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116,053 troops train at McCoy during fiscal year 2021

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Nearly doubling the troop training total from fiscal year 2020, Fort McCoy supported the training of 116,053 troops on post during fiscal year 2021.

During fiscal year 2020, 60,054 troops trained at Fort McCoy because training was scaled back due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During fiscal year 2021, with existing COVID-19 mitigation measures in place, the installation brought back training levels to beyond 100,000 troops.

Larry Sharp, chief of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Training Coordination Branch, said the training numbers include Army Reserve Soldiers; National Guard service members; and active-duty troops from not just the Army but also other services, such as the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Training statistics reflect many types of training opportunities that

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Convoy training operations are shown July 8 at Fort McCoy for the Army Forces Command Exercise Pershing Strike '21.

Army interpreter assigned to Task Force McCoy 'very honored' to support OAW mission

STORY & PHOTOS BY SPC. FROYLAN GRIMALDO
Task Force McCoy and 7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

When Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) first kicked off in August at Fort McCoy and elsewhere, one of the biggest challenges was communicating with the Afghan evacuees. Some spoke English, but there were still some troubles in guiding Afghan evacuees through the initial processing.

Thankfully, among the ranks of 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Sgt. Mohammad Jamil, a tank gunner, volunteered to help be a communication source to both the Afghans and U.S. government officials.

"My role in OAW is to provide linguistic services," said Jamil. "So that U.S. government officials, Soldiers, and all the Afghan allies that we have at Fort McCoy can communicate with each other and get their immigration and everything done in here."

When the request was pushed out to units across the United States for assistance in OAW, Jamil's chain of command went to him asking if he wanted to assist in the immigration process for Afghan evacuees at Fort McCoy.

"When I found out about this assignment, I was allowed to accept it or tell them that I did not want to do it," said Jamil. "But my thought was since I came from an Afghan background, I immediately started thinking about my situation. How I was feeling when I was new to the United States? And after thinking about this assignment, I realized that by doing this I will be able to help Afghan people, the people who I belong to, and also serve my current country."

This isn't Jamil's first time working as a linguist for the U.S. Army. Before moving to the United States, he worked as a linguist for several Army units in Afghanistan.

"I was a local national linguist in Afghanistan," said Jamil. "I



Sgt. Mohammad Jamil, a Soldier with 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, takes a break with civilian interpreters Oct. 5 at the medical clinic at Fort McCoy.

worked as a linguist for about a year and a half, and I got to work with different units from Hawaii, from Fort Carson, and Texas. The best part is that the unit I used to work for in Afghanistan as an interpreter, I'm assigned to that same unit right now. So it was a great journey for me. I moved to the United States in 2014. Shortly after moving, I realized that the United States has given me so many opportunities — a new life, a guaranteed future — therefore I wanted to return the favor and serve the country the best way I could think of and join the U.S. Army."

Being one of the first interpreters to work with Task Force McCoy, See **INTERPRETER** page 2



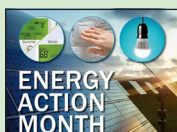
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Food operations

Heavy equipment and forklift operator Davey Stutts with Taylors International Services Inc. assists in moving food pallets Oct. 14 while supporting the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Food Program Management Office and LRC Supply Subsistence Management Office in building 490 at Fort McCoy. See more photos of food supply operations on page 4

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McCoy, he has given it his all to aid the Afghans in being able to transition to a new country.

“Sgt. Jamil’s efforts to assist Afghan evacuees have been instrumental in helping them transition from life in Afghanistan into their new lives in the United States,” said 1st Lt. Alexander Werden, deputy public affairs officer, 4th Infantry Division, currently tasked to support Operation Allies Welcome at Fort McCoy.

“He was one of the first interpreters on the ground at Fort McCoy and would volunteer to stay for hours beyond his assigned 12-hour shifts to ensure that the needs of every single arriving guest were met. You could tell that he cares about helping as many people as he can, and he continues to do that every day in the medical clinic by drawing from his experiences living in Afghanistan to use extraordinary empathy while assisting our guests.”

Having come a long way from his hometown, assigned to the same unit he once worked for as a local national, now he is getting the chance to repay that favor by helping his fellow Afghans as they go through the same struggles he did.

“I feel very honored,” said Jamil. “I feel like a lot of normal Afghan-American citizens (who) are living in the United States are not as lucky as I am because I get to serve my country, the United States of America.”

“Then I get to help the people that I have a background from. So for me, I cannot find a word to describe how I feel because I’m feeling blessed and honored that I’m helping my people to deal with their frustration in moving to a new country and help them start their new life here,” he said.



Sgt. Mohammad Jamil speaks with an Afghan as a family member undergoes a medical examination Oct. 5 at Fort McCoy.

Afghan women at Fort McCoy tell their story for International Day of the Girl

BY PFC. CAITLIN WILKINS

Operation Allies Welcome

Two Afghan evacuees at Fort McCoy shared their story with The Today Show just in time for International Day of the Girl celebrations Oct. 11 at the post Commemorative Area.

Naheed Sarabi, a 35-year-old who originally left Afghanistan to pursue her education, and later returned to work in the government, and Farzana Mohammadi, a 24-year-old Paralympic basketball player, appeared on live television to discuss the struggles women face in Afghanistan.

“Today, as I’m sitting here, I’m still thinking about thousands and millions of women, especially girls, who are deprived of education right now,” said Sarabi. “It has been 23 days since girls have been able to go to secondary school. It’s really so shattering to think that women and girls in Afghanistan are deprived of their basic rights.”

International Day of the Girl observances have been held every year on Oct. 11 by the United Nations since 2011. They focus on challenges girls face, as well as promoting girl empowerment and human rights.

“When Kabul fell and all of us left, I saw buildings shattering to its foundation, and that’s how it felt,” said Sarabi. “As a girl who had received education, this is my second time leaving my country. The first time the reason I left was I could not go to school, and I’ve had the chance to be educated. It pinches me so hard to think that millions of girls could not or may not have that opportunity to be where I am today in a couple of years from now if this situation continues to be like this.”

This year’s International Day of the Girl focuses on bridging the digital divide that many women face. The hope is one day women and girls everywhere will have equal access to technology so they can reach their full potential.

“I wish I can start my basketball again, and I can make a good future for myself. I believe in myself,” said Mohammadi after she was asked what her hopes are for her new life.



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

Naheed Sarabi and Farzana Mohammadi, Afghan evacuees at Fort McCoy, tell their story Oct. 11 on The Today Show for International Day of the Girl.

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Photo by Spc. Froylan Grimaldo/7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Neighborhood support

Pfc. Trenton Baker, a Soldier with the 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, speaks with two Afghan children Oct. 8 at Fort McCoy. Soldiers routinely walk through the neighborhoods to assist Afghan evacuees in any way they can as part of Operation Allies Welcome.



Photo by Pfc. Caitlin Wilkins/50th Public Affairs Detachment

Volunteers supporting mission

Volunteers with Save Our Allies give Afghan children fist bumps Oct. 10 at Fort McCoy. Volunteer organizations as well as other governmental and non-governmental organizations are assisting Afghan evacuees as they transition to life in the United States as part of Operation Allies Welcome.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Rayno/181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade

Soccer time

Afghan evacuees play soccer Oct. 19 at Fort McCoy. There are a number of recreational and educational activities available to Afghan personnel to help prepare them for life in the United States.



Photo by Pfc. Caitlin Wilkins/50th Public Affairs Detachment



Photo by Spc. Froylan Grimaldo/7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Evacuees depart Fort McCoy

(Above left) Afghan evacuees go through an airport security checkpoint Oct. 18 at La Crosse Regional Airport in La Crosse, Wis. After completing their initial immigration paperwork the group was ready to leave Fort McCoy and resettle somewhere else in the United States through the Operation Allies Welcome mission. (Above right) Afghans move their bags onto a bus Oct. 16 that will transport them to the La Crosse Regional Airport following the completion of their immigration processing.

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Fort McCoy LRC food service operations continue at steady pace

Employees supporting the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Food Program Management Office and LRC Supply Subsistence Management Office continue operations at a steady pace daily at Fort McCoy supporting training and other missions that require feeding people.

The installation's food-service team ensures its mission is completed according to established standards every day, LRC officials said. That team includes the Food Program Management Office and the Subsistence Supply Management Office (SSMO); the full food-service contractors; and food suppliers, such as Sysco Foods of Baraboo, Wis.

The SSMO, for example, is one of the busiest organizations during any large training event. The SSMO has a small staff and that staff orders, receives, and distributes all food and rations necessary for each exercise as well as for units conducting weekend, or annual training. They have also continuously supported Operation Allies Welcome at Fort McCoy.

Fort McCoy's motto is to be the "Total Force Training Center." Also, 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.

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.

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Supply Specialist Tamra Meyer with the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Food Program Management Office (right) prepares to check food content on a pallet Oct. 14 during food service operations at the LRC Supply Subsistence Management Office in building 490 at Fort McCoy. Heavy equipment and forklift operator Davey Stutts with Taylors International Services Inc. assists in moving pallets.



Stored food items are shown Oct. 14 at the warehouse for the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center Food Program Management Office and Supply Subsistence Management Office at Fort McCoy.



Heavy equipment and forklift operator Davey Stutts with Taylors International Services Inc. works with Supply Specialist Tamra Meyer to move a food pallet Oct. 14 at Fort McCoy. Both Meyer and Stutts support movement of food items at Fort McCoy seven days a week.

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take place at the installation by active- and reserve-component forces and other governmental agencies, according to DPTMS.

During fiscal year 2021, training included several Cold-Weather Operations Course (CWOC) sessions; battle-drill (weekend) training; annual training; mobilization; institutional training; and numerous exercises, including a Warrior Exercise, Combat Support Training Exercise, Diamond Saber, Global Medic, and the level III Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) mobilization exercise Pershing Strike '21.

Pershing Strike included an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (EDRE), two units preparing for deployment, and additional units completing training to "stress" Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI) capabilities, said Fort McCoy DPTMS Director Mike Todd.

"This exercise enables Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) to prepare their system for a unit to deploy," Todd said in July, noting it helps the command and units make sure everything such as personnel and equipment are ready for a deployment while at the same time helping refine the MFGI capabilities.

DPTMS Mobilization/Demobilization Branch Chief Kurt Bruggemeyer, who directly supported Pershing Strike '21, said in many cases an EDRE, which was held the second week of July at Fort McCoy and Volk Field, and a mobilization exercise are held separately. But for Pershing Strike '21, the EDRE was intertwined with the exercise.

"Mobilization exercises vary in levels, with some only being table-top exercises and others integrating numerous units that may or may not actually be deploying into a theater of combat operations," Bruggemeyer said. "During this mobilization exercise Pershing Strike, FORSCOM injected an EDRE into the mobilization exercise flow of units to do several things. First, it tested and evaluated the deploying unit's ability to deploy/redeploy. And secondly, the EDRE unit's Soldiers helped to stress the Fort McCoy MFGI enterprise's ability to support mobilization operations on a larger scale."

DPTMS personnel document the

training statistics each month of the fiscal year, Sharp said. This involves combining numbers of the entire transient training population, which encompasses reserve- and active-component military forces as well as other training agencies, such as law-enforcement agencies or the Wisconsin Challenge Academy.

Fort McCoy Food Program Manager Andy Pisney with the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center said the installation's food-service team definitely noticed the increased level of training throughout the fiscal year.

"Food is universal to every operation, and our team really worked hard to support everything that took place at the installation," Pisney said. "And we've also done our support with COVID-19 still being a factor in our operations. The whole team — the Food Program Management Office, Supply Subsistence Management Office, and contractors and suppliers — had a role in our successful support of the training mission. I'm very proud of our team."

All of the training also plays a role in the economic impact the installation has on local economies. According to the Fort McCoy's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, in fiscal year 2020, Fort McCoy's total economic impact for that fiscal year was an estimated \$1.479 billion.

Training customers appreciate their training experiences at Fort McCoy, as well. For example, Marine Capt. William Myers with the 2nd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company said in February that he appreciated the individualized instruction of CWOC, and he said all the instructors are highly knowledgeable and approachable. He said building improvised shelters and the proper wear of cold-weather clothing are skills he planned to train others on in his unit.

Myers also said Fort McCoy is a great place for cold-weather training. "Fort McCoy mirrors the climate of many of the NATO countries where (our unit) conducts major exercises, thus providing a good exposure to cold weather we might experience in training or conducting operations over there," he said.

DPTMS officials project similar training numbers or higher on post in fiscal year 2022.



A Fort McCoy Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 21-04 student participates in cold-water immersion training Feb. 26 at Big Sandy Lake on South Post at Fort McCoy.



A convoy supporting training operations is shown July 9 on Highway 21 near Fort McCoy. July was one of busiest training months at the installation during fiscal year 2021.



Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in the Regional Training Site-Maintenance Wheeled-Vehicle Recovery Operations Course work together during training Oct. 23, 2020, at the Vehicle Recovery Site on North Post.



Equipment belonging to the 829th Engineer Company (Vertical Construction) is shown on railcars waiting to be unloaded as part of redeployment rail operations Oct. 22, 2020, at Fort McCoy.

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Exchange appreciation

Fort McCoy Exchange General Manager Donald Basil accepts a plaque of appreciation Oct. 8 to the exchange from the Fort McCoy Garrison command team. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service team at Fort McCoy has been supporting the Operation Allies Welcome mission, and recently the Fort McCoy Exchange opened the new Westside Express Exchange designated for Afghan guests. Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss (left) and other garrison command team members took time to thank AAFES employees.

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Fiscal year 2020-funded barracks construction continues

(Above and below) Infrastructure work is shown Oct. 18 in the 1600 block of the cantonment area at Fort McCoy for a second transient training troops barracks project. The second barracks \$18.8 million barracks project was awarded to L.C. Black Constructors, which is the contractor building the first barracks building, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy. The new contract was awarded Sept. 29, 2020, and the notice to proceed was issued Oct. 28, 2020. The contract duration is scheduled for completion in 780 calendar days. Currently contract completion is scheduled for December 2022. The barracks is different than the traditional barracks located throughout the installation. This new building will be four stories and able to house 400 people in approximately 60,000 square feet. The building will be built with the latest in construction materials and include state-of-the-art physical security and energy-saving measures. The project also is part of the Fort McCoy master plan that looks at continuously upgrading the installation's infrastructure to be prepared for the future. The Army Corps of Engineers is managing the project.



OBSERVANCES

Army, Fort McCoy observe October as Energy Action Month

Every October, the Department of Defense and the Army observe the month as Energy Action Month to raise awareness of the critical role that energy resilience plays in mission readiness and to drive behavior change.

For 2021, the Army's theme for Energy Action Month is "Power to Win." According to the office for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment (ASAIEE), the month also highlights the importance of everyone's efforts to achieve energy security and resilience throughout the Army.

Secure and reliable access to energy in operational missions and on installations is essential to ensuring that the Army is ready to deploy, fight, and win across the entire spectrum of conflict, the ASAIEE website states.

Enhanced capabilities and warfighting operations based on concepts like multidomain operations "require secure and reliable access to energy to achieve the levels of mobility and lethality required by the Army's operational forces. The Army continues to increase operational effectiveness, range, lethality, and readiness by reducing the dependency on energy."

Solar energy is one form of renewable energy that is incorporated throughout Fort McCoy, thus reflecting DOD's strategy of "power to win." Solar-power additions at Fort McCoy include pedestrian-crossing and stop signs with flashing LED lights.

There's also solar collectors installed on several buildings on post. According to the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW). More than 70 latrines on the Fort McCoy Range Complex are powered or heated by solar photovoltaic panels as well as other systems that require low energy intake.

Staff members are always looking at ways that renewable energy can contribute to energy savings at Fort McCoy, DPW officials said. Though the use of solar power is not as widespread as other installations, it is part of many of Fort McCoy's energy-savings initiatives throughout the post.

Across the federal government, October is also Energy Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Energy page about the month, <https://www.energy.gov/eere/femp/energy-awareness-month>, states the month is a "celebratory time in which the federal government is 'Leading by Example' by providing leadership in energy management and building optimization, energy resilience and security, and the use of advanced and distributed energy technologies."

Through the Federal Energy Management Program and the Department of Energy, agencies are helped to meet federal energy efficiency and renewable energy laws and requirements, the website states.

"Agencies are making tremendous progress toward these requirements by implementing energy- and water-management projects throughout the federal government," the website states. "Whether these projects are implemented campus-wide or in individual facilities, every action taken by hard-working employees in U.S. defense and civilian agencies contributes toward strengthening the security and resilience of our federal infrastructure."



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(Above left) A power station area on a South Post training area powered by solar energy is shown Oct. 18 at Fort McCoy. (Above right) One of several flashing stop signs powered by solar energy is shown Oct. 18 on post.

To learn more ideas about how to save energy, check the Department of Energy's energy saver webpage at <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>. And learn more about Energy Action Month in the Army by visiting <https://www.asaiee.army.mil/Public/ES/energyactionmonth.html>.

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

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SAFETY

Installation holds October SOHC meeting promoting safer, healthier work environments

The Fort McCoy Installation Safety Office-led October meeting of the Installation Safety and Occupational Health Council (SOHC) took place Oct. 12 on post with the agenda highlighting several safety and health ideas and action items.

As part of a safety presentation prepared by ISO Safety Specialist Dale Marsolek, the attendees first learned about a past safety incident at the installation in the ISO's "Share to Prevent" series of safety lessons held at this quarterly meeting.

The safety presentation was followed by a review by Safety and Occupational Health Specialist Justin Artman of ISO on the post building inspection focus for fiscal year 2022. Of specific focus was emergency action plans and training.

Artman said emergency action plans are required by federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration on installations like Fort McCoy. He also said all employees should know about the action plans, and those plans should always be readily available.

Artman also said employees should hold fire evacuation training annually, and it should be documented regularly by supervisors.

Artman was followed by Registered Nurse Erica Miller of the Fort McCoy Occupational Health Clinic. Miller discussed what services the clinic has available to support the workforce on post, including physicals; hearing protection and education; vision protection; respiratory protection; immunizations; and other medical education, guidance, and advice.

Miller also offered tips about staying healthy at work during cold and flu season, and that the clinic is offering 2021 flu vaccines for the workforce. She also addressed how stress is a factor for many people in the workplace and offered stress-reduction tips and ways to manage stress.

Miller said people should also be aware of what COVID-19 vaccination boosters are out there and who is eligible.

She also discussed many misinformation topics about COVID-19.

Marsolek then followed Miller to discuss the

usage of masks vs. respirators. He explained basic information about the devices and what they are meant to do, as well as their efficiency.

Garrison Safety Manager Randy Eddy with ISO followed Marsolek to discuss fire extinguisher information forwarded by the Fort McCoy Fire Department. Also discussed were explosives safety and the personnel who assist with managing the post explosives safety process.

In the "around the table" discussion toward the end of the meeting, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Brad Stewart encouraged workforce personnel to all use the Occupational Health Clinic for immunizations and other healthcare support. And Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss discussed current operations on the installation and encouraged personnel to be ready for the upcoming winter and have winter safety in mind.

Also mentioned was the need for runners to wear reflective gear, especially when out after dark.

The Fort McCoy SOHC meets quarterly to



discuss safety issues that could potentially affect the installation community.

It also provides garrison staff and tenants a chance to inform leadership of any safety concerns they have.

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OUTDOORS



The Pine View Campground office is shown Sept. 30 at Fort McCoy. Though campground sites will close Nov. 30, the office will continue to remain open through the winter.

Pine View Campground sites open through November; cabins to remain available

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Most of Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground will close Dec. 1 for the winter and won't reopen again until May 1, 2022, said officials with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR).

DFMWR's Business and Recreation Division Chief Scott Abell said the closing is only related to campsites. All of the furnished cabins at the campground will be continue to be available.

"Pine View campsites will remain open until Nov. 30," Abell said. "Sites will be closed for the winter at that point, but our cabins will remain available throughout the winter with 'Stay and Play' packages available for Whitetail Ridge, which include passes for the ski hill when you stay in a cabin."

The Pine View Campground office and the Fort McCoy Equipment Check-out will also remain open, Abell said.

"The office will be manned as we'll have the cabin guests, and they'll handle reservations for camping in spring/summer," he said. "Equipment check-out will be available, but business volume in that area is very low in the winter."

With campsites open through November, it helps people who are coming to installation for the annual gun-deer season, Abell said. Once deer season is completed, he said the number of people camping drops significantly because of the colder weather.

"We get very few recreational campers during the timeframe the campsites are closed," Abell said. "In past years, we primarily had long-term stays, which are no longer allowed. ... And we were closed last winter, and it worked out just fine."

And for the second consecutive year the campground has many cabins available to rent.

"Our cabins range from one bedroom with loft (park model type) to two-bedroom units," Abell said. "They are all well maintained and great accommodations."

Ten new park model cabins were added to the campground area in 2018. The park models have one bedroom, a full kitchen, a bathroom, a living room area with cable TV, air conditioning, and a washer and dryer.

Following are Pine View cabin rental rates:

- duplexes — military or Department of Defense (DOD) employee rate, \$80 a night; general public, \$90.
- one-bedroom cabins with a loft — military or DOD employee rate, \$85 a night; general public, \$95.
- lakeside two-bedroom cabins — military or DOD employee rate, \$95 a night; general public, \$120.
- east side two-bedroom cabins — military or DOD employee rate, \$110 a night; general public, \$135.

Get additional information about the campsite closure or cabin rates by stopping by the campground office or calling 608-388-3517. People can also find out more about DFMWR at Fort McCoy by visiting <https://mccoy.armymwr.com>.



Park model cabins available for rent are shown Oct. 14 at Pine View Campground. Ten new park model cabins were added to the campground area in 2018.

FEATURE

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: Angelo punctated

In 1961 and 1962, archaeologist William M. Hurley conducted archaeological investigations for the Wisconsin Highway Salvage Program prior to the development of Interstate Highway 90 (I-90).

Hurley and crew discovered five prehistoric sites on the banks of Silver Creek within the project corridor and identified the sites as small village and camping areas dating to the Woodland cultural period (500 B.C. to A.D. 1200) based on the artifacts recovered during the investigation.

The artifacts unearthed from the sites along Silver Creek included a large number of pre-contact pottery fragments, which archaeologists refer to as “sherds.” Native American pottery first appears in Wisconsin approximately 2,500 years ago during the Woodland cultural period, and the artifacts collected by Hurley from Monroe County were some of the first of this time period to be recognized in the Driftless Area.

While analyzing the artifacts, Hurley noticed some of the ceramics did not match other known types or styles of pottery found in Wisconsin or surrounding states. Archaeologists often designate types of pottery using a combined name of the location of the first find and a distinguishing design characteristic of the pottery.

Hurley continued this tradition and dubbed the newly identified ceramic type Angelo punctated: Angelo after the township where the “new” pottery was found and punctated for the type of design or decoration observed on the pottery.

Punctations are indentations produced by pressing the end of a stick, reed, grass, stem, antler tine, fingertip, or knotted cord into the wet clay of the pot after it is shaped into vessel form but before it is dried and fired, creating a depression on the exterior surface of the unfired pot as a decorative treatment. Punctations come in many shapes, including circular, semi-circular, wedge-shaped or triangular, square, and ovoid.

Hurley provided a detailed description of the artifact for archaeologists to use in identifying Angelo punctated pottery recovered during future excavations in Western Wisconsin and beyond. Distinguishing characteristics include narrow parallel incised lines or grooves on the rim and neck of the vessel which form bands around wedge-shaped or triangular punctations.



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An example of Angelo punctated pottery found in an archaeological dig at Fort McCoy is shown.

Some vessels also exhibit deep, angular notching on the lip top of the rim.

It has been 60 years since the discovery and naming of the Angelo Punctated pottery type, one of Fort McCoy’s signature artifacts, and it is still not a well-dated or well-understood pottery type.

Based on stylistic attributes to pottery found on other sites and on what information was available in the 1960’s, Hurley made an educated guess that the new pottery type dated to the Middle Woodland cultural period (A.D 100 – A.D. 500). Another archaeologist, Robert “Ernie” Boszhardt, has since found evidence suggesting a later date for this ceramic type.

He places it within the Late Woodland cultural period (A.D. 500 – A.D. 1200), specifically A.D. 1000 – A.D. 1100, based on the discovery of well-dated Middle Mississippian pottery found in place with Angelo punctated pottery during excavations performed in 2003. Hopefully more examples of this ceramic type

can be located with charcoal for radiocarbon dating to gain a better understanding of where Angelo punctated pottery falls within the continuum of time.

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

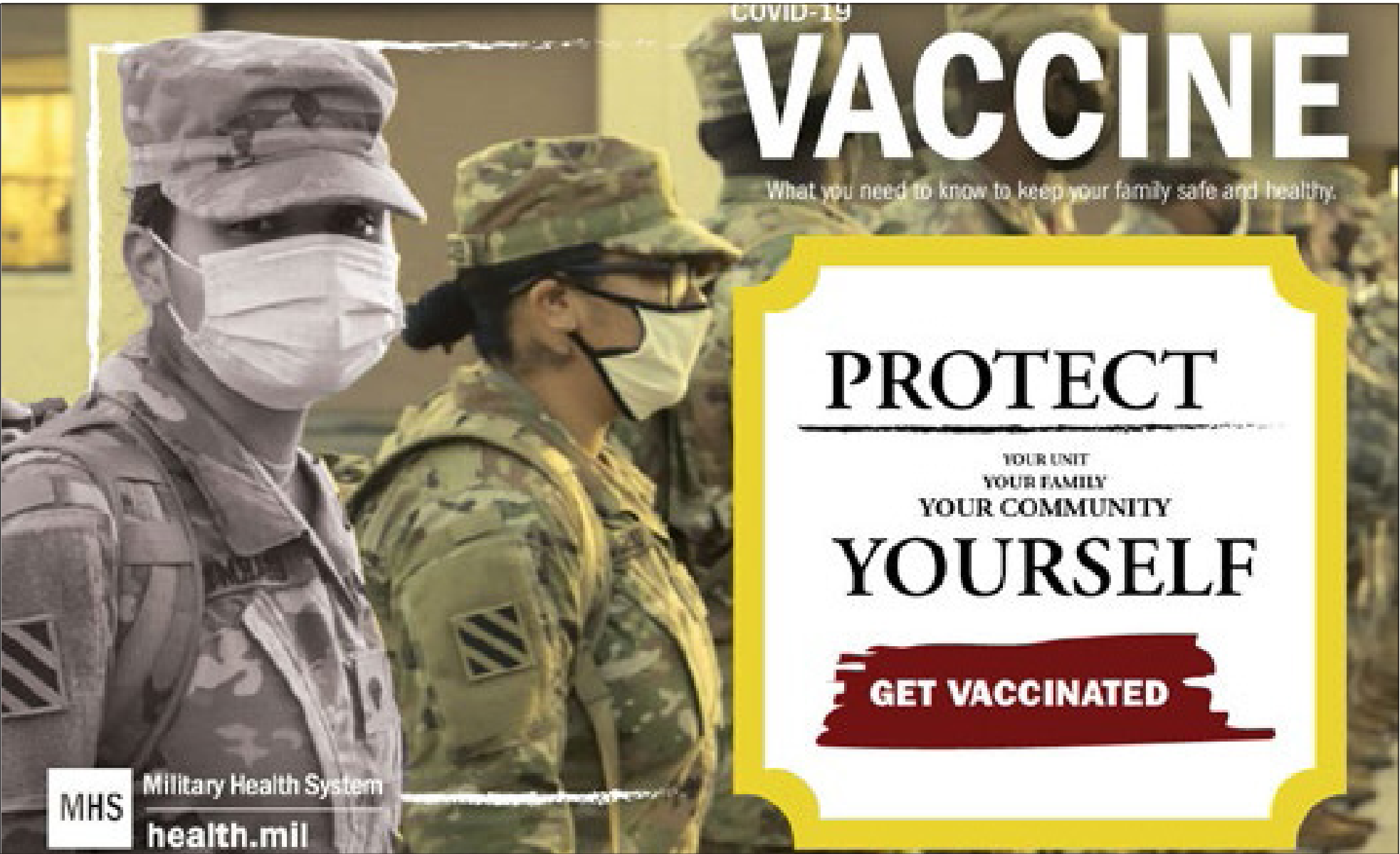
Visitors and employees are reminded they should not collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals.

Any individual 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 Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-8214.

(Article prepared by the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.)

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NEWS NOTES

Connect the Tots fall playgroup runs through Nov. 30

The Connect the Tots fall playgroup meets Tuesdays through Nov. 30.

Playgroups are 10 a.m. to noon at The Army Community Service Family Building, 2161.

Each playgroup features a theme. The playgroup contains toys, books, and other materials to help strengthen each child's cognitive, physical, and creative selves and to help promote social-emotional skill building.

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

For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412 or email brittany.r.sonie.civ@mail.mil.

Wooden pen workshops scheduled

Army Community Service (ACS) is hosting a wooden pen workshop 4-6:30 p.m. in October and November.

Available dates are Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 9, 18, and 30.

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 608-388-3505.

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

registered 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.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month workshop planned for Oct. 29

Taking a Stand on Domestic Violence, an awareness workshop, will be held 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 29 at South Post Housing Community Center.

The topics will include "What does a healthy relationship look like?" and "Who will help me? A domestic violence survivor story."

Registration is required by Oct. 27. Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Call 608-388-2412 or email brittany.r.sonie.civ@mail.mil.

Resilience workshop set for Nov. 3

A resilience workshop is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 3 via Microsoft Teams.

This series of workshops teaches strategies in



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Star Note recognition

Fort McCoy Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard presents a Star Note of recognition Oct. 7 to Craig Bartholomew, an environmental compliance specialist with the Directorate of Public Works, at Fort McCoy. Bartholomew received the Star Note from Stephen Sullivan, chief financial officer and director for Resources, Installations and Materiel, U.S. Army Reserve. The Star Note highlights Bartholomew's efforts in leading the cleanup of contaminated sites at Fort McCoy.

self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, character strengths and connection to increase your resilience at work and at home. November's topic is assertive communication.

The workshops are hosted by Army Community Service. Call 608-388-6507 to register.

Publication date for The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Nov. 12. The deadline is Nov. 3.

For more information, call 608-388-2769.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Roof work

Roof construction on a new \$7.03 million shipping, receiving, and mail freight facility is shown Oct. 18 at Fort McCoy, Wis. The construction for the facility included the requirement of a pre-engineered metal building that has an estimated 19,500 square feet of space. 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. This project is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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 5-10 p.m. Mon and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tues.-Sun. (Bar, food, bowling) 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: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun. 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. Building 1571. Open 5-10 p.m. Mon and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tues.-Sun. (Bar, food, bowling) Call 608-388-7060.

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 to schedule tests. Email 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.

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 Nov. 11, 2021.
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 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.

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 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; TRICARE for Life, 866-773-0404; or 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.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club: Email 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.

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



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ABOUT POST



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Honoring Gen. Powell

Officers with the Directorate of Emergency Services Police Department finish setting the U.S. flag at half-staff Oct. 18 at Fort McCoy in honor of Army Gen. Colin Powell, who recently died at the age of 84. Powell was the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and also served four years as the U.S. Secretary of State in the early 2000s.



Morning march

Cadets in the Wisconsin Challenge Academy participate in a morning training march Oct. 18 on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy. The Challenge Academy, a Fort McCoy tenant organization, offers youth the opportunity to change the direction of their lives and develop the strength of character and life skills necessary to become successful, responsible citizens. The program begins with a 5 1/2-month residential phase, followed by a one-year, post-residential phase.



Army Combat Fitness Test

Soldiers complete a stage in the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) on Oct. 18 outside Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy. The ACFT 3.0 is the next adaptation of the ACFT. Building on the lessons from the ACFT 2.0, the Army incorporated modifications into ACFT 3.0 that started April 1. ACFT 3.0 consists of six events: three-repetition maximum deadlift, standing power throw, hand-release push-ups, sprint-drag-carry, leg tuck or plank, and 2-mile run.

PARTING SHOT



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Cranberry festing
Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard; Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, garrison command sergeant major; and Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss donned waders for a special photo Sept. 25 during the 2021 Cranberry Festival in Warrens, Wis. The festival was held for the first time in two years after being canceled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Garrison command team members regularly support local events like the festival as part of community outreach by the installation.

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