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## Thousands of visitors attend post's 2018 Armed Forces Day Open House

An estimated 4,000 people or more attended the 2018 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House on May 19.

Partly cloudy skies and moderate temperatures allowed for more visitors to the open house than 2017, which saw heavy rain and cooler temperatures.

The open house was held on the grounds of Fort McCoy's historic Commemorative Area, which includes World War II-era buildings, the Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. It also covered areas inside and outside of building 905.

Activities were available for people of all ages, and those activities highlighted more than history, said Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office. (See **OPEN HOUSE**, Page 3)



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

A youth has his face painted in camouflage colors by a Soldier with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade during the Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House on May 19.

## New commander takes helm at Fort McCoy Garrison



Photo by Nick Radloff/Multi-Media/Visual Information Office

Installation Management Command-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough passes the U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy flag to Col. Hui Chae Kim making Kim the new garrison commander during a change-of-command ceremony May 19.

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
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Col. Hui Chae Kim became Fort McCoy's newest garrison commander at a change-of-command ceremony May 19 at the installation's Rumpel Fitness Center.

Kim assumed command from Col. David J. Pinter Sr., who held the position since March 11, 2016. Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough officiated the event. Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert, commanding general of the 88th Readiness Division and senior Fort McCoy commander, also addressed the gathering. (See **COMMANDER**, Page 2)

## Family Housing earns award for customer satisfaction

Thanks to surveys sent to South Post Housing area residents in January and February that resulted in high customer-satisfaction ratings, the Fort McCoy Family Housing Office will receive a Platinum Customer-Service Excellence Neighborhood Award during Installation Management Command's (IMCOM) "Housing the Force" Conference in August.

Fort McCoy posted a 29.6 percent return of the surveys with a 95.3 percent satisfaction rate for service, said Directorate of Public Works Director Liane Haun. IMCOM's survey return standard is set at 20 percent.

Survey objectives were:

- to better understand the quality and level of services being rendered.
- ascertain the similarity/dissimilarity of the property managers,' residents,' and owners' perception of identical performance measures.
- provide a basis of measurement by utilizing industry data and baseline results.
- develop and implement a time-phased plan of improvement.
- quantify and evaluate the performance improvement over time.

Survey benefits were the immediate feedback from residents, targeted areas for improvement, prioritized capital improvements, a vendor scorecard to measure performance, and a chance to improve bottom-line performance, Haun said.

In the surveys, Fort McCoy Family Housing scored a 92.5 percent satisfaction rating with physical property as well as a 95.3 percent satisfaction with the services provided.

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## COMMANDER

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The change-of-command ceremony is a military tradition dating to the 18th century. During the ceremony, an organizational flag is passed to the individual assuming the command with unit members present to witness their new leader assuming the dutiful position.

As garrison commander, Kim is responsible for day-to-day operation and management of the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin. A garrison commander also represents the Army and the installation in the surrounding community, approves and issues garrison policies in accordance with respective Army regulations, approves and issues policies for the civilian workforce, and supports mobilization station requirements.

McCullough discussed how the Fort McCoy Garrison has been very successful the past two years under Pinter and noted the installation will continue to do well under Kim's leadership.

"It's always an awesome day when we salute an outstanding garrison commander for a job well done and celebrate the arrival of an equally outstanding Soldier to assume leadership of U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy," McCullough said. "Dave, your efforts have affected Fort McCoy for many years to come. ... And like Col. Pinter, Col. Kim is a proven leader. He is ideally suited to lead the Fort McCoy team for priorities and requirements set forth by the senior commander and the IMCOM priorities set forth by Lt. Gen. (Kenneth R.) Dahl (IMCOM commanding general).

"I am fully confident you will lead this garrison with the same professionalism, pride, and expertise that you have throughout your career," she said.

"I know that you will continue the work started by Col. Pinter while bringing in, at the same time, a new vision that ensures the garrison will continue to be able to enable the readiness of Soldiers working and training at Fort McCoy while also taking care of Families."

Reinert's comments reflected McCullough's in that Fort McCoy should continue its excellence with Kim.

"Col. Pinter's leadership these last couple of years has actually led us to an unprecedented amount of change at Fort McCoy," Reinert said. "Col. Kim is going to bring a different style of leadership and different expectations. But he's going to be the same kind of focused, dedicated leader that we've come to expect. He's going to drive readiness. He is going to drive change. And he is going to continue to seek excellence here at Fort McCoy."

Pinter said he was thankful to have been the garrison commander the past two years and said the installation is poised for continued success.

"Every success, while in command at Fort McCoy, is credited to Team McCoy and the coalition of our team partners both on and off the installation," Pinter said. "Team McCoy's motivation and efforts have resulted in numerous individual, organization, and installation awards at the IMCOM, Army, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense levels. Team McCoy's results-based focus and process-improvement business model crafted on the framework of performance and excellence have allowed Fort McCoy to successfully transition its business model into a four-season institution and cold-weather focused business plan.

"The last 30 days, Col. Kim and Doris have been able to meet with the team of Fort McCoy," Pinter said. "They have been impressed with the drive, readiness, and motivation of the team. Congratulations on your opportunity to command the best Army Reserve garrison."

Immediately prior to coming to Fort McCoy, Kim served as deputy commander of the 303rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade with the 9th Mission Support Command, U.S. Army Pacific Command, Honolulu, Hawaii.

After enlisting in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1989, Kim re-



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

**New Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim (right) passes the garrison flag back to Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Mathias, garrison command sergeant major, after taking command May 19 at Rumpel Fitness Center.**



**Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim salutes the color guard as the new commander at the end of the change-of-command ceremony May 19.**

ceived a commission from Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo., ROTC program. He has served in various locations as platoon leader, company commander, operations officer, mobilization officer, and logistics officer. He also served as the Total Force integrator for Operational Strategic Maneuver Support with the Concepts Organization Doctrine Development Division, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; deputy commander of the 774th Civil Support Team in Kaiserslautern, Germany; and battalion commander for the 490th Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Battalion, Anniston, Ala. He deployed with the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command to Iraq in 2008 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Kim earned a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Utah, and a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined

Arms and Services Staff School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Army Force Management Course, Capabilities Development Course, Reserve Component National Security Course, and Defense Strategy Course.

Kim's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Army Superior Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Parachutist Badge, and German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency.

"I'm looking forward ... to serving for and with the best garrison team in the Army," Kim said. "Together, we will continue to ensure Fort McCoy remains a premiere training center and a mobilization force generation installation for America's defense forces."

## NEWS



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Visitors to the 2018 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House visit military vehicle displays during the event May 19 near the installation's Commemorative Area.

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People lined up for camouflage face painting, personalized ID tags, an interactive-marksanship gallery, and military-vehicle and fire-truck displays. They also saw the latest Army medical equipment in use, filled sandbags to build a mock defensive position; and more.

Vehicle displays appeared to be some of the most popular stops by visitors, and Fort McCoy staff members conducted numerous installation bus tours, of which more than 400 visitors took advantage.

"The installation bus tours are always popular, and they were again this year," Fitzgerald said.

Also included, and new to 2018, was a display from the Monroe County Local History Room of Sparta, Wis., and after-action review trailers from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security that showed Army videos and footage of training conducted at Fort McCoy.

Visitor Rich Christensen of Illinois said he enjoyed the event once again.

"It was a great day," Christensen said. "Thank you for the displays! We have been going there for the last six years, and it never gets old."

Capt. Dan Frantz, commander of the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company, led a team of eight Soldiers with the 181st who conducted the face painting for the open house.

His team also set up a night-vision display and a weapons display of crew-served weapons commonly used by Soldiers training at Fort McCoy.

"Everything went very well," Frantz said. "We had a larger turnout than we expected and we had people coming from all over. There was one person I talked to who came from an area near Janesville (Wis.)."

"Lots of kids, possibly more than 100, had their faces painted and even more visited our displays," Frantz said. "I think it was a great turnout overall."

The 2018 open house also remembered the 100th anniversary



Visitors check out Veterans Memorial Plaza during the open house May 19.

of World War I. Numerous displays with a World War I focus were on hand, including 88th Readiness Division Historian Ward Zischke's presentation, Tom Buehler's historical military equipment, and the Monroe County Local History

Room offering a display.

Also held at Fort McCoy on May 19 were the garrison's change-of-command ceremony and Army Recruiting's "Our Community Salutes" program. Both were held at Rumpel Fitness Center.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at [www.mccoy.army.mil](http://www.mccoy.army.mil), on Facebook by searching "ftmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy."

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

## NEWS



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### ACOE Silver Award presented

Fort McCoy was officially recognized May 18 during a ceremony at the Pentagon as the Silver Award winner of the Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) competition. Pictured, from left: Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Mark Towne, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve; Col. David J. Pinter Sr, then-Fort McCoy garrison commander; Command Sgt. Maj. Frank T. Mathias, Fort McCoy Garrison command sergeant major; Ken Musselwhite, chief of Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office; Dee Ann Hunter, Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office; Laurie Hertzfeldt, Resource Management Office; and Brenda Lee McCullough, Installation Management Command-Readiness. Along with the award, the installation received \$60,000 to use for a post project or effort. This was the second straight year the installation earned an ACOE award. A year ago, the post brought home a Bronze Award.

## AWARD

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The award honors Housing Manager Zach Hynes, Housing Referral Specialist Bob LaRock, Housing Assistant Brenda Downing, Housing Maintenance Inspector Walt Sanders, and recently retired DPW Chief of Housing Ross O'Neil.

"Zach, Brenda, Bob, Walt, and our newly retired Ross have done a fantastic job with the South Post Housing program and keeping our homes in great shape," Haun said.

In January 2014, the Directorate of Public Works Housing Division offices moved to the South Post Housing area. At that time, the housing area had 57 homes, and many changes were planned. Now, South Post Housing has doubled in size.

In summer 2017, 56 new ranch-style homes were accepted and opened, bringing the total to 113 homes available at the housing area.

Hynes said in January that Fort McCoy Housing is a special place.

"We have a unique housing community," Hynes said. "All of our Families here live in single-Family homes with large, spacious yards. It's a very nice community."



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

A section of Fort McCoy's newest housing, which was completed in 2017, is shown May 2 on South Post.

In August, Fort McCoy Family Housing representatives will attend the Housing the Force Conference. According to IMCOM, the

training event brings together military housing and lodging professionals to learn the best practices in military housing.

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

## NEWS



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Fort McCoy volunteers are shown with their certificates of appreciation at the banquet held May 3 at McCoy's Community Center.

## Fort McCoy recognizes volunteers' contributions during banquet

Fort McCoy volunteers were recognized at the Garrison Commander's Volunteer Recognition Banquet held May 3 at McCoy's Community Center.

The volunteers, along with the Fort McCoy Army Community Service (ACS) Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator Lorie Retzlaff, presented Garrison Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Jared T. Corsi with a symbolic \$260,133 check for the hours volunteers donated from January through December 2017.

The check represented the dollar value by which Fort McCoy volunteers extended the Army's budget as a result of their volunteer efforts. Ninety-six volunteers were recognized for donating 10,776 hours of service. The dollar value of volunteer work was based on an estimated \$24.14 an hour wage at the national level.

Attendees enjoyed a sit-down dinner with opening remarks by Patric D. McGuane, director of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The meal was followed by a message delivered by retired Capt. Jason Church, who lost both legs below the knee to an explosion in Afghanistan. Church shared his personal story and related it to the importance of having a positive attitude, being part of a team, and the importance of giving back to the community.

Corsi presented volunteers with the Garrison Commander Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication and commitment to volunteerism in support of Fort McCoy's mission as a member of the Army Volunteer Corps from January to December 2017.

Receiving certificate of appreciations were:

- Debb Aiken and Amy Anderson.
- Amber Bailey, Enrique Becwar, Susan Beyer, Benjamin Bourman, Norb Brown, Sarah Brueggen, and Rita Byers.
- Monica Campbell, Kaleen Caulkins, and Richard Coffin.

- Courtney Daniels, Sheri Ann Dickinson, and Francis Downs.
- Rosanne Ebert, Shawn Eckelberg, Randall Eddy, Marykristy Eweama, Regina Eweama, Remy Eweama, and Uzo Eweama.
- Marcus Frazee and Gary Frei.
- Shirley Harmel, Danen Hemmersbach, Renee Herman, Bonnie Hilt, Charles Hilt, Dave Hirsch, Mary Hirsch-Justice, Erika Lord Hodges, Isabela Hodges, John Hodges, Rosalie Hodges, Nicholas Holland, Rose Holland, and Andriana Hurtado.
- Richard Jackson, Susan James, Laurence Johns, and Victoria Justice.
- Jaden Kondor, Jennifer Kondor, and Jessie Kondor.
- Andrew Lonning and Bridgette Lovings.
- Ann Mais, Aimee Malone, Cathy Malzacher, Celeste Markgraf, and Karylen Murphy.
- Nevin Neuville, Charlotte Nott, Elissa Nott, Ethan Nott, and Steven Nott.
- Ben Olson, Haley Olson, and Peter Olson.
- Madeline Peterson, Otto Peterson, Lawrence Peterson Jr., and Sheila Pinter.
- Maria Reiland, Brandon Retzlaff, Daniel Retzlaff, Megan Retzlaff, Barbara Rice, Alexander Rigor, Brendan Rigor, Michael Roeske, Alonna Rogalla, Keira Rogalla, Mckenzi Rogalla, Terry Rogalla, and Theresa Rogalla.
- Russell Sanborn, Becky Sawyer, Tom Sawyer, Randall Shull, Theresa Simpson, Maryann Sliva, Brianna Sommers, Emily Sommers, and Judy Sommers.
- Debra Thompson and Harold Topel.
- Tyler Uhls.
- Sherrie Waldera, Allison Weaver, Ann Wermer, Mykayla Wollin, and Mytchell Wollin.
- Bradley Zimmerman and Mary Zischke.

• Twenty volunteers also received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Award Program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives.

The volunteers receiving Presidential Volunteer Service Awards were:

- Lifetime (4,000 hours over their lifetime) — Mary Hirsch-Justice.
- Gold (500-plus hours in 2017) — Francis Downs, Mary Hirsch-Justice, Otto Peterson, Russell Sanborn, and Randall Shull.
- Silver (250-499 hours in 2017) — Rose Holland.
- Bronze (100-249 hours in 2017) — Debb Aiken, Norb Brown, Richard Coffin, Marcus Frazee, Dave Hirsch, Laurence Johns III, Ann Mais, Lawrence Peterson Jr., Michael Roeske, Becky Sawyer, and Debra Thompson.
- Young Adult Gold (250-plus hours in 2017) — Elissa Nott.
- Young Adult Bronze (100-174 hours in 2017) — Celeste Markgraf.

Fort McCoy community members looking for an opportunity to positively affect the garrison's military community can do so by volunteering, which contributes in ways that have a lasting effect on the community's Soldiers, Families, and volunteers.

For more information, contact ACS about the volunteer program at 608-388-6507 or visit [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) to view volunteer opportunities.

*(Article prepared by Army Community Service.)*

## NEWS



Contractors work on putting roofing on a canopy while working on the \$9.9 million Access Control Point project May 15 just east of Gate 20 at Fort McCoy.

## Construction nears halfway point for ACP project at Fort McCoy

**STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**  
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Construction on the new Access Control Point (ACP) project that will replace the current Gate 20 at Fort McCoy is close to 50 percent complete, said Ken Green, COR with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which is managing the contract.

A \$9.9 million contract for construction of the ACP projects was awarded in 2017 to Catamount Constructors Inc. of Lakewood, Colo. Work on the project started in fall 2017 and was mostly suspended during the winter, then started back up in early spring.

“The contract duration is for 540 calendar days, which has the project’s contract completion date set for November 2018,” Green said. “Everything currently is on schedule.”

As of mid-May, work on placing roofing of a canopy had started and demolition of existing roads and excavation, installation of various duct banks, and sheet-rocking and finishing in the search building were continuing.

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

Physical security items will be built into the project, too, Green said. This includes passive and active vehicle barriers

with comprehensive control systems as well as security fencing, information systems.

Additionally, all buildings will be made of permanent construction materials with reinforced concrete foundations, concrete floor slabs, and reinforced concrete or masonry walls, Green said.

“The design for all the buildings constructed at the ACP calls for those buildings to have a minimum life of 50 years,” Green said. “The buildings are also designed to have many energy efficiencies built in.”

Active construction on the project area, which is near the Regional Training Site-Medical and Medical Simulation Training Center areas, continues daily.

## NEWS

# Army Reserve senior gunners certified at Cold Steel

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Operation Cold Steel II Public Affairs

FORT McCOY, Wis. — Two U.S. Army Reserve senior gunnery noncommissioned officers (NCOs) were certified in 2017 during Cold Steel I. This year, they are passing their expertise on to certify more than 30 Army Reserve senior gunners throughout the country.

“Operation Cold Steel has, from my understanding, three missions,” said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mau, senior gunnery NCO, U.S. Army Reserve Command. “One: to get gun crews qualified through their crew-served gunnery; two: to train (vehicle crew evaluators) so that way we have experienced VCEs throughout the field; and three: to actually get certified senior gunners so that way they are able to go back to their home station and actually start training their Soldiers.”

Mau is one of the two senior gunnery NCOs certified in 2017 during Cold Steel I. This year, Mau is certifying Army Reserve senior gunners during Cold Steel II at Fort McCoy.

The first step in becoming a senior gunner is to complete the master gunner common core course.

“They have to graduate common core, which is ... probably the most challenging course in the Army, mentally,” said Mau. “Once they have graduated that course, which has a 50 percent attrition rate, we get them to a convoy protection gunnery, where they can be assessed.”

After being assessed on range operations, the final step is assisting in instructing a Vehicle Crew Evaluator Exportable Package course.

Following this process, whoever is overseeing the senior gunner decides if they are proficient enough for certification.

“For the most part, the people who graduated common core have a good understanding of what gunnery actually is, so they just get out on the range and they push troops, they run their range, they run their VCEs, and they’re good to go,” Mau said.

To assist with this new mission within the Army Reserve, First Army provided experienced master gunners to provide mentorship and oversight to help the senior gunners better understand gunnery, Mau said.

“They just lacked experience, and they’re getting a ton of experience over this three-month exercise,” said Sgt. 1st Class Craig Jordan, master gunner, First Army. “Their progression has been more advanced than we anticipated, so we’ve reduced the amount of First Army oversight to just me.”

Jordan has been involved with Cold Steel since its inception, running a qualification range in 2017. For Cold Steel II, he is the lead adviser for gunnery operations and convoy protection platform qualification.

The ultimate goal of Operation Cold Steel is to train the Army Reserve to conduct gunnery



An Army Reserve gunnery crew prepares for a training run May 21 at Fort McCoy.

Photo by Spc. Devona Felgar/84th Training Command

operations on their own.

“Now that we have certified senior gunners, even though the amount we will have after this exercise is still small, but we will have other senior gunners to go out into the field and train,” said Mau. “That way the battalions can now operate their own gunnery at their own home stations so we can decentralize Operation Cold Steel.”

Senior gunnery NCOs can be vital assets to commands, providing insight and advice.

“They will have the ability to plan, prepare, and execute their own gunnery; train their own VCEs; and to be self-sufficient,” said Mau.

The self-sufficiency is a key point to the training behind Operation Cold Steel.

“As a whole, the Army Reserve is going to benefit dramatically by not having to send all their people to an event like Operation Cold Steel. The units will be able to do a lot of this stuff at home station,” said Mau. “They’ll be able to do it at their local ranges, if their ranges are able to support gunnery operations, but that’s going to save a lot of money and time. It takes 400 people to man Operation Cold Steel.”

This is just the beginning, as the senior gunnery program was recently introduced to the Army Reserve.

“The program didn’t exist before 2016. My class was the first class dedicated to the Reserve to go to master gunner school,” said Mau.

Familiarizing the Army Reserve with gunnery operations was a shift in mentality within the force and encourages a culture change in combat-ready, capable and lethal Soldiers.

“I think this is the first step. Last year, it was just the implementation of the culture change, get people familiar with firing weapons and gunnery again. Then, we sent all these master gunners to school,” Jordan said. “Now, they’re getting real-world experience so here in the near future, you should actually start seeing the culture change when they start planning and executing their own gunneries. It won’t change completely until we’re through with this turnkey gunnery-style exercise.”

## NEWS

# Soldiers conduct training in joint personnel recovery operations at McCoy

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
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More than a dozen Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion (1st, 310th) worked with Army instructors with the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency to complete the 40-hour Personnel Recovery Course in late April and early May at Fort McCoy.

The 1st, 310th is part of the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade. The purpose of the training was to gain train-the-trainer certification for students who are observer-coach/trainers for the 1st, 310th. Now, those same Soldiers can train other military personnel about the Army Personnel Recovery Program, said Staff Sgt. Preston Thompson with the 1st, 310th, who attended the training.

In addition to Thompson, those who also attended the training included Capt. Colby Whitehill; Master Sgts. Ronald Hull and William Matthews; Sgts. 1st Class Matthew Connolly, Kenneth Anton, Robert Cree, and Kelvin Hilliard; and Staff Sgts. Arturo Vargas and John Hoyne.

According to the Army, the Personnel Recovery Program provides a commander-driven approach to prepare people for potentially isolating incidents and executes the recovery and reintegration of isolated personnel (evaders and captives). The program also prepares individuals, units, and commanders to conduct personnel-recovery operations.

A 2015 "Stand-To" article states the Army promulgated Army Regulation 525-28, Personnel Recovery, to provide guidance on organizational responsibilities in executing the personnel recovery program; designated a combined arms center as the force-modernization proponent for personnel recovery, and identified personnel-recovery training requirements.

"Soldiers have the responsibility to maintain these skills sets," Thompson said. "This is done through training opportunities and seeking out new opportunities to enhance skills that may be needed during an isolated incident. ... The ability to plan for all aspects of personnel recovery could make the difference between a speedy and safe recovery."

The Joint Personnel Recovery Agency mission is to "teach, support, and integrate to enable commanders, forces, and individuals to prevent, prepare for, and respond to isolating events."

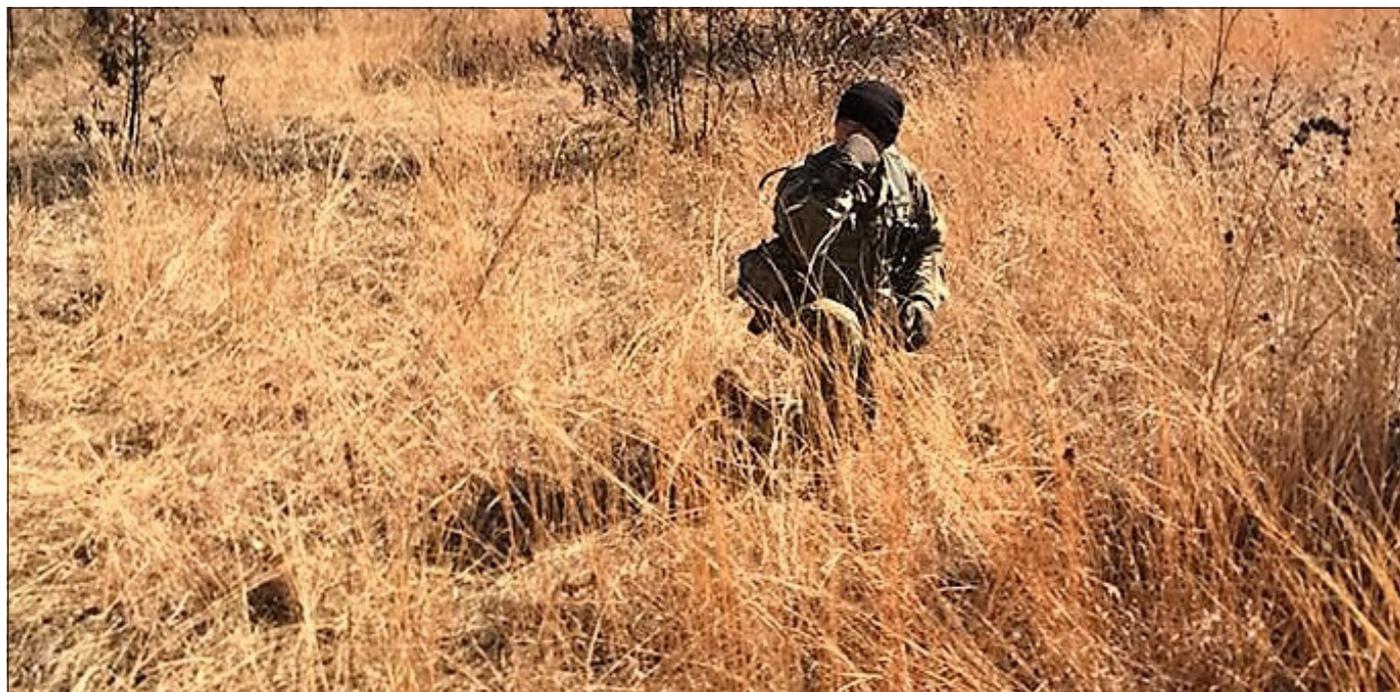
The agency's vision is to deny adversaries "the ability to hold isolated personnel against their will." Learn more about the agency at <https://public.jptra.mil/default.aspx>.

With the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, the 1st, 310th supports the brigade's mission to partner with Army Reserve and Army National Guard units to advise, assist, and train Army formations throughout their complete Sustainable Readiness Model cycle to achieve collective training readiness in support of worldwide requirements.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Anton/1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion

**Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion work with Army instructors with the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency to complete field training in the 40-hour Personnel Recovery Course on April 25 at Fort McCoy.**



**A Soldier takes cover in tall grass April 25 during training in the 40-hour Personnel Recovery Course on post.**

## NEWS

# Firefighters learn rope, rappelling skills during technical rescue training

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Public Affairs Staff

Ten people with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Fire Department completed 40 hours of training in the Ropes Rescue I course for technical rescue.

The firefighters completed training on towers at the installation's Air Assault Course on the cantonment area.

The course is the first of many for the firefighters in technical rescue training, said Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Olivier.

"This is a very important foundation course because everything learned in Rope Rescue is applied in other technical rescue courses," Olivier said. "It involves using ropes and rappelling in high- and low-angle environments."

According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), the training includes understanding, directing, and operating simple rope-lowering systems.

It also includes safely ascending and descending a fixed-rope system in a high-angle environment and understanding and operating a rope-rescue system intended to move a load horizontally in a safe and controlled manner.

"These are skills we're teaching all of our personnel," Olivier said.

The DES Fire Department stepped up the department's training in technical rescue in 2014. Technical rescue is defined as those aspects of saving life or property that employ the use of tools and skills that exceed those normally used in firefighting, medical emergency, and rescue, according to the NFPA. These disciplines include rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench and excavation rescue, and more.

"Those who finished Rope Rescue I training then go into Rope Rescue II training," Olivier said.

"Each piece of training builds on all previous training and continues to build more skills."

Instructors with the Regional Emergency All-Climate Training (REACT) Center at Volk Field, Wis., taught the course. Olivier said having trainers come to Fort McCoy to do this training saves time and money.

"It costs more to send our folks off somewhere to get this training, so having the ability to have people who can come from Volk Field, which is so close to us, is a definite plus for us," Olivier said.

The REACT Center specializes in providing training required for "a safe and successful response to natural and manmade disasters to both military and civilian responders," states the REACT Center web page, react.wi.gov. The REACT Center is located on a 15-acre site at Volk Field.

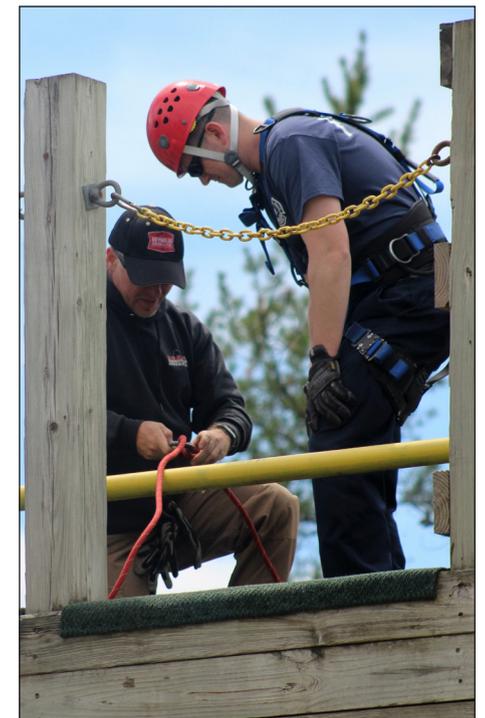
Olivier said the DES Fire Department will continue to work with the REACT Center for future training.



A firefighter with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department rappels down a tower May 10 at the Air Assault Course at Fort McCoy during Ropes Rescue I training.



Students first learned and practiced ropes and rappelling techniques May 10 on a smaller platform at the Air Assault Course.



An instructor helps one of the students get their ropes and rappelling equipment connected during training May 10.

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## FEATURE

# Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: Pocket watch fob

During the 2015 field season, archaeologists with Colorado State University's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands unearthed a Bucyrus-Erie Co. pocket watch fob.

The pocket watch fob is made of metal and has a leather strap with a metal buckle attached to it. The design on it is of a Bucyrus-Erie shovel and dump truck with the words "Bucyrus Erie" on the front and "Metal Arts Co." on the back.

Watch fobs were used as advertisement for marketing purposes, especially prior to World War II. Watch fobs not only served as a form of advertisement, but also had a functional use as a weight to hold the strap close to the body and allow for easy removal of the

watch from a pocket.

The pocket watch fob found at Fort McCoy was distributed by Bucyrus-Erie Co., a heavy-machinery company that sold surface and underground mining equipment. It manufactured bulldozer (straight blade) and bullgrader (angled blade) blades, cable control units, scrapers, rippers and rollers, and tractor shovels.

The company started out as the Bucyrus Foundry and Manufacturing Co. in Bucyrus, Ohio, in 1880. In 1893, the company moved to Milwaukee and became known as Bucyrus Steam Shovel and Dredge Co. of Wisconsin.

It went through several name changes before merging with Erie Steam Shovel Co. and becoming Bucyrus-Erie Co. in 1927.

All archaeological work conducted at Fort McCoy was coordinated by

the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

Visitors and employees are reminded they should not collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals.

Anyone who excavates, removes, damages, or otherwise alters or defaces any historic or prehistoric site, artifact, or object of antiquity on Fort McCoy is in violation of federal law.

The discovery of any archaeological artifact should be reported to the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-8214.

*(Article prepared by Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands.)*



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

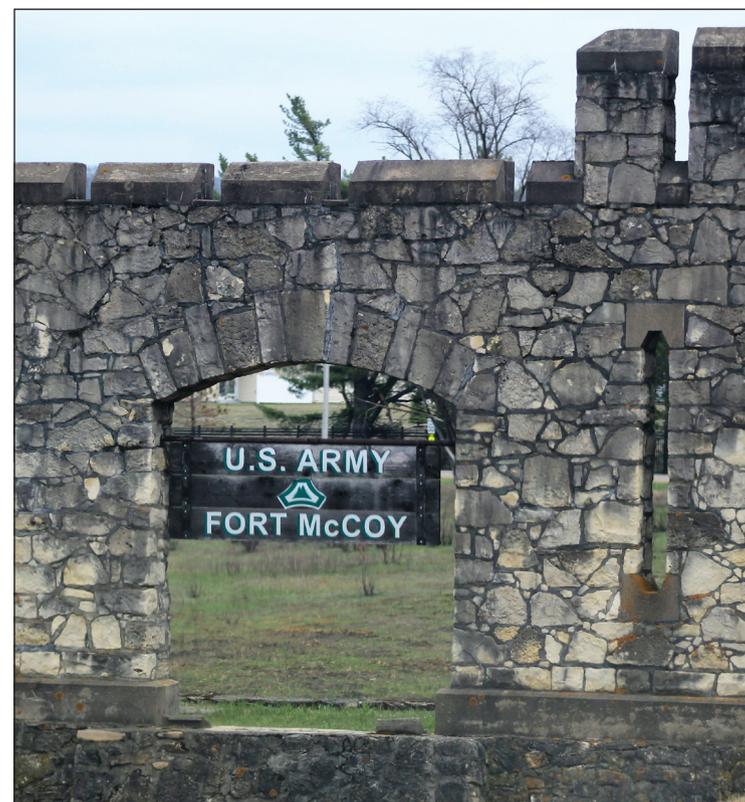
**This pocket watch fob was found during an archaeological dig at Fort McCoy in 2015. The pocket watch fob is made of metal and has a leather strap with a metal buckle attached to it.**



*Photo by Scott T. Sturkol*

## Recognizing Peace Officer Memorial Day

The flag of the United States of America was flown at half-staff on the garrison flagpole May 15 at Fort McCoy, in honor of National Peace Officers Memorial Day. From the flag-lowering order: "During (National) Police Week, we acknowledge the incredible service and sacrifices law-enforcement personnel make each day for their fellow Americans." In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week.



*Photo by Scott T. Sturkol*

## Historical gates

A gate section built by the Works Progress Administration in 1941 is shown on South Post near the housing area May 2 at Fort McCoy. From 1935-1941, the Works Progress Administration made significant contributions to the nation's defense efforts and at Fort McCoy were a part of many projects, including building this gate section.

## OUTDOORS

# Fish population surveys help improve McCoy's fisheries management

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
Public Affairs Staff

In late April and early May, watershed management biologists Steve Rood and Derek Maki with Colorado State University were at many of Fort McCoy's lakes and ponds completing fish-population surveys as part of a cooperative agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

The surveys, according to Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch, are necessary to determine the health of the installation's many waterways.

"The surveys produce data that is really critical for our fisheries management," Noble said. "We have good fishing opportunities here because the Army and this installation take the health of our waterways very seriously."

Surveys include electrofishing streams and netting and electrofishing lakes and ponds, Noble said. Much care is taken to ensure the fish caught are not harmed. Fish caught include rainbow, brook, and brown trout; bluegills; bass; pumpkinseed; crappies; and other warm-water species.

In each area they netted and conducted surveys, Maki and Rood measured each fish, checked its weight, and tagged many of them. Certain species are tagged or given a recognizable mark by clipping the fish fin while specific fish species are affixed with a numbered tag. These surveys are completed every year with typically five lakes being assessed, Rood said.

"Sometimes we capture fish we've netted in previous years, and we can further track growth," Rood said. "As the years go on, we're able to establish a history of results for each area we have netted and recorded information about fish."

Using mathematical equations, a fish population estimate can be derived from marked and recaptured fish during the survey, Noble said. Age and growth of these populations are also determined from lab assessment of fish structures, such as scales or otoliths.

Noble said he encourages Fort McCoy anglers to report any tagged fish information, too.

"Usually, we are looking to get the date of catch, lake or stream location, the tag number and fish length information, which can be submitted to our Permit Sales Office," Noble said. "Many anglers already do this, and we send them information specific to the fish they

caught. Giving us fish length to the nearest quarter inch is best. Some anglers even provide fish weight."

Noble described a past young angler he knows who harvested some largemouth bass from North Flowage and was surprised to learn the fish were nearly as old as the angler.

"Some fish take longer to grow due to over-competition for food," Noble said. "The good news is we are finding improvements in North Flowage bass growth and encourage anglers to eat more of the smaller bass. We learn a lot about our fishery through fish tagging, creel surveys, and angler interactions."

From the 2018 surveys, Noble said there are a good variety of fish in all the lakes, ponds, and streams on post.

"I would encourage more anglers to try stream fishing, too," Noble said. "We are seeing some larger brook trout and brown trout that anglers would enjoy catching."

"And all throughout the post, we had another 15,000 rainbow trout recently stocked for anglers to catch, plus naturally producing populations of fish are doing very well."

Anglers must have the appropriate Fort McCoy permits and 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.

Fort McCoy fishing permits are sold through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Service Center and participating service agents statewide.

Permits can be purchased locally at Fort McCoy at the Pine View Campground office or the Exchange.

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

The cost of a Fort McCoy annual fishing permit is \$13 for people age 16 and older. Permits for youth under 16, seniors (age 65 or better), and disabled anglers and four-day fishing permits are \$8. There also will be a Free Fishing Weekend on June 2-3 in Wisconsin and at Fort McCoy. No licenses or permits are needed, but all bag limits and other rules apply.

"The Free Fishing Weekend is an excellent time for people to come out and see all the fantastic fishing areas we have here," Noble said. Anglers should call the i-Sportsman Game Line at 866-277-1597 or visit the i-Sportsman website (<https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>) for updated fishing area closures.



Photos by Bill Copperrill

Watershed management biologists bring up a net at Big Sandy Lake on May 1 as part of a fish survey to help gauge the fish population of the lake on Fort McCoy's South Post.



Contract watershed management biologists Steve Rood and Derek Maki with the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands show fish they netted May 1 at Big Sandy Lake at Fort McCoy as part of a survey.

## COMMUNITY



Participants in the Wellness Fair 5k Run/2-Mile Walk take off from the starting line May 16 in front of Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy.

# 2018 Fort McCoy Wellness Fair promotes healthy living; hundreds attend

**STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**  
Public Affairs Staff

More than 500 people attended the 2018 Wellness Fair at Rumpel Fitness Center on May 16 where they either participated in a 5k run/2-mile walk or visited dozens of information displays featuring products and services from local businesses and post agencies.

Compared to the 2017 Wellness Fair, where rain dampened the turnout to the fair, the 2018 rendition saw sunny skies and warm temperatures for fair-goers.

“We had beautiful weather for the event, and the turnout was great,” said Recreation Programmer Julie Pressler with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR).

The American Red Cross held a blood drive; health screenings were offered; and 49 door prizes were given to fair attendees. The fair, organized by DFMWR with the theme “Always Maintain the Attitude of a Winner,” brought in 53 exhibitors from numerous health care agencies as well as businesses, said Liz Faber, director of DFMWR marketing.

Agencies, vendors, and sponsors

promoted spiritual fitness, healthy-diet options, dental health, skin care, heart health, massage therapy, personal safety, drug-and-alcohol-abuse prevention, recreation opportunities, health-insurance options, financial readiness, and more.

Dozens of DFMWR personnel worked behind the scenes to help make the event a success. Planning starts months in advance. “This is a team effort to complete this event,” Pressler said.

Starting off the fair activities was the Wellness Fair 5k Run/2-mile Walk that saw more than 150 participants. The race also served as a time trial qualifying event for several Soldiers vying for a spot on the Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team.

“This was the first of three races that we are using as qualifying races,” said Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah, Ten-Miler team coach with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade. Woommavovah also was the first-place winner in the male 41 and over category for the 5k with a time of 22:21.

Other winners included:

- Male 41-over second place, Jeff Dergarmo, 22:27.



Attendees visit the dozens of information areas inside Rumpel Fitness Center as part of the fair.

- Male 31 to 40 — First place, Nicholas Vance, 21:06; second place, Robert Runnion, 23:41.

- Female 35 and under — First place, Hollie Barnes, 24:08; Second place, Sarah Johnson, 26:30.

- Female 36 and over — First place, Gloria Rosario, 25:30; Second place, Donna Vance, 25:41.

Door prizes included a bicycle, grill, camping equipment, personal-care kits, gift certificates, and more. Door prizes are provided by

sponsors and sponsorship dollars from corporate partners, Pressler said.

Pressler said the fair also was part of Army MWR’s “Strong B.A.N.D.S.” program, which stands for “strong balance, activity, nutrition, determination, and strength.”

The program promotes healthy, active lifestyles for people in all Army communities.

Throughout the month of

May, according to Army MWR, it “motivates Army Soldiers, Families, retirees, and civilians to get and stay fit.”

Many participants in the run/walk, as well as the fair overall, could be seen wearing T-shirts with the Strong B.A.N.D.S. logo, such as the Network Enterprise Center personnel who participated.

For more information about DFMWR and related activities, go online to [mccoy.armymwr.com](http://mccoy.armymwr.com).

## COMMUNITY

# Enhance outdoor rec opportunities with items from Recreational Equipment Checkout

**STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**  
Public Affairs Staff

Throughout Fort McCoy, a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities are available, such as camping, fishing, hiking, biking, and more.

To enjoy those opportunities, however, not everyone has the equipment needed to make the outdoor recreation experience the best possible experience.

That's where Fort McCoy's Recreational Equipment Checkout can help, said facility manager Joe Sagler with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Business and Recreation Division.

"The checkout really has everything," Sagler said. "From pontoon boats to recreational vehicles to fishing equipment and even woodsplitters, the checkout has items available for every sort of activity."

The Recreational Equipment Checkout is located at Pine View

Campground in building 8053.

"Two of our biggest rental items are our pontoon boats and bass (fishing) boats," Sagler said. "These can be checked out by authorized patrons."

Authorized patrons for certain items, such as boats and recreational vehicles that can be taken to areas off post, are active-duty military, retired military, Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees, Veterans Administration employees, retired DOD employees, their immediate family members, and DOD contractors working full time at Fort McCoy.

"We do, however, offer many items for those authorized patrons as well as the general public for use at the installation," Sagler said.

When members of the general public stay at Pine View Campground, they could rent a camper, bicycle, a game set, or even a fishing pole.

The campers, or recreational vehicle (RV) trailers, available at the

checkout are: 11 29-foot campers, two 19-foot campers, three 16-foot campers, five A-line campers, and four pop-up campers.

"We'll eventually be getting rid of the pop-up campers and getting five more 29-footers and two to three more 19-footers," Sagler said. "We want to keep a nice variety of RVs available for all of our customers."

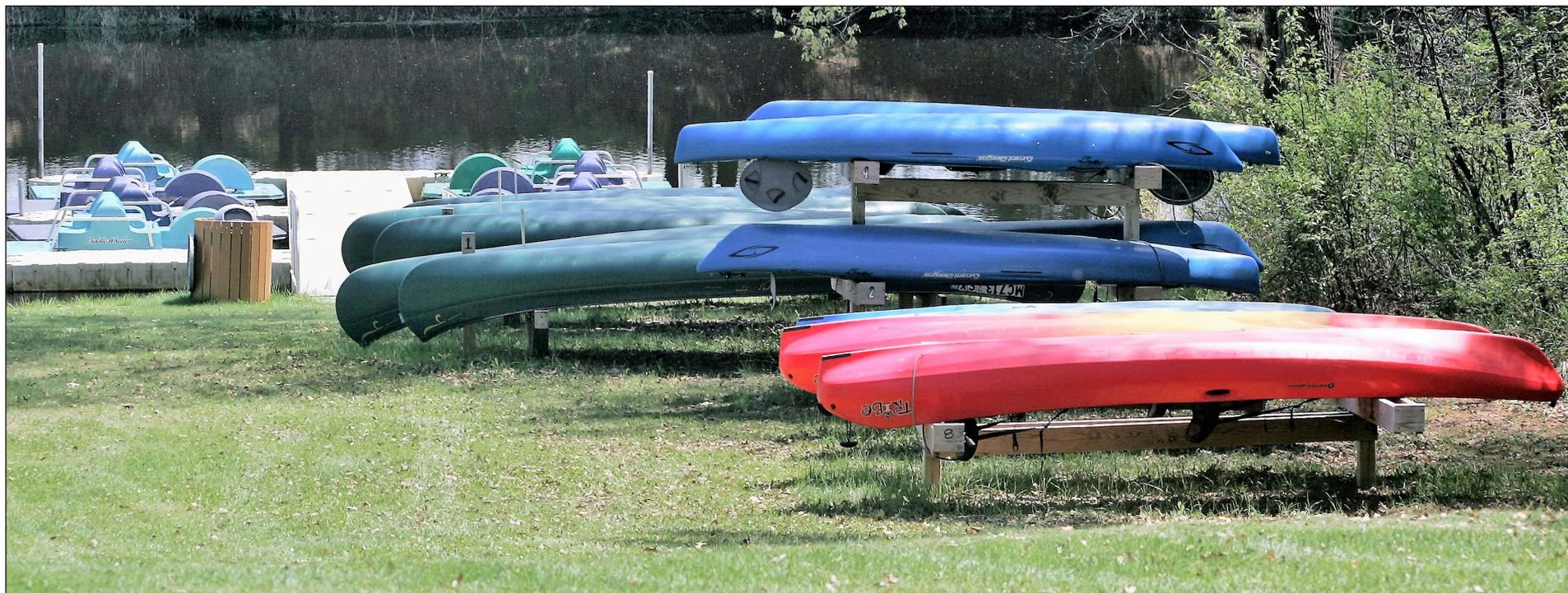
"We also have nine 'super cookers,' or pull-behind grills, available at the checkout," Sagler said. "These are popular items to rent for unit barbecue events and for large parties."

Rates to rent equipment vary, Sagler said. Reduced rates are available to authorized patrons on all equipment.

To find out more, visit the Recreational Equipment Checkout page at <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/programs/recreational-equipment-checkout-outdoor-recreation>, stop by the Pine View Campground office on post, or call the office at 608-388-3517.



The Recreational Equipment Checkout, like these located at Pine View Campground on May 15, has multiple types of campers available for authorized patrons to rent.



Recreational Equipment Checkout customers can also check out paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks, like these located next to Suukjak Sep Lake on May 15 at Pine View Campground.

**SAFETY**

# Stay aware of changing conditions when motorcycling

Motorcycling is a lifelong learning process. Far too often, riders think that after a few years and a few thousand miles, they know it all. That concept can be fatal.

Permanent change of station moves happen often enough to be a setback to a rider's learning curve. At that point, riders need to be aware that what they have learned isn't lost — but they may need to modify their skills for the road conditions at a new duty station.

Assume you are a rider in the Southeast. The climate is warm, and tires tend to adhere to surfaces much better than in other areas of the country. Because roads don't freeze during the winter, their surfaces are also in better condition.

Adjusting to new conditions requires time and discipline. That discipline includes learning to read road surfaces, as they may be constantly changing. While some surfaces — such as crowned roads — remain relatively similar throughout the country, the degree of crown may vary. Vehicles tend to drift away from the direction of the crown, but it is much more pronounced with motorcycles.

Two-lane highways are crowned to the centerline, while four-lane highways are crowned to the median. Sport bikes are affected by road crowns more than standard motorcycles or cruisers, so changing motorcycles or riding a borrowed bike can be a recipe for disaster.

Because of repairs, there are patches on most road surfaces. Some have raised surfaces, while others may be concave. Each patch causes a differing reaction, and no two are alike. When crossed at highway speed, riders must be aware how their motorcycle will react. Crossed at excessive speed, these patches can change the rider's direction of travel.

Painted lines, dribbled fuel or oil, railroad tracks, grates, covers, the type of road surface, and pavement grooves can all affect riding. Riders must read road conditions and react



accordingly. Because of their sensitive handling, sport bikes react to changes in road surfaces faster than other types of motorcycles. It's important that all motorcyclists know their bikes' characteristics, react accordingly, and stay focused while riding.

While riders may be fully capable of negotiating road

conditions in the area where they are accustomed to riding, a move changes the dynamics of these surfaces. Staying aware of changing road conditions and adjusting to them is fundamental to safe riding.

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

# Be aware of possible risks when grilling out this summer

**BY GUY CHASTAIN**

Cheyenne (Colo.) Mountain Air Force Station Fire Prevention Office

Warm weather is on its way, and that means an increase in outdoor activities, including barbecuing.

Sizzling burgers and hot dogs over a fire on the grill for a Family cookout is always a favorite, but if you're not careful, this year's summertime kick-off barbecue might be remembered for all the wrong reasons.

To keep you and your Family safe while grilling, follow these general guidelines provided by the National Fire Protection Association:

## General grilling tips

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhang branches. At least 10 feet away is a good rule of thumb.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below



the grill.

- Never leave your grill unattended.

## Propane grills

- Before you use your grill, check the major connection points between the propane tank hose and regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Check the propane tank hose for any potential leaks. To do that, apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush

or spray bottle. Turn the propane tank on. If there is a leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see). If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.

If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

- As you are cooking, if you smell propane gas, turn off the tank and burners. If the leak

stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

## Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as fuel.
- If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

For additional information on other fire safety tips, visit [www.nfpa.org/public-education](http://www.nfpa.org/public-education) and search by topic. If you have any questions or would like clarification on any fire safety tips, call the Fort McCoy Fire Department at 608-388-2508.

## NEWS NOTES

### 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.

### 2018 participants announced for Blue Star Museum program

The National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families announced the 2018 Blue Star Museums program participants.

More than 2,000 museums, zoos, and nature centers nationwide will offer free admission to active-duty military personnel and their Families from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Qualified members must show a valid ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Visit [www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums) to find participating museums. The list will be updated throughout the summer.

### 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.

Appropriate 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 the installation.

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

### SHARP training dates available for FY 2018

Training dates are available for fiscal year 2018 Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) training.

The class is required for both military members and government civilians.

Classes are 9 to 10:30 a.m. June 6; July 17; Aug. 9 and 23; and Sept. 5 and 18. All classes will be at Army Community Service, building 2111. Onsite training is also available for units as requested.

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



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### 5k winners

Runners with Team Fort McCoy are shown with the Fast Team Award they won for the second consecutive year at the Tomah (Wis.) Area Cancer Support 5K Run/Walk on May 12 in Tomah. All team members placed in their age groups and they took honors for the top three overall male finishers and second overall female finisher.

### Centershot Archery 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.o.ajao.civ@mail.mil](mailto:fatai.o.ajao.civ@mail.mil) or [ryan.t.pritchett.mil@mail.mil](mailto: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 noncompetitive events.

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

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

### 'PCS with Confidence' offered 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. 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.

### 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.wisconsin-history.org](http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsin-history.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](mailto:carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil).

### Commissary surcharge pays for new stores, renovations

Commissary shoppers don't have far to look in their stores to see the effect the surcharge has on their shopping experience.

That's because the surcharge — the 5 percent added to every commissary customer's receipt — goes directly back into the benefit, paying for the modernization and replacement of stores. It's the funding source for maintenance and repairs, store equipment, and information technology systems.

In 2017, the agency replaced older stores with new, modern commissaries at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., and Fort Belvoir, Va., that cost more than \$74 million to build and equip.

In 2018, commissary shoppers at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., will enjoy the culmination of a two-year major renovation, called an "architectural and refrigeration upgrade," that was also paid for by the surcharge. While not a new store, the project makes the store more environmentally friendly with the installation of more energy-efficient equipment and greatly improves the shopping experience.

Here are a couple surcharge facts:

- It is not a tax. Surcharge dollars go back into stores, paying for the construction and modernization. In fiscal year 2018, the surcharge budget is nearly \$271 million.

- The surcharge has been set at 5 percent since 1983 and cannot be changed without congressional approval.

The surcharge's history traces back to 1879 and features various applications and rates through the years leading up to 1983. Through the years, thanks to the surcharge, patrons have a direct role in sustaining and enhancing their commissary benefit.

### Fort McCoy welcomes new employees

New employees started working in several post organizations in March and April.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Keegan Kayala** — Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.
- **Reynaldo Vellido** — Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.
- **Matthew Fenik** — Logistics Readiness Center.

### Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published June 8. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication is noon May 30.

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. **Closed May 26-29.** Call 608-388-7060.

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

**Leisure Travel Services Office:** Open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

**Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center:** Building 8053. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.-Sat. Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. May 28. Call 608-388-2619.

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

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

**Sportsman's Range:** Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

**Tactics Paintball & Laser Tag:** Open 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Reservations available. Call 800-531-4703.

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

**Dining**

**McCoy's Community Center:** Building 1571. ATM located inside. Catering/administration, call 608-388-2065. **Closed May 26-29.**

**Primo's Express:** Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4-11 p.m. Sat., and 4-10 Sun. Buffet (pizza, pasta, and rotating hot dishes) available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7673.

**Sports bar:** Open 4-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 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 Rentals (Enterprise):** Info 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 and automatic bay. 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 24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-TEAM (8326).

**Launderette/Dry Cleaning:** Building 1538.

# facilities services

This schedule is projected through **June 7, 2018.** **Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication. **Most offices closed May 28 for Memorial Day.** Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours. To report updates to this page, call 608-388-2407.

Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

**Laundry Facilities:** Buildings 651, 755, 1671, 1735, 1856, 2002, 2568, 2671, 2763, and 2877. Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy retired unit to military orders. Civilians and pursuit 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.

**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. Call 608-388-4988 for hours.

**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. 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.mccoysusa.org.

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

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

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

**Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317:** For more information, email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

**DAILY BUGLE CALLS**

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

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