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## Rail movement

Vehicles and other equipment belonging to the Wisconsin National Guard's 829th Engineer Company are loaded on railcars Sept. 25 at Fort McCoy.

The equipment was being shipped for the company's overseas deployment later this year.

See more about the rail movement on page 5.

*Photo by Scott T. Sturkol*



## 89B training moves administratively to Regional Training Site-Maintenance

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

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With the start of fiscal year 2020, the 89B military occupational specialty training by the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment (13th, 100th) will continue as usual. However, the training and its instructors now fall administratively under Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance at Fort McCoy.

The administrative move, which took effect Oct. 1, makes sense, said RTS-Maintenance Commandant Major. Anthony Strong.

"We all fall under 3rd Brigade (Ordnance), 94th Training Division of the 80th Training Command," Strong said. "And we have had a continuous partnership of supporting each other at Fort McCoy for a long time. For us, this means continuing the excellence the (13th, (See **TRAINING**, Page 4)



Students in the 89B Ammunition Supply Course complete slingload training Aug. 1 at the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport.



*Photo by Scott T. Sturkol*

## Firefighters recognized

Firefighter Jacob White with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department has the Army's Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service placed upon him by Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim on Oct. 3 at the fire department at Fort McCoy. Nine firefighters were presented with the award. See more on page 1 of the special insert in this edition.

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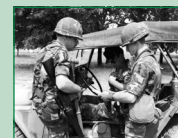
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## NEWS

# New Army secretary sends message to service personnel

BY RYAN D. MCCARTHY

Secretary of the Army

It is a great honor to serve alongside you as your 24th Secretary of the Army. Over the past two years, I witnessed firsthand the dedication and sacrifices our Soldiers, civilians, and families make every day defending our great nation. Thank you for your hard work and continued service.

Despite significant leadership transition across the Department of Defense recently, the Army has remained focused on its missions in support of the National Defense Strategy. Continuity of priorities and leadership focus is critical to achieve the 2018 Army Vision, which provides the strategic framework for guiding the Army into the next decade. Therefore, the Army's priorities — Readiness, Modernization, and Reform — are not changing.

The Army has increased its tactical readiness drastically, and now we will expand our focus to improve strategic readiness — our ability to mobilize, deploy, and sustain the force. We must maintain a sustainable level of readiness to meet current demands while executing an aggressive modernization strategy to ensure the Total Army remains the most lethal ground combat force in the world.

The Army must modernize today or we could lose the next war. We will remain focused on delivering the 31 signature systems our cross-functional teams are developing in support of the six modernization priorities and ensure we can employ them the day they show up. To achieve this, we are integrating modernization efforts across doctrine, organizational designs, training models, leader development, personnel systems, facilities, and policies. Furthermore, the Army cannot maximize its modernization strategy without the Cloud, which is the backbone for artificial intelligence.

On reforms, the Army will continue to ruthlessly prioritize resources and divest legacy programs through Night Court sessions, so we can scale new capabilities for low-rate initial production.



Photo by Giselle Lyons/Army Contracting Command

**Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy speaks at an event March 25 at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., while serving as undersecretary of the Army.**

Most importantly, we must do all of this while taking care of our people. The Army fights and wins with cohesive, disciplined teams. V/e will reverse the negative trends in suicide, sexual assault, and sexual harassment that tear at the fabric of our formations.

To do this, we have to change our Army culture to become better teammates. Teammates know each other, mentor each other, and help each other through difficult times. Leaders at all levels must build cohesive teams and get to know their people

to address challenges before they manifest into larger problems that degrade unit effectiveness.

I will work shoulder to shoulder with my teammates, the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Sergeant Major of the Army, to take care of our people, sustain readiness gains, and build irreversible momentum in our modernization efforts. Through teamwork, the U.S. Army will remain the most lethal, modern fighting force in the world.

Army Strong!

## DES' Autumn McCray awarded Civilian Employee of the Month

Autumn McCray with the Directorate of Emergency Services was selected as the Fort McCoy Garrison Civilian Employee of the Month for September 2019.

McCray serves as the DES management assistant where she provides positive, professional and effective administrative support daily to the fire department, police department, dispatchers, and other DES personnel.

She was nominated for the recognition by DES Director James C. Hamilton III.

"She is the glue that holds DES together working within our admin office," Hamilton said prior to McCray receiving the recognition Oct. 3 in building 102 during the Garrison Commander Staff Meeting.

"She develops relationships and works together with others in the garrison to make things happen for DES. So, I don't know what we would do without her. She just makes everything happen for us and she does a great job."

Ward received a commander's coin for excellence from Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim.

"It is an honor to be recognized as employee of the month," McCray said.

"It is a team effort here at DES, and we all work hard to support one another. I could not be as effective at my job without that support of our team."

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



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

**Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim presents a commander's coin for excellence Oct. 3 to Autumn McCray with the Directorate of Emergency Services during the Garrison Commander's Staff Meeting in building 102.**



## NEWS

# Changes happening for Army Combat Fitness Test

BY THOMAS BRADING

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Major changes are coming to the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) that will affect every Soldier, officials announced Sept. 27.

The changes, locked in for fiscal year 2020, include the official testing standards for all Soldiers, each one tailored to an individual's military occupational specialty (MOS). Also, all Initial Military Training (Officers and Enlisted) will take the ACFT as a graduation requirement, and the arm-extension pushup will replace the hand-release pushup.

The ACFT is expected to be the standard fitness test for all Soldiers by October 2020.

The latest adjustments come on the heels of the Army's initial message that the age- and gender-neutral ACFT will replace the nearly 40-year-old Army Physical Fitness Test, or APFT. Since then, Army officials have assessed ACFT standards, making changes as needed, to ensure the fitness test precisely targets readiness and combat-related skills for a new era of Soldiers.

However, one thing that remains is the emphasis on physical fitness leading to combat readiness.

"Physical fitness is fundamental to sustained Army readiness," Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston said. "We must have highly trained, disciplined, and physically fit Soldiers capable of winning on any battlefield. The ACFT, specifically linked to common warfighting tasks, will help us assess and improve the individual readiness of the force."

In the beginning, Army leaders based their standards on "scientific data and the need to revolutionize the culture of fitness in our force," said Maj. Gen. Lonnie Hibbard, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training (CIMT).

Now, as new information becomes available, the Army is "looking at ways to refine how scores meet what Soldiers are accomplishing in the field."

The new changes are part of a two-part decision-making process based on science and results, said Whitfield East, research physiologist for CIMT.

Specific battalions were selected to provide a sample from across the Army, with Soldiers from nearly every MOS and representing the active-duty, National Guard, and Army Reserve components, Hibbard said.

In fiscal year 2019, data sets were compiled from 63 battalions, or roughly 17,000 Soldiers, who took the ACFT during its initial implementation phase. That information was then evaluated for the changes that will be carried out next year.

All Soldiers were scheduled to complete the modernized fitness test starting Oct. 1.

However, according to officials, they will not be held to any of the standards during the service-wide diagnostic testing phase.

"The diagnostic test gives leaders a chance to make even more informed decisions," Hibbard said.

Although the new ACFT standards are "locked in for next year," said Megan Reed, spokesperson for CIMT, they "are viewed as a living document and are subsequent to change after the larger and more diverse phase of training" in fiscal year 2020.

The larger servicewide test consists of every Soldier, with active-duty members taking the test twice as a diagnostic, six months apart. Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are scheduled to complete the diagnostic test once.

The strategy, Hibbard said, will expose Soldiers to the ACFT, help them strategize the best way to train themselves, and give the Army a wider demographic of data for decisions in fiscal year 2021.

"We've compiled good empirical research on what's required to do high physically demanding, common Soldier tasks," East said. "When you look at the six events (of the ACFT), they cover major components of fitness: muscular strength, muscular endurance, explosive power, and a lot are anaerobic power or anaerobic endurance."

Next year, Soldiers in Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training, One Station Unit Training, Warrant Officer Basic Course, and the Basic Officer Leader's Course will take the ACFT as a graduation requirement. Doing so allows Soldiers to "train realistically and develop physically in the earliest phase in their career," Hibbard said. "This sets them up for success."

The ACFT is just one part of the Army's Holistic Health and Fitness system (H2F), which empowers the force to be strong, well-rounded Soldiers — mentally, spiritually, and physically.

The nonphysical elements of H2F are vital for Soldiers to succeed on the ACFT, Hibbard said. These components include sleep and nutritional readiness, as well as spiritual and mental readiness. They all work together into a single, comprehensive health system.

On the physical side, the ACFT will determine a Soldier's fitness level through high-intensity repetitions.

By reducing the number of repetitions, Soldiers reduce the potential for injury, East said, and the ACFT prompts a 40-50 percent reduction of repetitions versus the APFT.

"Each repetition requires a greater force to push a greater resistance," East said. "That means we're able to get the same work volume with fewer repetitions."

For instance, he said, "Soldiers could run 10 miles at a 10-minute pace, or they could run 2 miles at a 6-minute pace" and save strain on



Photo by Lt. Col. Bradford Leighton/Joint Force Headquarters-Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

**Illinois National Guard leaders try out the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) Sept. 23 during the Commanders Guidance Conference in East Peoria, Ill.**



Photo by Sgt. Cody Parsons/3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division

**Paratroopers assigned to the 82nd Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, conduct the Army Combat Fitness Test on Oct. 2 at Fort Bragg, N.C.**

"their knees, hips, and everything else for 8 miles."

The science behind the ACFT is a systematic study to imitate real-life scenarios, but it also helps prevent injuries, he added.

"Overuse injuries have been a tremendous problem in the Army, with a significant

number attributed to musculoskeletal injuries," East said. "As we increase strength, and reduce the number of repetitions (with the ACFT), we should see some ... decrease in injuries."

Moving forward, "we need to train the Army, not only how to take the test, but also how to train for the test," Hibbard said.



## NEWS



Students in the 89B Ammunition Supply Course complete classroom training Aug. 1 in building 50 at Fort McCoy.

## TRAINING

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100th) has put into the program in ensuring we give the best training for Ordnance Soldiers.”

The 13th, 100th teaches the 89B10 Ammunition Supply Course (ASC), 89B Senior Leader Course, and the 89B Advanced Leader Course.

The ASC is a four-week course 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 MOS.

The 89B SLC also is taught in two phases over the course of four weeks. Even though SLC students have been ammunition specialists for quite a while, the training they receive builds their leadership skills and helps the students get back to the basics of the career field, said Master Sgt. Jack Kenyon with the 13th, 100th. In the 89B ALC, seasoned 89B Soldiers learn advanced skills in ammunition supply oversight and leadership.

Strong said the two organizations will create an even stronger partnership. RTS-Maintenance leaders meet with 13th, 100th leaders monthly in an effort to plan ahead to provide the best training and training support possible.

“The (13th, 100th) brings some of the resources to the training possible with their instructors,” Strong said. “Without those great instructors, we could not offer the level of training that we provide.”

Strong said he’s looking forward to seeing how the 89B training team continues to provide excellent training and further supports the RTS-Maintenance mission. He said he also appreciates all the support that the Fort McCoy Garrison and other post organizations provide to improve training opportunities.

“I think many Fort McCoy personnel have done very well in supporting us with building infrastructure, adding additional resources, helping build the training ammunition storage point for the 89B training, and more,” Strong said.

RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy trains Soldiers in both active and reserve components of the Army.



Students in the 91L10 Construction Equipment Maintenance Repairer Course work together to take an engine out of a grader Feb. 20 during training at the Regional Training Site-Maintenance facility at Fort McCoy.

## RTS-Maintenance looking at busy training schedule during fiscal year 2020, unit commandant says

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Public Affairs Staff

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2020, Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance will be completing eight courses of training, said Maj. Anthony Strong, the unit’s commandant.

“It’s going to be a busy year for sure, but we’re ready for it,” Strong said.

RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy trains Soldiers in the Army’s 91-series military occupational specialty (MOS) and, as of Oct. 1, is administratively supporting the training of Soldiers in the 89B MOS. The unit aligns under the 3rd Brigade (Ordnance), 94th Division of the 80th Training Command.

“We are the largest RTS-Maintenance of the four that are in the Army Reserve,” Strong said. “I think we are also structured to compete with the largest in the National Guard, too.

“I think we put on world-class training for every ordnance Soldier who comes through the door here, whether they are from the Army Reserve, National Guard, or the active component.”

Some of the RTS-Maintenance Courses include the Career Management Field 91/94 Ordnance Senior Leader and Advanced Leader Courses, Tracked Vehicle Recovery Course, Wheeled Vehicle Recovery Course, 91L10 Construction Equipment Maintenance Repairer Course, and more. The unit is centrally located in the cantonment area with an entire complex to hold training.

“We know we have great training because we get top-notch feedback from our end-of-course critiques,” Strong said. “The training that we put these Soldiers through is superb.”

Strong also said Fort McCoy is a great place for all the training because of what the installation offers and how well

their schoolhouse is supported by post personnel.

“I think anything that we have ever asked for from Fort McCoy to accommodate us, they have been there for us,” Strong said.

The post’s four-season climate also assists in providing better training, he said.

“We have students who come from all over to train here, and you never know what kind of weather you might see here,” Strong said. “That helps our students be prepared for any kind of environment.”

Earlier in 2019, Sgt. Garrett Maxwell with Detachment 1, Company E, 40th Brigade Support Battalion of San Diego, Calif., attended the 91L10 Construction Equipment Maintenance Repairer Course. He said the training helped him build better skills.

“I have grown significantly as both a noncommissioned officer and as a mechanic,” Maxwell said of his time training at RTS-Maintenance. “The hands-on experience (I received) will prove to be invaluable.”

After the first quarter’s courses are completed, Strong said his staff will have a small break between courses for the holidays. Then in January during the second quarter of fiscal year 2020, he said, his team will begin another full round of courses.

“Our training seems to be growing by about 10 percent or more each year,” Strong said.

“That growth is proof of how well we continue to train Soldiers.”

As training continues, Strong said RTS-Maintenance staff appreciates all the support from the Fort McCoy Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Wisconsin Military Academy, Fort McCoy Garrison, Logistics Readiness Center, and others.



## NEWS

# Unit's equipment loaded on railcars at McCoy for deployment

More than 40 railcars were loaded with vehicles and equipment belonging to the 829th Engineer Company, a Wisconsin National Guard unit, from mid-to-late September at Fort McCoy.

With the assistance of personnel with the Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Transportation Division, 110 pieces of equipment equaling 1,058 short tons were loaded on the railcars, said Movements Branch Chief Terry Altman with the Transportation Division.

The rail movement operation was geared to send the vehicles and equipment for an upcoming deployment overseas for the 829th, Altman said.

Fort McCoy Transportation Officer D.J. Eckland with the Transportation Division said Soldiers the 829th Engineer Company helped with a rail movement on post in July and got specific training on rail operations.

"The 829th participated in the Rail Operations Course we conducted on July 9, and then they assisted with tie-down of equipment on the railcars (in July)," he said.

Whether it was moving troops and equipment during World War II or other contingencies, or bringing in or sending out equipment and supplies for a present-day exercise, rail will always be a primary mode of transportation at the installation, Eckland said.

"Rail is one of our strategic transportation missions, and these events allow us to exercise our capability," he said.

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



*Photos by Scott T. Sturkol*

**A locomotive for the Canadian-Pacific Railway is parked on a side rail in between moving railcars Sept. 27 at Fort McCoy. The rail loading and related work was completed by 829th Engineer Company Soldiers and employees with the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center Transportation Division.**



**Railcars filled with equipment are shown ready to be moved Sept. 27 at the installation rail yard on South Post. More than 1,000 short tons of equipment were moved.**



ADS





Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

(From left) Firefighters Lucas Erickson, Todd Swansby, Ryan Wilke, Arthur Gerpoltz, Forrest Lefler, Jacob White, Jacob Ross, Craig Schendel, and Hunter Young are shown Oct. 3 after receiving the Department of the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service. All were recognized for supporting flood-relief efforts in local communities in 2018.

## Fort McCoy firefighters receive humanitarian awards for 2018 flood response in local communities

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
Public Affairs Staff

Eight current and one former firefighter with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department received the Department of the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service on Oct. 3 for their work during an emergency flood response in local communities in 2018.

Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim presented the awards at Fire Station 1 in build-

ing 1680. Recognized were: Lucas Erickson, Arthur Gerpoltz, Forrest Lefler, Jacob Ross, Craig Schendel, Todd Swansby, Jacob White, Ryan Wilke, and Hunter Young.

"This was an honor for me," Kim said. "Thank you to all of you for what you do."

In late August 2018, some areas near Fort McCoy received nearly a foot of rain in less than 24 hours. That rain, in turn, caused massive flash flooding that overwhelmed several small communities near Fort McCoy.

As soon as the rain stopped, a call was made

to DES Fire Department for mutual-aid support from the Sparta (Wis.) Fire Department. They responded with the personnel, boats, and vehicles to areas near Sparta, Melvina, and Leon.

The award citation describes each firefighter's contribution as "exceptional service and performance of duty."

Each firefighter "responded with the fire and emergency response staff through treacherous and hazardous conditions in response to torrential flash flooding in Melvina, Leon,

and Sparta," the citation states. Their "navigation of dangerous flash flood waters facilitated multiple rescues during recovery boat operations. The mutual aid recovery efforts for Monroe County resulted in 57 persons and 27 pets saved."

"The biggest challenge in this environment is the fast-moving water," Swansby said in 2018 after the response effort. "These kinds of floods are the most dangerous. ... I was just glad to be able to get those folks out safely."

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File photo by Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department

Firefighters with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department drive a boat in a flooded neighborhood Aug. 29, 2018, in Sparta, Wis.

## HUMANITARIAN

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“The positive result from this is that no one got hurt,” Swansby said. “We got everyone as well as their pets out safely. ... I’d also like to add the volunteer fire departments played a huge role in all that was done. Those (folks) deserve so much credit for all they have done — they were incredible.”

According to Army Human Resources Command, the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service is both an honorary and public service award presented by the Army to individuals who have distinguished themselves by meritorious direct “hands-on” participation in an act or operation of a humanitarian nature directed toward an individual or groups of individuals.

Ross, who now works for the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Airport Fire Department, came back to attend the ceremony. He appreciated the recognition and the team he worked with to do the flood response.

“It was amazing to see what these guys did and how well they worked together,” Ross said. “The professionalism here is second to none. I was just proud to be a part of it.”

Wilke, like the other firefighters, was surprised of the recognition when they heard about it. He said to all of them the response was them doing what they’re supposed to do.

“It’s what we do. It’s what we train to do,” Wilke said. “When the call comes you just go.”

Lefler said that for himself, it wouldn’t have mattered to him if he was recognized. He said it was more about the others and what they accomplished.

“I can’t say enough about how good they are,” Lefler said.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Residents of Leon, Wis., react to a flood Aug. 28, 2018, in the downtown area of the city. Leon was one of several communities that Fort McCoy firefighters responded to when calls for evacuations were made because of the flooding.



# Fort McCoy firefighters train year-round to be ready

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

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In recent years on post and in surrounding communities, Fort McCoy firefighters have saved lives using their emergency-medical skills to crises.

For example, in 2018, Fort McCoy firefighters responded to floods in local communities that saved lives. And early in 2019, firefighters with the department's dive team responded to a call of children falling through ice where they provided key support to local emergency services.

To be ready for any emergency or situation, Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department personnel train year-round to maintain certifications and skills.

In February, about a dozen firefighters with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department took their turns getting in a suit, strapping on an air tank and full face mask, and diving into the depths of Big Sandy Lake under the ice on Fort McCoy's South Post for diver training.

The divers covered depths of up to 15 feet or more and completed several types of rescue scenarios under the guidance of fellow firefighters and from instructor Jeff Zilliox with the Marineland Dive Center of Onalaska, Wis.

Divers took turns going in and out of the same hole that was cut in the ice. Each diver was tethered with a connecting line that included a communications connection. Divers were under water for 15 to 20 minutes on average, completing lost diver and search scenarios. Zilliox said the underwater scenarios help them learn what it's like in case they have to be involved in a real-world emergency.

Such a call came in Jan. 6 to go to Perch Lake in Sparta, Wis., where children fell through the ice, including one who went under the ice. During that emergency, Fort McCoy responded with seven firefighters who were on duty.

"Three additional firefighters responded from home to assist the dive team," said Fort McCoy Fire Chief Tim Jorgensen. "Firefighters initially put on their Stern suits and searched with pike poles. While they were searching, they also deployed a remotely operated vehicle into the water and used it to assist in the search. We then put a diver into the water who was able to locate the victim."

"We try to train the same way every time, so no matter what the conditions are, we are used to training with the equipment and can respond to an emergency quickly," said Zilliox, saying it's a "train like you fight" approach that works well for diver training.

Since 2014, Fort McCoy firefighters have also increased training in technical rescue. One of the first training classes in technical rescue that firefighters learn is the Rope Rescue I course, said Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Olivier.

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

According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), the training includes understanding, directing, and operating simple rope-lowering systems. It also includes safely ascending and descending a fixed-rope system in a high-angle environment and understanding and operating a rope-rescue system intended to move a load horizontally in a safe and controlled manner.

"These are skills we teach all of our personnel," Olivier said.

In August 2019, Deputy Chief Brady Brever said the Fort McCoy Fire Department supported driver-operator certification training that not only included a Fort McCoy firefighter as a student but also helped 19 Army Reserve Soldiers receive their certifications on fire trucks.

"They attended three classes resulting in certifications in fire apparatus engineer, mobile water supply apparatus driver-



**A Fort McCoy firefighter practices diving under ice Feb. 6 at Big Sandy Lake on South Post at Fort McCoy.**



**An installation firefighter learns rappelling at the highest post rappelling tower during ropes training in 2018.**

operator, and aircraft rescue firefighting apparatus engineer," Brever said. "The classes were taught by the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute and funded through the 416th Theater Engineer Command."

As Olivier said about the ropes training, it can also apply to all the training Fort McCoy firefighters complete. "Each piece of training builds on all previous training and continues to build more skills," he said.

A well-trained department of personnel means readiness is high, Brever said. The Fort McCoy Fire Department's dedication to maintain accredited status is proof.

The department is accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. This means the department is one of 62 Department of Defense agencies and one of only six Army installations to achieve Internationally Accredited (See **YEAR-ROUND**, Insert Page 4)





A firefighter completes an inspection March 8 on one of the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department trucks at Fire Station 1 at Fort McCoy.

## YEAR-ROUND

Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

The process for this accreditation is voluntary and provides agencies with improvement models to assess their service delivery and performance internally, according to accreditation requirements. Agencies then work with a team of peers from other agencies to evaluate their completed self-assessments.

“We have also been able to use the Commission on Fire Accreditation International’s process as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of this agency and locate areas where we can improve on the quality of the services we provide,” Brever said following a past reaccreditation process.

As demonstrated with emergency-response calls in the past year, the fire department supports not only Fort McCoy but the

surrounding communities through mutual aid and automatic aid agreements in Monroe and La Crosse counties and through the Wisconsin Mutual Aid Box-Alarm System.

These agreements lay out how Fort McCoy can provide or request aid for a variety of emergencies, such as structural fires, underwater rescue, auto accidents, and ambulance calls.

And through training and readiness, the

department’s firefighters will continue to remain ready for any response they are called to do, Jorgensen said.

See more fire department training coverage by visiting [www.dvidshub.net/news/278162/firefighters-learn-rope-rappelling-skills-during-technical-rescue-training-fort-mccoy](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/278162/firefighters-learn-rope-rappelling-skills-during-technical-rescue-training-fort-mccoy), and [www.dvidshub.net/news/310963/rescue-training-fort-mccoy-firefighters-learn-practice-diving-under-ice](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/310963/rescue-training-fort-mccoy-firefighters-learn-practice-diving-under-ice).

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Photo by Spc. Nicole Baker/Exercise News Day

## Maintaining readiness

(Left) Fort McCoy firefighters refold a water hose during routine training Aug. 12 at Station 1 on the cantonment area on post.

(Right) Firefighter Brian Butzler holds a fire hose for a demonstration at Station 1 on Aug. 12.

Fort McCoy’s team of firefighters at both stations train daily to maintain readiness.



Photo by Master Sgt. Michel Sauret/Army Reserve Command



## FEATURE



Photo by Aimee Malone

### Installation Legal Office recognition

Civilian employees of the Fort McCoy Installation Legal Office (ILO) were recognized by the garrison commander and ILO on Oct. 1 for their efforts in saving money for the installation. Pictured are (left to right) Lt. Col. Savas Kyriakidis, ILO; Nancy McCoy, ILO; Mary Kaiser, ILO; James Markgraf, ILO; Col. Hui Chae Kim, Fort McCoy garrison commander; and Maj. Christopher Ellis, ILO.



Photo by Theresa Fitzgerald

### Better Futures tour

Students and staff members of Better Futures High School in Viroqua, Wis., tour a historical building Oct. 3 at the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area. The students visited the area, including the Equipment Park, History Center, and Veterans Memorial Plaza, to learn more about the history of Fort McCoy.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

### Commemorative Area fall colors

Colorful fall foliage is shown Oct. 3 at Equipment Park at the Commemorative Area at Fort McCoy. The Equipment Park is an outdoor display of historic and present-day equipment representative of the types used on the installation. The design of the park allows for display of 70 pieces of equipment, ranging from helicopters and howitzers to trucks and trailers. Fall colors generally peak on post from mid- to late October.



## FEATURE

# This month in Fort McCoy history

## 75 Years Ago — Oct. 7, 1944

Lt. Col. Robert Bruce McCoy, son of the man for whom Camp McCoy was named, returned to his Sparta home in October 1944 after two years of serving in the South Pacific. McCoy left Sparta in 1940 with the Wisconsin National Guard and served with the 32nd Infantry Division in Australia and New Guinea.

## 30 Years Ago — Oct. 6, 1989

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Omaha District, entered an agreement to lease with Homz Partners of Madison, Wis. Homz Partners developed 80 units of build-to-lease 801 housing for military families stationed at Fort McCoy.

The units served as single-family residences for Army families and were built on a 40-acre tract of land in Tomah, said the ACOE Omaha District Commander Col. Donald E. Hazen.

The residences were leased by the federal government for a total annual rental fee of \$1.06 million, Hazen said.

Rental money covered debt services, property taxes, insurance, and return on equity. The government paid the full amount of increases in property taxes and insurance premiums after the second full year of occupancy.

## 20 Years Ago — Oct. 17, 1999

A new training organization, the 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (Training Support), was activated Oct. 17 during a ceremony at Fort McCoy.

Capt. Jeffrey Fishack, adjutant for the 2nd, 85th, said the ceremony reflagged the former 2nd Brigade (Field Exercise), 85th Division (Exercise) and the former 12th Support Brigade. The ceremony then activated the 2nd, 85th (TS). Col. Richard P. Fink became the 2nd, 85th (TS) commander.

The 2nd, 85th (TS) coordinated the training of more than 300 reserve component units and about 43,000 Army Reserve and National Guard personnel in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. Members of the 2nd, 85th (TS) provided lane training and coordinated overall training management programs for combat-support and combat-service support units.

## 10 Years Ago — Oct. 9, 2009

About 3,000 Soldiers with the 33rd Brigade Combat Team were at Fort McCoy for the last days of their one-year tour of duty in 2009.

The 33rd, from the Illinois Army National Guard, demobilized at Fort



File photo

**Soldiers consult with one another during training in 1984 at a training range at Fort McCoy.**

McCoy with units spread out during a four-month period.

"We were made up of many different and separate groups," Lt. Col. Brian Sheridan said, "each group with different and separate missions. Our missions were all with training and mentoring the Afghan national police and Afghan national army."

Sheridan, the 33rd's demobilization officer in charge, had been at McCoy since July 2009.

"Our demobilization at Fort McCoy was excellent," Sheridan said. "We were given outstanding support from the Soldier Readiness Center, Mobilization Unit In-processing Center, Volk Field, and others to get our people home. Although we mobilized out of Fort Bragg and Fort Riley, our demob at McCoy was closer and more convenient to home. We used coach buses for the final miles.

"We are also very familiar with Fort McCoy, having spent many training periods at McCoy, and we will be at McCoy for training in June 2010," Sheridan said. "We very much appreciated the flexibility of scheduling at McCoy as our flights changed.

"The people at McCoy cared for us, individually and as units. We weren't just

treated as numbers," Sheridan said. "This was the largest deployment of the Illinois Army National Guard since World War II. It was the fifth deployment for many of our Soldiers."

## 5 Years Ago — October 2014

The capabilities for the Fort McCoy Fire Department of the Directorate of Emergency Services grew with the addition of new equipment.

The department received a new 2014 Oshkosh Striker six-by-six truck, designated "Crash 12," that served at the fire station at the Fort McCoy Airport.

The truck capabilities, according to Oshkosh Corp. specifications, feature state-of-the-art fire suppression and advanced safety systems as well as many other innovations.

The truck allows firefighters to have up to 600 feet of 1 3/4-inch hose at their disposal during a fire response.

The hoses are accessible from either side of the vehicle.

"It's a crash truck that will take care of all the emergencies on the runway at the airport," said Ryan Wilke, firefighter and emergency medical technician. "It can hold up to 3,000

gallons of water, which gives us tremendous capability."

The department's then-current crash truck was nearly 30 years old and only had a 1,000-gallon water storage capability.

"The new Striker is like three times the truck over the old one," Wilke said.

The fire department also received a new fire-safety trailer to use in its efforts to educate the public about fire prevention.

Fire Inspector Curt Ladwig explained what comes with the new trailer. "It's equipped with kitchen-fire and bedroom-fire scenario areas," Ladwig said.

"Participants who use the trailer use laser fire extinguishers to extinguish a fire on the stove, a trashcan fire along with a cabinet fire in the kitchen area. They also learn how to safely extinguish an oven fire."

In the bedroom scenario area, Ladwig said the trailer has a burning trash can, a smoking electrical outlet, a heated door and smoke coming from under the door.

"That teaches the participants to stuff a towel or something to block the smoke from entering before they exit through the bedroom window," he said.



## NEWS NOTES

### 'Connect the Tots' play group offered Tuesdays

Army Community Service's Connect the Tots play group meets 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays through Nov. 19 at the ACS Family Building, 2161.

The play group is for families with children 4 years old and younger.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. For more information or to register, call 608-388-7262.

### CYS fall craft night scheduled for Oct. 17

A fall craft night is scheduled for 4 to 5 p.m. Oct. 17 at the School Age Center/Youth Center, building 1792.

The event is open to children in kindergarten through 12th grade who are registered with Child and Youth Services, as well as their families.

Supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so registration is required by Oct. 14.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-4373.

### Vertical Illusions bus trip planned for Oct. 19

Leisure Travel Services will offer a bus trip to Vertical Illusions in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., on Oct. 19.

The bus will depart from McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

Transportation costs \$20 per person. Fees for Vertical Illusions activities are extra. Visit [www.verticalillusions.com](http://www.verticalillusions.com) for information.

Registration required by Oct. 11. Open to Fort McCoy employees and their guests. Call 608-388-3011.

### Flu vaccine available at Fort McCoy clinic

The flu vaccine is available to selected Fort McCoy personnel: Child and Youth Services, police, fire, and Emergency Operations Center personnel.

Clinic times and dates are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 10, 22, and 24 and Nov. 12, 14, and 26 at the Fort McCoy Occupational health Clinic, building 2669.

Starting Dec. 3, the vaccine will be available to garrison appropriated fund employees and active-duty and Active Guard Reserve Soldiers, while supplies last.

For more information, call 608-388-2414.

### Disability Employment event set for Oct. 24

Fort McCoy's National Disability Employment Awareness Month observance is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The guest speaker is Samantha Hall, execu-



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### Best Warrior

**Capt. Peter Gerritsen with the 1st Battalion, 291st Brigade Support Battalion, part of the 181st Multifunctional Training Brigade, competes in the Maj. Oscar Miller Best Observer-Coach/Trainer Competition on Oct. 3 at Fort McCoy. Gerritsen won the officer portion of the competition.**

tive director of HorseSense Inc. HorseSense serves veterans in the local community by providing therapeutic horseback riding to people with disabilities.

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

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

### 'F.I.E.R.C.E.' speaker scheduled for Oct. 24

Carolyn Collen, Ph.D., a speaker, author, and coach, will speak in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

Collen describes herself as a fierce mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She developed the F.I.E.R.C.E. 5 method, which helped her grow from a "downtrodden, scared, and ragged victim," standing in a food line at the Salvation Army, to the confident and successful person she is today, living a happy life she never believed she deserved.

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

Space is limited. Registration is required by Oct. 17. Call 608-388-3505 for more information or to register.

### 'Spooktacular' bowling bash set for Oct. 25

A "spooktacular" bowling bash is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 25 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The event is for children 14 years old or

younger and will include a costume contest, games and prizes, crafts, and bowling specials.

Bowling costs \$2 per game for children during the event; shoe rental is free. All other activities are free.

No registration is required. Call 608-388-3213 for more information.

### Trapper education course planned Oct. 26-27

A trapper education course will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 26-27 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

The course covers traps and trap parts, trapping techniques, regulations, Wisconsin wildlife, fur handling, and more, with ethics being the central theme.

Anyone who wants to trap in Wisconsin must complete a trapper education course.

Anyone who trapped in Wisconsin prior to 1992, has taken a comparable course in another state, or is actively engaged in farming may qualify for an exemption.

Students who are under the age of 10 should get an instructor's approval before enrolling in a class. The course costs \$12. The course is open to the public.

For more information or to register, visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/education/outdoorskills/traped.html>.

The course is hosted by the conservation officers of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department.

### 'No Treats, Just Tricks' set for Oct. 31

The "No Treats, Just Tricks" relay race and walk is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 31 at

Rumpel Fitness Center.

All participants must be dressed in a costume. Runners will compete in teams of three, and each runner will run 1 mile. Walkers must start and finish a 1-mile walk as a team.

Prizes will be awarded to the fastest running and walking teams as well as the top three costumes.

The event is free and open to all eligible patrons of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. Registration is required by 11 a.m. Oct. 31.

For more information about Equal Opportunity events, call 608-388-2290.

### Mall of America bus trip scheduled for Nov. 2

A bus trip to the Mall of America is scheduled for Nov. 2.

The bus will pick up and drop off participants at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571. The bus will depart Fort McCoy at 7 a.m. and the Mall of America at 4 p.m.

Transportation costs \$20 per person. You may bring snacks and bottled drinks for the bus ride.

The trip is open to all Fort McCoy employees and their guests. Registration is required by Oct. 25.

For more information, call 608-388-3011.

### Strengthening Parenting class planned for Nov. 6

Strengthening Parenting Practices for the Military Family is scheduled for 9 to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 6 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The class covers tools for solving everyday problems, how to talk to your children about military lifestyle issues, and how to manage emotions when disciplining children.

Registration is required by Nov. 4. For more information, call 608-388-7262.

### PCS Open House set for Nov. 6

A PCS Open House is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6.

The event is coordinated by Army Community Service.

Representatives from the Exceptional Family Member Program, the passport section, Personal Property Office, Housing Office, and the School Liaison Officer will be available at the event.

Information tables, children's relocation materials, maps, and other items will also be available.

For more information, call 608-388-2359.

### Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Oct. 25. The deadline for submissions is Oct 16.

For more information or to share story ideas, call 608-388-4128.



Dining Facility

Dining Facility 1362, located at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, is open. Military members and Department of Defense civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use dining facilities. Groups of 10 or more must first coordinate through the Food Program Management Office at 608-388-6518/4739.

Hours

Breakfast — 6-8 a.m.  
Lunch — 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Dinner — 5-6:30 p.m.

Rates

Breakfast — \$3.45  
Lunch — \$5.60  
Dinner — \$4.85

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 at 4 p.m. each quarter in building 1363. Next meeting: Sept. 12. Call 608-388-3200.

iSportsman:

Portal for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational activities. Register, apply for permits, and sign in or out at <https://mccoy.isportsman.net>.

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. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 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. 24-hour access available to those who register. 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:

By appointment with two-day notice. Call 800-531-4703.

Dining

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 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 bays and vacuums. Open 24/7. May close during extremely cold weather. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Tokens also sold at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571. Call 608-388-4161.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Oct. 24.**  
***Most offices closed Oct. 14 for Columbus Day.***  
***Bold, italic typeface indicates a change since the last publication.***  
Call facilities to verify hours. To report updates, call 608-388-2769.

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.

Computer Lab:

Building 50, room 100A. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Computers, projector, printer, scanner, fax machine available. Call 608-388-2474.

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.

IHG Army Hotels:

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

Laundrette/Dry Cleaning:

Building 1538. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities:

Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy. Civilian, family members, and retired military members are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 to find out which buildings are open.

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. Hunting, fishing, and firewood permits. 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.

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.

Housing Office:

Building 6158. Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Family Housing, Single Soldier Housing, and referral services. Call 608-388-2804.

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 608-388-8068 or 608-598-7324

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 608-388-3025.

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 [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil).

Troop Medical Clinic:

Building 2669. Call 608-388-3025 for available services or assistance locating local services while training at Fort McCoy.

Worship

Catholic:

Chapel 10, building 1759. Mass at 9:15 a.m. Sun. Fellowship 9:30-11 a.m. Sun. at building 2675.

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. Service at 10:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship 9:30-11 a.m. Sun. at building 2675.

Protestant Women of the Chapel:

Building 2675. Bible study. Call 608-388-3528.

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.

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 608-269-1912.

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 noon-8 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. For more info 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).

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