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86th Training Division welcomes new CG during ceremony

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86th Training Division

Brig. Gen. Tripp Bowles relinquished command of the 86th Training Division (TD) to Brig. Gen. Michael D. Roache in a ceremony Sept. 14 at Fort McCoy.

The 86th Training Division is the premiere training unit of the Army Reserve, assisting joint, combined, and Army forces in training and assessing unit readiness through live training. Bowles led the 86th for nearly two years during ongoing organizational changes throughout the Army Reserve.

“With Gen. Bowles, we are witnessing something Soldiers don’t see all the time: leadership at the point of the spear. If there’s friction, he goes in and solves it. And that’s a sign of a great leader. It shows character, competence, and commitment. I can’t thank you enough; the Soldiers here have benefitted from your incredible leadership,” said Maj. Gen. Steven W. Ainsworth, 84th Training Command commanding general and reviewing officer for the ceremony.

During his farewell speech, Bowles thanked the 86th TD team for
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Photo by Spc. John Russell/86th Training Division

Brig. Gen. Michael Roache, 86th Training Division commanding general, holds the unit colors that signify assuming full authority over the unit during the 86th Training Division change of command ceremony Sept. 14 at Fort McCoy.



Construction and Commodities Division Chief Christina Lene and Contract Specialist Rosalyn Howard, both with Mission Installation Contracting Command-Fort McCoy, work together on a project Aug. 22.

MICC-Fort McCoy delivers results for customers nationwide

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Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC)-Fort McCoy has grown in recent years, and it’s because of great work done by great people, said MICC Director Tony Steinhoff.

MICC-Fort McCoy supports the garrison as well as the post’s tenant organizations with the solicitation and awarding of contracts for supplies, services, and construction.

“The support provided by our organization spans across the United States,” Steinhoff said. For example, MICC-Fort McCoy supports the 88th Readiness Division and its geographic locations in a 19-state region.

“We are growing as an organization,” Steinhoff said. “We are fully staffed with 45 people — the highest number of people we’ve ever had since I’ve been here.

We are also continuously getting more customers too. That speaks to the quality of work that is done by our staff.”

During fiscal year 2018, the unit completed business totaling more than \$143 million, which is much higher than in years past. “For fiscal year 2019, we are on track to surpass 2018,” Steinhoff said.

Steinhoff said when he began work with MICC-Fort McCoy nearly 10 years ago, there were more than 30 people who worked in the organization, and work was done much differently.

“Times have changed, and we have evolved,” he said. “Historically, for example, the first two months of a new fiscal year used to be the slowest months of activity for us. Now every month of the fiscal year is just as busy as any other.”

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their hard work.

“Our Army is about building teams of teams. While our tribe is deep and broad, my direct responsibilities — my battle buddies — have listened to me in my musings; my failures and my joys; and, most importantly, my intent,” he said. “You’ve done a superb job with respect, loyalty, and with superb results. I would trust you with my life.”

Bowles will continue his career as the deputy commanding general, 377th Theater Sustainment Command in Belle Chasse, La.

“The 86th won’t miss a beat because they get another great leader. This leader will take the unit from where it is, and move it even further forward as time progresses, as we look at new missions. Gen. Roache also embodies character, competence, and commitment. I see great things on the horizon for the 86th,” Ainsworth said.

Bowles expressed confidence in the leadership abilities of the incoming commander and offered advice.

“The record of the 86th stands for itself. We’ve spoken many times, and may you seek the companionship during the long march and not the privilege of position,” Bowles said. “You know that while assignment comes from higher, confirmation comes from below. Best of luck to you.”

The incoming commander expressed gratitude toward Bowles.

“I want to thank you for the leadership you’ve provided to the 86th, how you’ve propelled it forward, and postured it for future success,” Roache said. “Thank you for your openness and willingness to support me as a part of this transition. I wish you nothing but the best.”

The 86th Training Division will host two exercises in 2020. The mission is vital to the Army Reserve, coaching and preparing approximately 10,000 service members yearly, ensuring the Army Reserve is more capable, lethal, and combat ready.

“Our mission in the Army Reserve is vital, and I know you have the resolve to accomplish that mission,” Roache said. “You have a wonderful reputation, and I anticipate working with you; getting to know you; and, sometime in the future, I look forward to reflecting on my time here knowing we added luster to the reputation of the 86th.”



Photo by Russell Gamache/Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office

M2 live-fire training

Soldiers with the 300th Military Police Brigade conduct live-fire training with the M2 .50-caliber machine gun Aug. 21 at a live-fire range at Fort McCoy. The training helps keep military police in the unit proficient on the weapon. Fort McCoy has 31 live-fire ranges that are used year-round by service members from all branches of the military.



Volunteer recognized

Deputy to the Garrison Commander James A. Chen presents an Army certificate of appreciation Sept. 20 on behalf of the Fort McCoy Garrison to Aiko Timm at Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy.

Timm was recognized for her continuous volunteer work to maintain a wide variety of plants throughout the fitness center for several years.

Timm also received a complimentary gift certificate from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

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Photo by Russell Gamache/Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office

A-10 training

An A-10 Thunderbolt with the 104th Fighter Squadron of the Maryland Air National Guard at Baltimore practices landing approaches Sept. 10 at Young Air Assault Strip on South Post at Fort McCoy. The A-10 training was another unique type of training that has taken place at the airstrip in 2019. Wisconsin Guard members assisted with the training.

New technology was part of training at Patriot Warrior 2019

STORY & PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. AMY PICARD

4th Combat Camera Squadron

Fog rolled in as the sun broke over the horizon at Fort McCoy, Wis., during another training day for Patriot Warrior 2019 in August.

The 24-hour operations seemed silent for just a moment, everything still as a breeze blew across dew-covered grass. Two Air Force Reserve Airmen stepped over a cordon and start to set up equipment. Opening a computer next to what looked like a deflated hot air balloon, the ball filled with air as one person manned the computer and one manned the inflating ball.

“Beep, beep, beep, left, right, left, left. That’s it! Got it! Right there!” Hurrying, they tied straps on the ball that now towered over them in just the right spot.

The Ground Antenna Transmit Receive (GATR) ball they just inflated is designed to be lighter and more compact than traditional, rigid satellite dishes. The self-contained GATR ball system can be broken down into just a few cases and carried anywhere in the world, where it can be inflated and set up in less than two hours, ready to provide a variety of communication services.

“This (was) the very first time this has been showcased at Patriot Warrior,” said Tech. Sgt.



Tech. Sgt. Andrew Kim, left, with the 23rd Combat Communications Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Pennington, with the 35th Combat Communications Squadron, operate the Ground Antenna Transmit Receive Ball on Aug. 19 during exercise Patriot Warrior Sparta/Fort McCoy Airport.

Xristopher Pennington with the 35th Combat Communications Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan. “In the past, they had a large satellite. This system is smaller, easier to set up, and has saved the military tons of money.”

Pennington explained that a signal comes

from the sky to the GATR ball, where the radio frequency signal is transferred to a digital signal. The signal goes to a computer and then to servers providing unclassified and secure network capabilities.

“It is a really good thing that the Air Force

is moving in this direction when it comes to technology,” Pennington said. “Everything in technology is getting smaller, lighter, and easier to handle, and the fact that the Air Force is staying up with the times and moving in that direction is a big plus.”

Pennington said he thinks the GATR ball will assist in the sustainment and also as a recruitment tool for the Air Force because people want to learn about and work with new technology.

“This type of system is meant for initial communications at a bare-base location,” said Tech. Sgt. Michael Masiwemai, also with the 35th Combat Communications Squadron. “With combat communications, the way our mission is designed, we usually show up during the initial set up before everyone else arrives.”

Masiwemai said the GATR ball allows reach back for users to be able to accomplish their mission.

“Whether it’s load plans, PERSCO (personnel combat operations), or the commander, without having this system we wouldn’t be able to accomplish the mission,” said Master Sgt. Vincent Majors, also with the 35th.

More than 600 Air Force Reserve Airmen from 42 installations in 67 career fields supported Patriot Warrior 2019.

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Fort McCoy Central Issue Facility's armor items scanned for serviceability

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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More than 23,000 pieces of ceramic-plate body armor were scanned for serviceability from early to mid-September at the Logistics Readiness Center Central Issue Facility (CIF) at Fort McCoy.

The Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command Central Management Office (CMO) Non-Destructive Test Equipment (NDTE) Mission sent a mobile team to Fort McCoy's CIF with an Armor Inspection System to complete the work, said Thomas Lovgren, CIF property book officer.

"The NDTE team scanned all of our plates that are used and not used," Lovgren said. "The armor we issue here is distributed to Army Reserve, National Guard, and active-duty troops, and we have to make sure it's as good as it can be before it is issued."

"In inspecting and scanning the body armor, we are looking at the integrity of the plate to see if it meets standards," said NDTE Mobile Team Lead Steve Radford with contractor IAP Services. "The system (X-ray machine) helps NDTE team members see the ones that are cracked or unserviceable."

Some of the body armor that has slight damage may be determined to be for training use only, Lovgren said. Others that are majorly defective are marked for demolition.

"The Army provides us with the standards for serviceability," Radford said. "We are issued specific guidance through an ALARACT (All Army Activities) message that provides us with what to look for."

The armor scanning not only included thousands of armor items from the Fort McCoy CIF, but also items from Fort Sill, Okla. Between the two installations, it totaled more than 23,000 armor items inspected.

"Because they have a smaller amount of armor at Fort Sill than we have here, it's easier and cheaper for them to send their armor up to us to have scanned than to have a team visit them to have this done," Lovgren said. "It's an effort that works out well for everyone involved."

The CMO does similar plate scanning at Department of Defense installations throughout the country and the world.

"This is a wonderful service we can provide to ensure the safety of the armor," Radford said. "I feel 100 percent confident that after we scan, inspect, and approve the armor that we've looked at, it is ready for use by our service members."

Lovgren said the body armor inspection is something the CIF does regularly.

The CIF is a 62,548-square-foot facility. Lovgren said the CIF not only issues armor but also Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment needs as well as cold-weather gear.



Chris Alvarado with Army contractor IAP Services places a piece of body armor into an Armor Inspection System X-ray machine Sept. 16 at the Central Issue Facility at Fort McCoy.



IAP Services employees Dennis Brazinski and Doug West support body armor scanning Sept. 16 at the Central Issue Facility.

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Project to build seven new housing units begins at Fort McCoy

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Contractor Relyant Global LLC of Maryville, Tenn., has begun work on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-led project to build seven new military family housing units at the South Post Housing area at Fort McCoy.

A contract of \$6.6 million was awarded to Relyant Global in May and the notice to proceed with work was acknowledged on June 11, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy. The current contract completion date is June 10, 2020.

The construction includes building three four-bedroom and four three-bedroom houses, Green said. Work includes site preparation work, utilities and pavement construction, and electrical and natural-gas systems installation.

In 2017, Fort McCoy accepted the completion of 56 new homes, which brought the total in the housing area

to 113. This project will increase the housing area's total to 120 homes when completed.

An Army Housing Market Analysis completed in 2017 determined Fort McCoy has a housing requirement of 134 units based on personnel needs for housing. A housing deficit was created when Fort McCoy discontinued a lease for 80 homes in Tomah, Wis., in 2011.

According to Housing Manager Zachery Hynes with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Housing Division, 22 of the current 113 homes are officer homes (nine three-bedroom and 13 four-bedroom), and 91 are enlisted homes (55 three-bedroom and 36 four-bedroom).

"All of these new units will be officer housing," Hynes said. "We're glad the work is being completed to get us to the 120 homes we are authorized. It will help minimize our lengthy waiting list."

The DPW Housing Division will be in charge of the new units once complete. The division consists of three branches, including the



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

Contractors prepare the landscape for the construction of new homes Sept. 16 at the South Post Housing area at Fort McCoy.

Army Family Housing Office (on-post housing), Housing Services Office (off-post housing), and Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (single Soldier barracks for E-1 to E-5 ranks).

Hynes said they are always available for their customers.

"Being here in the South Post Housing area, close to our customers, and serving as a hub for them is extremely important for our ability to provide great service," Hynes said.

As of Sept. 20, the contractor has completed ground preparation work

for the new units and was building up their resources to further the construction, Green said.

For more information about all support and services available by the DPW Housing Division staff, visit their offices in the South Post Community Center.

Construction underway to build new shipping, receiving facility

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Work is underway to build a new \$7.03 million shipping and receiving facility near the new Gate 20 at Fort McCoy.

Contractor Relyant Global LLC was awarded the contract to build the facility, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy.

The contract calls for the construction of a pre-engineered metal building that will have an estimated 15,000 square feet of space, Green said.

This work includes building the foundation and infrastructure with plumbing, electrical, and related building needs.

As of Sept. 20, workers had already completed ground preparation for construction and were working on building footings and a foundation wall. Work on installing water lines and storm-water piping also took place, Green said.

Relyant Global LLC also is the contractor for another project at Fort McCoy to build seven new military family housing units in the South Post Housing area.

A project completion date for the shipping and receiving facility has not yet been determined, Green said.

Projects like this align with Fort McCoy's long-range strategic planning objectives, including to "sustain and modernize Fort



Contractors with Relyant Global LLC work on a new \$7.03 million shipping and receiving facility Sept. 16 near the new Gate 20 on North Post at Fort McCoy.

McCoy's cantonment, range complex, strategic mobility, physical security, quality of life, and information technology infrastructure."

Throughout the past decade, Fort McCoy has experienced unprecedented facility

modernization, according to the 2019 Fort McCoy Executive Summary, which is produced by the Fort McCoy Garrison.

The improvement effort also has included training-area development and expansion,

increased training and customer-support capacity, and improved quality-of-life opportunities.

(The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contributed to this article.)

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Work continues on updating Fort McCoy's Main Gate

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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Construction on Fort McCoy's Main Gate has been ongoing since March and is currently near 80 percent complete.

The design and construction of this project is being handled by the Army Corp of Engineers, Omaha District, said Ken Green with the Corps of Engineers office at Fort McCoy.

Perimeter Security Partners of Brentwood, Tenn., was awarded a \$3.2 million contract to complete the project, Green said. Work has included a new parking area and sidewalks, which are already in use for the Visitor Center.

Old active vehicle barriers were demolished and new ones installed as well.

"New active vehicle barriers will meet the requirements for standoff distances, required by mandated regulations," Green said.

During the construction period, traffic has been rerouted through Gate 1, which is the old Main Gate for the installation and located less than half a mile west of the new Main Gate.

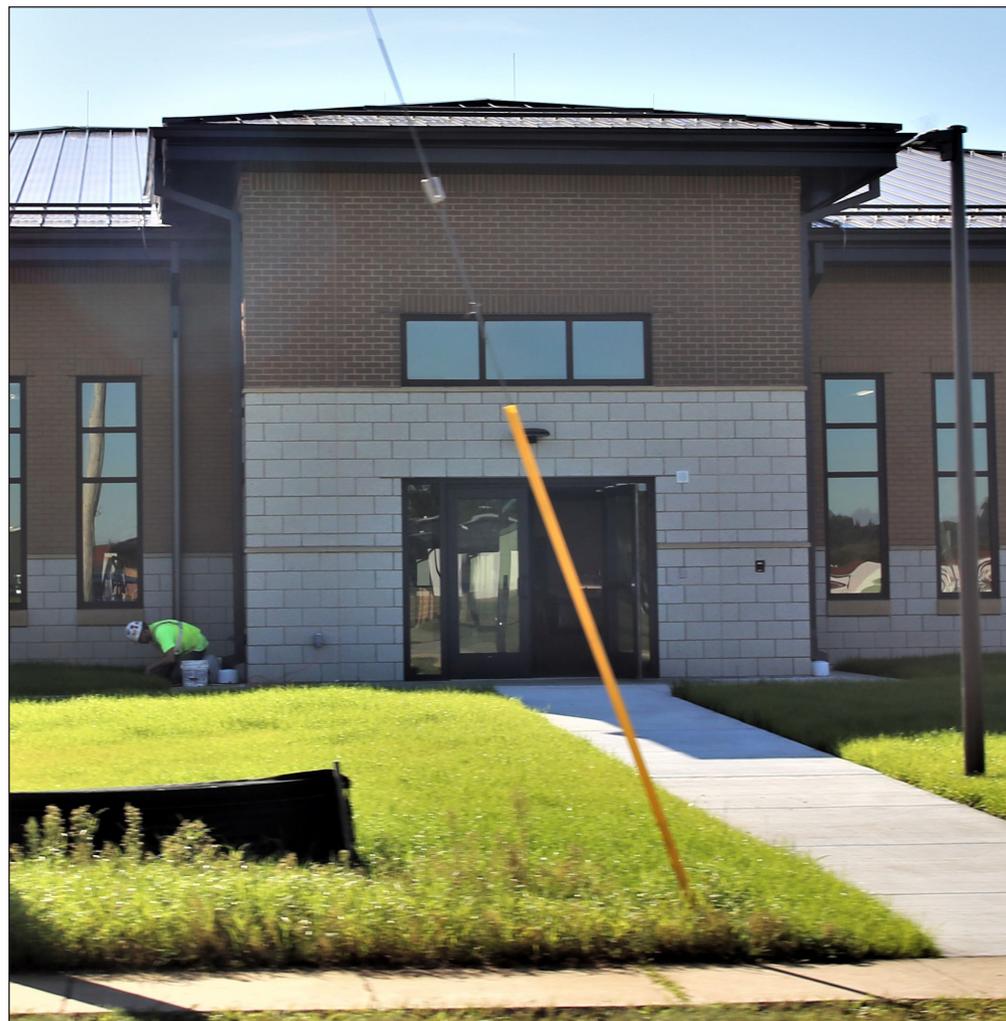
Traffic-flow patterns at Gate 1 are marked to make it easier for drivers to understand how to enter and leave the installation, according to the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Building 35 remains open and accessible and will stay open throughout the construction period, which is planned to continue into November.

(The Army Corps of Engineers contributed to this article.)



Contractors work on the Main Gate project Sept. 16. Expected completion time of the project is mid-November.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Dining facility construction continues

(Left and above) Contractors work on new 1,428-person annual training/mobilization dining facilities Sept. 16 in the 1800 and 2400 block at Fort McCoy. The project, coordinated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is being constructed by contractor L.S. Black Constructors of St. Paul, Minn.

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Soldiers train in RTS-Maintenance's Wheeled Vehicle Mechanics Course

BY STORY & PHOTO BY SPC. VONTRAE HAMPTON

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Army Reserve Soldiers participated in the Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance Wheeled Vehicle Mechanics Course at Fort McCoy in August.

The course teaches students how to inspect, drive, and maintain vehicles so they are able to perform missions.

Staff Sgt. David Holt, course manager at RTS -Maintenance, said the students learn the basics of wheeled vehicle maintenance.

"The main thing we want students to learn is the basic foundation of being a wheeled vehicle mechanic. We teach them forms, tools, familiarization, and vehicle systems. They (also) learn hydraulics, brakes, weapons systems, and more," Holt said.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Henry, a course instructor, said, for example, they teach about hydraulic brakes and fundamentals of braking.

"We taught them how the brake components work, different types of brakes, and different variations and pieces of equipment they could be used on," said Henry.

This maintenance allows units to stay in the fight by keeping equipment ready and allowing units to get from one location to another, said Henry.

"This training makes Army Reserve units more capable and combat ready by being able to fix vehicles internally and stay mission ready," said Holt.

Henry said he hopes the students all gained knowledge and a skillset from the training.

"I want them to be able to take the information provided here and take it back to their units and hopefully one day become subject matter experts. They should use this training



Spc. Scot Westergard drains brake lines Aug. 14 at the Regional Training Site-Maintenance facility at Fort McCoy.

as a building block for being a mechanic and venture out into bigger avenues of their careers," he said.

Henry also said he enjoys teaching the Soldiers new skills.

"I absolutely love being an instructor," Henry said. "My joy is passing my knowledge on to other Soldiers and seeing what they do with it."

Lane training provides a path to mission proficiency for training Soldiers

STORY & PHOTO BY

STAFF SGT. DOUGLAS ANDERSON

Exercise News Day

Army Reserve Soldiers took time to maintain and enhance their tactical proficiency Aug. 14 at Fort McCoy through lane training at the installation.

Lane training is a process used to evaluate unit training progress. It also gives unit leadership an update report on training already conducted at their home duty stations.

Master Sgt. David Malsom, who served as noncommissioned officer in charge of the Army Warrior Testing Lanes at Fort McCoy in August, said squad-sized elements ran through a scenario-based lane.

They're tested on six basic warrior tasks anywhere from land navigation to evaluating a casualty.

"(They're) basic skill-level-one tasks that any Soldier should be able to do in the Army. However, they are perishable skills," Malsom said. "Just like any other job that we have, military or civilian, if you don't stay on top of your skills, they become degraded over time."

Soldiers were tested and evaluated on the skill lanes by observer-controller/trainers, commonly known as OC/Ts.

During their training, Army Reserve



Soldiers with the 850th Transportation Company, headquartered in Lyons, Ga., place a simulated injured Soldier on a litter Aug. 14 as part of lanes testing at Fort McCoy. Lane training is a process used to evaluate unit training progress.

Soldiers had to locate an injured battle buddy in a nearby village. The lane incorporated several training tasks.

"How do I get from point A to point B? What do I do if there is a medical emergency?" said Malsom.

"It's building confidence in the Soldiers' combat lethal skills that keep everybody alive in a wartime environment."

"We're a transportation unit," said Sgt. Charles Smith, 850th Transportation Company headquartered in Lyons, Miss. "We don't really get to get in and do land navigation."

Smith, part of a newly formed squad, navigated through brush in search of the injured Soldier, but to no avail.

Occasionally, tempers flared and the squad readjusted.

"We got through it," said Smith. "The unit cohesion was there. We argued, but we worked through all our problems, and we got the mission done."

Other Soldiers shared the same feeling after completing the lanes.

"Being Army Reserve Soldiers, we don't do it all the time and some of us feel fearful of failing," said Sgt. Jose Gonzalez, a fuel supply specialist with the 1017th Quartermaster Company, based at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"We're all working as a team together," Gonzalez said. "My advice is ... set fear and pride aside and just remember ... the task. You're going to work as a team ... here, home, and even overseas. We never do anything alone."

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have been the creation and use of an electronic records-keeping system called the Paperless Contracting File System, better communication, and improved planning capabilities.

“We are doing more contracts and contract actions in the first quarter of a fiscal year now,” Steinhoff said. “We’re really better postured than we used to be.”

MICC-Fort McCoy has four divisions that help get its mission done every day — the Pre-Award Services Division, Post-Award Services Division, Construction and Commodities Division, and Business Operations Division.

In each division, staff members regularly communicate with their customers. Examples of that communication include the use of an acquisition management plan, meeting monthly with regular customers, and meeting with garrison leadership once every quarter.

“Just recently, our office had a procurement management review (PMR) completed and received a low-risk rating for the second time in six years,” Steinhoff said referring to the PMR process that MICC-McCoy goes through every three years.

“That low-risk rating speaks volumes to the commitment by the staff here and is a reflection of their hard work,” Steinhoff said.

Rosalyn Howard, a contract specialist with the Construction and Commodities Division, said she enjoys working at MICC-Fort McCoy.

“I like it here because it’s busy,” Howard said. “In our division, we deal a lot with the 88th’s contracts that are all across the country.”

Howard said they coordinate, on average, about 15 contract actions a month with indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts and task orders. Many of them include maintenance for facilities at Fort McCoy.

“For example, I recently worked on an order for grading and related work at Young Air Assault Strip (on South Post),” Howard said.

“Also, I like working with my (division) co-workers and in (MICC-Fort McCoy) as a whole. We do have a lot of fun and get the work done.”

Contract Specialist Eric Mainu with the Post-Award Services Division said his division follows the life of a contract.

“We follow mostly service contracts,” said Mainu, who is also a retired Army contract specialist (51C). “We manage these contracts at different stages to ensure they are meeting the needs of our customers.”



Procurement Analyst Katie Opper and Business Operations Division Chief Lynn Herrman discuss a contract Aug. 22 in their building at Fort McCoy.



Post-Award Services Division Chief Dawn Poppler talks with Contracting Specialist Eric Mainu on Aug. 22 at the Mission Installation Contracting Command-Fort McCoy building at Fort McCoy.

Mainu said he understands how important the work he and his co-workers complete each day is and how it directly affects the success of the Army mission at Fort McCoy and all of their customers.

“We see what needs to be done and how it affects the mission,” Mainu said. “Knowing that and how it helps with success makes this job that much more fulfilling.”

In the Business Operations Division, Procurement Specialist Katie Opper serves as the fiscal administrator for the Paperless Contracting File System and MICC’s contract writing system. She said working with the electronic records systems is right at the heartbeat of MICC operations.

“These systems are very user friendly,” Opper said. “Our customers who use the systems also like to use them.”

Opper said the contract writing system allows users to follow the paper trail of a contract without the paper. What once required large paper files and filing cabinets is now all electrons on a computer system.

“The contract writing system allows us to add and access all the documents related to a contract, such as purchase requests, statements of work, performance estimates, and more,” Opper said. “Everything is stored in there.”

Opper also spoke highly of her MICC-McCoy co-workers. “Everyone here goes above and beyond what’s required of them,” Opper said. “They know what it takes to get the customer what they need.”

Shannon Baker, a contracting specialist with the Pre-Award Services Division, is one of the newest MICC-Fort McCoy employees. She said she works “where it all starts in contracting.”

“I worked at another installation completing contracting, but the pace here is just incredible,” said Baker, who started at MICC-Fort McCoy in June.

“It’s a whole different kind of contracting here. Efficiency is high here, too. That efficiency comes from (MICC-McCoy’s) ability to work with the customer.”

Baker said everyone she works with has been very welcoming and helpful.

“The leadership structure we have is nice,” Baker said. “If you have questions, anyone here is willing to help. It’s a great group of people here.”

Steinhoff said the future success of MICC-Fort McCoy is possible because of the people doing the mission.

“Everyone here comes to work with such a good attitude,” Steinhoff said. “They want to do well. When they get things done, they see the impact and its importance. The excellence is contagious.”

Learn more about Army Mission Installation Contracting Command by visiting www.micc.army.mil.



Contracting Specialist Shannon Baker and Pre-Award Services Division Chief Matthew Allen review a project Aug. 22 at Fort McCoy.

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Fort McCoy celebrates Day for Kids 2019



Photos by the Christie B. Clark/Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Children participate in a game Sept. 14 during the 2019 Fort McCoy Day for Kids held at Rumpel Fitness Center and the School-Age Center/Youth Center. Dozens of children and parents participated in the event, which included an obstacle course, a magic show, kid's games, information booths, and more. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation organized the event.



Children participate in an activity Sept. 14 at the School-Age Center/Youth Center.



A Fort McCoy youth looks over the inside of a military vehicle on display Sept. 14 at the School-Age Center/Youth Center.



A Fort McCoy youth has her photo taken next to a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle on display Sept. 14 at the School-Age Center/Youth Center.

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Navy veteran connects with troops at USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy

STORY & PHOTO BY SGT. AMY URBINA

Exercise News Day

For Judy Adank, serving Soldiers is personal. She has volunteered with USO Wisconsin since 2017 and said she loves what she does for the USO at Fort McCoy.

"I'm here a lot. You sit and listen to stories," said Adank, who is a veteran. "I can relate to what they are going through: long days, no sleep.

"I was in the Navy for 12 years ... loved every bit of it. I was on three different ships," she said.

"My role as a radioman was to make sure all communications were up," Adank said. She said communicating with aircraft, ships and even submarines, was important for successful operations to her mission during the Gulf War. Adank said she enjoys hearing deployment stories from troops who stop by the USO and likes to share her own memories from life at sea. One memory Adank said she enjoys reflecting on is spending Christmas Eve in Rome.

Adank planned to retire from the Navy, but her career ended early when she was medically discharged due to an injury.

She moved back to her home state of Wisconsin to be near her family and started volunteering with the USO in 2017.

"I don't ask for anything in return. ... I just love volunteering," said Adank. "That's my life, volunteering and my family."

Her father was an Army veteran who fought in the Korean War. "I think he was proud of me," she said, adding that she was the only woman in her immediate family to join the military.

Her father passed away two years ago, and she said she still struggles with the loss. "There's good days and bad days," she said.

Adank got emotional when she talked about how the military honored her father with a 21-gun salute at his memorial service. "Two Soldiers presented my mother with the flag. That was really hard," she said.



Judy Adank, volunteer for USO-Wisconsin, stocks supplies at the USO building July 20 at Fort McCoy.

She said volunteering helps her keep a connection with her dad.

"I think being here helps a lot. He was in the Army; now I'm giving back to the Army," she said.

The mission of USO Wisconsin is "enhancing the quality

of life of military members and their families who reside in or transit Wisconsin." Their vision is to provide "uplifting experiences for military members and families on their journey."

Learn more about USO Wisconsin at www.usowisconsin.org.



USO celebrates Air Force birthday

USO-Wisconsin volunteer Judy Adank dishes up a root-beer float Sept. 16 during an early celebration of the Air Force's 72nd birthday at the USO facility at Fort McCoy.

Soldiers, Sailors, and several retired Air Force Airmen participated in the celebration.

The Air Force's birthday is Sept. 18.

USO-Wisconsin keeps its facility, located on the cantonment area, open five days a week.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

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Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: Madison triangular projectile point

In July, natural-resources field technicians with Colorado State University's Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands were performing an invasive-species identification survey near the Young Air Assault Strip when they noticed an oddly shaped rock on the ground surface.

The field supervisor contacted fellow contractors, cultural-resources specialists, and the Fort McCoy Cultural Resources Program manager to assess the significance of the find. It was determined that they had discovered a Madison triangular projectile point.

Madison triangular projectile points are a relatively common find in the archaeological record at Fort McCoy. More than 75 similar artifacts currently reside in the Fort McCoy collection of artifacts, curated at the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

This specific type of projectile point first appeared approximately 1,100 years ago during the Late Woodland Period, which coincides with the innovation of the bow and arrow. The point type was still in common use when Europeans arrived in the Americas.

In archaeological research, Madison points are considered true arrow heads. Similar types of stone tools that people commonly refer to as arrow heads were not actually tools that were used for arrows, but were actually "projectile points" that were attached to a long wooden pole and used as spear points. The arrow itself is a projectile and only one part of a bow-and-arrow ranged weapon system.

In North America, the tip of the arrow was originally

made from a variety of stone materials, such as obsidian, chert, or hixton silicified sandstone.

Today's modern arrow tips are often referred to as broadheads and are typically made from metal but still serve the same purpose as the Madison triangular points from the Late Woodland era.

The Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands hires dozens of technicians every year to assist the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB) with stewardship of the biological and cultural resources at the installation. Each year, the technicians begins with a training seminar and safety briefing.

Incoming technicians learn about archaeological artifacts that they may encounter in the field and what to do if they find something. The recovery of the Madison triangular point shows the usefulness of such training.

All archaeological work conducted at Fort McCoy was coordinated by the NRB. Visitors and employees are reminded they should not collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals.

Any person who excavates, removes, damages, or otherwise alters or defaces any historic or prehistoric site, artifact, or object of antiquity on Fort McCoy is in violation of federal law.

The discovery of any archaeological artifact should be reported to the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-8214.

(Article prepared by the Colorado State University's Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands.)



Photo by Colorado State University's Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands

A Madison triangular projectile point found at Fort McCoy in July is shown. The point is hundreds of years old and was used by Native Americans for arrows and other related tools.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Hispanic Heritage Month observance

Fort McCoy community members watch the documentary, *The Borinqueneers*, during the installation observance Sept. 19 of Hispanic Heritage Month. The documentary is about the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment. Dozens of people attended. Hispanic Heritage Month is held from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 each year. It celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.



Contributed photo

Swim team thanks staff

Jeff Utesch (center) is presented with an appreciation plaque Sept. 12 at the pool at Rumpel Fitness Center from Julia Koput, coach for the Total Force Swim Team, which includes many Fort McCoy youth. Utesch and the entire fitness center staff were recognized for ongoing support for the team. Also pictured are Scott Abell and Izaiah Thompson with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

NEWS NOTES

'Connect the Tots' play group offered Tuesdays

Army Community Service's Connect the Tots play group meets Tuesdays at the ACS Family Building, 2161.

The play group is for families with children 4 years old and younger. It uses toys, books, and other materials to help strengthen children's cognitive, physical, and creative selves and promote social-emotional skill building.

Through play, transitions, circle time and songs and activities, and informal conversations, parents learn about developmental ages and stages, gain tools to help understand their child's behavior and become empowered to prepare the family and child to enter school ready to learn.

The group meets 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays through Nov. 19.

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.

DJ Trivia every Thursday at McCoy's

DJ Trivia is offered from 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The trivia is free to play, and the top three teams will receive prizes.

DJ Trivia is open to all Fort McCoy employees and their guests who are at least 18 years old.

Advance registration is not required. For more information, call 608-388-3213.

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. Activities include zip lining, rock climbing, and rappelling. Visit www.verticalillusions.com for information.

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

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, executive director of HorseSense Inc.

HorseSense serves veterans in the local community by providing therapeutic horseback riding to individuals with physical, cogni-



Photos by Aimee Malone

Military Appreciation Night

(Above) A Fort McCoy family member is served food by a volunteer with the Sparta (Wis.) Chamber of Commerce during Military Appreciation Night on Sept. 19, held at Patriot Park at Fort McCoy. (Below) Maj. Gen. Jody Daniels (right), commanding general of the 88th Readiness Division and Fort McCoy senior commander, speaks to community members during the event. Chamber members host the event annually as a way of saying thank you to Fort McCoy-affiliated military members for their service and supporting area businesses.



tive, and psychological 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. and 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 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.

Space is limited. Registration is required by Oct. 17.

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

Call 608-388-3505 for more information or to register.

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.

Substance Abuse training set for FY 2020

Substance Abuse Prevention Training dates have been set for fiscal year 2020.

The training is required for Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. Family members are also eligible to attend the training.

Training is scheduled for 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and Feb. 13 and 11 a.m. to noon May 14, July 16, and Sept. 10. All sessions will be held in the building 60 auditorium.

Registration is not required. For more information, call 608-388-5955 or email michelle.l.bourman.civ@mail.mil.

Suicide Prevention training scheduled for FY 2020

Suicide Prevention Training dates have been set for fiscal year 2020.

The training is required for Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. Family members are also eligible to attend the training.

Training is scheduled for 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and Feb. 13 and 9 to 11 a.m. May 14, July 16, and Sept. 10. All sessions will be held in the building 60 auditorium.

Registration is not required. For more information, call 608-388-2441 or email terrence.a.rogalla.civ@mail.mil.

New employees at Fort McCoy

Several new employees started at Fort McCoy in August and September.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Connie Schauer, Robert Taylor II, and Edward Tebo** — 88th Readiness Division.
- **Erin Huber and Nicole Neidlein** — Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.
- **Nicholas Steinbach and William Wright** — Directorate of Emergency Services.
- **John Angeli, Robert Burkhalter, and Cory Olsen** — Directorate of Public Works.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Oct. 11. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 2.

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.

Closed Sept. 28-Oct. 3.

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. 10.**

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).

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

Laundry Facilities: 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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