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2022 Armed Forces Day Open House draws thousands

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Post officials said Fort McCoy's first Armed Forces Day Open House since 2019 can be considered a great success as nearly 2,000 people visited the installation.

The day's activities were centered on the Commemorative Area, which features the History Center; five World War II-era buildings filled with historical equipment and displays, the outdoor Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. Visitors were treated to cooler temps and partly sunny skies as well.

"Within the Commemorative Area, we had 35 displays set up under tents for a lot of interactive fun," said Public Affairs Specialist Kaleen Holliday with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office. "We also had guided installation bus tours, a sandbag-filling station, personalized ID tags, camouflage face painting, military equipment displays, marksmanship galleries, and more."

The free event ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and people appeared to enjoy everything that was available, said Christopher Hanson, also a public affairs specialist with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office. "We had a great turnout and excellent weather," he said.

Mary Gerdes, general manager for WWIS
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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood/88th Readiness Division

A Soldier conducts face painting May 21 during the 2022 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House where thousands of people attended.

Army Reserve leader visits Fort McCoy; learns more about installation, workforce

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Stephen Sullivan, the Chief Financial Officer and Director for Resources, Installations, and Materiel for the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve, visited Fort McCoy from April 25-27 to learn more about the installation and see facilities throughout the post.

Sullivan's visit included an initial overview briefing by Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss with other members of the Fort McCoy Garrison command team as well as several Fort McCoy workforce leaders and members.

The visit also included tours of barracks buildings and dining facilities used for the Operation Allies Welcome mission at Fort McCoy between Aug. 15, 2021, and Feb. 15, 2022. And

Sullivan received an aerial tour aboard a UH-60 Black Hawk that showed him the entire installation from north to south and in between.

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Stephen Sullivan sits in on a briefing April 25 with Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss at Fort McCoy.

Post holds ribbon-cutting for completed barracks project

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Fort McCoy's senior leadership, state and federal representatives and staffers, and dozens of installation community members as well as several local media representatives celebrated the opening of the first new

multi-million dollar transient troop training barracks at Fort McCoy during a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on post May 18.

A \$20.6 million contract was awarded to L.S. Black Constructors, Inc., in September 2019 to build the barracks, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of

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Fort McCoy Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Darrel Guthrie, who's also the 88th Readiness Division commanding general, cuts the ribbon to officially open a new barracks May 18 at Fort McCoy.

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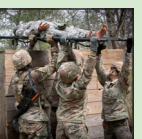
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At the end of his visit, Sullivan said he learned a lot more about Fort McCoy.

"I count this as my first visit to Fort McCoy," Sullivan said. "The last visit was kind of cut short in the middle of August last year. I was on the ground and then everything spun up for Operation Allies Welcome (OAW), so I definitely wanted to commit to coming back as soon as possible. I think the thing that struck me the most (in this visit) is the commitment of the entire staff — from the garrison commander and command sergeant major down to the directors. As we went around and visited the different facilities like the airfield, the dining facilities, and the medical training, every single staff member I met was passionate about what they were doing and had exceptional facilities."

Sullivan said also having an opportunity to see first-hand where the Afghan guests were housed during OAW was helpful as he worked to get funding to restore facilities after the operation.

"We want to ensure that Fort McCoy retains its capability as Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI), and also ... more importantly ... to ensure that our Soldiers when they come here to train they have proper facilities that are in good condition, and are clean and safe (for use)."

The aerial tour of the post also provided for a lot of insight of the expanse of Fort McCoy, Sullivan said.

"The aerial tour was a really great opportunity to see the expanse of the Fort McCoy training area and also all of the modern ranges," Sullivan said. "We got to see all the capabilities that are here at Fort McCoy that weren't really evident to me in my past experience or understanding. Fort McCoy is like a hidden gem in a lot of ways. ... I got a lot of feedback from the staff about how they're making sure that Fort McCoy is aligned with the standards created by the Army and how they're looking at ways they can lean forward and make sure that we have flexibility and space to expand if necessary to make sure we continue to stay relevant. And staying relevant is important."

In his role, Sullivan is responsible for the oversight of the Chief of Army Reserve's Title 10 responsibilities for four separate appropriations: Reserve personnel, Army; operation and maintenance, Army Reserve; military construction, Army Reserve; and the National Guard and Reserve equipment account totaling \$8.2 billion. He also oversees the real property accountability, sustainment, restoration, and modernization; equipping; and logistics requirements for 189,500 Soldiers and 11,000 civilians supporting 2,161 units, five installations, and 742 separate facilities operating in all 50 states, five U.S. territories, and 24 countries.

Sullivan was also able to see some of the new construction taking place at Fort McCoy, especially the new transient training troop barracks that were recently completed. He discussed the importance of modernization.

"So the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army are focused on people," Sullivan said. "It's one of the top priorities — people — as well as modernization and readiness. So making sure that we have modern facilities that support our Soldiers and provide clean, safe areas where they can do lodging



Stephen Sullivan walks Fort McCoy Garrison command team members April 25 while visiting various facilities.



Stephen Sullivan, the Chief Financial Officer and Director for Resources, Installations, and Materiel for the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve, participates in a tour of a dining facility with Jim Gouker on April 25 at Fort McCoy.

while they're here for transient training so that they can really focus on the training that they're going to do. ... Having those modern facilities here on post is really important.

"I did have an opportunity to actually walk through the new barracks, and it is state-of-the-art," Sullivan said. "I think it's a good design, especially how they have essentially four different bays on each floor. ... We've been working at our level to engage with Headquarters, Department of the Army, and also congressional staffers and members to emphasize the importance of these barracks projects here at Fort McCoy. I (also) think the garrison command team and others here at Fort McCoy have done a fabulous job engaging with the community and congressional members to get their support."

Sullivan said he was also impressed at how the Fort McCoy team was innovative in getting building 2000 renovated on the cantonment area. Building 2000 was once the post recreation center and is now designated as a main building to support the MFGI mission.

"Building 2000 (is) where we took an old building and we were able to use non-military construction dollars to be able to restore it to a new capability," Sullivan said. "Kudos to the (Fort McCoy) Directorate of Public Works team, the resource management team, and the command team for having that vision to say, 'What can we do ourselves? What can we fix ourselves to increase capability?'"

Sullivan noted, again, that great things happen because of the people who make it happen.

"It's military, civilians, and contractors who all play a key role in ensuring that we continue to maintain readiness," Sullivan said. "I think the positive command climate that I can see from the garrison command team (at Fort McCoy) filters down to the directors. And as I said, I went to various different sites and everybody I engaged with ... they are passionate about what they do. ... I think across the board, we have people who have a focus on supporting our Soldiers, building readiness, and are constantly looking at ways they can be innovative to improve readiness and training and be cost efficient."

During his visit, Sullivan didn't make a stop at Fort McCoy's South Post Housing area, but he did say he could see it pretty well during the aerial tour and said it's an impressive housing area.

"As I mentioned before, the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army have their people first initiative ... and as part of that people first, there is a focus on Soldiers, families, civilians, and contractors who work on our installations," Sullivan said. "It's important to ensure that we have top-notch facilities. Built in there is unaccompanied housing, family housing, child development centers, youth centers, barracks — those are all things that are part of that focus.

"I think it's kind of a common saying that our families also serve," Sullivan said. "And our civilian employees are serving, so we need to make sure that we're taking care of those families as

well so that when Soldiers get the call to go to training or to deploy they know that their families are going to be well taken care of. Fort McCoy has some of the newest Army family housing in the entire Army. ... I was able to see to that they all have pretty sizable yards so you can get out and enjoy your time and space. I (also) had an opportunity (recently) to sit in on a briefing where Fort McCoy was identified as having the highest resident satisfaction score in Army-owned family housing for the second year in a row. And I think the only Army-owned family housing that had a score above 90 percent for two years in a row."

Sullivan also discussed how Fort McCoy is on the leading edge of natural resources management. He said it's important to be good stewards and achieve a balance.

"I think it's really important that we have a balance in that we are good stewards of all the resources that we have," Sullivan said. "We have to find some kind of balance with our training requirements to ensure that we're not causing undue damage to the different natural resources that we have. I think it's part of a commitment to the communities around our installation as well that we are supporting the waterways and all the forestry areas and any endangered species that might be here. ... We're (always) thinking about (how) we must have a planned-out effort to say let's make sure that we can continue to train and maximize our maneuver space, but also being good stewards of the natural resources."

Sullivan also said he sees Fort McCoy continuing to be an important part of the Army's and Army Reserve's future.

"I think Fort McCoy is going to continue to be a key piece of the U.S. Army Reserve's infrastructure that's necessary to train and mobilize our forces," Sullivan said. "And as I mentioned before, there's a lot of overall pressure on availability of funding and a lot of competing priorities. So when I talk about people, modernization, and readiness, it's always about how do we make sure that we fund all of these things appropriately.

"What I appreciate is like when I talked to the (Fort McCoy) staff and got a sense of how they're being innovative, how they're maximizing the use of training areas and finding places where you can do different types of training using the same training areas," Sullivan said.

And Sullivan said he appreciated the chance to visit the installation.

"I would just go back to say that it's a super welcoming place to come to," Sullivan said. "Everyone I encountered across the entire trip had a positive attitude and was passionate about what they were doing. They're focused on how they can improve the processes here at Fort McCoy to improve training readiness for the Army Reserve. ... The integration of all those different capabilities was something I didn't appreciate before I got here."

See more coverage of this visit at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/421110/army-reserve-leader-visits-fort-mccoy-learns-more-about-installation-workforce> and <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMPAO>.

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99.7 FM radio in Black River Falls, Wis., was among the visitors to the open house. Gerdes did a short Facebook Live announcement to her station's listeners inviting people to come to the event. She also said she and her family had a wonderful time.

"It was great," Gerdes said. "The grandkids had so much fun. ... What a fantastic event! There was just so much, but I think that the family friendly environment was the best overall part. Everyone in the booths, by the vehicles, and in the museum were engaging with everyone both the young and old.

"I also did really enjoy seeing all the vehicles set up," Gerdes said. "I would certainly encourage everyone to go. It's an excellent experience and so close to home."

Holliday said more than 60 people supported the setup and operation of the open house.

"A lot of people worked hard to provide the best experience possible," Holliday said.

"Thank you to everyone who supported this event, and thank you to everyone who took part."

Among the most popular stops for the open house is often the natural resources and wildlife exhibit organized by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch where they have live

turtles and snakes for people to see.

Forestry Technician Nick Randall said dozens of visitors stopped by to see the animals and to talk about them.

"It was actually really nice," Randall said. "It was fun showing the kids the turtles and snakes. I wish people were more interested in asking about forestry, but I had tough competition. ... It was a great time."

And many people also visited the many things to offer at the historic Commemorative Area. The Commemorative Area features five historic World War II-era buildings, artifacts ranging from Fort McCoy's inception to modern times, an Equipment Park with more than 70 military vehicles and equipment, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. A picnic pavilion is on site and had plenty of use during the event.

And just as one open house is completed, Holliday said work has already begun on planning for the 2023 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House.

"That event will take place on May 20, 2023," she said.

See more coverage and additional photos at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/421315/fort-mccoys-2022-armed-forces-day-open-house-draws-thousands-people> and <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMPAO>.



Photo by Kaleen Holliday

Open house visitors watch a working dog demonstration May 21 by the Wisconsin State Patrol at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Mary Gerdes/Open house visitor

A family arriving for the open house are greeted by Dianne Sommers of the Fort McCoy Army Community Service office May 21 at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Kaleen Holliday

Children display their "loot" May 21 that they received during stops at exhibits for the Armed Forces Day Open House at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Tim Wilder/Directorate of Public Works

A family visits the natural resources and wildlife exhibit May 21 during the open house.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Military equipment set up for the open house is shown at sunrise May 21.

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Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy which managed the project. The barracks, which is built in the 1600 block on the cantonment area, is different than traditional barracks that are located throughout the installation. This new building is four stories and is able to house 400 people in approximately 60,000 square feet.

Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Director Liane Haun served as the master of ceremonies for the ribbon-cutting event. Haun said the new barracks was only the second brick-and-mortar barracks built on post since 1942.

"Today is another historic moment at Fort McCoy as we assemble to cut the ribbon on the second permanent transient training barracks building at Fort McCoy since the Fort McCoy (cantonment area) was constructed in 1942," Haun said.

"I have witnessed several ribbon-cutting ceremonies in my time at Fort McCoy, and each one brings great satisfaction to see the fruits of everyone's labors come to fruition."

Maj. Gen. Darrell Guthrie, Fort McCoy senior commander and commanding general of the 88th Readiness Division at Fort McCoy, praised the opening of the new facility.

"As you can see behind me, these barracks are quite different from all the other traditional barracks," Guthrie said.

"Projects like the transient training barracks (here) are a direct result of community support and especially the support of elected officials. They enhance the ability of the Army, and especially the Army Reserve, to train here at Fort McCoy.

"One of the Army Reserve's, and therefore one of my top priorities, is our people," Guthrie said. "The completion of this new barracks is

one example of taking care of our Soldiers."

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss followed Guthrie with similar praise for the completion of the new barracks.

"Today's ribbon cutting signifies the economic importance of Fort McCoy to Wisconsin, this region, and our nation," Poss said. "This barracks project is also part of the Army's effort to ensure our Soldiers have an excellent quality of life when they come here to train.

"In recent years, we've continued to ensure our nation's Soldiers and other service members have a modern and relevant installation in which to train," Poss said.

Fort McCoy DPW accepted the building from the Army Corps of Engineers on April 1. DPW Master Planner Brian Harrie, who has been a part of the project all along, said the new barracks is part of the Fort McCoy Master Plan that looks at continuously upgrading the installation's infrastructure to be prepared for the future.

"This barracks building is constructed on the west side of the site, near the recently constructed dining facility 1672 and has ample parking and other amenities," Harrie said.

The project also was the first of eight new buildings planned for the entire 1600 block, Harrie said. The plan is for four barracks overall with the same specifications, three 20,000-square-foot brigade headquarters buildings, and one 160-room officer quarters.

"The 1600 block will be completely transformed when all of this construction is completed years from now," Harrie said in 2019.

"The 1600 block is a great location for this transformation, too, because it places these facilities for transient training troops near the post's service-related facilities, such as the commissary,



A view of one of the open bays in the new barracks is shown May 18 at Fort McCoy.

Exchange, and McCoy's Community Center."

Big construction projects like this barracks project also contribute to the economic impact Fort McCoy has on the local economy.

Fort McCoy's total economic impact for fiscal year 2021 was an estimated \$1.93 billion, above the \$1.479 billion reported for FY 2020, garrison officials announced.

The data was compiled by Fort McCoy's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

Fiscal year 2021 operating costs on post of \$249.88 million included utilities, physical plant

maintenance, repair and improvements, new construction projects, purchases of supplies and services, as well as salaries for civilian contract personnel working at Fort McCoy, officials said.

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See more coverage at <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/421009/fort-mccoy-holds-ribbon-cutting-completed-fy-2019-funded-barracks-project> and <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>.

Fort McCoy observes May as AAPI Heritage Month

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Fort McCoy community members gathered at McCoy's Community Center on May 19 to observe May as Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.

The observance, organized by Master Sgt. Ana Guzman-Gregory with the Fort McCoy Equal Opportunity Office, featured Professor Gerald Iguchi, a doctorate holder who serves as a history professor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The Department of Defense (DOD) officially stated its observance of AAPI Heritage Month in a letter from Under Secretary of Defense Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.

"This year's theme, 'Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration,' recognizes the collective benefits resulting from a spirit of community, cooperation, and cultural engagement. Despite racial and ethnic barriers to advancement, generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders sacrificed, and continue to serve, as military members and civilian employees. In 2021, they comprised approximately 8 percent of DOD's enlisted force, 6 percent of the commissioned officer corps, and 12 percent of civilian employees. There are many leaders from the Asian-American (and) Pacific Islander community who served in DOD with distinction and in mission-critical positions such as Vice Adm. (Retired) Raquel C. Bono, former Director, Defense Health Agency; Dr. David Chu, former Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; and Gen. (Retired) Eric Shinseki, the first Asian-American four-star general and 34th Chief of Staff of the Army."

During his presentation, Iguchi reviewed personal experiences and worked to tie world events to Fort McCoy and the famed 100th Infantry Battalion that trained at then-Camp McCoy in the 1940s.

In a 2020 article by the Army Center for Military History at , it states the "decorated 100th Infantry Battalion was one of the first units to train at Camp McCoy when it expanded in 1942. The 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) was activated June 12, 1942. It was composed of more than 1,400 second-generation, American-born Japanese men, also known as "Nisei" (NEE-say).

"The War Department removed them from Hawaii out of fear of renewed Japanese attacks and also stopped accepting Nisei for military service," the article states. "The battalion commander and some of the company-grade officers were Caucasian; the rest of its officers and enlisted men were Nisei. In an Aug. 25, 1967,



Professor Gerald Iguchi, a doctorate holder who serves as a history professor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, gives his presentation May 19 at Fort McCoy.

article for The Real McCoy, then-civilian employee Kenneth Koji recalled his time at Camp McCoy as a member of the 100th.

"The officers and men of the unit lived in tents, which reminded the men of basic training," Koji wrote. "New Camp McCoy cantonment was under construction during 1942 and was ready for use in September, at which time we moved to the new post. Everyone was tickled to be on the new Post after months of tent city life."

Iguchi said he was adopted by Japanese parents and raised in southern California.

He discussed his father's time in internment camps in World War II and how it affected his father. He also discussed other family members who served in the U.S. military during World War II and after.

After his presentation, Iguchi received a special appreciation plaque from Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss.

In the DOD announcement, it also states more on the importance of AAPI Heritage Month.

"The richness of the AAPI Heritage promotes an intercultural exchange and fosters diverse perspectives in (DOD)," the letter states. "For example, alternative medical practices rooted

in Asian traditions, like acupuncture, provide relief to American warfighters recovering from injury. Asiatic cuisines are a staple in the American economy; there are restaurants located on our military installations, and in every major city of our country we can see their cultural influence.

American Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Guardians, and their families have experienced a breadth of Asian and Pacific Island culture leading to lifelong connections that became extended family and friends.

"America, as we know it, would not be the same without the vibrancy of the AAPI communities in our society," Cisneros' letter states. "We honor their enduring legacy and contributions to our nation and stand united in fostering a community of belonging for all people."

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching "ftmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy." See more coverage at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/421114/fort-mccoy-observes-may-asian-american-pacific-islander-heritage-month-with-observance>.

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Fort McCoy, Ho-Chunk Nation renew agreement during special ceremony

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Fort McCoy and Ho-Chunk Nation officials gathered May 10 in Black River Falls, Wis., in a special ceremony to renew an agreement in a memorandum of understanding.

The ceremony was held at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building on the east side of Black River Falls and included Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss and Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, garrison command sergeant major, and Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Clayton Winneshiek and Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle.

The ceremony also included participation by members of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch — especially Ryan Howell who serves as the garrison archaeologist, cultural resource manager, and Native American coordinator. Howell was the key organizer of the event.

“This memorandum of understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Fort McCoy represents Fort McCoy’s assumption of the U.S. Army’s legal responsibility under multiple federal laws and presidential executive orders to protect natural, historic, and sacred places with traditional religious and cultural importance to all Native American peoples, but especially those of the Ho-Chunk Nation, on who’s aboriginal territory the Fort McCoy military installation is now located,” Howell said during the ceremony. “The Army recognizes that access to and protection of such special places are essential to maintaining the cultural integrity of Native American tribes, and that such places are critical to the cultural survival of Native communities.

“In order to preserve the character and physical integrity of such special places and their associated natural resources, and to facilitate tribal member’s access to them, this agreement specifies Fort McCoy’s commitment to conducting active and persistent tribal consultation with the Ho-Chunk Nation, and specifically with tribal representatives of the Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation and Ho-Chunk Department of Natural Resources.”

Howell also said specifically the agreement details how Fort McCoy will consult and inform the Ho-Chunk Nation prior to any ground disturbance, construction or training activities that may impact potential Ho-Chunk archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties (i.e. sacred sites) or other areas of concern specified by Ho-Chunk leadership or representatives.

WhiteEagle said he appreciated the opportunity to renew the agreement.

“Thank you for your kind presence here today as we reaf-



Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle and Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss have their photo taken May 10 with a signed memorandum of understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Fort McCoy during a special signing ceremony for the memorandum/agreement in Black River Falls, Wis.

irmed this memorandum of understanding with Fort McCoy the U.S. Army as well and the federal government and the Ho-Chunk Nation,” WhiteEagle said. “I’ve been in this role here since 2019 as the Ho-Chunk Nation president, and it’s humbling for me to take part today in the recognition of the respectful relationship that we have with the federal government and particularly here today with the colonel reaffirming the relationship ... and this respectful collaboration with the nation to preserve the ... ancestral land.”

Poss also added his appreciation for the special relationship between the Ho-Chunk Nation, Fort McCoy, and the Army.

“This agreement we signed today has been in place for nearly 23 years and has produced very positive results over that period,” Poss said. “Citizens of the Nation ... utilize this agreement to harvest natural resources for traditional cultural activities. ... We

also reaffirm both our desire to be good neighbors to the citizens of the Nation.”

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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.

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An opening scene is shown May 10 of a special signing ceremony for a memorandum/agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Fort McCoy in Black River Falls, Wis.



Musical group Little Thunder Drum plays a selection May 10 during the ceremony in Black River Falls, Wis.

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McCoy Soldiers complete 'Ruck for the Fallen'



Photos by Staff Sgt. Ryan Rayno

(Left) Soldiers with the 1st Brigade Engineer Battalion, 310th Infantry Regiment, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, and the 88th Readiness Division arrive at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Sparta, Wis., as part of the Ruck for the Fallen event May 18. The Ruck for the Fallen is meant to bring awareness and homage to the veterans laid to rest at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Sparta. (Above and below) Ruck march participants place U.S. flags at the graves of veterans May 18 at the cemetery.



See more at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/7220104/remagen-battalion-hosts-ruck-fallen>.

MEDAL OF HONOR REMEMBRANCE:

SGT. MAJ. KENNETH E. STUMPF

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Medal of Honor Man: Stumpf remembered as mentor, more

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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When retired Army Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf passed away at his home in Tomah, Wis., on April 23, his daughter Jobi (Stumpf) Spolum didn't think about how the world lost a military hero — a Medal of Honor recipient. To her, she lost her dad.

Over his 77 years of life, Stumpf was best known to most for his actions on April 25, 1967, in Vietnam, where at that time as a squad leader, Staff Sgt. Stumpf earned the U.S. military's highest honor — the Medal of Honor — for “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.”

Spolum is the second of Stumpf's three children. She has an older brother, Scott, and a younger brother, Adrian. She said growing up she didn't realize just how important the Medal of Honor was until she got older.

“To be honest, when I was a kid, it was about him being so good at racquetball,” Spolum said. “He had been on the all-Army team for racquetball. So it was always about what a good athlete he was.”

“And then it was when I got older when I learned just how significant the Medal of Honor was,” Spolum said. “When we started going to conventions for Medal of Honor recipients and related events is when it really started to click.”

But at home, Stumpf was dad.

“He and I had a special relationship,” Spolum said.

Stumpf was drafted into the Army in 1965 and served two years with one of those years in Vietnam where he earned the Medal of Honor. He then left the Army and was discharged in 1967 and moved back to his home town of Menasha, Wis. Then he went back to work in a paper mill he'd worked in before the Army.

Not long after, in 1968, Stumpf rejoined the Army on Dec. 16, 1968, but right before that he married his life partner, Dorothy Guralski, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Menasha on Dec. 7, 1968.

“He was always proud of that day,” Spolum said. “He'd always say he got married on Pearl Harbor Day in 1968.”

Pearl Harbor Day, of course, is the remembrance of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, that propelled the United States into World War II.

Now married and back in the Army, Stumpf embarked on another 27 years of military service where he retired from Fort McCoy on Sept. 30, 1994. He and Dorothy had children Scott in 1969, Jobi in 1972, and Adrian in 1976.

“Ken's strength came from being married (for 46 years) to Dorothy,” his family obituary states. “She was the glue that kept their family close.”

And after getting married, Stumpf completed two more tours in Vietnam between 1969 and 1971. He then served in Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Ord, Calif.; Fort Carson, Colo.; several locations in Germany; Fort Sheridan, Ill.; and finally Fort McCoy.

In 2000, Stumpf was interviewed by James McIntosh for an item now stored in the data collection of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison. Stumpf recalled his time in Vietnam, learning about the Medal of Honor, and more. The transcript of the interview can be found by searching “Stumpf” at <https://wisvetmuseum.catalogaccess.com>.

“When I had left Vietnam, I knew I was rec-



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Jobi (Stumpf) Spolum, management analyst with the Fort McCoy Plans, Analysis, and Information Office, holds the Medal of Honor certificate May 24 at Fort McCoy that was presented to her father, retired Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf, by President Lyndon Johnson. Spolum is a 22-year U.S. Army employee.

ommended for the Medal of Honor,” Stumpf said in the interview six years after he retired from the Army. “But when I left Vietnam, I left Vietnam. I gained a hell of a lot of experience over there. ... I think I became a better person. I became more dedicated to mission.”

“I just ... did what I felt was the right thing to do, and I did my duty,” Stumpf said. “One day in my life of the first two years (in the Army) ... I was probably the best Soldier that I could possibly be. I was the best person I could possibly be. You know, go in there and get those guys out ... and the best warrior I could possibly be. That one five-, six-, seven-hour period, I was a good Soldier and the best I could be.”

Spolum said she thinks her dad always tried to be the best Soldier he could be and in turn the best husband and father he could be.

“He always believed in mentoring others,” Spolum said. “When he retired from the Army, he went to work for the county helping inmates complete community service. And then later he worked with a program that helped incarcerated youth. He was kind of like a drill sergeant for them. I remember the graduations where the cadets would come up to him and tell him what an inspiration he was. That's the kind of man

he was.”

Throughout his Army career, besides being a Soldier first, Stumpf worked much of his career in the administrative career field in various functions. Spolum recalls also when her dad served as a first sergeant.

“I remember when my dad was first sergeant for the postal detachment in Germany,” Spolum said. “We had a lot of single Soldiers who lived there, and they would come over to visit and have dinner with us. They were like aunts and uncles to me. ... My dad loved helping and taking care of people.”

In a retirement story written by former Fort McCoy Public Affairs Specialist Rob Shuette in the Oct. 7, 1994, edition of the Triad newspaper, Stumpf said himself that taking care of Soldiers was something he took very seriously.

“I have deep respect for enlisted Soldiers; that's what soldiering is all about,” he said. “My main mission was to take care of the Soldiers. ‘Caring’ and ‘compassion’ are two key words.”

And Soldiers responded to Stumpf — not just for his accomplishments but also because he was a “Soldier's Soldier.”

I had the honor to meet Sgt. Maj. Stumpf a couple times,” said retired Sgt. 1st Class Jaime



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Then-Staff Sgt. Kenneth E. Stumpf is presented the Medal of Honor from President Lyndon Johnson on Sept. 19, 1968, in Washington, D.C.

Herrera, who now serves in an Army civilian position with the Army Reserve Equal Opportunity Office at Fort McCoy. “I had lunch with him and some other noncommissioned officers a few years back. As we sipped beer and told stories, he asked me if I've ever seen combat. I said, ‘Yes, I've been deployed several times.’”

“He looked me dead in the eyes and said, ‘I asked if you've ever seen combat,’” Herrera said. “I replied, ‘Yes sergeant major — a lot, and I was wounded once. I was given the Purple Heart, but I'm not a fan. It just means they almost got me.’ He takes a sip and puts his hand on my shoulder and says, ‘No son. It means they tried their f...ing hardest and failed.’ Then he gave me his coin, and I'll never forget that.”

Spolum also said her dad appreciated everyone who served. She said it isn't just military members but everyone, including government civilian service, and more. It's his inspiration in part that encouraged her to serve the last 22 years as an award-winning Army government civilian employee at Fort McCoy.

“I find to be an honor to serve the people who have served my family my entire life,” Spolum said. “That's what my dad believed, and that's something our family will carry on with in his memory.”

The National Medal of Honor Museum paid a special tribute to Stumpf. In the story about him at https://mohmuseum.org/medal_of_honor/kenneth-stumpf, it shows some words by Stumpf that might best have exemplified his character.

“I stayed in the military for twenty-nine years and I never forgot where I came from and that's why I took care of those people underneath me,” Stumpf said in the museum article honoring him. “Because if I don't, who will?”

“Throughout his life, Ken Stumpf remained dedicated to his fellow Vietnam veterans, hearkening back to the time he had spent with them in action.”

“Vietnam made me strong,” he said in the article. “I mean, for the guys that got killed, I'm strong for them.”

“And just as he had in Vietnam, where, ‘I laughed a lot, I laughed a lot to keep people cool,’” Stumpf — or “Stumpy,” as his men called him — always displayed his great sense of humor as he shared stories about his time in the service.”

Stumpf will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery alongside his wife Dorothy at a date yet to be determined.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth E. Stumpf Medal of Honor Citation

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Staff Sgt. Stumpf distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader of the 3rd Platoon, Company C, on a search and destroy mission.

As Staff Sgt. Stumpf's company approached a village, it encountered a North Vietnamese rifle company occupying a well-fortified bunker complex. During the initial contact, three men from his squad fell wounded in front of a hostile machinegun emplacement.

The enemy's heavy volume of fire prevented the unit from moving to the aid of the injured men, but Staff Sgt. Stumpf left his secure position in a deep trench and ran through the barrage of incoming rounds to reach his wounded comrades.

He picked up one of the men and carried him back to the safety of the trench. Twice more Staff Sgt. Stumpf dashed forward while the enemy turned automatic weapons and machine guns upon him, yet he managed to rescue the remaining two wounded squad members.

He then organized his squad and led an assault against several enemy bunkers from which continuously heavy fire was being received. He and his squad successfully eliminated two of the bunker positions, but one to the front of the advancing platoon remained a serious threat.

Arming himself with extra hand grenades, Staff Sgt. Stumpf ran over open ground, through a volley of fire directed at him by a determined enemy, toward the machine gun position. As he reached the bunker, he threw a hand grenade through the aperture. It was immediately returned by the occupants, forcing Staff Sgt. Stumpf to take cover.

Undaunted, he pulled the pins on two more grenades, held them for a few seconds after activation, then hurled them into the position, this time successfully destroying the emplacement.

With the elimination of this key position, his unit was able to assault and overrun the enemy.

Staff Sgt. Stumpf's relentless spirit of aggressiveness, intrepidity, and ultimate concern for the lives of his men, are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.



Contributed photos

(Above, below, and right) Staff Sgt. Kenneth E. Stumpf is shown in several portraits before and after he had received the Medal of Honor.





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Stumpf family

This photo from the mid-1970s shows the family of Dorothy and then-Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth E. Stumpf. Pictured are Dorothy, son Adrian, daughter Jobi, son Scott, and Sgt. 1st Class Stumpf. Throughout Stumpf's 29-year military career, the family was stationed at numerous military installations in both the United States and Europe.



Photo by Catherine Carroll/88th Readiness Division

Supporting new recruits

Mikaila Falash receives an "Our Community Salutes" certificate from Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Kenneth E. Stumpf and Fort McCoy Senior Commander and then-88th Regional Support Command Commanding General Maj. Gen. Patrick Reinert during an "Our Community Salutes" event May 20, 2017, at Fort McCoy. The event recognized and honored graduating high school seniors who committed to enlist in the armed forces following high school graduation. Stumpf was a regular attendee for these events.



Photo by Catherine Carroll/88th Readiness Division

Community Salutes

Medal of Honor recipient retired Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf, alongside 88th Readiness Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Patrick Reinert and Army Reserve Ambassador for Wisconsin Gerald W. Meyer, hands out certificates to recent enlistees during the Our Community Salutes event on Armed Forces Day on May 19, 2018, at Fort McCoy, Wis. Community Salutes honors graduating high school seniors who have enlisted in the armed forces.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Vietnam veterans welcomed home

Retired Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf, Vietnam veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, stands with Vietnam veterans and their families during the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony on May 20, 2017, at Fort McCoy. Each veteran received a Vietnam Veterans Lapel Pin during the event. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the 2017 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House and Stumpf stood for photos with every Vietnam veteran who attended.

FROM THE FORT MCCOY NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

(Reprinted from Oct. 7, 1994, edition of the Fort McCoy Triad newspaper. The paper was renamed back to The Real McCoy in 2008.)

Stumpf reflects on 29-year career

Sergeant major, MOH recipient, led troops by example

BY ROB SCHUETTE

Triad Staff

Developing leadership abilities is the best way for enlisted soldiers and NCOs to get ahead in today's Army, said the nation's last active-duty enlisted Medal of Honor recipient.

Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Stumpf, retiring sergeant major of the Fort McCoy Readiness Group, was a private first class when he arrived in Vietnam in 1966. Seven months later, he became a staff sergeant.

"I went up the ladder quickly, even during a time of war," he said. "I never ran from leadership responsibility."

Stumpf said he also never asked for special favors because he received the Medal of Honor, or thought it made him a better person than the people he served with. Most of the Medal of Honor recipients he knows are the same way — quiet and unassuming.

"I'm not God's gift to the NCO corps because I received the Medal of Honor," Stumpf said. "I've always done the best job I could do and tried to lead by example. I only asked three things from the Soldiers I served with — to be on time for work and give me your best shot and take pride in your work. In turn, I'll take care of you and make it work; we both win for the unit."

Vietnam played a large role in shaping his attitudes toward NCOs and officers, Stumpf said. While younger officers earned his admiration for being side-by-side with the enlisted personnel during the fighting, the more-senior officers were in their command centers or flying above a



Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf

triple-layered jungle canopy.

Consequently, the senior officers didn't have first-hand knowledge like those in previous wars did, and were mapping strategy while being unaware of the "real war," he said.

"I was a private first class when I took over a squad," he said. "It was an awesome responsibility."

The young soldiers were, and are, the heart and soul of the military. They're the ones who

bleed first and bleed the most."

In Vietnam, approximately 28,000 Army personnel were killed, and more than 26,000 first-termers were killed.

On April 25, 1967, Spc. Stumpf, a squad leader, and his six squad members, encountered a Vietnamese rifle company occupying a fortified bunker complex, according to the Congressional Citation for the Medal of Honor.

During the initial contact, three Soldiers were wounded. Stumpf left a secure position, and moving through heavy enemy gunfire carried each man, in turn, to safety. He then led his squad against enemy bunker positions and eliminated two of them. Heavy fire continued from another bunker.

Arming himself with extra hand grenades, Stumpf threw a hand grenade through the aperture. It was immediately returned and forced him to take cover.

Undaunted, Stumpf pulled the pines on two grenades, held the grenades for several seconds and then threw them in the bunker, successfully eliminating the emplacement.

With the elimination of this position, his unit was able to assault and overrun the enemy.

"I feel the Medal of Honor isn't mine alone or something that I earned," he said. "The people in my squad earned it for me. It belongs to all those who wore the uniform and made sacrifices. I served to pay back the veterans who served before me and allowed me to grow up in a free society."

Staff Sgt. Stumpf left the military in 1967 and returned to the paper mill he used to work in

near his home town of Menasha, Wis. It wasn't until after he received the Medal of Honor that he decided to re-enter the military and make it a career.

Before he was allowed to serve two subsequent tours, Stumpf said he had to overcome hesitancy by military hierarchy to sending a Medal of Honor recipient back to Vietnam.

"I have deep respect for enlisted Soldiers; that's what soldiering is all about," he said. "My main mission was to take care of the Soldiers. 'Caring' and 'compassion' are two key words."

Stumpf considers the highlights of his 29-year military career to be the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart, and the combat patch he wears on his right shoulder.

Stumpf said he wouldn't change anything in his career, although he might reconsider making the military a career if he were enlisting today because of the reduced benefits.

"I love the Army, and I am going to miss the young Soldiers so bad," he said. "Somehow, I found a way to get the Soldiers to do the right things for me. Sometimes it took a lot of work and counseling."

Stumpf said he enjoys doing volunteer work with area veterans and will continue to do it in retirement.

Stumpf and his wife, Dorothy, plan to live in the Tomah area after his retirement. He will perform public relations work for a Wisconsin Rapids architectural, engineering, and surveying firm, and will continue to play racquetball, a sport that earned him all-Army honors in 1981.

Medal of Honor: Enlisted recipient Stumpf retires from Army

BY ROB SCHUETTE

Triad Staff

More than 400 people made a community effort at Fort McCoy Sept. 30 to honor the retirement of the military's last enlisted active-duty soldier to have received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award.

Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Stumpf of Readiness Group-Fort McCoy, who ended 29 years of military service that included three tours in Vietnam, was visibly moved by an audience who gave him two standing ovations.

As he began his remarks, Stumpf introduced three other Medal of Honor recipients, Eina Ingman from the Korean era, and Col. Walter Mann and retired Lt. Col. Roger Donlon — who both served in Vietnam.

"When I was drafted in 1965, I never envisioned I would become a sergeant major and serve 29 years," Stumpf said. "Today, I leave with pride, respect and some regrets."

The pride came from what the Soldiers have achieved together, he said.

Soldiers have earned his respect by their dedicated and loyal service. History has taught the country that being prepared to go to war is the best way to keep the peace, he added.

Stumpf expressed regret he would no longer be able to share the triumphs, challenges and especially camaraderie with his fellow Soldiers.

"I especially want to thank my fellow Vietnam veterans," he said. "You gave everything you had. I'm proud to be one of you and to have served on the same battlefields."

To the enlisted personnel and noncommissioned officers (NCOs), Stumpf said they were the heart and soul of the military. Although they were of lesser rank, that did not mean they were lesser soldiers.

Stumpf thanked his wife, Dorothy, and their three children, Scott, 25, Jobi, 21, and Adrian, 19, for their support over the years. He also thanked his platoon leader in Vietnam, who taught him the real meaning of caring for Soldiers.

Forces Command (FORSCOM) Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Cayton said Stumpf set a good example and cared about his Soldiers.

"He is what we NCOs are all about, the cornerstone and back-



Contributed photo

Jobi (Stumpf) Spolum is shown with her father, Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf, around the time of his Army retirement.

bone of the Army," Cayton said. "Sergeant Major Stumpf never took the easy way out. He saw the good in Soldiers and continued to see the good as he helped them become successful."

Two things made Stumpf successful in his career, Cayton said. When Stumpf entered military service, he was fully aware of and accepted the hazards of the profession, Cayton said.

Stumpf also pledged to always uphold the prestige, honor, and high esprit de corps for his Soldiers and country, which he did, Cayton said.

"It epitomizes where he started his career," Cayton said. "He was trained by NCOs who served in World War II and Korea. He led the Soldiers in Vietnam from the front. He and his wife touched many thousands of Soldiers throughout his tour at Readiness Group."

First Army Commander Lt. Gen. John P. Otjen said Stumpf deserved the respect and admiration not only of everyone at his ceremony, but also the entire nation.

"Sergeant Major Stumpf defines who we are, what we believe in, and what we stand for," he said.

"He's an example of what Soldiers can do when they turn fear to courage and transfer that courage to action. I'm delighted to recognize and honor him because he's not only an American hero, but a Wisconsin hero."

For 29 years, Stumpf, a native of Menasha, Wis., gave selfless service in mentoring, leadership, comradeship, and friendship. Otjen said Stumpf's service allowed others to live in peace and freedom.

"We truly don't know how to adequately express our admiration," Otjen said. "You'll never leave our hearts, and the nation always will be in your debt."

At the ceremony, Stumpf was presented with the Legion of Merit, a certificate of appreciation, and a retirement certificate. His wife received a certificate of appreciation and 26 roses, one for each year of marriage.

NEWS

Soldiers earn Expert Field Medical Badge in second event by Reserve

STORY & PHOTOS BY SGT. VONTRAE HAMPTON

Army Reserve Medical Command

In only the second Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) competition held by the U.S. Army Reserve, Soldiers from both active duty and Reserve units participated in the grueling two-week event from May 1-13 at Fort McCoy.

Of 49 original contestants, only five Soldiers earned the badge.

The recipients of Army Reserve Medical Command's 2022 Expert Field Medical Badge are Pfc. Brayden Faul of the 807th Medical Command Deployment Support, Fort Douglas, Utah; Sgt. Baylie Bialas, Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Ga.; Staff Sgt. Samuel Warsley, Moncrief Army Health Clinic, Fort Jackson, S.C.; Staff Sgt. Garrett Troutt, Gen. Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and Capt. Prayer Watson, National Training Center, Operations Group, Fort Irwin, Calif.

For some Soldiers, repetition was key to help them succeed in this competition.

"This is my fourth attempt at the EFMB," said Warsley, a pharmacy technician and New Orleans native. "I really appreciate everyone who has supported me. My favorite part of this competition has been bonding with like-minded individuals chasing a common goal," said Warsley.

Warsley was not the only Soldier with EFMB experience.

Troutt competed three times prior and Watson has also competed previously. Not giving up the pursuit of earning the badge is a testament to these Soldiers' determination and resilience.

The participants had no shortage of obstacles to overcome in their quest to obtain the badge. The EFMB competition began with written testing, and had cognitive and physical testing throughout.

The contestants started off by taking a modified version of the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT). The modified ACFT included the hand-release-pushup, sprint-drag-carry, and the two-mile-run. After the ACFT, participants attempted to find points during day and night land navigation. Three days of highly scrutinized battlefield medical care and warrior tasks followed, during which most contestants were cut after receiving two "no gos." Those who passed all of the intense technical testing needed to complete a timed 12-mile ruck march ending in a weapons functions check to earn the badge.

Soldiers competing for the EFMB have to hold a medical military occupational specialty or (MOS). Since this badge is specifically for the Army's medical professionals, medical skills are the central focus to earning the badge. Even full-time medical providers were cut from consideration after missing a few, seemingly minor details.

"The Expert Field Medical Badge is the highest badge that can be awarded in the Army's medical department," said Maj. Gen. Jonathan Woodson, Army Reserve Medical Command commanding general.

"It signifies excellence in performance of field medic duties. Only 15 percent of the competitors qualify," said Woodson.

Many of the Soldiers who participated spent weeks or months training prior to the competition. They took advantage of the breaks they got in between lanes and events to do extra studying.

"What I enjoy most is seeing the high speed, high quality Soldiers that come through this competition," said Col. Allen Queen, an Army dentist with the 7458th Medical Operations Readiness Unit, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"The EFMB is a very coveted badge and one that holds a very high level of precedence," said Queen.

"Soldiers who achieve it wear it proudly, and they are usually the ones (who) become outstanding performers and leaders in their units," said Woodson.

"It's always a great day ... when I get to pin badges on new Soldiers," he said.

"Earning the badge gives you a certain feeling that can't be accomplished any other way," said Queen — also a badge holder himself.

In this competition, the best are truly trained by the best. While it is a small community, many of the cadre who helped with the event are badge holders.

"I love being able to instruct," said Sgt. David Ayala, combat medic with the 7235th Medical Support Unit, Orlando, Florida. "I wanted to be able to mentor, and help foster the new group of badge holders," he said.

Woodson, a badge holder as well, stressed the meaning of earning the badge in the medical community.

"I wear the badge proudly," said Woodson. "It taught me a lot. It gave me confidence to perform my duties under combat situations when I was deployed. It's about training to a superior standard so that Soldiers can perform their duties when called upon in combat operations."



A group of medical Soldiers lift a training aid over a wall May 11 at Fort McCoy as part of a medical skills evaluation during the Expert Field Medical Badge competition.

See more coverage online at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/421064/soldiers-earn-expert-field-medical-badge-second-event-reserve>.



Only five competitors out of 49 successfully completed the rigorous mental and physical testing to earn the Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) at Fort McCoy on May 13. Army Medical Command's 2022 EFMB recipients are, from left, Capt. Prayer Watson, National Training Center, Operations Group, Fort Irwin, Calif.; Staff Sgt. Garrett Troutt, Gen. Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Sgt. Baylie Bialas, Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Ga.; Staff Sgt. Samuel Warsley, Moncrief Army Health Clinic, Fort Jackson, S.C.; and Pfc. Brayden Faul of the 807th Medical Command (Deployment Support), Fort Douglas, Utah.

COMMUNITY

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: Millar's Nut-Brown Coffee jar

“The Best Part of Wakin’ Up Is Folgers in Your Cup®” became one of the most recognizable coffee slogans in the early 1980s.

The artifact does not pertain to Folgers coffee, but rather Millar’s Nut-Brown Coffee. Millar’s had a number of advertisement slogans to sell their product including, “Better Coffee...Better Flavor!,” “Millar’s Nut-Brown Coffee gives you what other coffees only promise!” and “Flavor as good as its Aroma” to list a few.

In 2015, archaeologists with Colorado State University’s Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands conducted investigations at 16 historical sites to determine their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

At one of the sites, more than 800 artifacts were unearthed during excavations from the bottom of a small depression in the ground, which was later determined to be a dump site. The majority of the artifacts recovered were identified as large glass jars or fragments of jars that once contained Millar’s Nut-Brown Coffee.

Millar’s Nut-Brown Coffee was produced

and packaged by E.B. Millar and Company. The company was established in 1870. They had two locations, one in Chicago and the other in Denver. The Chicago location most likely came first, as the building at the Denver location was built by the company in 1892. The Denver location was still in use when a fire occurred at the building on June 14, 1964.

Newspaper ads for the products of E.B. Millar and Company were printed from 1919 into the 1960’s. One newspaper ad from 1919 stated, “Why use inferior grades of coffee when you can buy the best/grades for the same money. Millar’s coffees are the very best and always give you the same pleasant taste in the cup.” The coffee must have been enjoyed by whomever discarded the jars, as at least 17 jars and bases of jars that once contained Millar’s Nut-Brown Coffee were recovered from the base of the depression.

Like most Americans, many archaeologists love coffee. Despite this, the treasure trove of Millar’s Nut-Brown Coffee jars were not enough to justify recommending the site where they were found eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The refuse pit was determined to date to

the early to middle 20th century, with most of the garbage being thrown away after 1946, and during a timeframe in which the U.S. Military owned the land. It certainly shows that coffee has always been popular in these parts!

All archaeological work conducted at Fort McCoy was sponsored 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 that 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.

See more coverage at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/421770/fort-mccoy-artifact-millars-nut-brown-coffee-jar>.

(Article and photo prepared by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch and the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under agreement with Fort McCoy.)








A Millars Nut-Brown Coffee jar found at an archaeological dig at Fort McCoy in 2015 is shown.

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Workshops are held at the Religious Support Office (Building 2675). Breakfast will be provided to all attendees.


To register, call Army Community Service at 608-388-7262 or 608-388-3528

or send an email to: carmen.m.ortiz4.civ@army.mil



This event is in collaboration with Army Community Service (ACS) and the Fort McCoy Religious Support Office.

Minimum of 10 participants required to hold workshop. Must be registered one week prior to the workshop.

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JUNE 22: Role emotions play in dealing with stress.
 Your emotional reaction is a direct response to the way you experience a particular situation. But did you know that the way you perceive the situation is how your body will determine if you will react to this as being stressful or not. Come learn how to put yourself in charge of the way you respond to everyday stressors!

JULY 21: What exactly does mindfulness mean?
 Mindfulness doesn't mean you need to sit and tell your mind to release your thoughts to help clear your mind. There are many different examples of what mindfulness can be. Come explore a variety of these options to learn what might be some of your favorites. Then you can choose what works best for you to help you feel more free of life's everyday stressors!

AUGUST 24: Role sleep plays in our resiliency.
 Have you had days where you feel like you just survived the day, exhausted and just wishing you could go to bed? Sleep is so important to our overall health, yet it tends to be one of the first things we are willing to give up so we can squeeze in just one more thing. Or maybe you are struggling with falling asleep or staying asleep once you do go to bed. Come join us to discuss tips that could be helpful allowing us to get a good night's sleep.

SEPTEMBER 15: Helping our kids (and ourselves) build coping skills.
 Everyday life can be stressful. We can't control everything that happens in life. We can however arm ourselves with tools that can help us to overcome life's everyday stressors, which will aid in protecting us from the feeling of being overwhelmed. Come learn coping skills you can use, while also allowing us the opportunity to pass these tools onto our kids. Serve as a role model teaching the importance of taking care of yourself to help reduce the effect of life's everyday stressors!



Christie Harris
 Christie Harris is a Wellness Education Specialist at Gundersen Health System. She has been working in the field of stress management for over 20 years and serves as a Certified HeartMath Trainer, a certified Intrinsic Coach, certified as a Holistic Stress Management Instructor and certified in National Health First Aid through the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare. Christie enjoys spending time with her family. Family time often includes traveling to watch kids at their sporting events or spending time outdoors.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL ACS AT 608-388-6507

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NEWS NOTES

New Fort McCoy Guide available throughout post

Copies of the 2022-23 Fort McCoy Guide will be fully available around the installation beginning May 17. Copies are mailed to all workcenters and are available throughout the post at common areas such as the Fort McCoy Commissary, Fort McCoy Exchange, McCoy's Community Center, and Pine View Campground.

Call the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at 608-388-4128 with any further questions about the guide.

An electronic version of the guide is also available online.

Memorial Day is May 30

As a reminder, Memorial Day 2022 will be recognized on May 30. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

Basic Rider Course session set for June 7-8

The next session of the Basic Rider Course, a motorcycle training course for military members only, is scheduled for June 7-8 at Fort McCoy.

The classroom portion is held at the Fort McCoy Noncommissioned Officer Academy in building 1363, room 223. Report time is 8 a.m. The range portion of the course is at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy's Driving Range on South 10th Avenue by Gate 15.

Contact Dale Marsolek at 608-388-6450 at the Installation Safety Office for more information.

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"It matters where you shop," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Osby, the Exchange's senior enlisted adviser. "At the gas station, BX, PX, food court, and online, the Exchange ensures military shoppers get more for less when they use their hard-earned benefit."

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The Military Star card offers a low APR; never charges any annual, late or over-limit fees; and features budgeting tools such as Pay Your Way Plans, which offer fixed monthly payments at reduced interest. The card is accepted at all military exchanges and commissaries, and new cardholders receive 10 percent off their first-day purchases. Honorably discharged veterans can enjoy the same tax-free savings found at BXes and PXes at ShopMyExchange.com. Online orders totaling \$49 or more, or completed with a Military Star card, always receive free shipping.

Service members, military families, retirees and veterans who shop their Exchange save while giving back to the military community.

Cabins at Pine View Campground always available

With the 2022 fishing season now open at Fort McCoy and in Wisconsin, it's possibly time

247TH U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY
247 Years of Selfless Service to the Nation

June 14, 2022

All events are free and open to the Fort McCoy Community.

★ ARMY BIRTHDAY 5K RUN/2 MILE WALK 7:30 am | Rumpel Fitness Center

- First 200 runners will receive a t-shirt.

- Breakfast provided for participants includes donuts, fruit, breakfast bars, water and juice (while supplies last).

- Register online by scanning QR code or complete registration form on reverse side and drop off at Rumpel Fitness Center. *If registered online, bring receipt to race.*



★ ARMY BIRTHDAY CEREMONY 11 am - 1 pm | McCoy's Community Center

- Cake-cutting ceremony at 11:45 am

- Lunch buffet from noon - 1 pm (while supplies last).

★ AUTOMATIC CAR WASH 10 am - 6 pm | MWR Car Wash

- Codes posted on Fort McCoy MWR Twitter & Instagram pages

★ HYPERBOWLING HYPERACTIVE GAME 4 pm - 6 pm | McCoy's Community Center

- Participants will receive a t-shirt (while supplies last).

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to also let customers know the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) has many cabins available for rent near a popular fishing area at Pine View Campground.

All cabins at the campground are near Suukjak Sep Lake which is stocked annually with thousands of rainbow trout, plus also has many native species of fish available. The cabins are also located near the La Crosse River, which has various species of trout available for trout fishing. Pine View Campground, and the lake, and more in the Pine View Recreation Area — all managed by DFMWR.

Following are the cabin rental rates:

- duplexes — military or Department of Defense (DOD) employee rate, \$105 a night; general public, \$125.

- one-bedroom cabins with a loft — military or DOD employee rate, \$110 a night; general public, \$130.

- lakeside two-bedroom cabins — military or DOD employee rate, \$120 a night; general public, \$145.

- east side two-bedroom cabins — military or DOD employee rate, \$135 a night; general public, \$160.

Get additional information about cabin rates by stopping by the campground office or calling the office. People can also find out more by visiting <https://mccoy.armymwr.com>.

Fort McCoy fishing licenses available on iSportsman

The 2022 Fort McCoy fishing season opened

May 7, concurrent with the Wisconsin general inland fishing season opener. Anglers must have the appropriate Wisconsin licenses to fish on post, as well.

This includes a general Wisconsin fishing license, a trout stamp if fishing for trout, and the Fort McCoy fishing permit.

All are available for purchase through the iSportsman website, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next edition of The Real McCoy will be published June 10. The deadline for submissions or article ideas is June 1.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

Warrior Restaurant

Warrior Restaurant (Dining Facility) 50. Military members and Department of Defense civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use Warrior Restaurants. 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 — \$3.85
Lunch — \$6.15
Dinner — \$5.35

Recreation

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

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

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

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. (Bar, food, bowling). Call 608-388-7060.

Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.

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: Closed for the season. 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 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. 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.

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open 8

facilities services

This schedule is projected through June 9, 2022. 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.

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. **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 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, non-medical 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 fishert@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 in-clement-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 hot-line: 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.

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.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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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.
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