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MPs regenerate lethal warrior skills during Operation Blue Shield

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Army Reserve Exercise News Day

Army Reserve military police (MP) Soldiers participated in lethal warrior training at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Blue Shield, a two-week training exercise conducted in August.

Operation Blue Shield is a functional exercise designed to train, challenge, and improve Soldiers' primary skill sets and core MP competencies.

Each year, Operation Blue Shield trains 1,000-1,500 Army Reserve Soldiers.

Pfc. Taylor Bussiere, a military police Soldier with the 302nd Military Police Company based out of Grand Prairie, Texas, said this is her unit's second year attending this training.

Bussiere said she thinks the training makes the Reserve a more capable, combat-ready, lethal force.

Soldiers began with training lanes that focused on their basic skills.

These lanes included land navigation, tactical voice communications, operating a military single-channel radio system, evaluating casualties, performing first aid, and operations on reacting to a chemical or biological attack.

"The reinforcement of the training here and being able to use that training during battle assembly is very beneficial and will keep us combat-ready," Bussiere said.

In addition to their lethal warrior tasks, MP (See MPs, Page 3)



An Army Reserve military police Soldier with the 302nd Military Police Company of Grand Prairie, Texas, conducts a high crawl under barbed wire while participating in lethal warrior skills training during Operation Blue Shield on Aug. 7 at Fort McCoy.

Patriot Warrior

Participants with the 2018 Patriot Warrior exercise conduct an exercise training scenario Aug. 14 that includes a C-17 Globemaster III at the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport at Fort McCoy.

Patriot Warrior is an Air Force Reserve Command exercise providing Reserve Airmen an opportunity to train with joint and international partners in airlift, aeromedical evacuation, and mobility support. See more about the exercise on Page 4.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Continued rail improvements planned at Fort McCoy

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Fort McCoy's rail infrastructure has seen improvements over the past several years, and more work is planned, said Construction Inspection Branch Chief Dan Hanson with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

In 2016, for example, eight on-post rail crossings were removed and replaced with new precast concrete pan-

els and 136-pound rails, Hanson said.

DPW General Engineer John Adams said then that the use of industry-standard 136-pound rails improves the installation's rail capability. The weight designation refers to the weight of each 3-foot section, or 1 yard, of rail.

Construction Inspector Adam Sands said rail-infrastructure work will continue on post with upgrades in rails and ties as part of a two-year project start-

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Regulations define official use of government vehicles

Have you ever noticed a government vehicle parked somewhere you thought it shouldn't be? Did you ever see someone using a government vehicle like it was a privately owned vehicle? If you have, then you've probably wondered whether the drivers of these government vehicles are violating Army regulations or the law.

Tactical vehicle use is governed in the Army by Field Manual (FM) 4-01 and Army Techniques Publication (ATP) 4-11. Specifically, ATP 4-11 gives the company commander overall responsibility for the transportation assets under their command. It states the commander must maintain accountability and visibility of employed transportation assets and personnel.

The commander is to establish unit policies, procedures, and standard operating procedures for the transportation mission. The commander also enforces the principles of supply economy through proper use, care, maintenance, and accountability of individual and organizational equipment and material. ATP 4-11, Appendix G also provides guidance on planning and operating military convoys in the continental United States.

Nontactical vehicles (NTVs) and base commercial equipment (BCE) include any commercial motor vehicle, trailer, material handling, or engineering equipment that carries passengers or cargo acquired for administrative, direct mission, or operational support of military functions. Sedans, station wagons, carryalls, vans, and buses, leased or owned, are considered nontactical. These specifically include vehicles leased from the General Services Administration.

Army Regulation 58-1, "Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles," prescribes policies, responsibilities, and procedures for the management, acquisition, and use of Army-owned, Army-leased, or otherwise controlled NTVs.

Also, the Logistics Readiness Center McCoy Motor Vehicle Management and Use Standard Operating Procedure sets forth the rules governing what can and can't be done while driving an Army-owned, -leased or otherwise controlled motor vehicle.

Operators of a government nontactical motor vehicle must:

- ensure a vehicle is used for official business only.
- possess required license(s), permits, identification, and proof of accident-avoidance training in the past four years.
- ensure no smoking or use of any tobacco products in the vehicle.

- ensure all vehicle occupants are wearing seat belts prior to operating the vehicle. Use of seat belts is mandatory.
- ensure cellphones are not used unless the vehicle is safely parked or using a hands-free device.
- obey all motor-vehicle laws. All violations are the personal liability of the operator.
- obtain written authorization to use the vehicle more than 100 miles outside of Fort McCoy.

The use of Army-owned or -controlled NTVs is restricted to official purposes only. A government vehicle may not be used for private business, private social functions, personal errands, personal convenience, recreation, or side trips for unofficial purposes.

NTVs must not be used for transportation to or be parked at commissaries, post exchanges (including all concessions), bowling alleys, officer and noncommissioned officer clubs,



Soldiers drive military tactical vehicles in a convoy Aug. 14 on South Post during operations for Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02 at Fort McCoy.

or any nonappropriated-fund activity unless personnel using the vehicles are on official government business or temporary duty (TDY) travel. Using a government vehicle to travel to or from commercial entertainment facilities is not authorized. Furthermore, using an NTV for travel between a residence and place of duty is prohibited.

In limited circumstances, government vehicles may be provided to personnel in receipt of valid TDY orders to assist in mission performance. TDY personnel have more latitude in the use of a government vehicle provided to them and should check with the Transportation Motor Pool for permissible uses.

The joint travel regulations define use of NTVs for personnel while on TDY assignments. These include:

- Transportation may be provided between lodgings and duty stations for personnel on TDY when public or commercial services are inadequate or nonexistent. The TDY status of an individual does not necessarily justify the use of an NTV. Use of NTVs will always be predicated on need, distance involved, and other conditions that justify their use. When an adequate Department of Defense (DOD), public, or commercial transportation system is available, the use of any individual NTV or commercial rental car is prohibited.

- When a DOD-owned or controlled NTV is authorized for use while on TDY, the NTV will be operated between places where the person's presence is required for official business or between such places and temporary lodgings. When public transportation is not available or its use is impractical, the use of DOD-owned or controlled NTVs is authorized between places of business, lodging, eating establishments, places of worship, and similar places required for the comfort, health, and welfare of the member.

The unauthorized or willful misuse of an Army-owned or -controlled motor vehicle may be cause for disciplinary actions. Civilian personnel shall be suspended from duty without compensation for at least one month or summarily removed from office if circumstances warrant.

Military personnel who willfully misuse or authorize the misuse of any government tactical or non-tactical vehicle may be disciplined under the provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other administrative procedures deemed appropriate.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office, Installation Legal Office, and the Logistics Readiness Center Transportation Division.)

Reporting incidents

Remember, personnel are never anonymous while driving a government vehicle. Potential violators can be reported to the installation transportation officer at 608-388-3966 or the fleet manager at 608-388-5279.

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Soldiers trained on internment and detainee operations, weapons qualification, biometrics, reflexive fire, military operations on urban terrain, nonlethal tasers, and MP battle drills.

“All these individual Soldier tasks and battle drills are a foundation that we’ve lost touch with after years of combat in a nonstandard area,” said Lt. Col. Joseph Adamson, commander of the 384th MP Battalion of Fort Wayne, Ind. “Seeing these (noncommissioned officers) embrace the field craft and share it with other soldiers is really encouraging.”

Adamson said he looks forward to the confidence his Soldiers will develop in their abilities to perform their duties both in garrison and in a deployed environment.

“They have to have confidence in their team and in their abilities to move toward that desired end state,” said Adamson. “A lot of Soldiers, when they’re riding home on the bus, they’re 8 feet tall and bullet-proof because they completed more than they thought they could accomplish.”

“They have a sense of purpose and direction.” Adamson said.



Military police receive a briefing on describing enemy activity while participating in lethal warrior skills training Aug. 7 at Fort McCoy.

Troops build combat skills in many areas during CSTX 86-18-02



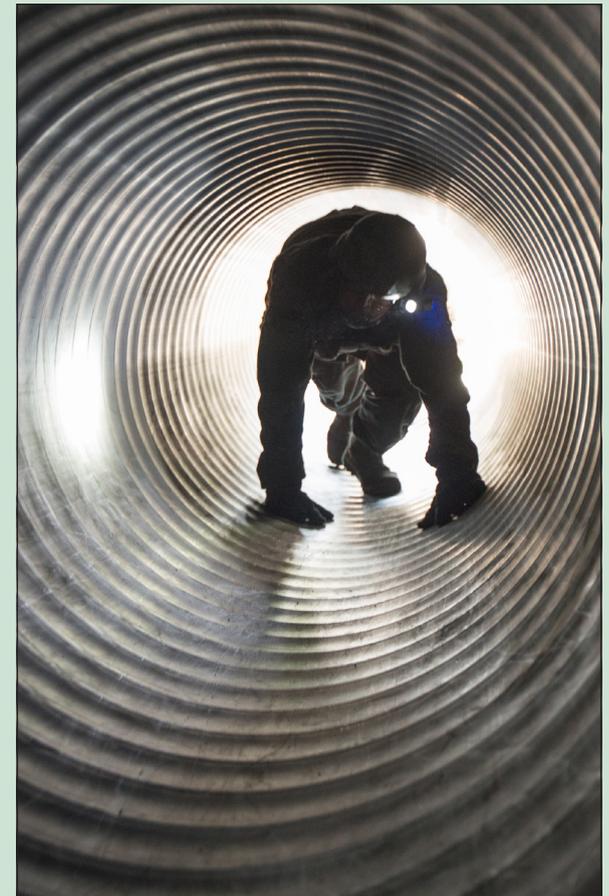
Soldiers with the 773rd Transportation Company practice their marksmanship skills Aug. 12 on the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) 2000 during Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-18-02 operations at Fort McCoy. The EST 2000 and numerous other simulation training platforms were in use for the exercise.



Staff Sgt. Jackson Casto (standing), 342nd Military Police Company, 391st Military Police Battalion, 300th Military Police Brigade, provides security Aug. 14 during a casualty training scenario for Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02 at Fort McCoy. This was the second CSTX of 2018 for the 86th Training Division.



Pfc. Devon Douthit, 465th Engineer Company, 416th Engineer Command, shovels concrete from the shoot of an M5-Concrete Mobile Mixer during work on a troop project Aug. 16 during Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02 at Fort McCoy.



Photos by Spc. John Russell/86th Training Division

An Army Reserve Soldier with the 376th Engineer Fire-fighter Detachment navigates his way through a building collapse simulator at at Fort McCoy's Combined Arms Collective Training Facility on Aug. 13 during action for Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-18-02. Thousands of service members trained at Fort McCoy for CSTX from Aug. 4-24.

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Airmen and Soldiers gather during Exercise Patriot Warrior for cyber defense training Aug. 8 at Fort McCoy. Patriot Warrior is an Air Force Reserve Command exercise providing an opportunity for Reserve Airmen to train with joint partners in a combat-support training exercise.

Air Force, Army cyber mission defense teams operate together during Patriot Warrior

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Exercise Patriot Warrior fostered the close relationship between Army and Air Force communication elements, as members of both services partnered for the first time in a cyber combat support training exercise Aug. 8 at Fort McCoy. The exercise provided Airmen and Soldiers with opportunities to practice cyber skills in highly challenging environments.

“We have to stay ready at all times to defend our networks at home and abroad,” said Senior Airman Christopher Hillen, 911th Communication Squadron Cyber Defense Team operator. “This exercise is so important. Once we get deployed and experience different situations, we’re going to lean on the training we received here and apply it to real-world situations.”

One part of Patriot Warrior allowed Air Force and Army personnel to interact and train together in realistic scenarios, providing both services with unique perspectives on the exercise and future missions.

“These scenarios provide our Soldiers and also the Airmen with a very realistic outlook on what both entities could expect in the real world,” said Maj. Robert Bell, 261st Theater Tactical Signal Brigade operations and plans officer. “Everyone learns great lessons in trainings like this, it develops different skills that

each other has learned and also builds confidence in our Airmen and Soldiers.”

Patriot Warrior comprises joint forces from throughout the country to showcase deployment capabilities. The exercise hosted Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel from 22 different bases.

“Working with other services is an invaluable experience for our Airmen and their development as cyber operators,” said Maj. Bennett Reid, 911th director of operations. “With this being the first time that we’ve integrated with the Army in a cyber combat support training exercise, it allowed us to see areas in which we aren’t as strong and fix the issue as team.

“We got to work with a network we’d never seen before, and we had to learn how to get plugged into our weapon system which we had to learn, but it helped us understand how to operate other networks outside of our comfort zone.”

Exercises like Patriot Warrior provide critical contingency oriented skills for all members who participate, but there was also a bigger picture in mind for some.

“The way the fight is won nowadays is through cyberspace,” said Tech Sgt. Christian Coleman, 911th Communications Squadron cyberspace operations controller. “All branches continue to evolve as the battlefield changes, and now the World Wide Web is where we have to maintain dominance.”



Airmen and Soldiers work together Aug. 8 at a location on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy for cyber mission defense for the Patriot Warrior exercise.

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Fort McCoy observes National Preparedness Month in September

National Preparedness Month (NPM), recognized each September, provides an opportunity to prepare for potential disasters. The 2018 theme is “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.”

Take time to learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid. Check insurance policies for coverage of local hazards, such as flood, wildfires, and tornados. Consider the costs associated with disasters and save for emergencies. Learn how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017 reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often, we will be the first ones in our communities to take action after a disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community.

The goal of NPM is to increase the number of individuals, families, and communities that prepare for emergencies at home, work, businesses, and schools. The 2018 weekly themes for NPM are week one (Sept. 1-8): Make and Practice Your Plan; week two (Sept. 9-15): Learn Life-Saving Skills; week three

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018



Disasters Happen

PREPARE NOW

LEARN HOW

(Sept. 17-23): Check Your Insurance Coverage; and week four (Sept. 24-30): Save For an Emergency.

The Army's primary means of promoting NPM is through Ready Army, a proactive community-awareness campaign promoting

preparedness throughout the Army. The Ready Army website, www.ready.army.mil, provides various sources of information and resources for successful emergency planning. Visit <https://www.ready.gov/september> for more information on NPM and resources to help prepare for the unexpected.

Further information will be posted on Fort McCoy social media throughout the month.

Responsibility for the safety and resiliency of the Army lies with each member of the Army family. Engagement among Army leaders, Soldiers, families, and civilians is pivotal to highlighting the role each person plays in preparedness.

During this year's observance of NPM, the Fort McCoy Emergency Management Office will place informational displays on planning for a disaster in the lobby of McCoy's Community Center, building 1571; South Post Housing Office, building 6158; and the Exchange, building 1538.

For more information about preparing for disasters or requesting materials be provided to your office, call 608-388-2763.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Emergency Management Office.)

Department of Defense announces policy change on transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department issued a substantive change recently to its policy on the transfer by service members in the uniformed services of Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits to eligible family member recipients.

Effective one year from the date of this change, eligibility to transfer those benefits will be limited to service members with less than 16 years of total active-duty or selected reserve service, as applicable.

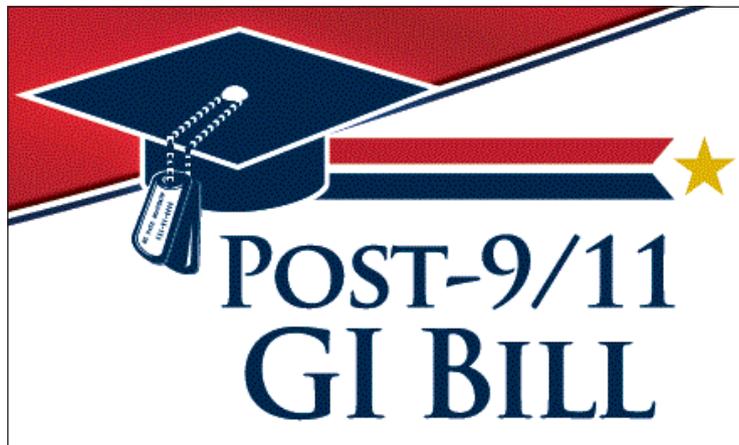
Previously, there were no restrictions on when a service member could transfer educational benefits to his/her family members.

The provision that requires a service member to have at least six years of service to apply to transfer benefits remains unchanged in the policy.

“After a thorough review of the policy, we saw a need to focus on retention in a time of increased growth of the armed forces,” said Stephanie Miller, director of accessions policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

“This change continues to allow career service members that earned this benefit to share it with their family members while they continue to serve.”

This change is an important



step to preserve the distinction of transferability as a retention incentive, she added.

If service members fail to fulfill their service obligation because of a “force shaping” event — such as officers involuntarily separated as a result of being twice passed over for promotion or enlisted personnel who are involuntarily separated as a result of failure to meet minimum retention standards, such as high year of tenure — the change will allow them to retain their eligibility to transfer education benefits even if they haven't served the entirety of their obligated service commitment

through no fault of their own.

All approvals for transferability of Post-9/11 GI bill continue to require a four-year commitment in the armed forces and, more importantly, the member must be eligible to be retained for four years from the date of election, officials said.

The policy affects service members in the uniformed services, which includes the U.S. Coast Guard as well as the commissioned members of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Article prepared by Defense Media Activity.)

Policy prohibits GPS-enabled devices while deployed

WASHINGTON — Deployed service members are going to have to ditch their geolocation devices in response to a new memo from Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan. This includes physical fitness aids, applications in phones that track locations, and other devices and apps that pinpoint and track the location of individuals.

“Effective immediately, Defense Department personnel are prohibited from using geolocation features and functionality on government and nongovernment-issued devices, applications and services while in locations designated as operational areas,” Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Robert Manning III said Aug. 6.

Deployed personnel are in operational areas, and commanders will make a determination on other areas where this policy may apply.

The market for these devices has exploded over the past few years, with many service members incorporating them into their workout routines. They use the devices and applications to track their pace, running routes, calories burned, and more. These devices then store the information and upload it to central servers where it can be shared with third parties. That information can present enemies with information on military operations.

“The rapidly evolving market of devices, applications, and services with geolocation capabilities presents a significant risk to the Department of Defense (DOD) personnel on and off duty and to our military operations globally,” Manning said.

GPS capabilities can expose personal information, locations, routines, and numbers of DOD personnel. Their use in overseas locations “potentially create unintended security consequences and increased risk to the joint force and mission,” Manning said.

Personal phones and other portable devices also contain apps that rely on GPS technology, and they will be affected. Commanders will be responsible for implementing the policy, and they will be allowed to make exceptions only after conducting thorough risk assessments.

Security is at the heart of this guidance. The DOD is seeking a balanced way that allows for legitimate official and personal uses of geolocation technology that does not affect security.

(Article prepared by Department of Defense News.)

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Fort McCoy police officer serves in both green, blue uniforms

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Officer Dustin J. Dunse is more than just a police officer with the Fort McCoy Police Department; he is also an Army Reserve Soldier with the 102nd Military Police (MP) Company, 200th MP Command, out of Fond du Lac, Wis.

Dunse, a Wisconsin native, said he knows that as a Reservist, he needs to be lethal, capable, and combat-ready in case his unit mobilizes for deployment. Because he is a law-enforcement officer in the Reserve as well as in his civilian job, it is easier for him to maintain that standard.

“Being a Reserve Soldier, we don’t get that much time for training because it’s just one weekend a month or two weeks out of the year, and then you go back to your civilian job. For me, it’s the same thing,” said Dunse.

During his civilian job, Dunse spends his days either patrolling Fort McCoy or working at the post entry control point. He does this not only because it’s his job, but also because he knows he is supporting the Soldiers visiting there by ensuring they are able to train in a safe environment.

“The main focus is to support the Soldiers,” Dunse said. “That’s really our most impactful or most purposeful reason for being here is to support them.”

Dunse said he personally knows the value of Soldiers having a safe environment in



Police officer Dustin Dunse with the Directorate of Emergency Services drives his patrol car near the Exchange Aug. 7 at Fort McCoy.

which they can train. When it comes time for the 102nd to conduct their monthly Battle Assembly, Officer Dunse becomes Spc. Dunse.

He said he firmly believes that being a police officer at Fort McCoy benefits his career as an MP in the Reserve.

“Being an MP and police officer goes hand in hand,” Dunse said. “It doesn’t matter which job I’m at; it all kind of goes together.”



Photo by Spc. John Russell/86th Training Division

MP in action

Pfc. Jeremy Jackson, 342nd Military Police Company, 200th Military Police Command, fires an M2 .50-caliber machine gun during a convoy training scenario Aug. 14 for Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-02 at Fort McCoy. The 86th held the exercise as part of the U.S. Army Reserve commanding general’s Combat Support Training Program. Thousands of service members with the Army, such as military police, as well as other military services and foreign militaries participated in the multinational exercise.

NEWS

Fort McCoy brings big presence to county National Night Out event

Representatives with Fort McCoy's Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) took numerous vehicles and equipment to support the 16th annual Monroe County National Night Out (NNO) event Aug. 7 in Tomah, Wis.

Hundreds of people attended the event, which was held at Tomah's Winnebago Park. Introduced in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is a nonprofit crime-prevention organization that works in cooperation with thousands of crime-watch groups and law-enforcement agencies throughout the country.

Representatives of the Tomah Police Department said local officials know it helps build relationships that help create safe communities.

Fort McCoy police and fire department support for NNO included having a technician teach about child safety seats; a bicycle instructor discuss bicycle safety; and people to coordinate Operation Family Safe, which provides free ID cards for children, said Police Liaison Robert Bills with DES.

Fort McCoy personnel provided service to 65 families for the National Night Out event, said DES Police Detective Chase Laffea, who leads Operation Family Safe for Fort McCoy. At the same event in 2017, Fort McCoy personnel provided support to 30 families.

"With the addition of an additional ID station, we doubled the children helped from 2017 to 2018," Bills said. "This is one of the most requested services that parents ask about at these events."

Police vehicles and equipment on display included a police all-terrain side-by-side vehicle, a snowmobile, police cruiser with new cameras installed, the Buckle Bear/remote car demonstration, and an interactive and educational display for people on proper 911 usage.

Fire department personnel set up a ladder fire truck and the department's smoke house. Plus fire department personnel were on hand to answer questions about fire prevention.

More than 40 not-for-profit organizations also had various exhibits, information booths, and displays on subjects like nutrition, school bus safety, weather storm spotting, parenting, water safety, home electricity safety, seatbelt use, boating safety, all-terrain vehicle safety, poison control, mental health, and first aid.

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



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

A ladder fire truck belonging to Fort McCoy's Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department is shown on static display Aug. 7 at Winnebago Park in Tomah, Wis., for the Monroe County National Night Out event.



Children are supervised by a Fort McCoy firefighter as they go through the smokehouse simulation trailer Aug. 7 during the National Night Out event in Tomah, Wis.



National Night Out attendees visit a static display area Aug. 7 for the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department in Tomah, Wis.

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Threat Management Team holds eighth meeting at Fort McCoy

The eighth annual meeting of the Fort McCoy Threat Management Team gathered Aug. 9 at McCoy's Community Center.

This annual meeting provides an opportunity for the Fort McCoy Threat Working Group to meet outside of their normal forum and network with local, state, and federal professionals whose daily mission is to remain vigilant to the many threats faced today.

The team is a collective of professionals in security, intelligence, law enforcement, emergency management, military, and the Fort McCoy community, according to the Fort McCoy Security Office, which is part of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

During the one-day meeting, attendees received a briefings from several guest speakers, including the La Crosse (Wis.) Fire Department, Wisconsin Bureau of Recovery and Response, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin State Information Center, and the Defense Personnel and Security Research Center.

Fort McCoy Security Office representatives also provided information and displays on the installation's training capabilities and opportunities.

The meeting also serves as part of activities for the installation's observance of August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month.

The intent of the month's observance is to instill and sustain communitywide heightened awareness and vigilance to protect all Army critical resources and personnel from acts of terrorism.

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



Paul Cooke (right), director of the Wisconsin Bureau of Recovery and Response, addresses attendees at the 2018 Threat Management Team meeting Aug. 9 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy.

Photos by Bill Coppertoll



First Sgt. Nicholas Sosa with the 54th Civil Support Team of the Wisconsin National Guard addresses attendees about civil support team capabilities Aug. 9 during the meeting.



Capt. Blaine Neher with the La Crosse, Wis., Fire Department discusses capabilities of the La Crosse County Hazardous Material Team on Aug. 9.



Michael Hemberger, criminal analyst with the Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center, covers the latest updates and information from the center Aug. 9.

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Contractors unload materials to be used for projects to upgrade the installation's rail system July 17 at the Fort McCoy rail yard. Work has already begun on some upgrades.

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ing this year.

"Construction on (rail lines) south of Highway 21 on post will be completed this year with construction ending later this fall," Sands said. "Construction will then pick back up in the spring of 2019 on the north side of Highway 21 on the cantonment area until completion."

DPW Engineering Division Chief Daniel Coburn has put a lot of effort into getting the rail-improvement project rolling, Hanson said. Coburn worked with the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) of McAlester, Okla., in 2015 to complete a site visit and provide an estimate on how much work needs to be done.

By 2016, MCAAP provided the estimate, which calls for the replacement of thousands of ties, thousands of feet of track, and other related work. MCAAP personnel will be completing the work.

And even though the construction will continue for an extended time, Sands said the installation's rail capabilities will not falter.

"There are many people and organizations involved with coordinating rail movements at Fort McCoy during this process," Sands said. "For McCoy will be mission capable throughout the construction process."

Sands said coordination between personnel with MCAAP and the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Transportation Division will ensure that mission readiness.

"This will minimize any delays for receiving rail-loaded material here, and for rail missions essential for Fort McCoy's overall mission," Sands said.

From the earliest days of Fort McCoy's nearly 110-year history, railways have played an important role in the post's mission, said LRC Transportation Division Chief D.J. Eckland. Whether it was transporting troops in for training during World War II or bringing in equipment and supplies for a present-day exercise on post, rail continues to be a primary mode of transportation at the installation.



A new loading ramp built to support Fort McCoy's rail system is shown Aug. 1 at the rail yard on the cantonment area.

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ABOUT POST



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Fort McCoy Job Fair

Fort McCoy community members participated in a job fair Aug. 14 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy. The Fort McCoy Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and the Non-appropriated Fund Human Resources Office with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the job fair. More information about U.S. government jobs and how to apply is available online at www.usajobs.gov.



Photo by Theresa Fitzgerald

Commemorative Area visitors

Adults and children visit the installation's historic Commemorative Area on Aug. 18 at Fort McCoy. Dozens of people took advantage of a special Saturday opening of the area. The area is managed by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Flag lowered for Korean War veteran

The United States flag flies at half-staff on the garrison flagpole 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. On April 23, Ketchum's remains were accounted for, and on Aug. 14, Ketchum was buried with full military honors in Superior, Wis.

OBSERVANCES**Women's Equality Day: Voting more than putting ballot in box****BY AIMEE MALONE***Public Affairs Staff*

Fort McCoy held its Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 13 at McCoy's Community Center, celebrating the 98th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

The guest speaker was Sylvia Carey-Butler, associate vice chancellor for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Carey-Butler has a doctorate in higher education administration and policy and has worked in education for more than 35 years.

"Since the period of the American Revolution, successive generations have embodied the steady progress toward the ideal of true government by the consent of the governed," Carey-Butler said.

Voting is about more than putting a ballot into a box or even picking who will represent you in Congress, she said.

"The suffragettes were correct in their estimation that the ballot represented power, self-protection, and the means by which many wrongs could be made right," Carey-Butler said. "There would be no justice without all man and womankind possessing the ... right to vote."

The women's suffrage movement grew out of the abolitionist movement, and the civil-rights movement drew from both. The opposition each faced was rooted in similar causes, and it's important to understand why people believe something in order to argue against it, Carey-Butler said.

"The call to enfranchise women with the right to vote was, in some instances, viewed as an insult on the notion of tradition and institutions ... long accepted," she said.

While biblical explanations of the roles of women were one tactic used to argue against the suffrage movement, others sought biological and scientific reasons why women were naturally more suited and inclined to the home and not the wider world.

"This was designed to appeal to people who needed a scientific justification for their beliefs, very much in the way that both biblical curses and scientific racism were conjured up in order to deny Africans of their liberty or native inhabitants of this land their right to co-occupy," Carey-Butler said.

"Just as suffragettes had to battle institutions — legal, political, social, and religious — that impeded women's progress toward equality, they also had to battle ideology. Ideology that battled and buttressed all those institutions."

Opponents of the movement used scare tactics to argue for the status quo, Carey-Butler said. They said politically active women would neglect their children, which would increase juvenile delinquency.

"Tyranny is always sparked by fear," she said. "If (women) got the right to vote, we would

*Photo by Scott T. Sturkol*

Sylvia Carey-Butler, associate vice chancellor for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, gives her presentation during the Fort McCoy observance of Women's Equality Day on Aug. 13 at Fort McCoy, Wis.

be on intellectual footing with men. Women would be informed on political issues. Women would have discussions and disagreements — and of course, sometimes disagreements with men."

While suffragettes sometimes disagreed — such as why suffrage was important or the means to achieve it — it's important to recognize they were one of the first groups to embrace diversity in pursuit of allies and the cause, Carey-Butler said. For example, a women's group in New York campaigned

in 24 different languages in order to reach immigrant populations and recruit those men to their cause.

"We owe much to the powerful women of the movement for undertaking an initiative in diversity, inclusion, and finding common ground across cultures," she said.

Lt. Col. Sheila Coker, Fort McCoy deputy garrison commander, thanked Carey-Butler for her presentation and spoke about how the push for diversity sparked partly by the women's suffrage movement could be seen

today in the Army.

"Look at this room. We are diversity," Coker said.

"What a great profession that we're a part of where we're not limited by our race, our ethnicity, our religious background, (or) our gender."

The Women's Equality Day observance was organized by the Fort McCoy Equal Opportunity (EO) Office. For more information about EO events and services, call 608-388-6153.

COMMUNITY

Installation earns top honors in Army OPSEC Awards competition

The **Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Security Branch** and staff recently were recognized for achieving top recognition in the 2017 Army Operations Security (OPSEC) Achievement Awards competition.

Fort McCoy has been recognized for its achievements in three categories.

Fort McCoy's **Michael Modawell** earned third place in the individual achievement category and the installation earned both two first-place finishes in the Multimedia (Posters/T-shirts) Achievement Award category and the Multimedia (Video) Achievement Award category.

"This is a great achievement for everyone at Fort McCoy," said David Cochran, chief of the DPTMS Security Branch that oversees the post OPSEC program.

Awards like this are possible only through the collaborative efforts of the DPTMS Security Branch, Visual Information Branch, and support from the Fort McCoy leadership and workforce, Cochran said.

According to Army Regulation 530-1, "Operations Security," OPSEC is a process of identifying critical information and analyzing friendly actions attendant to military operations and other activities.

Additionally, OPSEC protects sensitive and critical

information from adversary observation and collection in ways that traditional security programs cannot.

The Army OPSEC Achievement Awards recognize Army personnel and organizations for significant OPSEC accomplishments and the creative and innovative application of techniques, methods to solve problems related to OPSEC and the promotion of OPSEC programs through the creation of OPSEC awareness products, such as videos and other media, Cochran said.

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

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: 3-in-One bottles

Archaeologists with Colorado State University's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands unearthed three 3-in-One oil bottles fitted for cork stoppers during a past dig site at Fort McCoy that had evidence of military training dating to 1910.

The glass bottles were made by a process called pressing or molding the glass, which was part of the automation of glass manufacturing after the turn of the century. This process involved blowing or pressing hot glass into a mold (typically steel) with the desired lettering.

Glass bottles were made with embossed lettering to identify the bottle product as well as to act as advertising for the company. Later, paper labels replaced or were used in addition to embossed glass lettering.

The bottles found on Fort McCoy were used to hold oil, most likely used to clean and protect metal surfaces on military guns.

In 1894, 3-in-One oil was invented by George W. Cole of Asbury Park, N.J. He wanted a product that would lubricate, clean, and prevent rust on the metal bicycle parts. These three functions resulted in the product name of 3-in-One.

The manufacturer's name was changed from G.W. Cole to 3-in-One Oil Co. in 1905, and it was during this time that bottles with raised lettering of "3-IN-ONE" were sold with cork stoppers.

Metal screw top caps replaced the cork stoppers on 3-in-One bottles in 1910. This places the date of manufacture for these bottles between 1905 and 1910.

All archaeological work conducted at Fort McCoy was coordinated by the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

Visitors and employees are reminded they should not collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals.

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

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

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



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

Shown are three 3-in-One oil bottles found during a past archaeological dig at Fort McCoy. The bottles, which date to around 1910, were used to hold oil, most likely used to clean and protect metal surfaces on military guns that were in use at Fort McCoy at the time.

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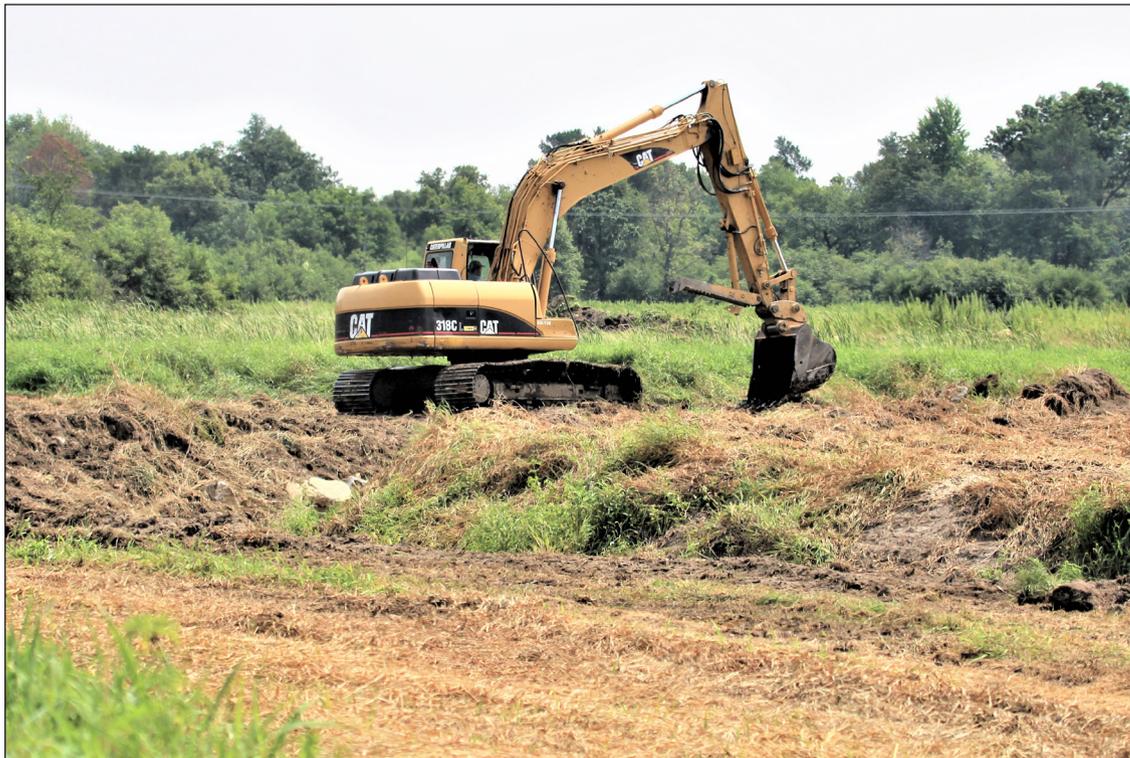


Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Stream improvement

A heavy equipment operator who is with a work crew from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) uses an excavator to complete work on improving stream banks Aug. 14 on South Post at Fort McCoy. The work along Silver Creek is a continuing effort by the WDNR in partnership with Fort McCoy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to not only improve stream flow and erosion control, but also improve fish habitat. At Fort McCoy, the work is coordinated with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Stillwell Dam work

Contractor Terra Engineering of Madison, Wis., is shown completing construction for a new spillway and slope repair for Stillwell Lake on South Post on Aug. 14 at Fort McCoy. Stillwell is one of two lakes having improvements made to the spillways and slopes for the lakes in summer 2018.

Fort McCoy RSO holds Centershot Archery for post community

The Fort McCoy Religious Support Office (RSO) recently facilitated an eight-week summer children's ministry event using the Centershot Archery Program.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Pritchett, RSO noncommissioned officer in charge, stood up the ministry for 2018.

This effort included recruiting and procuring training for six volunteers new to the program and one previous year volunteer.

The 2018 Centershot Archery Program provided archery training and biblical instruction to seven families, including 17 children and nine parents.

Families shared meals and studied the Bible together under Pritchett's direction, and children and parents alike learned the essential basics of free shooting archery according to the standards and guidelines of the National Archery in the Schools Program.

To learn more about this program and other services and activities offered by the RSO, call 608-388-3528 or stop by building 2675.

(Article prepared by the Religious Support Office.)



Photo by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Raymond Leach/Religious Support Office

Fort McCoy community members participate in some archery shooting Aug. 16 for the Centershot Archery Program at an area on South Post at Fort McCoy.

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Be aware of social-media limits on political activities

The U.S. Office of Special Council (OSC) and the Department of Defense (DOD) Public Affairs Office have published guidance regarding political activities that addresses issues raised by the use of social media (blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, Tumblr, LinkedIn, etc.) by service members and civilian employees.

With the election season currently upon us, now is a good time for all federal government employees to review the restrictions placed on political activities. The first part of this article lists the generally restricted and allowed political activities followed by an explanation of how the general rules apply to social media.

Civilian employees and service members cannot run for partisan political offices. They cannot use official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election. Soliciting or receiving political contributions is prohibited.

Civilian employees and service members cannot engage in political activity while on duty or in the federal workplace, while wearing an official uniform or displaying official insignias identifying the office or position of the DOD employee, or while using government-owned or -leased vehicles or resources. They also cannot wear political buttons on duty.

Civilian employees and service members may register, vote, express personal opinions, and encourage others to exercise their voting rights. They may join political clubs and attend political meetings and rallies as spectators when not in uniform. They also may make monetary contributions to political organizations.

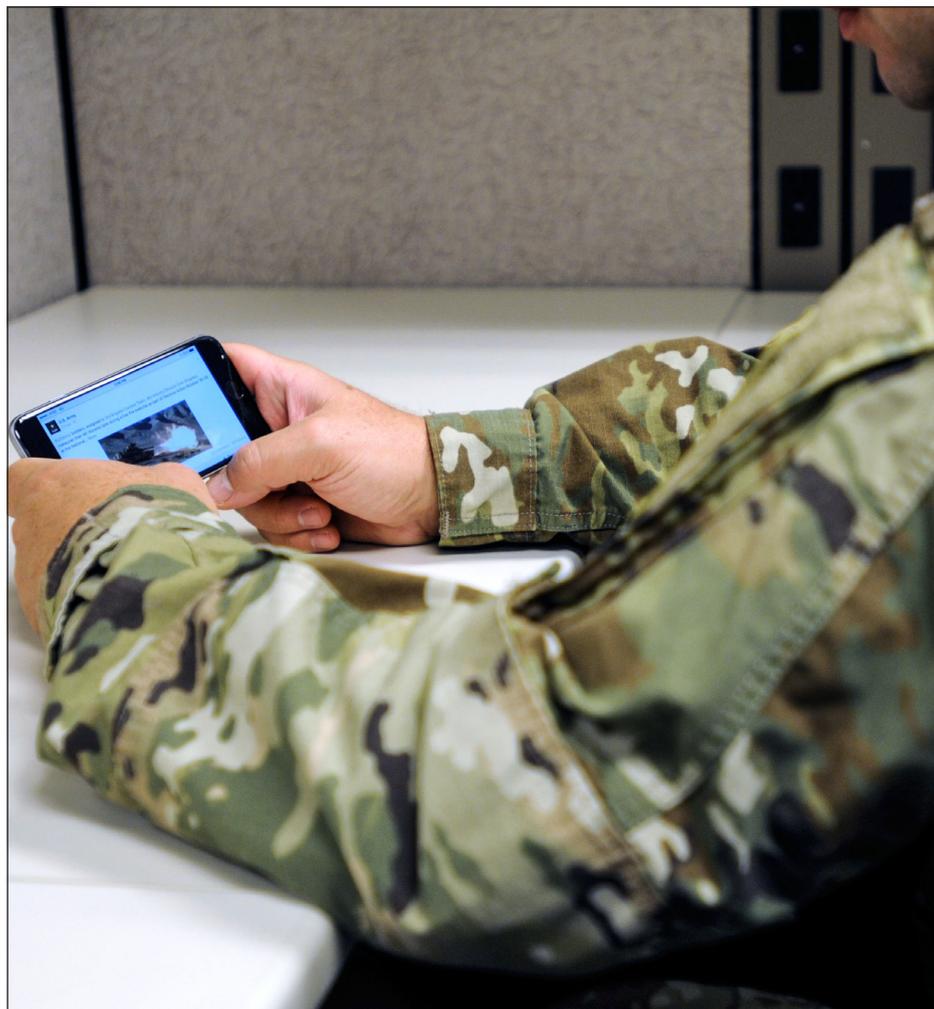
Employees and service members may sign petitions for specific legislative actions; write letters to the editor expressing personal views; and display bumper stickers on private vehicles, provided that the bumper stickers are consistent with good order and discipline on the installation.

(The previous-listed activities are not a complete list of prohibited or allowed political activities. Refer to DOD Directive 1344.10 or the servicing legal office for complete guidance.)

The guidance issued by OSC and DOD concerning social media and political activities is based on the following basic concepts. Be aware that prohibitions placed on active-duty service members are stricter than those imposed upon civilian employees in some instances.

While federal employees are not prohibited from expressing their opinions concerning partisan political candidates and political parties, they are prohibited from activities that are directed at the success or failure of those candidates or groups while they are on duty or in a federal workplace.

Federal employees are prohibited from advocating for or against a political party, partisan political group, or candidate for partisan public office through a blog,



U.S. Army photo

Service members and federal employees are reminded to review rules on social media and political activities, according to the Installation Legal Office.

Facebook, Twitter, or any other social-media platform while they are on duty or in the federal workplace. However, doing so off duty and away from the federal workplace is permissible.

Employees may not refer to their official titles or positions with the government while advocating for or against political candidates or groups. The inclusion of a federal employee's official title or position on a social-media profile, without more, is not considered an improper use of official authority to bolster posted statements.

Federal employees are prohibited from soliciting, accepting, or receiving political contributions at any time. At no time should they suggest or ask anyone to contribute to a political party, partisan political candidate, or partisan political group. Further, they should not provide links to the contribution pages of any of those entities' websites.

Federal employees who are "friends" with their subordinate employees or have "followers" who are subordinate employees

may advocate for or against a political group or candidate, provided the supervisor's statements are directed at all of his or her Facebook friends or Twitter followers.

Such statements may not be directed specifically toward subordinate employees, or to a subset of friends that includes subordinates, such as by sending a Facebook message to a subordinate employee, posting a partisan political comment on a subordinate employee's Facebook page, direct messaging a subordinate employee, or sending a tweet directed at the subordinate employee. A supervisor also may not send political email to subordinate employees.

Federal employees are prohibited from soliciting, accepting, or receiving political contributions at any time; however, they are not responsible for the acts of a third party, even if the third party's actions appear on their social-media webpages. If a federal employee's friend posts a link to a contribution page or otherwise solicits political contributions, the employee does not need to take any action.

The same advice applies to any tweets directed at a federal employee. However, the federal employee should not like, share, or retweet the solicitation or respond in any way that would encourage other readers to donate.

If an employee receives an invitation from the party, group, or candidate to a fundraising event via Facebook or Twitter, the employee may not share that invitation with others.

Federal employees are prohibited from engaging in political activity while on duty or in a federal workplace. Thus, if they are a friend of or like a political party, partisan political group, or partisan candidate on Facebook or follow such entities on Twitter, they should not engage in activities with respect those entities' social-media accounts during duty hours or while in the federal workplace.

The following guidance from DOD applies specifically to active-duty service members. Service members may generally express their own personal views on public issues or political candidates via social-media platforms much the same as they would be permitted to write a letter to the editor of a newspaper.

However, if the social-media site/post identifies the member as on active duty (or if the member is otherwise reasonably identifiable as an active-duty member), then the entry must state clearly and prominently that the views expressed are those of the individual only and not those of the DOD.

An active-duty member may not post or make direct links to a political party, partisan political candidate, campaign, group, or cause because such activity is the equivalent of distributing literature on behalf of those entities or individuals, which is prohibited.

An active-duty member may not post or comment on the Facebook pages or tweet at the Twitter accounts of a political party or partisan political candidate, campaign, group, or cause, as such activity would be engaging in partisan political activity, which is also prohibited.

An active-duty member may become a friend of, or like, the Facebook page or follow the Twitter account of a political party or partisan candidate, campaign, group, or cause. However, he or she must refrain from suggesting that others like, friend, or follow the political party, partisan political candidate, campaign, group, or cause or forwarding an invitation or solicitation from such entities to others.

The rules governing political activities by employees of the federal government are generally straightforward, but may cause confusion when applied to certain situations. Anyone who has questions about which political activities are prohibited or what is permissible may contact the Fort McCoy Installation Legal Office at 608-388-2165 for further guidance.

(Prepared by the Fort McCoy Installation Legal Office.)

NEWS NOTES

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 Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

'Circle of Security' class scheduled for Sept. 7

"Circle of Security," a parenting program focused on how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 7 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The class will cover relationship-focused intervention skills to help parents understand their children's needs, ways to increase the flexibility of parent/child relationships, and understanding the challenges of each developmental stage.

The training will be conducted by Nicole Milliren, a licensed professional counselor and certified Circle of Security trainer.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required. For more information, call 608-388-2412.

Thrift Savings Plan class scheduled for Sept. 11

An overview of the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for civilian employees is scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The class will cover the basics of TSP, the five funds within TSP, and how to sign up for the plan.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Sept. 4.

For more information, call 608-388-3540.

Autumn play group starts Sept. 11 on post

The "Connect the Tots" play group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11 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 Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 16, and 30; Nov. 6, 13, and 27;

The Real McCoy newspaper is published for people like:

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Warehouse Specialist,
Training Activity Support
Center Warehouse,
Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

- Weekley first started
working at Fort McCoy in
2005 and is an Army veteran.
He previously served as a
combat engineer.



Photo by Sgt. T. Matthew O'Neill II/Army Reserve

and Dec. 4 and 11. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

Road Kill 5k run/walk set for Sept. 12

The Road Kill 5k run/walk is set for 11:30 a.m. Sept. 12 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The entry fee is \$15. Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place male and female racers. The first 25 participants by Sept. 8 to register will receive T-shirts.

The race is open to all eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation patrons. Registration is required. For more information, call 608-388-2290.

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.

Blended Retirement class planned for Sept. 19

An overview of the Blended Retirement System for military members is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 19 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 Sept. 12. Call 608-388-3540.

Stress resiliency workshop set for Sept. 20

"Building Stress Resiliency: Making Stress Work for You" is scheduled for 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 20 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111. The workshop will cover how the body responds to stress, how to manage different types of stress, and more.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Sept. 13. Call 608-388-3505.

Debt-management class scheduled for Sept. 25

"Taking Control," a debt-management class, is scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111. The class covers how to do more with less, use debt as leverage, and make debt work for you. ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workforce, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Sept. 25. Call 608-388-3540.

Emotional intelligence class planned for Sept. 26

"Emotional Intelligence and its Impact in the Workplace" 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 emo-

tions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically. Emotional intelligence is key to both personal and professional success. The instructor is Jill Tibbles, a consultant, instructor, and curriculum designer in leadership and staff development.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Sept. 21.

For more information, call 608-388-6712.

Spouse preference workshop scheduled for Oct. 17

A military spouse preference workshop will be conducted from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 17 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The workshop is designed to help military spouses understand the Department of the Army hiring system and the Priority Placement Program-Spouse (PPP-S). It will identify federal hiring programs that support military spouses, explain the registration process for PPP-S, and describe key components of a federal resume.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Oct. 12. For more information, call 608-388-7262.

Military OneSource benefits available year after separation

Eligibility for Military OneSource benefits have been extended from 180 days to 365 days after separation or retirement from military service to ensure all service members and families have access to comprehensive support as they transition to civilian life.

This change goes into effect immediately.

Military OneSource provides information, resources and support for active-duty, National Guard, and reserve service members, their families, and survivors.

Military OneSource offers a wide range of services designed exclusively for the military community. Services include help with relocation, tax support, financial planning, and health and wellness coaching, as well as confidential nonmedical counseling and specialty consultations for spouse employment, education, adoption, elder care, special needs and much more. Military OneSource services are accessible 24/7. Service members and family members can call 800-342-9647 or visit www.militaryonesource.mil.

For additional benefits that may be available through the Department of Veterans Affairs, visit <https://explore.va.gov/>.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Sept. 14. The deadline for submissions to be considered for publication is noon Sept. 5.

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. **Closed Aug. 31-Sept. 3.**

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. **Open regular hours Sept. 3.**

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. **Closed Aug. 31-Sept. 3.**

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

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Sept. 13, 2018.**
Most offices closed Sept. 3 for Labor Day.
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Call facilities to verify hours. To report updates, call 608-388-2769.

7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4563 to verify ID Section is operational.

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

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

Laundry Facilities: Buildings 651, 755, 1671, 1735, 1856, 2002, 2568, 2671, 2763, and 2877. Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy pursuant to military orders. 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.

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.

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.

Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy: Meets third Wednesday of each month. For info, email fsfomccoy@gmail.com.

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

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri. and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. For more information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

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Natural Disaster	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.
Attack	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.
All Clear	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.

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