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Fall training

A Soldier with the 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry (2-106) of the Illinois National Guard fires a machine gun at a target Oct. 21 at a live-fire range at Fort McCoy. During their training on post in October, 2-106 Soldiers completed individual and crew weapons qualifications training at several installation ranges. See more about the training on Page 4.



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

New citizens

Soldiers raise their right hand as they recite the Oath of Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony Nov. 4 at Fort McCoy. The Soldiers who are from Afghanistan, China and the Philippines, completed the naturalization process while serving with Task Force McCoy for Operation Allies Welcome at the installation. See more about the ceremony on page 2.

Fort McCoy DFMWR bolsters support for Afghan guests, staff during OAW

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

Even before the Afghan guests set foot on Fort McCoy in August, garrison organizations were rallying staff members and resources to try to make the transition to the United States as smooth and comfortable as possible.

The Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) was one of the organizations to hit the ground running, and it's slowed down very little since.

"DFMWR was engaged from the very beginning of the OAW mission," DFMWR Director Patric McGuane said. "Prior to the first guests arriving, we were in the designated neighborhoods setting up fencing and recreational soccer, basketball, and badminton equipment."

As Afghan guests began arriving, the Army Community Service (ACS) team prepared welcome packets with coloring books, crayons, and small toys for the children among the guests. ACS staff members also assisted the Public Affairs Office by

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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director

answering and logging calls from the public about volunteering and donations.

The DFMWR team also assisted Catholic Charities in outfitting five women and children's recreation and legal assistance centers. The buildings were outfitted with spare furniture, audiovisual equipment, children's furniture, and activities equipment from the Child and Youth Services warehouse.

As needs changed, so did DFMWR's activities. With the influx of Task Force McCoy staff members to

provide for the ongoing needs of the Afghan guests, DFMWR switched its focus to supporting the Soldiers and civilians running the mission.

"DFMWR made the decision to designate our facilities as a sanctuary for the OAW support Soldiers, nongovernmental organizations, and intra-/intergovernmental partners on temporary duty here," McGuane said. "In doing so, we have had to increase staffing levels and operational hours to meet the increased demand for DFMWR services."

"We have also had to develop more resilience-focused programming like trips and team sports activities to positively engage our OAW patrons."

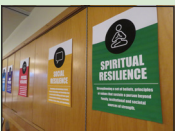
As the first new American citizens were born at Fort McCoy, ACS began providing baby supplies for OAW guests. The organization continues to supply neonatal items that might be missing from the usual donation channels.

McGuane said DFMWR staff members step up to meet any challenges that come their way, and the OAW mission has been no exception.

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NEWS

Three Task Force McCoy Soldiers become U.S. citizens

STORY & PHOTO BY ZACHARY MOTT

88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

Serving a nation that is not your birth country is a level of selflessness not common to most.

For three Soldiers currently at Fort McCoy as part of the Operation Allies Welcome mission with Task Force McCoy, they are now serving their country as Americans when they became United States citizens during a naturalization ceremony Nov. 4 on post.

“For me, there’s responsibility. With being a U.S. citizen, I can help more people and others to achieve greater things,” said Pfc. Noor Jawadi, who is currently serving with the 44th Chemical Company, Task Force McCoy, and immigrated to the United States from Afghanistan at age 16.

For Spc. Li Ye, Pfc. Ivy Marciano and Jawadi, the opportunity to become American citizens propelled them to join the Army.

“Becoming a U.S. citizen for some people, it will give you a lot of opportunities,” said Marciano, who moved to the United States from the Philippines in 2014. “There’s always going to be a difference between being a permanent resident and a U.S. citizen, which being a U.S. citizen gives you a lot more opportunities living in America.”

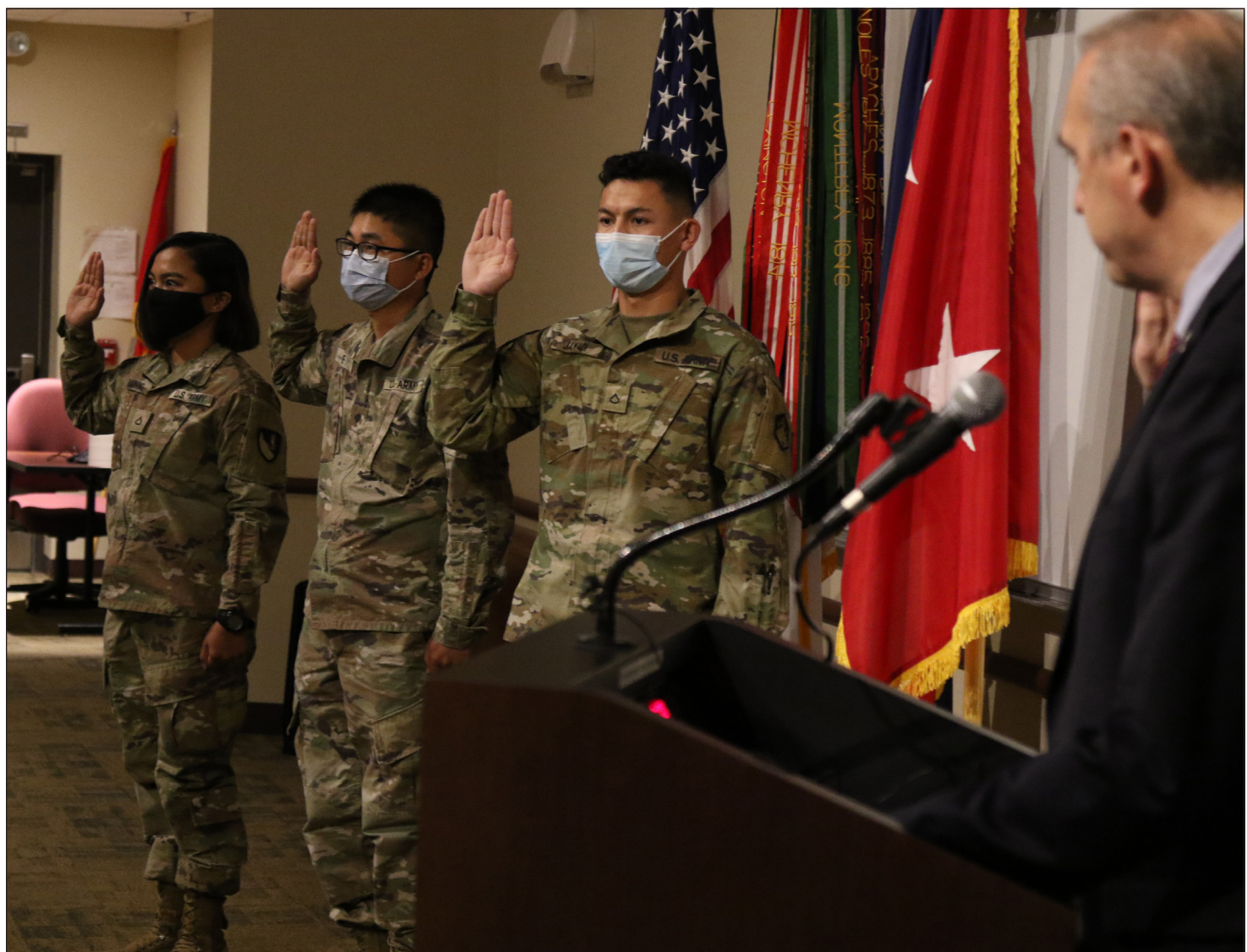
“To the new citizens, you are as American as someone whose family has been here for hundreds of years,” said Mick Dedvukaj, district director, Great Lakes/Midwest District, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, when addressing the three newest American citizens after he administered the Oath of Allegiance.

That Oath of Allegiance is the official moment when someone becomes an American citizen.

“The most rewarding thing I have done during my career has been to conduct naturalization ceremonies and give the oath to new American citizens,” said Trina Swanson, deputy federal coordinator, Operation Allies Welcome.

“I am proud to welcome you as new American citizens today,” Swanson said. “Thank you for your service to our country.”

Under the terms of the naturalization through military service program with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Nationality Act 329, states that anyone who served honorably during a period of hostility is eligible to apply for naturalization. There is a



(From left) New American citizens Pfc. Ivy Marciano, Spc. Li Ye, and Pfc. Noor Jawadi recite the Oath of Allegiance with Mick Dedvukaj, district director, Great Lakes/Midwest District, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, during a naturalization ceremony Nov. 4 at Fort McCoy.

declared period of hostility beginning Sept. 11, 2001, until now.

As the newest American citizens, Ye, Marciano, and Jawadi have many opportunities before them.

“U.S. citizenship opens many doors, but it also comes with great responsibility to the oth-

er citizens of our country and now your nation. You have each already taken on one of those responsibilities by serving your nation,” said Maj. Gen. Darrell J. Guthrie, commanding general, 88th Readiness Division.

The Department of Defense, through the U.S. Northern Command, and in support of the

Department of Homeland Security, is providing transportation, temporary housing, medical screening, and general support for more than 50,000 Afghan evacuees.

This initiative provides vulnerable Afghans essential support at secure locations outside Afghanistan.

DFMWR

The team will continue to support both OAW staff and the Afghan guests until they move on to permanent homes.

“Twenty-plus DFMWR team members have been recognized with special FMWR/OAW jackets and T-shirts for their above-and-beyond efforts to support this mission,” McGuane said.

For more information about DFMWR programs and services, visit <https://mccoy.armymwr.com>. For more information about the OAW mission, visit <https://www.dvidshub.net/tags/news/operation-allies-welcome>.

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 Aimee Malone

Task Force McCoy personnel assigned to support Operation Allies Welcome at Fort McCoy spend time in McCoy's Community Center on Nov. 9 on post. The center is operated by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dalton Smith/354th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

A volleyball net and ball are shown Aug. 19 after setup was complete in a Fort McCoy barracks block at the beginning of Operation Allies Refuge/Welcome at Fort McCoy. Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation personnel helped get equipment like this ready for the mission.

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OPERATION ALLIES WELCOME



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

Game time

Pfc. Trenton Baker, a Soldier with 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, plays catch with an Afghan child Oct. 18 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 Sgt. Elliot Alagueuzian/7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

New recreation area

Afghan children play ping pong Nov. 8 at a newly opened recreational center at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Allies Welcome. The recreation center offers a wide variety of other activities such as indoor soccer, basketball, and ping pong.

New sewing center expands opportunities for Afghan evacuees at Fort McCoy

STORY & PHOTO BY PFC. CAITLIN WILKINS

50th Public Affairs Detachment

A second sewing center here opened for Afghan evacuees Nov. 1, providing more opportunities for evacuees to choose the patterns and styles for their clothing items.

The centers are run by volunteers from Catholic Charities and have become so popular among Afghan evacuees that volunteers saw the need for a second sewing center.

“We had an overabundance of ladies who wanted to sew,” said Mari Guckenberger, a volunteer at the sewing center. “It’s also a pretty far distance between the north and south side of the camp. For them to trek down here, it’s a pretty long walk, so we wanted something closer for them.”

What started as just a few sewing machines brought to one of the women and children’s centers has now turned into a two-building operation with around 40 sewing machines and countless yards of fabric and thread.

Jean Onsrud, a volunteer with Catholic Charities, explained how it all started with a handful of sewing machines the volunteers brought to the women and children’s centers.

One sewing machine turned into two, and two machines turned into three. Things really picked up after another volunteer told her friends about it, and they immediately started a supply drive. Catholic Charities also received refurbished sewing machines and other supplies from Madison, Wis.

The centers are open to both men and women, and while they don’t teach sewing classes, Afghan personnel have started teaching each other the basics.

“We want people to have the opportunity to learn and practice,” Guckenberger said.

“There’s three fabric cutters, and a couple women who are teaching others how to use the machines. So this is an opportunity for them to learn before they leave Fort McCoy.”

The new sewing center allows more Afghan evacuees to learn sewing skills and can bring new opportunities after they leave Fort McCoy.



An Afghan evacuee threads the needle on her sewing machine at a sewing center Nov. 1 at Fort McCoy as part of Operation Allies Welcome.

“Well, they can sew for people and bring in some income,” said Guckenberger.

“I know there’s one gal that’s planning on that as a career to help her family back in Afghanistan.

“At least if they have access to a machine they can repair clothing for them and their family, and they can make clothes for other people,” Guckenberger said.

The center is open in the morning and afternoon and offers a 2

1/2-hour period for each person to sew. Afghan evacuees receive a ticket with their time slot from their block captain and can come into the center and create an outfit of their choosing.

“They get an opportunity to be creative,” said Onsrud. “They get the opportunity to create something they’re comfortable in, that is more traditional. They can make whatever they want, and then when they come back we feel like we can greet them like friends.”

NEWS

2nd, 106th Cavalry Soldiers hold October training at Fort McCoy

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Soldiers with the 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry (2-106) of the Illinois National Guard conducted training at Fort McCoy in October that included a lot of weapons training.

Army National Guard members are a regular training customer at Fort McCoy throughout every year, including from Illinois. First Sgt. Kyle T. Bishop, 2-106 operations noncommissioned officer and first sergeant, said his unit made good use of the many live-fire ranges at Fort McCoy.

“During our training that week, we conducted individual weapons qualification on the M4 rifle, M249 automatic rifle, and M17 pistol,” Bishop said.

“We also conducted crew-weapon qualification on the M2 .50 caliber machine gun, and the MK19, M240B, and M249LMG machine guns,” Bishop said.

“Also, our Charlie troop conducted day and night buddy team live fire on Range 41.”

The training by the 2-106 Soldiers reflects the continuing increase in troops training at the installation in the fall, said Larry Sharp, chief of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Training Coordination Branch.

And as more troops like the 2-106 train on post, annual training numbers will be higher. Fort McCoy supported the training of 116,053 troops on post during fiscal year 2021 — nearly double to fiscal year 2020 numbers of 60,054 troops trained at Fort McCoy.

Sharp said annually 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 also statistics reflect many types of training opportunities that take place at the



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

Soldiers with the 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry (2-106) of the Illinois National Guard M9 pistols Oct. 21 at a live-fire range at Fort McCoy. During their training on post in October, 2-106 Soldiers completed individual and crew weapons qualifications training.

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

Training activity like that from the 2-106 also

reflect in Fort McCoy’s economic impact to the areas around the post. According to the Fort McCoy’s Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, in fiscal year 2020, Fort McCoy’s total econom-

ic impact for that fiscal year was an estimated \$1.479 billion.

Fort McCoy was established in 1909 and its motto is to be the “Total Force Training Center.”



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

RTS-Maintenance training ops

Soldiers and staff with the Fort McCoy Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance training facility operate a military vehicle near their facility Oct. 28 at Fort McCoy. RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy trains Soldiers in the Army’s 91-series military occupational specialty (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. The Fort McCoy RTS-Maintenance is the largest of the four in the Army Reserve.



Photos by Julee Katona

Challenge Academy cadets view static display

(Above and below) Cadets with the Wisconsin Challenge Academy stop for a photo Nov. 8 with Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment next to UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters at Fort McCoy. Cadets were able to meet with the Soldiers and learn more about the helicopter as part of a field trip. The Challenge Academy is a Fort McCoy tenant organization.



OBSERVANCES

Women's Resilience Day event held at installation

STORY & PHOTO BY KALEEN HOLLIDAY

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Fort McCoy Army Community Services (ACS) hosted a Women's Resilience Day event Oct. 21 in building 2111 at the installation.

According to the organizers, the day explored the five dimensions of resilience — emotional, family, physical, social, and spiritual. Approximately 20 civilian employees, military members, and spouses participated in the rotation of workshops that included yoga, crafts, a life balance discussion, and a breast cancer awareness presentation by guest speaker Jamie Dahl.

"This really was a great opportunity for our attendees to learn about the resources they have available in the community, and more," said Military Family Life Consultant Tammy Fischer, who along with fellow consultant Laszlo Stojakowsky spoke to the attendees about family resilience.

"We had a lot of good comments from those who attended, too," Fischer said. "Everyone was very interactive and looked like they were having a good time. Definitely a great event for the Fort McCoy community."

At the Army's webpage on resilience with the Army Resilience Directorate, <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil>, it states the importance of having those five dimensions of resilience.

"Resilience drives personal readiness, and personal readiness relies on the five dimensions, sometimes called pillars," the website states. "Sustaining healthy behaviors within and across these dimensions is essential to personal readiness."

The page also emphasizes the importance of being ready and resilient.

"Ready and resilient provides the foundation for individuals to build and sustain personal readiness and resilience," the website states. "Strengthening Soldiers and enhancing personal readiness offers the greatest opportunity to increase unit cohesion and achieve positive outcomes."

At the ACS event, resilience was looked at as how well people



Fort McCoy community members participate in Women's Resiliency Day on Oct. 21 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy. The event was coordinated by the Fort McCoy Army Community Service office.

cope and adapt with events in their lives and the ability to bounce back from an event with less stress so they can move forward, organizers said.

Lunch was provided as part of the day's events. Resource books also were provided, and a variety of resiliency techniques were discussed and shared by all. "That's why that interaction was so important," Fischer said.

In addition to those who were already mentioned, other speakers included Lorie Retzlaff of ACS discussing social resilience, Kathy Peterson discussing physical resilience, and Carmen Ortiz of ACS also discussing the five dimensions of resilience.

ACS offers a variety of training and events every month. Stop by their offices in building 2111 or call 608-388-3505 for more information.

Post observes National Disability Employment Awareness Month with special event

BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and Fort McCoy observed it with a special event Oct. 26 on Microsoft Teams.

The guest speaker was Rob Lougee, the assistant national employment director for Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Lougee gave a presentation about DAV and the services it provides for all veterans and their family members.

DAV was created in 1920 in the aftermath of World War I. The non-profit organization assists veterans by providing rides to medical appointments, assisting them in Veterans Affairs benefits claims, connecting them with employment opportunities, and providing additional resources they may need.

DAV currently helps more than 1 million veterans each year, providing services to them at no cost, according to the website www.dav.org. Lougee said 86 cents out of every dollar donated to DAV goes directly to veterans programs.

One of the resources DAV puts out specifically connected to veterans with disabilities is an employer's guide, aimed at dispelling myths about disabilities and educating employers about the benefits of hiring disabled veterans. The guide is available online at <https://www.dav.org/veterans/employment-resources/hiring-guide/>.

"We want to ensure that quality lives are available to everyone who served their country honorably," Lougee said. "We are there to assist them in achieving what they want to do and where they want to go to the best of our ability."



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This screenshot shows Rob Lougee, the assistant national employment director for Disabled American Veterans, giving a virtual presentation Oct. 26 as part of the Fort McCoy observance for National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month dates 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 was coordinated by the Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) offices.

"The Army Reserve EEO Office is committed to ensuring that employment opportunities are fair, equal, and consistent for all employees and applicants," said Senior EEO Specialist Derrick Caulkins, Disability Program manager for the Army Reserve EEO Office. "In maintaining a Model EEO

Program, the Army Reserve EEO Office oversees many supportive programs, one of which — the Disability Program — is designed to assist and support the workforce with disability employment matters."

The Disability Program helps both employees seeking reasonable accommodations and managers through the accommodation process. Employers are required to provide employees with reasonable accommodations, which is defined as any change in the work environment or processes that allows a person with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities.

In addition, the Disability Program assists with recruiting, hiring, retaining, and promoting employees with disabilities, through both training and streamlining the hiring process through the Schedule A hiring authority. Schedule A is an excepted service hiring authority used to noncompetitively hire a person with severe physical, psychiatric, and/or intellectual disabilities.

More information about services provided by the Army Reserve EEO Office is available by emailing usarmy.usarc-hq.mbx.eeo@mail.mil or calling 608-388-3106.

OBSERVANCES

Dozens attend Fort McCoy's 2021 Veterans Day Prayer Luncheon

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Dozens of Fort McCoy community members gathered Nov. 4 for the installation's annual Veterans Day Prayer Luncheon held at the chapel in building 2672.

The luncheon is organized every year by the Fort McCoy Religious Support Office (RSO), which is part of Fort McCoy Garrison. The 2021 luncheon included retired Wisconsin State Patrol Maj. Darren Price as the guest speaker. Price is now a pastor with the Tomah (Wis.) Pentecostal Assembly.

The luncheon began with Garrison Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Rand providing the welcome to the event. He was followed by pianist Michelle Jones playing and singing the national anthem. She also invited all attendees to sing the anthem, as well.

Jones later played the songs "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "It Is Well with My Soul."

Chaplain (Capt.) David Kuntz with the 530th Military Police Battalion provided the invocation, and Fort McCoy community member and regular congregational member Audrey Cepeda sang a solo rendition of "Ever Faithful to the Call" with Jones providing musical accompaniment.

Next was Price giving his presentation. He related a story that compares, figuratively, carpentry nails with people. Nails, when used, can bend or change from their original "perfect" form. They could become imperfect or, as some might refer to them, "bad nails."

"Some folks discard them (bad nails)," Price said. "As a youth, I used to gather them. I would find a use for them. But even after we did, we had to be careful on how we applied them so that whatever we put our hand to would meet a vision. And also that vision we had in our own mind would help them be successful."

Price also said he is proud to be a military veteran. He reminded the audience the importance of serving.

"I don't want you to forget that when you wear that uniform it is a calling in life," Price said. "Not everybody can wear that uniform. Not everybody has the ability and the skill set and the vision to bring people along for a common mission."

Much of what Price's presentation reflected what can be found in his biography, which was printed in the event's program.

"Pastor Price was rewarded with a cache of life's golden experiences in the areas of military training, multicultural affairs, executive level leadership, law enforcement, entrepreneurship, and Pentecostal/Apostolic ministry," states the biography.

Following Price's presentation, prayers by three people were presented to past service members; families of service members; and for veterans who are police, fire, or emergency medical services personnel.

The prayer for past service members was given by Pastor Brian Young with the Sparta (Wis.) Faith Evangelical Free Church. Father Peter Augustine of the St. John's Episcopal Church of Sparta gave the prayer for military families. And Chaplain Jef Skinner, a police chaplain, provided the last prayer.

Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss provided closing remarks and presented Price with a special appreciation plaque and a commander's coin for excellence. Chaplain (Capt.) Jamal Bey with the 720th Military Police Battalion provided the benediction and ended the formal part of the luncheon.

Eventgoers then participated in a lunch at the RSO office across the street from the chapel.

See videos and additional coverage of the event by visiting the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office page on DVIDS at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMPAO>.



Retired Wisconsin State Patrol Maj. Darren Price gives his presentation Nov. 4 as the guest speaker for the 2021 Veterans Day Prayer Luncheon at Fort McCoy. Price, a military veteran, is now a pastor with the Tomah Pentecostal Assembly.



Dozens of community members are shown Nov. 4 during their participation in the 2021 Veterans Day Prayer Luncheon at Fort McCoy. The event was organized by the Fort McCoy Garrison Religious Support Office.

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FEATURE

THIS MONTH IN FORT MCCOY HISTORY

75 Years Ago — Nov. 14, 1946

Reporters and photographers representing all three news services, and numerous national publications, prepared to leave Camp McCoy, after observing a two-day demonstration of Task Force Frost equipment.

The journalists arrived at Camp McCoy on the evening of the Nov. 13 and were oriented for the event at a dinner attended by Colonel Broedlow and staff officers. On Nov. 14, the visiting press viewed displays by the infantry of tentage, sleds, winter clothing, and sleeping bags.

The Medical Platoon exhibited their hospital tents and explained their part in testing the human reaction to cold. Tests were held to determine the advisability of using sleds to move artillery, and the radar radio set SCR-584 and Metro Radio Set SCR-658 were operated for reporters.

Firing of artillery, recoilless weapons, and flame-throwers was also conducted. And in the evening, illuminating shells were used to light up a simulated night attack. This morning, reporters were shown mountain climbing equipment and the M3 Snake, an engineer weapon used to clear minefields, was detonated with 1,500 pounds of explosives. The journalists were transported by bus to the various demonstrations, so that inconvenience and delay to both themselves and the participants of the tests could be eliminated.

Coverage of these events by the national press is a good indication of the importance of Task Force Frost and of the valuable facts the War Department expects to learn from the tests.

30 Years Ago — Nov. 8, 1991

The Regional Training Site-Medical (RTS-Medical), a new organization activated at Fort McCoy in August, now has received much of the equipment it will need to perform its training mission.

From Nov. 4-8, 27 semi-trailer loads of equipment, valued at \$11.4 million, were delivered to building 747, where it is being unpacked, inventoried, and tested.

The equipment was shipped to Fort McCoy from the Defense Department Depot at Ogden, Utah. RTS-Medical Director Lt. Col. John Graham said that building 747 and several other buildings in the post's old hospital area are temporarily being used until permanent facilities can be constructed.

"Our permanent home will be a 20,000-square-foot, \$2.7 million building that will include an administrative area, training and warehouse space, and a biomedical equipment repair shop," he said. "We expect construction to begin in the spring of 1992 and be completed by the summer of 1993."

The mission of RTS-Medical is to provide medical personnel with training and training support on the relatively new Deployable Medical Systems equipment.

Other responsibilities will include providing direct and general medical maintenance support, and testing and evaluating new equipment coming out of government research and development laboratories.

20 Years Ago — Nov. 5, 2001

Initial training on a new bulldozer at Fort McCoy gave members of an Army Reserve engineer unit practical experience while the installation received valuable assistance to help develop a training area.

Members of the 611th Engineer Company (Mechanized) of Sharonville, Ohio, received the training on the Deployable Universal Combat Earthmover (DEUCE) at McCoy from Nov. 5-16.

The equipment is being fielded to select Army Reserve units under a government contract with the Caterpillar Company. The new DEUCE bulldozer is faster and more maneuverable than its predecessor, the D-5 bulldozer. Wilson said the equipment has an automatic transmission and a steering wheel, features absent in the D-5.

The DEUCE also is lighter than its predecessor, which increases its deployability.

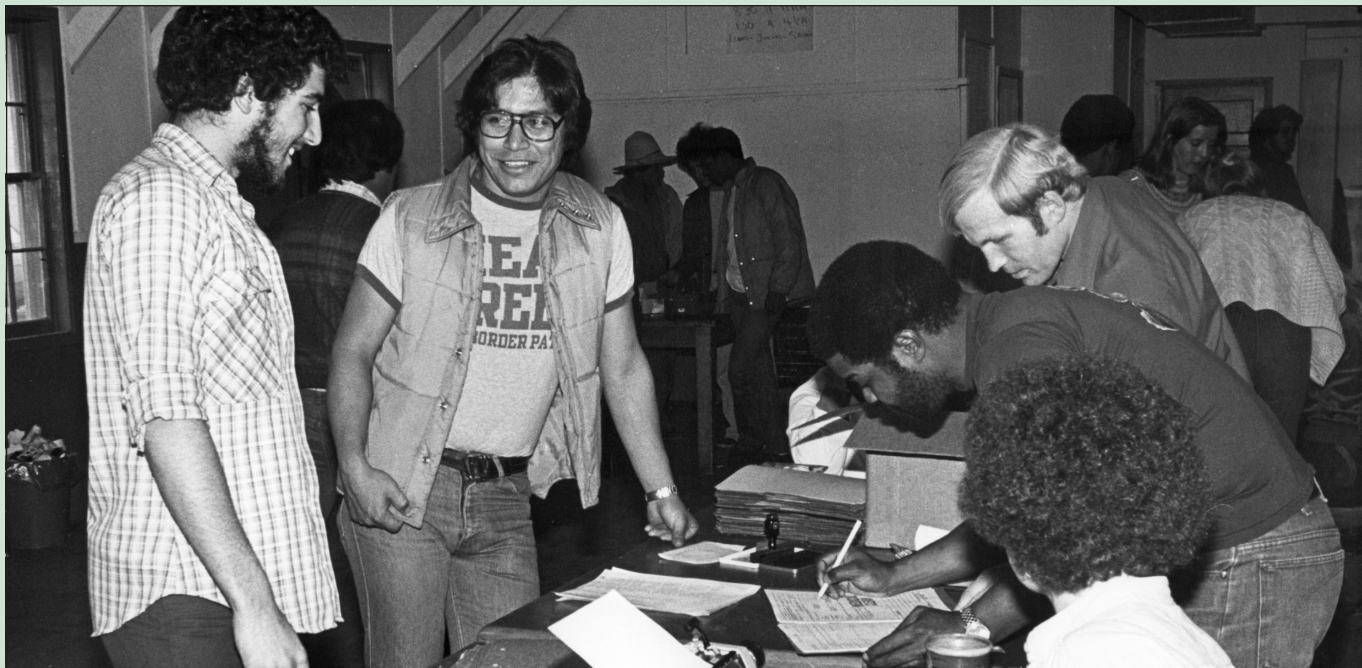


Fort McCoy historical photos

Soldiers train for the Korean War at a then-Camp McCoy training area in November 1950 as part of unit mobilization.



Sgt. Frank D. Wippler with the 109th Tactical Training Battalion is shown instructing a class Nov. 6, 1950, at Camp McCoy on the fine points of operating a .30-caliber machine gun.



A Cuban youth (far left) clears the Immigration and Naturalization Service table at the out-processing station before leaving Fort McCoy on Nov. 3, 1980, for Wyalusing State Park. The table is staffed by (center to right) Hipolito Acosta of Chicago; Roger Wojchik of Viroqua, Wis.; Victor Robinson of Chicago; and Esther McDonald of Whitehall, Wis.

OUTDOORS

2021 gun-deer hunt set for Nov. 20-28 at Fort McCoy

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Wisconsin and Fort McCoy's 2021 nine-day gun-deer season will be held Nov. 20-28.

Nearly 1,200 hunters who signed in and took to the woods at Fort McCoy, harvesting just under 300 deer during the post's 2020 season, said Wildlife Program Manager and Biologist David Beckmann with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

The 2020 harvest was similar to the one in 2019, Beckmann said. About 100 deer were brought to the station to collect deer ages and biological data in 2020. Because of the pandemic in 2020, hunters had the option to bring their deer to the collection station.

"That data we collect at the station is important to evaluate the herd health and calculate the installation deer population," Beckmann said. "We collect important age and health data. We also collect lymph nodes for chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing."

For the 2021 gun-deer hunt, Beckmann said the biological-data collection/registration station will again be in operation on South Post in the same location just off of Highway 21 as previous years. Collected CWD samples will be sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and he encourages all successful hunters to have their deer tested.

Beckmann said the deer harvest goal for 2021 will also be between 300 and 350 deer — the same as 2020. Bonus tags are not available for this year's season.

"We have these hunts so we can continue to effectively manage our deer population," Beckmann said. "The archery hunt and the gun-deer hunt are our best tools to maintain a healthy deer population on post and reduce impacts to endangered species, forest regeneration, and training land."

To participate in the gun-deer hunt at the installation, hunters must apply for a Fort McCoy permit through the Fort McCoy iSportsman site, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, and then also purchase their permits through iSportsman,



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A large whitetail buck is shown Nov. 28, 2020, taken during the 2020 gun-deer season at Fort McCoy. Nearly 300 deer were harvested during the 2020 season, meeting deer management goals by post natural resources management officials.

Beckmann said. Applications for the gun-deer hunt generally become available in late June every year. Anyone interested should contact the Permit Sales Office for more information.

In addition, hunters coming to the installation must also have an annual Wisconsin deer gun license. The Wisconsin licenses are sold through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

(WDNR) GoWild system at <https://gowild.wi.gov> or a designated WDNR GoWild agent.

The cost of a Fort McCoy gun-deer permit is \$21, and a resident Wisconsin gun-deer license is \$24.

Fort McCoy hunters do not need to register their harvested deer with the WDNR, but they do have to register any harvested deer through the iSportsman check-out process, Beckmann said.

Fort McCoy's deer population should continue to have many larger bucks available to hunters, as well, Beckmann said.

"There are some big bucks out there," Beckmann said. "Last year we had some very nice eight- and 10-point bucks come through the station. This year's season is also closer to when the normal deer rut (mating season) takes place, which also means we could see a higher success rate."

Beckmann added that 2021 roadside surveys for deer showed a healthy deer population, and he expects a high number of people to hunt.

"We made 1,800 permits available for this year's gun-deer season," Beckmann said. "I expect at least 1,400 to 1,500 hunters to actually show up and sign in to hunt at some point during the season."

Hunters also need to remember that Fort McCoy requires all privately owned firearms brought on to the installation be registered through the Directorate of Emergency Services Physical Security. This includes the entirety of the federal land, including the training and housing areas.

Beckmann also reminds hunters to review the Fort McCoy hunting regulations as changes have been made from previous years.

More information about the regulations and about deer hunting at Fort McCoy can be found on the iSportsman website at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

And for more about Wisconsin deer hunting regulations, go to <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/regulations>.

(The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch contributed to this article.)

Post holds 20th successful special deer hunt for people with disabilities

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Twenty-eight hunters participated in Fort McCoy's 2021 special deer hunt for people with disabilities Oct. 9-10. It was the 20th straight year this special hunt took place on post.

Every October, Wisconsin holds a nine-day gun deer hunt for people with disabilities. Since 2002, Fort McCoy has participated by holding a two-day hunt the first weekend of the statewide hunt, said Wildlife Program Manager and Biologist David Beckmann with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

"We always enjoy holding this hunt," Beckmann said. "We get to meet some great people, and everyone always seems to have a great time."

Eight deer were harvested during the hunt for a 28 percent success rate, Beckmann said.

The event drew hunters from throughout Wisconsin, said Julie Steinhoff with the Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office. Steinhoff added that although the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has many participating land owners for the special hunt throughout the state, most of those land owners can only sponsor one or two participants.

Fort McCoy does not currently limit the number of hunters because of the number of acres open to hunting and the willingness of local volunteers, Beckmann said.

"The WDNR often will recommend Fort McCoy to hunters who cannot find a location or miss the WDNR application deadline," Steinhoff said. "The Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office can accommodate disabled hunters up to the Friday before the hunt."

Hunters are required to have a WDNR Class A, B, C, or D disability permit to participate in the Fort McCoy hunt, Steinhoff said.



Contributed photo

A hunter is shown arriving Oct. 9 at Fort McCoy for participation in a special deer hunt for people with disabilities.

Each hunter received two deer harvest authorizations (carcass tags) with their Fort McCoy permit allowing the hunter to take two antlerless deer or one antlerless and one antlered deer, Beckmann said. All deer harvested are required to be registered through the Fort McCoy iSportsman website.

The Colorado State University (CSU) Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands wildlife staff, who support Fort McCoy programs through an agreement, provided assistance with the deer registration process.

CSU wildlife staff collected biological data from the harvested deer at the Deer Data Collection Point located on South Post, Beckmann said.

The collection of biological data on deer harvested was mandatory in an effort to help with deer herd monitoring," Beckmann

said. "Biological data was collected on all eight harvested deer."

It's recommended that all hunters have an assistant to aid them in accessing hunting areas, retrieving and field dressing deer, and providing comradeship. Applications for the hunt are accepted from June through mid-September each year. Applications are submitted through the i-Sportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net.

For more information about application requirements, call the Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

For more information about how to obtain a disabled hunting license, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website at dnr.wi.gov/permits/disabled.html.

(The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch contributed to this article.)

NEWS NOTES/COMMUNITY

Benefits open season runs through Dec. 13

The Federal Benefits Open Season closes Dec. 13.

Fort McCoy will not host an in-person health fair this year due to ongoing restrictions for the COVID-19 pandemic. Informational brochures from various companies will be available at a display at McCoy's Community Center through Dec. 13.

In addition, a virtual benefits fair is available at <https://ve.on24.com/vshow/FVBF21/registration/20180>. Representatives will be available to live chat about Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, BENEFEDS, FEDVIP, and FSAFEDS at the following dates and times: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 1, and Dec. 8.

Information about the open season can also be found at www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/open-season/.

Homeownership class planned for Nov. 18

A Guide to Homeownership class is scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 18 via Microsoft Teams.

The class will cover determining whether you're ready to purchase a home, how to pick a real-estate agent, and a breakdown of the closing costs associated with a home purchase.

Registration is required by Nov. 17.

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

For more information, call 608-388-3540.

Wooden pen workshops scheduled in November

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

ber. Available dates are Nov. 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.

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 for the group, call 608-388-2412 or email brittany.r.sonie.civ@mail.mil.

Publication date for The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Nov. 26.

The deadline for article and photo submissions is Nov. 17.

For more information about photo and article submissions or to submit article suggestions, call 608-388-2769.

Fort McCoy RMO employee recognized for supporting Fort Devens operations



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Budget Analyst Brittney Johnson with the Fort McCoy Resource Management Office is shown being recognized for excellence Nov. 4 in the Installation Emergency Operations Center by Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss.

BY AIMEE MALONE

Public Affairs Staff

Budget Analyst Brittney Johnson with the Fort McCoy Resource Management Office (RMO) was recently recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Johnson provided budget support to Fort Devens, Mass., from June to September to assist in fiscal year closeout due to a sudden vacancy in the Massachusetts RMO. Johnson provided budget planning and execution support to the Devens Department of Public Works and Directorate of Emergency Services, allowing them to allocate their remaining funding and close out the fiscal year.

Johnson also helped train a newly hired budget analyst and integrate the new hire into the Devens team.

"Brittney's work ethic and attention to detail are above reproach and set the example for others to follow," states a Certificate of

Appreciation. "Her contributions exemplify the highest standards of civilian service and reflect a great credit on herself, Fort McCoy and the United States Army."

The certificate, from Col. Daniel Cederman, director of the Army Reserve Installation Management Directorate, was presented by Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss during a special recognition event Nov. 4 in the Installation Emergency Operations Center.

Also during that event, Johnson received the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal and a Garrison Command Coin for Excellence.

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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Flag raising

Soldiers supporting a Fort McCoy Color Guard participate in a Wisconsin Vietnam War Memorial flag raising ceremony Oct. 20 at Veterans Freedom Park in La Crosse, Wis. Soldiers from Fort McCoy regularly support events like this in communities near the installation and throughout Wisconsin.

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. **Closed 8 a.m. (after breakfast) Nov. 23-27.**

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 608-388-2029.

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. **McCoy's Community Center is open Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving**

Day. Call 608-388-7065 for hours and menu.

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

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **Nov. 25, 2021.**
Most offices closed Nov. 25-26 for Thanksgiving. Call to verify.
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.

members are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 to find out which buildings are open.

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@magellanfederal.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.

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

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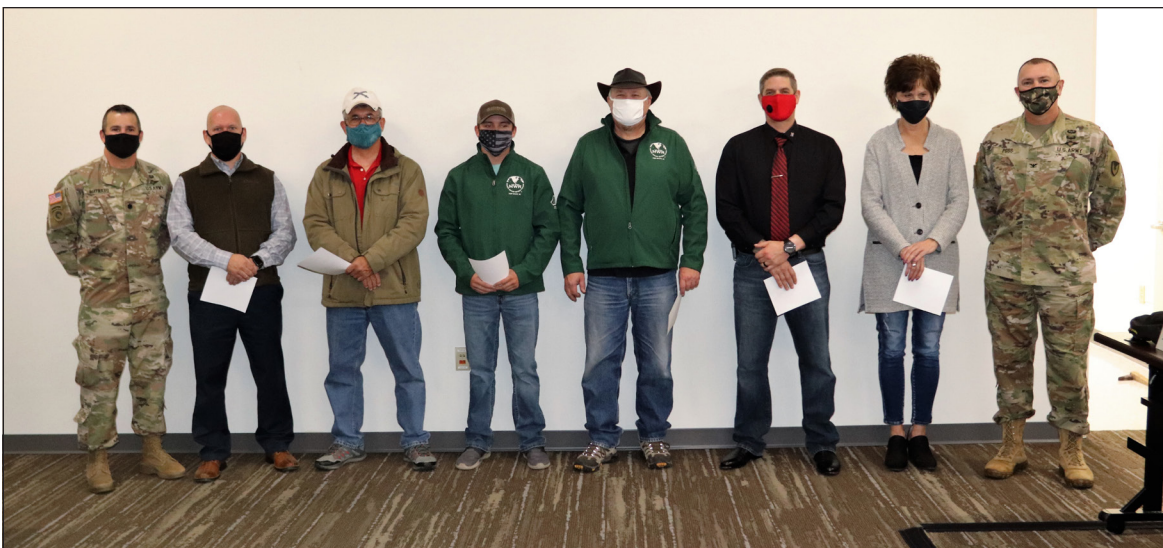
Post observes Red Ribbon Week

Michelle Bourman, Army Substance Abuse Program specialist; Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss; and Terry Rogalla, Employee Assistance Program counselor and Suicide Prevention program manager, show their support Oct. 28 for National Red Ribbon Week at Fort McCoy. The 2021 National Red Ribbon Week Theme was "Drug Free Looks Like Me." The red ribbon of Red Ribbon Week became a symbol for drug prevention in 1985 in response to the murder of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Wearing red ribbons during the month of October continues to represent the pledge to live drug free and honors the sacrifice of all who have lost their lives in the fight against drugs.



Mail Room team recognized for excellence

Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard (left) and Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss (right) present an appreciation certificate Nov. 4 in the Installation Emergency Operations Center at Fort McCoy. The certificate, signed by Poss, was to recognize the Fort McCoy Directorate of Human Resources Mail Room team for their superb support for the Operation Allies Welcome mission at Fort McCoy. Team members include Trudy Ward, Tracy Achin, Dennis Bailey, and Allen Adam.



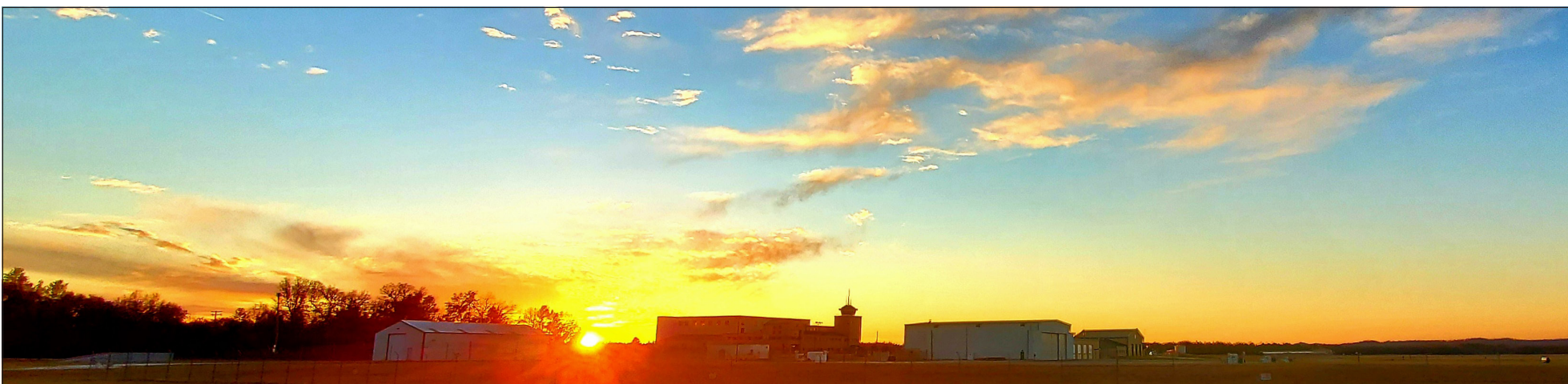
Workforce members recognized

Members of the Fort McCoy workforce are shown being recognized for excellence Nov. 4 in the Installation Emergency Operations Center by Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard (left) and Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss (right). Workforce members were "recognized with a letter of appreciation from the garrison commander commending them for their excellent customer service and receiving positive comments from their customers." Those who were recognized included Casey Batchelor, Fort McCoy Garrison; Paul Lokotz, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) Sportsman's Range; Ethan Vrana, DFMWR Pine View Campground; William Easley, DFMWR Pine View Campground; Edward Sosa, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Range Branch; and Kimberly Miles, Directorate of Human Resources.



ACS recognized for AER campaign

Members of the Fort McCoy Army Community Service office are shown being recognized for excellence Nov. 4 in the Installation Emergency Operations Center by Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard and Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss for their work on the 2021 Army Emergency Relief campaign. Team members recognized with a special certificate were Janeen Folgers, Dianne Sommers, and Kevin Herman. Rebecca Wilkinson filled in for Herman to receive the certificate. The team received "Bronze" in the small installation category during the 2021 Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign.



November sunset

The sun sets behind airport buildings Nov. 9 at Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport. The airport is often one of the best open areas to catch a colorful sky scene at the installation.