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Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in the Regional Training Site-Maintenance Wheeled-Vehicle Recovery Operations Course work together during training Sept. 23 at the installation Vehicle Recovery Site on North Post. The 17-day course covers operation and maintenance of recovery vehicles and use of procedures to rig and recover wheeled vehicles.

## RTS-Maintenance holds Wheeled Vehicle Recovery Operations Course

**STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**  
*Public Affairs Staff*

Soldiers with the Fort McCoy Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance Wheeled Vehicle Recovery Operations Course were at the installation's North Post Vehicle Recovery Site on Sept. 23 practicing skills for recovering military vehicles with Army wrecker vehicles

Field training like that at the Vehicle Recovery Site is a big part of the course, instructors say, because it gets students the experience they need to do the same kind of work at their own units and home stations.

The course trains Soldiers with 91-series military occupational specialties (MOS) in the Army's H8 additional MOS skill identifier, according to the course description. The 17-day course

"covers operation and maintenance of recovery vehicles and use of standard procedures to rig and recover wheeled vehicles. Related training tasks include oxygen and acetylene gas welding; boom and hoist operations; winch operations; and recovery of mired, overturned, and disabled vehicles."

Students also have classroom training and testing, and they spend a large amount of their

training time at the Vehicle Recovery Site learning more about wreckers and vehicle recovery, said Master Sgt. Jason Boyles, chief instructor with RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy.

One military vehicle used in the training is the M984A4 Recovery Truck (Wrecker). The truck is equipped with a crane and winch-retrieval system and is able to recover vehicles weighing in

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## NORTHCOM commander visits Task Force McCoy

**BY 2ND LT. RICKY RODRIGUEZ**  
*Operation Allies Welcome*

Gen. Glen VanHerck, commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, visited Task Force McCoy on Sept. 26 at Fort McCoy.

The Department of Defense, through U.S. Northern Command and supporting the Department of Homeland Security, is temporarily providing medical screening, transportation, lodging and general support at eight DOD installations for up to approximately 65,000 special immigrant visa applicants, their families, and other Afghan personnel. All of the Afghan evacuees have gone through a multilayer screening and vetting process involving biometric and biographic screenings before being permitted entry into the United States.

"This is my second visit to this task force, and I am impressed with how well the interagency team is working together to ensure our Afghan guests, as well as the personnel supporting the mission, feel safe, secure and respected," VanHerck said. "Building and maintaining a small city under emergency conditions is no easy task, and the team at Task Force McCoy is doing a remarkable job."

Fort McCoy, as a training base for roughly 125,000 service members an-



*Photo by Spc. Froylan Grimaldo/Operation Allies Welcome*  
**Gen. Glen VanHerck, commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, looks at donations for Afghan guests Sept. 29 as part of a visit with Task Force McCoy and its Operation Allies Welcome mission at Fort McCoy.**

nually from all military branches and a mobilization site, had pre-existing infrastructure to support Afghans through the pathway to resettlement.

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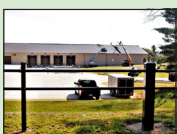
*Photo by Christopher Hanson*

### Guest artist

An Afghan evacuee child shows off his fall artwork during the Task Force McCoy Media Day event on Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy, Wis. National media traveled to Fort McCoy for their first glimpse at evacuee life on the installation as part of Operation Allies Welcome. See more operation coverage on pages 2-4.

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## NORTHCOM

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Existing dining facilities, billeting, recreational facilities, religious areas, and other structures designed to support large military units coming to the installation before a deployment are being utilized to support the Afghans who are temporarily residing there.

“As of today, we are supporting approximately 12,600 of our Afghan partners at Fort McCoy,” said VanHerck. “Those I met and spoke with throughout the day are appreciative of our support and eager to begin their lives in America.”

In addition to speaking with Afghan guests, VanHerck met with representatives of government agencies and nongovernmental organizations and volunteers who are supporting the operation. VanHerck has visited seven of the eight task forces to see operations firsthand and to hear directly about the conditions.

Task Force McCoy remains focused on allowing the Afghan guests to complete requirements for resettlement, such as medical screenings and vaccinations. On Sept. 16, the Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) team at Task Force McCoy conducted a vaccination campaign to administer vaccinations for measles, mumps, and rubella and varicella (chickenpox). More than 97 percent of eligible Afghan guests on the installation received vaccinations.

Team Rubicon, the Salvation Army, and other organizations are supporting Operation Allies Welcome.

The organizations have received many donations of winter clothing, including shoes and coats for colder weather. Afghans have the opportunity to select clothing, blankets, and other useful items for themselves and their families from the donations.

“This mission is a whole-of-nation response effort, and the U.S. Northern Command team is honored to support it,” VanHerck said.

“Our top priority remains providing a safe and secure environment for our guests, and the personnel supporting the mission, to enable the completion of the Afghan evacuees’ immigration process in order to transition into their new lives in the United States.”



Photo by Spc. Froylan Grimaldo/Operation Allies Welcome

**Gen. Glen VanHerck (center left), commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, takes a walking tour through Afghan neighborhoods Sept. 26 at Fort McCoy with Task Force McCoy senior leaders.**

# Soldiers serve up food to Afghan families at Fort McCoy dining facilities

STORY & PHOTO BY SGT. RYAN TATUM

181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers assigned to Task Force McCoy continue to support Afghan evacuees by providing food at several of the dining facilities (DFACs) at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Allies Welcome.

The Department of Defense, through U.S. Northern Command and in support of the Department of Homeland Security, is providing transportation, temporary housing, medical screening, and general support for at least 50,000 Afghan evacuees at suitable facilities across the nation, in permanent or temporary structures, as quickly as possible.

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Bruenning, a culinary manager assigned to Task Force McCoy, gave insight on how his team ensures every Afghan evacuee gets food here.

“Working with the Soldiers at the mayor cell, they were instrumental in ensuring that each evacuee gets a meal card and wristband for their specific community,” he said.

Bruenning went on to describe how each wristband color indicates the specific block number where each resident lives.

Residents are issued a meal card for access to a specific DFAC near their block number. Among the first challenges Bruenning and his team faced was the creation of a menu offering suitable Afghan meal options.

The team drew from other installations and from research on Afghan culture.

“We were going off what Fort Lee was using for their Afghan evacuees. We found out that Fort Lee’s evacuees were a different cultural group compared to what we have at Fort McCoy,” said Bruenning.

Sorting out some of the cultural nuances and the relatively small supply chain generally needed for Fort McCoy’s day-to-day mission led Bruenning’s team to sit with Afghans and discuss their preferences for the various food categories, such as meats, starches, vegetables.

After those discussions, Bruenning and his team were able to also resolve issues about the quantity of food.



**Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Bruenning (right) a culinary manager assigned to Task Force McCoy, talks to Carlos Arrieta, a contracted food service supervisor, about meals for Afghan evacuees Sept. 24 at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Allies Welcome.**

“Some say that we are getting too much food and others say we are not getting enough food. We keep the food at a certain nutritional value based on nutritional standard guidance of what a normal person would eat on daily basis,” Bruenning said.

Another challenge the team faced was getting adequate supply stock in. Previously, Afghan evacuees were going through 4,000 pounds of rice a day. Since then, it has been cut back, after talks with community block leaders and learning that rice is not the main starch Afghans prefer with every meal, Bruenning said.

Bruenning, who has more than 20 years of food service experience, spoke about how he is able to feed a large number Afghan evacuees on a daily basis and how this experience compares

to all the missions he has conducted before.

“Throughout my career, I’ve managed many different battalions, brigades, field feeding teams. I’ve dealt with going to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., feeding a lot of troops on a daily basis, but I’ve never worked in an environment feeding with (this many) people,” said Bruenning. “When it is broken down by DFAC, it is just like feeding 3,000 troops a day — getting them in and getting them fed a proper meal and making sure everything meets the right standards.

“I’ve had conversations through the translators that they are very thankful, and they like the food,” said Bruenning. “I can honestly say every time I have seen them, they have been thankful. They are very grateful for what we are doing.”

Bruenning said this mission has challenged him and allowed him to reflect on his life.

“Professionally, it has really opened my eyes to what we can do in a short amount of time with the notice that we were given to where we are now. We have taken this from ground zero to a very high standard across the board,” Bruenning said.

Bruenning and his team shared what makes this mission worthwhile and why they continue to give it their all. “The biggest part (that) gets the team grinning is seeing the children playing or eating in the DFAC or enjoying themselves,” Bruenning said. “I wouldn’t be where I am today without my wife, Trisha, and children, who pushed me to get back into the food service here on Fort McCoy.”



## NEWS

## OPERATION ALLIES WELCOME

*Photo by Spc. Froylan Grimaldo/Operation Allies Welcome*

Afghan evacuees wait their turn for a haircut Sept. 29 at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Allies Welcome activity at the installation. The Department of Defense, through U.S. Northern Command, and in support of the Department of State and Department of Homeland Security is providing transportation, temporary housing, medical screening, and general support for Afghan evacuees at suitable areas like Fort McCoy.

*Photo by Spc. Rhianna Ballenger/55th Signal Company*

An Afghan evacuee reunites with his daughter Sept. 24 at Fort McCoy in a special reunion.

*Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Freese/88th Readiness Division Public Affairs*

Spectators look on at an informal cricket match Sept. 29 played by Afghan residents at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Allies Welcome. Modern, Test Cricket, so called, is the world's second most popular sport, after European football, and has been the national sport of Afghanistan since 2017. While older than baseball, it shares a common ancestry. Cricket became popular in Afghanistan not during the British occupation, ending in 1842, but more than a century later when Afghan refugees to Pakistan brought it home on their return in the 1990s. Unlike baseball, a side is not retired until 10 of 11 players have been bowled and called out something that can occur in 11 different ways.

*Photo by Zachary Mott/88th Readiness Division Public Affairs*

Afghan evacuees line up Oct. 1 outside the newest Exchange to open at Fort McCoy that serves them as part of Operation Allies Welcome. The Exchange is open for them to shop and purchase supplies, snacks, and other items.

*Photo by Spc. Froylan Grimaldo/Operation Allies Welcome*

Capt. Sean Leary, a Soldier with 1st Brigade Support Battalion, 351st Infantry Regiment of the 181st Multifunctional Training Brigade, completes data entry of medical information for Afghan evacuees as they continue the immigration processing Sept. 27 at Fort McCoy.



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# Media day for Operation Allies Welcome held at Fort McCoy



Photos by Kevin Clark/Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office

Maj. Gen. Darrell Guthrie, Task Force McCoy senior mission commander, provides remarks during a media day Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy for Operation Allies Welcome. Numerous media representatives attended the event to learn more about the mission taking place at Fort McCoy.



Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss speaks with media members Sept. 30 during an Operation Allies Welcome media day at the post.



Media representatives talk with a Team Rubicon team member during the media day Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy. Team Rubicon has been leading the effort to distribute donations for Afghan evacuees.



Skye Justice, Task Force McCoy State Department team lead, provides remarks during a media day Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy for Operation Allies Welcome.



Lt. Col. Robert McTighe, commander of the 1st Battalion, 310th Brigade Engineer Battalion, talks to reporters in a clothing warehouse Sept. 30 during the media day at Fort McCoy.



## NEWS

# RECOVERY

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excess of 10 tons.

Students also use the M1089 (MTV) Wrecker. This wrecker, based on the M1083 cargo truck, is fitted with a recovery hamper and a recovery winch. It also has a crane with a 5-ton capacity that can be used for various lifting and hauling tasks. Similar training is done at the site through use of the mire pit when the weather and the water in the pit is warmer. The class of Soldiers who trained Sept. 23 were among 12 students who were part of the fourth H8 class of the fiscal year. Dozens of Soldiers participated in the class since the start of fiscal year 2021.

RTS-Maintenance trains hundreds

of Soldiers every year in the Army's 91-series MOS and administratively supports the training of Soldiers in the 89B MOS.

The unit aligns under the 3rd Brigade (Ordnance), 94th Division of the 80th Training Command, and is centrally located in the cantonment area with an entire complex to hold training.

Located in the heart of the upper Midwest, Fort McCoy is the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin.

The installation has provided support and facilities for the field and classroom training of more than 100,000 military personnel from all services nearly every year since 1984.



A military truck is connected to a military wrecker vehicle Sept. 23 as Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in the Regional Training Site-Maintenance Wheeled-Vehicle Recovery Operations Course complete training at the installation Vehicle Recovery Site on North Post.



Wheeled Vehicle Recovery Course students recover a truck after it was pulled from a mire pit Sept. 23 at the Vehicle Recovery Site on North Post at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

## Garrison RMO recognized

Members of the Fort McCoy Resource Management Office (RMO) and the Fort McCoy Garrison command team (Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss, Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard, and Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico) stop for a photo Sept. 30 as RMO team members are recognized for excellence with a Garrison Command Team Certificate of Excellence at Fort McCoy. The RMO team recently completed the busy end-of-fiscal-year budget cycle and were holding an organizational day when they were recognized for their work during fiscal year 2021. Bonnie Hilt and Maureen Richardson of RMO are shown holding the certificate.



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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

## Building leaders at Fort McCoy NCO Academy

Students and staff with the Basic Leader Course at the Fort McCoy Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy march in formation Sept. 30 to a training session at the academy complex at Fort McCoy. The NCO Academy was activated at Fort McCoy in 1988. The academy is one of the largest tenant organizations at the installation providing institutional training with more than 1,800 students attending annually for the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course and BLC.

## New shipping, receiving, mail freight facility construction continues

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL  
Public Affairs Staff

Work continues on a new \$7.03 million shipping and receiving facility near the new Gate 20 at Fort McCoy, Wis.

Contractor Relyant Global LLC, headquartered in Maryville, Tenn., was awarded a contract of \$7,030,235 to design and build the facility, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy.

The contract called for the construction of a pre-engineered metal building that will have an estimated 19,500 square feet of space, Green said. This ongoing work includes completing all necessary infrastructure and related building needs.

As of Oct. 1, the project was approximately 98 percent complete and roof work was continuing, Green said.

Relyant Global LLC was also the contractor for another project at Fort McCoy to build seven new military family housing units in the South Post Housing area from 2019-2020.

Projects like this align with Fort McCoy's long-range strategic planning objectives, including to "sustain and modernize Fort McCoy's cantonment, range complex, strategic mobility, physical security, quality of life, and information technology infrastructure."

Throughout the past decade, Fort McCoy has experienced unprecedented facility modernization, according to the 2021 Fort McCoy Executive Summary, which is produced by the Fort McCoy Garrison. The improvement effort also has included training-area development and expansion, increased training and customer-support capacity, and improved quality-of-life opportunities.



Construction work on a new \$7.03 million shipping, receiving, and mail freight facility is shown Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy.



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# Construction on Range 102 on Fort McCoy's South Post nearly complete

STORY &amp; PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Workers were wrapping up construction work for berms in mid-September at Range 102 on Fort McCoy's South Post that gives the range better capabilities, said Range Officer Rey Vellido with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Work on the range began in July when an Army engineer unit on Fort McCoy for annual training took down old berms that were original to the live-fire range, Vellido said.

"They got about 75 percent of the work completed when they were here," Vellido said. "They did a great job on it. ... After that we had our Range Maintenance employees continue the work.

Old dirt berms were taken down, and then they were moved back further on the range.

"We had a berm that was at 25 meters, and it was moved back to 100 meters," Vellido said. "Now people can zero their weapons on that range as far back as 100 meters. That's a big change."

Since Range 102 is one of the busiest ranges on the installation, Vellido said he was glad to see the changes take place.

"Lots of units like to use that range because of its ease of accessibility as well as its capabilities,"

Going into 2021, a long list of troop projects needed to be completed at Fort McCoy, said Troop Project Coordinator Larry Morrow with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). Many were successfully completed, too, Morrow said.

One of the biggest projects finished was the line-of-communications bridge project just south of the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility on South Post at Fort McCoy. But many others were just as important.

"Comparable projects completed this year also included moving the berm at Range 102, and the creation of the new borrow pit and DPW operations area near the cantonment area on North Post," Morrow said.

Vellido said the Range 102 project has made the area safer for use, and the work done there will show that. "I'm glad it's done," he said.



**Completed berm work is shown Sept. 13 at Range 102 on South Post at Fort McCoy. Between Army engineer Soldiers working on the area as part of a troop project and members of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Range Maintenance team doing work, the range was transformed with new berms being constructed farther out. The new look of the range gives it more capability for live weapons training. Range 102 is one of the busiest ranges on the installation.**

Range 102 is one of many live-fire ranges. According to the 2021 Fort McCoy Guide Overview, Fort McCoy has 31 live-fire ranges, 17 of which are automated or instrumented; 21 artillery firing points; 12 mortar firing points; and an 8,000-acre impact area. Ranges supporting collective live-fire training include two multipurpose training ranges, a convoy live-fire range, an infantry platoon and squad battle course, three multipurpose machine-gun ranges, two live-fire

shoot houses, and a live-fire breach facility.

Individual qualification ranges like Range 102 include facilities for modified record-fire, automated record-fire, and rifle zero range for open and optic sights, as well as a qualification training facility with modified record-fire and combat pistol/military police qualification-course capability.

Additionally, troop projects are a regular part of planned improvements at Fort McCoy each

year, and the completion of those projects have continued to make a difference in improving installation operations, Morrow said.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on Facebook by searching "ftmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy." Also try downloading the Digital Garrison app to your smartphone and set "Fort McCoy" or another installation as your preferred base.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

## New range area being built

Fort McCoy Range Maintenance personnel are shown Sept. 23 constructing a fire and movement range on Range 4 at Fort McCoy. The smaller range is 100 meters wide by 150 meters long. The new range also is designed for training individual Soldiers and buddy teams on basic fire and movement techniques. Range Operations is managed by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.



OBSERVANCES

October is observed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month at Fort McCoy

In order to kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss signed a proclamation supporting the observance.

The proclamation was on display Oct. 1 at McCoy's Community Center, along with a display about domestic violence resources available to Fort McCoy community members. The display will remain at the facility throughout the month.

Other events throughout the month include a Purple Ribbon Day Oct. 8; a Domestic Violence Awareness Game Wheel, available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15 at McCoy's Community Center; and a Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop from 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 29 at the South Post Housing Community Center.

Registration is required for the workshop. Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. Registration is required by Oct. 27 for the workshop. Call 608-388-2412 or email [brittany.r.sonie.civ@mail.mil](mailto:brittany.r.sonie.civ@mail.mil).

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The coalition's website, [ncadv.org](http://ncadv.org), offers both resources (such as safety plans and ways to find local resources) and ways to take action to prevention domestic violence and support survivors.

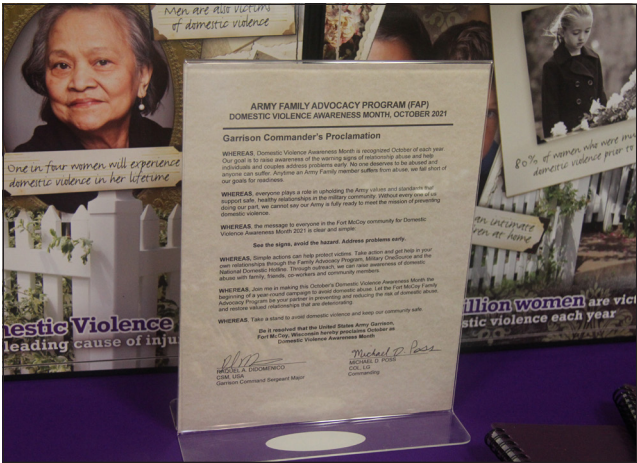
For more information about the Family Advocacy Program at Fort McCoy or Domestic Violence Awareness Month, call 608-388-2412.

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

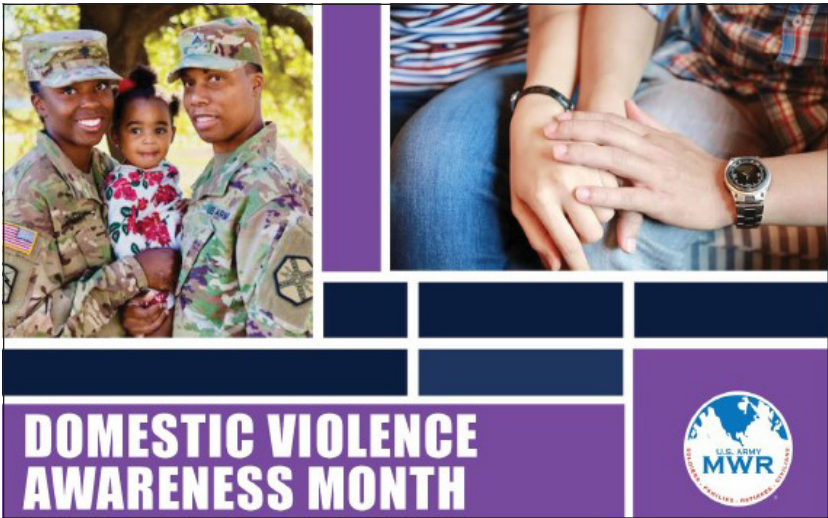


Photos by Aimee Malone

(Above and bottom right) A display for Domestic Violence Awareness month is shown Oct. 1 at McCoy's Community Center.



A signed proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is shown Oct. 1 at McCoy's Community Center.



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OBSERVANCES



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Focus on fire prevention

Firefighters with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department coordinate a fire drill Oct. 4 at the garrison headquarters building at Fort McCoy. The activity by the firefighters is part of National Fire Prevention Month. October is designated as National Fire Prevention Month — a time when public service departments across America join forces to spread the word about fire safety. Each year, the campaign focuses on a different aspect of safety, from preventing forest fires to planning an escape route during a blaze.

Remember lessons from National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

The 2021 theme of NPM is “Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.”

As the United States and the world continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to remember the importance of being prepared, said Tim Westein, emergency management specialist with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

The goal of NPM is to increase the overall number of individuals, families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, businesses, and schools.

People can also practice the ideals of NPM year-round to be better prepared.

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](http://www.ready.army.mil), provides various sources of information and resources for successful emergency planning. People can also visit <https://www.ready.gov/september> for more information on NPM and resources to help be prepared for the unexpected.

Information is also on the Fort McCoy Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoy/>, and twitter at <https://twitter.com/usagmccoy?lang=en> using the hashtags #BeReady, #PrepareNow, #FloodSmart, #YouthPrep and #ReadyKids.

Responsibility for the safety and resiliency of the Army lies with each member of the Army family. Engagement among

2021

National Preparedness Month

Prepare to Protect



Army leaders, Soldiers, families, and civilians is pivotal to highlighting the role each individual plays in preparedness. Preparedness planning serves as a force multiplier, allowing leaders to dedicate time and energy to the most significant needs of the Army community.

During this year’s observance of NPM, the Fort McCoy Emergency Management (EM) Office sent out community-wide emails detailing NPM and included links to visit to get more information to assist the community in preparing and planning for a disaster.

Contact the office for more information about preparing for disasters or requesting readiness materials for your organization.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on Facebook by searching “ftmccoy,” and on Twitter by searching “usagmccoy.”

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



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## OUTDOORS

# 2021 archery deer season underway; Fort McCoy hunters must make sure to have necessary permits, licenses

The regular archery/crossbow archery season began at Fort McCoy on Sept. 18 at the same time as the opening of the Wisconsin archery season.

The season runs from Sept. 18 to Nov. 19 and Nov. 29 to Jan. 31, 2022.

“There’s always a break in the archery season for the gun-deer season, which is Nov. 20-28 this year,” said Wildlife Biologist David Beckmann with the Natural Resources Branch (NRB) of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division.

A Fort McCoy archery permit and a Wisconsin 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 deer harvest authorization supplied with the Fort McCoy archery permit. Fort McCoy archery permits can be purchased on iSportsman at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> or at the Permit Sales Office during normal business hours.

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 is an additional \$3. The Fort McCoy regular archery/crossbow permit is \$17. Wisconsin hunting licenses are sold on the Wisconsin GoWild web site for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at <https://gowild.wi.gov>.

People who have more questions on appropriate licensing requirements for Fort McCoy can get answers by visiting the Fort McCoy iSportsman page at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> or by calling the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337. For Wisconsin archery rules and regulations, visit [https://widnr.widen.net/s/chhtkdmjsh/wm0685-2021\\_small](https://widnr.widen.net/s/chhtkdmjsh/wm0685-2021_small).

Beckmann said annually approximately 800 archery permits are purchased for Fort McCoy, and hunters have had a success rate of about 15-20 percent.

He said on average about 90-100 deer are harvested on post



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

**A whitetail deer tries to blend in with the landscape at an area near Range 26 on March 22, 2018, at Fort McCoy.**

each year during archery season.

“We have many good opportunities and locations for archery hunters to find success,” Beckmann said. “With the mild winter and ample food sources, our deer population is looking healthy and fawn births were very good. Hunters should have plenty of opportunities available again this year.”

The installation is once again averaging at least 30 deer per square mile this fall, which Beckmann said bodes well for hunters. “We wish them the best success possible,” he said.

Archery hunters are 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 on Fort McCoy’s iSportsman website.

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 iSportsman page at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> or call the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

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

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## FEATURE

# This Month in Fort McCoy History

## 75 Years Ago — Oct. 18, 1946

Ponderous machines of war rolled slowly and majestically down the streets of Camp McCoy on Oct. 15, 1946, and alert men, with helmets shining in the morning sun, paraded past high-ranking Army officers in the first review to be held by Task Force Frost.

On the reviewing stand, watching more than 200 vehicles and 1,500 men who took part in the parade, were Maj. Gen. Louis Craig, Deputy Fifth Army commander; Brig. Gen. Homer Kiefer, Fifth Army G-3; Col. Rudolph Broedlow, commanding officer of Task Force Frost; and Col. Newton Bush, post commander.

While civilians from neighboring towns and cities looked on, men of the 7th Infantry Regiment, 10th Engineer Battalion, and 3rd Observations Battalion started the parade at 9:30 a.m. sharp when the Task Force military band struck up the first notes of a spirited march. Then, in a long and colorful procession, came tanks, half-tracks, road graders, snow plows, self-propelled and towed weapons, weasels, radar sets, meteorological vans, jeeps, and ambulances.

After the review, Craig visited the “Frost” ski shop, where he inspected various types of rations; ski equipment; snowshoes; toboggans, which may be hauled by dog teams; a gasoline tent heater for hospital ward tents; and other winter equipment. In the afternoon, the officers drove into the field, where a demonstration of various types of infantry weapons was held. They watched artillery troops firing 8 inch, 105 MM, and 155 MM towed and self-propelled guns and later climbed a steep and rocky hill path to reach an observation post from which a clear view of the bursting shells was afforded.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Craig congratulated Broedlow and his staff on the excellent condition of equipment and the fine state of training of personnel. The visit of Craig stressed again the importance which the Army attached to the winter operations that took place at Camp McCoy.

## 30 Years Ago — October 1991

In the midst of Fort McCoy’s 60,000 acres, approximately 300 acres may not seem like much. But when that area comprises what natural resource experts call a “very rare” plant community, it attracts attention.

Kim Mello, acting chief of the Natural Resources Management Division of the Directorate of Engineering, said that areas known as Oak Barrens and Oak Savanna were identified on Fort McCoy’s South Post in 1988 and have been under close scrutiny by natural resource experts ever since.

Oak Savanna is an umbrella term used to describe a natural area consisting of no more than a 50 percent canopy of trees, with none of the area having trees forming a closed canopy, according to Paul Matthiae, chief of the Natural Areas Section of the Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Barrens is the term used to describe a droughty area that is much dryer because of the soil makeup. Fort McCoy has very sandy soil.

Matthiae said that in presettlement times, before 1850, there were as many as 5 million to 6 million acres of Oak Barrens/Savanna in Wisconsin. Today, because of agriculture, industrialization, and residential development, there are less than 1,000 acres left in the state.

Much of the Fort McCoy Barrens/Savanna area is open prairie with some scattered trees that, in places, form a closed canopy of oak woods. The trees present are mostly black oak and Hill’s oak, with Burr oak and White oak being less common. The land is rich in native herbs, including little blue stem, June grass, poverty oat grass, goat’s rue, birdsfoot violet, lance-leaved loosestrife, and wild lupine.

## 10 Years Ago — Sept. 28, 2011

Fort McCoy installation leadership and civilian contractors donned hard hats and used golden shovels Sept. 28, 2011, to break ground for the construction of the Annual Training/Mobilization (AT/MOB) barracks.

“This is a historic event,” said Darrell Neitzel, director of the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) at Fort McCoy, “This is the first permanent Soldier training barracks that has been built at Fort McCoy, ever.”



File photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Clarence and Thelma Suzuki of Fresno, Calif., look at World War II-era photos at the Fort McCoy History Center as part of a tour of the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area on Oct. 28, 2016. Clarence is a former Army sergeant and World War II veteran who served with the Military Intelligence Service in Japan and the Northern Mariana island of Tinian during the war. Originally natives of Hawaii, the Suzukis wanted to visit Fort McCoy for the first time to learn more about family and friends who trained at the post with the 100th Infantry Battalion from 1942-43.

“The landmark look that you see at Fort McCoy was originated in 1942,” he said. “More than 1,500 facilities were built to support operations for about five years. Today, 272 of those facilities are still in use as barracks.”

“The landmark look will be replaced with the look of the AT/MOB facility,” Lesniak said. “It’s the first brick-and-mortar barracks building to ever be built at Fort McCoy. It will be a

two-story structure and house 168 personnel.”

The barracks design is adapted from the design active-duty installations use; it will replicate a housing complex environment with laundry and other facilities located in the area, he said.

The facility is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certified. LEED is a green building certification system that takes into account the building site’s sustainability and regional priority, the building’s water efficiency and energy usage, the materials and resources used to construct the building, its innovation in design and the building’s indoor environmental quality.

“It’s a step toward modernizing Fort McCoy so it can be in service for the next 100 years,” Lesniak said.

# October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The observation of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is established by Public Law and Presidential Proclamation. National Disability Employment Awareness Month is observed from Oct. 1-31 of each year.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month is an opportunity to reaffirm the Department of Defense’s commitment to recruit, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities throughout our workforce.

It is also a time to recognize the many and varied contributions America’s workers with disabilities make each and every day across the nation.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy Jennifer Sheehy explained this year’s theme.

“America’s Recovery: Powered by Inclusion is a theme that reflects our commitment to an inclusive recovery, one in which those of us with disabilities have full access to economic opportunity and — if needed — the accommodations and supports that allow us to contribute our skills and talents.”

The history of NDEAM traces back to 1945 when Congress declared the first week of October to be “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.”

Congress removed “Physically” in 1962 to include people with all types of disabilities.

In 1988, the federal legislature expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

“People with disabilities” is a diverse group that includes people with sensory, physical, and mental conditions.

People with disabilities cross lines of age, ethnicity, sex, race, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

It is a group that anyone can become a member of at any time. Fort McCoy’s observance will be held noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 26



via Microsoft Teams. The guest speaker is Rob Lougee, assistant national employment director for Disabled American Veterans.

To register, call 608-388-6335 or email [ana.r.guzmangregory](mailto:ana.r.guzmangregory).

[mil@army.mil](mailto:mil@army.mil).

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



## FEATURE

# Young Air Assault Strip provides austere training

For more than 35 years, Fort McCoy's Young Air Assault Strip has provided a place for service members to train in austere conditions.

Young Air Assault Strip, which has also been called Young Field, originally opened in October 1984. It was constructed by the 618th Engineer Company, 360th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division.

The air strip was named after Pfc. Raphael Young, a member of the 618th who died in September 1984 while training on heavy equipment in advance of the mission to build the air strip.

In a November 1984 article in *The Triad*, Capt. William Prokopyk, company commander, said that he thought the Soldiers were more safety conscious because of the death of their comrade, which explained the lack of injuries during the actual construction process.

Construction of the air strip was good practice for the 618th, which had the wartime mission of construction and repair of air fields. Young Air Assault Strip, however, was of better quality than a wartime construction, Prokopyk said.

"During wartime, we would probably have less time to complete the mission and we wouldn't have the soil analysts and survey support that were attached for this mission," he said.

The construction cost approximately \$86,000 and came in about \$11,000 under budget.

Young Air Assault Strip is still in use today at Fort McCoy. It has been used for decades as a multiservice air strip that can be used in a variety of ways. It can replicate a terminal; used to receive process, and stage personnel, cargo, and equipment; or used as an austere airfield, said James Hubbard, chief of the Airfield Division at the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS).

"The air strip is an important part of our training complex at Fort McCoy," Hubbard said in a 2017 article in *The Real McCoy*. "There's not many air strips like Young available for training, so it is highly sought-after as a training area for exercises."

The air strip also features a decommissioned C-130 that is primarily used to train service members to palletize cargo. It was transferred from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., in October 2015.

Fort McCoy has supported America's armed forces since 1909. The installation's motto is to be the "Total Force Training Center."

The post's varied terrain, state-of-the-art ranges, new as well as renovated facilities, and extensive support infrastructure combine to provide military personnel with an environment in which to develop and sustain the skills necessary for mission success.

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



Photo by Scott Sturkol

**A C-130 Hercules aircraft and crew complete a Container Delivery System airdrop for the Patriot North 2018 exercise July 17, 2018, at Fort McCoy.**



Photo by Kevin Clark/Multimedia-Visual Information Branch

**Air Force special tactics operators with the 24th Special Operations Wing parachute out of a C-130 aircraft June 24 at Fort McCoy.**



Photo by Jamal Wilson/Multimedia-Visual Information Branch

**A C-17 Globemaster belonging to the 437th Airlift Wing of Joint Base Charleston, S.C., sits on a gravel runway at the Young Air Assault Strip on June 23, 2016, at Fort McCoy.**



Photo by Kevin Clark/Multimedia-Visual Information Branch

**Air Force special tactics operators with the 24th Special Operations Wing perform parachuting operations out of a C-130 aircraft June 23 at Fort McCoy.**



Photo by Scott Sturkol

**An aircrew with the Illinois Air National Guard's 182nd Airlift Wing at Peoria operates a C-130 Hercules at Young Air Assault Strip on July 18, 2017, on South Post during the Patriot North 2017 Exercise at Fort McCoy.**



## NEWS NOTES

### Credit report class set for Oct. 14

Army Community Service (ACS) is hosting a credit report class 10-11 a.m. Oct. 14 via Microsoft Teams.

The class will cover the ins and outs of credit scores, ways to build credit, and avoiding pitfalls that can lower credit scores.

Registration is required by Oct. 13. ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers, unless otherwise stated.

For more information, call 608-388-3540 or email janeen.j.folgers.civ@mail.mil.

### Wooden pen workshop scheduled for Oct. 19

Army Community Service (ACS) is hosting Women's Resilience Day from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 21 at McCoy's Community Center.

Workshops will include yoga, crafting, and information sessions as well as a breast cancer awareness presentation.

Registration is required by Oct. 12. ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers, unless otherwise stated.

For more information, call 608-388-3505

### Women's Resilience Day set for Oct. 21

Army Community Service (ACS) is hosting a wooden pen workshop 4-6:30 p.m. Oct. 21.

All materials and instructions are supplied. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and only one child may accompany each adult. Pens must be completed within the allotted time.

Registration is required. ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers, unless otherwise stated.

For more information, call 608-388-7262 or email carmen.m.ortiz4.civ@mail.mil.

### Army Ten-Miler scheduled for Oct. 23

Rumpel Fitness Center is hosting a 10-mile run for the virtual Army Ten-Miler at 7 a.m. Oct. 23.

Registration forms are available at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. Registration is required by Oct. 18.

For more information, call 608-388-2290.

### Holiday Stress Less workshop planned for Oct. 23

Army Community Service (ACS) is hosting a Holiday Stress Less workshop Oct. 23 at the ACS Family Building, 2161.

Participants can register for one- to three-hour blocks between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. making seasonal greeting cards or gifts.

Space is limited. Registration is required by Oct. 18. ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

For more information, call 608-388-6507.

### Spouse employment briefing scheduled for Oct. 27

A military spouse employment briefing is scheduled for 9 to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 27 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

This workshop helps military spouses better understand the Department of the Army hiring system.

The workshop will identify federal hiring programs to support military spouses, provide assistance with USA Jobs applications, describe the key components of a federal resume, and discuss the NAF CEAT - Transfer Assistance Program.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and reg-

istered Fort McCoy volunteers, unless otherwise stated. Registration is required by Oct. 22.

For more information, call 608-388-7262 or email carmen.m.ortiz4.civ@mail.mil.

### Job fair planned for Oct. 27

A job fair is planned for 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 27 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

Learn about job openings at Fort McCoy, including with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; AAFES; and the Department of the Army.

Registration is not required. For more information, call 608-388-7262.

### PCS Open House set for Oct. 27

A Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Open House is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 27 at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

Representatives from the following areas will provide information: Relocation Readiness, Exceptional Family Member Program, Personal Property Processing Office (household goods), Transportation Passenger Movement Section, Housing Office, Military Personnel Division, and School Liaison Office.

For more information, call 608-388-2359.

### Bridge closed through Oct. 29

Fort McCoy's South J Street will be closed through Oct. 29 from South 8th Avenue to South 9th Avenue for construction of a new bridge over Tarr Creek, Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW) officials said.

For more information, call 608-388-4018.

### Publication date for The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Oct. 22. The deadline is Oct. 13.

For more information, call 608-388-2769.

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Dining Facility

Dining Facility 1362. Military members and Department of Defense civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use dining facilities. Units must coordinate through the Food Program Management Office at 608-388-6518/4739.

Hours  
Breakfast: 6-8 a.m.  
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Rates  
Breakfast — \$3.65  
Lunch — \$5.85  
Dinner — \$5.10

Recreation

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

**Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS):** Call 608-388-3200.

**iSportsman:** Portal for outdoor recreational activities; registration and check-in required. Register, apply for permits, and sign in or out of recreation areas at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

**McCoy's Community Center:** Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. **Closed 1 p.m. Oct. 8-11.** Call 608-388-7060.

**Bowling Center:** Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun.  
**Leisure Travel Services Office:** Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

**Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center:** Building 8053. Call 608-388-2619.

**Recreation Accommodations:** Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Mon. by appointment only. Call 608-388-2299.

**Rumpel Fitness Center:** Building 1122. Open 5 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 24/7 access available. Limited capacity. Call 608-388-2290.

**Indoor swimming pool, atrium, sauna and steamroom:** Open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**Sportsman's Range:** Call 608-388-9162 for information.

**Tactics Paintball/Laser Tag:** By appointment only; 2-day notice required. Call 608-388-3517.

**Whitetail Ridge Ski Area:** Closed for the season. Call 608-388-4498.

Dining

**McCoy's Community Center:** Building 1571. Catering/administration, call 608-388-2065. **Closed 1 p.m. Oct. 8-11.**

**Food:** Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun.  
**Bar:** Open 4-9 p.m. Wed.-Sat.

**Snack Avenue:** Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

**Specialty Express Food Court:** Building 1538. Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Limited seating available. Delivery available to South Post and in cantonment area. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

**Whitetail Ridge Chalet/Ten Point Pub:** Closed for the season. 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. Call 608-269-1710.

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

**Car Wash:** Building 1568. Offers self-service and automatic bays and vacuums. Open 24/7. May close during extremely cold weather. Accepts cash or credit cards. Call 608-388-4161.

**Commissary:** Building 1537. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

**Computer Lab:** Building 50, room 100A. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Computers, projector, printer, scanner, fax machine available. Call ahead for availability. Call 608-388-2474.

**CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel:** Building 2180. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

**Education/Learning Center:** Building 50, room 123. Open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Email [darrel.l.hawkins.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:darrel.l.hawkins.ctr@mail.mil) to schedule tests. Email [connie.j.schauer.civ@mail.mil](mailto:connie.j.schauer.civ@mail.mil) for other services.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** Open 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Call 608-388-3106/3107 or email [usarmy.usarc.usarc-hq.mbx.eeo@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.usarc.usarc-hq.mbx.eeo@mail.mil).

**Exchange:** Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604.

**ID Card/DEERS Section:** Building 35. Open 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and Fri. and 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Thur. By appointment only. Call 608-388-4563.

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

**Installation Legal Office:** Building 1644. Call 605-388-2165.

**Launderette/Dry Cleaning:** Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-1075.

**Laundry Facilities:** Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy. Civilian, family members, and retired military members are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 to find out which buildings are open.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Oct. 21, 2021.**  
**Most offices closed Oct. 11 for Columbus Day.**  
**Hours of operation and services may be affected by COVID-19 precautions and are changing frequently.**  
**Call facilities to verify hours before traveling.**  
**Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication.

**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.

**Military Personnel:** Building 2187. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. By appointment only.  
**Soldier In-/Out-processing:** 608-388-4822.  
**Personnel Automations:** 608-388-4842.  
**Reassignments:** 608-388-4746.  
**Records Update:** 608-388-5677.  
**Centralized Promotions:** 608-388-5677.

**Multimedia/Visual Information:** Building 2113. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. No DA/command photos until further notice per DA policy. Call 608-388-4520.

**Official Mail Distribution Center:** Building 1654. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3205.

**Patriot Outfitters:** Building 1538. Closed until further notice. Call 608-269-1115.

**Permit Sales:** Building 2168. Hunting, fishing, and firewood permits. By appointment only. Check [ftmccoy.isportsman.net](https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net) for updates. Call 608-388-3337.

**Personal Property Processing Office:** Building 200. Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 608-388-3060, fax: 608-388-5634, email: [usarmy.mccoy.asc.mbx.lrc-pppo@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mccoy.asc.mbx.lrc-pppo@mail.mil).

**Retirement Services Office:** Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-3716.

**R.I.A. Credit Union:** Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 2-4 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 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 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-388-4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7.

**Transition Service Center:** Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-7956.

**Visitor Control Center:** Building 35. Open 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Passes issued at Main Gate outside of VCC hours. Physical Security

open for fingerprints Thur. only; call 608-388-2266. See ID/DEERS section for its hours.

Family Support

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

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

**Child Development Center:** Building 1796. Open with reduced capacity. Call 608-388-3534/2238.

**Housing Office:** Building 6158. Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Family Housing, Single Soldier Housing, and referral services. Self-Help Warehouse open open noon-3:30 p.m. Wed. and 8 a.m.-noon Fri. Call 608-388-2804.

**Military Family Life Counseling:** Building 2111. MFLCs can provide short-term, nonmedical counseling at no cost and augment existing military support programs. Services can be provided on or off post. Call 608-388-8068 or 352-598-4972 or email [fischert@magellanfed-eral.com](mailto:fischert@magellanfed-eral.com) 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**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 kindergarten through 12th grade. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Call for options for distance and year-round schooling. Open with reduced capacity. 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. By appointment only. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

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

**Occupational Health Clinic:** Building 1679. Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-8461.

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

*If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as a cough or difficulty breathing, call your health care provider for medical advice.*

Worship

**Catholic:** Chapel 10, building 1759. 9:15 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO>. Call 608-388-3528.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:** 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Call 608-269-3377.

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

**Protestant:** Chapel 1, building 2672. 10:30 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO>. Call 608-388-3528.

**Spanish Language:** Catholic services in Norwalk; call 608-823-7906 for options. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142 for options.

Face-to-face services are not currently available. Call RSO at 608-388-3528 for options and assistance.

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:** Call 608-388-1882.

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

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

**Sgt. Audie Murphy Club:** Email [michael.p.gibson.mil@mail.mil](mailto:michael.p.gibson.mil@mail.mil) for information.

**USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy:** Building 1501. Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and noon-8 p.m. Sat. Mobile services available noon-4 p.m. Fri.-Sat. on ranges. 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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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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ABOUT POST

# FALL COLORS ARRIVE AT FORT MCCOY

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Fall colors can be seen in the foreground of the American flag on the Fort McCoy Garrison Headquarters flag pole Sept. 29 at Fort McCoy. Fall colors generally hit their peak at the installation in mid-October every year.



A scene of Equipment Park is shown with fall colors Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy. Equipment Park is inside the installation's historic Commemorative Area. The Equipment Park is an outdoor display of historic and present-day equipment representative of the types used on the installation.



A scene of Trout Falls on the La Crosse River in the Pine View Recreation Area is shown with fall colors Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy. The recreation area includes acres of publicly accessible land with hiking trails, Pine View Campground, Whitetail Ridge Ski Area, and Sportsman's Range. Pine View Recreation Area offers four-season, year-round activities to include camping, hiking, fishing, and more. See more about the area at <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/categories/outdoor-recreation>.