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Celebrating Arbor Day

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. (left) and other community members plant trees on the cantonment area April 27 during the installation observance of Arbor Day. Dozens of people participated in the event. To see more about the observance, see page 8.

McCoy team members among those recognized during National Public Service Recognition Week

STORY & PHOTO BY AIMEE MALONE
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Fort McCoy civilian employees spend their careers serving and supporting the Army, military members, and their families to ensure continuous success.

During the week of May 6-12, which is Public Service Recognition Week, those same employees are recognized nationally for providing that support.

Celebrated the first week of May since 1985 (beginning on the first Sunday of the month), Public Service Recognition Week is organized annually by the Pub-

lic Employees Roundtable and its member organizations to honor the men and women who serve the nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees, according to www.publicservicerecognitionweek.org.

Laurie Bjerke, assistant official mail manager with the Directorate of Human Resources' Official Mail Distribution Center, started working at the Fort McCoy mail room in 1982. Though the post and the faces around her have frequently changed, Bjerke said she's never been tempted to leave — even for another job on post.

"We moved here when I was three. My dad was in the military ... and retired here as the deputy commander in 1968. And then he joined the civil service and retired from that in 1982," Bjerke said. "So all I ever knew was Fort McCoy, and I always wanted to work at Fort McCoy."

"Once I got started in the mail room, I thought, 'This is really kind of fun.' There's so many things we have to do; it's not just sitting at a cubicle all day," she said. "It's a very diverse job. I get to do so many things, and I never get bored."

Bjerke said she's seen a lot of changes (See **SERVICE**, Page 3)

Post Wellness Fair scheduled for May 16

The annual Fort McCoy Wellness Fair is scheduled for May 16 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

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

A 5k run/2-mile walk will start at 10:15 a.m. Registration is required by 9:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top runners in age and gender categories. The race is also a qualifier for the Army Ten-Miler team.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., area businesses will showcase products and services related to fitness and health. Health screenings also will be available from some vendors.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

Events planned for May 19 at Fort McCoy

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.

A garrison change of command ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. May 19 at Rumpel Fitness Center. Incoming Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim will replace outgoing Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr.

This event is invitation only and not open to the public; however, it will be broadcast live on monitors during the Armed Forces Day Open House, which is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and open to the public.

For information about the change of command, call 608-388-3545.

U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion-Milwaukee will host an "Our Community Salutes" event, which recognizes and supports high school students who plan to join the military after graduation, at 1 p.m. May 19 at Rumpel Fitness Center.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 608-388-2037.

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Employees with contractor L.S. Black Constructors of St. Paul, Minn., work on building foundation-level infrastructure April 25 for a new \$13.5 million, 1,428-person annual training/mobilization dining facility in the 1800-block at Fort McCoy.

Construction begins on new dining facility in Fort McCoy's cantonment area

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Construction on a new \$13.5 million, 1,428-person annual training/mobilization dining facility began in the 1800-block at Fort McCoy in April.

Workers with contractor L.S. Black Constructors of St. Paul, Minn., have already broken ground and have infrastructure work started, said Nathan Butts, contract oversight representative with the Fort McCoy Project Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"As of early May, they've put in some of the building footings and concrete foundation walls," Butts said. "They also have completed some work for the utilities for the structure."

Though the contract was awarded in November 2017, the contractor wasn't able to get to work until winter finally ended, Butts said.

"They're working hard on the project now," he said. "The project completion date is set for October 2019."

According to the contract scope of work, the new facility

will be built with food preparation and cooking areas; an entrance/control area; and serving, dining, dishwashing, administration, and locker areas. It will also have a state-of-the-art waste-disposal system, a receiving and loading dock, cold and dry storage, and more.

Butts said building a dining facility is different than building other types of facilities and generally takes longer. "These facilities require lots of specialty equipment, which means additional time is needed to build the connections and lines for that equipment into the infrastructure," he said.

Fort McCoy Food Service Manager Andy Pisney of the Logistics Readiness Center Supply and Services Division said the new dining facility is much needed and will increase food-service capabilities. Pisney's office oversees the food-service contract for Fort McCoy dining facilities.

"When this is done, it will be more of a unit-operated dining facility," Pisney said. "It will really work well for those larger units who currently might sign out two or three of our World War II-era facilities to feed their troops. Now they'll only have to sign out one facility."

The new facility is being built on several acres of land. It will have a large parking lot and plenty of space for customers.

Pisney said this facility will be the fifth brick-and-mortar dining facility on post.

"There are also plans to build another dining facility in between the 2400 and 2500 blocks on the cantonment area," Butts said.

"The contract for that project should be awarded soon, and construction could even begin this year as well."

Pisney said that as these newer facilities get built, the older and smaller facilities that units use now will eventually go away.

"That's all part of the installation's master plan at (Directorate of Public Works)," Pisney said. "Ten years ago, a lot of these newer dining facilities were just a part of that plan, but now it's great to see them being built and that plan coming to fruition."

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at www.mccoy.army.mil, on Facebook by searching "fmmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy."

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on post throughout her time in the government.

“Office symbols change all the time. Buildings change all the time,” she said. “There’s been so much demolition of old buildings and new buildings erected (and) so many different units that have come on post.”

Working in public service requires the same skills as working in customer service, Bjerke said. It’s not that different from working in a private business.

“It requires a lot of patience and insight into people,” she said. “You have people from everywhere. You see all different kinds of people and different kinds of cultures and backgrounds.”

Debra Polstin, administrative support assistant for the Fort McCoy command group/team, has worked at Fort McCoy since 1984. She said she wanted to work after high school instead of continuing with school, so she took civil-service tests to see what jobs she qualified for and starting working in administration. She’s held administrative jobs in several departments throughout post.

Polstin said working for the government, especially supporting the military, felt different from other jobs she could have chosen in the private sector.

“It’s a whole different world than private sector,” Polstin said. “I think it’s very rewarding.”

Ann Wermer, Relocation Program manager with Army Community Service, started working at Fort McCoy in 1988. Her first job was in finance, and she transitioned to Army Community Service in 1992.

As Relocation Program manager, she tries to

help make the transition as easy as possible for both civilian employees and military Families by finding out what sort of resources will help them and informing them about what services are available at Fort McCoy.

“Army Community Service is important as a whole because we have so many programs to help support military, civilians, spouses, retirees, and so on,” Wermer said.

Wermer said she’s worked with a number of programs at Fort McCoy throughout the years, such as the Army Family Action Plan, the Army Career and Alumni Program, and the Combined Federal Campaign.

Wermer said that while she didn’t start her career working in the government, federal employment has helped her fulfill the path she wanted to follow — helping others.

“My degree was in sociology, so I always wanted to work in that capacity where I was helping others,” Wermer said. “The military are there supporting us every day of the year — and their Families. It’s an honor to be able to be there to support them.”

Polstin also said she finds working for the Army very fulfilling.

“It gives you a feeling of pride,” she said. “We’re here to support the service members.”

Fort McCoy has more than 1,100 civilian employees working in five directorates, numerous support offices, and the post’s tenant organizations.

For more information about Public Service Recognition Week, visit www.publicservicerecognitionweek.org.

For information about government careers, visit www.usajobs.gov.



Laurie Bjerke, assistant official mail manager with the Directorate of Human Resources’ Official Mail Distribution Center, works in the mail room April 27 at Fort McCoy.



Post BOSS members volunteer for event

Members of the Fort McCoy Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) program participate in the Neighbor’s Day 2018 volunteer event April 28 in La Crosse, Wis.

According to new Fort McCoy BOSS President Sgt. 1st Class Misty Wilson with the Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy, several post BOSS members supported four projects by raking yards, washing windows, and trimming bushes for elderly people in the La Crosse area.

Neighbor’s Day is organized by the La Crosse-area Habitat of Humanity.

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Holocaust Remembrance Day: *Sharing stories key to learning from past*

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

Sharing stories is the key to learning from the past and preventing repeat offenses, said Holocaust Remembrance Day speaker Jeffrey Gingold on April 27 at Fort McCoy.

Gingold is a freelance writer and second-generation Holocaust survivor. His book "Tunnel, Smuggle, Collect: A Holocaust Boy" is the story of how his father, grandparents, and other family members survived and escaped the Warsaw Ghetto.

Gingold said that while he was growing up, he knew very little about his family's struggles before and during World War II.

"My grandparents and father never talked about the Warsaw Ghetto or living in Nazi-controlled territory, other than (to say) it happened, they were there, and they got out — somehow," Gingold said.

"Please understand that they lived in a time of fear. When they were (under) Nazi control, you could not talk. Talk meant death for you, death for your family, (and) death for anybody associated with you," he said. "They had burned into them never to talk to anybody, even to family, about what happened."

Gingold shared excerpts from his book on what it was like for those who tried to flee the bombing raids during the Siege of Warsaw in 1939, which happened when his father, Sam, was only 6 years old. His family escaped the German strafing runs on evacuees only to be rounded up at the Russian-Polish border, returned to Warsaw, and assigned to a building in what would shortly become the Warsaw Ghetto.

Gingold's grandfather, Duvid Gingold, was forced to work on the crew that bricked the Jews in to the ghetto.

"They built a city within a city. They started with fences and barbed wire, and then they turned into walls — 20, 30 feet tall," he said. "It wasn't to keep people from getting in; it was to keep the Jews from leaving. And all the Jews from Warsaw and the area were all poured into this one ghetto."

As conditions worsened in the ghetto, Gingold said, Sam began helping his family by smuggling their belongings out of the ghetto and into the black market to trade for what food they could find: mostly scraps of old vegetables.

When he asked his father and grandparents how they had survived when so many other people had died — more than 400,000 Jews were imprisoned in the ghetto and an estimated 300,000 were executed while about 92,000 died of starvation, disease, and in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising — they said they simply lived one day at a time.

"The whole goal of the day that you were in was to get to the next day. It was difficult to see a future," Gingold said. "The only thing you could think about was to survive. Survive the



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Holocaust Remembrance Day speaker Jeffrey Gingold gives his presentation April 27 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy.

hour, survive the day."

Remembering both the victims of the Holocaust and what led to their deaths is important to ensuring the past isn't repeated, Gingold said, and he encouraged people to listen to survivors, their families, and their stories.

Congress established the Days of Remembrance in 1979 as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. It typically begins the Sunday before the Jewish observance of Yom HaShoah and continues through the following Sunday.

The Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators, according to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The regime also targeted political opponents and other minority groups they perceived as inferior, including Roma, Slavic groups, homosexuals, and people with

mental and physical disabilities.

"I believe that there is more good than evil in people ... but we must remember history," Gingold said. "We must never take it for granted, or evil will repeat itself."

Gingold also encouraged people to learn from the past by listening to their own families' stories.

"Every family has a story," Gingold said. "Even though you think you know what your parents went through, what your grandparents went through, I suggest maybe you don't know the whole story. I certainly did not."

In the 2018 Holocaust Days of Remembrance proclamation, President Donald Trump said the same.

"Let us continue to come together to remember all the innocent lives lost in the Holocaust, pay tribute to those intrepid individuals who resisted the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto,

and recall those selfless heroes who risked their lives in order to help or save those of their persecuted neighbors," the proclamation states "Their bravery inspires us to embrace all that is good about hope and resilience; their altruism reminds us of the importance of maintaining peace and unity, and of our civic duty never to remain silent or indifferent in the face of evil.

"We have a responsibility to convey the lessons of the Holocaust to future generations, and together as Americans, we have a moral obligation to combat antisemitism, confront hate, and prevent genocide. We must ensure that the history of the Holocaust remains forever relevant and that no people suffer these tragedies ever again."

The next Equal Opportunity observance is later in May for Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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88th Readiness Division welcomes new Army Reserve ambassadors

STORY & PHOTO BY ZACHARY MOTT
88th Readiness Division

Working as one of the implements in the chief of the Army Reserve's kit, Army Reserve Ambassadors are a vital link between private citizens and the Soldiers who serve for them.

Six of the newest Army Reserve Ambassadors for the 88th Readiness Division (RD) attended a one-day orientation to their duties as an ambassador at the division's Fort McCoy headquarters April 23.

During the day, the newly appointed ambassadors were briefed by 88th RD Deputy Commanding General Brig. Gen. Tony L. Wright and 88th RD Chief of Staff Charles C. Hudson about operations across the 19-state region and ways in which the Ambassadors can help achieve the mission goals of the 88th RD.

"I think the attributes that you bring to the table for the Army Reserve Ambassador Program is exactly why you are here," Wright said while addressing the new ambassadors. "Those contacts and that experience that you have allows that connection with the business and legislative members so that we can promote the Army Reserve in those arenas."

The new ambassadors then went to Fort McCoy's Range 26 to observe a live-fire gunnery as part of Operation Cold Steel II and to celebrate the Army Reserve's 110th birthday. While there, they observed Lt. Gen. Charles Luckey, commanding general of U.S. Army Reserve Command and chief of Army Reserve, along with the oldest Soldier in attendance, Sgt. Maj. Thomas Blohowiak, and the youngest Soldier in attendance, Pfc. Andrew Calvert, ceremonially slice the birthday cake in honor of the founding of the Army Reserve.

Interacting with Soldiers that these ambassadors will represent is a chance for them to understand the mission and how they can support Soldiers.



Newly appointed Army Reserve Ambassadors listen to a briefing from Operation Cold Steel II Commander Col. Phillip Taylor, 86th Training Division, during the ambassadors one-day orientation April 23 at Fort McCoy.

"Our newly appointed ambassadors appreciate the chance for small group collaboration and instruction from key staff members as our mission, strategy, and community-outreach goals change as well as their role supporting Soldiers and Family members within our 19-state footprint," said Katherine Bissonette, Army Reserve ambassador coordinator for the 88th RD.

The newly appointed ambassadors who attended the orientation included: Robert A. Fitton, a retired Army colonel

representing Wyoming; Timothy Irish, a retired Army sergeant major representing Nebraska; Steven P. Kenyon, a retired lieutenant colonel representing Michigan; Arthur J. Leak, a retired Army command sergeant major representing Indiana; Randy G. Masten, a retired Army lieutenant colonel representing Kansas; John S. Thodos, a former mayor representing Illinois; and Ralph E. Veppert, a retired Army command sergeant major representing Ohio.

Army Reserve birthday observed

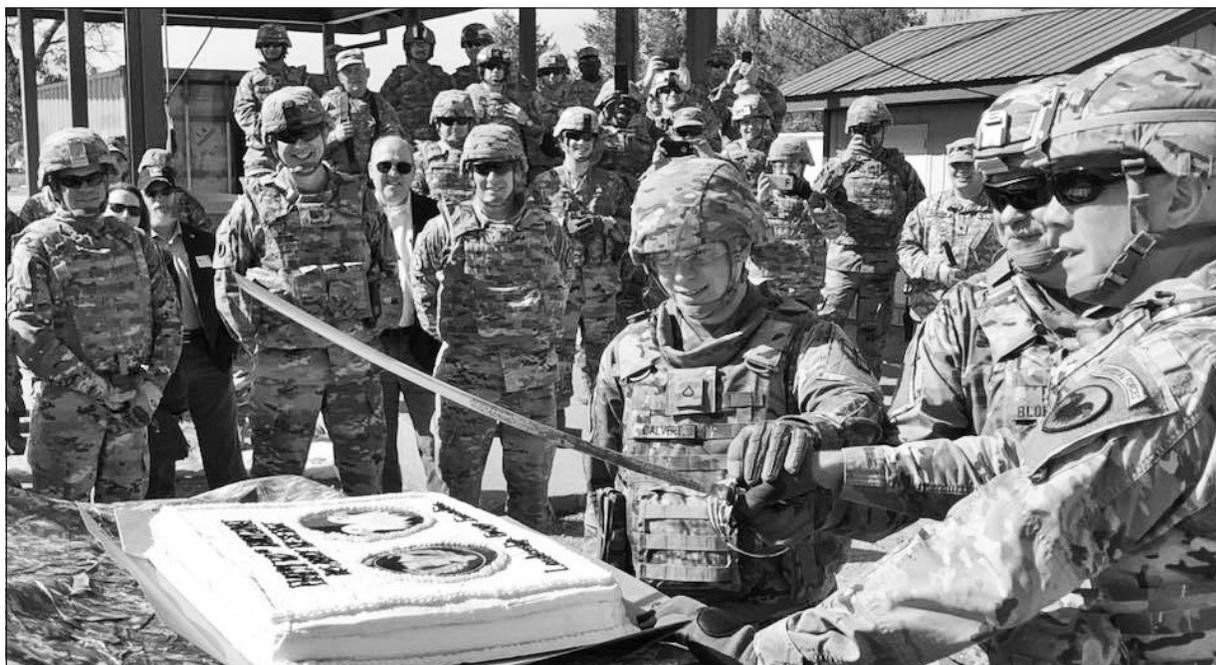
Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey (right), chief of Army Reserve and commanding general, Army Reserve Command, assists two other Soldiers in cutting a cake to observe the Army Reserve's 110th birthday April 23 at Fort McCoy.

Luckey held the observance with Reserve Soldiers participating in Operation Cold Steel II at the installation.

The Army Reserve was founded April 23, 1908, when Congress authorized the Army to establish a Medical Reserve Corps, the official predecessor of the Army Reserve.

Today, approximately 200,000 Army Reserve Soldiers serve around the globe.

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New recruiting company commander

Capt. David R. Sanchez, new commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Company-Fort McCoy, stands in the lead position of the company formation during a change of command ceremony for the company April 27 at Fort McCoy. Sanchez took command from Capt. Eric Hurtado. Sanchez is a 19-year military veteran. Lt. Col. Sedrick Jackson, the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion-Milwaukee commander, served as presiding officer for the ceremony.

Army looks to make sweeping changes to safety doctrine

BY LORI YERDON

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — Sweeping changes to Army safety doctrine, training, and ease of accident reporting are the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center's top priorities (USACRC), said Brig. Gen David J. Francis as he addressed safety professionals from throughout the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command during an inaugural safety summit at Anniston Army Depot.

"Our mission at the USACRC is to assist commanders with loss prevention as we deploy our Soldiers and civilians to the most dangerous places on earth," Francis said. "To do that effectively, we need to revamp the Army safety program from top to bottom to ensure our warfighters are prepared for the next mission, wherever it will take them."

Francis outlined details of the safety pro-

gram's overhaul and explained how safety professionals can become part of the solution rather than being "problem admirers."

"We've deliberately and continuously solicited input from safety professionals around the Army on how we can do better," Francis said. "We have three lines of effort driving our safety modernization that supports warfighter readiness and enhances loss prevention, all of which are integral with mission and command."

For the first line of effort, Francis described how modernizing the Army Safety and Occupational Health Program and revising safety policies and regulations will ensure requirements get to an unambiguous level executable by commanders.

"When I first took this job, an 11-inch-high stack of safety regulations were put on my desk," he said. "The bottom line is when you have a stack that's 11 inches high, it's imperative to whittle that down to the most common

elements and determine the most important things needed to express across our Army in terms of safety and occupational health and risk management.

"We realize there's duplication in many of our regulations and DA Pams (Pamphlets)," Francis added. "Sometimes guidance in a regulation differs from guidance in a corresponding DA Pam. It's a tedious yet necessary process as we don't want to discard the relevant information."

Enhancement of the Army Safety and Occupational Health Enterprise Information Management System (ASOHEIMS) will consist of upgrades to and ease of use for mishap reporting and tracking systems, both of which are key components of the second line of effort.

"We're working toward improvements in mishap reporting through technological and other process improvements," Francis said.

"We've needed an overhaul of our mishap reporting system for quite some time, and ASOHEIMS is an expandable and adaptable endeavor scheduled to launch in January 2019."

The third and final line of effort is improving the workforce's proficiency and effectiveness.

"We're in the midst of updating our training, and so far, we're receiving great feedback from our interns as we send them out across the Army," Francis said. "There are a lot of certification requirements that we're examining carefully, as we've expanded from 1,200 safety professionals across the force to 7,000."

The increase in safety professionals correlates to growth from six to 26 career fields in Career Program-12.

"We continually strive to get our training to the best level possible, not only for our safety professionals but as we train risk management to the rest of the Army," Francis added.

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NCO Academy students complete field training at Fort McCoy

Students in Basic Leader Course Class 18-05 participated in a situational training exercise April 30 on South Post at Fort McCoy.

The Basic Leader Course, taught at the Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA), incorporates recent Armywide lessons learned, battle drills, and Army Warrior Tasks into course training. As part of the course, students participate in a 36-hour situational training exercise that concentrates on competency, battle-focused combat scenarios, and troop-leading procedures. The NCOA was activated at Fort McCoy in 1988.

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



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jae Jung/Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy

Students in Basic Leader Course Class 18-05 participate in a training scenario April 30 at a training area on South Post at Fort McCoy.



Basic Leader Course Class 18-05 students cheer each other on prior to completing a training scenario April 30 on South Post.



Students help a fellow Soldier with a simulated injury during a training scenario April 30 on South Post at Fort McCoy.

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Fort McCoy holds 30th Arbor Day observance

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Dozens of adults and children from the Fort McCoy community participated in the installation's 30th observance of Arbor Day on April 27 with the planting of more than 400 trees on the cantonment area.

The installation ceremony included not only the planting of 415 trees, but also the reading of the Arbor Day proclamation and the presentation of the installation's 29th consecutive Tree City USA award, said Forester James Kerkman with the Forestry Office of the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB).

"We've been doing this for 30 straight years, and since we held a 30th observance, we also qualify for a 30th Tree City USA award next year," Kerkman said.

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr., Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Frank T. Mathias, Deputy to the Garrison Commander James A. Chen, DPW Director Liane Haun, DPW Environmental Division Chief James Hessel, NRB Chief Mark McCarty, and others were among the personnel supporting the event.

"Trees were planted 25 feet away from the cantonment area fence line in one long row," Kerkman said. "The trees are planted in accordance with our installation physical-security requirements and will eventually serve as a natural screen between the installation and Highway 21."

Arbor Day founder J. Sterling Morton started the observance in the late 19th century by organizing a statewide Arbor Day for Nebraska.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF), Morton was a respected agriculturalist and is widely known for his push to educate the public about updated agricultural and forestry techniques.

During the first Arbor Day, an estimated 1 million trees were planted. Today, many communities across America recognize Arbor Day every year in late April.

To qualify for a Tree City USA designation, a town or city must meet four standards established by the NADF and the National Association of State Foresters to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree-management plan and program, according to the NADF.

The four requirements are maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

Kerkman said the installation meets all four requirements with an urban forestry program that completes tree care through a DPW contractor, establishment of Fort McCoy Regulation 420-34 — "Urban Tree Management," per capita findings from installation economic



Forester James Kerkman and Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. hold up the Tree City USA flag on April 27 with students and staff with the Child Development Center during the Fort McCoy observance of Arbor Day.



Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Matthias, garrison command sergeant major, works with a student to plant a tree April 27 on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy. Dozens of community members planted more than 400 trees for Arbor Day.

impact data, and the annual Arbor Day observance.

The Fort McCoy Arbor Day event is always coordinated by the installation Forestry program, Kerkman said. In addition to 415 trees

planted during the observance, Kerkman said more than 4,000 trees overall were planted throughout post.

"Boy Scout Troop 5 from Tomah (Wis.) helped plant over 1,000 trees on (April 27),

and students with a local school, High Point School, planted 1,000 trees on April 24 on post," Kerkman said. NRB staff also planted another 1,585 trees on May 1 in Training Area B-9 to revegetate a fire damaged area.

SAFETY

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH! RIDE SAFE.



Graphic courtesy of Lasalle Parish Sheriff's Office

Operators should prepare motorcycles for warmer weather

The days are getting longer and warmer, the geese are heading north, and the urge to throw your leg over the saddle and fire up your motorcycle is almost too much to bear. Before you bring that bike back to life, however, there are a few things you must do to get it and yourself ready for the riding season.

First, pay attention to your motorcycle owner's manual. If you put your bike into hibernation the way your manual told you to, just follow its instructions to get your scooter back on the road. You'll have your work cut out for you, though, if you just parked that baby in the corner of your garage or shed.

For those of you who followed the manual, your prep time will be relatively short. Pull off the cover, fill up the gas tank, change the oil, and check the tires for correct pressures and signs of dry rot. Remove any plugs you installed to keep the critters out of your exhaust, carburetor and air filter intake and then connect the battery following the manual's procedures.

If you didn't put your battery on a trickle charger, you might have problems getting the bike fired up. But between your manual and T-CLOCS (tires and wheels, controls, lights and electrics, oil and other fluids, chassis, and stands) inspections checklist, your pre-ride inspection should cover everything.

Although your bike might be road ready now, you have to check your personal protective equipment to make sure it still fits and is in serviceable condition. This is also the time to make sure your bike is licensed and insured properly. Some of you might have deregistered your motorcycle during the winter to place it on your homeowners insurance. If so, you'll have to go through the registration and insurance processes again.

Next, you need to get yourself ready for the road. Your first trip shouldn't be from Fort Riley, Kan., to Daytona Beach, Fla., for bike week. Ease back into shape and knock off the rust by practicing your riding skills. You might need a refresher course if it's been longer than a few months since your last ride, so contact your local safety office to find the nearest rider's safety course. The Fort McCoy Safety Office is in building 1678 and can be reached at 608-388-3403.

Lane position is important when you're on the road. Always position yourself in the lane of travel so you can be seen at the greatest distance possible. You'll also need to be more diligent with your scanning technique and pay particular attention to the road surface so you can spot any cracks or potholes that developed over the winter.

If your unit or installation has a Motorcycle Mentorship Program, call them up and join the group. The program is a great way to meet people that share the same passion for riding, and you also can enjoy group rides and activities. If your installation doesn't have one, contact your safety office to check on starting one.

Local mentorship programs increase the general public's awareness of motorcyclists by putting groups of Army riders — whether they're active duty, retired, or Department of Defense civilians — together on the road.

About 8.5 million motorcycles are registered in the United States, and roughly 33,000 of those are owned by Soldiers. Today's riders are Soldiers of all ranks and gender as well as friends, relatives, and neighbors. Remember, motorcyclists and motorists share the responsibility of watching for and giving each other room to maneuver.

Whether you're a hardcore or fair-weather rider, machine, mind, and body have to be firing on all cylinders to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding season. Warm weather will come and go, so enjoy it while it's here.

(Article prepared by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center.)

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File photo

Soldiers stationed at Camp McCoy attend a May Day Rock and Roll dance May 1, 1965, at Service Club No. 1 on post with female students from Viterbo College of La Crosse, Wis.

This month in Fort McCoy history

75 years ago — May 3, 1943

The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) Detachment of 1620 Service Unit, the first WAAC unit on post, was activated May 3, 1943, at Camp McCoy.

The order of activation was published just 48 hours after the arrival of the first WAAC member, Lt. Bertha Kuschill. On May 7, 23 others arrived by train from widely scattered stations in the South and Southwest. The commanding officer was expected to arrive during the weekend. The detachment was expected to total about 150.

(Editor's note: The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was converted to active-duty status in July 1943, when it became known as the Women's Army Corps, or WAC.)

71 Years Ago — May 17, 1947

Camp McCoy streams were opened to the civilian population for fishing May 17, 1947, for the first time since the war. An estimated 1,500 fishermen came out for the season

opening, despite it being a rainy day. A total of 2,169 fishing permits had been issued by May 20 to residents of Tomah, Sparta, and La Crosse, as well as Soldiers and civilians employed at Camp McCoy.

54 Years Ago — May 31, 1964

More than 1,600 Army Reserve Soldiers from Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, and Indiana arrived at Camp McCoy on May 31, 1964, kicking off the annual summer training season. The arrival of the troops more than doubled the post's population, which totaled about 1,400 Soldiers and civilian employees. More were expected to arrive in the following weeks.

45 Years Ago — May 1973

Charlie Company of the 367th Engineer Battalion of Duluth, Minn., rebuilt a stretch of sidewalk from building 102 to 104 during their two-week annual training. The work was

part of a number of troop projects planned by the 416th Engineer Command of Chicago. Other projects included building renovations; road maintenance; and construction of a prisoner-of-war compound for training, tank ranges, and the beach at Squaw Lake. (Squaw Lake was renamed Suukjak Sep Lake in 2016.)

20 Years Ago — May 1998

Troop Medical Clinics No. 1 and No. 2 combined into one location, building 2669, in May 1998.

Prior to 1998, a medical section was brought to Fort McCoy to serve Reservists in Troop Medical Clinic No. 2 during heavier training times in the summer. The combined clinic was open year-round and served both active-duty and Reserve Soldiers, as well as active-duty Soldiers' Family members.

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OUTDOORS

15,000-plus rainbow trout stocked for 2018 McCoy fishing season

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Personnel with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Genoa National Fish Hatchery of Genoa, Wis., planted more than 15,000 rainbow trout in several waterways throughout the post, including Suukjak Sep, Sandy, Stillwell, and Big Sandy lakes and in Sparta and Swamp ponds.

The trout were stocked in time for the new fishing season, which began May 5, and the fish average size is 10 inches long. Some fish are even larger, exceeding 17 inches in length.

"We have an agreement with the FWS, who raise the fish and certify fish health before delivery and stocking to Fort McCoy," said Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch. "This year's fish specimens looked very healthy and good size."

The Genoa National Fish Hatchery was established in 1932.

The hatchery serves six Midwestern states and rears 23 species of fish to support high-priority federal management, restoration, and threatened and endangered species programs, according to the FWS.

The certification of fish health is completed by the FWS La Crosse Fish Health Center.

Jeff Lockington with fisheries maintenance at the Genoa hatchery said the fish should "adjust well to Fort McCoy waters."

Noble said rainbow trout are the preferred fish to stock.

Also, stocking fish once a year in the spring

allows for better survivability for the trout because of cooler water temperatures, and it saves money from multiple fish-stocking efforts.

"Trout are raised in water that is about 50 degrees (Fahrenheit), so, when the lake water is warmer, these fish need to be tempered by bringing up the water temperature on the fish inside the tank before stocking," Noble said. "We can have issues with mortality due to temperature stress and shock when stocking in warmer lake conditions, so cooler water temps (in spring) help significantly reduce fish mortality."

Stocking numbers for each waterway included: Suukjak Sep Lake, 4,220 trout; Big Sandy Lake, 4,100; Sandy Lake, 3,219; Stillwell Lake, 1,280; Swamp Pond, 1,140; and Sparta Pond, 1,140.

Since 2009, Noble said an average of about 3,600 Fort McCoy fishing permits are sold annually.

"Most of our anglers are very fond of catching the rainbow trout, so it's quite popular," Noble said.

"For many years now, trout have been stocked in waters on Fort McCoy. The addition of rainbow trout also helps reduce the burden of harvest on other species that are present and reproduce naturally."

There's also other types of trout to catch at Fort McCoy, but mainly in streams. Noble said the installation has not stocked trout in streams for nearly 20 years.

"Rainbow trout and other fish will pass through some of the dams but not interfere with the existing trout in streams that are naturally reproducing," Noble said.

"Our streams are supported by naturally reproducing brook and brown trout, and we have some impressive sizes for brook and brown trout in some of the bigger waters."

Anglers must have the appropriate Fort McCoy permits and state of Wisconsin licenses to fish on post. This includes a general Wisconsin fishing license, a trout stamp if fishing for trout, and a Fort McCoy fishing permit.

Licenses can be purchased at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources online at <https://gowild.wi.gov>. All prospective anglers have to do is create an account at the Go Wild site, select the licenses they need, pay for the licenses, and print them, all online.

There also will be a free fishing weekend June 2-3 in Wisconsin and at Fort McCoy. No license is needed, but all bag limits and other rules apply.

"And yes, there will likely still be plenty of stocked rainbow trout to catch on Free Fishing Weekend," Noble said.

For more Fort McCoy fishing information and to identify which waters are open for fishing, contact the Permit Sales office at 608-388-3337, or visit the Fort McCoy i-Sportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net.



A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee releases rainbow trout into Sandy Lake on April 30 at Fort McCoy as part of an overall stocking effort in which 15,000 fish were stocked in installation waters.



Fish are stocked in Swamp Pond on North Post on April 30.



More than 1,200 rainbow trout are stocked in Stillwell Lake on April 30. All fish were raised at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery in Genoa, Wis.

OUTDOORS



A recreational vehicle is parked May 2 at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy. The campground is open year-round and offers four-season recreational opportunities.

Changes, improvements coming in 2018 to Pine View Campground

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As the 2018 camping season gets into full swing at Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground, visitors will see noticeable changes as the season progresses.

Open year-round, Pine View Campground is part of Pine View Recreation Area. This area also includes Whitetail Ridge and Sportsman's Range.

The campground is nestled in a wooded area about a quarter mile west of Fort McCoy's cantonment area and is bounded by Suukjak Sep Lake on the east and the La Crosse River on the west and south.

"There's a lot of change coming," said Jeff Uhlig, supervisory

recreation specialist for outdoor recreation with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR). "First, we are having 10 new cabins being built this year – eight on the east side and two on the west side of the lake."

The existing cabins see a lot of use, Uhlig said, and the new ones will be a major addition to the campground's facilities.

"Our cabins are in high demand," said Joe Sagler, facility manager with DFMWR's Business and Recreation Division. "They are booked every weekend year-round. The new cabins will improve that capability significantly."

During May, Uhlig said the mini-golf course at the campground also will be redone.

"We're upgrading the course for our customers," Uhlig said. "It's one of our most utilized attractions at the campground."

Along the La Crosse River on hiking trails next to the campground, a new pedestrian bridge is being built to span the river to allow for better access to all the hiking trails.

"We get a lot of hikers going through the trails, which are wonderful and scenic," Uhlig said. "There are more than 5 miles of hiking and biking trails throughout the entire recreation area."

The bridge was built through a \$171,000 contract with Nugen Johnson LLC of Sussex, Wis. The bridge is expected to be fully completed and landscaped by this summer.

"There also will be an effort soon to fully plot all of our hiking and biking trails," Uhlig said. "That will allow us to build a better map to provide to our customers."

Suukjak Sep Lake, which is in the heart of the campground, provides opportunities for fishing, boating, and swimming or sunbathing on its sandy beach. On April 30, the lake was freshly stocked with more than 4,200 rainbow trout for anglers to try catching.

"We also recently completed a fish survey on the lake," said Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works. "The lake not only has a healthy population of trout, but also good populations of largemouth bass and panfish, such as bluegill."

Among the other features of the campground are picnic and playground areas (one handicapped accessible), a campground with a camp store, and the Recreational Equipment Checkout Center. Members of the Fort McCoy community and the public may use the campground.

Approximately 65,000 people make use of the campground annually, Uhlig said. The campground features 160-plus campsites that are nonelectric tent sites and recreational vehicle/trailer pads with electrical hookups. Of these, 121 sites have full hookups for water, sewer, electricity, and cable TV.

The campground's campsites are arranged in camping circles. Each site is equipped with a fire pit and a picnic table; each camping circle features a shower/restroom complex.

Pine View Campground is located near Fort McCoy off Highway 21. Follow signs to the campground.

For complete details, including hours, costs, and restrictions, visit mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy/programs/pine-view-campground/, or call 608-388-3517/2619 or 800-531-4703.



One of the existing cabins at Pine View Campground is shown May 2. Construction on an additional 10 cabins begins this year. Once completed, the new cabins are expected to be a popular getaway for customers.

NEWS NOTES

2018-19 Fort McCoy Guide now available

The 2018-19 Fort McCoy Guide are now available. The online version is available through the Fort McCoy public website at www.mccoy.army.mil. The annual guide contains information about a variety of topics, including a Fort McCoy overview; telephone directory; and community life, attractions, and services.

Print copies will be distributed to all employees through official channels and will be available at rack locations throughout the installation, including the Visitor Control Center, building 35; the Exchange, building 1538; McCoy's Community Center, building 1571; and Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

To request additional copies of the guide or report content updates, contact the Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2769 or usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.list.pao-admin@mail.mil.

Mother's Day bowling special offered at McCoy's

McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, is offering a Mother's Day bowling special 4 to 10 p.m. May 13.

Mothers can bowl for free with the purchase of a children's bowling game.

Other specials are available throughout the month. For more information, call 608-388-7060.

'PCS with Confidence' offered May 17, June 21

"PCS with Confidence," a class designed to reduce the stress involved with moving, is scheduled for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 17 and June 21.

The class covers coping skills for dealing with stressors involved in changing duty stations, including moving children and pets, adjusting to a new duty station, financial stressors, and finding a new home.

Participants are welcome to come to one or both sessions. Registration is required a week before each session.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

South Post 5k Fun Run set for May 19

The South Post 5k Fun Run will be at 7:30 a.m. May 19 at South Post Housing Area.

The event serves as a qualifier for the 2018 Army Ten-Miler team. This event is free.

For more information, call Rumpel Fitness Center at 608-388-2290.

3-gun match set for May 19

A three-gun match is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 19 at Sportsman's Range.

The event is shot in three stages (75 pistol, 50 rifle, and 50 shotgun) in four divisions: un-



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Student marching

Soldiers who are students in courses with the Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy march near the academy complex April 23 as part of academy operations at Fort McCoy. The academy was activated at Fort McCoy in 1988. It was dedicated and named after Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell, an Army Reserve Soldier from Menomonee Falls, Wis., who was killed while serving in Iraq in 2004. The academy trains hundreds of Soldiers each year in the Basic Leader Course and the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course.

limited, practical, factory, and heavy optics. Scores are based on time and accuracy using time plus scoring.

Firearms are available for rent. Rented firearms must use ammunition purchased from the range.

Wisconsin three-gun and Sportsman's Range rules will be in effect at all times. Suppressors and short-barreled rifles are not allowed.

The event costs \$25 for range members and \$35 for nonmembers. Registration is 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. May 19. A safety briefing will follow at 9:50 a.m.

For event and eligibility information, call 608-388-9162.

Tomah VA to hold May 24 walk/run

The Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center will hold a 5k run/1-mile walk May 24 in honor of Memorial Day.

There are no prizes or awards. This is a formation/release run in honor of Memorial Day.

The event will be at the Tomah VA Medical Center.

Registration is required by 8 a.m. May 24. Opening remarks will start at 8:30 a.m., and the run/walk will begin shortly after.

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

NAF property sale planned for May 30

The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Property Cash and Carry Sale is scheduled for 8 a.m. May 30 at building 1560.

Items for sale will include exercise equipment, furniture, fire pits, stereo equipment, recreation equipment, and restaurant equipment. Items are sold "as is."

No loading assistance will be available.

ID cards are required to enter the sale before 9 a.m.

Buyers must remain in line; saving places is not allowed.

Military members, dependents, and retirees may enter the sale at 8 a.m. Department of Defense employees may enter at 8:30 a.m.; children and spouses may accompany the ID holder.

The sale opens to members of the public at 9 a.m. A valid ID and vehicle registration are required to get on to the installation.

Items must be taken at the time of purchase. Cash and check will be accepted. For more information, call 608-388-2232.

'Happy Days' bus trip scheduled for June 3

A bus trip to Wisconsin Dells to see the "Happy Days" musical is scheduled for June 3.

The trip includes, a show ticket, meal, and transportation for \$70 per person.

The bus will depart McCoy's Community Center at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

The event is open to Fort McCoy employees and their guests who are at least 21 years old. Advance registration is required by May 21.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-3011.

Centershot Archery program starts June 7

Coming up soon is the Centershot Archery program, a chaplain-sponsored program designed to teach children archery and life skills while helping develop self-esteem, character, and close-knit families.

The program is open to Department of Defense civilians and their children ages 6 to 17 years old.

The course is free, but advance registration is required.

The archery program will be 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays June 7 through July 26.

The sessions will include archery, Bible study, and several types of refreshments.

For more information or to register, call the Religious Support Office at 608-388-3528 or email Fatai Ajao at fatai.o.ajao.civ@mail.mil or Staff Sgt. Ryan Pritchett at ryan.t.pritchett.mil@mail.mil.

Fort McCoy Mud Assault set for June 9

Mud Assault, a challenging run featuring 25 obstacles and mud pits, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon June 9 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

This is a Family-friendly fitness event featuring races for both children and adults.

There will be both competitive and non-competitive events.

Food, beverages, and T-shirts will be available for purchase.

The race is open to the public. Registration costs are:

- Children's race: \$10.
- Military members/Department of Defense civilians and Family members: \$25 May 2 to June 1, \$30 June 2 to 8, or \$40 the day of the race.
- General public: \$30 May 2 to June 1, \$35 June 2 to 8, or \$40 the day of the race.

Participants can register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoyrectrac.html>.

Registration is also available in person at Pine View Campground, building 8053, or Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1121.

For more information, call 608-388-3517.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published May 25.

The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication is noon May 16.

For more information, call 608-388-4128 or 608-388-3456.

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: 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 500, 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 24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-

facilities services

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TEAM (8326).

608-388-2619/3517.

Laundrette/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

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 p.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 Control: 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.mccoysusa.org.

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

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

USOWisconsin 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, email usaowmccoy@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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FIREARM REGISTRATION POLICY

All privately owned firearms brought on the installation must be registered through the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Police Department. Firearm registration is required by Army Regulation 190-11, 4-5, "Privately owned weapons and ammunition." Firearms are required to be registered prior to entrance or immediately upon entering any lands identified as Fort McCoy property. For more information, call 608-388-2266.

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Fort McCoy 2017 Water Quality Report

The following information is from the 2017 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Consumer Confidence Report data for Fort McCoy — 64203029 North Post and 64203073 South Post. For more details about the information contained in this report, call 608-388-6546.

Health information

Drinking water, including bottled water, reasonably may be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons, such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone or

Definition of Terms

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

gan transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune-system disorders, some elderly, and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risks of

infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants also are available from the hotline.

Educational information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs,

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
11	Groundwater	201	Perm. abandoned as of 10/13/2015
12	Groundwater	150	Perm. abandoned as of 10/13/2015
23	Groundwater	200	Perm. abandoned as of 12/30/2014
24	Groundwater	202	Active
25	Groundwater	204	Active
27	Groundwater	217	Active
28	Groundwater	220	Active
29	Groundwater	N/A	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment, call 608-388-6546.

springs, and wells.

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage-treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and also can come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- radioactive contaminants, which can occur naturally or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Detected contaminants

Water was tested for many contaminants last year. Some contaminants are monitored less frequently than once a year.

The tables list only those contaminants that were detected.

If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last five years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Unregulated contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards.

The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Contaminant health effects

Lead: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development.

Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Additional health information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.



File photo

A service member fills a canteen with fresh water while participating in a field-training exercise.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	N/A	2	2	4	4.000	04/09/2015	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM (ppb)	N/A	100	100	2	0-2	12/01/2015	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
CYANIDE (ppb)	N/A	200	200.0	6	0-6	04/09/2015	No	Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
FLUORIDE (ppm)	N/A	4	4	0.1	0.1-0.1	12/01/2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)	N/A	100	N/A	3.6	1.2-3.6	12/01/2015	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, groundwater and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel, and alloy products.
NITRATE (ppm)	N/A	10	10	0.31	0.20-0.31	N/A	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	0.50 - 43.00	08/14/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
THALLIUM (ppb)	N/A	2	0.5	North 0.6	0.0 -0.6	08/15/2014	No	Leaching from ore-processing sites; Discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Lead and Copper

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLg	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	N/A	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1	1	0 of 20 results were above the action level	N/A	N/A	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	6	6	2	N/A	N/A	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	DBP-8060	60	60	4	4	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	DBP-8060	80	0	17.5	17.5	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA (pCi/l)	N/A	15	0	1.7	-0.3-5.9	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)	N/A	5	0	2	0.0-3.2	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.9	0.0-6.1	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)	N/A	30	0	0.3	0.0-0.4	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	N/A	N/A
SULFATE (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	13.00	04/22/15	N/A	N/A
CHROMIUM (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.27-0.32	0.20	08/06/13	N/A	N/A
MANGANESE (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.05-1.43	1.00	08/06/13	N/A	N/A
STRONTIUM (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.04-20.40	0.30	08/06/13	N/A	N/A
CHLORATE (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.12-167.46	20.00	08/06/13	N/A	N/A
CHROMIUM (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.28-0.45	0.03	08/06/13	N/A	N/A

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

Fort McCoy North Post is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When water has been sitting for several hours, people can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

If anyone is concerned about lead in

their water, they may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Presence of other contaminants

Fort McCoy was randomly selected by EPA to participate in Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3 sampling. In 2013, elevated levels of chromium, manganese, strontium, chlorate, and chromium-6 were detected.

Other compliance

Fort McCoy is required to monitor drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis.

Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards.