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