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RTS-Medical to hold busy 2018 training season

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Regional Training Site (RTS)-Medical staff members are expecting a busy 2018 doing what they do best: training Soldiers in setting up and running combat support hospitals (CSHs).

"We're a training platform ... to conduct collective medical training, meaning we train units on how to set up and take down and operate their combat support hospitals," said Col. Clifford Gehrke, RTS-Medical site director.

Fort McCoy's RTS-Medical is one of three regional training sites available to units in the Army Reserve. With 16 combat support hospital (CSH) units in the Reserve, (See **MEDICAL**, Page 9)



Soldiers with the 94th Combat Support Hospital of Seagoville, Texas, and Little Rock learn how to properly package and store a hospital tent during training in July 2017 at Regional Training Site-Medical at Fort McCoy. Similar training will take place in 2018.

Marines deploy to Fort McCoy for cold-weather training exercise

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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Nearly 1,200 Marines with units associated with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing are completing extreme cold-weather training at Fort McCoy from early January through early February during the Ullr Shield 2018 exercise.

The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW), headquartered at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, N.C., began coordination to hold the cold-weather training at Fort McCoy in September 2017.

Marines with the Marine Air Control Group 28, a 2nd MAW unit, came to Fort McCoy with an advance team in fall 2017 to prepare for training, said Training Coordination Branch Chief Craig Meeusen with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS).

"They are training all around the post," Meeusen said. "The majority of the Marines are staying and working from Improved Tactical Training Base Freedom on South Post. They are also working and training at areas such as Young



Photo by Lance Cpl. Cody Rowe

Cpl. Matthew Thompson, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist assigned to Marine Air Control Group 28, guards the road during a conditioning hike for exercise Ullr Shield at Fort McCoy on Jan. 13.

Air Assault Strip, Sparta-McCoy Airfield, the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, and various live fire ranges."

Prior to the start of Ullr Shield, nearly

50 Marines came to Fort McCoy to train in the Cold-Weather Operations Course, or CWOC, in December. All of those

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Installation named finalist for 2018 ACOE competition

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A year after Fort McCoy earned a Bronze Award in the Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) competition, the installation has been named a finalist for the 2018 competition.

On Jan. 11, Installation Management Command announced this year's ACOE finalists and U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy is among them," said Plans, Analysis and Integration Office Chief Ken Musselwhite. "Other finalists include garrisons from Deagu (South Korea), Fort Wainwright (Alaska), Fort Knox

(Ky.), and Fort Stewart (Ga.). The Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management will make the final decision after a thorough review of each installation."

The ACOE Program is an annual competition that uses the Baldrige Excellence Framework to evaluate Army installations, Musselwhite said. That framework is based on seven criteria: leadership, strategic planning, customers, knowledge management, workforce, operations, and results.

ACOE is sponsored by the chief of staff of the Army and overseen by the Army's assistant chief of staff for installation (See **ACOE**, Page 2)

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management, according to program guidance. An ACOE Award honors top Army, National Guard, and Reserve installations that have achieved high levels of excellence in building quality environments, outstanding facilities, and superior services.

The award in 2017 was the first time the installation was recognized in the active Army category, which is the same category the installation is competing in this year.

"Becoming a finalist, and especially last year's award, is a great reflection upon the Fort McCoy team," Musselwhite said. "Fort McCoy's competitive strength is its workforce, which is always willing to go the extra mile for the customer."

After receiving the 2017 ACOE Bronze Award, Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. said the installation reflects ACOE program ideas that build on organizational knowledge and encourage a change in perspective from what is minimally essential to what is optimally possible to support Soldiers, Families, and Army civilians who live, work, train, and excel on Army installations.

"As a 2017 ACOE award recipient, Fort McCoy's strength and pursuit of excellence is in its valued-based professionals and a well-developed Installation Management System," Pinter said. "Fort McCoy has long exercised a disciplined approach to effective, efficient five-year strategic business planning, coordination, and simultaneous execution through a collaborative effort amongst the workforce, tenants, customers, and extended community."

The five-year strategic business planning is a guide to preserve gains, maintain relevancy, and support mission readiness now and into the future.

"Our dedication, drive, and determination are ingrained in the Team McCoy culture to incorporate feedback into process improvements," Pinter said. "We make ourselves better each year, resulting in Fort McCoy being best in class. Receiving the ACOE Award is a validation and provides tangible evidence we are continuing to improve while focusing on being the best provider to meet our customer's needs."

Winners of this year's competition will be announced in early March, Musselwhite said.



Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. (left) unveils the Army Communities of Excellence flag for the Bronze Award earned by the post during a special ceremony June 14, 2017, at McCoy's Community Center.



Storm cleanup

An equipment operator with the Fort McCoy snow removal contractor, Kaiyuh Services LLC of Anchorage, Alaska, clears snow Jan. 16 at Fort McCoy.

The installation received several inches of snow during a mid-January storm.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Marines at Fort McCoy for the 2nd Marine Air Wing's Ullr Shield exercise set up equipment for training at Young Air Assault Strip on Jan. 17 on South Post at Fort McCoy.

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same Marines returned to Fort McCoy for the Ullr Shield exercise to help train their fellow Marines.

Sgt. Luis Lopez with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28, also at MCAS Cherry Point, said after completing CWOC training that he would carry skills he learned to train other Marines.

"I will share the knowledge on how to wear the (cold-weather) equipment, the tips and tricks to stay warm, and how to react to and treat cold-weather injuries," Lopez said. "Also, the best parts of the course, to me, were all of the survival tips. They were all a first to me, and I learned a lot from the course."

The CWOC is modeled 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 DPTMS. The course curriculum is meant to challenge students at every turn.

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.

"These are all skills these Marines from the first CWOC class for this winter are sharing with other Marines in the Ullr Shield exercise,"

Hamilton said.

Gunnery Sgt. David Fuller with Marine Air Support Squadron 1, also at Cherry Point, said CWOC and cold-weather training like that at Ullr Shield help Marines think differently about their deployed environment.

"This is learning to think outside the box with the knowledge and skills required to successfully conduct cold-weather operations," Fuller said.

The December training was the first cold-weather training that Staff Sgt. Tyler Sheets with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 274, also at MCAS Cherry Point, ever participated in. He said he built his confidence to survive in a cold-weather environment and went forward with the same confidence to teach Marines in Ullr Shield.

"I feel very confident in my abilities ... to be able to instruct other Marines on how to be able to survive if they are ever in a (cold-weather) situation," Sheets said.

More Marines with 2nd MAW units are attending CWOC training in late January and February as well, Hamilton said. "Three of our six classes planned for CWOC this winter are filled with Marines as students," he said.

The CWOC cadre also has helped Marines attending the Ullr Shield exercise to gather cold-weather training equipment, participate in field events, and train with Army CWOC students for cold-water immersion training.

The mission of the 2nd MAW is to conduct air operations in support of the Fleet Marine Force to include offensive air support, anti-air warfare, assault support, aerial reconnaissance, electronic warfare, and control of aircraft and missiles, according to the wing's mission statement.



Marines complete cold-weather weapons familiarization with the M2 Browning .50-caliber machine gun at Range 2 as part of the Ullr Shield exercise Jan. 16 at Fort McCoy.

"This has been the largest Marine Corps winter training exercise that we've had in years," Meeusen said, highlighting Fort Mc-

Coy's motto as a "Total Force Training Center." "This has been a great cooperative training effort by everyone involved."

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Workforce and tenant organization members participate in the Installation Planning Board meeting Jan. 5 in building 905 at Fort McCoy.

Installation Planning Board meets, discusses Fort McCoy's forward vision for 2018, future

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Fort McCoy's Installation Planning Board, or IPB, met Jan. 5 in the first of two meetings for 2018. The board is a forum for identifying, assessing, and providing a common-operating picture for installationwide planning requirements, said Plans, Analysis and Integration Office Chief Ken Musselwhite.

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

Among those who attended the meeting included Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda L. McCullough from Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort McCoy senior commander and 88th Readiness Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert; Garrison Commander

Col. David J. Pinter Sr.; Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Jared T. Corsi; Deputy to the Garrison Commander James A. Chen; and other leadership members and special staff from Fort McCoy garrison and tenant organizations.

The meeting agenda included going over follow-up actions from the previous IPB session in 2017, reviewing numerous discretionary topics, updating the Integrated Priorities List, and noting upcoming major events at the installation.

"The IPB goes through all these steps in the meeting to ensure resourcing decisions are aligned with the Installation Strategic Plan and operationalized with the IMCOM principle of sustainability," Musselwhite said. "This meeting forum also allows us to disseminate information and demonstrate integration of garrison requirements and planning efforts with the senior commander, tenant organizations, and other important installation stakeholder planning functions."

Eight items on the Fort McCoy Integrated Priorities List

also were covered during the meeting, including:

- integrated protection of the force.
- execution of sustainable readiness and Total Force integration.
- delivery of Family and Soldier services.
- sustain renovation of World War II-era facilities and execute long-range strategy.
- prioritizing and executing base operations support responsibilities.
- pursuing information technology infrastructure upgrades to support mission command systems and anticipated Army communication changes.
- ensuring military value and relevance through a comprehensive and aggressive strategic messaging and communications strategy.

Fort McCoy workforce members also addressed the progress and importance of each item.

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January safety council focuses on cold-weather risks

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With fresh snow on the ground and an icy bite in the air, cold-weather safety was the timely topic at Fort McCoy's Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council on Jan. 16.

"All cold-weather injuries are preventable," Safety Specialist Don Vender said. Everyone is responsible for preventing cold-weather injuries.

The most common cold-weather injuries are hypothermia, frostbite, chilblains, and trench/immersion foot.

Hypothermia is when the core body temperature falls below 95 degrees. While hypothermia is mostly a concern in winter months, it's possible to get hypothermia in warmer weather, too.

"You can get hypothermia when it's 60 degrees out if you're in cold water for a long period of time," Vender said.

Initial symptoms are shivering, dizziness, drowsiness, change in behavior, confusion, slowed speech, and stumbling. In later stages, victims stop shivering, wish to lie down and sleep, have slowed heartbeats and breathing rates, and fall unconscious. Hypothermia is fatal without medical attention. If someone is showing symptoms, remove him or her from the cold, remove wet clothing, help them warm up with warm, sweet liquids; warm blankets or sleeping bags; and/or body contact. Get the person medical attention.

Frostbite is when skin freezes. It can affect only the surface skin or deeper flesh. The most likely areas to be affected are hands, feet, ears, chin, nose, and groin area. Symptoms include initial redness or grayness in skin and a tingling sensation, followed by turning numb, yellowish, waxy, or gray and feeling cold, stiff, or woody. Like with hypothermia, remove the



Safety Specialist Don Vender shows Fort McCoy employees examples of inert explosives during the quarterly Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council on Jan. 16.

victim from the cold and rewarm affected area. Do not massage the skin, and seek medical treatment.

Chilblains and trench/immersion foot are both nonfreezing cold-weather injuries that develop in wet conditions. Chilblains start out looking pale or colorless, then become red, swollen, itchy, and tender upon rewarming. Blisters develop in severe cases. Chilblains develop more quickly than trench foot.

In trench foot, skin appears wet, soggy, white, and shriveled and can feel tingly, numb,

then painful. The skin later becomes discolored and can be red, bluish or black. The feet grow cold and swell, and blisters or open sores may develop. If left untreated the flesh can die.

In both cases, prevent future exposure, dry skin, rewarm skin, and seek medical attention.

It's important to dress appropriately for the outdoor activity, Vender said. If you'll be sweating, wear less and have dry clothing available to change into, especially shoes and socks. It's also important to wear loose clothing, which allows air to circulate and keeps you drier.

Some of the risk factors increasing the odds of cold-weather injuries include alcohol and nicotine consumption, dehydration, exposure time, and previous injuries. Vender said it's important to keep a closer eye on people who meet any of these criteria.

The meeting also covered what to do when someone falls into icy water.

- Do not remove clothing (except for skis or other impediments).

- Try to get out the direction you came. Place your hands and arms on unbroken ice, then kick your feet up toward the surface like you're swimming. If available, use ice picks to help you drag yourself out of the water.

- Once out, lie on your back and then roll away from the hole. Do not attempt to crawl or stand until you are certain you are on solid ice or ground.

- Get to a warm, dry area as soon as possible to prevent hypothermia.

A video was shown demonstrating these steps, available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz3gy5XyaBo>. The video also covers how to stay alive as long as possible if you can't get yourself out to maximize the chance of someone rescuing you.

Vender also covered unexploded ordnance, reminding people to leave anything suspicious alone, make a note of where it's at, and contact the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. stressed the importance of taking safety information back to units and organizations and sharing it with others.

"The one point I want to drive home is that you are all safety officers," Pinter said. "Each and every one of us in here has the opportunity to stop an accident before it happens."

For more information about cold-weather injuries and safety, call the Installation Safety Office at 608-388-0335.

Senior Army official hosts town hall for 88th RD, Fort McCoy civilians, leaders

BY ZACHARY MOTT

88th Readiness Division

Seated inside the 88th Readiness Division (RD)'s auditorium, more than 70 civilians and senior uniformed leaders listened as Karl F. Schneider hosted a town hall Jan. 12.

Schneider is the deputy chief management officer for the Army and visited Fort McCoy prior to a speaking engagement at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During the two-hour session, Schneider talked about the role of the Army, the Army civilian/Soldier relationship, the importance of readiness in everything team members do, and

how Fort McCoy and the 88th RD are vital pieces for the U.S. Army and Army Reserve.

"It's absolutely important that Soldiers and civilians have mutual trust in order to get the hard work done," Schneider said. "It's a lot easier to get things done when you can trust the people you work with."

That work extends across the 19-state region of the 88th RD and throughout the training areas of Fort McCoy.

"The work that the 88th does with all of the organizations across the geographic area of responsibility is so important to the Army and to the nation," Schneider said.

"The other thing that Fort Mc-

Coy does in particular is that it's a great facility for all of the services to use to get ready to operate in pretty severe environments. The opportunity that Fort McCoy gives not just the Army but the entire Department of Defense — Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps — is hard to replicate anywhere else," he said.

Each year, more than 100,000 service members conduct training at Fort McCoy. During their time here, the service members utilize the more than 46,000 acres of contiguous live-fire and maneuver areas.

In 2017, the first iteration of the Army Reserve's Operation Cold Steel was conducted at Fort McCoy. Operation Cold Steel was the

first large-scale live-fire training and crew-served weapons qualification of its kind in the Reserve.

"We always have Reserve component units coming to the front, whether it's to ... Iraq, to Afghanistan, to Africa, to Europe, (or) to Korea. Those Reserve component units are always moving," Schneider said. "The 88th is the lubricant that keeps that machine running. Fort McCoy is one of those places where we know we can bring people for training. We know that Fort McCoy has a lot to offer in terms of infrastructure, in terms of its environment, and in terms of support we get from the community."

The unique opportunity to bring

the deputy chief management officer to the 88th RD and Fort McCoy was something Maj. Gen. Patrick Reinert, commanding general of the 88th RD, didn't want to pass up.

Reinert said it was a great honor to have Schneider visit and offer his insights to the staff.

The 88th RD provides services and base operations support to more than 50,000 Reserve Soldiers and civilians serving in 19 states. The 88th manages 14 local training areas across 11 states, which provide Soldiers opportunities to perform their jobs, train close to home, and make the most out of battle assemblies by offering units the use of facilities, grounds, and training venues.

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CWOC students fight chill factor in cold-water immersion training at Fort McCoy

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By mid-January, hundreds of Marines and Soldiers had participated in cold-water immersion training at Big Sandy Lake on Fort McCoy's South Post.

The training is part of the curriculum for Fort McCoy's Cold-Weather Operations Course, or CWOC. A large hole is cut in the ice at the lake by CWOC staff, then a safe and planned regimen is followed to allow each participant to jump into the icy water. Emergency response personnel are also nearby in case they're needed.

"Our students get fully immersed in the water while doing the training," said CWOC instructor Bill Hamilton. "Once they are in the water, they will stay in anywhere from one to three minutes but never longer than three minutes."

Joe Ernst, also a CWOC instructor, said cold-water immersion is critical to the ability to survive and operate in a cold-weather environment.

"The experience of a service member being introduced to water in an extreme-cold environment is a crucial task for waterborne operations and confidence building," Ernst said. "For a person to fall into water in that environment, the onset of panic generally introduces itself quickly. For our service members who will be operating in an extreme-cold environment, it is a task that, if not trained for, can produce unnecessary casualties."

The human body's reaction to falling through ice and into frigid water starts with the mind, Ernst said.

"The shock to the system generally results in an immediate response of a heightened rate of breathing," Ernst said. "Visual limitations (tunnel effect), confusion, and muscle tension are common reactions. The ability of a person to regain control and composure after getting in this situation is possible."

During CWOC, Ernst said the experience and guidance of the course's cadre are critical to direct students to a slower rate of breathing and advise students on regaining physical and mental control.

"Assessing the environment and situation will only serve as a life-saving technique," he said.

Ernst said the most important aspect of training is the techniques of extraction and recovery from the cold water.

"Quickly building a fire, should a heated structure or vehicle not be available, is one skill set we teach," Ernst said. "We also teach the medical training that covers the effects of cold-water immersion and the timelines of recovery to prevent further injury."

Many students who took part in the cold-water immersion training found it enlightening and a test of their own abilities.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Dixon with Marine Air Control Squadron 2 of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River, N.C., was a student in CWOC Class 18-01 in December. He said every part of the course improved his cold-weather survival skills.

"The best parts of (CWOC) are all of the practical application and hands-on training you go through, especially the cold-water immersion," Dixon said. "I now have more confidence in my equipment, and I know that I am more than capable of going out into the wilderness on my own and being able to survive."

For 1st Lt. Conor Nelson with Marine Air Support Squadron 1 at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., the 'hands-on' cold-weather training, including cold-water immersion, was among the best phases.

"Being outside in the field is where real learning and training occurs," Nelson said. "It's one thing to watch a video and review a PowerPoint slide on survival in the cold, but it's not until you have to build a fire, construct a shelter, and fight to exist and



A student in the Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-02 crawls out of a hole in the ice at Big Sandy Lake under the watchful eye of instructor Bill Hamilton on Jan. 17 during cold-water immersion training for the course.



A Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-02 student comes up for air after submerging in the frigid ice water at Sandy Lake on Jan. 17 during cold-water immersion training.

survive in single-digit temperatures do you truly understand and grasp the concepts and importance of those lessons."

Ernst said cold-water immersion will be a mainstay in CWOC for the foreseeable future as it has proven to consistently provide value.

"Service members who serve in units with continental and regional responsibilities that fall under the Arctic and sub-Arctic zones and who receive this training will serve as a force multiplier and invaluable asset to our commanders in the field in a cold-weather environment," he said.

In addition to cold-water immersion, CWOC students are trained on a variety of cold-weather subjects, including snowshoe training and how to use ahkio sleds and other gear. 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.

The training is coordinated through the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at Fort McCoy.

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Soldiers build cold-weather skills during CWOC training



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Students in the Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-02 set up an Arctic 10-person tent at Big Sandy Lake on Jan. 17 during course training. The 25 Cold-Weather Operations Course students were all Soldiers. In addition to tent building, students are trained on a variety of cold-weather subjects, including snowshoe training and skiing as well as how to use ahkio sleds and other gear. 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. The training is coordinated through the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at Fort McCoy.



A Cold-Weather Operations Course student learns to ski and about skiing techniques Jan. 11 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area at Fort McCoy.



Instructor Hunter Heard teaches Soldiers about specialized knot-tying as part of course training Jan. 10.

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Instructor Mike Roth, a contractor with CSRA Inc. for Regional Training Site (RTS)-Medical at Fort McCoy, inspects medical equipment at the facility on Jan. 3.

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Gehrke said, it is cost-prohibitive to equip every unit with a CSH just for training. Instead, units travel to one of the three training sites where Soldiers can learn how to set up a CSH, from planning its location to proper maintenance and operations once it's running.

The Soldiers who set up the CSH are the ones who keep it running in theater, Gehrke said, which means that while they're trained on things like transportation, generating electricity, and piping water, they're also trained as laboratory, X-ray, and biomedical equipment technicians and more. That's where the second part of RTS-Medical's mission comes in: individual training for low-density medical military occupational specialties (MOS).

A low-density MOS is typically a more specialized MOS with fewer people classified in it, Gehrke said. And while nurses and doctors typically work in the medical field in their civilian lives, a laboratory or X-ray technician might not.

"(Reservists) return back home, and they don't (always) have the opportunity to utilize

those skills," Gehrke said. "We break off the rust and hone and polish those skills."

Instructor Mike Roth, a contractor with CSRA Inc. for RTS-Medical, said the equipment used at Fort McCoy is the same that Soldiers will use when deployed. Even those Soldiers who do work in the medical field as civilians may be used to different equipment. Training at Fort McCoy gives them a chance to practice on the same equipment they'll use in the field.

RTS-Medical at Fort McCoy also has the only CT scanner available for field training, Gehrke said. During medical exercises, RTS-Medical will move the expandable shelter containing the CT scanner out to the field so that units can incorporate it into the exercise.

RTS-Medical has three major exercises in 2018: Regional Medic Bridge Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) in March, CSTX in June, and Global Medic in August. In addition to helping units learn how to set up and operate a CSH, staff members train Soldiers in the art of moulage.

"Our instructors went to the Hollywood makeup school in Nevada to learn how to apply proper moulage," Gehrke said. "They're very highly skilled at what they do."

Moulage is the art of using makeup and/or prosthetics to realistically simulate wounds. They help Soldiers in medical professions learn what different types of wounds look like and can help decrease the likelihood of shock upon seeing an injury for the first time.

Like CSH unit Soldiers, RTS-Medical staff members — most of whom are contractors — are expected to handle more than one role.

"We have a finite number of staff, and many of them wear more than one hat. Many of them do five or six jobs," Gehrke said. During a large exercise, they'll be out in the field helping Soldiers run electricity, but during individual training, instructors might be teaching Soldiers how to operate or repair laboratory equipment instead.

RTS-Medical staff members are considered experts in their fields and were consulted in the latest revisions to the regulation for establish

CSHs, he said.

"The foremost experts in combat support hospital establishment and disestablishment reside right here in RTS-Medical. You won't even find that sort of longevity in the active Army," Gehrke said. "These folks have been doing it, some of them, for close to 30 years."

In addition to training Reserve Soldiers, exercises bring in service members from throughout U.S. armed forces and even from other nations' armed services.

Gehrke said Global Medic brings in service members from allied countries to learn how to work with international partners and deployable medical systems (DEPMEDS) equipment, which is approved by NATO for use throughout the world.

The 2017 Global Medic brought in service members from the United Kingdom, Bahrain, Kazakhstan, Sultanate of Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

RTS-Medical is a tenant organization at Fort McCoy. For more information on RTS-Medical, call 608-388-2544.

COMMUNITY

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT

Red glass bead

Archaeology work has been ongoing at Fort McCoy for more than 30 years.

During the summer 2017 archaeological excavation at Stillwell Crossing on Fort McCoy, a tiny but highly informative artifact was recovered: a single red glass trade bead less than 2 millimeters in diameter.

Small glass seed or embroidery beads of this type are present throughout the trading period among European and Native American groups. Embroidery beads grew more common in the 19th century, and they dominate glass bead collections of this period across the Northern Plains, such as Fort Pierre Chouteau, S.D., circa 1832-1855, and Fort Clark State Historic Site, N.D., circa 1822-1861.

These beads were primarily used for embroidering designs onto clothing, moccasins, bags, and other textile or leather objects.

To find out more about the origins and age of the glass bead, archaeologists analyzed it using a

minimally invasive chemical compositional analysis method. A laser is used to remove about 100 square micrometers of sample material, which is approximately the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

The result is a chemical fingerprint that can be compared to glass bead compositions from the Midwest. Using this comparison, analysts can potentially clarify the date of the beads' manufacture because compositional shifts in European glass recipes have been documented.

For reference, analysts compared the composition of the Stillwell Crossing bead to studies of late 18th and 19th century glass trade beads from other archaeological sites in North America. The Fort McCoy bead contains relatively high quantities of lead and potassium, both of which were ingredients in some Venetian glass recipes at that time.

To obtain the red color in the glass, Venetian artisans included trace amounts of gold, which was also found in the Fort McCoy bead.

Further comparison showed the

sodium levels of the Stillwell Crossing bead were similar to those measured in beads found in Ontario (but possibly produced in Venice) and estimated to be dated to circa 1820-1860. Through careful comparison the chemical elements, analysts learned that this tiny red glass bead was made in the early to mid-19th century, most likely in Venice.

Visitors and employees are reminded they should not collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals. Any individual who excavates, removes, damages, or otherwise alters or defaces any historic or prehistoric site, artifact, or object of antiquity on Fort McCoy is in violation of federal law.

The discovery of any archaeological artifact should be reported to the Directorate of Public Works Natural Resource Branch at 608-388-4793.

(Article prepared by Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands and Directorate of Public Works Natural Resources Branch.)



Photo by Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands

Pictured is a red glass bead found on Fort McCoy during an archaeological dig. The bead is typical of those commonly traded with Native American communities during the 19th century.

Installation celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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The Fort McCoy community gathered Jan. 11 at McCoy's Community Center to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a luncheon and educational talk.

The Rev. Peggy M. Williams, executive minister at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Madison, was the guest speaker for the event. She shared some of the history of both the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the holiday in his honor. She also spoke about the work that still needs to be done to achieve King's dream.

"Although we celebrate, there is still work to be done," Williams said.

"Dr. King's dream was about more than racial justice," she said.

"It was about the freedom, the dignity, and the worth of every human being. That is your commonality. You are fighting for the freedom, the dignity, and the worth of every human being."

King's "strong, peaceful, and lifelong crusade against segregation and discrimination brought our Nation closer to the founding ideals set forth in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence," according to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day proclamation signed Jan. 12 by President Donald Trump.

"King advocated for the world we still de-

mand — where the sacred rights of all Americans are protected, rural and urban communities are prosperous from coast to coast, and our limits and our opportunities are defined not by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character. We remember the immense promise of liberty that lies at the foundation of our great Republic, the responsibility it demands from all of us who claim its benefits, and the many sacrifices of those who have come before us.

"In paying tribute to Dr. King, we are reminded that the duty lies with each of us to fulfill the vision of his life's work," the proclamation states. "Let us use our time, talents, and resources to give back to our communities and help those less fortunate than us.

"Particularly today, let us not forget Dr. King's own tireless spirit and efforts, as we work, celebrate, and pray alongside people of all backgrounds. As one people, let us rediscover the bonds of love and loyalty that bring us together as Americans, and as people who share a common humanity."

The observance was coordinated and hosted by the 1st Battalion, 291st Brigade Support Battalion, which belongs to the 181st Multifunctional Training Brigade, a tenant organization at Fort McCoy.

Fort McCoy's next observance will be in February for Black History Month.



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The Rev. Peggy M. Williams speaks to Fort McCoy community members during the Jan. 11 observance for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

COMMUNITY

Tax season fast approaching; help available online

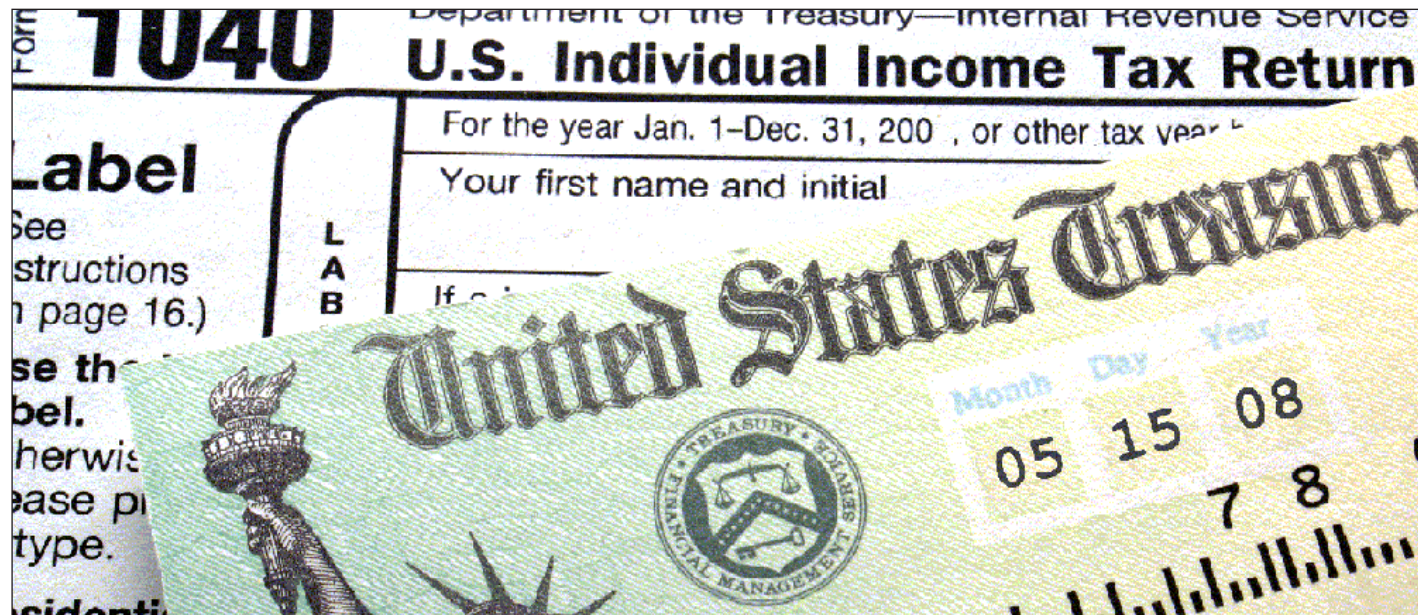
With the arrival of the new year, the annual tax-filing season is gearing up and will run through April 17. This is two days later than the standard deadline because April 15 falls on a Sunday, and a Washington, D.C., holiday falls on April 16.

While the new tax law signed into legislation during December 2017 may retroactively affect some business-related tax matters, it does not affect personal taxes filed in the 2017 tax-filing season. Also, any requests for extensions to file 2017 taxes, which generally can be processed as late as Oct. 15, are not affected by the newly signed tax legislation.

For the 2017 tax-filing season, the Fort McCoy Installation Legal Office (ILO) will not provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). VITA services may return in the future.

Many organizations in the local community offer free tax preparation and e-filing. The Tomah Veterans Affairs Hospital will offer a VITA program for veterans, and AARP offers assistance in Wisconsin. VITA guidelines generally limit free services to individuals and Families with adjusted gross incomes of \$64,000 or less. The Tomah VA Hospital VITA Center will be open Saturdays during the filing season. Appointments can be made by calling 608-372-1242.

For those who are looking for free do-



it-yourself tax-filing services, Military One Source (www.militaryonesource.mil) links to "MilTax." Several commercial tax vendors offer free tax filing, including e-filing, to the general public based on income guidelines.

Key websites for income tax return information are www.irs.gov and www.revenue.wi.gov.

Both sites offer information for anyone preparing their own tax returns or trying to clarify tax issues. Electronic versions of income tax forms are also available online.

Begin identifying and assembling the documents needed for preparation and submission of tax returns, including tax-withholding state-

ments (W-2s), interest or dividends statements (1099s), property tax information and receipts, and rent certificates. For more information or other tax-related concerns, Fort McCoy military personnel can contact the ILO at 608-388-4117.

(Article prepared by the Installation Legal Office.)

Directorate of Public Works reminds community to dispose of waste properly



Overfilled dumpsters are shown in summer 2017 on the installation. The Directorate of Public Works reminds community members to place trash and recycling in the appropriate containers and not to overfill containers. Call the DPW Help Desk at 608-388-4357 if waste or recycling containers are full.

Clean, efficient facilities and accessible, healthy training lands are vital to the continued success of the Army and the well-being of its Soldiers, civilians, and Families.

Fort McCoy encourages proper trash disposal and recycling throughout the installation, including the cantonment area, training ranges, housing, and recreational facilities.

Soldiers and the Fort McCoy community should adhere to the following guidelines from the Directorate of Public Works (DPW):

- Place all trash in designated receptacles. Do not litter.
- Do not leave trash on the ground surrounding dumpsters.
- Police all training areas before, during, and after use.
- Even if the litter is not yours, pick it up. Litter can give away your position.

• Sort the recyclables from the trash. Recycling is mandatory at Fort McCoy. Recyclable materials include paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, glass, and plastic bottles. Deposit recyclables in blue dumpsters only.

• Solid waste dumpsters and recycling containers are available at all ranges and building 207. Units may place solid waste in these dumpsters.

If they are full, call the DPW Help Desk at 608-388-4357 or bring recyclables to the recycling center, building 2218.

Everyone is asked to do his or her part to control waste in the environment, reduce costs associated with disposal and remediation, and keep Fort McCoy's environment ready for future training missions.

For more information about recycling at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-6546. For more information about waste disposal at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-6551.

(Article prepared by the Directorate of Public Works.)

NEWS NOTES

Badminton tournament scheduled for Jan. 31

A badminton tournament is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The tournament will be rally scoring and two-person teams. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Registration is required by Jan. 29. The event is open to eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation patrons.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

Phil 5k set for Feb. 2

The Phil 5k treadmill race is scheduled for Feb. 2 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Prizes will be awarded to the fastest male and female participants. Registration is required by Feb. 1. The event is open to eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation patrons. The entry fee is \$5.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

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.

Financial Peace University starts Feb. 7 at RSO

The Religious Support Office, building 2675, is offering a Financial Peace University class from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays starting Feb. 7.

The class lasts 12 weeks and covers principles of financial management from a spiritual resiliency perspective.

The class is open to Fort McCoy community members. There is no cost, and lunch will be provided. Registration is required by Feb. 6.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-3528 or email joshua.a.beyer1.mil@mail.mil or fatai.o.ajao.civ@mail.mil.

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



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Utility check

A worker with Xcel Energy takes a look at an electrical connection on a utility pole Jan. 11 on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy. The work was part of a maintenance effort by the company.

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 Whitetail 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.

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

Combined Football Challenge scheduled for Feb. 14

A Combined Football Challenge is scheduled for Feb. 14 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building will attempt the following football challenges: 40-yard dash, cone drills, standing broad jump, 20-yard short shuttle run, bench press, tire roll, and sled push. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female participants. 1122.

Registration is required by Feb. 13. The event is open to eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation patrons.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

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.

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 608-388-3505 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, 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.

Dates set for tryouts for post's Army Ten-Miler team

Tryout races have been scheduled for Fort McCoy's 2018 Army Ten-Miler team.

Soldiers must compete in at least one of the three qualifying 10k races. The top eight runners will be selected for the team. The team is open to permanent party active-duty or Reserve Soldiers in units at Fort McCoy. Selected team members will be expected to train together prior to the Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 7 in Washington, D.C.

The three qualifying races are the April Showers Run at 2:30 p.m. April 18, South Post Run at 9 a.m. May 19, and Commander's Run at 7 a.m. June 14. Advance registration is required for all races.

For more information, call Rumpel Fitness Center at 608-388-3200 or Lt. Col. Mark Woomavovah at 608-388-4929.

Post welcomes new employees

New employees started working in several post organizations in January.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **David Arellano and Jennifer Riippo** — 88th Readiness Division.
- **Joseph Moen** — Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.
- **Craig Reid** — Logistics Readiness Center.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Feb. 9. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication in the Feb. 9 issue is noon Jan. 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 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.-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. 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.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. **Pizza available 9-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.** Call 608-388-7673.

Sports bars: Open 4-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. 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 **Feb. 8, 2018**. **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.

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 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.mccoyausa.org.

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

DAILY BUGLE CALLS

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

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During any severe winter weather situation, a liberal leave policy will automatically be in effect.

This policy affords supervisors and employees flexibility in addressing an individual request for leave or a work schedule adjustment due to weather, accommodating a late arrival, and/or an employee's request for an early departure due to weather conditions.

Annual leave may be requested and approved in 15-minute increments. If the Garrison Commander should deem that due to an extreme weather situation all post operations would need to be suspended during the duty day, then that announcement will be made via a command-approved, postwide email communication, with employee notifications then disseminated through their supervisory channels.

If such a decision were to be made outside of the normal duty day, then a Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office authorized announcement will be released through Fort McCoy's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoy.

In addition, information regarding liberal leave/post closure can be obtained after duty hours by calling 608-388-7777 or dialing toll-free 800-982-3585, extension 7777.



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