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# The Real McCoy

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## ACOE Site Visit Team at Fort McCoy

Susan Roberts (left), Christine Donovan, and Rianne Tillery with the Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) Site Visit Team meet with members of the Fort McCoy ACOE team Sept. 19 in building 100. Fort McCoy was one of seven Army installations/organizations to be selected for an ACOE site visit in the 2017 competition. The ACOE program uses the Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence to evaluate competing installations. Site-visit team members verify and clarify information through review of documentation and interviews with selected personnel in garrison organizations.

## RAD event provides one-stop shop for retirees

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Nearly 600 military retirees and Family members attended the 2016 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) at Fort McCoy Sept. 9.

The annual event is coordinated by the Fort McCoy Soldier For Life-Retirement Services Office (SFL-RSO) of the Directorate of Human Resources.

"Overall it was very successful," said Retirement Services Officer Mitzi Hinton. "It's a sure way retirees and their Families can get updates on the resources, entitlements, and benefits they have."

RAD included a full day filled with a variety of activities.

During the morning session in building 905, a wide array of speakers gave updates during briefings on health care, veterans services, retirement benefits, legislative actions that could affect retirees, a Vietnam Memorial reflection, and more.

Event attendees then were able to grab a buffet lunch on their own at McCoy's Community Center, which had been set up with extra seating. An afternoon benefits fair held at the Wisconsin Military Academy (build-

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ing 90) rounded out the day.

Ricardo Acevedo, a Navy veteran and the district manager with the Social Security Administration in La Crosse, Wis., participated in the benefits fair to answer any questions attendees had on Social Security.

"(RAD) is a great event because it's a one-stop shop for retirees and Family members to get information they need," Acevedo said. "I also enjoy doing this as it's a way for me, as a fellow vet, to give back."

Retired Army Lt. Col. Charles Isely III of La Crosse attended the 2016 RAD as a member of the Wisconsin Area Military Retiree Council. He was among several council members who provided refreshments for attendees at the briefings in building 905.

"I came out for this event because I know how important it is for retirees," Isely said. "It really is a wonderful event."

Many other activities also took place at the installation for RAD attendees.

The Fort McCoy Commissary held a case-lot sale that offered custom-  
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## Fort McCoy Safety Day scheduled for Oct. 12

Fort McCoy Safety Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

On- and off-post agencies will be represented at the event.

Numerous safety topics will be covered, including unexploded-ordnance safety, highway and driving safety, yoga, physical and spiritual health, ergonomic office equipment and chairs, gun safety, identification of poisonous plants, fire safety, and more. A MedLink helicopter and Fort McCoy Fire Department vehicles also will be on static display.

For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 608-388-3403 or the Fire Department at 608-388-4077.

## Parents: Remember to fill out Impact Aid Survey

Impact Aid Survey forms soon will be sent home with students in the Tomah Area and Sparta Area school districts.

The Impact Aid Program is designed to directly compensate local school districts for "federally connected" students, such as children who reside on military bases, in low-rent housing properties, on Native American lands, or on other federal properties or who have parents in the armed services or employed at eligible federal properties.

Nationwide, the program disburses roughly \$1.3 billion annually in unrestricted federal funds directly to school districts.

Parents need to fill out a form for each child who attends school in the Sparta Area or Tomah Area school districts. Each section needs to be filled out completely and signed and dated by a parent or guardian. Districts cannot count a child for funding if the form is not both signed and dated.

For more information, call the Tomah Area or Sparta Area school district offices or Fort McCoy School Liaison Officer Becky Walley at 608-388-6814.

## NEWS



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

### SECDEF presentation

Team members with the Natural Resources Branch (NRB) of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division and Fort McCoy garrison leadership participate in a video teleconference Sept. 9 with Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Frank Kendall. The meeting was the final part of official recognition for the NRB team earning the Natural Resources Conservation Team award in the 2015 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards competition.

## RAD

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ers extra savings on bulk items. Fort McCoy's Commemorative Area and History Center were open for RAD attendees to learn more about the post's 107-year history.

Retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Lyle Spring, who was in the Fort McCoy area from his home in Kathleen, Ga., visiting Family and friends, said he appreciated the opportunity to learn more about what military retirees have available to them.

"I'm looking to come to work in this area, and I also wanted to see what Fort McCoy was like," Spring said. "Getting information from this event was very helpful."

Hinton said the SFL-RSO can provide military retirees and Family members with more information and support for pre-retirement and post-retirement services. Pre-retirement services include individual pre-retirement counseling; preparation of the Retired Pay Application, DD Form 2656; Career Status Bonus/REDUX counseling; and active-duty survivor assistance.

SFL-RSO post-retirement services include assistance with retired pay actions; providing TRICARE, Medicare, and Social Security information; referral to the Veterans Administration; obtaining lost service documents; and more.

The date for the 2017 RAD will be set soon. For more information about RAD or the SFL-RSO, call 608-388-3716 or toll free at 800-452-0923.



Military retirees and Family members participate in a benefits fair at the Wisconsin Military Academy as part of Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort McCoy.



Fort McCoy Retirement Services Officer Mitzi Hinton provides a briefing for military retirees and Family members in building 905.



## TRAINING

# Soldiers react to 'austere' environment at CSTX

**STORY & PHOTO BY**  
**SGT. 1ST CLASS CLINTON WOOD**  
 84th Training Command

Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-16-03 was the third and final CSTX of the year for the 84th Training Command.

The command, headquartered in Fort Knox, Ky., is following suit on the Army's shift of not preparing for desert warfare as it has done for the past 14 years, instead focusing on preparing units to deploy anywhere in the world.

Instead of having thousands of Army Reserve, active-duty, and National Guard Soldiers occupy established forward-operating bases (FOBs) spread throughout Fort McCoy's 60,000 acres, Soldiers were instructed to move to the wood line to pitch their own tents and dig fighting positions.

So what did Soldiers think of these living conditions? In order to take a shower at one Tactical Assembly Area (TAA), Soldiers walked a mile in roughly 40 pounds of military gear, including their weapon, advanced combat helmet, and load-bearing vest full of a hundreds of rounds of blank ammunition.

Pvt. Austin Stachina, a bridge crew member who has been in the U.S. Army Reserve for 10 months and is assigned to the 652nd Engineer Company, said the experience was fun.

"I think it is a lot better for us than staying indoors and living the easy life," said Stachina, who is studying to become an electrical line technician.

This collective training exercise wasn't designed to be easy; it was designed to prepare units for operational deployments. Soldiers were given a three-week sample of what that experience would be like. They reacted to multiple attacks by an opposing force (OPFOR); performed different Army Warrior tasks; dined on plenty of Meals, Ready to Eat; and took shelter from several downpours in tents.



**A Soldier assigned to the 327th Engineer Company, 397th Engineer Battalion, 372nd Engineer Brigade, 416th Theater Support Command, directs his squad to move up in a complex attack during Combat Support Training Exercise 86-16-03 at Fort McCoy in August.**

Stachina added that he thought he brought something to the fight. Since he graduated from One-Station Unit Training in March, he was more familiar on how to react to OPFOR attacks than some of his fellow Soldiers.

Staff Sgt. Brandon S. Wertz, a full-time training noncommissioned officer for the 327th Engineer Company located in Onalaska, Wis., shared his thoughts.

"I think this exercise really kind of pushed them and pushed the envelope on them to find out what they are really capable of doing," said Wertz, who served as an infantryman with the

101st Airborne Division and deployed twice to Afghanistan.

Spc. Andrew Hrabe, a combat engineer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 397th Engineer Battalion, Eau Claire, Wis., also deployed twice to Iraq. He noted that he spent his first deployment in hard-stand buildings and his second in tents.

"So, I am kind of used to it," said Hrabe, of the living conditions.

Mother Nature made sure to expose the Soldiers to rain and heat, with several days climbing above the area's average of 83 degrees

Fahrenheit.

Pfc. Joseph George, a combat engineer assigned to the 344th Engineer Company, found a way to adjust to the heat.

"Every time we get a good breeze, that's our air conditioning," said George. George is fourth-generation military, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

George, who has been in the Army Reserve for two years, had no problem adjusting to the conditions because he goes camping at least four times a year.

Spc. Breona Washington, an automated logistical specialist with the 383rd Quartermaster Company based in St. Charles, Mo., said the living conditions didn't bother her either.

"Just come prepared, and ensure you have everything you need," said Washington, who has served five years in the Army Reserve.

Cpl. Paul Eidam, a Marine Reservist assigned to Headquarters and Service Company, 4th Medical Battalion, Miramar, Calif., provided another insight.

"I am used to the desert, so honestly it is kind of neat to be out in the woods," said Eidam, who has been in the Marines for six years.

Eidam, a squad leader and one of the Marines who provided a quick-reaction force for a TAA at Fort McCoy's North Post, was impressed with how seriously the Soldiers defended their area.

"They are in their fighting holes almost all the time," he said. "We're surprised that they always seem to be in them. It seems like 24 hours a day."

It is safe to say that U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers have adjusted well to this new challenge.

Stachina may have said it best, "Come with a good attitude, come out with a good attitude, and remember it is not over until you get back home."



## OC/T competition

**A Soldier with the 1st Battalion, 310th Infantry Battalion applies first aid to a simulated victim during a scenario as part of an observer-coach/trainer (OC/T) competition Sept. 14 by the 181st Infantry Brigade at Fort McCoy.**

As a unit conducts training, it may be assigned an OC/T whose job is to observe it throughout the operation. The OC/T then assesses the unit to identify strengths and weaknesses and provide mentorship to help improve unit operational readiness.

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## NEWS

# Family donates World War II-era photo album to Fort McCoy

**STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**

Public Affairs Staff

The 70-year-old photo album is a bit tattered but still together. The opening page, with “Camp McCoy” handwritten in big letters, has a small black-and-white photo taken in 1945 from an overlook bluff that shows an area that is now home to Regional Training Site-Medical and other parts of the Fort McCoy cantonment area.

This was the photo album former 2nd Lt. Lorraine Machan created when she began Army nurse training on post in May 1945. Kathleen (Machan) Hill of Pewaukee, Wis., along with her sister-in-law Sue Machan of Waukesha, Wis., delivered the album to the Fort McCoy History Center Sept. 12.

Hill said she wanted to find a “good home” for the album. “It’s a piece of history I received from my aunt, and I thought somebody (at Fort McCoy) would appreciate the history it holds,” she said.

“This is a great addition to Fort McCoy’s history collection to show the medical training that was once a part of the training mission at the installation during World War II,” said Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office (PAO). “It also was great to meet with Family members and learn more about Lorraine’s life as a nurse in the Army.”

The album has several photos of Lorraine at then-Camp McCoy when many parts of the cantonment area were new. It also chronicles Lorraine’s career as an Army nurse with photos from other places she was assigned, including Europe and Alabama.

Lorraine, now 93 years old and a resident of Denton, Texas, went on to have a long career in the medical sciences after she left training at McCoy, Sue said.

“She was an amazing woman of many talents,” Sue said. “I’ve only been able to get to know her in recent years, but she did some amazing things.”

Hill said Lorraine worked for many years in Africa as a nurse and missionary and helped start a university there in the years after her Army service ended in 1946. She said her aunt also earned a doctorate degree in zoology and helped establish the four-year nursing program that is still going at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

“She also has been instrumental in developing (medical) outreach programs in other countries,” Hill said.

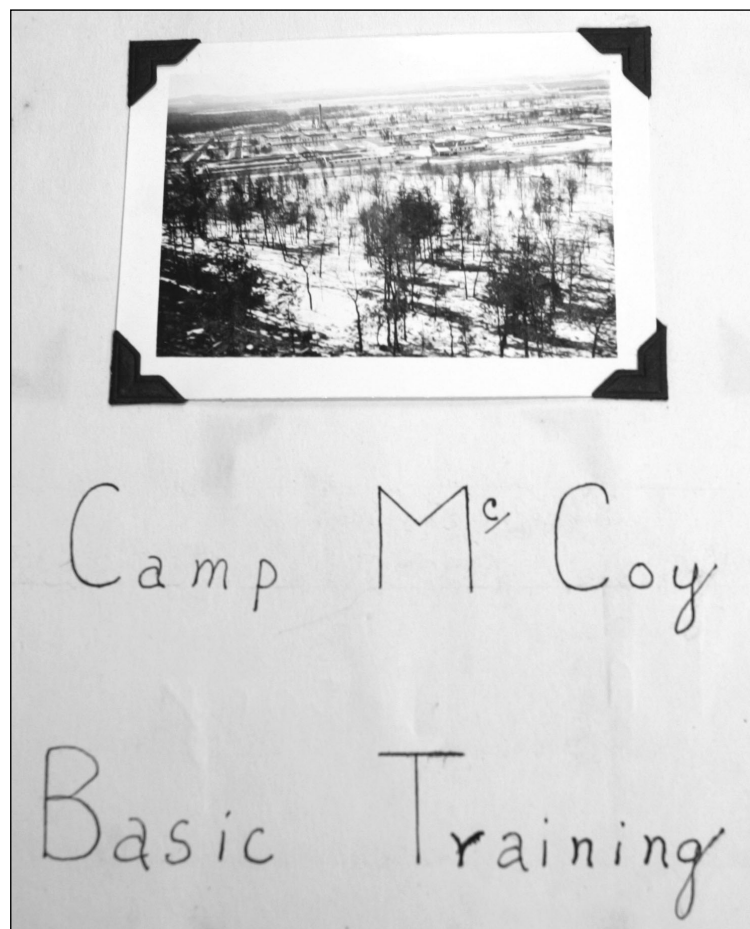
Hill said she is proud of her aunt’s accomplishments during her time in the service and after. She also was happy to be able to visit Fort McCoy for the first time.

“Thanks for letting Sue and me view your museum,” Hill said. “I’ve lived in Wisconsin all my life and had never been to Fort McCoy, so it was a real treat for me.”

The album eventually will be on display at the History Center. For more information about the Commemorative Area or the History Center, call the PAO at 608-388-2407.



Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald (left to right), Sue Machan, and Kathleen (Machan) Hill look over a 1945-46 photo album Sept. 12 at the Fort McCoy History Center.



The photo album contains World War II-era photos of then-Camp McCoy.



The album’s creator, former Army 2nd Lt. Lorraine Machan, stands atop a bluff at Fort McCoy in 1945.



## OBSERVANCES

# Installation marks National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15

Oct. 9-15 is the 2016 National Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began Oct. 8 but continued into and did most of its damage Oct. 9, 1871.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention instead of with festivities, according to the National Fire Protection Association website, [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest-running public health and safety observance on record.

The 2016 National Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait — Check The Date," provides an ideal opportunity to educate the public about the importance of replacing smoke alarms every 10 years.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1.2 million reported fires in 2014. These fires caused 14,075 civilian injuries, 3,240 civilian deaths, and \$11.5 billion dollars in property damage. On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home-fire injuries, followed by heating equipment. Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home-fire deaths.

Almost three of five (60 percent) of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. In



fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93 percent of the time, while battery-powered alarms operated 79 percent of the time.

When smoke alarms fail to operate, it usually is because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead. Smoke alarms must be tested once a month, the batteries replaced every six months, and smoke alarms replaced every 10 years.

According to a National Fire Protection Association survey, only a third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire-escape plan. Almost three-quarters do have an escape plan; however, more than half never practiced it.

Almost a third (32 percent) of respondents thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available often is less. Only 8 percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out.

Fire Chief David Biondi said the Fort Mc-

Coy Fire Department is planning several events during Fire Prevention Week 2016, including a South Post Family Housing Safety Campaign, during which firefighters will go door to door with life safety handouts; information booths at the Exchange and McCoy's Community Center; a static equipment display at the Exchange; unannounced postwide fire-evacuation drills; and a visit to the fire station by the Child Development Center, where the children will tour the fire station and eat lunch with the firefighters.

The fire department also will participate in Fort McCoy Safety Day, which will be Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCoy's.

Biondi said he encourages everyone to stop by either fire station to take a tour, ask questions, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee. Station 1 is located in building 1680, and Station 2 is located at the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport.

"We are here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," said Biondi. "We are a friendly bunch, enjoy the company, and the coffee pot is always on."

For more information about fire safety at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-4077.

(Article prepared by the National Fire Protection Association and Fort McCoy Fire Department.)

## Commissary patrons can save on emergency supplies during National Preparedness Month

BY KEVIN L. ROBINSON

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Planning for the worst is a no-brainer when considering the recent weather events such as the flooding in southeast Louisiana.

National Preparedness Month in September draws attention to the wisdom of making an emergency plan for any crisis, said Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) Sales Director Tracie Russ.

"Whether it's natural or manmade, a crisis doesn't conveniently occur on schedule," Russ said. "So during National Preparedness Month, we remind our patrons that they can use their commissary benefit and save money to prepare their survival kits."

Since April 1, DeCA's severe weather preparedness promotional package is offering various items at reduced prices until Oct. 31. This package includes: beef jerky and other assorted meat snacks; soup and chili mixes; canned goods; powdered milk; cereals; batteries; airtight bags; weather-ready flashlights; tape (all-weather, heavy-duty shipping, and duct); first-aid kits; lighters; matches; lanterns; candles; hand sanitizer; and anti-bacterial wipes. Specific promotional items may vary from store to store.

"The flooding in Louisiana has displaced thousands of people and emphasizes to us all the importance of being ready for the unexpected," Russ said. "Thanks to our industry partners, commissaries are offering savings on many of the items our patrons need in an emergency."

National Preparedness Month coincides with the peak activity for hurricanes in the United States. The Atlantic hurricane season runs June 1 through Nov. 30, covering the North Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico.

The emphasis on being prepared is echoed by the theme



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Customers shop the Fort McCoy Commissary case-lot sale Sept. 9. The sale, held in conjunction with Retiree Appreciation Day, featured extra savings on hundreds of bulk items, including emergency supplies.

"Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," which encourages people to create an emergency plan and share it with their loved ones.

Commissary patrons can go to [https://commissaries.com/disaster\\_prep.cfm](https://commissaries.com/disaster_prep.cfm) to learn more about specific disaster prepared-

ness resources. For more information about National Preparedness Month, go to [www.ready.gov/September](http://www.ready.gov/September) and [www.ready.gov/considerations/military-family-preparedness](http://www.ready.gov/considerations/military-family-preparedness).

For more information about the Fort McCoy Commissary, call 608-388-3542 or stop by building 1537.



## OBSERVANCES

## National Public Lands Day: Forestry program marks 50-plus years

STORY &amp; PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

For more than 50 years, the installation Forestry Office with the Natural Resources Branch (NRB) of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division has successfully maintained and managed Fort McCoy's forested lands.

Fort McCoy is situated on more than 60,000 acres of public land, which includes more than 40,000 acres of forested land. The Forestry Office works directly with other Fort McCoy, state, and federal agencies to support training needs, help provide and improve wildlife habitat, and continuously help maintain a diverse and healthy forest ecosystem, said Fort McCoy Forester James Kerkman.

## Forestry history

Fort McCoy hired Julian Hutchinson as the first forestry-specific employee of the garrison staff in October 1966. Hutchinson first worked as a forestry technician, then became the installation's forester and, eventually, the supervising forester. Kerkman said Hutchinson hired him in 1985 and Forestry Technician Charles Mentzel in 1987 — both of who make up the Forestry Office today.

"I worked as a forestry technician until 1989 when I became the post forester," Kerkman said. "Julian established Fort McCoy's forestry program even before he started working here full time. His contributions are the basis for everything we do in forestry today."

The first record of the Army taking action to manage the forest on Fort McCoy was recorded in 1948 in a forest-fire control agreement with the Wisconsin Conservation Department — now the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said NNRB Chief Mark McCarty. In the early 1950s, the U.S. Forest Service conducted a timber survey and prepared a timber-management plan for Fort McCoy. Commercial harvests started on Fort McCoy in 1954.

"In the late '50s and early '60s, Julian was providing support for Fort McCoy forestry efforts as a forester with the Wisconsin Conservation Department in Sparta," Kerkman said.

## Always busy

Forestry management is a year-round process at the installation, Kerkman said. The Forestry Office initiates and manages timber sales, completes prescribed burns to reduce fire dangers, and maintains a forestry inventory.

"All of our forest acreage is tracked using computer programs to enhance multiple-use, sustained-yield forest management," Kerkman said. "From 4,000 to 5,000 acres are re-inventoried each year."

Inventorying and managing acreage means working in the field, which is where Mentzel spends much of his time. "I'll go out when it's 20 degrees below zero in the middle of winter or when it's over 100 degrees in the heart of summer," Mentzel said.

Unlike 50 years ago, Kerkman said state-of-the-art technology helps them, as well.

"We have tools like the Global Information System for map-making and GPS, which make things a lot easier," Kerkman said. "These are tools we didn't have available when I started working here."

"With a GPS unit, we can achieve great location accuracy in preparing a land tract for a timber sale," Mentzel said. "The unit we have is worn in a backpack style and is strong enough to pick up a satellite signal beneath the tree canopy. Achieving accuracy in our readings is crucial to the overall management of our program."



Fort McCoy Forester James Kerkman with the Forestry Office of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch completes some forestry work on the post's cantonment area Sept. 8. Kerkman has been the installation forester since 1989.



Forestry Technician Charles Mentzel (right) with the Forestry Office and Wildlife Technician Zac Millbrand, both with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch, measure log lengths at a timber-sale site on Fort McCoy's North Post Aug. 26.

Kerkman said the Forestry Office also now works closer than ever with Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) training planners.

"We plan timber sales in concert with DPTMS," Kerkman said. "For example, (DPTMS planners) will tell us about areas that need to have trees harvested and cleared and we'll work out our timber sales to get that work done."

## Celebrating public lands

America celebrates National Public Lands Day on the last Saturday of September. For 2016, it's Sept. 24. The observance is a signature event of the National Environmental Education Foundation and promotes both popular enjoyment and volunteer conservation of public lands.

At Fort McCoy, land is used for military training, and the

general public also uses the land for activities, including hunting, fishing, camping, and more.

"Taking care of our public land is important because it's part of a public trust," Kerkman said. "American taxpayers own public land, so it's our job to make sure it's managed well so future generations can enjoy it."

Kerkman said he's also enjoyed being one of many caretakers of Fort McCoy's public lands.

"It's been a real pleasure to see the forest grow and change here in the 31 years I've been here," Kerkman said.

"For the future, I hope the forest continues to stay healthy and diverse and our public land provides all that it does today."

For more information about the Forestry program and about public land use at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-2102.



## OBSERVANCES

# Gold Star mother finds calling after son's death

BY JESSICA MARIE RYAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Right before his deployment to Afghanistan, Marine Capt. Jesse Melton III told his mother, “Mom, I want to go change the world and make a difference.”

At 29, Melton already had a big effect on his family, church, and community. He learned to serve others at an early age and was inspired to serve in the military by his father and grandfather.

His life, however, was cut short during that fateful deployment in 2008. He and two other Marines were killed while supporting combat operations in the Parwan province. He was not scheduled to be on duty but took the place of a fellow Marine.

His mother, Janice Chance of Owings Mills, Md., saw his death as a platform to serve others. Calling her son “My Quiet Storm,” Chance saw firsthand the difference he made on others and wanted to continue the legacy of service he started.

“I cry, but I don’t drown in my tears, and I am determined not to be paralyzed by my pain. It’s a new normal for us (Gold Star mothers),” she said. “Nothing can replace the loss of a child, but you move forward and make a life of service.”

In 2009, Chance became involved with Army Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) after she was contacted by a coordinator at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. SOS is the official Army program dedicated to providing support services to surviving family members, including those in other military branches. It is an Army Community Service program and part of the Installation Management Command’s G9 Directorate.

Chance already was familiar with the Army



community. Although she is the surviving mother of a Marine, her daughter Jenine — inspired by her brother — became an Army officer and served two tours in Iraq before separating from service.

“Our children’s service stopped, but SOS is making sure that they are not forgotten and that we (the parents) are still in the Army Family,” she said.

Chance began to attend SOS events and met other survivors at the Army installations in Maryland. She soon found herself helping them.

As the president and chaplain for the American Gold Star Mothers Inc. Maryland Chapter, Chance worked with SOS coordinators in welcoming mothers new to the area and to the program.

“Because I’m the chaplain, I receive a lot of phone calls from moms who are facing challenges. I link them to the SOS coordinators,” she said.

In addition to SOS, Chance volunteered in

her community. A retired registered nurse, she spends her days helping veterans through organizations such as the American Red Cross and Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Healthcare System. In the last year, she estimated that she put in more than 800 hours and drove more than 8,000 miles to conduct volunteer work.

To Chance, volunteering is therapeutic. “Grief turned in is destructive,” she said. “When I volunteer at Walter Reed (National Military Medical Center) and when I go the VA (hospitals), I can say mission complete for that day. I made a difference in someone’s life. I encouraged someone. I listen to them. I let them know that I appreciate their service and sacrifice. I think I’m more blessed than they are. I get more joy from serving. I have learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Chance’s work in the community does not go unnoticed. Voncile Farmer, the SOS support coordinator at Fort Meade, Md., first met Chance during a Gold Star Wives Day event in 2014. She saw how Chance helped other survivors

with dealing with their grief.

“She puts her heart into the program,” said Farmer. “She gets the word out to educate the community about the survivors, the (Gold Star) pins, and SOS. Telling her story helps others heal. Telling her son’s story helps the community and keeps his story and legacy alive.”

Chance always remembers her son as “an officer and a gentleman.” She raised him to be a man of service and saw the effect he had on his family, fellow Marines, and community members.

“It gives me great pride that my son died doing what he loved to do — serving and defending our country,” she said.

“Jesse wanted to go and change the world and make a difference. He did that wherever he served. The world is now being changed through me. I go out and continue to serve in Jesse’s honor. I’m inspired by him and all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.”

For more information about Gold Star survivors, go online to [www.army.mil/goldstar/](http://www.army.mil/goldstar/).



## Military appreciation

The Sparta (Wis.) Area Chamber of Commerce and local businesses hosted Military Appreciation Night Sept. 15 and Evans-Bosshard Park in Sparta.

The annual event is held to thank military members assigned to Fort McCoy for their service.

Chamber members and military personnel enjoyed a meal and the chance to socialize.

Photo by Theresa R. Fitzgerald



## COMMUNITY

# Dozens participate in Fort McCoy Day for Kids event

Child, Youth and School Services' (CYSS) Fort McCoy Day for Kids was held Sept. 10 with dozens of installation community members participating.

The day included a variety of activities — including archery, a dunk tank, and inflatable games — at the School-Age Center/Youth Center, building 1792.

Informational booths about CYSS programs also were set up, and door prizes were given away.

Participants also were treated to a free lunch.

The event is held every September by CYSS to celebrate Fort McCoy youth. CYSS is part of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

For more information about this event or CYSS programs, call 877-864-4969 or stop by building 1792.



Photos by Dustin Lakowski

Fort McCoy youth and Family members participate in a fun/color run during as part of numerous activities held during the Fort McCoy Day for Kids Sept. 10 at the installation.



A Fort McCoy youth steers a tricycle through a mini-driving course under the watchful eyes of officers with the Fort McCoy Police Department.



Day for Kids participants have fun at the dunk tank.



## SAFETY

# Motorcyclists: Be prepared for seasonal changes

BY CHRIS FRAZIER

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

With its spectacular colors and cooler temperatures, autumn is a favorite riding season for many motorcyclists. Unfortunately, it also can be a particularly dangerous time to ride for the uninitiated.

As the daylight hours shorten, riders will spend more time on their bikes during periods of dusk and dark. To stay safe on the road, they must adjust their riding techniques accordingly, said Steve Kurtiak, a motorcycle and recreational vehicle safety specialist with the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center.

"Riders will be able to enjoy some beautiful sunrises and sunsets as they travel to and from work, but they'll also have to deal with the sun's glare," Kurtiak said. "That glare can also make it difficult for drivers to see them on the road, especially when the sun is low on the horizon."

When riding in hours of reduced visibility, Kurtiak recommends riders position themselves in their lane where they'll be as noticeable as possible to oncoming traffic.

This is especially important when riders approach intersections, where they must always assume someone will pull out in front of them.

"Riders need to prepare for that by adjusting their speed and being ready to maneuver quickly," Kurtiak said. "They must always leave themselves a way out. While these tips apply year-round, they're of utmost importance in the autumn and winter, when the sun's glare makes visibility difficult for just about everyone on the road."

Automobiles aren't the only threat to motorcyclists during the cooler-weather seasons. While the changing leaves in autumn provide a riding backdrop unrivaled by the other three seasons, they can create a hazard on the road once they fall from the trees.

Wet leaves — like snow and ice — reduce a tire's traction, which can

lead to a crash. When approaching a curve, Kurtiak said riders should adjust their speed and look well ahead to choose the best line to avoid wet, slick leaves and other road hazards.

Autumn's lower temperatures also offer a welcome relief from the summer heat, but motorcyclists will have to modify how they dress for the ride — especially those who will continue to ride through the winter months. Most can attest to the fact that riding while cold isn't much fun, but it's also dangerous.

"Being cold can impair a rider's ability to control their motorcycle," Kurtiak said.

"The cold can also affect their decision-making and ability to recognize road hazards."

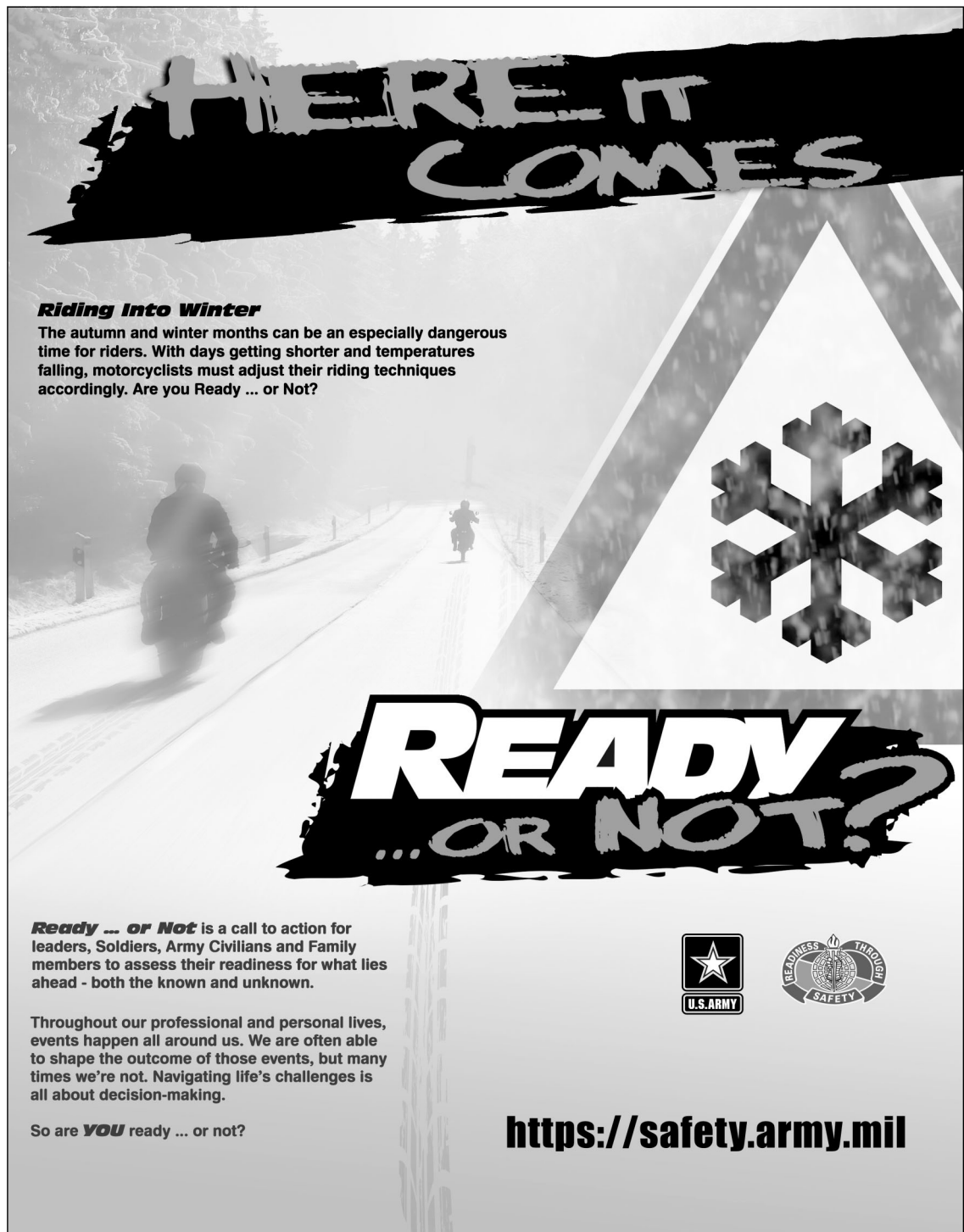
Riders who plan to ride in the autumn and winter months should learn to layer their clothing properly as well as invest in quality cold-weather personal protective equipment.

For instance, a pair of winter riding gloves without the liners may be all that's needed to keep a motorcyclist's hands warm on autumn rides. As winter approaches, the liners can then be reinserted to protect against more frigid temperatures. And when it comes to preparing their bikes for cold-weather riding, Kurtiak recommends riders follow the instructions in their motorcycle owner's manuals.

Each motorcyclist has his or her favorite riding season and reasons for it. In the end, though, it all comes down to being in tune with the bike, the weather conditions, and the surroundings.

"Whether you're a hardcore, all-four-seasons rider or fair-weather rider, machine, mind, and body have to be firing on all cylinders to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding experience," Kurtiak said.

For more information on motorcycle safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>. For more information about safety at Fort McCoy, call the Installation Safety Office at 608-388-3403.



**HERE IT COMES**

**Riding Into Winter**  
The autumn and winter months can be an especially dangerous time for riders. With days getting shorter and temperatures falling, motorcyclists must adjust their riding techniques accordingly. Are you Ready ... or Not?



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## Fort McCoy Ammunition and Explosives Amnesty Day is Oct. 12

Fort McCoy's annual Ammunition and Explosives (A&E) Amnesty Day is Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. In accordance with the Department of the Army Pamphlet 710-2-1, this is an anonymous process and may be used without fear of penalty or prosecution.

A collection point will be set up at the old C-130 Training

Site located on the South side of Highway 21 between the Main Gate and Gate 15. Signs will be displayed on Highway 21 to guide personnel to the exact location.

Explosive Safety personnel will only accept military ordinance/munitions for turn-in at this amnesty location. No questions will be asked of the person turning in the A&E, and no

names will be recorded.

Contact Fort McCoy's Installation Safety Office at 608-388-3403 if the A&E might be unsafe to handle or transport.

Local law enforcement should be contacted to handle unsafe A&E located off post.



## ABOUT POST

# Milwaukee Bucks' 'Own the Future' tour visits installation

The Milwaukee Bucks' "Own the Future" statewide tour stopped at Fort McCoy Sept. 9.

Bucks basketball player Thon Maker joined team mascot Bango, the Milwaukee Bucks Dancers, Rim Rockers, and other team personnel as they received a tour of a Fort McCoy training area, then entertained members of the installation community at Rumpel Fitness Center.

The entertainment at Rumpel began with the Rim Rocker show and Bucks' Dance Team in action.

"The Rim Rocker presentation was really amazing," said Sportsman's Range and Recreation Programming Manager Nick Sanjari with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR). "The Rim Rockers used trampolines to do flips and dunk the basketball. Bango even joined them for a few dunks."

After the show, Maker handed out autographed photos and the dance team handed out signed calendars to the more than 50 people in attendance.

"It was great to have them visit Fort McCoy and entertain the community members who attended," Sanjari said. "I think everyone had a good time."

After leaving Fort McCoy, the Bucks tour went to other Wisconsin cities, including Viroqua, Prairie du Chien, and Dodgeville.

For more information about events at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-2362 or go online to [www.mccoy.armymwr.com](http://www.mccoy.armymwr.com).

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



Photos by Jobi Spolum

**A member of the Milwaukee Bucks' Rim Rocker show soars through the air to dunk the basketball during a show at Rumpel Fitness Center Sept. 9 as part of the Bucks' tour visit.**



**Bucks' basketball player Thon Maker signs an autograph on a basketball for a Fort McCoy youth.**



**A Fort McCoy Soldier participates in a game with Milwaukee Bucks' mascot Bango.**



## NEWS NOTES

### Several laundry facilities close Oct. 1 for winter season

The laundry facilities located in Fort McCoy buildings 651, 755, 1735, 1856, 2002, 2568, 2671, and 2763 will be closed for the winter beginning Saturday, Oct. 1. These facilities will open again in spring 2017.

Laundry facilities in buildings 2877 and 1671 will remain open throughout the winter. For more information, call the Troop Facilities Support Branch at 608-388-3746.

### Central Vehicle Wash Facility to reduce hours starting Oct. 1

Fort McCoy's Central Vehicle Wash, located on Washrack Road, will reduce hours starting Saturday, Oct. 1.

The facility will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but will be open weekends by appointment only, weather permitting. The facility will close for the season Tuesday, Nov. 1. Central Vehicle Wash Facility is for tactical vehicles and equipment only; privately owned, GSA, and leased vehicles are not allowed. For more information, call 608-388-6110/7640.

### Predator hunting clinic scheduled for Oct. 1

A predator hunting clinic will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, at 9 a.m. at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area's Chalet.

The one-hour clinic will teach hunters about the predators found at Fort McCoy. It will cover predator calls, hunting techniques and strategies, and laws and regulations.

The clinic costs \$10. All attendees also will receive \$10 off the entry fee for the predator calling contest scheduled for February 2017.

The event is open to the public.

Participants can register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoyrectrac.html> or at Sportsman's Range during normal business hours. Registration is required by Friday, Sept. 30. For more information, call 608-388-9162.

### 50-bird skeet shoot planned for Oct. 2

A 50-bird skeet shoot is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. at Sportsman's Range. The shoot consists of two rounds. The shooter with the highest combined score will win. The entry fee is \$25, and members receive \$5 off.

Participants can register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoyrectrac.html> or at Sportsman's Range during normal business hours. Registration is required by 10 a.m. Oct. 2. Sportsman's Range events are open to eligible range patrons. For more information, call 608-388-9162.

### Play group scheduled for Oct. 4

Army Community Service's (ACS) "Connect the Tots" play group is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at



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### Growing muskies

Employees with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) remove muskellunge fingerlings from a pond near Whitetail Ridge Ski Area Sept. 12 at Fort McCoy. The WDNR used the pond to grow the fish between May and September, then removed them to be planted in waterways throughout Wisconsin.

building 2161.

The play group is designed to help strengthen each child's cognitive, physical, and creative selves and to help promote social-emotional skill building.

Additional play groups are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18; Tuesday, Nov. 8; Tuesday, Nov. 22; and Tuesday, Dec. 6. Call ACS at 608-388-2412 for more information or to register.

### Instructor-training course scheduled for Oct. 4-5

A two-day instructor-training course will be held Oct. 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

Topics include speaking on your feet, managing the learning environment, and keeping students engaged. Participants will be required to give a 30-minute presentation.

The workshop is open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Tuesday, Sept. 27.

To register, call ACS at 608-388-3505.

### Concealed carry class set for Oct. 8 at Sportsman's Range

A class on concealed-carry weapons is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to noon at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

The class will cover the concealed-carry

weapons laws for Minnesota and Wisconsin. Topics include required training, application and approval process, how to handle denials, requirements for displaying a permit, and examples of locations where carrying is restricted or banned. Participants getting Minnesota Permit to Carry licenses must bring firearms and 25 rounds of ammunition. Doughnuts, coffee, and water will be provided.

The class is open to the public and costs \$75. Registration is required by Friday, Oct. 7. Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoyrectrac.html> or at Sportsman's Range during normal business hours.

For more information, call 608-388-9162.

### 'Controlling Anger' class set for Oct. 13 at ACS

An anger-management class, called "Controlling Anger," is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The class covers the definition of anger and its warning signs, how to recognize when anger is creating problems, strategies to manage anger, and knowing when to seek help from an outside source. The class is open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Thursday, Oct. 6.

To register, call ACS at 608-388-3505.

### Commemorative Area open Oct. 14 to walk-in visitors

The Fort McCoy Commemorative Area will be open for walk-in visitors noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. Members of the public are welcome.

The Commemorative Area consists of the Equipment Park, five World War II-era buildings with historical displays, the History Center, and Veterans Memorial Plaza.

The History Center and World War II-era buildings contain artifacts dating from Fort McCoy's inception in 1909 up to present day.

Members of the public must stop first at the Visitor Control Center (VCC), building 35, and present valid photo IDs to get a visitor's pass.

To reach the VCC, take Highway 21 and enter Fort McCoy at the Main Gate. Turn into the VCC parking lot on the right before passing through the Main Gate. For information on visitors' passes, call the VCC at 608-388-4988.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407.

### Responses sought for Command Information survey

Feedback currently is being sought on Fort McCoy's Command Information Program. The Command Information Program includes The Real McCoy, The Real McCoy Online, FMC TV 6, the Fort McCoy Guide, and Fort McCoy's public website. As part of an effort to gauge the effectiveness of the program, the Public Affairs Office is conducting a survey through the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system.

The survey consists of a few brief questions and can be accessed online at [https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=84945&cs=344&dep=\\*DoD](https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=84945&cs=344&dep=*DoD).

Responses are voluntary and completely anonymous unless the respondent requests a reply and provides contact information. The survey will remain available in ICE until Sept. 30. ICE comments provide valuable information for managers to review and use to correct problems identified as well as recognize service areas that exceed expectations.

For more information, call Public Affairs at 608-388-2407.

### Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Friday, Oct. 14. Deadline for submissions to be considered for that issue is noon Wednesday, Oct. 5.

For more information, call 608-388-2407.

### Correction

A photo caption in the Sept. 9 issue of The Real McCoy incorrectly stated 42 new homes worth approximately \$22 million were being built at South Post Housing. The correct information is 56 new homes worth more than \$31 million.

## Recreation

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

**Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS):** Meets second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in building 1121. Call 608-388-3200.

**Commemorative Area:** Equipment Park, World War II-era buildings with historical displays, the History Center, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. **Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, and Friday, Oct. 14.** Call 608-388-2407.

**McCoy's Community Center:** Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Bowling Center closed through Sept. 24. Bowling Center open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat. 4-11 p.m., and Sun. 4-10 p.m. Extreme bowling every Fri. 4-9 p.m. **Starting Oct. 1, open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.** Manager has discretion on closing time. Call 608-388-7060.

**Leisure Travel Services Office:** Call 608-388-3011.

**Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center:** Building 88053. Open Sun.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fri.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Beach closed for the season. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

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

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

**Sportsman's Range:** Open Mon., Thurs., & Fri. 3-7 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

**Whitetail Ridge Ski Area:** Closed for the season. Call 608-388-3517/2260.

## Dining

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

**Primo's Express:** Open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat. 4-11 p.m., and Sun. 4-10 p.m. Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Starting Oct. 1, open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Limited menu after 2 p.m.** Call 608-388-7673.

**Sports bar:** Open Mon.-Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight and Sun. 4-11 p.m. **Starting Oct. 1, open Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m.-midnight.** Manager has discretion on closing time.

**Snack Avenue:** Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sun. 10

a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

**Specialty Express Food Court:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Breakfast available 7:30-10:30 a.m. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

**Whitetail Ridge Chalet:** Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Available year-round for private parties. Closed for the season. Call 608-388-3517/2260.

## Services

**Alteration Shop:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 608-269-1075.

**Barber Shop (Exchange):** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 608-269-1710.

**Beauty Salon:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 608-269-1075.

**Car Rental (Enterprise):** Information available at the Exchange, building 1538. Use the phone at the Enterprise sign. Call 608-782-6183 or 800-654-3131; use the following number: CDP# 1787245.

**Car Wash:** Building 1568. Offers self-service and automatic bays. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Call 608-388-3544.

**Combat Cache:** Building 1645. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 608-567-4231.

**Commissary:** Building 1537. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Early bird/self-checkout open Mon.-Fri. 9-10 a.m. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

**CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel:** Building 2180. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

**Education/Learning Center:** Building 50, Room 123. Open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 608-388-7311.

**Exchange:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

**GNC:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-1115.

**ID Card/DEERS Section:** Building 35. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call 608-388-4563 prior to any visit to verify the ID Section is operational.

# facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Oct. 13, 2016**.  
**Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication.  
**Unless otherwise noted, facilities closed Oct. 10 for Columbus Day.**  
**Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours.**  
**To report updates to this page, call 608-388-2407.**

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

**Launderette/Dry Cleaning:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 608-269-1075.

**Laundry Facilities: Buildings 651, 755, 1735, 1856, 2002, 2568, 2671, and 2763 closed for the season starting Oct. 1.** Buildings 1671 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 Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

**Permit Sales:** Building 2168. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call 608-388-3337.

**Retirement Services Office:** Building 35. Open Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed Wed. Call 608-388-3716.

**R.I.A. Credit Union:** Building 1501. Open Mon.-Wed. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. ATMs located in building 1501 (24/7); McCoy's, building 1571; the Exchange, building 1538; and IHG Army Hotels, building 51 (24/7). Call 608-388-2171.

**RV Storage Lot:** Next to Building 2880. Short- or long-term storage. Fees charged. Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

**Service Station/Express/Class VI:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604 or ext. 4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas open 24/7.

ATM located inside. Cash transactions available during Express hours.

**Visitor Control Center:** Building 35. Open Mon.-Fri. 5 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-388-4988.

## Family Support

**Army Community Service Center:** Building 2111. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 608-388-3505.

**Army Substance Abuse Program:** Building 1344. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 608-388-2441.

**Child Development Center:** Building 1796. Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. 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, with no records kept. Available Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

**Red Cross:** Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and their Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313, 608-788-1000, or the installation operator at 608-388-2222 and request Red Cross assistance.

**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 Mon.-Fri.: nonschool days 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or for After School Program 2:30-5:30 p.m. Call 608-388-4373.

**SKIES Unlimited Instructional Program:** Building 1668. Provides instructional classes for children and youth from infancy through the end of their senior year in high school. Register at Parent Central Services. Call 608-388-8956.

## Health Care

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** For more information, call 608-388-5955/2441.

**Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program:** Screening and referral services for eligible civilian employees and their Family members who are 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 Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3 p.m. 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](http://www.tricare.mil).

**Troop Medical Clinic:** Building 2669. Open Mon.-Fri.: sick call 7-8 a.m., and appointments 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 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: Sun. 9:30 a.m. Fellowship follows service at building 2675 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call 608-388-3528.

**Jewish:** Congregations of Abraham, 1820 Main St., La Crosse, Wis. Call 608-784-2708.

**Midweek Bible Study:** Building 2675. Meets Wed. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch provided by RSO. Call 608-388-3528.

**Mormon:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Sunday services 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 608-269-3377.

**Protestant:** Chapel 1, building 2672. Protestant Worship on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fellowship follows service and meets across the street

from the Chapel in building 2675 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study:** Building 2675. Meets Wed. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Children welcome to attend with their mothers. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380 or follow on Facebook: PWOC-Fort McCoy.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO). If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266 and the On-Call Duty Chaplain will be contacted.

## Organizations

**Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Spartan Chapter:** Meetings monthly. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AGCRASpartan> or call Staff Sgt. Cassandra Ross at 251-327-8400.

**American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882:** Building 1411. Office hours Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Meets second Tues. of each month at 5 p.m. Call 608-388-1882.

**American Society of Military Comptrollers:** Meets several times throughout the year. Call Maureen Richardson at 608-269-1912 or Bonnie Hilt at 316-209-2787.

**Association of the United States Army - AUSA (Robert B. McCoy Chapter):** For information on meetings, visit the chapter's website at [www.mccoysausa.org](http://www.mccoysausa.org).

**Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy:** Meets every third Thursday. For information, send an email to [fsfomccoy@gmail.com](mailto:fsfomccoy@gmail.com).

**Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43:** Call David W. Alderfer (LTC-Retired) at 920-535-0515 or email [justdave49@centurylink.net](mailto:justdave49@centurylink.net).

**USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy:** For information about services at Fort McCoy locations or to volunteer to support USO Wisconsin operations, call 608-388-2126 or email [ehazlett@usowisconsin.org](mailto:ehazlett@usowisconsin.org).

**Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317:** For more information, call 608-609-2212 or 785-979-7370, or email [usawoamccoy@outlook.com](mailto:usawoamccoy@outlook.com).

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