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Post's Main Gate reopens Nov. 23

After closing in March for a major upgrade, Fort McCoy's Main Gate reopens for use and 24-hour operations at 5 a.m. Nov. 23.

"We will close Gate 1 and shift operations simultaneously to the Main Gate," said Fort McCoy Police Chief Ryan A. Cunningham with the Directorate of Emergency Services. "There will be no change to operations when it comes to entry requirements. Those people who had E-Gate access solely due to the construction project will have the access removed at the same time."

The intersection at South J Street and South 8th Avenue will return to a full four-way stop once again. The intersection at South J Street and Highway 21 for traffic going south toward the Ammunition Storage Point will also be reopened to normal traffic flow.

Sign boards to notify the community of the upcoming change will be placed along Highway 21 around Nov. 18, Cunningham said. The signs will notify personnel of the upcoming change, and at 5 a.m. Nov. 23, the signs will be changed to read, "Gate 1 Closed, Use Main Gate."

People are also asked to remember that the parking lot for building 35, the Visitor Control Center, has moved from its original location. Additionally, people will see new warning lights and signs for the

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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Morning light at Veterans Memorial Plaza

Veterans Memorial Plaza is backlit by the morning light Nov. 1 at the Commemorative Area at Fort McCoy. The 900 block of the installation, the Commemorative Area, and the 11-acre area surrounding it are at the hub of the fort's history-preservation efforts. Veterans Memorial Plaza is a tribute to all of the men and women who have served the nation during each era of Fort McCoy's history. Nov. 1 was the last day flags were flown at the plaza for 2019.

Garrison commander briefs workforce on climate survey results

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim briefed workforce members on the results of the annual Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Organizational Climate Survey on Oct. 29 in the building 60 auditorium at Fort McCoy.

The purpose of the climate survey is to gather information to help managers and

commanders clarify both positive and negative views that members have of an organization, especially those that may affect mission readiness, Kim said in the briefing. The findings are used to come up with ways to improve the organization's climate.

Most categories showed slight increases from 2018 responses. Positive categories in the survey included job satisfaction and opinion of organizational performance, which both scored 80 percent approval, well above

the Department of Defense (DOD) average. The DOD scored 66 and 67 percent approval ratings.

The exceptions to the increases over 2018 were in commitment, sexual-assault reporting knowledge, and sexual-assault retaliation climate.

Kim said areas of weakness were inclusion at work, opinion of senior leadership, and organizational processes, which received between 64 and 69 percent favorable ratings.

Specifically referring to the opinion of senior leadership and perceived communication problems, Kim asked other senior leadership throughout the installation for assistance in fixing any mistrust or communication issues between junior- and senior-level employees.

"The commander is responsible for everything, and I take that on, but I also need your help," Kim said. "I need the senior leaders within the directorates, as well as division

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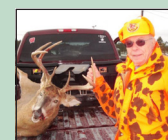
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newly installed vehicle barriers.

Perimeter Security Partners of Brentwood, Tenn., was the contractor for the \$3.2 million Main Gate project, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office at Fort McCoy.

Work on the project included the demolition of old active vehicle barriers and the construction of new active vehicle barriers that meet the requirements for standoff distances required by mandated regulations, Green said.

Additionally, the new side-walks and parking area now located next to building 35 allow for more parking space.

The Main Gate reopening was set for a Saturday, a lower traffic day, to ensure everything transitions smoothly. When people return to work at the installation Nov. 25, they just need to remember to use the Main Gate and not Gate 1, officials said.

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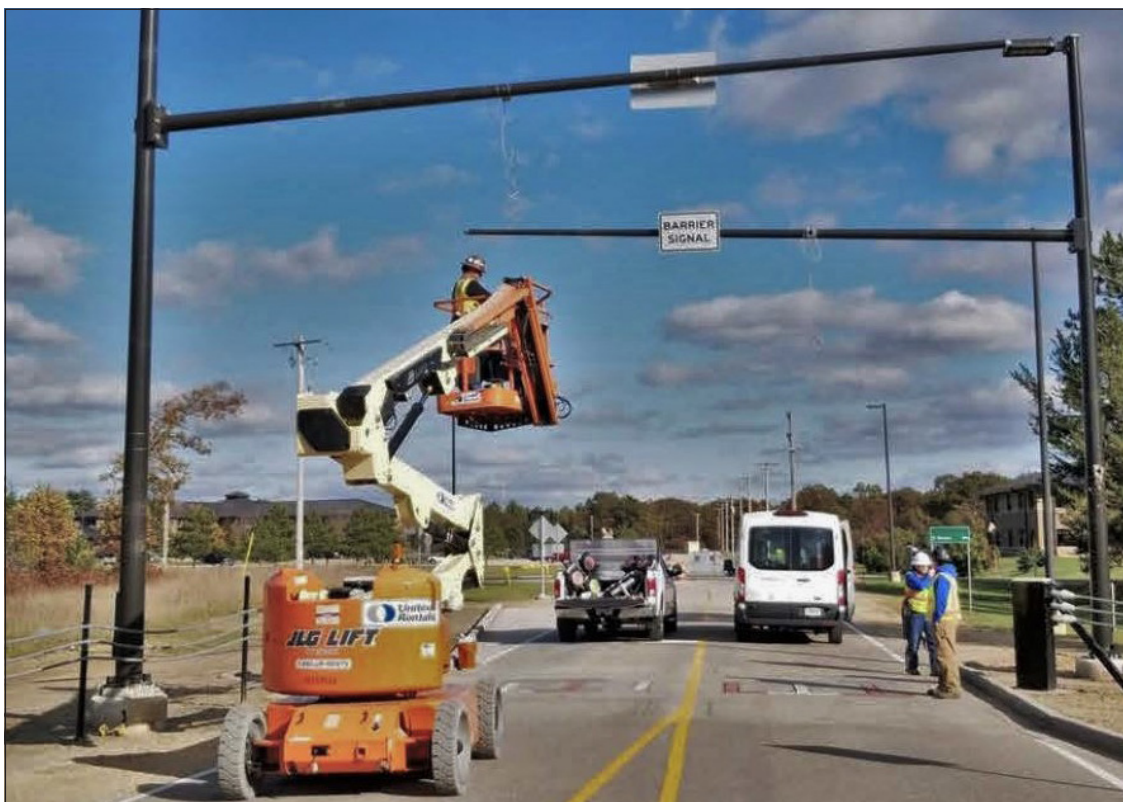


Photo by Ken Green/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Workers with contractor Perimeter Security Partners of Brentwood, Tenn., work on traffic lights by a vehicle barrier Oct. 17 near the Main Gate on the cantonment area.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Equipment returns from 2019 Operation Resolute Castle deployment

Military vehicles and equipment belonging to the 389th Engineer Battalion loaded on railcars are shown Oct. 24 at the rail yard at Fort McCoy. The equipment movement is from the 389th's recent involvement in Operation Resolute Castle 2019 in Poland. Unit Soldiers had loaded more than 35 cars with vehicles and equipment in February 2019 after receiving training in a railhead operations class by representatives of Marine Corps Logistics Base-Barstow, Calif. Fort McCoy's Logistics Readiness Center personnel assisted with the loading operations and will also help with unloading operations.

Open Season starts Nov. 11

The federal benefits open season starts Nov. 11 and runs through Dec. 9. Federal employees and retirees may make changes to dental, vision, and health insurance selections during this period.

Making changes outside of the open season requires a qualifying life event. Information on 2019 plans and changes can be found online at www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/open-season.

TRICARE Open Season also runs Nov. 11 through Dec. 9.

Open season does not apply to TRICARE Retired Reserve, TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Young Adult, Continued Health Care Benefit Program, or TRICARE For Life.

For information on TRICARE plans and changes, visit www.tricare.mil/openseason19.

Health Fair set for Nov. 18

Fort McCoy will host a health fair from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in building 2187.

Representatives with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, Delta Dental, and Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program will be on site to answer questions about their plans and services. Brochures from other providers may be available. Any remaining brochures will be available in the lobby of building 2187 after the event for those who are unable to attend.

For more information, call 608-388-3019.

DOD Military Spouse Employment Partnership reaches milestone

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership program now has more than 400 employers as partners, according to the Department of Defense (DOD). The Military Spouse Employment Partnership is a DOD initiative with employers who commit to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers. The program helps prepare spouses to be job-ready, and connects them with employers worldwide.

Learn more about the program by visiting <https://www.defense.gov/explore/story/Article/1999598/dods-military-spouse-employment-partnership-reaches-milestone>.

NEWS



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim talks with Fort McCoy workforce members Oct. 29 in the building 60 auditorium about Fort McCoy climate survey results.

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chiefs and branch chiefs, to think about how you are leading.”

Participation decreased in 2019 compared to the previous year, Kim said. He urged employees to take part in future surveys to make sure their voices are heard.

The garrison commander addressed some of the concerns employees have shared with him or staff members about participating in the annual DOD survey. Some may be skeptical about their anonymity, fear retaliation, or think nothing will be done about the issues mentioned, he said.

“I would urge you to take part in it. I know some folks are skeptical about being identified ... but (I) will tell you, we’re not going to be able to identify you. At all,” Kim said.

Overall, Kim said he was very proud of the garrison and its workforce and will continue to work on improvements. Some of the measures implemented after the 2018 survey results included creation of the Workforce Advisory Work Group, Employee Recognition and Awards Program, and the Civilian Career Advancement Program.

“I am extremely, extremely privileged and proud and honored to be garrison commander of Fort McCoy,” Kim said. “I really appreciate the individuals who provided comments and recommendations, (especially) specific to communication issues.”

Afterward, the Equal Opportunity, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Army Community Service offices conducted training on anti-harassment/bullying measures and Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention.

The climate survey generally takes place in late summer each year.



Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim provides details Oct. 29 about a climate survey taken by workforce members at the installation. Hundreds of personnel attended a morning and afternoon session to learn the results.

NEWS

DFMWR holds workforce briefing, recognizes employees

Fort McCoy's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) held a directorate workforce briefing Oct. 17 at McCoy's Community Center where the director looked to the future and several employees were recognized.

DFMWR Director Patric McGuane opened the briefing by reminding the workforce about values and expectations for employees.

"You are a member of the Civilian Corps," McGuane said. "Never forget the privilege it is to serve our heroes and their families."

McGuane also discussed the importance of hard work and maintaining balance, living by the Army Values, taking care of loved ones and one's self, continually working to improve, and more.

"Customers determine the success of our work — live customer service, be mindful of the customer experience. Our success depends on it," McGuane said.

McGuane also looked back at the success of the directorate for the past year. Among the accomplishments mentioned were:

- Opening of the 24/7 fitness capability at the Rumpel Fitness Center. Since it began in late spring, there have been more than 3,300 registrations completed for 24/7 fitness.

- Grand opening of the DFMWR Child and Youth Services (CYS) Training Facility. The facility opened earlier in 2019 and has proven to be a valuable training asset for CYS staff, McGuane said.

- Supporting Fort McCoy's Armed Forces Day Open House in May. Thousands of people attended the event coordinated by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office, and DFMWR was crucial in offering dining options and more.

- Holding the Military Appreciation Lunch at McCoy's Community Center. The 2019 luncheon served 286 active and retired service members, which is a huge success, McGuane said.

- Coordinating and holding the 2019 Wellness Fair. Also held in May, this event's 5k run/walk drew 19 participants, 57 vendors were present, 300 people attended, and more than \$9,000 was raised in sponsorships.

- Holding the 2019 Mud Assault at Whitetail Ridge. This highly successful event in early June brought in 255 participants who navigated 25 mud pits and obstacles.

- Celebrating the Army's 244th birthday. This all-day celebration June 14 included handing out 413 free breakfasts, coordinating 276 runners in the Commander's 5k at Rumpel Fitness Center, and serving 735 free lunches to Fort McCoy community members.

- Supporting post visit by Vice President Mike Pence. DFMWR members, like many other Fort McCoy workforce members, teamed together to support a short-notice visit to the installation in May by Vice President Mike Pence. The event was highlighted nationally in news media, on social media, and more.

- Helping the 2019 Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team succeed. Throughout the past year, DFMWR's Rumpel Fitness Center served as the headquarters for the installation's Army Ten-Miler team. On Oct. 13, the team placed first (Team 1) and fifth (Team 2) at the event in Washington, D.C. Team coach Tony Steinhoff said the fitness center staff and DFMWR was crucial to their success.

- Having the Bowling Center renovated and reopened. On Oct. 16, the Bowling Center inside McCoy's Community Center reopened with Hyper bowling and boutique lanes to provide a new experience in bowling for community members. McGuane said it was an "incredible upgrade to our already successful bowling program."

DFMWR leaders **Mark Siple, Corissa Yahnke, Scott**



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

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) Director Patric McGuane gives a presentation to employees Oct. 17 in McCoy's Community Center during a workforce briefing for the directorate at Fort McCoy.

D. Abell, Kevin Herman, and Jay Ehlinger also gave presentations about their areas.

McGuane closed out the session by briefing employees on future projects, FMWR initiatives, and expectations.

Numerous employees also were recognized with awards.

Length of Service Awards

- 20 years — **Abell**
- 15 years — **Billie J. Moy** and **Josh J. Shisler**
- 10 years — **Chris S. Brookshaw, Sonya M. Moran, Jessica C. Shoeny, and Anne T. Young**
- 5 years — **Larry S. Brown, Maria L. Smith, and Shonda J. Waller**

DFMWR MVP Awards

- **Mindy Forsythe**
- **Rodney Riedesel**

DFMWR High 5 Awards

- **Elizabeth Alt**
- **Uriah Edmonds**
- **Carmen Ortiz**
- **Johanna Pipkin**
- **Meghan Raap**
- **Lorie Retzlaff**
- **Maria Smith**
- **Elizabeth Weaver**

McGuane said he appreciates all who work in the directorate and wishes them all continued success.

"Thank you for all you do for Fort McCoy each and every day," he said.

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

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Samantha Hall, the executive director of HorseSense Inc., speaks to Fort McCoy community members Oct. 24 in McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy as part of the installation's observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Speaker touts veterans program during National Disability Employment Awareness Month event

STORY & PHOTO BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy hosted its observance for National Disability Employment Awareness Month on Oct. 24 at McCoy's Community Center.

The event featured two guest speakers — Samantha Hall, the executive director of HorseSense Inc., and Don Weber, founder of Logistics Health Inc. HorseSense provides therapeutic horseback riding for people both with and without disabilities.

The organization is a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International.

Weber contributed to and helped found the HorseSense for Heroes veterans program,

which allows military veterans to try the HorseSense program free of charge. Weber also spoke about his experiences as a Marine who served in Vietnam.

Autumn McCray, management assistant with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services, also briefly spoke about her experience as a patron of HorseSense for Heroes.

"Therapeutic horseback riding is defined as recreational horseback riding lessons adapted to meet the needs of individuals living with disabilities," Hall said.

However, a diagnosed disability is not required to ride with HorseSense. "Many people find benefit in riding just as a stress reliever," Hall said.

Riders are assessed by certified instructors

before their first lessons, and lessons can be adjusted to fit each rider's physical, social, and/or psychological goals. Instructors are trained in assisting riders with a wide range of abilities to make sure they remain safe during their lessons.

Hall touted the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding for veterans in helping them readjust to civilian life.

"Research has shown that working with horses improves overall quality of life on physiological, psychological, and spiritual levels," Hall said.

Information about HorseSense can be found online at www.horsesensewi.org.

Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability

employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of U.S. workers with disabilities, according to www.dol.gov.

The observance's roots go back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of people with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

The event was organized by the Army Reserve Equal Employment Opportunity Office. For more information about EEO at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-3106.

NEWS

Speaker brings *FIERCE* awareness to domestic violence during presentation, workshop at Fort McCoy

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Author and domestic-violence survivor Carolyn Colleen held a workshop and speaking event Oct. 24 at Fort McCoy's Army Community Service office in building 2111 for approximately 20 people in attendance.

The attendees were people from across the installation who were interested in learning about Colleen's FIERCE 5 blueprint for domestic-violence recovery and future success while observing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In Colleen's book, "F.I.E.R.C.E., Transform Your Life In The Face of Adversity 5 Minutes At A Time!," which was given to attendees to the workshop, it describes what the FIERCE acronym means.

- **Focused breath:** take a deep breath, face fear, and focus.
- **Identify one goal;** name three things required to achieve that goal.
- **Examine barriers to the goal.**
- **Reflect and visualize your truths;** co-create your own reality.
- **Courage:** recognize that you have the courage.
- **Engage — take action.**

Colleen's life journey to where she is today has been a long one. She grew up in a home where her mother was a hoarder with mental health issues. Her father wasn't around and was away at work all the time.

At an early age, she was physically and sexually abused by others and had a troubled youth. She even tried to commit suicide at one point.

As an older teen, she became involved in an abusive relationship that became a marriage with a child born from it.

During her years in this relationship, she endured further emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

Her daughter also was nearly inconsolable with colic after birth. About a year and a half after her daughter was born, Colleen said she had a life-changing moment.

She said she prayed for strength, and suddenly, her daughter stopped her constant crying.

She said she looked into her daughter's eyes and at that moment learned about unconditional love. That moment, she learned she had to leave the abusive relationship and improve her life.

She learned that love can change things. "I learned that as my definition of love evolves, I too evolve," Colleen said.

As part of the workshop, Colleen had the attendees break into groups of two or three people and ask each other specific questions.

"In this exercise, you were able to share



Carolyn Colleen, author and domestic-violence survivor, gives a presentation Oct. 24 at the Army Community Service classroom in building 2111 at Fort McCoy.

with another person," Colleen said. "This was an opportunity to have a conversation with someone you may not work with or know. ... The important thing is that you could come into this and share (with others)."

Colleen also spoke about the importance of resilience in recovering from domestic violence and abuse.

"When you change the way you look at

things, you change the way you look," Colleen said.

She further explained that by using the FIERCE model and completing a "FIERCE action," a survivor can succeed.

"You take something that you feel is holding you back, and you use that as fuel to move forward," she said. "Remember to be FIERCE and fulfilled."

More about Colleen's journey and advice about the FIERCE 5 blueprint is available in her book and by visiting www.carolyncolleen.com.

Also learn more about what Fort McCoy Army Community Service has available for customers by visiting building 2111 or by going online to <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/categories/community-support>.

NEWS

DPTMS hosts Homeland Security Exercise, Evaluation Program training course

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), along with partners from Wisconsin Emergency Management, hosted the first Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) training course Oct. 15-17 at Fort McCoy in building 905.

During the three-day course, 20 students learned about HSEEP fundamentals, exercise program management, exercise design and development, exercise conduct, and exercise evaluation. The class culminated with a student-designed table-top exercise that allowed the students to demonstrate what they learned.

The purpose of this course was to provide training to people who are involved in the planning of the installation's annual full-scale exercise, Vigilant Triad, on the core principles of HSEEP, its standardized methodology, and the resources available that are designed to assist in developing and maintaining an exercise program, said Emergency Management Specialist Timothy Werstein with DPTMS.

The HSEEP provides a set of guiding principles for exercise programs, as well as a common approach to exercise program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning, Werstein said. Through the HSEEP Program, priorities aligned with core capability requirements are identified by stakeholder organizations and continually re-evaluated as part of an iterative preparedness planning process. These priorities guide the overall direction of a progressive exercise program, in which individual exercises are designed and developed that increase in complexity over time.

According to HSEEP objectives, exercise evaluation assesses the ability to meet objectives and capabilities by documenting strengths, areas for improvement, and core capability performance, and by monitoring corrective actions and outcomes through rolling summary reports and after-action report/improvement plans. These processes allow organizations to implement and monitor corrective actions that build and sustain capabilities, and maintain readiness.

Following completion of the course, all students were required to pass a final exam before being awarded their certificates of completion from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Plans and Operations Assistant Melissa Dubois with DPTMS, a student in the course, said the training gave her a



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Curt Ladwig with the Directorate of Emergency Services leads a training session during the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program training course Oct. 17 in building 905 at Fort McCoy.

very comprehensive understanding of the HSEEP cycle.

"As a member of the DPTMS Plans and Operations Section, I assist with planning and facilitating the Vigilant Triad exercise," Dubois said.

"This course taught us valuable content, and I enjoyed participating in the table-top exercises that we, the students, designed and facilitated. Each group was given the opportunity to participate in each other's exercise as both the role of participant and evaluator. Garrison workforce members who

attended, I believe, will excel in the next Vigilant Triad exercise."

Jaime Herrera, a program manager with Army Community Service of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR), said the training gave him an opportunity to see what he referred to as the "tactical side" of emergency management.

"Being responsible for the installation's Emergency Family Assistance Center (EFAC) and shelter, I think it is essential to see how organizations, such as the Directorate of Emergency Services, react to and develop solutions to varying problems," Herrera said.

"Also, it was good to learn how that flow of information from responders through the Emergency Operations Center, then ultimately the commander and back down the chain of command is processed. With this newly acquired knowledge, I can better predict DFMWR's need to set in motion our resources and capabilities. In emergency situations, time is always against you, so any knowledge I can gain to help my team bridge the gap between incident and response is gold to me."

DPTMS Plans Operations and Security Division Chief David Cochran also attended the training.

"This course gave Fort McCoy the unique opportunity to provide training to all our Emergency Operations Center action officers and others interested in gaining experience in the development, execution, and evaluation of an exercise," Cochran said.

"Even if you have exercise experience, there is value in attending this training. This course specifically provides attendees firsthand experience in the current methodology of executing exercises from tabletop to full scale."

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.)



Students get feedback from their instructor during the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program training course Oct. 17 in building 905 at Fort McCoy.

FEATURE

Dozens take part in 'No Treats, Just Tricks' relay race, walk



Photos courtesy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Three participants with the 10-miler Wrestlers team for the "No Treats, Just Tricks" relay race and walk have their photo taken before the event Oct. 31 at Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy. This group was also the winning running team for the event IN WHICH each runner completed a mile. Dozens of people participated while dressed in costumes.



Walkers cross the finish line Oct. 31 during the event at Fort McCoy. Walkers complete a mile walk as a team.



Runners take off at the start of the event Oct. 31 in front of Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy.

FEATURE

This month in Fort McCoy history

75 Years Ago — Nov. 10, 1944

Simple ceremonies marked the presentation of two posthumous Silver Star awards at Camp McCoy on Nov. 10, 1944, by Col. George M. MacMullin, post commander.

One of the medals went to the widow of former Camp McCoy officer who died July 3, 1944, in Italy, while the other award was given the parents of a Menomonie, Wis., Soldier who was killed in action at Saidor, New Guinea, on Jan. 28, 1944.

Louise Ebata of La Crosse received the medal earned by her husband, the late Lt. Tetsu Ebata, a member of the 100th Infantry battalion, which trained at Camp McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hake of Menomonie received the medal earned by their son, the late Cpl. Oral Hake, who died while making it possible for 41 fellow Soldiers of the 32nd Infantry Division to escape a Japanese ambush at Saidor.

30 Years Ago — Nov. 4, 1989

Two two-day deer hunts, which included the traditional muzzle-loader hunt as well as a special hunt, at Fort McCoy netted a total of 147 deer, according to Fort McCoy Natural Resource Management Division figures. The hunts were held Nov. 4-5, 1989.

According to Fort McCoy Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist Kim Mello, the breakdown for the traditional hunt was 56 bucks and 59 antlerless deer. Three spike bucks and 29 antlerless deer were killed in the special hunt, in which hunters could use either a muzzle-loader or a shotgun in 14 different areas of the post, most of them located around the cantonment area.

20 Years Ago — Nov. 26, 1999

Two M1-A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks acquired by the Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance at Fort McCoy ensured reserve-component Soldiers got the same maintenance training on the same equipment as their active-component counterparts.

Sgt. 1st Class Nate Allen, RTS-Maintenance instructor coordinator, said the tanks were the upgraded replacement for M11 tanks. The M1-A1 is bigger and faster than the M1, fires more accurately, and has more built-in safety features to protect the four-member crew. Allen said the tanks had a computerized fire control system to



File photo

Soldiers pose for a photo at a dining facility that is set up for a Thanksgiving dinner in 1937 at Fort McCoy.

ensure that firing is done very accurately.

RTS-Maintenance secured the tanks from Cold War-era surplus storage in Italy. A staff member went to Italy to inspect the tanks before they were sent to Fort McCoy.

"This is a giant step forward for us," Allen said. "Now we have every piece of current tank equipment for our maintenance training program. We can ensure that the soldiers coming here get the exact same training they would at the proponent school at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md."

10 Years Ago — Nov. 27, 2009

A new company trained at Fort McCoy to provide unmanned aerial system (UAS) support to the 32nd Infantry Brigade, a Wisconsin Army National Guard unit. Company members conducted new equipment training at Fort McCoy, the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport and Volk Field.

Sgt. Brian Pizon, a UAS/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) operator for the 32nd's new B

Company, Military Intelligence, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, which is headquartered at Camp Douglas, Wis., said the new equipment will support the 32nd's mission with target acquisition, reconnaissance and surveillance capabilities.

"We will use the new equipment to support contingency and in-theater operations," Pizon said. "We can use it during training at Fort McCoy, and it also will be a deployable asset."

The equipment had a number of uses. Pizon said it can be used as a high-visibility asset that can serve as a deterrent by making its presence known through sight and sound and discouraging enemy forces from installing improvised explosive devices, for example.

The UAS also could be used for area and route reconnaissance missions at a distance.

5 Years Ago — Nov. 12, 2014

Fort McCoy's Regional Training Site (RTS)-Medical is the only RTS in the Army Reserve to have a computerized tomography (CT)

scanner available for training use.

Fort McCoy RTS-Medical Administrative Officer Gerry Meyer said getting the \$1.1 million scanner at the facility was a lengthy process.

The scanner had been used by the 31st Combat Support Hospital of Fort Bliss, Texas, when the unit was deployed to Afghanistan before it found its new home at RTS-Medical.

According to RTS-Medical Instructor Robert Ewing, the scanner supports the 40-hour RTS-Medical CT Scanner Maintenance Course and will be used in the future for a CT Scanner Operators Course.

CT scans are used to help medical professionals diagnose many medical conditions.

The scanners produce multiple, cross-sectional images of the inside of the human body, according to the device manufacturer, Phillips Corp.

The images are viewable on a computer monitor and can be printed on film or transferred to CD or DVD.

ADS

OUTDOORS

Privately owned firearms must be registered before use at Fort McCoy

Fort McCoy requires that all privately owned firearms brought on to the installation be registered through the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Physical Security office. This includes the entirety of the federal land, including the training and housing areas.

This requirement pertains to anyone with a privately owned firearm in their possession who is on Fort McCoy for any reason, including hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, shooting range events, or visiting members of the Fort McCoy community.

The firearms registration is required by Army Regulation 190-11, 4-5, "Privately owned weapons and ammunition," which states, "Personnel who bring a firearm onto the installation to engage in authorized activities will register it."

Firearms are required to be registered with the physical security prior to entrance or immediately upon entering any lands identified as Fort McCoy property.

The registration is completed by using a form provided by the DES Physical Security Office.

The user who brings a firearm for the purpose of engaging in authorized activities onto the installation is responsible for its registration.

In the case of juveniles, a parent or legal guardian over the age of 18 is responsible for the firearm registration for those juveniles.

Firearms that are registered with physical security are entered into the Army Law Enforcement Reporting and Tracking System (ALERTS) weapons-registration module.

ALERTS is utilized by and available only to Army law-enforcement professionals.

Formal background checks will not be conducted as part of the firearms-registration process.

Military personnel who fail to comply with the provisions of this new policy are subject to judicial or nonjudicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), or appropriate administrative action.

Civilian and non-Department of Defense civilians who fail to comply with the provisions of this policy may be subject to disciplinary and/or administrative action.

Firearms used, possessed,

transported, or stored in violation of this policy also may be permanently confiscated by authorized law-enforcement personnel or proper command authority.

Disposition of confiscated weapons will be determined through due process following appropriate UCMJ, disciplinary, or related administrative actions.

Each person who registers firearms will receive a firearm-registration record.

Anyone engaged in authorized activities that require possession or transportation of a firearm must have the firearm registration record in their possession, and the record must be presented to law-enforcement personnel upon request.

Once completed, firearm registrations will be valid on Fort McCoy indefinitely unless otherwise changed by regulation.

If a registrant no longer has a firearm or firearms on the registry, they should contact the DES Physical Security office to have that firearm removed from the registry.

Firearm-registration forms are available electronically via the Fort McCoy i-Sportsman website at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> and in hard copy at the Pine View Campground office, Visitor Control Center office in building 35, the Fort McCoy Police Department in building 1681, the Permit Sales Office in building 2168, and at the hunter sign-in building near the installation rail yard next to Highway 21.

Registration forms can be processed during normal business hours within building 35 at the Visitor Control Office or during nonduty hours at the Fort McCoy Police Department.

Upon successful registration, a firearms-registration record will be provided to the registrar or can be emailed.

For more information about hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities at Fort McCoy, call the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337 or go online to <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

For more information about the firearms-registration process, call physical security at 608-388-2266.

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Trophy whitetail buck

Kurt Spolum, spouse of Jobi Spolum of the Fort McCoy Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office, poses with a large 10-point buck he harvested during the Wisconsin archery season Nov. 1 near Tomah, Wis., about 15 miles from Fort McCoy. The Wisconsin archery season continues throughout the state, including on post, in November and December. The archery season pauses during the nine-day gun-deer season, which is from Nov. 23 to Dec. 1. Spolum's buck also measured at 141-plus in the Pope and Young scale for measuring trophy bucks.

OUTDOORS

40 hunters take to field for 18th Fort McCoy deer hunt for people with disabilities

Forty hunters participated in Fort McCoy's 2019 special deer hunt for people with disabilities Oct. 5-6.

Every October, Wisconsin holds a nine-day gun deer hunt for people with disabilities.

Since 2002, Fort McCoy has participated by holding a two-day hunt the first weekend of the statewide hunt, said Wildlife Program Manager and Biologist David Beckmann with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

"Weather conditions for the hunt were very unfavorable for the majority of the hunters participating in the hunt," Beckmann said.

"Heavy rain during portions of the morning of Oct. 5 that transitioned into showers and drizzle accompanied higher winds for the remainder of the day. The rain came to end overnight, but high winds were still present on Oct. 6."

Ten deer were harvested during the hunt for a 22 percent success rate (six people harvested one deer and two people harvested two deer). The hunt drew hunters from throughout Wisconsin, said Julie Steinhoff with the Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office.

"The participants came and hunted at least one day," Steinhoff said. "Many of them were returning hunters."

Steinhoff added that although the



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Hunter Dan Willis is shown with two deer he harvested Oct. 6 during the special hunt at Fort McCoy.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has many participating land owners for the special hunt throughout the state, most of those land owners can only sponsor one or two participants.

Fort McCoy does not limit the number of hunters because of the amount of acres open to hunting and the willingness of local volunteers, Beckmann said.

"The WDNR often will recommend Fort McCoy to hunters who cannot find a location or miss the WDNR application

deadline," Steinhoff said. "The Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office can accommodate disabled hunters up to the Friday before the hunt."

Hunters are required to have a WDNR Class A, B, C, or D disability permit to participate in the Fort McCoy hunt. A total of 61 applications were received for 2019, Steinhoff said.

Each hunter received two deer harvest authorizations (carcass tags) with their Fort McCoy permit allowing the hunter to take two

antlerless deer or one antlerless and one antlered deer, Beckmann said. All deer harvested were required to be registered through the Fort McCoy iSportsman website.

The Colorado State University (CSU) Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands wildlife staff, who are under an agreement with Fort McCoy, provided assistance with the deer registration process.

CSU wildlife staff collected biological data from the harvested deer at the Deer Data Collection

Point located on South Post, Beckmann said.

"The collection of biological data on deer harvested was mandatory in an effort to help with deer herd monitoring," Beckmann said. "Biological data was collected on all 10 harvested deer."

It was recommended that all hunters have an assistant to aid them in accessing hunting areas, retrieving and field dressing deer, and providing comradeship. A majority of hunters provided an assistant.

Those who could not were aided by local volunteers or the CSU staff. Eighteen people (volunteer and staff) provided assistance to the hunters.

Applications for the hunt are accepted from June through mid-September each year.

Applications are submitted through the iSportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net.

For more information about application requirements, call the Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

For more information about how to obtain a disabled hunting license, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website at dnr.wi.gov/permits/disabled.html.

(Article prepared by the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch and the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.)



Stream survey

A watershed-management specialist with the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands supporting the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch conducts a water-and-stream survey Oct. 24 along a creek on South Post at Fort McCoy.

Four U.S. Geological Survey stream-monitoring stations are located at Fort McCoy. All are powered by solar panels. Data at monitoring stations are checked, and the speed of the water flowing through the stream is measured.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

OUTDOORS



Contributed photos

(Above and right) Hunters are shown with deer they harvested on Fort McCoy in November 2018. Officials say the harvest outlook for 2019 looks good as well.



2019 gun-deer season set for Nov. 23 to Dec. 1 on post

Wisconsin and Fort McCoy's 2019 nine-day gun-deer season will be held Nov. 23 to Dec. 1.

In 2018, 1,394 hunters took to the woods at Fort McCoy, harvesting more than 440 deer, said Wildlife Program Manager and Biologist David Beckmann with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

For 2019, approximately 1,800 permits were made available as well as 200 additional bonus tags.

"The deer harvest goal this year is between 450 and 500 deer so we can continue to effectively manage our deer population," Beckmann said. "Though our spring fawn surveys were down, there are still lots of deer on the installation. There should be plenty of opportunities for all who take to the field."

To participate in the gun-deer hunt at the

installation, hunters must apply for a Fort McCoy permit through the Fort McCoy iSportsman site, and then also purchase their permits through iSportsman, Beckmann said. The applications for the gun-deer hunt generally become available in late June every year. All permits have been sold for this year and everyone who applied for a permit has already been notified through iSportsman. Soldiers that PCS to Fort McCoy after Oct. 18 are still eligible for a permit and should contact the Permit Sales Office for more information.

In addition, hunters coming to the installation must also have an annual Wisconsin deer gun license. The Wisconsin licenses are sold through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) GoWild system at <https://gowild.wi.gov> or a designated WDNR GoWild agent.

The cost of a Fort McCoy gun-deer permit is \$21, and a resident Wisconsin gun-deer license is \$24. (See related article about Fort McCoy permits, page 14.)

For the 2019 gun-deer hunt, Beckmann said the biological-data collection/registration station will again be in operation on South Post in the same location as previous years.

"These stations are where hunters are required to bring their harvested deer," Beckmann said.

"At the station, we collect important age and health data. We're also taking samples to test for chronic wasting disease as part of a larger information-gathering effort we're doing with the WDNR."

Fort McCoy hunters do not need to register their harvested deer with the WDNR, but they do have to register any harvested deer through

the check-out process. "This is a change from last year," Beckmann said.

Fort McCoy's deer population should continue to have many larger bucks available to hunters, as well, Beckmann said. "There are some big antlered bucks out there, and we anticipate some big ones to be in the harvest this year," he said.

Hunters also need to remember that Fort McCoy requires all privately owned firearms brought on to the installation be registered through the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Physical Security. This includes the entirety of the federal land, including the training and housing areas. (See related article about firearms registration, page 11.)

More information about deer hunting at Fort McCoy can be found on the iSportsman website at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

OUTDOORS

Officials remind hunters, others permits now purchased through iSportsman

Since March, all Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, and trapping permits are sold exclusively through the Fort McCoy iSportsman automated website at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> and are no longer offered through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) GoWild system. Fort McCoy permits are available through a person's iSportsman account and must be purchased online using a credit or debit card.

Personnel may also visit the Permit Sales Office at building 2168 for assistance in purchasing permits via the iSportsman system. Permit Sales can take cash as well as credit or debit cards; no checks or money orders will be accepted.

Those who have not used iSportsman will first need to register at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> prior to purchasing any permits.

This is a one-time registration. If the account holder has forgotten his or her username/permit number or password/PIN, he or she can select the "Forgot Password" or "Forgot Username" under "My Account" in iSportsman. An email will be sent to the address the user provided in their account. They can also contact the Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office during business hours to get it reset.

Once an account has been created, the customer can log in and select "Acquire Permit(s)" to view available permits and applications. Select the desired permit or permit application by clicking "Add to Cart."

Follow the permit or application prompts and then click "Save."

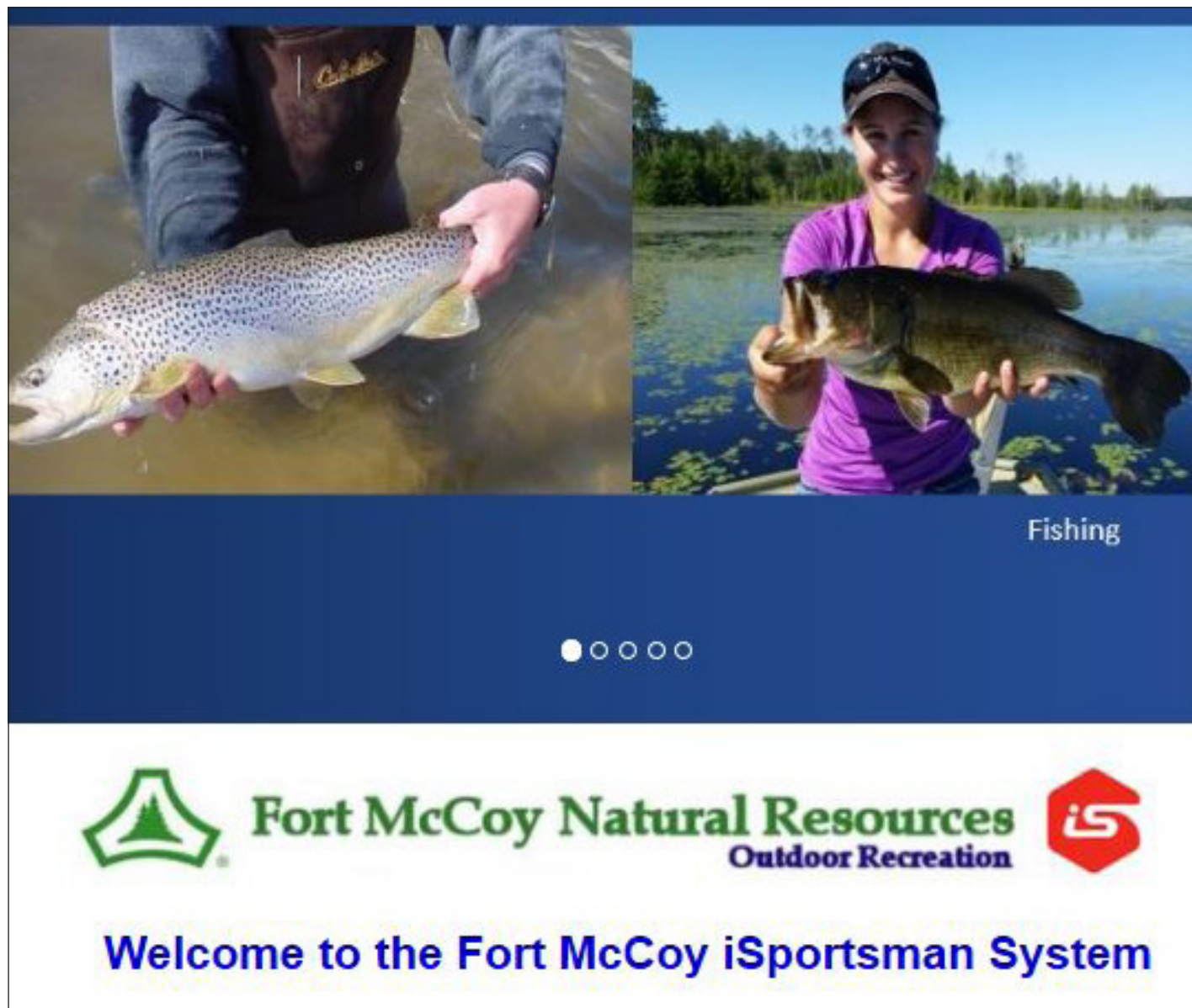
To purchase permits, select "View Cart and Checkout," follow the prompts for payment, and confirm the order. Once payment is received, permits will be posted to the iSportsman account. Fort McCoy permits are not transferable or refundable.

Fort McCoy permit holders are also required to obtain the appropriate Wisconsin hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and stamps before participating in these activities on the installation. Wisconsin licenses and stamps can be purchased online at <https://gowild.wi.gov> or through a license sales agent.

All permit holders are currently required to use iSportsman to check-in and out daily when participating in activities on the installation by calling iSportsman at 866-277-1597, visiting www.ftmccoy.isportsman.net, or through the kiosk located at the Hunter Information Point. The Hunter Information Point is located at the intersection of South J Street and Highway 21 and will be open for all hunting/fishing/trapping seasons.

In addition to the specific activity permit (both Fort McCoy and Wisconsin), all users must also have a valid annual Access Pass.

The free Fort McCoy Access Pass can be obtained through iSportsman when logging in to the account for the first time after March 1



A screenshot of the Fort McCoy iSportsman website is shown Nov. 5. The website address is <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

annually.

If the account holder does not have a valid Access Pass, iSportsman will automatically prompt him or her to select the Access Pass. The pass is valid March 1 through Feb. 28.

The annual Fort McCoy Access Pass serves as the permit for nonhunting/nonfishing recreational activities outlined in the regulation. The iSportsman system will not allow check-in for any activity if an individual does not have the current Fort McCoy Access Pass.

Recreational participants/permit holders must ensure that the training areas and/or lakes they plan to use are open for that day by checking the Game Line daily through the iSportsman system.

If using the website, click on "Game Line" on the blue menu bar. Visitors also may call 866-277-1597 and listen for Game Line

prompts. The Game Line works in conjunction with the hunting and fishing maps.

To review rules, regulations, and maps, go to <https://www.ftmccoy.isportsman.net> and select "Regulations" from the menu bar.

Fort McCoy permits for turkey and deer hunting seasons include the required carcass tag/harvest authorization for that permit. WDNR carcass tags/harvest authorizations are not valid on Fort McCoy. Harvest reporting also is completed at Fort McCoy during the hunter check-out process.

Deer and turkey taken at Fort McCoy will no longer need to be registered with the WDNR. Fort McCoy will provide all harvest information to the WDNR at the end of each season.

Details on the registration process and harvest confirmation will be provided to

permit holders at time of purchase.

Fort McCoy daily and 30-day firewood permits are also available for purchase through the iSportsman system.

Additional information can be found on iSportsman by selecting "Program Info" and "Firewood".

For more information about permits or area access, contact the Permit Sales Office by phone at 608-388-3337; by email at usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dpw-permit-sales@mail.mil; or by mail at Directorate of Public Works, (IMMC-PWE-N/Permit Sales), 2171 South 8th Avenue, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5136.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.)

SAFETY

DES checks car seats for military families

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) personnel are inspecting car seats for military families as part of Month of the Military Family in November.

Personnel were available Nov. 4-7 at the Child Development Center with displays of different types of car seats and offering guidance on how to use them.

A similar display will be set up from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12-14 at South Post Family Housing. Families can also schedule personal inspections during that time to make sure their car seats are right for their children's age and weight and are secured properly in their vehicles.

Community Liaison Specialist Bob Bills said DES decided to offer the car-seat inspections in November to honor Month of the Military Family and to promote safety before

upcoming holidays.

"Anything we can do to promote safety, to make sure someone doesn't get an injury, we're going to promote it," Bills said. "With the holidays coming up and people traveling, we thought this would be a good fit."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at www.nhtsa.gov, vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children between 1 and 13 years old. Of the children

who died in car crashes in 2017, 37 percent were unrestrained. Child safety seats have been shown to reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants (under 1 year old) and by 54 percent for toddlers (1 to 4 years old) in passenger cars.

In addition, nearly 60 percent of car seats are installed or adjusted incorrectly, which can be detrimental in an accident. Getting car seats inspected can help children avoid injury or death in case of a crash

by pointing out and fixing problems before an accident occurs.

In addition to stopping by the displays and scheduling an inspection, information on car seats and booster seats can be found online at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats>.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy> or on Facebook by searching "ftmccoy."

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NEWS NOTES

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. 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.

Wooden pen workshops set for Nov. 12-14

Wooden pen workshops are scheduled for Nov. 12-14 at the Army Community Service (ACS) workshop in building 1133.

Create wooden pens for each member of the family. All materials and instructions are supplied. Children must be accompanied by an adult (one adult per child). Workshops are 4 to 6:30 p.m.. Exceptional Family Member Program participants may start sessions at 2 p.m.

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

Registration is required by Nov. 8. For more information, call 608-388-3505.

Fowl 5k planned for Nov. 13

The Fowl 5k is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Nov. 13 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. A 2-mile walk is also available.

Prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female participants, including a frozen turkey for first place.

The event is open to all authorized Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. Registration is required by 11 a.m. Nov. 13. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2290.

Leinenkugel's Brewery tour set for Nov. 16

A tour of Leinenkugel's Brewery is scheduled Nov. 16.

The bus will pick up participants at 8:30 a.m. and drop them off at 5 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The trip costs \$20, which covers transportation, the brewery tour, and beer samples.

The trip is open to Fort McCoy employees and their guests who are at least 21 years old.

Registration is required by Nov. 8. For more information, call 608-388-3011.

Thanksgiving luncheon scheduled for Nov. 19

Dining Facility 1362 will serve a traditional Thanksgiving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19.

VETERANS DAY

NOV. 11, 2019



Photo illustration by Scott T. Sturkol

The following personnel are authorized to dine in the dining facility for this meal: military personnel with family members/guests, DOD civilians and contractors working on the installation, other civilians on the installation, and retired military personnel.

All personnel planning on attending must RSVP by Nov. 6 by calling 608-388-6518/4739 or emailing mary.r.hardie.civ@mail.mil or andrew.g.pisney.civ@mail.mil.

The standard rate for the meal is \$9.10, and the discounted rate is \$6.80.

The discount rate is only for spouses and other dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4.

For more information, call 608-388-6518/4739.

Family calendar workshop scheduled for Nov. 23

A family calendar workshop is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Army Community Service (ACS) Family Building, 2161.

Design and create a personalized 2020 fam-

ily calendar using rubber stamp art, stickers, and more.

All supplies are furnished, though families may bring their own photographs to use, if desired.

Class size is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Registration is required by Nov. 18. For more information, call 608-388-6507.

Real Colors workshop planned for Dec. 4

The Real Colors workshop is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 4 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

Real Colors is a temperament tool and workshop designed to improve communication skills to lead to better teamwork, both in and out of the workplace.

The workshop covers recognizing strengths, how people process information, recognizing others' learning styles, listening and speaking

in the language of other colors, and building rapport.

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

For more information, call 608-388-6507.

Preretirement briefing dates set for 2020

Beginning March 2, 2020, the Fort McCoy Garrison Soldier for Life-Retirement Services Office (SFL-RSO) will offer a quarterly preretirement briefing from 9 a.m. to noon in building 50, room 100B.

The briefing provides an overview of retirement benefits and entitlements.

This briefing is intended for Soldiers and their families who transitioning from active duty to retirement and is an Army requirement.

The pre-retirement briefing is not a part of the Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP). The preretirement briefing covers topics not addressed in SFL-TAP.

AR 600-8-7, Chapter 4 states that "All Active Army, ARNG, and USAR Soldiers will receive the DA pre-retirement briefing including a SBP briefing, at least 12 months before their retirement dates or for medical retirements at the start of the medical retirement process. In cases where a Soldier requests to retire in less than 12 months, the Soldier will attend the next group preretirement brief or receive an individual pre-retirement brief from a RSO."

Some of the topics that will be covered include TRICARE, retirement pay, and the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). Reserve service members are encouraged to contact their servicing RSO for information on Reserve-related pre-retirement briefings.

The 2020 pre-retirement briefing schedule is March 2, June 1, Sept. 14, and Dec. 7.

If there are any changes to these dates, a message will be available on voicemail at 608-388-3716.

For more information on local Reserve-related preretirement briefings, contact the 88th Readiness Division RSO office at Fort McCoy at 608-388-7448/9321.

For questions and registration information for the garrison SFL-RSO preretirement briefing, call 608-388-3716.

CIF inventory taking place Dec. 9-18

The Fort McCoy Central Issue Facility (CIF), building 780, will be closed Dec. 9-18 for a 100 percent inventory as mandated by Army regulations. All emergency requests for CIF support must be approved through the CIF Property Book Officer Thomas Lovgren by calling 608-388-5275 or 608-633-2757."

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Nov. 22.

The deadline for submissions is Nov. 13. 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.

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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 Nov. 22.

Most offices closed Nov. 11 for Veterans 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.

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.

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.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317:

For more information, email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

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During any severe winter weather situation, a liberal leave policy will automatically be in effect.


This policy affords supervisors and employees flexibility in addressing an individual request for leave or a work schedule adjustment due to weather, accommodating a late arrival, and/or an employee's request for an early departure due to weather conditions.

Annual leave may be requested and approved in 15-minute increments.


If the Garrison Commander should deem that due to an extreme weather situation all post operations would need to be suspended during the duty day, then that announcement will be made via a command-approved, postwide email communication, with employee notifications then disseminated through their supervisory channels.

If such a decision were to be made outside of the normal duty day, then a Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office authorized announcement will be released through Fort McCoy's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoy.

In addition, information regarding liberal leave/post closure can be obtained after duty hours by calling 608-388-7777.



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