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Spc. David Holthaus with the Army Reserve's 327th Engineer Company of Onalaska, Wis., and Sgt. 1st Class Brandon J. Moore, an observer-coach/trainer with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, discuss security while fellow unit Soldiers work on a troop project to build a pole building Aug. 16, 2017, near Range 2 on North Post at Fort McCoy. The Soldiers were among the record 155, 975 personnel who trained at the installation in fiscal year 2017, which also led to a large economic impact in the region.

Fort McCoy's total economic impact exceeds \$1.18 billion for fiscal year 2017

Fort McCoy's total economic impact for fiscal year (FY) 2017 was an estimated \$1.18 billion, up from the \$896.8 million reported for FY 2016, garrison officials announced.

The data was compiled by Fort McCoy's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

Workforce payroll, operating costs, and other expenditures totaled \$294.8 million for FY 2017 compared to \$280.2 million for FY 2016.

A total of 2,251 personnel worked at Fort McCoy in FY 2017 — 1,160 civilians, 535 military, and 556 contract employees.

Approximately 74 percent of the workforce lives

within Monroe County. The total FY 2017 workforce payroll for civilian and military personnel was \$145.2 million.

FY 2017 operating costs of \$133.02 million included utilities, physical plant maintenance, repair and improvements, new construction projects, purchases of supplies and services, as well as salaries for civilian contract personnel working at Fort McCoy.

Other expenditures accounted for \$16.5 million and covered \$933,296 in payments to local governments (including land permit agreements, school district impact aid, etc.) as well as \$15.6 million in dis- (See **IMPACT**, Page 2)

Service members get sneak peek at Humvee replacement while training at installation

BY STAFF SGT. DEBRALEE BEST

Operation Cold Steel II Public Affairs

Soldiers at Fort McCoy for Regional Medic, Combat Support Training Exercise 78-18-03, and Operation Cold Steel II received a sneak peek at the new Army and Marine vehicle to be fielded in 2019.

The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, or JLTV, is the newest vehicle to enter the Army's fleet. The JLTV will replace most Army Humvees with four mission package configurations — general purpose, heavy gun carrier, close combat weapons carrier, and utility vehicle. The vehicle will not replace specialty Humvees, such as those with snow plows.

"It's the future of America's Army Reserve," said Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, chief of Army Reserve and commanding general of Army Reserve Command. "I want you to know it's coming. I want you to know it's all part of us building combat-readiness, capability, and lethality for America's Army Reserve."

The Army anticipates purchasing almost 50,000 vehicles while the Marines are looking at more than 5,500, said Capt. William Ponder, assistant product manager, Government Furnished Equipment, Fielding Integration, Joint Program Office — JLTV System Integration.

The JLTV will support a two- (See **JLTV**, Page 3)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Debralee Best

Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, chief of Army Reserve and commanding general, Army Reserve Command, climbs into a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle during his March 11 visit to Fort McCoy to observe training at the Regional Medic exercise, Combat Support Training Exercise 78-18-03, and Operation Cold Steel II.

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NEWS

Directorate of Public Works ensures drinking water stays safe

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) works hard to ensure that everyone on Fort McCoy has access to safe, clean drinking water.

Fort McCoy's potable (safe to drink) water is some of the very best in Wisconsin. In fact, bottled water regulations are less stringent than the potable water regulations that Fort McCoy is required to follow.

The installation obtains potable water from the sandstone bedrock aquifer beneath the post. Six wells located southeast of the cantonment area provide all potable water for the cantonment area. Potable wells are also located at South Post Housing, the airfield, and in the range areas.

Water quality is tested on a regular basis by the DPW Water and Wastewater Branch, and results are available in the annual Consumer Confidence Report at <https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/safewater/f?p=136:103:::NO>. Fort McCoy has procedures in place to ensure the safety of personnel and residents if testing ever reveals the water is not safe to drink.

The DPW Environmental Compliance Branch is responsible for investigating and cleaning up all contaminated sites on Fort McCoy. To date, there have been 45 contaminated sites caused by activities on the post. Forty-three of the sites have been cleaned up to Wisconsin and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements, and monitoring is ongoing at one of these sites. None of these sites have contaminated the installation's potable wells.

Three of the contaminated sites are Fire Training Burn Pits (FTBPs), of which one is. Two FTBPs are located at the airfield (one active/ one closed), with the third FTBP located beneath the tactical vehicle storage lot north of the Equipment Concentration Site (ECS)-67.

Past use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF), used to extinguish solvent fires during training, contaminated shallow groundwater with perfluorinated compounds — perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

Studies have shown that PFOA and PFOS may cause adverse health effects, including liver, kidney, and immune system problems and cancer. Concentrations of PFOS in shallow groundwater north of ECS-67 have been found at levels that are as high as 120 parts per billion, which is greater than the EPA's drink-



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 78-18-03 fill up a water buffalo March 8 at a water-filling point on South Post at Fort McCoy.

ing-water health advisory level of 0.07 parts per billion.

All of the PFOS/PFOA contamination is located in the groundwater within the sand on top of the bedrock aquifer. It is unlikely that PFOA or PFOS will enter the bedrock aquifer. PFOS/PFOA concentrations beneath Fort McCoy only move in the direction of groundwater flow, which beneath ECS-67 is west, while the cantonment area wells are 2 miles to the southeast.

Similarly, the PFOA/PFOS contamination at the airfield is located in the groundwater in the sand above the bedrock aquifer. Based upon groundwater flow patterns, the risk of the

airfield well becoming contaminated is minimal. Army Environmental Command in San Antonio is in the process of cleaning up PFOS/PFOA groundwater contamination at all affected installations, including Fort McCoy.

While none of the potable wells at Fort McCoy are contaminated, sometimes water in the buildings is not clear or has a bad taste. This is usually caused by length of time the water has not been run and the type and age of the plumbing.

When water sits in pipes over a weekend or holiday, it can absorb some of the materials in the pipes, which can affect the color and taste of the water. If the water is allowed to run for

several minutes, the color and taste usually improve.

There are no lead plumbing pipes in any Fort McCoy buildings. Therefore, lead is not a problem in Fort McCoy drinking water.

For questions about Fort McCoy's water supply, contact Mike Miller, chief of the Fort McCoy Water and Wastewater Branch, at michael.l.miller1.civ@mail.mil.

For questions about contaminated sites, contact Craig Bartholomew, environmental protection specialist, at craig.o.bartholomew2.civ@mail.mil.

(Article prepared by the Directorate of Public Works and Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.)

■ IMPACT

cretionary spending in local communities by service members at Fort McCoy for training.

Fort McCoy supported training for a record 155,975 personnel in FY 2017, which ran from Oct. 1, 2016, to Sept. 30, 2017. The training population included reserve- and active-component personnel from throughout the military.

In January during the garrison commander workforce briefings, Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. said the training increase, which also translates to a bigger economic

impact, shows the world is taking notice of Fort McCoy. He said having senior leaders visit the post in recent years also has helped tell the installation's story to many.

"We've (continuously) been inviting our senior leaders and our local communities to come out and see what happens at Fort McCoy," Pinter said. In doing this, it shows the capability that exists on post and what Fort McCoy can provide its customers.

And since Fort McCoy's top priority is readiness, Pinter said

there is no question the installation is getting to be well known for its capacity and capability to be the four-season "Total Force Training Center" that Fort McCoy's motto describes.

A gross multiplier index (GMI) of 4.0 was used to determine the overall effect of the expenditures in the local economy.

The GMI measures the number of times a dollar turns over within a region and was developed by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

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

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NEWS

First Army commanding general visits installation



Photo by Staff Sgt. Debralee Best/Operation Cold Steel II Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Stephen Twitty (left), commanding general of First Army, speaks with senior leaders during Operation Cold Steel II operations March 12 at Fort McCoy. First Army partnered with the 84th Training Command and Operation Cold Steel II to provide experienced master gunners and vehicle-crew evaluators (VCE) to support Reserve Soldiers who recently graduated from the master gunner course and VCE course.

■ JLTV

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or four-man crew plus gunner, similar to the Humvee. In addition, it increases the protection for that crew.

This protection is similar to that provided by the mine-resistant, ambush-protected all-terrain vehicle; however, the JLTV is approximately two-thirds the weight, improving mobility and transportability.

Additionally, the JLTV payload capacity can range from 3,500 to 5,100 pounds without losing protection or mobility. It also offers greater speed over terrain, acceleration, reliability, and fuel efficiency when compared to the Humvee.

“JLTV meets the challenges of a 21st century, full-spectrum operating environment, filling a critical gap in today’s Army and U.S. Marine Corps light tactical vehicle fleets,” Ponder said. “It restores payload and performance that were traded in order to add protection in

recent conflicts and improve commanders’ ability to balance payload, mobility performance, and protection.”

The JLTV also provides connectivity as the first vehicle purpose-built for battlefield networks.

It boasts an integrated Drivers Smart Display Unit and Health Management System. These systems continuously monitor vehicle conditions, predicting and diagnosing faults, which improves overall sustainability.

“JLTV is specifically designed to restore that balance in a package which is more affordable both to produce and to operate and sustain over the long run,” said Ponder. “It’s the first vehicle purpose-built for the Army’s network and with growth potential to meet future mission requirements.”

Soldiers can look for the first fielding of the JLTV to begin in early 2019.



Photo by Spc. John Russell/86th Training Division

A Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) sits at the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport on March 11 during Operation Cold Steel II operations at Fort McCoy. The JLTV is the newest vehicle to enter the Army’s fleet.

NEWS

The Real McCoy Online, Public Affairs staff earn IMCOM-level recognition

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) recently announced results of the 2017 IMCOM-level Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Communications Awards Competition.

Thirty judges helped select winners from more than 170 submissions in print, graphic arts, community engagements and broadcast categories from garrisons around the world. IMCOM is one of the largest commands in the Army.

Fort McCoy was recognized with first place in Category C: Digital Publication (Unit Category) for The Real McCoy Online. Significant contributors for this award included Aimee Malone, Scott T. Sturkol, Theresa R. Fitzgerald, Bill Coppennoll, and Tonya Townsell with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.

"I appreciate IMCOM recognizing the efforts of the public affairs staff and all the hard work they put into providing a top-of-the-line online community newspaper, especially in a time when our 'community' reaches the whole world," said Fort McCoy Public Affairs Officer Tonya Townsell.

"But, while, the staff does a great job of reaching the world through The Real McCoy Online, I think it is also important to recognize they haven't stopped there," Townsell said, explaining that the Public Affairs Office has also been recognized for posting the most uploads by a unit to the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS) for November and December 2017 and January and February 2018, and by a DVIDS storyteller for May and July through December 2017, and for January and February 2018.

"Honestly, the recognition isn't only about us, it's about everyone here on Fort McCoy," she said. "Without the amazing mission people do here every day, we wouldn't have a Fort McCoy story to tell."

The July 28, 2017, edition of The Real McCoy

The screenshot shows the front page of 'The Real McCoy' newspaper. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, Facility Hours, Newspaper Archives, Search. The date is 'Fort McCoy News July 28, 2017'. The main article is 'FORT MCCOY MAINTAINS BUSY TEMPO FROM JULY INTO AUGUST', with a sub-image of a helicopter. Other articles include 'AIRMEN, SOLDIERS TRAIN IN PATRIOT NORTH 2017 EXERCISE' with a sub-image of a plane, and 'RESERVE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR HOLDS ENLISTED HUDDLE AT MCCOY' with a sub-image of a group of people. A sidebar on the right titled 'More Headlines' lists several other news items with small photo thumbnails.

Shown is a screen shot of the main page of the July 28, 2017, edition of The Real McCoy Online, which earned 2017's Best Digital Publication for the Army's Installation Management Command.

Coy Online was the issue submitted to compete for the award. The edition included stories about upcoming training, Regional Training Site-Medical training, the Patriot North Exercise, new homes built at the South Post Housing area, removal of the West Silver Wetland Dam, antiterrorism, and National Picnic Month as well as photos from around the in-

stallation.

Sturkol, editor of The Real McCoy newspaper, also was recognized in six other categories, including first place in Category J: Photojournalism for an article and photography about the first Cold-Weather Operations Course at Fort McCoy in 2017.

He also earned a second-place finish in Cat-

egory G: Feature Article for a story about Fort McCoy's top Army Ten-Miler finisher, Lt. Col. Martin Wennblom of the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade. A photo by Sturkol associated with that story also earned first place for IMCOM-specific Category V: Sports Photo.

Sturkol also earned third-place finishes in three photography categories: Category B: Training Photo Series, Category C: News Photo, and Category E: Portrait Photo.

The Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Communications Awards Competition recognizes Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian employees for excellence in achieving the objectives of the Army Public Affairs Program, according to the competition website, www.army.mil/klw.

On behalf of the Secretary of the Army, the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs conducts the competition annually to recognize, cultivate, and inspire excellence within the Army public affairs community.

The competition also aligns as closely as possible with the annual Defense Media Awards, establishes competition criteria, and provides the Army with guidance for recognizing the most notable work of its public affairs professionals.

This is the first time in many years The Real McCoy Online earned first place and the title of "Best Digital Publication in IMCOM." The online publication earned third place in the competition in 2015 and 2016 and a second place in 2014. The online edition earned similar placings in past years.

Six of Fort McCoy's award placings moved up to compete at Army-level competition.

For more information about The Real McCoy Online, visit www.mccoy.army.mil/ReadingRoom/Newspaper/RealMcCoy/current/index.html, or call 608-388-4128.

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

Officials encourage reporting suspicious activity to keep community safe

Safety and security are important topics to keep in mind at any time of the year. The Fort McCoy Antiterrorism Office would like to stress the importance of staying alert and remind community members to report any suspicious activities they see.

Suspicious activities include "observed behavior reasonably indicative of preoperational planning related to terrorism or other criminal activity," according to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

People should report the what, where, when, and how of any suspicious activity, while recognizing that many public and private activities are constitutionally protected activities where privacy and individual civil liberties must be preserved. The role of the individual is just to report what is observed and turn the information over to those with the authority and responsibility to act on this information.

The Army's iWatch program, a modern version of neighborhood watch, focuses on the power of community members to prevent disasters from happening. People are the first line

of defense against terrorism. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, and if you see something, say something. Report anything unusual to your chain of command, local authorities, or the FBI.

Examples of behaviors and activities to report include:

- people drawing or measuring important buildings.
- strangers asking questions about security forces or security procedures.
- a briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package left behind, especially in high-traffic or important areas.
- vehicles left in No Parking zones in front of high-traffic or important buildings.
- intruders found in secure areas.
- a person wearing clothes that are too big/bulky and/or too hot for the weather.
- unusual chemical smells or fumes.
- people asking questions about sensitive information, such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP travel schedules, without a right or need to know.

- purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without proper credentials.

People should make notes of as much of the following information as possible, including descriptions of people and vehicles.

- What type of activity was it/what did you see?
- When and where did the suspicious activity occur?
- How many people were involved?
- How many vehicles involved?

For any activity suspected to be an immediate threat, call 911 or the local police. The Fort McCoy Police Department can be reached 608-388-2000. In an emergency, always call 911.

Fort McCoy community members can also call the Antiterrorism Office at 608-388-4719.

A nationwide suspicious-activity reporting hotline geared toward counterintelligence is available at 1-800-CALL-SPY. The FBI operates an online tip line at <https://tips.fbi.gov/>.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Antiterrorism Office.)

NEWS

Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers complete 13M reclassification training at McCoy

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Thirty-six Soldiers with Alpha and Bravo Companies of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 121st Field Artillery (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System) Battalion completed 15 days of reclassification training for the Army's 13M military occupational specialty (MOS) at Fort McCoy from February to March.

According to the Army's MOS description, the 13M career field is the multiple-launch rocket system crewmember. In this career field, the service member is responsible for operating and maintaining a multiple-launch rocket system. They also support infantry and tank units by supplementing cannon artillery during combat.

"All 36 students are deploying in the future," said Sgt. 1st Class Neal Stratman with the 2nd Battalion, 196th (2nd, 196th) Modular Training Regiment (Regional Training Institute [RTI]) at Sioux Falls, S.D. "The students grasped the material well and enjoyed the hands-on training. In the eyes of the instructors, this class was a success due to the character and proficiency of the class."

Stratman led a mobile training team to teach the course that included instructors from the 2nd, 196th as well as from Wyoming and Kentucky. The training also was coordinated with the 121st, the Wisconsin Army National Guard, and Wisconsin Military Academy at Fort McCoy.

Duties for a 13M-trained Soldier includes driving and maintaining rocket-launcher vehicles, reloading ammunition and re-supply vehicles, testing and maintaining fire control systems, and maintaining all electronic and mechanical systems in all vehicles.

The High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, the Soldiers trained with is part of the Army's M142 HIMARS vehicle. According to manufacturer Lockheed-Martin, HIMARS is "the most technically advanced, affordable and sustainable artillery solution" that provides "maximum commonality with M270A1 launch system." It also "simplifies coalition operations, training, logistics and coordination."

Essentially, the students had a lot to learn. Their training time included classroom sessions, demonstrations, and time at the motor pool as well as other Fort McCoy training areas.

"We also had some friendly competitions among the students as they completed their training," Stratman said.

Stratman said the instructors and students worked well together, and the learning environment provided a diverse mixture of expertise and experience.

"The diversity relates to background, rank structure, experience, as well as technical and tactical expertise, administrative correctness, and logistical soundness," Stratman said. "These elements created a great learning environment, the understanding of 'why' of each task covered and completed, and, most importantly, helped each student understand the 13M operating environment."

Doing the training as part of a mobile training team (MTT) is cost effective, especially for the National Guard's artillery career fields, Stratman said.

"In the National Guard RTI world on the 13M side, we work together a lot," Stratman said. "We started MTTs in 2014, and they've been successful. ... States are using MTTs more and more now as a cost-saving initiative for Guard training and it also really helps with readiness. For this training, we started planning it in November last year and started it in February. That shows how quickly we can put together a team to build an MTT and do the training."

Stratman said Staff Sgt. Jacob Koutnik with the 121st was a critical go-to person to get the training schedule built and to get



(Above and below) Students in reclassification training for the Army's 13M military occupational specialty operate M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System vehicles March 1 during training operations at Fort McCoy.



the logistics of everything worked out. "He is probably one of the most high-speed training (noncommissioned officers) I have ever worked with in an RTI," he said.

In addition to Stratman, other instructors were Staff Sgt. Dan Noeldner and Sgts. 1st Class Jay Pipes and James Meyer with the 2nd, 196th; Sgt. 1st Class Ishmael Campbell and Staff Sgts. Kalob Huggins and Tim Rychucky of the 213th RTI of Wyoming; and Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Gentry and Staff Sgt. Paul England with the 238th RTI of Kentucky.

"These are all experienced and very professional instructors," Stratman said. "The students' expectations of the class were nowhere near the outcome in reference to what they learned. Stu-

dents were under the impression that most of the course would be classroom training with minimal hands-on (training)"

He said students commented afterward that the MTT went above and beyond expectations and did a great job helping the students build their new 13M skills. Stratman added that he also knows this will help the 121st Soldiers on their future deployment.

"The 121st has been deployed before, and are one of those units that remain at the top of their game," Stratman said.

"(The unit) really, truly is a big deal. Their Soldiers are very good at what they do and to be able to train those guys was awesome."

NEWS

Thousands training at McCoy for Regional Medic, CSTX 78-18-03

Thousands of service members are at Fort McCoy for training in Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 78-18-03 as well as the Regional Medic Exercise through March and into early April.

A CSTX is a Combat Support Training Program (CSTP) exercise, which is a large-scale training event where units experience tactical training scenarios specifically designed to replicate real-world missions, according to the Army Reserve.

CSTX 78-18-03 is an exercise, coordinated by the 78th Training Division, that ensures Army Reserve units and Soldiers are trained and ready to deploy on short-notice and bring capable, combat-ready, and lethal firepower in support of the Army and joint partners anywhere in the world.

Overall, more than 300 units and 18,000 Soldiers from across the Army Reserve are participating in the CSTX from March 1-29 at Fort McCoy; Fort Knox, Ky.; and Joint Base Langley-Eustis and Fort Story, Va.

The Regional Medic exercise focuses on synchronized expeditionary health care in a complex operational environment with a concentration on hospitalization, medical evacuation, supporting logistics, and medical specialty tasks.

Regional Medic trains and evaluates Reserve medical Soldiers from point of injury and air evacuation to fixed continental United States hospitals during March and April.

Many Soldiers are also participating in Operation Lethal Warrior at Fort McCoy. This is a 32-day platoon-level training and evaluation exercise to certify Ready Force X Soldiers on Warrior Task training, including four key battle drills critical to survival on the battlefield: reacting to contact, security at a halt, reacting to ambush, and removing a casualty from a vehicle.

CSTP exercises “prepare America’s Army Reserve units to be combat-ready by immersing them in realistic scenarios where they train as they would fight.”

“This CSTX is one of three being held at Fort McCoy this year,” said Training Coordination Branch Chief Craig Meeusen with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

“We are also having a CSTX in June and August.”

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



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in Combat Support Training Exercise 78-18-03 and the Regional Medic exercise build a tent at Improved Tactical Training Base Liberty on March 7.



Combat Support Training Exercise 78-18-03 participants operate vehicles on a range road March 7 at Fort McCoy.



Soldiers move cargo with a military truck during Combat Support Training Exercise 78-18-03 at Improved Tactical Training Base Liberty on March 7.

NEWS

Cold-weather ops training includes mastering shelter building

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

During nearly two weeks of training in each session of the Cold-Weather Operations Course (CWOC) at Fort McCoy, students learn many skills. Among the most important of those skills is being able to create shelter in a cold-weather environment.

CWOC students learn about two different types of shelters in the course — the Arctic 10-person tent and the improvised shelter.

“We had eight Arctic tents signed out, which students and instructors use for training,” said Instructor Bill Hamilton. “During each class, we’ll also give a three-hour platform class about the tent and the heater that goes into it and then the students will go out and practice building the tent throughout other parts of the course. Overall, I’d say students get about 12-16 hours of training with tents.”

Students also spend several nights bivouacking in the tents at designated wooded areas throughout the installation. “This provides a greater understanding on how to build and use these tents for shelters,” Hamilton said.

While out bivouacking, CWOC students also spend nights in an improvised shelter they have to build.

“They build debris shelters out of whatever is available in the woods,” Hamilton said. “This can include fallen logs, sticks, leaves, and tree branches. It’s interesting to see how the students find ways to build these shelters and the designs they come up with.”

Sgt. Jacob Back with the 339th Psychological Operations Battalion of Arden Hills, Minn., was a student in CWOC Class 18-02. He said he appreciated what he learned about



Students in Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-06 move snow while building an Arctic 10-person tent March 7 at Fort McCoy.

shelter building as well as other cold-weather survival skills.

“Actually being able to get out in the field to perform these tasks gave me a lot more knowledge about the things you can easily forget about when having to survive in a cold-weather environment,” Back said. “Those things (like shelter building) have a large impact on staying warm.”

Cpl. Joshua Cameroni, a student with

CWOC Class 18-01 from Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., said the field training with shelters was informative.

“The survival portion was one of my favorite parts of the course as well as learning to build the (improvised) shelters,” Cameroni said. “This course helped my skills and sharpened my ability to think outside the box and learn there are multiple ways to complete a task.”

Hamilton said that after the students successfully set up and stay overnight in the tents or the shelters they built, they have a sense of confidence.

Spec. Brady Heiner, also from the 339th and a Class 18-02 student, said the training made him a better-prepared Soldier.

“This gave me the confidence to know that I can do it — I can survive in a cold-weather environment,” Heiner said.

More than 200 service members have completed the shelter-building training presented in the course during the winter of 2017-2018, Hamilton said. “That’s a couple hundred people who can take these skills back to their units and help train their fellow (service members) in these same skills,” he said.

The CWOC is modeled on the Cold-Weather Leader Course taught by the Army Northern Warfare Training Center at Black Rapids, Alaska. The CWOC program of instruction is nearly identical with the exception that certain skills, such as mountaineering and related topics that are better served in mountainous areas, are not taught.

In addition to learning shelter-construction skills, CWOC students learn skills in skiing and snowshoe training as well as how to use ahkio sleds, said 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.



Students in Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-04 build improvised shelters Feb. 12 on North Post at Fort McCoy.

ADS

NEWS

Women's History Month 2018:**Many women among students in grueling Cold-Weather Operations Course****STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**

Public Affairs Staff

Completing Fort McCoy's Cold-Weather Operations Course is no easy feat, whether you're a man or a woman. The course includes miles of ruck marching in the cold, building shelters and bivouacking in snow and freezing temperatures, and jumping into freezing lakes for cold-water immersion training.

"This course will test how tough you are — no doubt about it," said Instructor Bill Hamilton.

Many women were among the more than 200 students who've completed the Cold-Weather Operations Course, or CWOC. These women were both Marines and Soldiers who came from areas across the United States.

The CWOC is modeled on the Cold-Weather Leader Course taught by the Army Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC) at Black Rapids, Alaska. CWOC students learn skills in skiing and snowshoe training as well as how to use ahkio sleds, said 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.

Cpl. Denee Taylor with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28 of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., was a student in CWOC Class 18-01. She said the course helped her build stronger skills as a leader and as a Marine.

"From adapting to below-freezing weather conditions in a military setting to learning survival skills to keep me and others alive, this course helped me (build) my skills a lot," Taylor said. "You can't lead properly if you're not certain of the steps you need to take to preserve lives and accomplish the mission. ... I was really satisfied with what this course taught me."

Taylor added that she appreciated learning how to start and maintain a fire and how to operate with the right types of clothing and gear in the cold.

"We learned to dress in layers to be able to be comfortable with the amount of physical activity we had to do in the course," Taylor said.

Army ROTC Cadet Molly Brown with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, a student in CWOC Class 18-02, said she appreciated all of the training.

"Everything you need to know to succeed in (cold-weather) is taught in this course," Brown said. "This course significantly prepared me and taught me the skills needed to (operate) and survive in a cold-weather environment."

Brown, who will be an Army officer in the future, said the best and toughest parts of the course included the cold-water immersion and staying out in the cold.



Army ROTC Cadet Molly Brown with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, a student in Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-02, participates in cold-water immersion training Jan. 17 at Fort McCoy.



A female Marine, a student in Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-03, practices knot-tying techniques during course training Jan. 24.

"Everything you need to succeed is taught in this course," Brown said.

"The best parts about this course is the immersion into the cold-weather environment and the level of the attention to detail that is taught."

For Class 18-02 student Sgt. Victoria Walters with the 107th Support Maintenance Company, Detachment 1 of the Wisconsin National Guard in Sparta, attending CWOC training was a valuable experience.

"Spending five nights in the field gave me the hands-on experience needed to work in cold-weather conditions," Walters said. "I feel I now have the skills to be a subject-matter expert in cold-weather training for my unit. I



Female Soldiers who were students in the Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 18-06 practice snowshoeing during training March 7.

definitely gained confidence in working in extreme environments, and I think I am capable of recognizing and treating cold-weather injuries.

"CWOC was challenging, but extremely worthwhile," she said.

And during Women's History Month in March, the achievements and challenges of women are recognized throughout the Department of Defense (DOD).

In a DOD memo by Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Robert L. Wikie, women, like those who attended CWOC, are honored.

"Women have served our military since before the formation of the United States, sup-

porting American troops as early as the Revolutionary War," the memo states. "Dr. Mary Walker was a surgeon who provided medical care to wounded Soldiers during the Civil War, and later became the first and only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. ... Women remain integral to our national defense and military operations — promoting troop readiness; providing humanitarian relief; helping to deter war, resolve conflict, and promote peace; and supporting civil authorities and missions around the world."

For more information about the Department of Defense observance of Women's History Month, visit <https://www.defense.gov/news/special-reports/Womens-History>.

Army Emergency Relief's 2018 campaign underway

Army Emergency Relief (AER) began its 2018 campaign March 1, and it continues through May 15.

At Fort McCoy, Army Community Service (ACS) held an AER campaign kick-off breakfast March 6 at McCoy's Community Center where dozens of installation community members attended.

"The breakfast is an opportunity to inform Fort McCoy leaders that we want to reach out to Soldiers in each unit and let them know how AER can help them," said ACS Director Kevin Herman. "Knowledge is power."

"We want Soldiers to understand the importance of this program and that it allows for many levels of support," Herman said.

Army Emergency Relief is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to active duty and retired Soldiers and their Families.

Since its founding in 1942, through 2016, AER has provided more than \$1.8 billion to more than 3.7 million Soldiers and Families in interest-free loans and grants.

While the mission remains the same, AER has made significant changes to meet the needs of today's Army, adding new categories of assistance, expediting the assistance process, and increasing grants, according to AER Headquarters.

AER offers financial assistance in more than 18 eligible categories, along with scholarships for dependent children and spouses, which help ease the financial burdens on the lives of Army Families every day.

The annual campaign is an opportunity to tell every Soldier, active and retired, and Family Member about the great programs provided by AER.

"AER is making a difference in the lives of Soldiers every day. AER helps not only a Soldier's morale and well-being, but also contributes to individual and unit readiness," said AER's director, retired Army Lt. Gen. Ray Mason.

"Whether the need is money for a Soldier's emergency leave, new brakes for the Family car, or to cover the initial rent deposit on a new apartment, AER is there," Mason said. "Donations from Soldiers, active and retired, are essential to ensure the legacy of Soldiers helping Soldiers continues."

Soldiers needing financial assistance can contact their unit chain of command, go directly to one of the 76 AER sections at their nearest Army installation, or apply online at www.aerhq.org. At Fort McCoy, AER is located in ACS at building 2111.

Stop by the office or call Blonza Graves at 608-388-3540.



Lenten events planned at installation

The Fort McCoy Religious Support Office will soon conduct several seasonal events.

An ecumenical service is planned for Good Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon March 30 at Chapel 10.

A fish lunch will be provided by RSO after the service in building 2675.

Reservations are requested for lunch, but anyone is welcome to join. For more information or to RSVP, call 608-388-3528.

A sunrise service will be conducted for Easter at 6:35 a.m. April 1 at the water tower on South Post.

Doughnuts and hot drinks will be provided after the service at 7 a.m. at South Post Community Center.

Protestant and Catholic Easter services will also be conducted at the usual time April 1. A potluck brunch will follow at the RSO. There will be an Easter egg hunt for children during the brunch.

For more information about the activities or the services provided by RSO, call 608-388-3528 several additional events in honor of Easter, as well.

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File photo

Fort McCoy community members participate in a past Sit, Sip, and Paint workshop at McCoy's Community Center. This is one of many crafting opportunities held at Fort McCoy. These workshops are conducted by a professional artist and offer participants a chance to relax and take home a work of art.

Check out Fort McCoy opportunities for crafting during National Craft Month

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

March is National Craft Month, and Fort McCoy offers plenty of opportunities for those who want to try their hand at creating something.

Army Community Service (ACS) offers a number of workshops throughout the year at its Family Building, the Wood Shop, and South Post Community Center. The workshops cover a wide variety of activities, such as scrapbooking, sewing, bird houses, flag boxes, holiday greeting cards, and more.

ACS offers these activities to help promote Family bonds and take some of the stress out of the military lifestyle, said Family Advocacy Program Manager Carrie Olson.

"Our workshops offer Families a chance to learn something new and spend quality time together," Olson said. "Both children and adults enjoy making new memories and taking home their projects to show off at home."

Single Soldiers and civilians are also welcome to attend the workshops, as are Family members looking for a little time to themselves.

"Taking time for yourself is just as important in promoting resiliency," Olson said.

Most ACS activities are open to all Soldiers, Family members, civilian workers, contractors, retirees, and registered volunteers.

To find out about upcoming workshops, check www.facebook.com/fortmccoyacs/ or [mccoy.armym-](mailto:mccoy.armym-wr.com)

[wr.com](mailto:mccoy.armym-wr.com) or call 608-388-3505. ACS staff members are always happy to get suggestions for the types of workshops and programs that community members would like to see, Olson said.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation offers painting workshops at McCoy's Community Center several times each year. These workshops are conducted by a professional artist and offers participants a chance to relax and take home a work of art. These events are open to the public, and Fort McCoy community members can bring friends from off the installation.

For more information about the painting workshops, call 608-388-3213.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy has been hosting social and crafting events for service members and their Families during slower training months. Ellie Hazlett, director of operations and volunteer management at USO Wisconsin, said the organization will focus on assisting service members who are training during summer months, but they plan to resume Family activities in the fall.

Some of the projects USO has offered include coloring (for both adults and children), rock painting, and pumpkin carving.

USO Wisconsin activities and services are available to service members and their immediate Family members. Schedules and information are available at the USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy office in building 1501, calling 414-477-7279, or emailing ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

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Workplace Eye Wellness Month: Tips for eye wellness, safety

March is Workplace Eye Wellness Month. Each day, about 2,000 U.S. workers sustain job-related eye injuries that require medical treatment.

About one third of the injuries are treated in hospital emergency departments, and more than 100 of these injuries result in one or more days away from work.

How do eye injuries happen to workers?

- Striking or scraping — The majority of eye injuries result from small particles or objects striking or scraping the eye, such as dust, cement chips, metal slivers, and wood chips. These materials are often ejected by tools, windblown, or fall from above a worker. Large objects may also strike the eye or face, or a worker may run into an object, causing blunt-force trauma to the eyeball or eye socket.

- Penetration — Objects like nails, staples, or slivers of wood or metal can go through the eyeball and result in a permanent loss of vision.

- Chemical and thermal burns — Industrial chemicals or cleaning products are common causes of chemical burns to one or both eyes. Thermal burns to the eye also occur, often among welders. These burns damage workers' eyes and surrounding tissue.

How do workers acquire eye diseases?

Eye diseases are often transmitted through the mucous membranes of the eye as a result

of direct exposure to things like blood splashes, droplets from coughing or sneezing, or from touching the eyes with a contaminated finger or object.

Eye diseases can result in minor reddening or soreness of the eye or in life-threatening diseases, such as HIV infection, hepatitis B, or avian influenza.

What can workers do to prevent eye injury and disease?

Wear personal protective eyewear, such as goggles, face shields, safety glasses, or full face respirators.

The eye protection needed for specific work situations depends upon the nature and extent of the hazard, the circumstances of exposure, other protective equipment used, and personal vision needs.

Eye protection should be fit to an individual or adjustable to provide appropriate coverage. It should be comfortable and allow for sufficient peripheral vision.

What can employers do to prevent worker eye injury and disease?

Employers can ensure safety measures are used to reduce eye injuries and to protect against infection exposures.

Employers can conduct hazard assessments to determine the appropriate types of protective eyewear appropriate for given tasks.

Randy Eddy, Installation Safety Office (ISO) manager at Fort McCoy, said eye safety is a top priority at the installation.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Students in a Regional Training Site-Maintenance course work on a project wearing protective eyewear in 2017.

“It’s important for workers to be aware of hazards that can cause eye injuries in their workplace and utilize the correct types of eye protection related to the hazards they are exposed to,” Eddy said. “The ISO has professional safety personnel who can assist organizations in identifying eye-hazard exposures within their work environments and recommend the appropriate protective eyewear.”

“Once appropriate eye protection has been determined, it is the responsibility of the individual to wear the protective eyewear when working within the hazardous environment,” Eddy said. “They should also report to their supervisor when protective eyewear is lost or

damaged. Supervisors have the responsibility to ensure individuals wear the protective eyewear they are provided and keep an adequate supply on hand to replace worn-out or lost items.

“Be proactive and protect your eyesight.”

To find out more about workplace eye-health topics, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov>.

For more information about eye safety and other safety at Fort McCoy, call ISO at 608-388-3403 or stop by building 1678.

(Article prepared by Centers for Disease Control. Information contributed by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and Installation Safety Office.)

April events raise awareness of sexual assault, child abuse

April is a busy month for observances. Fort McCoy has a number of activities planned to celebrate and bring awareness to these observances.

Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month, Autism Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month are all in April.

Guest speaker Kelse Nablina will speak to Fort McCoy community members 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. April 11 about her experiences as a survivor of human trafficking.

Nablina, who has worked as a mental health specialist and addiction counselor, will share information about how to identify victims of human trafficking and how to help them.

Garrison personnel who attend the event can receive credit for substance-abuse, Family Advocacy Program, and in-person Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Pre-

vention training. Advance registration is not required.

For more information, call 608-388-3505.

The April Showers 5k Run/Walk will be at 2:30 p.m. April 18 at Rumpel Fitness Center to raise awareness of child abuse and sexual assault.

The event is free and open to all Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. One- and 2-mile routes are available for those who wish to participate in the walk.

Medals will be given to the top participants, and a Commander’s Challenge Award will be given to the organization with the most registered participants, including military members, civilians, and Family members.

Participants are encouraged to wear blue or teal.

Registration is required by April 11. For more information, call 608-388-3200.

Fort McCoy will participate in Denim Day, an international event to raise awareness and show support for sexual-assault survivors.

The campaign was originally triggered by an Italian case in which a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that because the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent.

Peace Over Violence runs the campaign on the last Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

For more information about Denim Day, visit www.denimday-info.org

Garrison civilian employees are approved to wear jeans April 25.

Civilians and Soldiers working for tenant organizations should contact their leadership for permission to participate.

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



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Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. signs a proclamation for an April observance during a past ceremony before the April Showers 5k Walk/Run at Fort McCoy.

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DJ Trivia

held weekly at McCoy's

McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, holds DJ trivia from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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

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

For more information, call 608-388-4161.

Easter Eggstravaganza set for March 24

Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for March 24 at the Fort McCoy Exchange and Constitution Park.

Festivities kick off with breakfast with the Easter bunny from 8 to 11:20 a.m. A special breakfast menu with French toast sticks will be available in addition to the usual breakfast menu at the Exchange food court.

Photos with the Easter bunny will be available from 9 to 11:20 a.m. Crafts and activities, including face painting, coloring, egg toss, and donut decorating, will start at 9 a.m. and end at 11:20 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m., Families can participate in a parade from the Exchange to Constitution Park. At 11:30 a.m., an Easter Egg Hunt will start at Constitution Park. A separate egg hunt is available for children in the Exceptional Family Member Program. The inclement weather location for the egg hunt will be Rumpel Fitness Center.

No advance registration is required. For more information, call 608-388-3200.

April Fool's Swim Challenge starts April 2 at gym

The April Fool's Swim Challenge runs April 2-11 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Participants can pick up a punch card with 16 different swimming strokes and distances. After completing all 16, return the completed card to the front desk for a chance to win a prize.

For more information, call 608-388-2290.

'Identifying Depression' scheduled for April 16

A workshop on the signs and symptoms of depression is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to noon April 16 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The workshop is designed to help participants recognize and manage behaviors, thoughts, and feelings that could be signs or symptoms of depression. It also discusses when to seek out or refer someone to professional help.

The training is a collaboration between the American Red Cross and Army Community Service (ACS.) A lunch buffet will be free for



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Cold Steel prep

Soldiers training in Operation Cold Steel II prepare for a training event March 7 at Fort McCoy. More than 3,000 Soldiers are expected to attend this mounted crew-served weapons qualification training at the installation through May 31.

registered participants. Space is limited.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by April 13. For more information or to register, call 608-388-6712.

April Showers 5k set for April 18

The April Showers 5k run/walk is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. April 18 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The event is free and open to all eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. Medals will be awarded to the top runners in each category. The Commander's Challenge Award will be given to the organization with the most participants.

The event helps bring awareness to child abuse and sexual assault. Participants are encouraged to wear blue or teal to show support.

Registration is required by April 11. For more information, call 608-388-3200.

Organic gardening class set for May 2

An organic gardening class, part of the Army Community Service (ACS) Life Skill Series, is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. May 2 at South Post Community Center.

The class is designed for the beginner and will discuss the basics of plant biology. It will cover how to prepare growing places and how to choose the best garden for a Family. The class will help participants develop a list of produce tailored to a Family's available space and how much time can be devoted to the garden.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by April 25. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

Genealogy class scheduled for May 4

"Tracing Your Roots," a genealogy class, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The class offers tips and one-on-one guidance on researching Family history. The presentation will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. Individual appointments with the instructor will be available from 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by April 30. For more information or to register, call 608-388-6712.

Como Zoo trip planned for May 12

A day trip to the Como Zoo in Minneapolis is planned for 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 12.

Leave the driving to Army Community Service (ACS) and spend a day with the Family at the Como Zoo. There is no fee for the transportation. The entrance fee to the zoo is an optional donation. Families may pack their own lunches or purchase food at the zoo. Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. For more information or to register, call 608-388-3505 or email carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil.

Armed Forces Day Open House scheduled for May 19

The annual Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19. This Family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The installation's Commemorative Area will serve as the hub of activity for this event and

will showcase the History Center, five World War II-era buildings, the Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza.

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

Guests must enter the installation through Gate 15 off Highway 21 between Sparta and Tomah. Adults must be prepared to present photo identification.

For more information, call 608-388-2407.

Old World Wisconsin trip scheduled for Aug. 4

A trip to Old World Wisconsin, a historical recreation site and museum in Eagle, Wis., is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 4.

Old World Wisconsin showcases life from the 1840s through the 1910s. It features more than 60 historic structures, ranging from farmsteads to small-town villages. The site gives visitors a hands-on approach to learning history, allowing them to help with chores, try old-fashioned crafts and trades, and play games.

Army Community Service (ACS) will do the driving and provide free transportation for the trip. Admission for military members and Family is free through the Blue Star Museums program. Admission fees for others are available online at oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

Families may pack their own lunches or purchase food at the site. Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. For more information or to register, call 608-388-3505 or email carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil.

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.

Team members will be expected to train together prior to the Army Ten-Miler, which will take place 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 Woommavovah at 608-388-4929.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published April 13. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication is noon April 4.

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.

Rumpal 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: Starting April 7, open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

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

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Building 8061. *Closed for the season.*

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 (pizza, pasta, and rotating hot dishes) available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Pizza available 9-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7673.

Sports bar: 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.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. *Closed for the season. Chalet available year-round for private parties. 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 8 a.m.-3 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

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **April 12, 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.

24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-2478 (8326).

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

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

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 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.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-388-4343. 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: 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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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.

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