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## Fort McCoy supports Northern Lightning exercise

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The annual Northern Lightning exercise took place at Wisconsin's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) from May 6-17. During the course of the exercise, several Fort McCoy training and range areas were utilized for live-fire training.

Northern Lightning is one of seven Air National Guard joint-accredited exercises held at a CRTC. It is a tactical level, joint-training exercise replicating today's air battle space with current and future weapons platforms. A variety of aircraft, including the

F-16, EA-18, A-10, and KC-135, participated in the exercise.

Col. David May, the commander of Volk Field CRTC, said Northern Lightning continues to grow each year because of the high quality of the exercise as well as the first-class training area and facilities that Volk Field offers.

"We are thrilled to host the first of our two Northern Lightning exercises this year," May said before the exercise. "Putting on an exercise of this magnitude takes an incredible amount of planning, hard work, and dedication on the part of our Airmen, and their efforts over the past months make this a realistic and rewarding training experience

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*Photo by Scott Farley*

**A munition hits its mark in the impact area May 14 at Fort McCoy after being dropped from an Air Force aircraft. The action was part of the annual Northern Lightning exercise that takes place at Wisconsin's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center.**

## SMA: Boards to rank NCOs solely on merit

**BY GARY SHEFTICK**

*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — More deserving Soldiers will be promoted sooner and fewer school seats should go vacant under the Army's new Enlisted Centralized Promotion Board process, said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey.

Dailey took part in a Facebook Live session May 29 with Sgt. Maj. Mark Clark of the G-1 Directorate of Military Personnel Management. They discussed changes to the Army's noncommissioned officer (NCO) boards scheduled to be implemented over the next three years.

"It used to be called a promotion board; in the future it will be called an evaluation board," Dailey said. Future boards will evaluate Soldiers for schooling and assignments as well as promotion.

Under the new process, if an NCO cannot go to school for any reason, then the next in line will immediately be offered the seat, he said.

### Talent-based sequence

The fundamentals of how NCO records are evaluated by the boards will not change, he said. The big change will be how those deemed fully qualified are sequenced.

"Previously, the board members would vote; they would rack and stack individuals based on DA Pam 600-25; and then they would be re-sequenced based on time in service, time in grade. That process will not happen anymore," Dailey said. "It will be a true talent-based list."

When the board decides a Soldier is the most talented and all prerequisites have been met, that Soldier will be No. 1 on the list.

"That number, for the first time in the history of our centralized promotion board system, will show you how you rated against your peers," Dailey said. It won't be based simply on seniority.

"We want to change our system from largely a time-based system to a talent-based system," he said.

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*Photo by Scott Farley*

### JLTV training

**A Soldier drives a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) through a driving course on North Post on May 2 at Fort McCoy. JLTVs are a new vehicle introduced to the Army inventory, and operator training began on the vehicle in May on post. See more photos on Page 5.**

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## NEWS

## Network upgrades start June 24 at Fort McCoy

The Network Enterprise Center (NEC) will upgrade Fort McCoy's network starting June 24.

Network Modernization-CONUS (NetMod-C) will standardize the network by replacing network switches installed throughout Fort McCoy facilities.

From June 24 to July 16, NETMOD-C will create a standardized, sustainable enterprise network that will facilitate a faster, more reliable path to unified communications and the soon-to-come Joint Regional Security Stack.

Upon completion, the network will collapse ARNet and LandWarNet into a single physical Army network, reducing the number of entry/exit points to enhance security. They will still remain separate logistically.

NEC Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Information Management services will be affected both during survey and deployment due to resource prioritization.

There will be scheduled network service interruptions during the upgrade.

Most buildings will experience a network outages up to one hour, but some may last up to four hours.

The NEC will do everything possible to minimize outage durations in coordination with unit representatives.

The NEC will need access to facilities to perform the network upgrades.

Access is currently being coordinated.

Direct any comments, concerns, or questions to the NEC or your organization's IT representative.

Customers should be prepared for potential delays in computer repairs or troubleshooting tickets through the duration of the project.

After migration is complete, call the Fort McCoy NetMod hotline at 608-388-3514/3515 if you have post-migration issues, such as connectivity, printers, etc.

The hotline is only for NetMod-related issues.

(Article prepared by the Network Enterprise Center.)



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

## Dining facility construction continues

Contractors continue working on a new 1,428-person annual training/mobilization dining facility June 3 in the 1800 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., and is supposed to be completed in late 2019. A similar dining facility also in under construction in the 2400 block as well.

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"I can assure you that it is the right direction to take our NCO corps," he said.

### Promotion lists

Following future boards, a sequenced promotion list will not be published, Clark said.

A list of all fully qualified NCOs will instead be published in alphabetical order.

"So there won't be a committed list where you have to wait 12 to 18 months to be promoted," he said.

NCOs will first be evaluated 18 months out from when eligible, Dailey said.

"The perception is going to be that we will promote Soldiers too fast," Dailey said. "That's not true."

An NCO must still meet all the qualifications before being promoted, he stressed.

### More flexibility

Under the old process, boards drew a line across the sequenced list based on an estimate of how many NCOs in that military occupational specialty would be needed at that rank. Only those on top of the line would be promoted.

"Sometimes we got it right. Sometimes we didn't," Dailey said.

The new process will allow more NCOs to be promoted mid-year if more are needed, he explained.

"This is an evolving, adapting, and changing Army," he said.

"Most importantly, this process will improve Army readiness," Clark said. "We will now be able to promote Soldiers, assign them, and train them based on being the best-qualified to man our forces so that we could be the most lethal Army in the world."

### Implementation

Education about the new board process will begin this year with sergeants major and be followed by training for the trainers. Comprehensive education in the new system will be provided over the next three years to all Soldiers, Dailey said.

Current sequence numbers from recent boards will remain in effect for now, Dailey said. The new process will be adopted over time to keep from hurting any NCOs, he said.

The process will be implemented first for the most senior ranks. Beginning this year, the nominative sergeant major board and command selection boards were canceled. They

will be replaced with an evaluation board that will take place in August, Clark said.

During May, the master sergeant board that was conducted will not sequence those qualified by time, but instead by merit. In November 2020, a new sergeant first class evaluation board will be held.

In February 2021, staff sergeants will be evaluated by the new board for promotion to sergeant first class and for assignments.

The old centralized promotion process served the Army well for 50 years, Dailey said. "That doesn't mean we can't improve upon it," he added. The new process should allow qualified NCOs to attend school and be promoted with less delay, he said.

"It rewards those who are working hard to do what the Army needs them to do," he said.



## NEWS

# LIGHTNING

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for all participants both in the National Guard and the active component. Our airspace, facilities, and ranges are second to none, and Volk Field is one of the premier counter-land training locations in the nation. Pilots will get to operate in a contested environment with adversary aircraft, electronic jamming, and simulated ground-based threats.”

Units that participated in the 2019 exercise included the 115th Fighter Wing from Madison, Wis.; 103rd Air Control Squadron from Orange, Conn.; 163th Fighter Squadron from Fort Wayne, Ind.; 124th Fighter Wing from Boise, Idaho; 174th Attack Wing from Fort Drum, N.Y.; 179th Fighter Squadron from Duluth, Minn.; 175th Fighter Squadron from Sioux Falls, S.D.; 147th Air Support Operations Squadron from Illinois; and 209th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron from Norfolk, Va.

At Fort McCoy, Airmen participating in the exercise came to the post to help coordinate live-fire bombing runs on the installation's impact area, according to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Aircraft utilizing the training opportunities at Force McCoy included the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the A-10 Thunderbolt II.

(Fort McCoy Public Affairs contributed to this article.)



Photo by Scott Farley

**An Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II flies over the installation's impact area and fires a rocket at a target May 14 during a close-air support training operation at Fort McCoy for the Northern Lightning exercise.**



Photo by Karen Sampson/Fort McCoy Multimedia/Visual Information Branch

**An Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon flies over the impact area May 13 during Northern Lightning close-air support training at Fort McCoy.**



Photo by Greg Mason/Fort McCoy Multimedia/Visual Information Branch

**A munition hits its mark in the impact area May 15 at Fort McCoy after it was dropped from an F-16.**



Photo by Karen Sampson/Fort McCoy Multimedia/Visual Information Branch

**Air Force forward air controllers conduct close-air support operations May 13 at a training range at Fort McCoy.**



NEWS

# 348th Engineers hold mobilization training at Fort McCoy



*Photo courtesy of 348th Engineer Company*

Soldiers with the 348th Engineer Company (Combat Clearance) complete weapons training at a range June 4 at Fort McCoy. The 348th was completing the training as part of overall mobilization training for an upcoming deployment. The unit is from Kansas City, Mo.



*Photo by Lt. Col. Charles Wells/3rd Battalion, 340th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade*

Soldiers with the 348th Engineer Company (Combat Clearance) prepare for training at a range June 6 at Fort McCoy. Observer-coach trainers with the Fort McCoy's 3rd Battalion, 340th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, helped complete and coordinate the training.



*Photo courtesy of 348th Engineer Company*

Soldiers with the 348th Engineer Company (Combat Clearance) complete training in mission-oriented protective posture gear at a range on North Post on June 5 at Fort McCoy.



NEWS

# Training at Fort McCoy prepares Soldiers for Army's new JLTV



*Photo by Scott Farley*

(Above, right, and lower left) A Soldier drives a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) through a driving course on North Post on May 8 at Fort McCoy as part of JLTV training taking place at the installation. The JLTV family of vehicles is designed to restore payload and performance that were traded from light tactical vehicles to add protection in recent conflict, according to the Army. JLTVs give service members more options in a protected mobility solution that is also the first vehicle purpose-built for modern battlefield networks.



*Photo by Scott Farley*



*Photo by Scott Farley*



*Photo by Scott T. Sturkol*

Soldiers drive Joint Light Tactical Vehicles through the cantonment area June 7 at Fort McCoy as part of JLTV training.



NEWS

# Fort McCoy members support local Memorial Day events



Contributed photos

Lt. Col. Brian Purdy, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, gives a Memorial Day presentation May 27 at Bangor High School in Bangor, Wis. Purdy was among several speakers who supported local events.



Col. John Swanberg, installation judge advocate, gives a Memorial Day speech May 27 in Solon Spring, Wis.



Master Sgt. Cynthia P. Johnson with the garrison Equal Opportunity Office gives a Memorial Day speech May 27 in Norwalk, Wis. Fort McCoy members also spoke in Ontario, Merrilan, and Hillsboro, Wis.



## NEWS

# Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon honors lost lives

STORY & PHOTOS BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy community members gathered May 23 for the Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon at McCoy's Community Center.

The annual event is held in honor of service members of all branches who died while serving the nation. The prayer luncheon is organized by the Religious Support Office (RSO).

The guest speaker was retired Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Rakow, chief of operations for the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade.

Rakow shared the history of Memorial Day. It began after the Civil War as Decoration Day. People throughout the country decorated the graves of both Union and Confederate Soldiers as a way to honor those who had fought for the nation. It later became known as Memorial.

About the time of World War I, Memorial Day expanded to include those who had died in all wars.

"Almost every Soldier I've known understood that their service might require the ultimate sacrifice, but they wanted to go home," Rakow said. "They wanted to live.

"But as strong as that desire was, they did not let that desire impede their actions or dampen their courage while in the circumstances that resulted in that sacrifice," he said.

While Memorial Day is important, Rakow said, the best way to honor that sacrifice is not with a yearly ceremony. "It's gratitude to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and living our lives with purpose and intent as a display of that gratitude."

Col. Hui Chae Kim, Fort McCoy garrison commander, added a special thank you to those who sacrificed their lives and helped liberate South Korea. Kim's family emigrated from Korea when he was 3 years old.

Kim then led the attendees in a moment of silence for those who had perished in all wars throughout history.

Chaplain (Maj.) Erik Spicer with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, and Chaplain (Capt.) Iheanyichukwu Sunday with the 649th Regional Support Group gave the benediction.

Pastor Paul Frey, an InFaith missionary; Pastor Brian Young with Faith Evangelical Free Church in Sparta, Wis.; and Chaplain Jef Skinner with the Sparta, Wis., Police Department; led the group in prayers for service members, families, police officers, firefighters, leaders, and the nation.

Music was provided by Fort McCoy community member Michelle Jones. The music included several hymns and the national anthem.

For more information about the Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon and other religious support services, call the RSO at 608-388-3542.



Guest speaker retired Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Rakow, chief of operations for the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, speaks to Fort McCoy community members during the Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon on May 23 at McCoy's Community Center. The annual event is held in honor of service members who died while serving the nation. The event is organized by the Religious Support Office.



Fort McCoy community members sing along to a hymn during the Memorial Day Prayer Luncheon on May 23 at McCoy's Community Center.



ADS



**NEWS**

# Sparta STEM Academy students visit Fort McCoy

Students from Innovations STEM Academy in Sparta used the Rumpel Fitness Center pool May 24 to test their underwater sea perch rover. The test was a practice run in clear water before going to Lake Wazee.

The rovers were built three years ago; each year, the students improve the robots. Each rover is manned by a team of three students.

Innovations STEM Academy students have been coming to Fort McCoy for several years to partner with the installation to incorporate technology used in real-world jobs that match the curriculum they are studying.

Students have previously visited Regional Training Site-Medical and Medical Simulation Center.

Another year they visited Regional Training Site-Maintenance to learn about how science, technology, engineering, and math lessons apply to the work and training of Soldiers.

The students said they enjoyed their time collaborating, problem solving, and applying real world skills during this activity.

Innovations is a sixth through eighth grade STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) school that uses real-world problem solving and experiences. Students receive immediate support and guidance that enhances both academic and social development. The curriculum is designed to be student-centered, which increases technological abilities and leadership skills.

The academy has been part of the Sparta school district for five years.

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

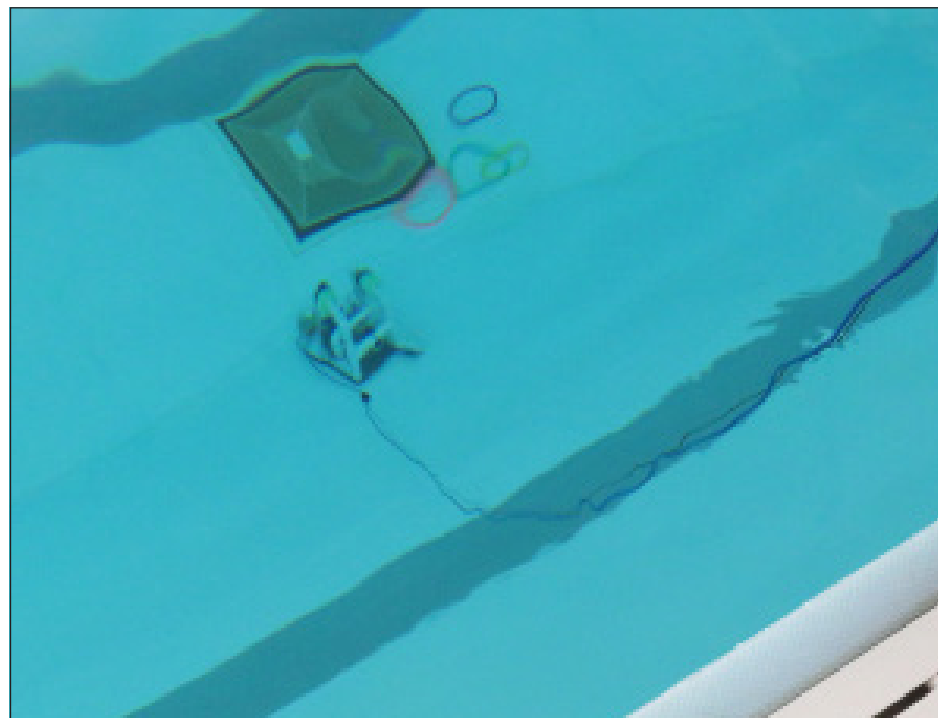


*Photos by Theresa Fitzgerald*

**Students from Innovations Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Academy in Sparta test underwater vehicles they created May 24 in the pool at Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy.**



**Students work with their instructor May 24 on the operation of their underwater vehicles at the Rumpel Fitness Center pool at Fort McCoy.**



**An underwater vehicle is driven May 24 at the bottom of the pool by remote control at Rumpel Fitness Center.**



## FEATURE

# This month in Fort McCoy history

## 75 years ago — June 6, 1944

More than 250 Spanish-American War veterans saw how 1940s Soldiers trained for combat when they visited Camp McCoy at the invitation of Col. George M. MacMullin, post commander.

The men who fought in Cuba with then-Col. Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" and the Philippines swapped stories with young Soldiers and rode in new combat vehicles — jeeps, weapons carriers, tank busters, and armored cars. The average age of the visiting ex-soldiers was 69.

The visitors were taken on a tour of camp installation; witnessed troops in training, including units of the 76th Infantry Division; and presented a flag honoring Capt. Arthur O. Johnson, former Camp McCoy officer now on the faculty of the artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla., to Camp McCoy officers.

## 60 Years Ago — June 13, 1959

A young Chicago couple were united in matrimony June 13 in the first nuptials of the 1959 summer encampment.

Patricia Joyce Demming became the bride of Pvt. Anthony Tokich of Company B, 82nd Combat Engineer Battalion, in a double ring ceremony conducted by the Rev. Father Francis Siemanowski, chaplain of the nearby Tomah Veterans Hospital.

The bridegroom's platoon leader, 2nd Lt. Howard D. Stephens, gave the bride away.

## 40 Years Ago — June 1979

During the duty day and sometimes well into the night, the sound of artillery, machine guns, and armored vehicles surround people on post, but in mid-June 1979, different sounds were heard at Fort McCoy. The sounds were that of the 457th Engineer Sawmill Forestry unit.

The 457th, a reserve unit from Hurley, Wis., was one of only two sawmill units in the Army; the other was located in Montana. Most of the men in the unit were professional loggers or worked in sawmills in the northern Wisconsin area in civilian life.

Their mission was to harvest timber and mill the logs into rough cut lumber made to specific dimensions. First, the logging section cuts down trees and further cut them into specific lengths to be taken to the mill. Next, the cut-up trees were taken to the sawmill, where they were milled into the required dimensions.

The Army requires units to be able to set up or break down camp in eight hours, but this unit did it in less than four hours. The sawmill can handle logs up to 25 inches in diameter and 30 feet in length. They can produce 15,000 board feet of rough cut lumber per day.

## 30 Years Ago — June 1989

Fort McCoy was the site of a two-week study that began the first week of June 1989. Members of the 323rd Medical Laboratory Company from Hanscom Air Force Base near Boston, converted old barracks and a Korean War-era trailer into a state-of-the-art laboratory full of military and civilian-donated equipment.

There, the unit conducted detailed Lyme disease studies. The complicated studies conducted used prototype equipment donated by the medical and electronic industries. They entered as much information into their data banks as



Fort McCoy historical photo

**Cpl. Fredeeh Frye, of Missoula, Mont., works on statistics June 5, 1944, in the office of the then-Camp McCoy maintenance shop.**

possible, while working very carefully to get exact results in the two weeks they were here.

During their annual training, the medical personnel collected animals — white-footed field mice, chipmunks, birds, raccoons, road-killed deer — and went through a series of laboratory studies. Using oats, peanut butter, and apples, the soldiers set 120 traps every evening and collected them the next morning.

With maps that showed the tick density across the entire fort, the 323rd established an attack plan to find where the tick-carrying rodents were most prevalent. They mapped out the post to make sure they got an accurate representation of the tick population on Fort McCoy.

Each day, the unit caught 10 to 25 rodents. After taking blood samples and removing the ticks from the animals that weren't mice, the medical personnel released the animals. The mice, however, were used for further research.

After the mice were "put to sleep," they were placed under a special microscope to count the number of ticks — both larvae and nymphs — on them. The ticks were completely removed, identified, and some were sent to the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Colorado to be studied further.

## 10 Years Ago — June 13, 2009

Service to the nation, the theme of the Fort McCoy Centennial Commemoration on June 13, 2009, was the motivation when the installation was established 100 years ago, said the grandson of the installation's founder.

Douglas D. McCoy Jr., a retired Air Force colonel and a speaker at the event, said the same spirit was evident in the personnel training and working at the installation.

The McCoy family was well represented at the event and included Douglas D. McCoy Jr.'s 90-plus-year-old mother, the daughter-in-law of the installation's founder, Maj. Gen. Robert Bruce McCoy.

Douglas D. McCoy Jr., who was born after his grandfather died, shared the history of his grandfather and also reminisced about his own experiences at Camp McCoy and Fort McCoy, which included one of his first jobs of setting up pins at a bowling alley at Camp McCoy.

"(Gen. McCoy) would be proud of the military training dedicated to ensure troop readiness. He would be proud of those who served, (those in) public service, and those of you serving now. He would really celebrate the way you have taken his dream and made it bigger and better."

Robert Bruce McCoy served in the military during the Spanish-American War, police action in Mexico, and World War I. Douglas D. McCoy Jr. said one of the forces behind his grandfather's drive to support military training was that he saw young men die needlessly because of poor training and a lack of medical treatment during his service.

"(He) never wanted that to happen again," Douglas D. McCoy Jr. said. "(With his service, my grandfather) saw war as a constant inevitability and the need to better prepare men for it."



## COMMUNITY



Attendees to the Fort McCoy Garrison Commander's Volunteer Recognition Banquet gather for a photo May 2 in McCoy's Community Center. Also shown is a symbolic check for \$305,440 that represents the equal monetary value of the hours worked by volunteers at the installation.

# Fort McCoy recognizes volunteers' contributions during banquet

Fort McCoy volunteers were recognized at the Garrison Commander's Volunteer Recognition Banquet held May 2 at the installation. The volunteers, along with the Fort McCoy Army Community Service (ACS) Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator **Lorie Retzlaff** presented **Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim** with a symbolic \$305,440 check for the hours volunteers donated from January through December 2018.

The check represented the dollar value Fort McCoy volunteers extended the Army's budget as a result of their volunteer efforts. One hundred eighteen volunteers were recognized for donating 12,371 hours of service. The dollar value of volunteer work was based on an estimated \$24.69 per hour wage at the national level.

Attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner with opening remarks by **Kevin Herman**, director of ACS, and **Patric D. McGuane**, director of the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The meal was followed by a presentation by **Donleigh Gaunky**. Gaunky shared his personal story and related it to the importance of self-care in volunteerism.

Kim presented volunteers with the Garrison Commander Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication and commitment to volunteerism in support of Fort McCoy's mission as a member of the Army Volunteer Corps from in 2018.

Receiving certificates of appreciation were:

- **Yousif Abdelmagid, Deborah Aiken,**

- Amy Anderson, and Robert Anderson.**

- **Emily Backus, Mark Backus, Amber Bailey, Enrique Becwar, Bandele Beloch, Karen Birkeness, Bruce Brewer, Jerrilyn Brewer, Norb Brown, Sarah Brueggen, Recardo Bryant, and Karl Bugman.**

- **Monica Campbell, Ethan Carney, Savannah Clark, Jenna Coker, and Meghan Cross.**

- **Patrick Dahm, Courtney Daniels, Laxley Demetrius, and Francis Downs.**

- **Rosanne Ebert, Randall Eddy, Janet Evans, and Warren Evans.**

- **Jan Fink, Marcus Frazee, and Paul Frey.**
- **Martha Gnewikow, Gary Goodrich, and Melissa Guthmiller.**

- **Adam Hangartner, Bonnie Hilt, Charles Hilt, Dave Hirsch, Mary Hirsch-Justice, Clara Hodges, Erika Lord Hodges, Isabel Hodges, John Hodges, Rosalie Hodges, Rose Holland, and Tanya Holtgeerts.**

- **Susan James, Laurence Johns III, Gilbert Johnson, and Victoria Justice.**

- **Kira Kaufmann, Joshua Kent, Bessie Kmiecik, Jaden Kondor, Jennifer Kondor, Jessie Kondor, Sheila Konshak, Judy Kreuzer, Charles Kubicek, and Karen Kubicek.**

- **Charles Lautermilch, Rebekah Leach, Remington Leach, Tammy Leach, and Linda Lee-Tucker.**

- **Ann Mais, Aimee Malone, Cathy Malzacher, Jeanne Morris, and Karylen**

**Murphy.**

- **Nevin Neuville, Charlotte Nott, Elissa Nott, Ethan Nott, and Steven Nott.**

- **Ben Olson, Haley Olson, and Peter Olson.**

- **Otto Peterson, Ashley Piepenburg, and Matthew Purtee.**

- **Daniel Retzlaff, Megan Retzlaff, Barbara Rice, Alexander Rigor, Brendan Rigor, Michael Roeske, Alonna Rogalla, Keira Rogalla, Terrence Rogalla, Theresa Rogalla, Trenten Rogalla.**

- **Becky Sawyer, Ashlin Schulze, Peggy Shaw, Susan Shie, Randall Shull, Renee Shull, Dave Simpson, Theresa Simpson, Judy Snively, Michael Snively, Judy Sommers, and Brittany Steinberger.**

- **Sharon Teske, Debra Thompson, and Kenneth Tuelp.**

- **Sherrie Waldera, Joseph Weidman, Ann Wermer, John Weston, Misty Wilson, Mytchell Wollin, Tracy Woodman, and Mark Woommavovah.**

- **Maryann Ziegler and Bradley Zimmerman.**

Twenty-four volunteers also received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Award Program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a

standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives.

The volunteers receiving Presidential Volunteer Service Awards were:

- **Gold (500-plus hours in 2018) — Francis Downs, Mary Hirsch-Justice, Otto Peterson, Randall Shull, Renee Shull, Judy Snively, and Michael Snively.**

- **Silver (250-499 hours in 2018) — Robert Anderson, Joshua Kent, Sheila Konshak, and Tammy Leach.**

- **Bronze (100-249 hours in 2018) — Amy Anderson, Norb Brown, Marcus Frazee, Dave Hirsch, Rose Holland, Laurence Johns III, Ann Mais, Michael Roeske, Debra Thompson, and Tracy Woodman.**

- **Young Adult Gold (250-plus hours in 2018) — Elissa Nott.**

- **Teen Gold (100-plus hours in 2018) — Rebekah Leach and Remington Leach.**

Fort McCoy community members looking for an opportunity to positively affect the Garrison's military community can do so by volunteering, which contributes in ways that have a lasting effect on the community's Soldiers, families, and volunteers.

For more information, contact ACS about the volunteer program at 608-388-6507 or visit [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) to view volunteer opportunities.

*(Article prepared by Army Community Service.)*



## NEW NOTES

### Army Birthday Celebration planned for June 14

The Army Birthday Celebrated is scheduled for June 14.

All events are free and open to the Fort McCoy community.

A free drive-thru breakfast will be available from 7 to 8:30 a.m. T-shirts will also be given away.

The Commander's 5K Challenge is 7 a.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. Participants who beat the commander's time will receive a signed certificate.

Free automatic car washes will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the MWR Car Wash. Free bowling will be available 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center.

The Army Birthday Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center. The official cake-cutting ceremony and invocation is at 11:30 a.m. Free lunch is available while supplies last.

For more information, call 608-388-7400.

### Marriage class set for June 19

"And They Lived Happily Ever After," a class on marriage and relationships, is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. June 19 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The class is taught by Jerry and Kristi Nelson, a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed professional counselor. They share a private practice in La Crosse, specializing in marital and family relationships.

Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

### Leinenkugel's Brewery tour scheduled for June 22

A tour of Leinenkugel's Brewery is scheduled for June 22.

The bus will leave from McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, at 9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The tour costs \$25 and includes transportation, the tour, beer tasting, and a souvenir glass.

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

Advance registration is required by June 14. All registrations are final.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-3011.

### Internet Safety for Teens scheduled for June 24

"Internet Safety for Teens" is scheduled for 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. June 24 at South Post Community Center.

The class is intended for teenagers and will feature discussions about real safety issues that teens encounter online. Instagram Live, Snap Maps, I Dosing, and Chatroulette are just a few of the topics that will be discussed with the teens.

Advance registration is required. For more



Photo by Aimee Malone

### 24/7 fitness grand opening

**Scott Abell, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR); Patric McGuane, DFMWR; James Chen, deputy to the garrison commander; Col. Hui Chae Kim, garrison commander; Jeff Utesch, DFMWR; Mark Reaves, Directorate of Emergency Services Physical Security; and Liane Haun, Directorate of Public Works, cut the ribbon May 30 at the grand opening for 24/7 fitness hours at Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy.**

**Interested Soldiers and civilians must register their common access cards (CAC); sign a memorandum of agreement and liability waiver; and get an orientation about emergency procedures, phone usage, and the automated external defibrillator. Patrons will be required to swipe their CACs for entry and be logged into a database. For more information, call 608-388-2290.**

information or to register, call 608-388-2412 or email [carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil)

### Kickball tournament planned for June 26

A co-ed kickball tournament is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. June 26 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Teams must have 10 people (five men and women). The games will have seven innings. Prizes will be given to the first-place team.

Registration is required by June 21. The competition is open to all Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons who are at least 18 years old.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-2290.

### Family trip to Circus World set for June 26

A family trip to Circus World is scheduled for June 26.

The bus will leave Army Community Service, building 2111, at 7:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. There is no cost for the ride, but space is limited. Participants can bring a lunch or purchase one at Circus World.

Circus World features circus buildings, demonstrations, exhibits, children's programs, shows, a carousel, and animal rides. For more information, including prices, visit [www.circusworldbaraboo.org](http://www.circusworldbaraboo.org).

Registration is required by June 21. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412 or email [carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil)

### LGBT Pride Month event scheduled for June 27

Fort McCoy's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month observance is scheduled for June 27 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The guest speaker is Sandy Eichel, a professional speaker, diversity and inclusion consultant, and wealth-management adviser.

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

During LGBT Pride Month, the Army celebrates the accomplishments of LGBT Soldiers, civilians, veterans and family members.

LGBT Pride Month commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969, Stonewall riots in New York City. This historic demonstration initiated the modern gay-rights movement in the United States.

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

### SHARP training dates set for 2019

Dates are scheduled for fiscal year 2019 Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) training.

All classes are 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 1571

The class examines strategies to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault and individuals' roles in intervening when sexual harassment or sexual assault is present.

The class counts as the annual face-to-face refresher training for both military and civilian personnel. Classes are scheduled July 9, Aug. 7 and 27, and Sept. 3 and 17.

Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call 608-388-8951.

### Lunch & Learn webinars start July 11

Lunch & Learn webinars, sponsored by the Directorate of Human Resources Workforce Development Team, start July 11.

Participants will bring their own lunches (a microwave is available near the conference room in building 2187).

Topics are: Active Listening Skills on July 11, Advanced MS PowerPoint on Aug. 7, Assertiveness Skills for Women on Sept. 11, Combating Apathy in the Workplace on Oct. 9, and Developing a Leadership Presence on Dec. 12

Space is limited, so registration is required. Participants may register for individual seminars or attend them all.

For more information or to RSVP, call 608-388-5872/8929 or email [john.j.ott1.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.j.ott1.civ@mail.mil) or [michael.l.modawell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.l.modawell.civ@mail.mil).

### Deadline to transfer GI Bill benefits is July 12

Soldiers with more than 16 years of service who want to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a dependent must do so before July 12.

Last year, the Department of Defense implemented a new Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits eligibility requirement, which instituted a "six- to 16-year cutoff rule," said Master Sgt. Gerardo T. Godinez, senior Army retention operations noncommissioned officer with Army G-1.

Further, Soldiers who want to transfer their education entitlements must have at least six years of service, he said. All Soldiers must commit to an additional four years of service to transfer their GI Bill benefits.

However, Soldiers who are currently going through the medical evaluation board process cannot transfer GI Bill benefits until they are found fit for duty under the new DOD policy.

Starting in July, the new rules will be in effect, and Soldiers with more than 16 years of service will not be eligible to transfer education benefits.

### Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published June 28. The deadline for submissions is June 19.

For more information about The Real McCoy, call 608-388-4128.



**All privately owned firearms brought on the installation must be registered through the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Police Department. Firearm registration is required by Army Regulation 190-11, 4-5, "Privately owned weapons and ammunition." Firearms are required to be registered prior to entrance or immediately upon entering any lands identified as Fort McCoy property. For more information, call 608-388-2266.**

Read this publication online at <http://www.mccoy.army.mil>



# Fort McCoy 2018 Water Quality Report

The following information is from the 2018 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Consumer Confidence Report data for Fort McCoy — 64203029 North Post and 64203073 South Post.

For more details about the information contained in this report, call 608-388-2323.

## Health information

Drinking water, including bottled water, reasonably may be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water

## Definition of Terms

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons, such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune-system disorders, some elderly, and infants, can

be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risks of infection by cryptosporidium

## Source(s) of Water

Source ID (North and South Post)	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
11	Groundwater	201	Perm. abandoned as of 10/13/2015
12	Groundwater	150	Perm. abandoned as of 10/13/2015
23	Groundwater	200	Perm. abandoned as of 12/30/2014
24	Groundwater	202	Active
25	Groundwater	204	Active
27	Groundwater	217	Active
28	Groundwater	220	Active
29	Groundwater	N/A	Active
30	Groundwater	250	Active
1	Groundwater	172	Perm. abandoned as of 7/1/2015
21	Groundwater	169	Active
26	Groundwater	N/A	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment, call 608-388-2323.

and other microbial contaminants also are available from the hotline.

septic systems.

- radioactive contaminants, which can occur naturally or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health

## Detected contaminants

Water was tested for many contaminants last year. Some contaminants are monitored less frequently than once a year. The tables list only those contaminants that were detected.

If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last five years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

## Unregulated contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards.

The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

## Educational information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells.

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage-treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

- organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and also can come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and



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Contaminant health effects

Lead: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development.

Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Additional health information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

Fort McCoy North Post is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When water has been sitting for several hours, people can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

If anyone is concerned about lead in their water, they may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Presence of other contaminants

Fort McCoy was randomly selected by EPA to participate in Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3 sampling.

In 2013, elevated levels of chromium, manganese, strontium, chlorate, and chromium-6 were detected.

Other compliance

Fort McCoy is required to monitor drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis.

Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards.

# Additional water report items

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2018)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb) (NP)	N/A	10	N/A	1	0-1	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm) (NP)	N/A	2	2	0.008	.004-.008	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
BARIUM (ppm) (SP)	N/A	2	2	0.022	.020-.022	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm) (NP)	N/A	4	4	0.1	0.1	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb) (NP)	N/A	100	N/A	1.9	1.3-1.9	N/A	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, groundwater and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel, and alloy products.
NICKEL (ppb) (SP)	N/A	100	N/A	3.2	1.2-3.2	N/A	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, groundwater and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel, and alloy products.
NITRATE (ppm) (NP)	N/A	10	10	0.38	0.13-0.38	N/A	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE (ppm) (SP)	N/A	10	10	0.47	0.43-0.47	N/A	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm) (NP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	54	7.60-54.00	N/A	No	N/A
SODIUM (ppm) (SP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	5.90 -36.00	N/A	No	N/A
THALLIUM (ppb) (NP)	N/A	2	0.5	0.2	0.0 -0.2	08/15/2014	No	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Lead and Copper

Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Action Level	MCLg	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2018)	N/A	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm) (NP)	AL=1.3	1	1	0 of 10 results were above the action level	N/A	N/A	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits;leaching from wood preservatives
COPPER (ppm) (SP)	AL=1.3	1	0	0 of 5 results were above the action level	N/A	N/A	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb) (NP)	AL=15	0	1	0 of 10 results were above the action level	N/A	N/A	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
LEAD (ppb) (SP)	AL=15	0	3	0 of 5 results were above the action level	N/A	N/A	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb) (NP)	DBP-8060	60	60	5	5	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb) (SP)	B-5025	60	60	7	7	09/18/17	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb) (NP)	DBP-8060	80	0	10.8	190.8	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb) (SP)	B-5025	80	0	11.1	11.1	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA (pCi/l) (NP)	N/A	15	0	12.3	0.0-2.6	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA (pCi/l) (SP)	N/A	15	0	1.7	0.0-1.7	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l) (NP)	N/A	5	0	1.1	0.0-1.5	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l) (SP)	N/A	5	0	1	0.8-1.4	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (NP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.8	0.0-4.6	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (SP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.8	0.0-1.8	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l) (NP)	N/A	30	0	3	0.0-4.5	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2018)	N/A	N/A
SULFATE (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	13.00	04/22/15	N/A	N/A