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Firefighters with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department at Fort McCoy operate a boat in flood waters Aug. 28 near Sparta, Wis.

## Fort McCoy emergency responders support flood relief, help save lives

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
Public Affairs Staff

Some areas near Fort McCoy received up to 12 inches of rain and high winds during a storm Aug. 27, causing extensive flash flooding and damage in the region. Fort McCoy supported an immediate response.

As soon as the storm passed, a call was made to the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Fire Department for mutual-aid support from the Sparta (Wis.) Fire Department, said Station Chief Forrest Lefler with Fort McCoy Station 1's A-shift.

"We sent firefighters and equipment over to Sparta to help clear debris and clean up," Lefler said.

After two hours of helping clear up areas of Sparta, the Fort McCoy

firefighters returned to post but they weren't there for long. At 1:17 a.m. Aug. 28, the DES Fire Department received another mutual aid request from the Cashton Volunteer Fire Department to help rescue stranded residents near Melvina, Wis.

"We went to Melvina because the flash flooding was getting bad," said Firefighter Todd Swansby, also with A shift at Station 1. "We went there with four firefighters, our skimmer boat, and a truck to pull the boat."

The skimmer boat is 20 feet long with a water jet-propelled engine and can operate in 6 inches of water, Lefler said.

The firefighter team did make it to Melvina quickly and were able to launch the boat swiftly to rescue four people from an apartment building.

"The biggest challenge in this environment is the fast-moving

water," Swansby said. "These kinds of floods are the most dangerous. ... I was just glad to be able to get those folks out safely."

Lefler said that after they rescued the first two people from the apartment building, they knew they were dealing with some tough conditions.

"When you're doing this, the adrenaline in you is pumping and you are focused," Lefler said. "After we got those first two folks to safety, we had to catch our breath and take break just for a couple of minutes. ... When we went back to get the other two people, it went quickly."

The firefighter team continued its work around Melvina for more than two hours. On their way back from that city, they were called to go and support rescue operations in Leon (See FLOOD, Page 3)

## RTS-Medical supports Global Medic, CSTX

STORY & PHOTOS BY AIMEE MALONE  
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Fort McCoy's Regional Training Site (RTS)-Medical staff is busy completing training year-round, but for exercises like Global Medic 2018 and Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02, the training institution was one of the biggest behind-the-scenes contributors.

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

Fort McCoy's RTS-Medical is one of three regional training sites available to units in the Army Reserve. The staff members specialize in teaching units how to set up and run all aspects of a combat support hospital (CSH). Soldiers are expected to be able to get a CSH running on their own, moving the equipment to the site and building the hospital from bare ground.

"For a major exercise like this, they're supposed to kind of know what they're doing. But that requires train-up before they get here," said (See SUPPORT, Page 4)



Sailors work on applying moulage to a role-player Aug. 13 as part of operations for the Global Medic 2018 exercise at Regional Training Site-Medical at Fort McCoy.

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## NEWS

# POW/MIA Recognition Day to be observed Sept. 21

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed in the United States on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war and those who are missing in action, as well as their families.

## World War II

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died. At the end of the war, approximately 79,000 Americans were unaccounted for. This number included those buried with honor as unknowns, officially buried at sea, lost at sea, and missing in action.

Today, more than 72,000 Americans remain unaccounted for from WWII.

## Korean War

The Korean War accounting effort remains a priority for the U.S. government. The Department of Defense (DOD) pursues opportunities to gain access to loss sites within North Korea and South Korea. Additionally, identifications continue to be made from remains that were returned to the United States using forensic and DNA technology.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Rufus L. Ketchum, 38, of Superior, Wis., is one of those recently accounted for.

In late November 1950, Ketchum was a member of Medical Detachment, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division. Approximately 2,500 U.S. and 700 South Korean soldiers assembled into the 31st Regimental Combat Team, which was deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, when it was attacked by overwhelming numbers of Chinese forces. As the Chinese attacks continued, American forces withdrew south. The U.S. Army evacuated approximately 1,500 service members; the remaining soldiers had been captured, killed, or were missing in enemy territory.

Ketchum's name did not appear on any prisoner of war lists, and no returning Americans reported Ketchum as a prisoner of war. Based on the testimony of a surviving member of his unit who witnessed Ketchum's death, the U.S. Army declared him deceased as of Dec. 6, 1950.

In September 2001, a joint U.S. and Korean People's Army recovery team conducted a Joint Recovery Operation in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, based on information provided by two Korean witnesses. During the excavation, the recovery team recovered material evidence and possible osseous remains of at least seven individuals. The remains were subsequently sent to the laboratory for identification.

Ketchum was accounted for April 23, 2018, and buried Aug. 14 in his hometown. More



than 7,800 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War.

## Vietnam War

Since 1973, the remains of more than 1,000 Americans killed in the Vietnam War have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

For more than two decades, the United States has conducted joint field activities with the governments of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia to recover the remains of missing Americans. Throughout these countries, field teams continue to investigate crash and burial sites and interview locals to gain additional knowledge. The United States also continues to obtain access to historical wartime records and archives that provide information relevant to the fates of missing Americans.

Today, more than 1,600 Americans remain unaccounted for from the conflict.

## Cold War

In addition to the thousands of service members who fought communist forces during wars in Korea, Vietnam, and other conflicts, many service members risked their lives off the battlefield while collecting intelligence

on the Soviet bloc, the People's Republic of China, and North Korea during the Cold War. The sacrifices made by these Americans enabled the United States and its allies to contain the threat of communist expansion until the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Today, 126 service members remain unaccounted for from the Cold War.

## Iraq, other conflicts

The current number of personnel missing from operations in Iraq and the Persian Gulf being actively pursued by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is five — two service members from Desert Storm and three DOD contractors from Iraqi Freedom. The DOD continues to pursue the fullest possible accounting of one serviceman lost in 1986 during Operation El Dorado Canyon in Libya.

For additional information on the DOD's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving the country, visit the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil), on social media at [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](http://www.facebook.com/dodpaa), or call 703-699-1420.

(Article prepared by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.)



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

A Directorate of Emergency Services police officer ensures the United States flag is set to half staff Aug. 14 at Fort McCoy in honor of Sgt. 1st Class R. Lloyd Ketchum, who gave his life in the line of duty during the Korean War and was accounted for in April.



Army file photo

Army Sgt. 1st Class Rufus L. Ketchum, 38, of Superior, Wis., was recently accounted for by the Department of Defense. Ketchum went missing during the Korean War and was laid to rest in Superior on Aug. 14.

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# FLOOD

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and Sparta, which is about 10 miles from Melvina.

“We were at a gas station near Sparta, got called, and we went right back at it,” Lefler said.

The DES Fire Department sent more people and equipment to support the Leon and Sparta flood-rescue operations, including a 12-foot skiff with an outboard motor and the department’s dive boat, also equipped with an outboard motor. The total flood-rescue support now included eight firefighters, three boats, and four support vehicles.

The Fort McCoy firefighters were among dozens of emergency responders from numerous agencies in Monroe County and neighboring counties. In Leon, Lefler said the Fort McCoy personnel helped rescue eight people and one pet.

Swansby said one of the rescues, from a one-story home where the rapidly approaching water was flowing in and rising, was one he’ll not soon forget.

“We made it to this house where it was a senior person and her granddaughter,” Swansby said. “The basement had failed on this house, and the water was moving so fast. We got the granddaughter to the boat first, and then we went to get her grandmother.

“She had an injured arm and was having a hard time getting through the water,” he said. “It was difficult getting her to the boat, but we did it even as the water was rising around us. ... We are always encouraging to these victims, and we try to put on a brave face. What they might not see is that we are just as scared as they are, and in this instance, I was scared because that water was just rushing past so fast.”

The firefighters spent most of the day Aug. 28 helping with operations Leon and Sparta. Lefler said they were all exhausted from the experience but are ready to go back anytime they are asked.

Swansby said the devastation was hard to see. Many of the families they helped were still in the process of repairing their homes from floods in summer 2017.

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

One person who was helped by the Fort McCoy firefighters was Kelli Henke of Leon. On a Facebook post about the support, Henke wrote, “A huge thank you to them for the boat ride to drier ground today. ... You guys are very much appreciated.”

Personnel who supported the flood-rescue operations, in addition to Lefler and Swansby, were Station Chief Hunter Young and Firefighters Ryan Wilke, Luke Erickson, Craig Schendel, Art Gerpoltz, Jake Ross, and Jake White.

“They all did a great job,” said Fort McCoy Fire Chief Tim Jorgenson. Overall, as of Aug. 29 in Leon, Sparta, and Melvina, rescuers helped save 57 people and 27 pets from the floodwaters.

The installation also provided support to the Monroe County Emergency Operations Center, where the Fort McCoy garrison commander exercised immediate response authority by working with the 88th Readiness Division’s Equipment Concentration Site-67 to provide a 5-ton M1083 Medium Tactical Vehicle to support further rescue and recovery operations, according to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS).

The vehicle was requested by the county because a similar vehicle became inoperable, and they needed to maintain the capability. The M1083 is designed to allow the truck to navigate through high water and it has all-wheel drive.

The DPTMS Airfield Services at the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport on South Post was ready to support refueling operations for Wisconsin National Guard Blackhawk helicopters that flew officials reviewing flood damage from the air.

Jorgenson said the installation continued to support the flooding relief and recovery operations as requested.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

**Floodwaters engulf a field and a building Aug. 28 near Leon, Wis. On Aug. 27 to early Aug. 28, 5-12 inches of rain fell on several areas of Monroe County, Wis., causing flash flooding and stranding residents in flooded areas.**



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

**A sign for State Highway 27 near Leon, Wis., is half-covered in flood waters Aug. 28.**

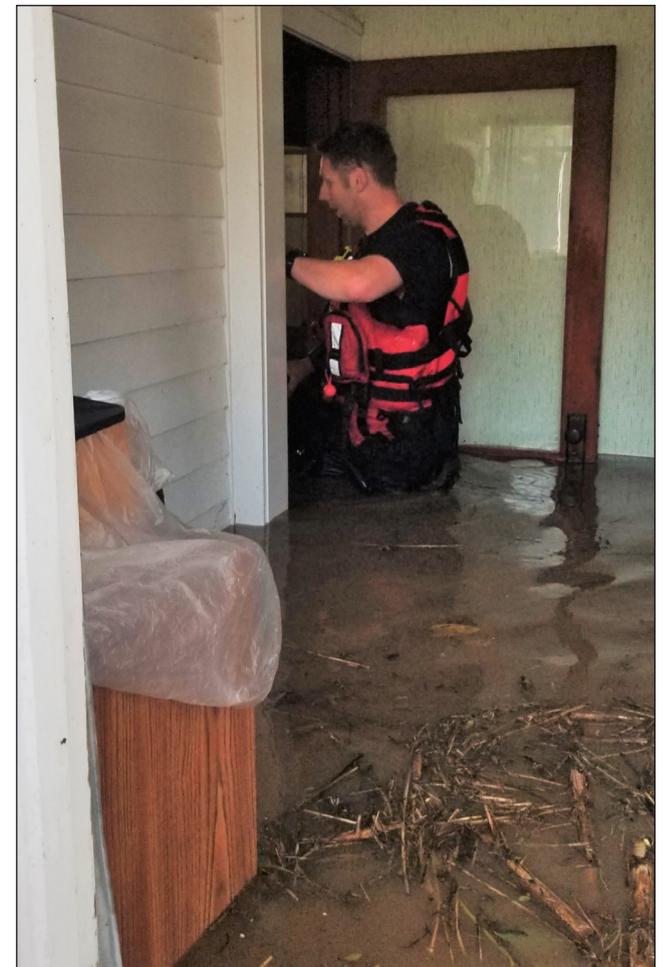


Photo courtesy of the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department

**Firefighter Jake Ross with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department walks through a flooded residence while helping with rescue operations Aug. 28 near Leon, Wis.**

## NEWS



A Soldier works on creating prosthetic makeup to be used in moulage Aug. 20 at Regional Training Site (RTS)-Medical at Fort McCoy. RTS-Medical supported both unit and collective training during Global Medic, which coincided with Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02.

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Pat Welch, training lead for RTS-Medical. “So we spend a lot of time on the road, training at their home stations. So we teach them how to do the power generation, water distribution, (and) how to design and stake out their own hospital.”

“The easiest way to understand RTS-Medical is that we own pretty much all of the medical equipment throughout the exercise. Actually getting that equipment inventoried and out in the field is ... a feat, and our staff does a great job,” said Col. Cynthia Hopkins, site director for RTS-Medical.

During an exercise, RTS-Medical staff are on hand to help troubleshoot or provide any support that service members need.

“The Army is responsible for moving everything out on their own,” Welch said.

“The Navy, on the other hand, does not have those assets, so we move it out there for them and we assist them in setting up their hospital, kind of like on-the-job training for them.”

The staff at RTS-Medical still have plenty to do after the hospitals are established for an exercise like Global Medic. In addition to helping service members troubleshoot any problems that come up out in the field, they run the warehouse, deliver supplies, conduct individual training, and keep the moulage center up and running.

“We’re on standby during the exercise in case something happens and we need to go out and take care of it,” Welch said.

Another important part of the exercise is teaching service members to use to properly order medical

supplies (class VIII).

“They’re supposed to be treating the patients as if they’re real, so they’re supposed to use IV solutions, dressings, all that,” Welch said.

“Their (CSH) supply orders from a medical logistics company, who in turn orders up the chain,” he said. “We’re like the big warehouse in theater. We have hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of Class VIII (supplies).”

While the service members don’t use real blood or medications during exercises, they do use artificial substitutes that look like the real thing. The goal is to keep all training as realistic as possible to prepare service members for what they could encounter when deployed.

“We’ve got X-ray mannequins that have actual broken bones in them so they can X-ray them,” Welch said.

“The lab has the actual reagents; they can do real lab tests.”

Part of preparing service members to encounter real injuries is showing them what those injuries look like. RTS-Medical staff members have studied at the same makeup schools as Hollywood artists, Hopkins said, and they train service members how to apply moulage.

“Their injuries look extremely realistic,” Hopkins said.

Global Medic simulates three stages of medical support, Welch said. It starts with a simulated attack in the field, which requires first aid.

“We can either send out mannequins or live players as casualties, or we can send them out to replace personnel who are ‘injured’ so they can get back into play again. And from there, they would go to the forward surgical

teams to the area support medical companies to the CSHs, and then, if required, they would evac out to the Air Force,” Welch said.

“We have an Air Force contingent here (at Global Medic) that has their own hospital until they board them onto the aircraft.”

Throughout it all, RTS-Medical staff members are on hand to assist in any way needed.

“Our folks are trained so they can go out there and do hands-on training in every section of these hospitals,” Hopkins said. “It doesn’t matter what your specialty area is; we have somebody on ground who can train our service members out in the field.”

RTS-Medical is a tenant organization at Fort McCoy. For more information on RTS-Medical, call 608-388-2544.

## NEWS

# McCoy's TASC personnel support training customers

**STORY & PHOTOS BY SGT. T MATTHEW O'NEILL II**  
*Army Reserve Exercise News Day*

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security's Training Activity Support Center (TASC) at Fort McCoy helps military members prepare for war by providing a wide variety of training aids and equipment.

These training aids help Reserve Soldiers stay capable, lethal, and combat ready. Warehouse specialist William Weekley said the TASC assists in keeping Reserve Soldiers prepared.

"When they come here, we issue them out MILES (multiple integrated laser engagement system gear)," Weekley said. "That way, when they go out there and they're training, they're training in a realistic way where nobody's getting hurt. But they're seeing the results of that person shooting the weapon and their aim."

The TASC warehouse also provides equipment like civilian clothing for opposition forces; mock improvised explosive devices; graphic training aids; and audio-visual items, such as waterproof cameras, projectors, and speaker systems.

"We try to provide the most updated and

best virtual-reality simulators for the Guard and Reserve," Weekley said. "When it comes to the Soldiers and their training, ... they get the very best when they come to Fort McCoy.

"If they can see it before they get out in the field, that just makes our guys one step ahead of the bad guys," Weekley said.

Sgt. Nicolas Garcia, maintenance noncommissioned officer in charge for the Army Reserve's 149th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service, shared how his visit to the TASC warehouse went as a customer.

"Today, things ran smoothly. The personnel were very helpful and courteous," Garcia said. "We were getting our MILES gear for the upcoming (Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02) so our Soldiers can participate in it and they are prepared for the training," Garcia said.

"Besides our (military occupational speciality)-specific training, this will give us a chance to train ... incoming personnel that we're going to be getting in our unit," Garcia said. "We'll have the experience under our belts and we'll be able to train them in a specific way to our unit."

*(The Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office provided additional information for this article.)*



A Soldier inventories Multiple Integrated Laser-Engagement System gear before accepting it from the Training Activity Support Center on Aug. 8 at Fort McCoy.



Training Activity Support Center warehouse specialist William Weekley pulls Multiple Integrated Laser-Engagement System gear off the shelf for distribution Aug. 8 to Army Reserve units in training at Fort McCoy.

**NEWS****Dozens attend Fort McCoy's Community Appreciation Night**

More than 60 people attended the Fort McCoy Community Appreciation Night held Aug. 30 at McCoy's Community Center.

This is an annual event to thank the community for their support of Fort McCoy throughout the year, said Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office, which organized the event.

Attendees included representatives with the Tomah and Sparta (Wis.) chambers of commerce and other officials from surrounding communities near the installation.

Fort McCoy senior leaders, workforce members, and service members also attended the event.

"We had a good turnout," Fitzgerald said. "We're thankful to all who helped set up and support the event. It was an overall success."

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



*Photos by Aimee Malone*

**Lt. Col. Sheila Coker, deputy garrison commander, gives a door prize to a guest at Community Appreciation Night on Aug. 30 at McCoy's Community Center.**



**Guests relax at Community Appreciation Night on Aug. 30 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy. The event offered a chance for area business owners and managers, local government officials, and Fort McCoy leadership to mingle.**

## NEWS

# Hundreds enjoy 2018 Retiree Appreciation Day on post

More than 600 military retirees and Family members attended the 2018 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on Sept. 7 at Fort McCoy.

The annual event is coordinated by the Fort McCoy Soldier For Life-Retirement Services Office (SFL-RSO) of the Directorate of Human Resources.

“Overall, this year’s event went very well,” said Retirement Services Officer Mitzi Hinton. “This was a one-stop shop for military retirees and their Family members. Retiree Appreciation Day is an important event where they can get updates on the resources, entitlements, and benefits they have.”

RAD included a full day filled with a variety of activities. Garrison Commander Col. Hue Chae Kim welcomed all the RAD attendees to kick off the event in the morning session in building 905, and a host of guest speakers gave briefings on health care, veterans’ services, retirement benefits, legislative actions that could affect retirees, and more.

Following the morning events, attendees then were able to grab a buffet lunch on their own at McCoy’s Community Center, which had been set up with extra seating.

An afternoon benefits fair held at Rumpel Fitness Center rounded out the day. The benefits fair included numerous agencies that support military retirees and their Families.

“We came to Fort McCoy specifically for this event,” said retired Army Master Sgt. Don Ormes of Ramsay, Mich., who attended with his wife, Lynn. “This was a wonderful event.”

The Fort McCoy Commissary held a “sidewalk” sale throughout the day that offered customers extra savings on items. Fort McCoy’s Commemorative Area and History Center also were open for RAD attendees to learn more about the post’s 109-year history.

Hinton said the SFL-RSO can provide military retirees and Family members with more information and support for pre-retirement and post-retirement services.

Pre-retirement services include individual pre-retirement counseling; preparation of the Retired Pay Application, DD Form 2656; Career Status Bonus/REDUX counseling; and active-duty survivor assistance.

SFL-RSO post-retirement services include assistance with retired pay actions; providing TRICARE, Medicare, and Social Security information; referral to the Veterans Administration; obtaining lost service documents; and more.

The date for the 2019 RAD will be set soon.

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



Kathryn Smith speaks about TriCare health care and other medical coverage Sept. 7 to more than 600 attendees to the 2018 Retiree Appreciation Day crowd in building 905. *Photos by Scott T. Sturkol*



Lynn and Don Ormes of Ramsay, Mich., stop at an information table at Rumpel Fitness Center during the benefits fair Sept. 7 as part of Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort McCoy. The benefits fair offered a wide variety of information resources for attendees.



Fort McCoy Retirement Services Officer Mitzi Hinton coordinates activities in building 905 on Sept. 7 during the morning session of Retiree Appreciation Day.

## NEWS



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Participants in the four-day Mountain Bike Skills Course for the Directorate of Emergency Services test their bike-handling skills Aug. 30 in the parking lot next to building 905.

# DES personnel complete 4-day bike training course

Personnel with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) participated in a four-day Mountain Bike Skills Course in late August at Fort McCoy.

The course taught the skills necessary to function as a police bike unit, said Training Coordinator Alex Rivera-Torres with the DES Police Department.

The course focused on bike safety, bike-handling skills, and more.

Some of the instruction included the following topics:

- choosing a bike.
- basic bicycle maintenance.
- what to wear.
- equipment.
- helmet fit.
- rules of the road.
- shifting gears.
- riding with a group.

- sharing paths and trails.
- riding in inclement weather.
- night riding.
- traffic laws.
- navigating intersections.
- rural road riding.
- crashes and how to avoid them
- how to teach safe riding skills to children and adults.

The instruction was divided into classroom lessons, bike-handling skills, city riding, and teaching, Rivera-Torres said.

Attendees also shared ideas on bike skills and continued education on biking in communities.

They also discussed connecting communities to bicycling for transportation and recreation.

*(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department.)*



Photo by Alex Rivera-Torres

Course attendees learn about bike maintenance Aug. 29 in building 905.

## NEWS

# Fort McCoy police utilize upgraded child ID systems for community outreach

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

For more than five years, Fort McCoy's Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Police Department has provided hundreds of families with free ID cards for children through its Operation Family Safe community-outreach efforts. In 2018, the systems used to create those cards received a big upgrade.

Earlier in the year, DES received three new Operation Family Safe child ID program kits, said Detective Chase Laffea. The kits make ID cards and compile fingerprints, photos, and video of each child at no cost to the families.

"Having all the new items really speeds the process up, too," Laffea said. "Our goal was to get them in here before this year's National Night Out in Tomah, which we did, and it worked out great."

During the DES' use of the systems at the Monroe County National Night Out event Aug. 7, staff members helped 65 families — doubling the effort of the previous year. Laffea explained how the operation works at a community event.

"At an event, we will typically have an information stand, and we'll have a greeter there," Laffea said. "That person is there to answer questions and educate the customers on what we are doing. The greeter will then provide a biographical data sheet to the customer to fill out. The sheet is designed so as they answer questions it will flow with the computer system as the information is input.

"We then take that biographical sheet, once it is filled out, at the station ... and one person will input the data and another person will engage with the child and the parents," he said. "Once the data is collected, we create the card, burn the information to a CD, and print out an updated data/information sheet about their child."

No information collected is stored or kept by DES personnel. All information is returned to the parents/families. "To complete the whole process, it takes about 10 to 15 minutes," Laffea said.

The program is also used during many Fort McCoy events, such as the Fort McCoy Day for Kids every September. Laffea said having this information prepared for parents is important.

"From a parent's perspective, for me, it's like adding insurance," Laffea said.

"We hope it never happens, but this information will help if your child comes up missing. With this you have information readily available to hand off to law enforcement. Law enforcement can take all that information and start getting together all they would need to do an Amber Alert or a bulletin to help find that missing child."

Laffea added that doing community outreach also helps with crime prevention and more.

"Operation Family Safe is one example



A youth waits for the processing to be complete for a free Operation Family Safe ID card from Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department personnel Aug. 7 during the Monroe County National Night Out event in Tomah, Wis.



People line up at the Operation Family Safe information area operated by Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department personnel Aug. 7 during the Monroe County National Night Out event in Tomah.

of how we connect with the people whom we serve, and, it improves communication, supports crime prevention, and lets people see who we are," he said. "A little positive community outreach is always a good thing, especially nowadays. People might see us when we are doing an enforcement action or responding to something bad that has happened.

"We want to show the other side of law enforcement and we want to show that we do

what we do because we care about people," Laffea said. "We want to make sure people receive help. We want to make sure people are safe and secure, and we want to put forth a positive light that we are here to help and that we're human, too."

Sgt. Alex Rivera with DES has helped Laffea with the child ID program since it began. He said more and more DES personnel are getting trained on the systems and want to be a part of the effort.

"We support as many events as we can," Rivera said. "The people who support this program at the department often rearrange their schedules so they can do the work. That's a testament to how important and how much we believe in this effort."

Laffea said if families would like to have their children participate in the ID program but do not have a chance to attend an event, they can schedule an appointment with DES by calling 608-388-3921.

**ADS**

## FEATURE

# Area artist 'The Doodler' visits with Fort McCoy youth

STORY & PHOTOS BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

Illustrator and caricature artist Jason Gerke, also known as "The Doodler," visited Fort McCoy summer campers Aug. 30 at the School Age Center/Youth Center.

Gerke, a resident of New Lisbon, Wis., is the illustrator of a children's book, "Pauly Wants to Doodle All the Day." The book was published in 2015 and written by Amanda Zieba, also from Wisconsin. Gerke also does logo designs.

Supervisory Program Specialist Tammie Noe said the campers really enjoyed Gerke's visit, which was their art activity for the day. Gerke talked about his work and drew caricatures for the approximately 15 teenage students attending camp that day.

"He does an amazing job," Noe said. "He has come for a visit before, and the youth loved him."

The visit was part of the day's art activity. While Gerke drew caricatures, the youths waiting for their turn drew pictures of their own or played games. Gerke spent several hours with the teens, drawing pictures and playing card games with them.

"I love inspiring and motivating young, imaginative minds," Gerke said. "It was a lot of fun hanging out at Fort McCoy with the kids. It's truly a great program they have there."

Child and Youth Services provides programs and services for children of both military and civilian employees' families. Programs include full, part-time, or hourly child care; after-school care; summer camp; teen programs; instructional classes; career-preparation opportunities; and sports and fitness activities.

For information about eligibility for and availability of programs, call Parent Central Services at 608-388-8956.



Illustrator Jason Gerke, also known as "The Doodler," draws a caricature for a Fort McCoy summer camper Aug. 30 at the Child and Youth Services' School-Age Center/Youth Center.



Another Fort McCoy youth takes his turn sitting for a caricature Aug. 30 from illustrator Jason Gerke at the School-Age Center/Youth Center.

## FEATURE

# Fort McCoy has training site dedicated to educating troops about cultural, archaeological areas

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
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The development of a mock cultural-awareness training site — a first for the installation — was the result of work completed in 2017 after archaeologists completed a phase III dig on Fort McCoy's South Post near Stillwell Lake.

The site yielded thousands of artifacts and showed it was a crossroads for Native Americans thousands of years ago. Because of its importance, the mock cultural-awareness training site became something to not only protect the space, but also educate service members.

"Mock cultural sites are used as training aids for troops while they protect cultural resources at the same time," said Fort McCoy Archaeologist Kira Kaufmann with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch. "It's a win-win situation."

The Fort McCoy mock cultural site, which is also an actual cultural site on post, has several internationally identifiable blue and white signs that designate the area as a cultural heritage site.

The colored emblem depicted on the signs is the internationally recognized symbol to identify cultural property subject to protection during armed conflicts per the 1954 Hague Convention, said Brent Friedl, Integrated Training Area Management program coordinator with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS). The emblem is shaped like a shield and may be used alone or repeated three times in a triangular formation to designate protection of cultural property.

"(The) signs were installed as training aids for troops while also as a recognition measure for the remainder of the cultural sites in the area," Kaufmann said. "When troops are in other countries, they may encounter these international blue and white signs."

Kaufmann said more than 10 additional cultural-heritage signs were also installed around the boundaries of culturally sensitive areas within Training Area B-26.

"They were placed there because troops were still inadvertently causing damage to some of these historic places," Kaufmann said. "The goal we strive for is to protect all of the cultural resources while training activities occur."

Archaeologist Tyler Olsen, assistant cultural-resources projects manager with Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under contract with Fort McCoy, said setting up the mock cultural sight took a couple of days of hard work by a lot of people.

"Everyone did a great job putting together the site with the mock stone walls and with site preparation," Olsen said. "We have it set up to resemble ruins at a historical cultural site, and the signs are located nearby. We want it to represent what service members might see in an overseas location while on a deployment."

Olsen said there are more than 160 sites on Fort McCoy that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Through working with everyone at Fort McCoy in the training support and cultural resources protection, he said they are ensuring those places are protected, so having the mock cultural training site helps with that effort.

"We're still working on educating people about the signs and what they mean," Olsen said. "In time, the awareness will improve."

Friedl said although the mock cultural training site is fairly new, areas like it are already built into the maneuver and training restriction maps provided to transient training troops who come to Fort McCoy.

"We've had an ongoing working relationship with everyone to ensure transient training troops understand the areas that have restrictions while they train here," Friedl said. "The mock cultural training site is among those sites that help inform service members about the importance of protecting important cultural sites wherever they go in the world."

Friedl added that the mock cultural training site is the only area marked with signs. All of the remaining cultural areas within the Fort McCoy training areas are not marked.

"So it's very important for customers to review the maneuver and training restriction maps and follow the Fort McCoy special site request processes when planning training on post," he said.

DPTMS Range Scheduling Chief Mark Stelzner said that as units prepare their range training packages, information about culturally sensitive areas is automatically passed on.

"As we move forward, we may also offer a brochure to further educate people," Friedl said.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Shown here Sept. 6 is one of the blue and white signs placed at a cultural site on South Post at Fort McCoy. The site is also set up as a mock cultural training site for troops training on post. The sign is an internationally recognized symbol used to identify cultural property subject to protection during armed conflicts per the 1954 Hague Convention.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Shown Sept. 6 is one of several mock ruins built by the archaeological team with the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under contract with Fort McCoy at the training site.



Photo courtesy of the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands

Members of the archaeological team who set up the training site stop for a photo in August 2017.

## FEATURE

# This month in Fort McCoy history

## 75 years ago — Sept. 4, 1943

Shots fired at Camp McCoy were heard around the world as the Army Hour picked up a five-minute broadcast from the camp as part of its show.

The program included Camp McCoy rifle marksmanship under the direction of Lt. Frank W. Luchowski, 23rd Infantry.

Enlisted men appearing on the program included 1st Sgt. Edwin L. Neyrey, Cpl. Glenn W. Spray, Pfc. James R. Hill, and Pfc. Robert K. Garritt.

Written and directed by Maj. Jack Harris, executive officer of the radio branch of the War Department Public Relations Division, the Camp McCoy portion of the Army Hour came between the pickups from Fort Benning, Ga., and North Africa.

## 73 Years Ago — Sept. 21, 1945

Col. George M. MacMullin, the man who guided Camp McCoy through its war years to national fame as a training center, left the post for a new assignment in the Pacific.

Under MacMullin's command Camp McCoy gained fame as the Middle West's top combat training center.

He assumed command June 17, 1942, at that time in the old camp, now the prisoner of war camp.

In August of that year the new camp opened and it was here that, under MacMullin's command, McCoy gained nationwide fame.

Here the 2nd and 76th Infantry Division and the 100th



U.S. Army file photo by Tom Michele

**Soldiers get a close-up view of a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected armored vehicle during training at Fort McCoy in September 2008.**

Infantry Battalion trained for what later proved to be action against the Germans.

A host of other units were also readied for combat against the Nazis and later distinguished themselves in battle.

## 30 Years Ago — Sept. 8, 1988

Retired Col. Robert C. McCoy, 91-year-old son of Fort McCoy's eponym, Robert Bruce McCoy, shared his memories of the installation's past during the Post Library Open House. About 70 people attended the event.

## 20 Years Ago — September 1998

Fort McCoy selected a five-member team to compete in the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 11 at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. All team members were from the Army Reserve Readiness Training Center.

The team captain was Staff Sgt. Horacio Botero, who ran the 10-mile qualifying course at Fort McCoy in a time of 1:14:05. Other team members and their times were: Master Sgt. Mike Montoya, 1:19:27; Maj. Michael O'Brien, 1:22:19; Staff Sgt. Maria Limon, 1:40:20; and Sgt. 1st Class Lillian Sanchez, 1:45:36. The team competed in the Open Mixed Category.

## 10 Years Ago — Sept. 19, 2008

The beginning of the 88th Regional Support Command (RSC)'s contributions to the Army Reserve at Fort McCoy began with the dedication of a new building, named for a Medal of Honor recipient.

Maj. Gen. James R. Sholar, commanding general of the 88th RSC, along with special guests, cut a red, white, and blue ribbon at the official opening of the Capt. Robert E. Roeder Army Reserve Center and 88th RSC Headquarters at Fort McCoy.

The new command's headquarters building also was memorialized during this same event and was named and dedicated after Roeder, who served with the 88th Infantry Division's 350th Regiment during World War II and is one of the division's two Medal of Honor recipients.

## Recon Marines complete jump operations on South Post at Fort McCoy



Photos by Scott Farley/Fort McCoy Multimedia/Visual Information Office

Marines perform a static line jump Aug. 14 from a C-130 on South Post at Fort McCoy. Marines with the 4th Recon Battalion, Companies B, C, D, and E, were performing static line parachute recertification jumps and halo jumps and a container drop to Badger Drop Zone during the training.



A Marine performing a static line jump floats down in a parachute during training Aug. 14 on South Post at Fort McCoy.

## COMMUNITY

# Fort McCoy's National Preparedness Month proclamation

WHEREAS, this September marks the 17th anniversary of the tragic terrorist attacks of 9/11; AND

WHEREAS, in observing the 17th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we honor the memory of those who were lost and we must do all we can to ensure the Fort McCoy community is prepared to respond and recover from all types of disasters and hazards; AND

WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness Month, a time set aside annually to encourage citizens to take necessary steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities; AND

WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every resident of Fort McCoy, Wisconsin to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency from natural disasters to potential terrorist attacks; AND

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves,



our families, installations, and local communities can save lives, lessen the impact of disaster, and ensure mission assurance; AND

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility

of every Fort McCoy Soldier, family member and civilian who are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; AND

WHEREAS, all citizens of Fort McCoy, Wis., are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to review the Ready campaign's Web sites at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) or [ready.army.mil](http://ready.army.mil).

NOW THEREFORE, I, Col. Hui Chae Kim, by virtue of the authority vested in me as garrison commander of Fort McCoy, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as "National Preparedness Month."

**HUI CHAE KIM**  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Commanding

## Emotional intelligence class planned to help boost workplace relationships

**BY AIMEE MALONE**

Public Affairs staff

As part of its mission to support Soldiers, families, and the civilian employees who assist them, Army Community Service (ACS) is hosting "Emotional Intelligence and its Impact in the Workplace," a four-hour professional development course.

The class is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 26 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

Emotional intelligence is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically.

Emotional intelligence is key to both personal and professional success.

"High levels of emotional intelligence are a tremendous asset in the workplace," said Dianne Sommers, Deployment Readiness Program manager with ACS.

"Individuals with high emotional intelligence are able to better cooperate with others, manage work-related stress, solve conflicts within workplace relationships, and learn from previous mistakes," she said.

"The key principles of emotional intelligence include self-awareness (knowing your emotional triggers); self-regulation (managing your emotions); motivation; empathy; and good social skills," Sommers said.

The instructor is Jill Tibbles, a results-driven consultant, instructor, and curriculum designer in leadership and staff development for The McGowan Group.

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

Registration for the class is required by Sept. 21.

For more information, call 608-388-6712.

## Archery seasons begin in mid-September on post

**BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**

Public Affairs Staff

Both the regular archery/crossbow and cantonment archery seasons begin at Fort McCoy on Sept. 15 at the same time as the opening of the Wisconsin archery season.

The seasons run from Sept. 15 to Nov. 15 and Nov. 26 to Jan. 6, 2019.

"There's always a break in the archery season for the gun-deer season, which is Nov. 17-25 this year," said Wildlife Biologist David Beckmann with the Natural Resources Branch (NRB) of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division. "New for 2018, cantonment archery permit holders are allowed to hunt in the cantonment area during the nine-day gun-deer season. The regular archery hunting season remains closed."

The installation awarded tags to 165 archers for the cantonment archery season, Beckmann said. Each was awarded two antlerless tags.

Cantonment archery rules are different than for regular archery/crossbow hunters, Beckmann said. "For example, crossbows are not allowed to be used for cantonment archery — just regular compound or recurve bows are allowed."

Also, if archery hunters were selected for a cantonment archery tag and also want to be able to hunt areas outside of the cantonment area, they will have to purchase a separate Fort McCoy regular archery tag.

"The Fort McCoy regular archery permits are not part of a drawing like the cantonment archery and gun-deer licenses are," Beckmann said. "Cantonment archery tags are for cantonment archery only, so if you want to archery hunt outside the cantonment area, you will have to purchase that separate regular archery permit."

A Fort McCoy archery permit and a WDNR bow or crossbow hunting license are required to hunt on Fort McCoy for regular archery/crossbow, Beckmann said. Harvest is limited to one deer (antlered or antlerless) with the appropriate WDNR deer harvest authorization.

For cantonment archery hunters, an antlered deer can be harvested only after two antlerless deer or spike buck deer have been harvested, Beckmann said. The Earn-A-Buck authorization will be issued through the Permit Sales Office after confirmation through WDNR registration that the initial two deer have been harvested in the Cantonment Area. Any antlered deer harvested

must be registered using the WDNR archery buck harvest authorization.

Archery hunters also must remember that when hunting with both bow and crossbow, they must have the appropriate Wisconsin bow/crossbow license upgrade. "The upgrade allows for use of either, otherwise you have to choose between just using a bow or just using a crossbow," he said.

Regular Wisconsin archery licenses are \$24 for resident archery and \$24 for resident crossbow. An upgrade on either license is \$3. The Fort McCoy regular archery/crossbow permit is \$17, and the cantonment archery permit is \$13. Fort McCoy also offers an archery antlerless bonus tag for \$12.

People who have more questions on appropriate licensing requirements for Fort McCoy can get answers by visiting the Fort McCoy i-Sportsman page at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> or by calling the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337. For Wisconsin archery rules and regulations, visit [dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wm/WM0431.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wm/WM0431.pdf).

Beckmann said that annually, approximately 800 archery permits are purchased for Fort McCoy, and hunters have had a success rate of about 20 percent. He said the deer numbers for the 2018 seasons look good, as well.

"Our deer populations look really healthy," Beckmann said. "Fawn births were good this year, and we'll know even more after we complete some surveys by early October. Hunters should have plenty of opportunities available."

The installation is averaging more than 30 deer per square mile at the start of the archery season, which Beckmann said bodes well for hunters. "We wish them the best success possible," he said.

Hunters are also reminded that use of any tree stands or blinds must be temporary and must be taken down each day. Also, if hunters succeed in harvesting a deer, that deer must be registered with Wisconsin, which can be done online through the WDNR Go Wild website at <https://gowild.wi.gov>.

Fort McCoy offers hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities to military (active and retired) and their dependents, government employees, and the general public. Revenue generated from the sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping permits is used for the management of fish and wildlife habitat and populations on Fort McCoy.

For more information about the installation's hunting, fishing, and other outdoor opportunities, go online to the Fort McCoy i-Sportsman page at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> or call the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

## ARMYWIDE NEWS

# IMCOM welcomes new commanding general

BY SUSAN A. MERKNER

U.S. Army Installation Management Command Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Bradley A. Becker took command of United States Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) in ceremonies Sept. 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Becker was promoted to lieutenant general immediately before the ceremony by Gen. Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

Becker replaces Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, who had served IMCOM since November 2015.

During Becker's promotion ceremony, Milley said the new IMCOM commander was talented and humble, a man who "is not afraid to speak truth to power. We want servant-leaders in our generals."

At the change of command ceremony, Milley praised IMCOM and its employees, thanking them for generating Army readiness by supporting Soldiers, their families and civilians. "Readiness is much more than manning, equipping and training. Soldiers can't focus exclusively on their combat mission if they think their family is in lousy housing, or has inadequate medical care, or unsafe schools for their children," he said.

Of the Army's 1.1 million Soldiers, 60 percent are married and most have at least two children, Milley said.

Under Dahl's leadership, IMCOM reduced 1,000 positions "which allowed us to apply those resources to build an SFAB (Security Force Assistance Brigade) which is in Afghanistan today," Milley said.

"Every base and installation is important, both in CONUS and overseas," Milley said. "Every single Soldier in the Army passes through IMCOM at some point, and IMCOM is responsible for the readiness of today's Army."

Dahl was the first commanding general of IMCOM who was not dual-hatted as the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. During his remarks at the ceremony,



U.S. Army photo

**LT. GEN. BRADLEY A. BECKER**  
Commanding General, Installation Management Command



Photo by Susan A. Merkner

**Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl (walking, center) is accompanied by Lt. Gen. Bradley A. Becker and Gen. Mark A. Milley at the Installation Management Command change-of-command ceremony Sept. 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.**

Dahl thanked the command's 50,000 employees for their role in providing continuity in the Army's 75 installations.

Despite budget cuts and doubling down on multiple jobs, IMCOM employees are dedicated professionals who keep the day-to-day operations going, providing facilities, utilities, security and recreational opportunities, he said.

"IMCOM provides platforms for readiness, so our Soldiers are fit, trained and ready for combat," said Dahl, who will be retiring from active service later this month.

Becker thanked family and friends for their support and said Dahl built a great team at IMCOM.

"IMCOM touches the lives of every Soldier, civilian and their family members in the Army," Becker said. "What you do every day is truly impressive. I appreciate all you do to keep the Army strong."

The change of command ceremony Sept. 5 included music by the First Armored Division Army Band, the national anthem sung by Sgt. First Class Charmakeitha M. Smith of IMCOM, and an invocation by IMCOM Command Chaplain Col. Yvonne Hudson.

IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Melissa A. Judkins participated in the guidon exchange ceremony with the three generals. The traditional presentation of flowers was held to honor the outgoing and incoming commanding generals' wives, Lt. Col. (R) Celia FlorCruz and Sherri Becker, respectively.

Prior to taking command of IMCOM, Becker was chief, Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Iraq.

He was commander of the Joint Force Headquarters — National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

He previously served as the commanding general, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He has had

several joint assignments and has served in Iraq and Korea, as well as at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and Fort Lewis, Washington.

Becker's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal (second award), the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He has earned the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist and Air Assault identification badges, and is Ranger qualified.

Becker was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the field artillery upon graduating from the University of California at Davis in 1986 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He also holds a master's degree in political science from Auburn University.

IMCOM became an independent command reporting directly to the Chief of Staff of the Army in the fall of 2015. Its geographic regions in the continental United States (CONUS) were reorganized into three directorates based on function — Readiness, Sustainment and Training — and co-located with their supported Army commands (Forces Command, Army Materiel Command, and Training and Doctrine Command, respectively).

The IMCOM directorates outside CONUS were already located with the Army Service Component Commands they supported in Europe and the Pacific. The U.S. Army Environmental Command is also an IMCOM organization and was represented in the ceremony by its commander and command sergeant major. All IMCOM directorates were represented at the Sept. 5 ceremony by their directors and command sergeant majors.

## NEWS NOTES

### Day for Kids is Sept. 15 at Fort McCoy

Fort McCoy's Day for Kids will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 15.

The event starts with a color run at 9 a.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center. Registration is required by Sept. 12.

A variety of activities will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the School Age Center/Youth Center, building 1792, including games, a rock wall, inflatables, and a DJ.

Lunch is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or while supplies last, and door prizes will be given away.

No registration is required. The event is open to the Fort McCoy community; registration with Child and Youth Services is not required.

For more information, call 877-864-4969.

### Fort McCoy Golf Tournament set for Sept. 21

The Fort McCoy Golf Tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 21 at the Hiawatha Golf Course in Tomah.

It costs \$55 per person, and dinner, hole competitions, and door prizes are included. Green and cart fees are not included.

The event is open to the public. Participants must register in teams of four. Registration is required by Sept. 17.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-3696.

### Veterans bass tournament planned for Sept. 23

The 2018 Freedom Fish — Veterans Appreciation Bass Tournament is scheduled for 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 23 in La Crosse.

The tournament is free. Veterans will be paired with a boat owner for a team fishing competition. The competition is limited to 40 veterans and 40 boat owners. (Veterans who own boats can fish in either category.)

For more information or for an application, call 608-782-5552.

### Connect the Tots play group meets Sept. 25

The "Connect the Tots" play group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 25 at Army Community Service Family Building, building 2161.

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

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

Additional play groups are scheduled for Oct. 2, 16, and 30; Nov. 6, 13, and 27; and Dec. 4 and 11.

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



Photo by Theresa Fitzgerald

### History Center visit

Attendees to the 2018 Retiree Appreciation Day make a stop at the Fort McCoy History Center on Sept. 7. The center and the Commemorative Area were open all day for the hundreds of event attendees who came to the installation.

### Hispanic Heritage Month event scheduled for Sept. 27

Fort McCoy's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 27 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The guest speaker is Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Gutierrez, command sergeant major of U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and senior enlisted adviser to the Aberdeen Proving Ground senior commander.

Participants can get lunch on their own from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The presentation starts at noon.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity office at 608-388-6335.

### Meet at McCoy Mingle 1st Wednesday every month

McCoy Mingle, a chance to socialize with other Fort McCoy community members, is held 4-5 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

Food and drink specials will be available. The event is open to the entire Fort McCoy community.

Upcoming dates include Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

### Blended Retirement class planned for Oct. 9

An overview of the Blended Retirement System for military members is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 9 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The Blended Retirement System went into effect Jan. 1.

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

Registration is required by Oct. 2. Call 608-388-3540.

### Parenting workshop set for Oct. 11

"Strengthening Parenting Practices for the Military Family" is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

In this workshop, parents will learn the three R's, tools for solving everyday problems, how to talk to children about military lifestyle issues based on their developmental level, and how to manage emotions when disciplining children.

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

Registration is required by Oct. 1. Call 608-388-7262.

### Port Huron brewery tour scheduled for Oct. 13

A tour of Port Huron Brewing Co. in Wisconsin Dells is scheduled for noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 13.

The tour will depart from and return to McCoy's Community Center, building 1571. It costs \$25 per person and includes transportation, a brewery tour, and beer samples.

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

Registration is required by Oct. 5. Call 608-388-3011.

### Feds Feed Families food drive runs through Oct. 15

The 2018 "Feds Feed Families" food drive is underway at Fort McCoy and will continue through Oct. 15.

The campaign is a voluntary effort by fed-

eral employees to donate nonperishable food items for distribution to local food banks.

Anyone can contribute items to the campaign. Most-requested food and household items donations are canned fruits, proteins, and vegetables; multigrain cereals; grains; soups; 100 percent juice; condiments; healthy snacks; baking goods; hygiene items; paper products; and household items.

Items can be dropped off at the Fort McCoy Commissary, building 1537, during normal business hours.

In 2017, government agencies and employees donated more than 10.4 million pounds of food through the program. More than 2.8 million pounds of food were collected by all Department of Defense participating agencies.

For more information about the Feds Feed Families campaign, visit [www.usda.gov/our-agency/initiatives/feds-feed-families](http://www.usda.gov/our-agency/initiatives/feds-feed-families).

### Be Food Safe during Food Safety Education Month

In observance of Food Safety Education Month in September, the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) joins the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety Inspection Service, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other organizations to help prevent foodborne illnesses.

The "Be Food Safe" message, developed by the CDC and the USDA, is simple: clean, separate, cook, and chill.

To find the latest food-safety alerts and product recalls affecting military commissaries, visit the News Room on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and select the box that says "Food Recall."

### New employees at Fort McCoy

New employees started working in several post organizations in August and September.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Penny Anderson, Tilli Culpitt, Tammy Kime, Kimberly Robertson, and Candace Whitton** — Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

- **Emanuel Miranda, Matthew Reyes, and Scott Schultz** — Directorate of Emergency Services.

- **Sommer Hewitt** — Directorate of Human Resources.

- **Levie Johnson and Michael Riojas** — Equipment Concentration Site-67.

- **William Blanchard Jr.** — Logistics Readiness Center.

- **Dixie Dettinger** — Resource Management Office.

### Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Sept. 28. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication is noon Sept. 19.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

**Recreation**

**Automotive Skills Center:** Building 1763. Open 1-9 p.m. Thurs.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Call 608-388-3013.

**Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS):** Meets 4:30 p.m. third Thurs. of each month at McCoy's Community Center. Call 608-388-3200.

**McCoy's Community Center:** Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Manager has discretion on closing time. Call 608-388-7060.

**Bowling Center:** Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Extreme bowling 4-9 p.m. Fri.

**Leisure Travel Services Office:** Open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

**Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center:** Building 8053. Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. Call 608-388-2619.

**Rumpel Fitness Center:** Building 1122. Open 5 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 5 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri., and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-2290.

**Indoor swimming pool, atrium, sauna and steamroom:** Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fri., and 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

**Sportsman's Range:** Open 3-7 p.m. Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

**Tactics Paintball & Laser Tag:** Open 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Reservations available. Call 800-531-4703.

**Dining**

**Fabrew Coffee:** Building 1538. Open 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun. Call 608-343-6257.

**McCoy's Community Center:** Building 1571. Catering/administration, call 608-388-2065.

**Primo's Express:** Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4-11 p.m. Sat., and 4-10 Sun. Buffet (pizza, pasta, and rotating hot dishes) available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7673.

**Sports bar:** Open 4-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and

4-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Manager has discretion on closing time.

**Snack Avenue:** Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

**Specialty Express Food Court:** Building 1538. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

**Whitetail Ridge Chalet:** Building 8061. Closed for the season. Chalet available year-round for private parties. Call 608-388-3517.

**Services**

**Alteration Shop:** Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

**Barber Shop (Exchange):** Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1710.

**Car Rentals (Enterprise):** Info available at the Exchange, building 1538. Use the phone at the Enterprise sign. Call 608-782-6183 or 800-654-3131; use CDP# 1787245.

**Car Wash:** Building 1568. Offers self-service and automatic bay. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Call 608-388-3544.

**Commissary:** Building 1537. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Early bird/self-checkout open 9-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

**CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel:** Building 2180. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

**Education/Learning Center:** Building 50, room 123. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7311.

**Exchange:** Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

**ID Card/DEERS Section:** Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4563 to verify ID Section is operational.

# facilities services

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**IHG Army Hotels:** Building 51. Open 24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-TEAM (8326).

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

**Laundry Facilities:** Buildings 651, 755, 1671, 1735, 1856, 2002, 2568, 2671, 2763, and 2877. Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy. Civilians and retired military are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800.

**Military Clothing:** Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

**Patriot Outfitters:** Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-269-1115.

**Permit Sales:** Building 2168. Open 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3337.

**Retirement Services Office:** Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Tues. and Thurs.-Fri. Call 608-388-3716.

**R.I.A. Credit Union:** Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Thurs.-Fri. ATMs are located in building 1501 (available 24/7); McCoy's, building 1571; Exchange, building 1538; and IHG Army Hotels, building 51 (available 24/7). Call 608-388-2171.

**Service Station/Express/Class VI:**

Building 1538. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-388-4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7. ATM inside. Cash transactions available during Express hours.

**Visitor Control Center:** Building 35. Call 608-388-4988 for hours.

**Family Support**

**Army Community Service:** Building 2111. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-388-3505.

**Army Substance Abuse Program:** Building 1344. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-388-2441.

**Child Development Center:** Building 1796. Open 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3534/2238.

**Military and Family Life Consultant Program (MFLC):** Building 2111. Provides education, information, and support for anyone affiliated with the military. MFLC services are confidential. Available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

**Red Cross:** Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313 or 608-788-1000.

**School Age/Youth Center:** Building 1792. Activities for youth grades kindergarten through 12. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Open nonschool days 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. for After School Program. Call 608-388-4373.

**Health Care**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** For more information, call 608-388-5955/2441.

**Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program:** Screening and referral services for civilian employees and Family members experiencing difficulties due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/Family discord, or other causes. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

**Fort McCoy Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP):** 24/7 hotline: 608-388-3000.

**Occupational Health Clinic:** Building 2669. Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2414.

**TRICARE:** TRICARE North Region, 877-874-2273; TRICARE West Region, 877-988-9378; TRICARE South Region, 800-444-5445; TRICARE for Life, 866-773-0404; or visit [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil).

**Troop Medical Clinic:** Building 2669. Authorized use only for Extended Combat Training Soldiers on orders of less than 30 days. Personnel on orders for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote and will see off-post providers. Call 608-388-3025.

**Worship**

**Catholic:** Chapel 10, building 1759. Mass at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675. Call 608-388-3528.

**Jewish:** Congregations of Abraham, 1820 Main St., La Crosse, Wis. Call 608-784-2708.

**Mormon:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta,

Wis. Services from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-3377.

**Protestant:** Chapel 1, building 2672. Protestant worship at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel:** Building 2675. Bible study, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wed.

**Spanish Language:** Catholic services in Norwalk at 4 p.m. Sun.; call 608-823-7906. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142.

Call 608-388-3528 for worship schedules in surrounding communities. If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266, and the on-call duty chaplain will be contacted.

**Organizations**

**American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882:** Building 1411. Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Meets at 5 p.m. second Tuesday of each month. Call 608-388-1882.

**American Society of Military Comptrollers:** Meets several times throughout the year. For more information, call Maureen Richardson at 608-269-1912.

**Association of the United States Army - AUSA (Robert B. McCoy Chapter):** For information on meetings, visit [www.mccoysusa.org](http://www.mccoysusa.org).

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

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

**USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy:** Building 1501. **Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.** For more information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email [ehazlett@usowisconsin.org](mailto:ehazlett@usowisconsin.org).

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

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

**DAILY BUGLE CALLS**

5:50 a.m. – First Call • 6 a.m. – Reveille • 6:45 a.m. – Assembly • 7 a.m. – Breakfast • Noon – Mess Call (Dinner) • 5 p.m. – Retreat/To the Colors • 5:45 p.m. – Mess Call (Supper) • 10:30 p.m. – Tattoo • 11 p.m. – Taps

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