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## Garrison feedback needed for command climate survey

All military and civilian personnel assigned to Fort McCoy Garrison will have the opportunity to participate in the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Organizational Climate Survey (DEOCS) until Sept. 6.

This voluntary survey is designed to assess the perceptions of both formal and informal policies and practices.

The survey focuses on three primary areas, including organizational effectiveness, Equal Opportunity/Equal Employment Opportunity/fair treatment, and sexual assault prevention and response.

Civilian employees and military members will receive emailed invitations and passwords for the survey.

The DEOCS is anonymously administered and can be completed without a Common Access Card from any computer with internet access.

No identifying information is collected. Anonymity is important and will be protected by a computer-generated, untraceable password that cannot be linked to personnel or their computer systems as honest responses are the basis for improving the climate.

The survey will not display group data if fewer than five members of a particular demographic complete the survey. However, that input and comments will still appear in the organization's overall report.

The DEOCS survey also allows participants to provide written comments to their leadership. Respondents should avoid using identifying data in these comments as they are provided verbatim to leadership. Responses provide perceptions about policies and procedures and gives insight to the general human-relations climate of the organization.

The survey will help the commander understand what is important to the community, what concerns there are, and employees' feelings about the work environment.

## Thousands training in CSTX 86-18-02 at McCoy

The 86th Training Division at Fort McCoy is conducting Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-18-02 from Aug. 4-24 at the installation.

The 86th is holding the exercise as part of the U.S. Army Reserve commanding general's Combat Support Training Program (CSTP).

Thousands of service members with the Army as well as other military services and foreign militaries are participating in the multinational exercise, including Canadian armed-forces members.

CSTX 86-18-02 is the second of two CSTXs by the 86th taking place at Fort McCoy this year.

Col. Ron Meredith, deputy  
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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers drive Humvees in a convoy on the cantonment area Aug. 3 during preparation operations for the Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02 at Fort McCoy.

## 89B students learn to load ammunition on railcars

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
Public Affairs Staff

Nearly two dozen students and instructors with the 89B Ammunition Supply Course (ASC) completed ammunition-loading training for railcars July 24 at Fort McCoy.

The ASC is four-week course, taught by the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment (13th, 100th), that provides training for Soldiers who are reclassifying to the 89B military occupational specialty (MOS). Soldiers who are 89B-qualified are tasked with receiving, storing, and issuing conventional ammunition, guided missiles, large rockets, explosives, and other ammunition and explosive-related items.

During the two phases of the course, the students learn all of the entry-level basics about the course, said Chief Instructor Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Dobitz.

Phase one focuses on basic work, such as ammunition and equipment familiarization, paperwork procedures, and demolitions training, Dobitz said.

During phase two, which consists of 117 hours of classroom and practical exercises, students cover ammunition-handling operations, such as inventory, issue, receipt, and storage of ammunition. Students also learn about the utilization of material-handling equipment, such as the Palletized Load System and 10,000-pound-  
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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Sarah Johnson/13th Battalion, 100th Regiment

A student in the 89B Ammunition Supply Course guides a forklift operator to place a pallet on a railcar July 24 during training at the Fort McCoy Rail Yard.

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# New bridge near Range 2 opens live-fire convoy route options

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

A \$688,000 bridge project is underway to span the La Crosse River in the impact area near Range 2.

The new bridge restores a crossing that has been closed for many years. Work began on the project in late June by contractor Larson Construction of Chippewa Falls, Wis.

The scope of work involves removal of existing concrete slabs and timber piers from the previous bridge structure and then constructing a new precast concrete bridge/culvert structure with associated earthwork, roadway, guardrails, and site restoration, said Construction Inspection Branch Chief Dan Hanson with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

DPW Engineer John Adams said progress is moving quickly.

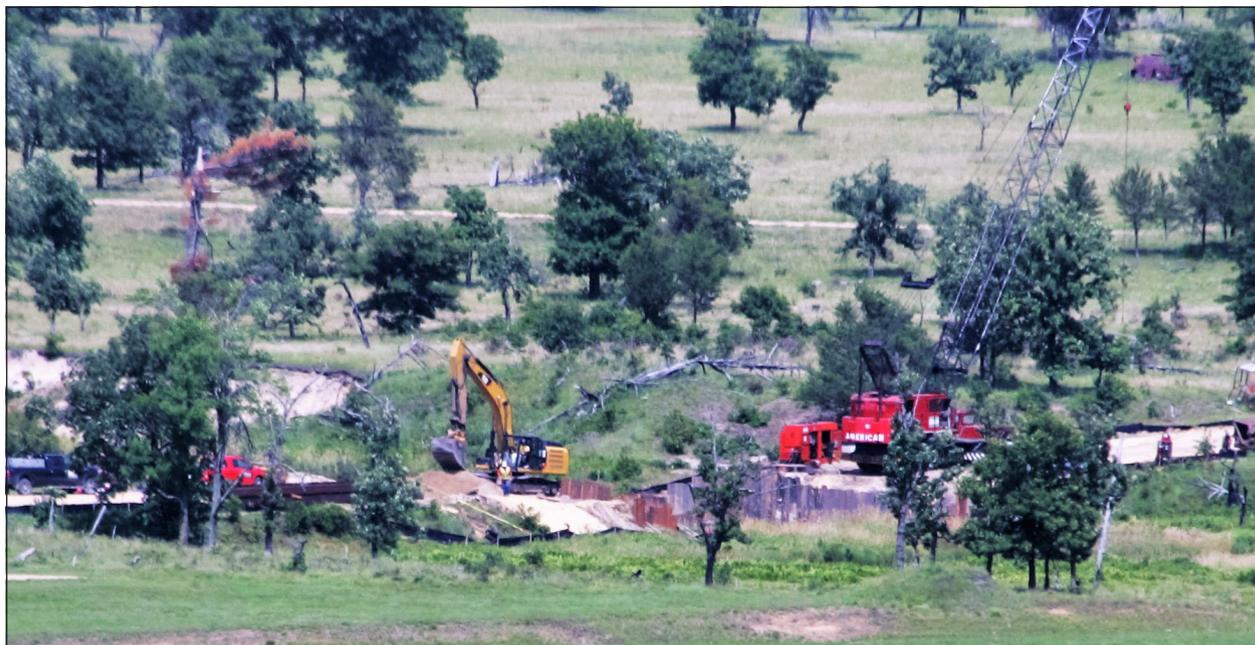
“The bridge is a precast concrete arch structure with a span of 48 feet,” Adams said. “Construction started with stakeout and grading of the gravel-surfaced approaches. The precast bridge sections were installed during the week of July 23.”

According to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, the bridge completion will be the final piece to the puzzle that will create a 12-kilometer live-fire convoy route from Range 29 to Range 2 and onward.

“Once completed, the bridge will provide the capability to cross in support of movements for live-fire training exercises as well as for quick maintenance access,” Adams said.

For several years, many areas of Fort McCoy’s range complex have been seeing constant improvements. In 2015, Ranges 4, 12, and 16 received new range-operations centers and associated buildings. Also, many moving infantry target emplacements and moving armor targets were constructed at several ranges, such as at Ranges 2 and 26.

Also built in recent years on the range complex were shock-absorbing concrete (SACON) trenches. SACON is a low-density, fiber-reinforced, foamed concrete that’s used as an energy-absorbing material. SACON is widely used in the construction of live-fire training villages and the fabrication of



Contractors work on a bridge project July 18 near Range 2 on Fort McCoy’s North Post. When the bridge is completed, it will complete a 12-kilometer live-fire convoy route between Ranges 29 and 4.

target structures, according to DPTMS.

In 2017, a new tower and bleacher enclosure were built on Range 29. Continuous upgrades to the Fort McCoy Range Complex, such as this new bridge, have been key steps in the installation reaching training numbers like fiscal year 2017, when a record 155,975 personnel trained on post, said DPTMS Director Brad Stewart.

Range improvement projects align with Fort McCoy’s strategic objectives, including to continually modernize the installation’s infrastructure and to enhance its military value

through improved training area utilization and land-use initiatives.

“Through this investment, we’ve been able to create a great joint, interagency, and multinational training environment,” Stewart said. “The completion of this bridge and the full establishment of the live-fire convoy route will not only add to our capabilities for years to come, but it will also allow units to train multiple tasks at various levels of command with live ammunition, which is what they will do in combat — train as you fight.”

## ACP construction

Workers with Catamount Constructors Inc. of Lakewood, Colo., continue construction of the Fort McCoy Access Control Point project Aug. 1 at Fort McCoy, Wis.

A \$9.9 million contract for the new construction was awarded in 2017 to Catamount Constructors Inc. through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is managing the contract.

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

There will be physical-security items built into the project, too. This includes passive and active vehicle barriers with comprehensive control systems as well as security fencing, information systems, fire protection and alarm systems, and installation of an Intrusion Detection System.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol



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Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02 set up communications Aug. 3 as part of exercise operations on the cantonment area.

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commanding officer of the 86th Training Division, said the objective of exercises like CSTX is important.

“Our objective ... is to provide trained, ready Soldiers in the case of a war,” Meredith said in a June article written by Capt. Matthew Alken, public affairs officer for the 86th.

According to the 84th Training Command, CSTP exercises are large-scale training exercises where units experience tactical training scenarios specifically designed to replicate real-world missions.

“CSTP exercises prepare ... Army Reserve units to be combat-ready by immersing them in realistic scenarios where they train as they would fight,” states an 84th document about the exercises.

“These exercises are developed to improve ... units’ training readiness and to assess how they perform in a dynamic operational environment.”

Exercises also taking place along with CSTX 86-18-02 are Global

Medic and Diamond Saber.

Global Medic is an inter-service training event that provides opportunities for military medical personnel to improve their proficiencies in realistic training environments while combining forces with other service branches and national armies, according to the Army Reserve.

Diamond Saber is an annual training exercise devoted to teaching, mentoring, and certifying Soldiers operating within the Army’s intricate financial system.

The exercise prepares units to deploy overseas by exposing Soldiers to financial activities found in theater and combines classroom instruction with realistic training scenarios that cover a wide variety of tasks, missions, and systems.

Brad Stewart, director of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at Fort McCoy, said the installation is

an ideal place to hold exercises like CSTX because of the many capabilities available on post.

“We have the (observer-controller/trainers) with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, and we have the right kind of communications systems, live-fire capabilities, training villages, simulation facilities, and open terrain that allows the combat support and combat service support units to train here (during CSTX),” Stewart said. “Fort McCoy is a great location to do this. We have built this combat training center-like environment here that really allows units to train their mission-essential tasks,” Stewart said.

Throughout August, especially with CSTX 86-18-02 and other training taking place on post, Stewart said training numbers of personnel training on post will exceed 15,000.

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



Soldiers prepare to offload a Humvee from a flatbed trailer Aug. 1 during buildup for Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02 on post.

## NEWS

## Mini-golf course at Pine View reopens following \$100,000 upgrade

The mini-golf course at Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground officially reopened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the course July 26 following several months of refurbishment. Contractor Lifecycle Construction Services of Savannah, Ga., completed the \$100,000 renovation.

"The mini-golf course is one of the primary attractions here that allows the thousands of families that visit Pine View each year to enjoy some quality recreation time together," said Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) Director Patric McGuane. "This upgrade took a lot of work to get done, but after 20 years it was time to put this new course in.

"We have one of, if not the best campgrounds in the Army," McGuane said. "Installation Management Command-Readiness recognizes the quality of our program and has been very generous in supporting us with funding for improvements."

DFMWR Business and Recreation Director Daryl Budda and his team assessed the condition of the course and determined the previous course was past its useful life and needed an upgrade. DFMWR and the contractor decided the best option was to install a prefabricated solution that matched the existing hole layout, according to Lifecycle's work plan for the project.

Lifecycle began work on the project in May by removing existing pavers, carpet turf, and sub-surface prefabricated material down to the existing sub-base for all 18 existing holes. The work also included removing other structures and infrastructure, then building it back up

from there.

Once all the demolition was completed, the prefabricated system was installed and new pavers, carpet, and other new items were added, such as new lighting.

At the ceremony July 26, Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim, Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Sheila L. Coker, and Deputy to the Garrison Commander James A. Chen were on hand to cut the ribbon with DFMWR Director Patric McGuane.

Visitors to the ceremony were then encouraged to try a free round of mini-golf to test the course. The mini-golf course is just one piece of a three-part project getting completed this summer, McGuane said.

"We're very excited to be opening up our brand new 'Magic Carpet' tubing lift at Whitetail Ridge this winter, and construction is underway right now for 10 new cabins at the campground," McGuane said. "We're taking an incredible recreation program and making it even better for our service members, civilians, retirees, and their Families."

To use the new mini-golf course, stop by Pine View Campground, which is located near the Fort McCoy cantonment area off Highway 21. Visitors just need to follow the signs to the campground.

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

*(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.)*



Photos by Liz Faber/Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Fort McCoy Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Sheila L. Coker takes a try at completing a round at the upgraded mini-golf course July 26 at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy.



Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Sheila L. Coker, Donny Durbin with contractor Lifecycle Construction Services, Deputy to the Garrison Commander James A. Chen, Garrison Commander Hui Chae Kim, and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Patric McGuane cut the ribbon to officially reopen the mini-golf course July 26 at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy.

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# Fort McCoy food-service team supports CSTX operations

Every time a large exercise like Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-18-02 takes place at Fort McCoy, thousands of troops need to be fed.

The installation's food-service team ensures that need is always met.

That team includes the Food Program Management Office (FPMO) and the Subsistence Supply Management Office (SSMO) with the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center; the full food-service contractor DCT Inc.; and food suppliers, such as Sysco Foods of Baraboo, Wis.

The 86th Training Division's CSTX 86-18-02 takes place from Aug. 4-24 on post. Fort McCoy Food Program Manager Andy Pisney said the team was preparing months in advance to be ready for the thousands of people participating in the training.

He said the SSMO, for example, is one of the busiest organizations during any large training event.

The SSMO is located in building 490 with a staff of five people.

The office orders, receives, and distributes all food and rations necessary for each exercise as well as for units conducting weekend, extended combat, or annual training.

"Three of those people also oversee the installation central fuel facility, so they pull dual duty at both 490 where they unload, store, and issue rations, and they also unload fuel and maintain the Central Fuel Point at building 3010," Pisney said. "The SSMO staff provides service to exercises seven days a week."

During CSTX 86-18-02, Pisney said the SSMO is supporting the exercise at both Camp Ripley, Minn., and Fort McCoy.

"In preparation for the Camp Ripley piece of the exercise, the SSMO has already dropped/shipped more than 1,400 cases of Meals, Ready-To-Eat (MREs) to Camp Ripley," Pisney said. "The advance team picked up the MREs from the Camp Ripley Class I warehouse when they arrived.

"In addition to the MREs, the exercise itself will line-haul rations from Fort McCoy to Camp Ripley during the exercise," he said.

"The food items that will be shipped from Fort McCoy include milk, cereal, fresh fruit, salad, and Unitized Group Rations (UGR).

The total number of UGR servings anticipated to be hauled to Camp Ripley is approximately 10,000."

At Fort McCoy, SSMO Supply Technician Kelly Tilbury said the office will issue bulk rations to the CSTX Class I point. The CSTX Class I point will break and distribute the rations to all the field feeding-site kitchens.

Tilbury said the SSMO expects to order, receive, and issue more than 50,000 meal kits, 11,000 MREs, 5,500 bags of ice, and 100,000 UGR servings.

The food-service team also will be busy supplying dining facilities during CSTX. DCT Inc. is operating the two largest dining facilities on the post.

"Dining Facility (DFAC) 2674 is a 1,400-person-plus capacity DFAC, and up to 1,000 people per meal for the CSTX cantonment participants can be fed," Pisney said.

DFAC 2674 started operating July 30 and will continue through Aug. 25. Breakfast and dinner meals are being served.

DFAC 1672 also is a 1,400-person-plus capacity facility in use for training support.

"This DFAC will feed up to 900 people per meal with the normal garrison organizations and for the Diamond Saber exercise, which is connected to CSTX," Pisney said.

DFAC 1672 is operating from Aug. 4-17 and serves three meals daily (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).

At the FPMO, Pisney said the staff there will continue to coordinate exercise and unit feeding to provide headcount projections to both DFACs on a daily basis.

"We'll also oversee the full food-service contractor while they operate the dining facilities," Pisney said.

CSTX 86-18-02 isn't the first CSTX the food service team has supported in 2018 either. They supported CSTXs in March and June.

"During the June CSTX, the SSMO issued out 11,242 cases of MREs, 3,400 cases of heater meals, 2,384 bags of ice, and more," Tilbury said.

After successful completion of an exercise or training event, everyone takes some time to reflect while still working on the next event, Pisney said.

"They are all kind of like the unsung heroes when you are talking about logistics," Pisney said.

"Food service is a training enabler, and we don't ever want it to be a distractor. The mission always comes first, and if we can support the mission without distracting from it — that's perfect.

"I appreciate everything this team does," Pisney said. "We are here to support. It's our mission, and we always try to do the best we can."

Tilbury said, "The best thing about our team is that we work as a team. We know that we can go through some hard and difficult times, but we count on each other and we trust each other. It's a total team concept here."

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



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

**A Soldier receives a plate of food from an employee with contractor DCT Inc. on Aug. 3 in the dining facility in building 50.**



**A dining facility employee with contractor DCT Inc. prepares food on Aug. 3 in building 50.**



**A truck with food supplier Sysco Foods of Baraboo, Wis., is unloaded at a small dining facility Aug. 1 on the cantonment area.**

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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Students in the 89B Ammunition Supply Course prepare to load pallets on a railcar July 24 using an extreme-terrain forklift during training at the Fort McCoy rail yard.

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capable Variable Reach Rough-Terrain Forklift.

“During phase two, we instruct a block called ‘Prepare Munitions for Shipment,’ which covers securing munitions for movement and loading and unloading munitions, using drawings,” said Sgt. 1st Class Sarah Johnson, course manager.

“This is followed by a hands-on practical exercise at a railcar.”

The railcar-loading practical exercise spans nearly an entire day of training. The railcar used in the training is 50 feet long and not quite 10 feet wide, Dobitz said.

Though it is older than most railcars in use today, students are able to see how much larger it is than other storage and transport methods that have been used.

Dobitz said being able to train students on

the skills of railcar loading is important. He helped incorporate the training into the course in 2015.

“Shipping ammunition can be a dangerous thing, so actually being able to go in and look at how a railcar is loaded with ammunition pallets really makes sense as to how it should be done,” Dobitz said.

“Students have to plan railcar loads,” Dobitz

said. “They see a drawing as part of a plan and then they plan it from there.”

The 13th, 100th is an ordnance battalion that provides training as well as training support to Soldiers in the ordnance maintenance MOS series.

The unit, aligned under the 3rd Brigade, 94th Division of the 80th Training Command, has been at Fort McCoy since about 1995.



## Equipment arrival

Semi tractor-trailers loaded with military equipment are lined up Aug. 1 on a road on South Post waiting to be unloaded.

The equipment was being shipped in for use in the 86th Training Division’s Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-18-02.

Thousands of troops are participating in the exercise and hundreds of pieces of equipment were delivered for those troops to use.

This is the second CSTX hosted by the 86th in 2018 and the third CSTX at the installation this year.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

## NEWS

# Divisions, USARC meet to review readiness

STORY & PHOTO BY CATHERINE CARROLL

88th Readiness Division

The 88th Readiness Division (RD) command team along with the command teams of the 81st RD and U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) and staff from the 63rd RD and 99th RD conducted a Mission Readiness Review (MR2) on July 11-12 at the 88th RD headquarters at Fort McCoy.

The MR2, a revamped approach to the Command Readiness Reviews, was designed as an opportunity for staff collaboration. It measures multiple aspects of readiness, including training, personnel strength, logistics, and medical readiness.

Michael Bryant, 88th RD director of plans and training, coordinated and hosted the event, which focused on the ongoing transformation of readiness divisions as well as funding, manning, retention, and leadership advances in the Army Reserve.

“This year is a good starting year, with the (regional support commands) becoming RDs and subordinate unit structure being added,” Bryant said. “This will set the initial numbers to begin measuring the RDs ... and what needs to be done to improve readiness.”

Brig. Gen. Alberto C. Rosende, assistant to the deputy commanding general, USARC, said the MR2 provides USARC a chance to jump in the foxhole with its subordinate commands and see what they are facing.

“We are getting more involved in understanding the underlying issues reflected by the metrics rather than just looking at what the metrics say,” Rosende said. “It’s not about the focus on the number. It’s about what the number tells us about where we are and where we need to be.”

Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert, 88th RD commanding general, kicked off the two-day event with a nod to the experience and expertise of those attending.

“The 81st brings a ton of great experience to the table, and



**Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert (center), 88th Readiness Division (RD) commanding general and Fort McCoy senior commander, listens to discussions July 12 between the 88th RD command team along with the command teams of the 81st RD and U.S. Army Reserve Command, as well as staff from the 63rd RD and 99th RD, during a Mission Readiness Review at the 88th RD headquarters on post.**

so does the 88th,” Reinert said. “This is a great way to cross-pollinate, to help get the best practices across the board. And that’s really what geographic alignment establishes — a little more centralization and a greater ability to take best practices and populate them across the force quickly and efficiently. And the 88th and the 81st are leading the way.”

Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Jones, 81st RD commanding general, opened his remarks by asking for everyone’s help in building

the end strength of the Army Reserve.

“If we are not getting Soldiers into our formations, we have to figure out how to get our school systems and our money aligned so that we are filling our formations with Soldiers so our commanders, first sergeants and leaders can get after being a ready unit of action on the battlefield. If we are not focused on that we are missing the point,” Jones said.

Col. Lee Gearhart, USARC human resources and personnel support, spoke about personnel issues and new approaches to retention, manning, and stresses on the force. Gearhart stressed the importance of messaging as a fundamental aspect of building the force and increasing readiness.

“Ensuring consistent and unified messaging across America’s Army Reserve plays a vital role in communicating within the formations as well as getting the Army Reserve story out to the world,” Gearhart said.

Brig. Gen. Tony R. Wright, 88th RD deputy commanding general, briefed the 88th RD’s current overview and answered questions about establishing a mission command structure for incoming subordinate units.

All four RDs are working through the process of mission transformation. While their areas of operation will remain the same, the missions, commands, and controls of the commands and units within those footprints will shift.

“I see the RDs becoming like a senior garrison command over their regions, with them looking at all of the infrastructure and looking at all of the processes that help units maximize their ability to attain and sustain the highest levels of readiness possible as they move forward,” Rosende said.

“By avoiding redundancy in processes, breaking down the stove pipes, being able to collaborate, and having a great exchange, readiness will increase,” Rosende said. “This is not a RD process to figure out; this is a collaborative process for all 26 commands under the Army Reserve. Together we will figure out the process that goes forward.”

## Fort McCoy Draw Yard assists units training on post

BY ZACHARY MOTT

88th Readiness Division

The 88th Readiness Division-operated Fort McCoy Draw Yard provides vehicles and equipment to Soldiers conducting training at Fort McCoy. As the summer exercise season continues, the Draw Yard is busy supporting a variety of exercises throughout the installation.

“It’s a convenient location for us to get equipment that we need and not have to travel anywhere or have something moved in from somewhere else,” said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Murray, information technology noncommissioned officer with the 86th Training Division.

The Draw Yard is able to provide a variety of wheeled and tracked vehicles as well as generators and other mission-critical equipment for units conducting training at Fort McCoy. This on-hand equipment is

issued in an efficient process that allows the units to focus on training instead of on ensuring equipment is packed, shipped, unloaded, and ready for training, Murray said.

“We’re able to get to the mission quicker. Typically, you would contact other units and see if you can borrow (equipment) from them,” Murray said.

“With units deploying and other things, they’re not always able to support you. But here at the Draw Yard, they’ve never not been able to support us.”

The vehicles and equipment provided at the Fort McCoy Draw Yard are in high demand throughout the year.

“These guys are great here, and they always do their best to try and accommodate us even when it’s a little bit tough because of the demands on the equipment. But they always try and do what they can for us,” Murray said.



**Sgt. 1st Class Chris Murray, information technology noncommissioned officer, 86th Training Division, reviews the issue documents for equipment with Isavette Torres, Fort McCoy Draw Yard, prior to accepting vehicles and equipment for use July 18.**

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## ABOUT POST



*Photo courtesy of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

### Volleyball tourney

A player taps the ball over the net as two teams battle it out during volleyball July 25 near Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy. Several teams participated in a volleyball tournament organized by the fitness center staff. Weather was favorable as teams fought it out in the sand.



*Photo by Christie Clark/Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

### Family Fun Day

Fort McCoy community members participate in Family Fun Day activities July 21 at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy. Family Fun Day was organized by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and included numerous activities for people of all ages. Dozens of people attended the event.



*Photo by Michael Modawell/Plans, Analysis and Integration Office*

### 'Whole Health' care

Pete Hodges with the Fort McCoy Resource Management Office is interviewed by a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employee July 24 at Fort McCoy about Whole Health care. Hodges also attended the Whole Health introductory session held at McCoy's Community Center for veterans, active-duty service members who may be transitioning, and their spouses and caregivers. The session served as an opportunity to learn about the multitude of well-being services offered by the Tomah (Wis.) VA Medical Center. Hodges is an advocate for VA Whole Health services.

## COMMUNITY

# This month in Fort McCoy history

## 75 years ago — Aug. 7, 1943

Camp McCoy added a male switchboard operator, in addition to its staff of 23 women, to put through calls within the camp and to the outside world.

The phone system was maintained and staffed by the Monroe County Telephone Co.; the camp exchange was a private branch exchange. It handled all calls within the camp as well as putting through calls from Post Exchange and Service Club pay stations.

*(Editor's note: A section of the old switchboard, which was used until the installation switched to fiber optics in the 1990s, is on display at the Commemorative Area.)*

## 60 Years Ago — Aug. 20, 1958

Gen. Bruce B. Clarke, new commanding general of the U.S. Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va., made a brief visit to Camp McCoy on Aug. 20, 1958. His visit was part of a tour of four summer training encampments in the Fifth U.S. Army area. Also on his tour schedule, which began Aug. 15, were Fort Carson, Colo.; Camp Grayling, Mich.; and Camp Ripley, Minn. During his visit at Camp McCoy, he conferred with post officials and visited the 103rd Infantry Division (Reserve) from Minnesota and Iowa.

## 50 Years Ago — August 1968

The 131st Direct Support Squadron from St. Louis was one of the many Air Force units that trained at Camp McCoy during the summer of 1968. The 131st's job was to coordinate between the men on the ground and those in the air prior and during an air strike. An airstrike is called when a ground unit commander encounters a force that is unmovable with the facilities that he has in his command. The commander asks for an airstrike from the 131st or a similar unit. The 131st calls out the aircrews at their constant command and sends jets scrambling into the air. It is then the responsibility of the pilots to destroy the obstacle and free the ground troops.

Joining the 131st's support were Navy aircraft, which few many missions with 131st in the two weeks at Camp McCoy. Missions such as these were often vital to the success of the Infantry's mission and were used widely in Vietnam.



U.S. Army file photo

Troops march on the parade field at then-Camp McCoy as part of a troop review in August 1959.

## 20 Years Ago — August 1988

A nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) training exercise was completed by 500 Marine and Navy Reservists representing 51 units from 29 states. This group was the 1st Provisional NBC Battalion, 4th Marine Division. Completing the exercise was the battalion's sole annual training mission that year. A provisional battalion is formed for specific training. This was historic training for the Marine Corps as it had never been done before on the battalion level.

## 20 Years Ago — August 1998

A new 18-hole miniature golf course opened for business at Fort McCoy's Pine View Recreation Area. The new contoured concrete course compared to what they would find at a similar commercial course. About 300 yards of fill soil was added to build up the elevation, allowing the course to have changing elevations and curves to make it more challenging for adults and children. The landscaping also allowed one hole to have three different levels of playing surface for patrons.

The concrete was covered by an outdoor carpet putting surface. Concrete walkways were installed to connect the holes so patrons will be more comfortable moving from hole to hole. The course had boulders, wooden posts, artificial logs that offer openings to play through, and sand-trap hazards. New rubber-plated putters and golf balls also were included in the project.

*(Editor's Note: The miniature golf course was renovated again in summer 2018, reopening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in late July. See Page 4 for more details.)*

## 10 Years Ago — Aug. 22, 2008

Fort McCoy Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) employee Melinda Johnson returned from duty supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Johnson spent six months in Balad, Iraq, helping keep up the morale of U.S. troops. During her time in Iraq, she worked as an assistant manager at an AAFES Post Exchange at Logistics Support Area Anaconda. Johnson was a sales associate in the Military Clothing Sales Store at Fort McCoy.

## Teach children safety during Antiterrorism Awareness Month

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month, which makes it the perfect time to review safety measures with family members.

Terrorist threats against "soft targets," or those without military defenses, are an enduring security challenge.

Some extremists who seek to terrorize civilians may target families and even children.

Children are a part of the Army Community and threats against them must be recognized and mitigated through awareness and protective measures.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command offers some tips to help keep children safe from both criminal and terrorist threats:

- Never leave young children alone or unattended. Be certain children are in the care

of a trustworthy person.

- If it is necessary to leave appropriately aged children at home (consistent with local laws and command guidance), keep the house well lighted and notify a trusted neighbor.

- Instruct children to keep doors and windows locked and to not allow strangers inside.

- Teach children how to contact the police or a neighbor in an emergency.

- Ensure children know where and how to contact parents at all times.

- Maintain recent photographs of children. The photographs should have a clear view of the child's face.

- If you have children entering the home alone, teach them not to enter the home if the

door is ajar, if a strange car is in the driveway, or if something else does not seem right. Tell them where they need to go if this situation occurs.

Instruct children to:

- never leave home without telling someone where they will be and who will accompany them.

- travel in pairs or small groups.

- avoid isolated areas.

- use approved play areas where recreational activities are supervised by responsible adults and police protection is readily available.

- refuse automobile rides from strangers or to accompany strangers anywhere on foot, even if the strangers say a parent sent them or approved it. Children should similarly be wary

of strangers offering gifts or food or using small animals to get them into a vehicle.

- report anyone who attempts to talk to or touch them in any way that makes them feel uncomfortable or scared to the nearest person of authority (parent, teacher, or police) as soon as possible.

- never give information about family members over the phone, such as parents' occupations or names or family plans and dates.

- screen phone calls through voice mail or answering machines to avoid answering calls from strangers.

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

## COMMUNITY

# Prepare for new school year with help from CYS

STORY & PHOTO BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

The new school year is just around the corner, and Fort McCoy Child and Youth Services (CYS) is ready to help.

The After-School Program starts Sept. 4 when most schools return to session, though care is available after school for children enrolled in 45/15 calendar schools.

CYS staff members accompany Fort McCoy buses to Tomah and Sparta to pick up students and bring them back to the School Age Center/Youth Center (SAC/YC). Students are offered a snack and have the chance to participate in clubs, activities, and social time with other students.

“The School Age Center is a Boys & Girls Club as well as a 4H Club, so we offer a wide variety of clubs each day,” CYS Coordinator Cori Yahnke said. “These clubs make learning fun so your children won’t even know they are still learning after school.”

The clubs offer activities for children and teens on nature, science, art, technology, sports, and more. Children also have the chance to work on homework and have free time inside or outside, depending on the weather.

“One of the parts of the program that parents love the most is that we are able to help children with their homework after school,” Yahnke said.

Homework help is available for students in first through fifth grades during “Power Hour.” Teens can also work on homework in their own classrooms. As an incentive, students who complete homework at SAC/YC earn points, which they can redeem for prizes throughout the school year.

Homework help is also available online 24/7 for military families through [www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military), Yahnke said. The service is available for free to active-duty military members and their families in more than 40 subjects spanning from kindergarten to college and professional education.



**Children attending summer camp play a practice game during a past basketball camp at the Fort McCoy School Age Center/Youth Center. Child and Youth Services staff members are preparing for the upcoming school year at both the center and the Child Development Center.**

For some families, the upcoming school year might be the first one in a new school district. One of the tools available to help incoming families adjust to their new community is the Youth Sponsorship Program.

“Youth sponsorship helps ease the transition for new youth coming to Fort McCoy by providing them with friendship, a warm welcome, and information about schools and the community,” School Liaison

Officer Rebecca Walley said.

The School Liaison Office can also help departing families find youth sponsors at their new locations.

Children and teens who want to help their new neighbors adjust to life at Fort McCoy can volunteer to be a youth sponsor. Parents can contact the School Liaison Office for more information at 608-388-6814.

The School Liaison Office is also available

to help smooth out any snags encountered while transferring schools or looking for education programs. The office manages, coordinates, and facilitates education-support services that maximize the opportunity for academic success for military children. Call for more information.

Fort McCoy also offers the Strong Beginnings Pre-Kindergarten program to prepare children to enter school for the first time. The program focuses on social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.

“Daily lessons are designed to help the children strengthen problem-solving skills, work as a team, develop self-control, and support emotional well-being,” said Cindy Storkel, CYS training and curriculum specialist.

Educational units, or studies, that last between four and six weeks are used to provide individualized instruction, meaningful learning experiences, and family involvement. Academic skills in math, science, literacy, social studies, and art are incorporated into each study.

“We try to create an environment that showcases the children’s ideas, art, and writing,” Storkel said. “As we explore the studies, children learn new vocabulary; begin to recognize important words; and are given opportunities to read, write, and discuss what they’re learning.”

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their children’s education by using the vocabulary words in each study and helping them recognize the words at home, Storkel said. Family conferences are conducted throughout the year to keep parents informed of their children’s progress and how to help them learn.

Prices for CYS programs are based on family income. Students in sixth through 12th grades may attend the After-School Program for free, but there is a fee for full-day programs on scheduled days off or during inclement weather.

For more about CYS programs and costs, call Parent Central Services at 608-388-8956.

## Retiree Appreciation Day welcomes veterans to installation

BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy will host its annual Retiree Appreciation Day from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 7, giving military retirees a chance to catch up with one another and learn more about their benefits.

“The Army conducts Retiree Appreciation Days annually to demonstrate its continuing appreciation for retired Soldiers’ past service to the nation and to foster their support for the Army, its current Soldiers, and their families,” Retirement Services Officer Mitzi Hinton said.

The Fort McCoy Retirement Services Office puts on six Retiree Appreciation Days in Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois in order to reach as many retired Soldiers, families, and survivors as possible.

“Each of the Retiree Appreciation Days are supported by awesome groups of volunteers better known as the Fort McCoy

Retiree Area Councils. I have a total of nine area councils that help me to conduct each of the RADs,” Hinton said. “Without them, it would be impossible to successfully manage such a large number of RADs.”

Retirees from all branches of military service are welcome to attend. The event features guest speakers and sessions covering updates to retiree benefits and Army programs from 8 a.m. to noon in building 905. A benefits fair is also held from noon to 3 p.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

“More than 40 service organizations are expected to attend the afternoon benefits fair, including Tricare, the Social Security Administration, and Defense Finance and Accounting Service,” Hinton said.

Advance registration is required for Retiree Appreciation Day. For more information, call 800-452-0923.

The Fort McCoy Commemorative Area, which is next door to building 905, will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for retirees who

want to include something recreational during their visit.

“It gives the veterans something to do if they want to skip a particular session,” Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald said. “Some of them may have served here, and those who didn’t still like to look at the Army artifacts. It’s a trip down memory lane.”

The Commemorative Area features Veterans Memorial Plaza, which pays homage to those who have served in American conflicts since 1909; the Equipment Park, featuring more than 70 pieces of military equipment; and six World War II-era buildings filled with historical artifacts from Fort McCoy’s 109-year history.

The area is open selected days from May to October, and tours can be scheduled weekdays for units or groups of 15 or more.

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

## NEWS NOTES

### Commemorative Area open 3 dates in August

The Fort McCoy Commemorative Area will be open to walk-in visitors noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 10 and 24 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 18.

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 present valid photo IDs at the Main Gate to get a visitor's pass.

For information on visitors' passes, call the Visitor Control Center at 608-388-4988.

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

### Army Arts & Crafts Contest ends Aug. 13

The 2018 Army Arts and Crafts Contest will accept submissions until Aug. 13.

Up to three submissions per artist will be accepted in each of nine 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.

The contest is open to all authorized Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons, excluding Army Arts and Crafts employees.

Visit [www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/arts-and-crafts/2017-arts-crafts-contest](http://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/arts-and-crafts/2017-arts-crafts-contest) for more information.

### Women's Equality Day observance is Aug. 16

Fort McCoy's Women's Equality Day observance is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Aug. 16 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The guest speaker is Sylvia Carey-Butler, associate vice chancellor for academic support if inclusive excellence at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

She has a doctorate in higher education and administration and policy and has worked in education for more than 36 years.

During her career, she has addressed issues of diversity and inclusiveness within college and university communities and established partnerships to support access to higher education.

Women's Equality Day is Aug. 26 and celebrates the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. Created in 1971, the observance has grown to include focusing attention on women's continued efforts toward gaining full equality.

The program starts at noon; participants may get lunch on their own from 11:30 to noon.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

### BLC march

**Students in the Fort McCoy Noncommissioned Officer Academy's Basic Leader Course march along an installation roadway Aug. 3. The students were returning to their campus after completing their lunch meal at the dining facility in building 50.**

For more information about Equal Opportunity events, call 608-388-6335.

### Fort McCoy hosts job fair Aug. 14-16, 21-23

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) and Nonappropriated Fund Human Resources will be hosting a job fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 14-16 and 21-23 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

According to CPAC, there are 2,200 military technician positions and 400 Department of the Army civilian positions available worldwide and multiple Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation positions to be filled at Fort McCoy.

Human-resources and hiring personnel will be available to talk about the positions and the hiring process.

The job fair is open to members of the public if they are approved for a visitor's pass. Members of the public must present valid photo IDs at the Main Gate to get a visitor's pass. For information about visitor's passes, call the Visitor Control Center at 608-388-4988.

More information about U.S. government jobs and how to apply is available online at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

For information about the job fair, call 608-388-2722.

### 'Connect the Tots' play group meets Aug. 21 on South Post

The "Connect the Tots" play group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 21 at Patriot Park on South Post.

The play groups are for children 5 years old or younger. Through play, transitions, circle time, songs, activities, and informal conversa-

tions, parents learn about developmental ages and stages, gain tools to help understand their children's behavior, and become empowered to prepare the Family and children to enter school ready to learn.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workforce, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

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

### Blended Retirement class planned for Aug. 21

An overview of the Blended Retirement System for military members is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 21 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The Blended Retirement System went into effect Jan. 1.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Aug. 14.

For more information, call 608-388-3540.

### Thrift Savings Plan class scheduled for Aug. 22

An overview of the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for civilian employees is scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The class will cover the basics of TSP, the five funds within TSP, and how to sign up for the plan.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Aug. 15.

For more information, call 608-388-3540.

### Autumn play group starts Sept. 11 on post

The "Connect the Tots" play group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at Army Community Service Family Building, building 2161.

The play groups are for children 5 years old or younger. Through play, transitions, circle time, songs, activities, and informal conversations, parents learn about developmental ages and stages, gain tools to help understand their children's behavior, and become empowered to prepare the Family and children to enter school ready to learn.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workforce, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Additional play groups are scheduled for Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 16, and 30; Nov. 6, 13, and 27; and Dec. 4 and 11. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

### Stress resiliency workshop set for Sept. 20

"Building Stress Resiliency: Making Stress Work for You" is scheduled for 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 20 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The workshop will cover how the body responds to stress, how to manage different types of stress, and more.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Sept. 13.

For more information, call 608-388-3505.

### Debt-management class scheduled for Sept. 25

"Taking Control," a debt-management class, is scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The class covers how to do more with less, use debt as leverage, and make debt work for you. ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workforce, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Registration is required by Sept. 25. Call 608-388-3540 for more information or to register.

### New employees at Fort McCoy

New employees started working in several post organizations in July.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Millicent Lawson** — Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

- **Mason Harrison** and **Shane Zahrt Jr.** — Equipment Concentration Site-67.

### Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Aug. 24. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication is noon Aug. 15.

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.

**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. 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 to verify ID Section is operational.

# facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Aug. 23, 2018**. **Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication. Call facilities to verify hours. To report updates, 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.

**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](http://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 worship schedules in surrounding communities. 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](http://www.mccoysusa.org).

**Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy:** Meets third Wednesday of each month. For info, email [fsofmccoy@gmail.com](mailto:fsofmccoy@gmail.com).

**Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43:** For more information, call 920-535-0515 or email [justdave49@centurylink.net](mailto: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](mailto:ehazlett@usowisconsin.org).

**Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317:** For more information, email [usawoamccoy@outlook.com](mailto:usawoamccoy@outlook.com).

GIANT VOICE EMERGENCY-NOTIFICATION SIGNALS			
CONDITION	IF YOU HEAR	THIS INDICATES	INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS
<b>Natural Disaster</b>	3- to 5-minute steady tone or voice announcement	Disaster imminent or in progress. Examples: Tornado, flash flood, hazardous-materials release, wildfire.	Be alert. Ensure all personnel are warned. Take cover by evacuating to a safe location or sheltering in place. Notify supervisor of location. Tune in to local radio or TV stations for emergency information.
<b>Attack</b>	30-sec. to 5-min. wavering tone or voice announcement	Attack imminent or in progress. Examples: Vehicle bomb, terrorist action, release of biological or radioactive materials.	Be alert. Ensure all personnel are warned. Implement force-protection condition (FPCON) procedures as indicated. Take cover by evacuating to a safe location or sheltering in place. Notify supervisor of location.
<b>All Clear</b>	Voice announcement	Immediate threat from disaster or attack is over.	Be alert for secondary hazards. Account for all personnel. Check building. Await instructions on FPCON level. Report fires, injuries and other hazards.

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