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Celebrate Army Birthday on June 14 at Fort McCoy

The Army celebrates its 243rd birthday June 14, and Fort McCoy community members are invited to join the celebration

The U.S. Army was founded June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of expert riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year, according to the U.S. Army Center of Military History. George Washington received his appointment as commander in chief of the Continental Army the next day and formally took command July 3, 1775, in Boston.

Army installations celebrate the anniversary by hosting special events and celebrations. At Fort McCoy, a number of events are open to the service members, civilians, and Family members who work, serve, and live on post.

The day starts out with a free drive-thru breakfast at McCoy's Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. A choice of a doughnut or fruit and coffee or orange juice will be offered. T-shirts will also be given away while supplies last.

The Commander's 5K Challenge is at 7 a.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center. Participants who beat the commander's time will receive signed certificates. T-shirts will be available to all participants. This race also serves as the final qualifier for the 2018 Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team. Registration is required, and forms are available at Rumpel Fitness Center.

Community members can wash their vehicles for free at the MWR Car Wash from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free bowling, including shoes, is offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center.

The Army Birthday Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center. The official cake-cutting ceremony and invocation will start at 11:30 a.m. Live music will be performed by an Army band, and lunch will be served.

All events are free and open to the entire Fort McCoy community. For more information about Army Birthday events, call 608-388-3200.

For more information about the Army Birthday and branch birthdays, visit <https://history.army.mil/html/faq/branches.html>.

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Operation Cold Steel II's Task Force Triad finishes with thousands of Soldiers trained

From Feb. 19 to May 31, thousands of Reserve Soldiers trained at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Cold Steel (OCS) II.

OCS operations at Fort McCoy were run by Task Force Triad, which was hosted by the 416th Theater Engineer Command, headquartered in Darien, Ill.

"Cold Steel benefits the (Soldiers) by training them and giving them an experience they most likely have never had in the Army Reserve or even in the history of the Army Reserve," said Command Sgt. Maj. Freddy Trejo in February, who served as Task Force Triad senior enlisted adviser for OCS II at Fort McCoy. "We're putting weapons in their hands, getting them qualified, increasing their confidence as Army Reserve Soldiers, and we are sending crews back to units completely qualified and trained."

According to Task Force Cold Steel, (See **COLD STEEL**, Page 3)



Photo by Ty Bjornson

A Soldier trains on the Unstabilized Gunnery Trainer-Crew (UGT-C) simulator Feb. 28 at Fort McCoy soon after Operation Cold Steel II began at the installation. Thousands of Soldiers used Fort McCoy's simulation training platforms during their training.

Numerous troop projects planned for summer 2018

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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The list of 2018 troop projects at Fort McCoy includes continuing progress on a shower facility at Improved Tactical Training Base (ITT) Freedom on South Post and finishing a storage building started in 2017 near Range 2.

"Most all of the work for this year's troop projects will be held during the Combat Support Training Exercises in June and August," said Troop Projects Coordinator Larry Morrow with the Directorate of Public Works. "There is a lot of work, especially with smaller projects, we hope will get done during this summer." In addition to continued work at the ITTB Freedom shower facility and the Range 2 storage facility, other projects include:

- building a picnic shelter at building 2171.
- installing parking lot lighting at buildings 2173 and 1447.
- constructing a portable shed at building 1024.
- placing a concrete dumpster pad at building 1024.

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Soldiers with the Army Reserve's 327th Engineer Company of Onalaska, Wis., work on a troop project near Range 2 at Fort McCoy in 2017.

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Command teams and senior leaders from units within the 88th Readiness Division's area of responsibility stop for a photo following an annual 88th strategic planning meeting May 23 in building 905 at Fort McCoy.

Strategic planning by 88th brings division, geographic partners together

STORY & PHOTOS BY ZACHARY MOTT

88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

Senior leaders from the 88th Readiness Division (RD), along with their counterparts from commands located within the unit's 19-state area of operations, gathered at Fort McCoy on May 23 for a strategic planning meeting.

The 88th RD has been hosting these strategic meetings annually since 2009. During the meetings, the unit's annual plan and goals are discussed.

The two-day event brings each section and directorate of the 88th RD together.

During the first day, the group reviews the organizational strategic plan and pertinent, measurable metrics for each section.

The 88th RD utilizes the Baldrige Framework Criteria. Each metric is designed to measure elements that support its strategic plan.

"We want to make sure that what gets measured is managed," said Charles C. Hudson, chief of staff for the 88th RD. "Process improvement has a direct impact on the outcomes."

On the second day of the meeting, command teams and senior leaders from units located within the 88th RD area of operations — a region that encompasses four time zones, 606 units, 277 sites, 579 facilities, 52,000 Soldiers, 2,500 civilians, and 19 states — attended and provided input and questions to 88th RD leaders and directorates on the strategic plan and individual directorates.

"If we just do an internal review and we don't get customer input, we'll never get it right," said Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert, commanding general of the 88th RD and senior commander at Fort McCoy. "We want this to be a conversation that we continue going forward."

That way forward is currently being forged. The 88th was a regional support command until being renamed as a readiness division in 2017.

The process for that change and what the unit will look like in the future was a big part of the discussions during the strategic planning meeting. Reinert and his team are focused on building partnerships and relationships with the units located within its region in order to improve the readiness of all units of the Army Reserve.

"Our goal is to be helping units work together," Reinert said, "to create a support network for every Army Reserve Soldier in that area."

The strategic planning meeting allows the 88th RD to align itself with the Army Reserve Command mission and to ensure it is prepared to meet the challenges and needs of the future.

"This is not a duplication of effort but a unification of effect," Reinert said.



Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert, commanding general for the 88th Readiness Division and Fort McCoy's senior commander, speaks prior to the strategic planning meeting May 23 at Fort McCoy.

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which oversees all of the training at not only Fort McCoy but other installations, a total of 850 crews (2,500-plus Soldiers) successfully completed Gate 4, Table VI crew qualification. Additionally, more than 2.1 million rounds were expended and approximately 400 cadre and 250 vehicle crew evaluators were trained in addition to certifying 30 senior gunnery noncommissioned officers. The gunnery crews conducted their training and qualification in 13-day rotations.

During the training, Soldiers qualified with the MK-19, M240B, M2, and M249 weapons platforms mounted to various military vehicles, including Humvees, Medium Tactical Vehicles, Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks, and Heavy Equipment Transports, Task Force Cold Steel II officials said.

Approximately 15 crews from Task Force Triad also traveled to Fort Knox, Ky., after completing Gate 4, an individual crew convoy protection platform qualification, to participate in a bridge Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX). Upon completion of that CSTX, those crews completed Gate 3, sectional gunnery of two to five protection platforms.

“Operation Cold Steel is designed to train Soldiers on a way to effectively acquire and engage targets on a mounted platform,” said Staff Sgt. David Jenkins, operations noncommissioned officer for Task Force Cold Steel. “This is something that has not been trained on in the Army Reserve in a while other than during (pre-mobilization).”

Throughout the entire time for OCS II at the installation, Fort McCoy’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) also supported the training with simulation training platforms, said DPTMS Training Support Officer Robert Weisbrod. Training platforms used included with the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, Engagement Skills Trainer, Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer, Unstabilized Gunnery Trainer – Crew, and Virtual Battlespace Trainer 3.

DPTMS and Fort McCoy also supported by keeping ready the many ranges used for OCS II through Range Maintenance and with after-action review support. The installation also



Photo by by Spc. Devona Felgar

A Soldier fires a shot while competing qualification with blank ammunition before completing live-fire training May 9 at Fort McCoy during Operation Cold Steel II .

provided extensive logistics support, including equipping, fuel, ammunition, maintenance, contracted food service, and billeting.

“Fort McCoy’s support to the Army Reserve’s Operation Cold Steel and overall sustainment gunnery program is simply

another indicator of how Fort McCoy helps the Army meet its operational demands in support of combatant commanders across the globe,” said DPTMS Director Brad Stewart.

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

TROOP PROJECTS

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- installing a drinking fountain at building 1024.
- widening the entrance to Pine View Campground.
- building a recycle center at Pine View Campground and a 10-foot-by-10-foot shed for the campground host.
- continuing work on the marshalling yard at Young Air Assault Strip on South Post.
- making an explosion proof outlet at building 207.
- finishing a trail behind Equipment Concentration Site-67.
- building a separation wall at the Fire Desk at building 2954.
- completing miscellaneous electrical projects throughout post.

Morrow said completing these projects is very important. “If we didn’t have these projects, many troops wouldn’t get the training they need, and the post wouldn’t benefit from the work they do to improve Fort McCoy training ranges and quality-of-life programs,” he said.

In 2017, Soldiers with the Army Reserve’s 327th Engineer Company of Onalaska, Wis., started the work on the storage facility near

Range 2. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joel Sikora with the 327th said working on the project while participating in a major exercise was important for his unit’s Soldiers to maintain their skills.

“This was a full-spectrum (immersion) into what it means be to a Soldier,” Sikora said. “For us, it’s not just doing construction, or just doing a convoy, or just doing security. We are doing all of these (Warrior Tasks) every day in addition to what our (military occupational specialty) is, and we get better at everything.”

Sikora also said the Soldiers of the 327th enjoy having a place like Fort McCoy to complete their training. Not only is it conveniently close to Onalaska, but the unit also appreciates the support received from the Fort McCoy team, especially from Morrow’s team.

“Larry always takes care of us if we ever need anything,” Sikora said.

“He’s always got a (lengthy) list of stuff to do that we could be on active duty here for him. We know that if you want something for training, Larry has it. We’ve never showed up here and not had something to do for us to train on.”



327th Engineer Company Soldiers cut lumber for a troop project in 2017 on North Post at Fort McCoy.

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Retired Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf, a Medal of Honor recipient, speaks to recent enlistees during an Our Community Salutes event May 19 at Fort McCoy.

MOH recipient speaks at 'Our Community Salutes' event at Fort McCoy

STORY & PHOTO BY CATHERINE CARROLL
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The Fort McCoy community gathered together for an "Our Community Salutes" (OCS) event May 19 in Rumpel Fitness Center during Armed Forces Day to salute graduating high school seniors who have enlisted in the military.

Our Community Salutes, created in 2009 by Dr. Kenneth E. Hartman, is a national nonprofit organization designed to recognize and honor high school seniors who have committed to enlist in the armed forces following high school graduation.

The 88th Readiness Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Patrick Reinert spoke at the event, which included 90 attendees enlisting in the Army, Army Reserve, and Wisconsin Army National Guard and their family members and friends.

Army Reserve Ambassador for Wisconsin Gerald W. Meyer also attended the event. Meyer has been involved with OCS for the past three years as vice president of the board.

"I believe our commitment, as a community, to these 90 Wisconsin young adults entering

active Army and National Guard service this year is paramount to the support and defense of our state and country," Meyer said. "We conduct this ceremony to confirm with enlistees, and their loved ones, the importance of entering military service."

A special guest of honor, retired Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, spoke to the enlistees and shared personal stories from his time in service.

"This year we had ... Sgt. Maj. Ken Stumpf present the ceremony certificates to all the enlistees, which was outstanding," Meyer said. "His comments during the ceremony about earning the Medal of Honor were truly amazing. His impact on these young adults has the potential to be lifelong."

Stumpf told stories about his mother receiving his draft notice and how he wanted to throw baseballs and ended up throwing hand grenades. He also spoke about being the recipient of the Medal of Honor and how the men he lost that day in battle were the ones who earned the medal.

Stumpf was drafted into the Army from Milwaukee and by April 25, 1967, was serving as a specialist in the Republic of Vietnam.

Stumpf rescued three wounded comrades despite heavy fire and single-handedly disabled an enemy bunker. He was subsequently promoted to staff sergeant.

An article, titled "One-Man Wrecking Crew Wastes VC Bunkers," published in an online history of the 35th Infantry Regiment, states, "In September 1967, Stumpf was discharged from the Army and returned to his old factory job in Menasha, Wis. In April 1968, he got a call from an Army officer with the news that he had won his nation's highest military award. At the urging of the Army, Stumpf re-enlisted and served another tour in Vietnam, where he was wounded while assaulting an enemy position. On (Sept. 30, 1994), after 29 years in the Army, Sergeant Major Kenneth Stumpf retired" while serving at Fort McCoy.

Reinert, who spoke before Stumpf, emphasized the sacrifice that generations of veterans have made and the effects that military service can have.

"Choosing to serve your country at any time is noble. To do so during a time of war shows true commitment and dedication," Reinert said. "Many generations of veterans have walked before you, and their accomplishments

and sacrifices have paved the way for a better future.

"It will be the biggest challenge you ever face. It will break you down and build you up into a stronger person than you ever thought possible," Reinert said.

Reinert also spoke of the need for Soldiers to stay in close contact with their families throughout the early years of their career. He stressed how important the family support system would be for them in the future and how much their loved ones needed their support and encouragement, as well.

Meyer said this event was not just an exciting event for the enlistees, but an emotional one for the families.

"The parents and loved ones who attended the ceremony were sad and nervous that their sons and daughters were leaving to enter military service, but were also extremely proud of them for making this commitment to America's armed forces," Meyer said.

Stumpf's Medal of Honor citation can be found at www.cmohs.org/recipient-detail/3427/stumpf-kenneth-e.php. The 88th Readiness Division is a tenant organization at Fort McCoy.

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Major, American Samoan shares story during observance

STORY & PHOTO BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

The contributions of Asian-Americans, Pacific Islanders, and other ethnic and cultural groups are essential to the United States' heritage and success as a country, said Maj. Eline D. Moeolo-Tuitele at Fort McCoy's Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance May 17 at McCoy's Community Center.

Moeolo-Tuitele with the 88th Readiness Division, the oldest of nine children, was born in American Samoa. American Samoa is an unincorporated U.S. territory in the South Pacific Ocean, about 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii. It became a U.S. territory in 1900 after the 1899 Tripartite Convention, which divided the Samoan Islands between Germany and the United States.

Moeolo-Tuitele has served in the Army and Army Reserve since 1997, and three of her siblings have also joined the Army.

"The transition into the military was seamless for me because of the life lessons and values instilled in me from my parents, family, and our way of life," Moeolo-Tuitele said.

Moeolo-Tuitele's parents were both educators and encouraged their children to work hard and keep improving themselves, she said.

They taught both through stories and by example, she said. Her father told her about how, when he was a child, schoolchildren would join their parents in the mountains to gather copra, which the dried kernel of a coconut and used in making coconut oil.

"Rain or shine, Dad would carry baskets loads packed with copra on his back, taking the same path through the unpaved roads from the mountaintop to the village miles below," Moeolo-Tuitele said. He told her how heavy the baskets were and how slippery the paths were when it rained.

When her father was a young teacher, he lived on the island of Ofu and taught on Olosega. At the time, there was no bridge between the two islands, and those who lived on Ofu had to wait for low tide.

"At low tide, when it was safe for them to cross, they would place their change of clothes, lunch, and school supplies above their head and cross the strait," Moeolo-Tuitele said.

She said she crossed the strait herself when she was young, sitting on her grandfather's shoulders, and the experience was etched in her mind.

"It was a tough life in comparison to mine," she said.

"When I found myself carrying a heavy rucksack marching for miles at basic training or through the hills of Uijeongbu, South Korea, I knew that was nothing in comparison to what my dad and others like him had to endure daily."

Her father continued to work hard, she said, and retired as the director for Special Education after 45 years of service. He earned the money to build houses for both his parents and his own family.

Her parents worked hard to support their family and give their children a chance for better lives, she said. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen, graduated college, and worked hard to become the first commissioned officer in her family.

"This story is not just about me, but each part reflects on the experience shared by many Pacific Islanders in pursuit of the American dream," Moeolo-Tuitele said. "Our great nation's story has been tied to the Pacific for centuries. Generations of fearless men and women have crossed the Pacific Ocean seeking better lives and opportunities, and weaving their rich heritage into our cultural tapestry."

"Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have contributed immeasurably to our nation's development and



Maj. Eline D. Moeolo-Tuitele with the 88th Readiness Division speaks to Fort McCoy community members during the Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance May 17 at McCoy's Community Center.

diversity as a people," states the 2018 Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month proclamation issued by President Donald J. Trump. "During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we recognize their tremendous contributions, which have helped strengthen our communities,

industries, Armed Forces, national security, and institutions of governance."

For more information about Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, visit <https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>.

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Installation observes Memorial Day with prayer luncheon

BY AIMEE MALONE
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Fort McCoy community members took the opportunity to honor fallen service members leading up to and over the Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day is observed the last Monday in May and honors the men and women who have died during their military service. Americans often visit cemeteries and gravesites to place flowers or American flags on the graves of service members. A national moment of remembrance also takes place at 3 p.m. local time each Memorial Day.

The tradition began during the Civil War when women in Pennsylvania began putting flowers on the graves of fallen Soldiers from the Battle of Gettysburg in the summer and the fall, according to the U.S. Army Center of Military History. The tradition began to spread, and in 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union service members, declared May 30 as Decoration Day, “designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion.”

Memorial Day first became a legal holiday in 1873 in New York. In 1887, Congress recognized Memorial Day or Decoration Day as a holiday for government employees. Memorial Day remained on May 30 until 1971 when the Uniform Monday Holiday Act went into effect, which moved it to the last Monday in May.

Fort McCoy community members recognized the day by attending the Religious Support Office’s Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon on May 24 at McCoy’s Community Center.

Karen Birkeness, who retired from Fort McCoy in 2017, led the gathering in several hymns. Prayers were conducted by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Raymond Leach, Fort McCoy garrison; Chaplain (Maj.) Erik Spicer, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade; Chaplain (Maj.) Dawn Siebold, 88th Readiness Division; Chaplain Jef Skinner, Sparta police; Pastor Brian Young, Sparta Faith Evangelical Free Church; Pastor Paul Frey, InFaith missionary; and Chaplain (Capt.) Jameson Abidoeye, Operation Cold Steel II.

The guest speaker was Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Robert Pleczkowki, deputy chief of chaplains at the

U.S. Army Reserve Office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D.C. Pleczkowki spoke about the traditions of Memorial Day and the meaning behind the holiday.

“Memorial Day has taken on different meanings over the years, especially wearing a uniform, as many — if not all — of us may have names and faces of friends and comrades whom we remember in a special way this Memorial Day because of the sacrifice they made,” Pleczkowski said.

He shared that Memorial Day had sometimes been more of a day of work and functions, whether he was participating in ceremonies or directing Boy Scouts to put flags in local cemeteries.

That changed after he heard a Korean and Vietnam Wars veteran, retired Chaplain Parker Thompson, speak at Chaplain Hill at Arlington National Cemetery.

“I’ve been there lots of times. I’ve heard a lot of speeches — many very inspiring speeches. Parker Thompson spoke from his heart,” Pleczkowski said. “He wasn’t talking in generalities. He was talking about his friends.”

He spoke about taking the time to reflect on the service members who had lost their lives, especially during the 3 p.m. moment of silence.

“If we can’t do it for a whole day, maybe as a country we can stop for that one minute to really make the day what’s supposed to be,” he said, “and reflect not only in our minds but in our hearts what people have done for us so that we live in freedom and peace as God’s children to do the mission given to us.”

Over the holiday weekend, garrison and tenant organization representatives also participated in Memorial Day events in surrounding communities, including Sparta, Norwalk, Bangor, La Crosse, Ontario, Trempealeau, and Merrillan. Numerous other Fort McCoy Soldiers, civilians, and Family members attended local events or celebrated the day on their own.

For more information on Memorial Day and its history, visit <https://history.army.mil/html/reference/holidays/memday/index.html> or www.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/history.asp.

The Religious Support Office also hosts a Veterans Day Prayer Luncheon in September; for more information, call 608-388-3528.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Robert Pleczkowki, deputy chief of chaplains at the U.S. Army Reserve Office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D.C., gives his presentation during the Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon on May 24 at Fort McCoy.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Raymond Leach, garrison chaplain, talks to community members during the luncheon May 24 at Fort McCoy. The event was Leach's first prayer luncheon as the new garrison chaplain.



Retired Fort McCoy employee Karen Birkeness plays a song selection during the Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon on May 24 at McCoy's Community Center.

NEWS**Fort McCoy members support community Memorial Day events***Photo by Pat Mulvaney*

Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim addresses attendees May 28 at the Memorial Day observance in Sparta, Wis. Personnel from the installation were in many communities that surround Fort McCoy to support Memorial Day events. The Sparta event was the first engagement for Kim as garrison commander.

*Photo by Pat Mulvaney*

Soldiers with units located at Fort McCoy form a color guard during the Memorial Day observance May 28 in Sparta.

*Contributed photo*

Capt. David R. Sanchez (right), commander of U.S. Army Recruiting Company-Fort McCoy, talks with organizers May 28 of the Norwalk, Wis., Memorial Day observance. Sanchez was a featured guest speaker at the event.

*Contributed photo*

Col. Brooks Shultze, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade commander, gives the Memorial Day address May 28 in LaCrosse, Wis.

ADS

FEATURE

Flag Day: Understanding its history

Every June 14 at an Army installation, the focus is often on celebrating the Army's birthday. However, the day also has another observance — Flag Day.

A resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, stated “that the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of (13) stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.”

The resolution was made following the report of a special committee that had been assigned to suggest the flag's design. But this was just the beginning to the origins of Flag Day.

A flag of this design was first carried into battle Sept. 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine. The American flag was first saluted by foreign naval vessels Feb. 14, 1778, when the *Ranger*, bearing the Stars and Stripes and under the command of Capt. Paul Jones, arrived in a French port. The flag first flew over a foreign territory in early 1778 at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a British fort.

Observance of the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming, however. Although there are many claims to the first official observance of Flag Day, all but one took place more than an a century after the flag's adoption in 1777.

The first claim was from a Hartford, Conn., celebration during the summer of 1861. In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on.

The most recognized claim, however, comes from New York. On June 14, 1889, Professor George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten for the poor of New York City, had his school hold patriotic ceremonies to observe the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution.

This initiative attracted attention from the state Department of Education, which arranged to have the day observed in all public schools thereafter.

Soon the state legislature passed a law making it the responsibility of the state superintendent of public schools to ensure that schools hold observances for Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, and Flag Day.

In 1897, the governor of New York ordered the displaying of the flag over all public buildings in the state, an observance considered by some to be the first official recognition of the anniversary of the adoption of the flag outside of schools.

Another claim comes from Philadelphia. In 1893, the Society of Colonial Dames succeeded in getting a resolution passed to have the flag displayed on all of the city's



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

The flag of the United States of America flies May 2 on the flagpole in front of Garrison Headquarters at Fort McCoy.

public buildings.

Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, that same year tried to get the city to call June 14 Flag Day.

Resolutions by women were not granted much notice, however, and it was not until May 7, 1937, that Pennsylvania became the first state to establish the June 14 Flag Day as a legal holiday.

Flag Day is a nationwide observance today, but Pennsylvania is the only state that

recognizes it as a legal holiday.

Bernard J. Cigrand, a school teacher in Waubeka, Wis., reportedly spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14 as a national holiday. Although his attempts failed, the day was widely observed.

“Father of Flag Day” honors have been given to William T. Kerr, who was credited with founding the American Flag Day Association in 1888 while still a schoolboy in Pittsburgh.

Both President Woodrow Wilson, in 1916, and President Calvin Coolidge, in

1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. But it wasn't until Aug. 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.

Learn more about Flag Day at <http://usflag.org/history/flagday.html> and <https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/flagday.pdf>.

(Article prepared by Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office with information courtesy of Veterans Affairs and usflag.org.)

FEATURE

This month in Fort McCoy history

60 years ago — June 21, 1958

Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Harper, deputy commander of the Fifth U.S. Army, arrived by plane for an inspection tour of the units undergoing summer training at Camp McCoy. Harper inspected units of the 32nd National Guard Division, the 5902nd Army Reserve School of Chicago, and the 70th Reserve Infantry Division from Michigan and Indiana.

50 Years Ago — June 14, 1968

A 67-year-old woman was killed when the car in which she was riding collided with a Wisconsin Army National Guard Jeep shortly after 10 p.m. on Highway 16 at the entrance to South Camp McCoy, located about midway between Tomah and Sparta.

Two Wisconsin National Guardsmen and a member of the Army Reserve, who were beginning two weeks of summer training with the Guard, were injured.

The three men in the Jeep were assigned to Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion of the 121st Artillery, a Milwaukee unit. The men had just moved to the field with the rest of their unit to begin tactical maneuvers.

45 Years Ago — June 29, 1973

Company B of the 724th Engineer Battalion built a bottom draw-off dam at Stillwell Pond in an effort to improve the water conditions for downstream trout. A concurrent project removed 2 feet of silt from the bottom of the pond while the dam and spillway gates were being built.

An earthen dam was constructed to stop flowage into the pond so the projects could be completed. Val Crispin, fish biologist, said the drainage was needed to eliminate the shiners and suckers, which had become too plentiful in the pond. Removing the silt reduced weed and algae reproduction. The added depth also provided better habitat for the trout that were stocked later that the fall.

30 Years Ago — June 17, 1988

Maj. Gen. Charles Ramsey, director of the Territorial Army of the United Kingdom, spent several days at Fort McCoy observing a variety of National Guard and Army Reserve units in training.

Ramsey was invited to the United States by the assistant secretary of Defense to tour Army Reserve training installations in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and



File photo by Lou Ann Mittlestaedt

Soldiers with the 652nd Engineer Company participate in bridging operations at Alderwood Lake on June 26, 1998, at Fort McCoy.

Wisconsin.

Ramsey's three-day visit at Fort McCoy was spent in the field observing a wide variety of units training. From engineering units to supply and service and military police battalions, he saw first-hand what types of training they were involved in and the levels of motivation and interest.

20 Years Ago — June 26, 1998

Fort McCoy's Alderwood Lake served as the site for bridging exercises conducted by the 652nd Engineer Company as part of the unit's annual training.

The 652nd, an Army Reserve unit headquartered in Ellsworth, Wis., with a detachment in Cannon Falls, Minn., had a two-fold mission. In addition to its role as a bridge construction asset within a corps-level structure, the unit also had the mission to haul materials, ranging from dirt to ammunition, in support of other units.

While at Fort McCoy, the 652nd practiced launching sections of an Assault Float Bridge to construct five-float rafts during daylight and blackout conditions. The rafts were constructed

and navigated with the help of bridge erection boats, which served as mini tugboats. The company had 12 of the watercraft, each of which was powered by a pair of 212 horsepower Sabre diesel jet-propulsion engines.

10 Years Ago — June 15, 2008

The cast of the 2008 Army Soldier Show danced and sang their way through an energetic 90-minute show June 15 at Rumpel Fitness Center.

The 2008 show, the 25th anniversary of the modern Soldier Show, focused on the motto of "Entertainment for the Soldier, By the Soldier." Against a backdrop of desert camouflage and sandbags, the 14-member cast moved smoothly between current hit songs and past favorites while performing intricate choreography. The show featured a wide variety of music genres, including country, R&B, hip-hop, gospel, rock, soul, and patriotic music.

Attendance at the show was estimated to be 550.

(Article prepared by Public Affairs staff from The Real McCoy and Triad archives.)



Slithery resident

A common water snake is shown swimming in the North Flowage lake on May 15 at Fort McCoy.

Several species of snakes are found on the installation.

Wildlife management at Fort McCoy is completed by the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

SPORTS

McCoy members participate in Tomah VA Medical Center Memorial Day Run/Walk

Dozens of Fort McCoy members participated in the Memorial Day Run/Walk on May 24 at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Tomah, Wis.

Leading the way for the Fort McCoy delegation was Col. Brooks Shultze, commander of the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, and Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Conroy, 181st command sergeant major.

Also participating as guests of honor were 85th Support Command Commanding General Brig. Gen. Kris Belanger and Command Sgt. Maj. Vernon I. Perry III, the 85th's command sergeant major.

"Participants from the VA medical center also attended in their wheelchairs with support from the VA staff," said Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah, deputy commanding officer of the 181st. "Also attending were Fort McCoy civilian employees, Soldiers, family members, K9 teams, and Tomah High School students."

The event is held to commemorate Memorial Day and what it means, Woommavovah said.

According to history, Memorial Day is a holiday observed on the last Monday of May to honor men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

The 2018 Memorial Day Run/Walk at the Tomah VA Medical Center was organized and planned by the medical center staff and the 1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion — a unit associated with the 181st at Fort McCoy.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade.)



Photo by Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah

Fort McCoy runners participate in the Memorial Day Run/Walk on May 24 at the Tomah, Wis., Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dozens of installation personnel participated in the athletic event.



Contributed photo

Col. Brooks Shultze, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade commander, provides remarks prior to the start of the Memorial Day Run/Walk on May 24 at the Tomah, Wis., Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

NEWS NOTES

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 \$10 for the children's race and \$40 for the regular 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.

Military rifle shoot planned for June 10

A military rifle shoot is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 10 at Sportsman's Range.

The competition honors the 74th anniversary of the Normandy landings. Participants will use vintage, replica, and military firearms to test their accuracy and precision.

Firearms are available for rent at the range, and rented firearms must use ammunition purchased at the range.

Registration costs \$20 for members, \$25 for preregistration, and \$30 the day of the event.

For more information, call 608-388-3517.

CYS summer camp starts June 11

Fort McCoy Child and Youth Services' summer camp officially starts June 11.

Space is filling up fast! Parents of children in kindergarten through fifth grade can sign up for summer camp through www.militarychild-care.com. Parents of youth in sixth through 12th grades can sign up for summer camp at the School Age Center/Youth Center, building 1792.

For more information, call 608-388-8956.

Army Arts & Crafts Contest opens June 11

The 2018 Army Arts and Crafts Contest will accept submissions from June 11 to Aug. 13.

The contest is open to novice and accomplished artists. Up to three submissions per artist will be accepted in each of 9 categories: ceramic art, digital art, drawings, fiber art, glass art, metal and jewelry art, mixed media, paintings, and wood art.

All submissions must be original work completed within 12 months from the start of the current contest year; artwork entered in previous Army Arts & Crafts contest years may not be resubmitted. The contest is open to all authorized Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons, excluding Army Arts and Crafts employees.



Photo by Capt. Travis Michelena

New 181st CSM

Col. Brooks Shultze, 181st Multi-Functional Brigade commander, exchanges the unit flag with Command Sgt. Maj. Marty Conroy, new 181st command sergeant major, during a ceremony May 23 at the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area.

Visit www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/arts-and-crafts/2017-arts-crafts-contest for more information.

Noah's Ark day trip set for June 14

A day trip to Noah's Ark Water park in Wisconsin Dells is scheduled for June 14 through Fort McCoy's Child and Youth Services (CYS).

The bus will depart Fort McCoy at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Children will need to bring a swimsuit and towel. A hot dog lunch is included.

The trip costs \$8 for full-week-care youths. It costs \$32 for hourly care youths (\$16 for the hourly care and \$16 for the trip). Space is limited; registration is required by June 11.

For more information, call 608-388-4373.

Family Coaster Night scheduled for June 14

Fort McCoy's Child and Youth Services (CYS) is hosting Family Coaster Night from 4 to 5:30 p.m. June 14 at the School Age Center/Youth Center, building 1792.

Families can participate in a craft night and make a personalized set of four coasters for their house. Families must be registered with CYS to participate.

Space is limited; registration is required by June 11. Call 608-388-4373 for more information.

NRA rifle class set for June 16

A National Rifle Association (NRA) class on rifle basics is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 16 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

The course is taught by NRA counselor Gary Campbell, owner of The Gun Academy. The class is designed to familiarize students

with rifle safety, range etiquette, and marksmanship. Students may bring their own firearms or use those provided by Sportsman's Range.

The class costs \$125, which covers books, facility fees, and range fees. Space is limited, and registration is required.

For more information, call 608-388-3517.

D-Day 3-Gun Match scheduled for June 16

The D-Day 3-Gun Match is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 16 at Sportsman's Range.

Match events are meant to recreate battles that took place during Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy, on June 6, 1944. Participants can choose from four standard divisions (unlimited, practical, factory, and heavy optics) or the historic division.

Prizes will be awarded to the top shooter in each division. Wisconsin 3 Gun and Sportsman's Range rules will be followed at all times. Firearms are available for rent at the range, and rented firearms must use ammunition purchased at the range.

Registration costs \$25 for members, \$30 for preregistration, and \$35 the day of the event.

For more information, call 608-388-3517.

Archery shoot set for June 23

Lost in the Woods Archery Shoot is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 23 at Sportsman's Range.

The competition will be a 27-target 3D archery shoot with three divisions: hunter, youth, and known distance. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooter in each division.

It costs \$25 for nonmembers, \$20 for members, and \$15 for the known-distance shoot.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-3517.

Leinenkugel's Brewery tour planned for July 14

A trip to tour Leinenkugel's Brewery is scheduled for July 14.

The cost is \$25 per person, which covers transportation, the tour, beer tasting, and a souvenir glass. The bus will depart the parking lot of McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, at 9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

The trip is open to all Fort McCoy employees and their guests who are at least 21 years old. Registration is required by June 30.

For more information, call 608-388-3011.

Ho-Chunk Gaming trip set for July 24

A bus trip to Ho-Chunk Gaming in Black River Falls is scheduled for 5 p.m. July 24.

The cost is \$20 per person, which covers transportation. The bus will depart the parking lot of McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, at 5 p.m. and return at 9 p.m.

The trip is open to all Fort McCoy employees and their guests who are at least 21 years old. Registration is required by July 13.

For more information, call 608-388-3011.

Vernon Vineyards tour set for Aug. 12

The Vernon Vineyards winery tour is scheduled for Aug. 12.

The trip will depart from McCoy's Community Center at noon and return at 6 p.m. It costs \$15 per person, which includes transportation, the tour, and wine tasting. Dinner will be available at an additional cost.

The trip is open to all Fort McCoy employees and their guests who are at least 21 years old. Registration is required by Aug. 1.

For more information, call 608-388-3011.

Para-athletic 3-gun match scheduled for Aug. 18

A para-athletic three-gun match is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 18 at Sportsman's Range.

The event will feature five categories: Paralympic, unlimited, practical, factory, and heavy optics. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooter in each division.

Wisconsin 3 Gun and Sportsman's Range rules will be followed at all times. Firearms are available for rent at the range, and rented firearms must use ammunition purchased at the range.

Registration costs \$25 for members, \$30 for preregistration, and \$35 the day of the event. For more information, call 608-388-3517.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published June 22. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication is noon June 13.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

Recreation

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

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

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

Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.-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.-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri.-Sat.** 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 3-7 p.m. Fri. and 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

Fabrew Coffee: **Building 1538. Open 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun.** Call 608-343-6257.

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

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.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **June 21, 2018.**
Bold, italic typeface indicates a change since the last publication.
Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours.
To report updates to this page, call 608-388-2769.

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

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

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 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.

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 fsofmcocoy@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 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri. and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun.** 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.

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