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New memorial, set up at McCoy, honors Wisconsin State Patrol's fallen heroes

A new memorial stands at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy as a tribute to eight state troopers who lost their lives on duty.

The Wisconsin State Patrol officially dedicated the monument during a ceremony Sept. 9 at the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy. State leaders, family members, and former State Patrol officers attended the ceremony to pay their respects.

The memorial lists the names of eight troopers killed throughout the

83-year history of the State Patrol. All died while carrying out their duty to serve the people of Wisconsin. This is the first memorial dedicated solely in their honor.

"Law enforcement officers put our safety ahead of their own, which is truly remarkable. We are thankful every day for their sacrifices to keep our highways safe," Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Craig Thompson said. "We know their contributions mattered. There

are many who are alive and safe today because these fallen troopers were carrying out the vital mission of the State Patrol."

The Wisconsin State Patrol, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, has served the state since its inception in 1939. Nearly 500 sworn officers and additional support staff are employed to fulfill the agency's public safety goals.

"This memorial is a daily reminder of our fallen heroes, the ones many of us knew and still mourn," State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "It will serve as a somber inspiration to our next generation; the future officers who train here at the academy every year, working towards their opportunity to wear the same badge."

Troopers honored on the memorial include:

— Trooper Donald C. Pederson: On Aug. 26, 1972, Trooper Donald Pederson, 31, and a six-year veteran with the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when he lost his life in the line of duty while working traffic patrol in Green Lake County. Trooper Pederson sustained fatal

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The new memorial is shown Sept. 16 at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy.



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

Up, up, and away!

A Wisconsin National Guard Soldier sends an RQ-11B Raven Small Unmanned Aircraft System in the air over Badger Drop Zone on Sept. 9 at Fort McCoy on South Post as part of a two-week additional skills course taught by the Wisconsin Military Academy. The Wisconsin Military Academy is a tenant organization at Fort McCoy that also provides institutional learning for Soldiers.

Hundreds attend Fort McCoy's 2022 Retiree Appreciation Day

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For the first time since September 2019, Fort McCoy held a Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) for military retirees Sept. 9 at the installation and hundreds of retirees and their spouses attended.

The guests for the 2022 RAD had a day filled with activities open to them as well, including a welcome from Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger as well as briefings from numerous guest speakers.

This year's event was also held in a new venue. In past years, the event was held in building 905. This year, the event was held in building 2472 — one of the newer dining facilities recently built at Fort McCoy.

"I thought it worked well and had plenty of space for the event," said Fort McCoy Retirement Services Officer Brent Johnson with the Directorate of Human Resources. "We found that our guests were able to find plenty of parking, and they were able to find the location. We'll also take what we receive from our feedback from this event and incorporate it to make next year's event even better."

"The ultimate goal of the Retiree Appreciation Day is to bring together those military retirees and give them an opportunity to receive some of the most up-to-date information on the benefits they are entitled to with a seminar setting followed by a retiree benefits vendor expo," Johnson said.

In addition to all the activities in building 2472, RAD attendees also were able to purchase discounted items during a special sidewalk sale at the Fort McCoy Commissary. Many attendees also

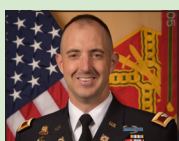
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Military retirees and their family members participate in the 2022 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on Sept. 9 at Fort McCoy. Hundreds of people attended the event that was coordinated by the Fort McCoy Soldier for Life/Retirement Services Office with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Human Resources. It was the first RAD at the installation since 2019.

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Be great today!

BY COL. STEPHEN T. MESSENGER
Commander, Fort McCoy Garrison

In July, I took command of U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy. My family and I are humbled and blessed to be placed in this position of responsibility that influences hundreds of wonderful people who work for the garrison, tens of tenant organizations, and thousands of people in the community.

On my first full day in command, I started at 6 a.m. on the installation main gate. For those unfamiliar with military bases, each one has security checkpoints requiring identification to enter. Dedicated police officers, heroes of our community, scan each driver in and protect our families and service members.

After receiving a quick brief on how to use the scanner and asking repeatedly to have a taser (denied), I was ready to interact with drivers in 18-second increments. It was my first opportunity to meet most of the people who worked on or with the base. My goal was to provide a quick message about leadership.

Find those small moments to inspire

To each driver I would quickly introduce myself. If I knew them, I would joke about bringing the dogs out to search their vehicle. I'd then ask their name and where they worked, thank them, and end with, "Be great today!"

So often our hard-working employees come into work and do a laudable job, but seldom feel they're making a difference or recognized for their work. This can lead to stagnation, apathy, or mundanity that prevents teams and individuals from achieving their maximum standard.

"Great leaders all have one thing in common. They know that acquiring and keeping good people is a leader's most important task," writes John Maxwell in his book, *Developing the Leaders around You*. He goes on to say, "Find the best people you can, then develop them into the best leaders they can be."

Sometimes though, you only have brief interactions with many you lead. You must capitalize on each engagement, no matter how small.

To inspire and retain your people, they need to know that you care, are thankful, and are rooting for them to, "Be great today!"

Catching the bus

Every morning from elementary school through high school, I would walk out the door for the bus while my mom chased me out to say good-



bye. She would lovingly shout out four things to me as I left, which the whole neighborhood could hear: "Go get 'em Tiger! You're a winner!"

Do your best!

Make the Messengers proud!" Even though I walked (ran) away, embarrassed by this message of encouragement, and hoping my friends didn't hear, this simple act by my mom most likely changed my life.

Someone was rooting for me. Someone acknowledged that I was doing hard things. Someone recognized my potential.

I wanted inside to live up to those expectations.

Few of us have mom chasing us out the door in our adult life challenging us to do our best. As leaders and parents, we need to be the ones continuously encouraging our people to go above and beyond.

Meet them at the door

An interesting thing happened when I met people at the front gate which I didn't expect: their countenance changed. Initially, they were on a mundane drive into work, sipping coffee, dropping off kids, and listening to country music.

But at the gate, suddenly they met a person in a leadership position, thanking them for their hard work and recognizing their contribution. As they drove off, they received an encouraging shout, much like my mom would yell at me as I left the house, to "be great today!"

Many had the same reaction I had as a kid: "I am going to pick up my game." Many told me to be great today as well. It inspired me back.

We owe encouragement to our followers. All of us do so much at work that is seldom recognized or applauded. As leaders we must provide purpose, direction, and motivation to encourage others to excel.

A great place to do that is right when you meet them at the door.

Be inspiring today!
Be great today!
(Col. Steve Messenger is the founder of "The Maximum Standard," a leadership website designed to help leaders achieve their full potential. This free, no-cost website encourages others to read, think, discuss, and write about leadership. Check it out to continue your journey of leading others — themaximumstandard.com.)



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Remembering 9/11

(Above) Community members visit a display Sept. 9 on the cantonment area set up by the Fort McCoy Religious Support Office to observe Patriot Day and the 21st anniversary terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. (Below) Each display is shown.

The Religious Support Office set up the display by building for Retiree Appreciation Day attendees and then later at the Fort McCoy Main Gate so community members could remember the sacrifices of police, fire, and military personnel as well as others on 9/11. See more Fort McCoy 9/11 history [here](#).



Photos by Dale Gibson/Fort McCoy Religious Support Office



Half-staff for Queen Elizabeth II

The U.S. flag is posted at half-staff Sept. 12 at the flagpole in front of garrison headquarters at Fort McCoy.

The flag was set at half-staff on Sept. 8 to honor England's Queen Elizabeth II who died Sept. 8. The flag stayed at half-staff until sunset on the day of her internment on Sept. 19.

Queen Elizabeth II's reign of 70 years and 214 days is the longest of any British monarch.

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shopped at the Fort McCoy Exchange for items and purchased lunch at the Exchange Food Court and McCoy's Community Center.

And at Fort McCoy's Commemorative Area, which was open from noon to 4 p.m. on the afternoon of the 2022 RAD, dozens of guests visited the area.

"It was nice to have the visitors come by the Commemorative Area and see everything here," said Public Affairs Specialist Kaleen Holliday with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office. "Some had last been to the Commemorative Area when they were at the last Retiree Appreciation Day and were happy to be back to see more. I also enjoyed having the retirees coming to share their stories about Fort McCoy, especially Camp McCoy or other service locations."

One of those military retirees making a return trip to Fort McCoy was Charles Benbenek of Hazelhurst, Wis., who is retired from the Army.

Benbenek attended the RAD and visited the Commemorative Area.

"I thought it was a good event," Benbenek said. "I spent a lot of time here in the '70s with the 724th Engineer Battalion. We did quite a few projects around the post."

Benbenek said he had last been to Fort McCoy 15 years ago so attending the RAD and visiting everything brought back plenty of memories. "It was nice to come back," he said.

Johnson said work and planning for the 2023 Fort McCoy RAD are already underway. More details are available by calling the Fort McCoy Soldier for Life/Retirement Services Office at 800-452-0923, or by e-mail at usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil or brent.r.johnson6.civ@army.mil.

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(Above and below) Military retirees and their family members participate in 2022 Retiree Appreciation Day activities Sept. 9 at Fort McCoy.



Retiree Appreciation Day visitors stop by Equipment Park at the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area on Sept. 9 at Fort McCoy. The area was open for four hours in the afternoon for visitors.



Retiree Appreciation Day attendees stop by the Fort McCoy Commissary on Sept. 9 for a special sidewalk sale. The sale offered special deals for retirees and all commissary patrons.

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injuries when he was ambushed and shot by a 16-year-old he had stopped and cited earlier in the evening.

— Trooper Gary G. Powless: On May 18, 1980, Trooper Gary Powless, 31, and a one-year veteran with the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when he lost his life in the line of duty while working traffic patrol in Monroe County. Trooper Powless sustained fatal injuries when the patrol vehicle he was operating was struck by a tractor trailer unit that had lost control due to an equipment failure.

— Trooper Deborah M. McMenamin: On Oct. 26, 1989, Trooper Deborah McMenamin, 31, and a four-year veteran of the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when she lost her life in the line of duty while conducting a traffic stop in Eau Claire County. Trooper McMenamin sustained fatal injuries when she was struck by a passing vehicle while returning to her patrol vehicle after making contact with the driver of a vehicle she had stopped for a traffic violation.

— Trooper William Schoenberger: On April 22, 1993, Trooper William Schoenberger, 31, and an eight-year veteran with the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when he lost his life in the line of duty while working traffic patrol in Eau Claire County. Trooper Schoenberger sustained fatal injuries when his patrol vehicle was struck from behind by a passing tractor trailer as he was assisting at the scene of a vehicle fire.

— Trooper Jorge R. Dimas: On June 14, 2009, Trooper Jorge Dimas, 23, and an eleven-month veteran of the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when he lost his life due to injuries he sustained in the line of duty while working traffic patrol in Polk County. Trooper Dimas was seriously injured on May 9, 2009, when the patrol vehicle he was operating was struck by another vehicle as he

was in the process of initiating a traffic stop.

— Trooper Trevor J. Casper: On March 24, 2015, Trooper Trevor Casper, 21, and an eight-month veteran of the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when he lost his life in the line of duty while attempting to apprehend a suspect in Fond du Lac County. Trooper Casper was following a vehicle driven by a suspect from a bank robbery and murder that occurred earlier in the day. Before backup could arrive, the suspect opened fire on Trooper Casper. Though wounded, Trooper Casper was able to return fire and kill the suspect before succumbing to his fatal injuries.

— Trooper Anthony J. Borostowski: On April 11, 2017, Trooper Anthony Borostowski, 34, and a two and one-half-year veteran with the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when he lost his life in the line of duty while working traffic patrol in Sauk County. Trooper Borostowski sustained fatal injuries when the patrol vehicle he was operating left the roadway and struck a tree.

— On Nov. 15, 2021, Master Trooper Daniel Stainbrook, 42, and a 20-year veteran of the Wisconsin State Patrol, made the ultimate sacrifice when he lost his life due to illness sustained while in the line of duty. Master Trooper Stainbrook lost his battle with COVID-19 after contracting the illness while serving the citizens of Wisconsin.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial was made possible through a partnership with the Wisconsin Troopers Benevolent Foundation.

The Wisconsin State Patrol Academy is a tenant organization at Fort McCoy.

See more information at <https://wsp.wi.gov/Pages/WSPA.aspx>.

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A view of a new memorial to fallen Wisconsin State Patrol troopers is shown Sept. 16 at Fort McCoy.



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Meeting workforce members

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger speaks to members of the installation workforce Sept. 8 at Fort McCoy. Messenger discussed characteristics of leadership, the importance of the equal employment opportunity training they just received, and more. Messenger became the Fort McCoy Garrison commander in July.



Equal employment opportunity training

An instructor with the Army's Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-Readiness Directorate discusses equal employment opportunity (EEO) policies and procedures Sept. 8 at Fort McCoy. IMCOM-Readiness instructors taught hundreds of Fort McCoy workforce members on updated policies during two days of training at the installation. EEO awareness is mandatory training for all Army and Department of Defense personnel.



Rainy day convoy

Service members drive military vehicles in a convoy along Highway 21 on Sept. 12 during training operations at Fort McCoy. During September, thousands of troops have trained at the installation.

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Construction of \$11.96 million brigade headquarters is under way

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Contractor L.S. Black Constructors broke ground and is well under way in starting construction of a new \$11.96 million transient training brigade headquarters at Fort McCoy.

A contract, totaling \$11,964,432.87, was awarded June 9 to L.S. Black Constructors to build the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Transient Training Brigade Headquarters project at Fort McCoy, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office at Fort McCoy.

The notice to proceed on the project was given on June 24. The contract duration is scheduled for completion in 540 calendar days with a completion date currently of Dec. 16, 2023, Green said.

In a Sept. 9 report about the construction, Green said the first main project being tackled was infrastructure. "Work on the sewer system has started," he said.

Progress is under 5 percent complete, but will continue now at a steady pace, Green said.

The location of construction is directly north of 11th Avenue and just west of the building 1671 on post, and just across the street from where the same contractor has been building two new transient training troop barracks buildings in the same block.

According to Green, the brigade headquarters project is based on the denser, more consolidated footprints of Fort McCoy's Troop Housing Area Development Plan which states "fewer, multiple story buildings allow facilities/functions to be sited closer together, allowing for a more walkable training environment, as well as saving money on utilities."

Green said the smaller footprint of the brigade headquarters building plan builds less impervious surface, which generates less stormwater runoff that requires less stormwater management features and allows for additional cost savings. The floor plan also is based on the "Operational Readiness Training Complex" standard design and additional square footage has been included in this project to accommodate stair and elevator access to the second floor.

"The facility will be deactivated or taken offline during the winter months when necessary as well," said Master Planner Brian Harrie with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW). "When Fort McCoy is not stood up as a mobilization platform, its primary mission is to support the seasonally driven requirements of transient training. Deactivation of buildings during the winter months conserves energy and cuts utility costs."

Green said the project will include the latest, state-of-the-art systems for fire protection and alarms and video surveillance as well as Energy Monitoring Control Systems. Also, antiterrorism and force protection measures will be incorporated. And throughout the entire project, sustainability and energy efficient technology will be incorporated.

Harrie said this project and the previous barracks projects are part of the Fort McCoy master plan that looks at continuously upgrading the installation's infrastructure to be prepared for the future.

Overall, eight new buildings are planned for the entire 1600 block, Harrie said. The plan is to build four barracks buildings, the 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. "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 Fort McCoy Commissary, Fort McCoy Exchange, and McCoy's Commu-



The construction area for a future transient training brigade headquarters in the 1600 block on the cantonment area is shown Sept. 12 (above) and Sept. 9 (below) at Fort McCoy. This early work was for the installation of a sewer system for the new facility.

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nity Center."

The brigade headquarters project, just like the barracks construction projects in the block, also will be managed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Harrie also gave the following timeline of how changes have taken place to get to the current status:

— 2010: The first brick and mortar barracks in the history of Fort McCoy were built (building 2840).

— 2011-2012: Fort McCoy DPW developed a Troop Housing Master Plan to replace all the existing World War II-era wood buildings on the west side of the cantonment area (blocks 1600-2800). This included all transient training barracks, dining facilities, and transient headquarters buildings (company, battalion, and brigade). This plan proposed 70-plus new brick-and-mortar buildings (total) to replace the hundreds of World War II-era wood buildings in that area used for annual training, mobilization, and weekend drills.

— 2012-2018: Built three U.S. Army Corps of Engineers standard design, brick-and-mortar dining facilities (buildings 1672, 1872, and 2472), based on the conclusions developed in the 2012 Troop Housing Master Plan.

— 2019: Fort McCoy DPW finished the 1600 Block Transient Training Campus Plan, composed of four barracks, three brigade headquarters buildings, and one officers quarters. All eight of these buildings (a small component of the 70 buildings developed in the 2012 Troop Housing Master Plan) are based on U.S. Army Corp of Engineers standard designs.

— 2019: Awarded the first (of four) four-story barracks in the 1600 block, based on outcomes of the 1600 Block Transient Training Campus Plan. Construction was completed in April 2022.

— 2020: Awarded the second (of four) four-story barracks in the 1600 block, based on outcomes of the 1600 Block Transient Training Campus Plan. Construction scheduled for completion in December 2022.

— 2022: Construction on first (of three) brick-and-mortar transient training brigade headquarters buildings in 1600 block to start based on outcomes of the 1600 Block Transient Training Campus Plan.

— 2022-2023: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently designing two brick-and-mortar projects for FY 2023, Harrie said. One is the third (of four) four-story barracks in the 1600 block and the other is the officers' quarters. These are

also based on the outcomes of the 1600 Block Transient Training Campus Plan. Award of both projects is planned for fiscal year 2023.

Large construction projects like this barracks project also contributes to the economic impact of local communities.

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

The Fort McCoy Executive Summary, available on the installation website, [www.home.army.mil/mccoy](https://home.army.mil/mccoy), also shows the installation makes continuous improvements to provide a plethora of training capabilities for service members.

"Throughout the last decade, Fort McCoy experienced unprecedented facility modernization, training area development and expansion, increased training and customer support capability, and improved quality-of-life opportunities," the summary states.

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A contractor completes exterior grading and landscaping work Aug. 29 as part of construction operations related to the fiscal year 2020-funded transient training troops barracks project at Fort McCoy. The project is nearing completion and the landscaping work is among the final work projects to be finished to the exterior areas around the facility.

Final exterior grading takes place at fiscal 2020-funded barracks project

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Ken Green with the Army Corps of Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy said Sept. 2 that final exterior landscaping and grading was completed next to the fiscal year (FY) 2020 transient training troops barracks project at Fort McCoy.

Green, who made the announcement as part of a weekly update about the project, said in the report the construction of a second four-story barracks is 97 percent complete.

On the exterior grading, he said it the contractor was “getting the site up to finish grade.”

In late August and early September, an excavator, dozer, and dump trucks were operating with contractors on the land surrounding the barracks busily leveling off the area to specifications. The work occurred over several days. According to Green, it’s part of the process to completing the entire project.

The barracks, funded at \$18.8 million in FY 2020, resembles another barracks that was also built by current contractor L.S. Black Constructors that is adjacent to this project in the 1600 block at Fort McCoy’s cantonment area. The first barracks that was built by the same contractor was turned over to Fort McCoy’s Directorate of Public Works on April 1.

Green said Sept. 2 that other work on the barracks project includes exterior concrete work, mechanical yard fencing, systems continue to be worked on, and more. The current completion date continues to be set for December 2022, Green wrote in the update.

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and improved quality-of-life opportunities,” the summary states. “From unmanned aerial vehicles, to urban training facilities, to live-fire ranges and virtual-training environments, Fort McCoy is prepared to meet the training needs of the Army in the 21st century.”

The summary also states how Fort McCoy provides “full-scale

support to its customers at each juncture of its training triad — transient, institutional and exercise. Transient training customers are those who are at the installation for a period of two weeks or less. Transient training is the foundation and building blocks on which individuals and units learn and hone warrior skills.” That is who these barracks will support.

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A contractor completes exterior grading and landscaping work Aug. 25 (left) and Aug. 26 (above) as part of construction operations related to the fiscal year 2020-funded transient training troops barracks project at Fort McCoy.

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Fort McCoy Garrison CSM supports veteran-based Honor Flight as guardian escort

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Fort McCoy Garrison's senior enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, served as one of 50 guardian escorts Sept. 10 for nearly 100 veterans who were part of the most recent Freedom Honor Flight from La Crosse, Wis., to Washington, D.C.

Freedom Honor Flight is a La Crosse-based organization founded in April 2008, said Patti Lokken, a founding board member of the organization. The organization's goal is to fly veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials that stand in their honor.

"When we started out in 2008, we were flying mainly World War II veterans," Lokken said. "Now we are still flying World War II veterans first, and then Korean War veterans, and Vietnam War veterans after that. The flight we held on Sept. 10 was our 27th flight, so we've flown thousands of veterans so far."

DiDomenico said she was proud to be a part of the latest flight. With her group of six Korean War veterans and 93 Vietnam War veterans, they visited all of the special memorials in Washington and Arlington, Va., areas, including the Air Force Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington Monument, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Women in Military Service to America Memorial, World War II Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the Changing of the Guard ceremony.

"I was the guardian for Mr. John 'First Class Jack' Westgard from Rochester, Minn.," said DiDomenico. "It is a humbling experience, hanging out with these veterans. They get up incredibly early for the 6 a.m. chartered flight out of La Crosse. They see the whirlwind of sites throughout the day."

"Then, they return late at night, and you can see their faces light up when they see the Welcome Home party in their honor," DiDomenico said. "The entire day is completely free for the veteran, including meals. There are plenty of donations from extremely generous supporters and an awesome display of selfless service from a huge team of coordinators."

Lokken said she got behind starting the Freedom Honor Flight partly because her father was

a World War II veteran who never got to see the World War II monument but donated to it.

"He was a staff sergeant with who had served with the 3rd Infantry Division and in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II," Lokken said. "He died before he could see any of this, and I know he wanted to see it happen."

Lokken's father, former Army Staff Sgt. Denzle Robison also has Fort McCoy ties.

"Toward the end of the war, he was at (Camp) McCoy helping with the outprocessing of Soldiers," Lokken said. "He didn't talk a lot about his service but he did tell us that he worked at McCoy during the end of the war."

DiDomenico and Lokken said those who serve as a guardian escort have to pay a \$500 fee to participate. "That fee includes the flight, meals, and everything for the day," Lokken said.

People who want to consider being a guardian escort, or who might know a veteran to go on the Freedom Honor Flight should visit their website at <https://www.freedomhonorflight.org>.

"On the website, people can submit applications for a veteran or to be a guardian," Lokken said. "It's a pretty easy process and easy to understand."

DiDomenico said the experience is worth it. "There are some very cool things that they do, such as escorting a flag onto the plane for a veteran who was scheduled for the flight but passed away before they were able to attend," DiDomenico said. "And Soldiers or others who want to support but can't be guardians can show up for the morning send-off or the evening welcome home ceremony. They stand on the flight line and wave to the veterans. It's a huge morale booster."

Because they are an all-volunteer organization, Freedom Honor Flight states on their website, that they are not available to answer questions at all business hours.

Call 608-784-1015 and leave a voicemail message to get more information. People can also email the organization at info@freedomhonorflight.org.

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Photos by Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico

(Above) Command Sgt. Maj. Raquel DiDomenico, Fort McCoy Garrison command sergeant major, is shown Sept. 10 with veteran John 'First Class Jack' Westgard from Rochester, Minn., during a Freedom Honor Flight from La Crosse, Wis., to Washington, D.C. (Below) Veterans on the Honor Flight are pictured at the Marine Corps Memorial in Washington on Sept. 10.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Training sunset

Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training set up equipment Sept. 10 as the sun sets at the rail yard at the installation. During September, thousands of troops trained at Fort McCoy in weekend, institutional, extended combat, and other training.



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Rainbow over McCoy

A rainbow is shown behind a stone gate Sept. 10 in the late evening hours at Fort McCoy. The rainbow appeared just as a sunset appeared during a late-day rain shower.

FEATURE

Artifact donated by Fort McCoy founder's grandson speaks to post's origins

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In July 2022, Alan McCoy, grandson of Maj. Gen. Robert Bruce McCoy for whom Fort McCoy is named after had visited the installation with his family members, and with him he brought a century-old artifact he'd received in the form of a wood crate that included the words stamped on it: "CAMP EMERY UPTON" and "CAMP ROBINSON."

Looking back to 1909, per Fort McCoy's documented history, "negotiations were concluded, and the Sparta Maneuver Tract became a reality in 1909 on what is known today as 'South Post.' The total parcel was divided approximately in half by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. Situated north of the tracks was a maneuver camp named Camp Emory-Upton. An artillery camp known as Camp Robinson went up to the south of the tracks. Temporary galvanized buildings were constructed in the summer of 1909, and training began. The railroad provided an unloading sidetrack near the artillery camp and ran a spur into the maneuver camp.

"On Nov. 19, 1926, the reservation officially was designated as Camp McCoy in honor of Maj. Gen. Robert B. McCoy, who had died in January," the history further states. "The War Department once again regained control of the camp as it settled down to improving buildings and roads. Summer artillery training was conducted from 1926 to 1933 by units from Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa."

The wood crate artifact brought by Alan McCoy to the Fort McCoy History Center was the first to be brought to the center of its kind, and

it's uniquely one of the few original Camp Robinson/Camp Emory Upton-related artifacts in the center.

"Somebody brought it to my store and asked if I wanted it," McCoy said in July. "So I kept it. And when I knew we were coming here, I thought we'd bring it along."

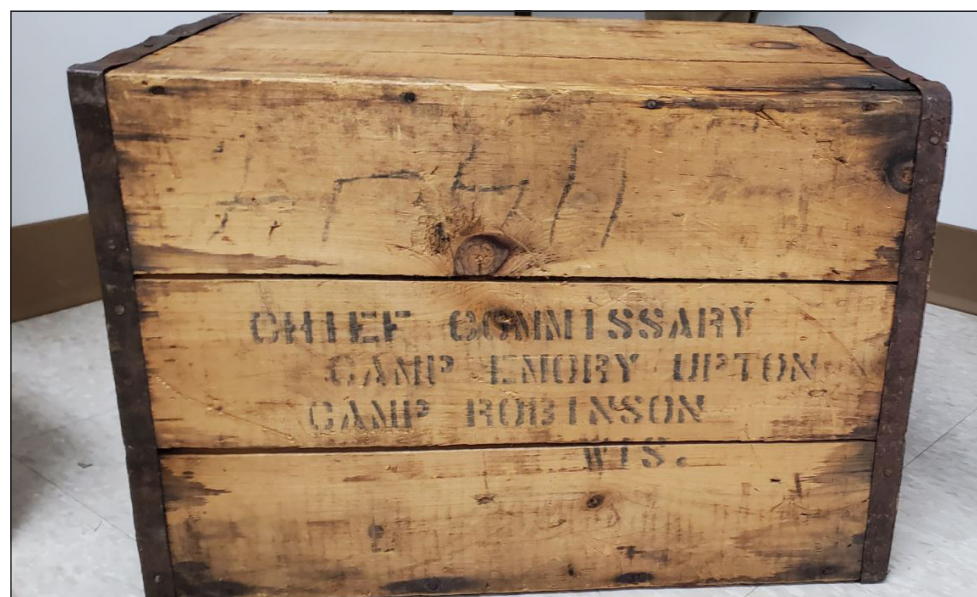
The crate dates to July 1910 and has "MORRIS AND COMPANY" stamped on one side. Fort McCoy Archaeologist Ryan Howell with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch and Miranda Alexander with the Colorado State University's (CSU) Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands that partners with Fort McCoy for archaeology did some research on the crate.

"We have found several artifacts related to Morris and Co. canned-meat containers at an archaeological site where they had been dumped in latrines or burned in an incinerator from this 1909-1912 period," Howell said. "Essentially, what we found were 'spam' containers, processed meat, that was the first attempt by the Army at pre-packed rations. Prior to 1910, the Army predominately used fresh meat and bread made on site and purchased locally."

But that wasn't what the crate was for. Howell and Alexander concluded it probably was used for carrying lard buckets.

"That crate likely contained 12 five-packs of one-gallon lard buckets," Howell said. "I pulled up an (archaeological) site report, and it was one where we found several 1-gallon buckets of lard. As I remember, these were traditional packed in five-packs in a tin box. So that crate likely contained 12 five packs of one-gallon lard buckets."

The inside of the crate has rust rings at the bottom that would possibly indicate there were



A wooden crate more than a century old is shown Aug. 26 at the Fort McCoy History Center. The crate was donated to Fort McCoy and traces back to the time of Camp Emory Upton and Camp Robinson.

one-gallon buckets contained in it previously.

"One thing to remember, lard wasn't just used for cooking in that period, it was kind of an all-purpose field supply," Howell said. "It was used like butter, and for other uses we mainly use oil-based products for today. It was used to treat and water-proof leather goods like saddles, was used as lantern candles and was also commonly used as a medical lubricant/ointment for things like saddle sores and mosquito stings."

Kaleen Holliday, public affairs specialist with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office who was

present when McCoy donated the crate, said the crate has been placed next to the Maj. Gen. McCoy exhibit in the History Center for now. That location is also next to other artifacts related to Camp Robinson and Camp Emory Upton as well.

"Receiving the crate from the McCoy family is an incredible addition to the History Center," Holliday said. "It's a great link to the installation's past when this post was just starting out. We've already had people ask about it and want to know more about it."

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: Madison Triangular Points – serrated vs non-serrated

Small stone arrow heads, known to archaeologists as "Madison Triangular Points," and frequently referred to as "bird points" by artifact collectors, are common at Fort McCoy archaeological sites and throughout the Midwest.

Edward G. Scully initially named this point type as Mississippi Triangular, but later changed its name to Madison Triangular in 1951 after Madison County, Ill., where these arrowheads were first identified by archaeologists.

These arrowheads first appear in the archaeological record about 1,200 years ago (A.D. 800) during the Late Woodland cultural time period and were the main hunting weapon used by Native Americans in the Fort McCoy area until 300 years ago, although use did continue in some areas beyond the introduction of European goods during the European Contact period (ca. A.D. 1650-1700).

The use of Madison Triangular points signifies the transition from spear points to "true arrowheads" and the introduction of the bow and arrow to the Fort McCoy area during the Late Woodland period.

Madison Triangular points are described as small, unnotched triangular points. They are generally 1–2.4 inches long and 0.6–1.2 inches wide. The blade edges and base tend to be straight but may be slightly concave (curves inward) or convex (curves outward). The blade edges may have serrations present, but there are many debates as to whether serrations have a functional or symbolic purpose.

Serrations are a row of tooth-like projections; think of the teeth on a saw blade or a bread knife. The arrowheads tend to be half as wide as they are long (an isosceles triangle), but archaeologists have recovered some that are as wide as they are long (equilateral triangle). Unnotched triangular points are relatively easy and quick to make.

It's known from experimental studies that they were likely designed to detach within the wound, making them expendable, while the arrow shaft which took a long time to produce was retrieved and retipped.

Madison Triangular points were in use for at least 800 years and span multiple cultural time periods (Late Woodland, Mississippian (A.D. 900-1100), Oneota (A.D. 1200-1650), and European Contact), which makes dating a site to one specific time period difficult if only these stone arrowheads are present. If Native American pottery is recovered from the site with Madison Triangular points, it might be possible to refine the date



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

Examples of Madison Triangular Points found in archaeological digs at Fort McCoy are shown.

because pottery production methods changed over time and the presence of European trade goods also serves as a post A.D. 1650 time marker.

Some observations have been made by archaeologists in Western Wisconsin regarding a way to distinguish Late Woodland Madison Triangular points from Oneota Madison Triangular points. One method of dating triangular points to a specific time period is by observing the presence or absence of serrations. Serrated triangular points are primarily associated with Late Woodland sites, while non-serrated triangular points are associated with Oneota sites.

In central Wisconsin, Late Woodland Madison Triangular points are often serrated and made from silicified sandstone,

while points near Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin are typically non-serrated and made of local chert.

At Oneota sites in La Crosse, these points are never serrated and are commonly made from silicified sandstone from A.D. 1300 to 1400 and chert after A.D. 1400. It has also been observed that late Oneota points in the La Crosse area are generally larger. Size differences have been noted within Oneota sites in Iowa where long and narrow triangular points are associated with burials while short and wide triangular points are recovered from village settings.

Another hypothesis to explain the difference in point sizes is that some of the shorter points might have something to do with re-use and re-sharpening, and that the longer points might have been the template.

Although these observations are not definitive for dating the specific time period of its use, they are a starting point. More data needs to be collected to determine if there is a way to differentiate which time period a serrated Madison Triangular point belongs to and whether or not serrations have a functional or symbolic purpose. The use of bow and arrow hunting technology was so simple and effective that it's no surprise that its use continued despite socio-cultural changes among many pre-contact Native American peoples. So, most of the time Madison Triangular points, when found, are broadly categorized as Late Woodland/Oneota (ca. A.D. 800-A.D. 1650) in age due to a lack of other data to refine the date.

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

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

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

FEATURE

Army Strong: Longtime Fort McCoy wildlife biologist shares 32 years of natural resources, wildlife management experience

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In 1990, David Beckmann started working at Fort McCoy as a biological technician trainee through the installation's Cooperative Education Program while still in school at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

At that time, he did not really think he would end up staying at the post for 32 years. After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Stevens Point in biology in 1994, he continued to do the biological trainee position for many more years while pursuing a graduate degree.

"When I started here, I was still in college at Stevens Point," Beckmann said. "And the plan initially was to come in work for a few years, get my degree, and move on to other positions. But Fort McCoy kind of kept me here because it's a unique chunk of land."

In 2002, Beckmann continued his support to the Fort McCoy wildlife management program as a contractor for five years. By 2007, Beckmann was then hired as a staff wildlife biologist at Fort McCoy. Today he works with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB).

"My overall responsibilities with wildlife management (at Fort McCoy) is about managing the habitats for a wide array of wildlife species — not necessarily just endangered species," Beckmann said. "This includes deer, songbirds, forest birds, small mammals, and more. We look a lot at the habitat and the food sources for the different species on the installation so they can survive on their own."

Beckmann's work also includes management of deer hunting, small game hunting, and turkey hunting programs at the installation. These are all things, he said, that have grown from the time he started.

"When I started here, a lot of stuff was pretty new," Beckmann said. "We didn't have the endangered species programs yet at that time. And we didn't have an urban (cantonment area) deer hunt. So basically my first year here, we put together the canton-



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David Beckmann works as a biological technician trainee in the early 1990s at Fort McCoy.

ment urban deer hunt. At that time there was a large population of deer in the cantonment area. We started doing deer surveys where we were getting up to 300 deer in the cantonment on one parade field.

"And with that we knew that there was a need to reduce the population," Beckmann said. "The deer weren't very healthy. There were also a lot of accidents on Highway 21 and on some of the other major roads. So ... that hunt has been going on for more than 30 years now, and it's been a great success to maintain the urban population and maintain the health of those deer as well."

Beckmann was also a critical leader in starting the first youth deer hunt at Fort McCoy and the first deer hunt for people with disabilities. Both are programs he said he's proud to be a part of as well.

In addition to deer management, Beckmann said he was proud to be a part of the effort to get endangered species management started at Fort McCoy. It's work, he said, that was started with his mentor, former Fort McCoy Biologist Kim Mello, as well as current NRB Chief Tim Wilder who also worked for many years as an endangered species biologist.

"It wasn't long after I started here when the Karner Blue butterfly was



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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Director-nominee Aurelia Skipwith, Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim, Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB) Chief Tim Wilder, DPW Director Lian Haun, Forestry Technician Charles Mentzel, former NRB Chief Mark McCarty, Wildlife Biologist Dave Beckmann, Forestry Technician Leigh Neitzel, Fisheries Biologist John Noble, and Acting Deputy USFWS Midwest Regional Director Thao Tran stop for a photo July 11, 2019, during the presentation of the 2019 USFWS Military Conservation Partner Award to the NRB at Fort McCoy. The award recognizes significant natural-resources management achievements by military installations, particularly the conservation of important wildlife and their habitats through cooperative work with the USFWS and other partners.

proposed for being listed as an endangered species," Beckmann said. "(Kim) was pretty proactive on getting ahead of the game. So we started to do some surveys for the Karner Blue butterfly. At that time, we worked with the Nature Conservancy ... and low and behold we found out we have one of the best populations in the nation here. And a lot of that is tied to the military training and how it affects the habitat."

Since the 1990s, Fort McCoy has been the go-to place for hundreds of researchers for the Karner Blue butterfly, Beckmann said. And that work had led to the success of Fort McCoy recognizing and supporting work for other endangered species at the installation and in Wisconsin as well.

"I think a lot of that goes back to Kim, too," Beckmann said. "He did have a lot of foresight in the endangered species and in the invasive species program to which kind of started on Fort McCoy as well. Having that kind of a mentor kind of helped solidify the importance of the natural resources work I was doing and in staying ahead of the game, especially with the Karner Blue. We also did do

a lot of work with some researchers at that time."

At Fort McCoy, the battle against invasive plant species takes place every year on post, and Beckmann also has had a big part of that as well. He said decades ago that the fight against invasives wasn't as strong as it is now, and the installation has better control of invasive species now than ever before.

"We started a program I think in 1991," Beckmann said. "And at that time the main species we had concern about was spotted knapweed and leafy spurge. They were both pretty extensive on McCoy. But we really didn't know to what extent. So, we started to do some mapping of those as well and found out that it was pretty much all over the place, especially on South Post. At that time, Kim understood that there was a need for invasive plant control because the damage it does. ... So, we started to do some herbicide treatments."

"At that time when we started, Fort McCoy is probably the only place in Wisconsin that was doing invasive species work," Beckmann said. "I think the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was slowly getting into it with a couple of people, but a lot of people thought it was a lost cause and not even worth doing it. Of course, we kept going and going and found more species, but we were finding a lot of good success in controlling some of these species and improving the natural habitat and military lands. And then from there it kind of spread again to the state of Wisconsin. We were kind of a big influencer with the state. We collaborated a lot helped provide information and then within Department of Defense. We started getting more involved with (National) Military Fish and Wildlife Association, and we developed an invasive species working group."

And over his career, Beckmann has been part of a team within the NRB that has earned awards from the Army's Installation Management Command, the Secretary of the Army, and at the Department of Defense

level for outstanding natural resources management. And Beckmann said winning awards is great but having a great team where everyone gets along and learns from each other is probably the best reward.

"Well, you know I am proud of the work that I have done, and that we have as a team," Beckmann said. "I think the team that we have — it's a close-knit group. Some of them are retired now, but we're almost like a family, we work well together, and we're all about the same age. We all were especially deeply dedicated to the resource and military mission, so we were able to work with each other to accomplish a lot of things. It wasn't like forestry just did their own thing and didn't care about anything wildlife. We all met together, discussed different work that we were doing to make sure that it was beneficial for all sides — military, wildlife, fish, timber harvest, and more."

"I think that working together as a group reduces any infighting or big heads that could happen, and you get a lot more work done when people are on the same page," Beckmann said.

Besides Kim Mello, Beckmann worked many years in NRB with former NRB Chief Mark McCarty and former Fort McCoy Forester James Kerkman.

He also currently works with Wilder, Forester Charles Mentzel, Fisheries Biologist John Noble, Endangered Species Biologist Jessup Weichelt, Natural Resources Specialist/Wildlife Biologist Kevin Luepke, Forestry Technicians Nick Randall and Tim Parry, and Julie Steinhoff at the Permit Sales Office.

Beckmann officially retires Sept. 30. He said he will miss seeing people he has seen coming to Fort McCoy for the gun-deer seasons for the past three decades, and he'll miss working with his teammates. But he's also looking forward to what's next.

See more of Beckmann's interview on video and audio by visiting the Fort McCoy page on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>.



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Beckmann works at his desk in the mid-2000s at Fort McCoy soon after being named a staff wildlife biologist.

FEATURE

THIS MONTH IN FORT MCCOY HISTORY

80 Years Ago —
September 1942

Avocado

“Avocado has the highest food value of all fresh fruits, claim scientists.” This one liner was printed in the September 1942 edition of *The Real McCoy*. A forecast for the future of avocados?

Believe it or not, but *The Real McCoy* is believed to be the ‘first Army camp paper’ in America to be sold by newsboys on the streets of a civilian city. This unusual phenomenon occurred in Sparta, Wis., (1942); shortly after *The Real McCoy* came off the presses with its sixth issue. The unusual fact; which thrilled the camp paper’s personnel was that it almost outsold all other publications for those days.

35 Years Ago —
Sept. 11-12, 1987

Nearly 1,200 people attended the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy open house on Sept. 11 and 12 to celebrate the official opening of the new facility. Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson was the keynote speaker and Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Bill Sorenson also addressed the group during the ribbon cutting.

After a 32-year relationship with the Army, the State Patrol Academy felt it was time to have its own complex. The academy offers instruction in a wide variety of law enforcement areas and state of the are police disciplines.

The Wisconsin State Patrol Academy is the longest-serving tenant organization on the installation (83 years).

30 Years Ago —
September 1992

Fort McCoy was notified that the Department of Defense has approved its application as a World War II Commemorative Community.

The post request to become a commemorative community was based on several factors. A significant number of WWII veterans living in our surrounding communities, increasing number of veterans who were stationed at Fort McCoy returning as part of the installation tour program, and much of Fort McCoy’s past can be traced to the WWII era.

The cantonment area, for example, was built in 1942.

25 Years Ago —
Sept. 29, 2007

A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony of the new Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy facility was held Sept. 29.

The NCO Academy was dedicated and named after Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell, an Army Reserve Soldier from Menomonee Falls, Wis., who was killed while serving in Iraq in 2004.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mark James, who served with Cornell in Iraq, was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Other guest speakers included Col. Derek J. Sentinella, Fort McCoy Garrison commander, and Maj. Gen. William C. Kirkland, 84th Training Command (Leader Readiness) commanding general.

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Fort McCoy historical photo

100 YEARS AGO: U.S. Army Soldiers ride horses and pull artillery during training in the early 1920s on South Post at either then-Camp Robinson or Camp Emery Upton.



80 YEARS AGO: A worker prepares a meal at a dining facility in 1942 at then-Camp McCoy. The work was at one of the many dining facilities on the cantonment area that were built that year.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

SIX YEARS AGO: Illinois law-enforcement personnel with the Lee County Sheriff’s Department and Dixon Police Department complete a training scenario at the Range 41 Urban-Assault Course on Sept. 26, 2016, at Fort McCoy. The personnel were part of a team called the Joint Operations Group, which is similar to a special-weapons-and-tactics team.

OBSERVANCES

Fort McCoy observes 2022 National Hispanic Heritage Month with special event

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Fort McCoy held its annual observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 15 at McCoy's Community Center with a special event led by a guest speaker from Chicago.

The guest speaker for the event was Counselor Carmella Navarro, who has experience working with the Army Reserve's 85th Support Command and much more as a licensed clinical professional counselor. Navarro shared many personal experiences in her presentation.

"The definition of courage is the ability to do something that frightens oneself," Navarro said. "And most of my career has been connecting to others and also allowing others to see where working through the hard stuff really leads to great connections."

Navarro's presentation was about "connection," which also reflects the 2022 Department of Defense theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month — "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation."

"Unidos can be roughly translated to mean united, connected, or close," states a presentation by the Department of Defense (DOD) Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). "This concept of unity and togetherness giving us strength is one that has been long held by the DOD. It is a driving factor in our strive for inclusivity and equal opportunity."

According to DEOMI, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. Each year the DOD, along with the rest of the nation, recognizes the important contributions and rich culture of Hispanic Americans. Coinciding with important dates in many communities, such as various independence days in Latin America, Hispanic Heritage Month is one of the only DOD cultural observances which spans over multiple months.

As a counselor, Navarro, who has Latin American heritage, relayed how she's worked with many people to build connections. She also shared something that was difficult for to do but was also very rewarding.

"Connection with intention does involve being courageous," Navarro said. "We must do hard things to move forward through hard stuff and remain resilient but that's easier said than done. ... One of the hardest things I can share with you is when my when my ex-husband and I first started to think about starting a family. We went through an experience of infertility for about seven years, and we decided to adopt, and we wanted to adopt from one of the Latin American countries. At the time, Guatemala was an open country where you could go to adopt children.

"So we started the process," Navarro said. "It actually took us nine months to get my son home. But nine months later we brought home my son. He was six months old at the time, and that was a tough experience going to another country where we didn't really speak the language."

Navarro also talked about growing up in Chicago.

"So growing up, I didn't really think I was different," Navarro said. "Until about probably fifth or sixth grade, when some bullying started, and you know my skin color was different. My hair is definitely different. Thank God it's not humid — it would be a lot bigger. And in the 80s, right? In the 80s, we all, well some of us seasoned people had more hair, big hair. So definitely about 5 percent of my elementary and high school was primarily ... either Latin American, Argentinean, Puerto Rican, Mexican. And you know bullying didn't really bother me so much. My father was in the Army, and he raised two girls and was pretty strict and ... taught us to kind of hold our own.

"But it was different for me being on both sides of the fence at times," Navarro said. "When I was in my neighborhood it was like I was a coconut. Like a brown girl with little white inside. But when I was in my family's neighborhood ... I wasn't Mexican enough. So I'm like, okay, where do I figure?"

But Navarro did find her way to be a successful counselor to this day. From the "80s" girl with "big hair" to now having worked in many different areas. According to her biography, Navarro's career began in 1991 working with the Community Crisis Center in Elgin, Ill.

From 1999-2009, she worked in various arenas of the Employee Assistance Program with companies such as Loyola University Medical Center, Northwestern University, and Hospital Systems, Argonne National Lab, and many other Chicago and suburban community municipalities, her biography states. Beginning in 2008, Navarro shifted her expertise to military populations where her passion to "serve-those-who-serve grew and flourished." She began as a military family and life consultant (MFLC) where she



(Above and below) Carmella Navarro gives her presentation during Fort McCoy's 2022 National Hispanic Heritage Month observance Sept. 15 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy.



supported numerous Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events with the 88th Readiness Division.

This experience led her to become an embedded MFLC at various installations, both in the Continental United States and overseas. In 2016, she became the Suicide Prevention Program Manager for the Army Reserve's 85th Support Command in Arlington Heights, Ill., her biography shows. Through some key connections, leader support, and collaborative work with noncommissioned officers and officers, she transitioned an effective suicide prevention program grow into the "Stand For Life" Suicide Prevention Program. In June 2022, Navarro retired from civil service and she received the Civilian Service Commendation Medal in recognition for outstanding service, knowledge, and professional competency of developing and implementing the Suicide Prevention Program for the 85th.

Navarro currently has a private counseling practice, Connect4Balance, located in Inverness, Ill. She also continues to collaborate with her colleagues to provide suicide awareness, wellness, and resiliency training to the community and organizations at Heroes4Life, LLC.

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger also shared comments about Navarro's presentation.

"Thank you all for taking time out of your day to show up and come to this," Messenger said after Navarro completed her presentation. "It is important to learn and grow. I like to say I am on a journey of leadership. I have not arrived by any means, and I just love learning from different people.

"I certainly learned a lot today, so thank you, and I'm really happy that this is the second time we've done this," Messenger said. "And both times the speakers talked about what I call the four no-fail missions and you hit all four of them today. They are equal opportunity, sexual assault and harassment prevention, suicide awareness, and just taking care of people. If we can do those things right, we are making a difference in life."

The 2022 National Hispanic Heritage Month observance at Fort McCoy was organized by the Master Sgt. Ana Guzman with the Fort McCoy Equal Opportunity Office. In addition to the guest speaker, the banquet room at McCoy's Community Center was adorned with materials highlight Hispanic Heritage, and more.

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."

COMMUNITY

Service members, families enjoy Military Appreciation at Patriot Park



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(All photos) Service members and families enjoy free food, music, and more during the Military Appreciation event Sept. 15 at Patriot Park at the South Post Housing area at Fort McCoy. Dozens of people participated in the event that was organized by the Sparta (Wis.) Chamber of Commerce. Many other organizations also supported the event as well to include the Fort McCoy Exchange and USO Wisconsin.



Photo by Christopher Hanson



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NEWS NOTES

Burma Road construction affects hunting areas

From the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch: "Attention hunters: Because of the continued expansion and improvement of Burma Road and the absence of safety barriers, Burma Road will be closed to all traffic until further notice. Areas north of the North Impact Area (including the North Flowage and Lost Lake) can be accessed by alternate routes.

"For safety reasons, training areas D-7 and M-7 will be closed to all activities during this period. These areas will be listed as closed on the Game Line. At this time, the closure of D-7, M-7, and Burma Road is projected to run into early 2023. Any changes will be provided through iSportsman and the Game Line."

For more information visit <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

Archery licenses available on iSportsman

The 2022 archery season is open, concurrent with the Wisconsin archery season. Hunters must have the appropriate Wisconsin licenses to hunt on post, as well.

This includes a general Wisconsin archery license, and the Fort McCoy archery permit. All are available for purchase through the iSportsman website, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

Stop by to visit Army Community Service

The Army Community Service (ACS) Center is located in building 2111. ACS provides services that assist in maintaining the readiness of individuals, families, and communities within America's Army.

ACS is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-3505 for more information.

Learn more about Employee Assistance Program

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is located in building 1344. For information on EAP screening and referral services for substance abuse or other concerns and prevention education, call 608-388-2441. EAP services are provided for Department of Army civilian employees, military and Army civilian dependents, and retirees.

Fort McCoy Guide available throughout post

Copies of the 2022-23 Fort McCoy Guide are available around the installation. Copies were 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 at the Fort McCoy Defense Visual Information Distribution System page at <https://www.dvidshub.net/publication/issues/63864>.

RSO offers religious education, more

The Fort McCoy Religious Support Office (RSO) builds community and provides opportunities for Fort McCoy personnel and families to experience growth in their faith, support in the midst of change, and opportunities to meet new people.

The RSO provides religious support through programs and events such as the Centershot Archery Program, Financial Peace University (FPU), Protestant Women of the Chapel

(PWOC), Walk to Mary, Easter and Christmas ecumenical services and fellowship events, community prayer luncheons for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, spiritual resilience retreats and training, and the RSO Winter Tubing Party.

A religious education library is available to all at the RSO; some books are free to keep while others are available check-out.

Also, for information about chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities, call 608-388-3528. The RSO is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO.

And if you have an emergency, call 608-630-6073 (on-call duty chaplain). If you are not able to reach the on-call duty chaplain, call the Directorate of Emergency Services at 608-388-2266, and they will contact the on-call duty chaplain for further assistance.

Family Housing information

Family Housing is located in building 6158 on South Post. Single-family government homes, unaccompanied personnel housing, and Housing Service Office relocation/rental information is available there. They are open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 608-388-3704 or email usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.list.dpw-housing@army.mil for more information.

Cabins at Pine View Campground always available

The Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) has many cabins available for rent near a popular fall colors viewing area at Pine View Campground.

All cabins at the campground are near Suuk-jak 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.

New Soldier Experience Inspection

The Army will conduct an all-encompassing special inspection called the New Soldier Experience, which will look at the process of integrating new Soldiers into the Army's ranks.

The New Soldier Experience inspection will assess the Army's ability to transform civilian volunteers into professional Soldiers with common core values, ethical reasoning, motivation and discipline. This inspection supports three of the Secretary of the Army's priorities, which are to build positive command climates at scale across all Army formations, reduce harmful behaviors in our Army and strategically adapt the way we retain talent into the Army in order to sustain the all-volunteer force.

Learn more by visiting www.army.mil/ig.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

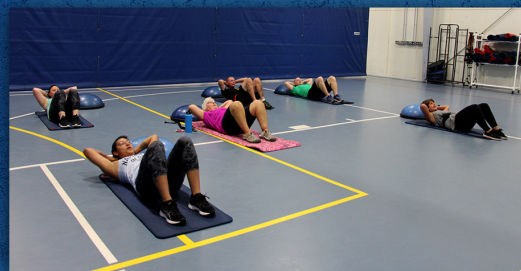
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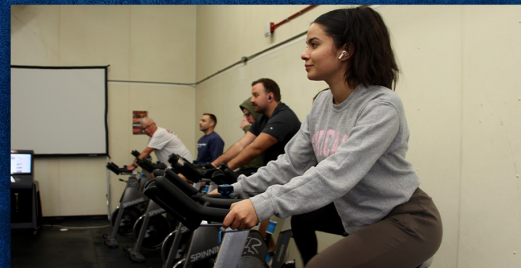
All classes are free!

Must pre-register at the front desk or call 608-388-2290.



BODY BLAST
Tuesdays
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

ABS
Wednesdays
11:30 am - 12:00 pm



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Thursdays
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OIL CHANGES
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Thursdays from 1 - 8 pm
Automotive Skills Center
Building 1763

Know How to
Change Your Oil?
Rent a bay for \$4 an hour

*Must provide own oil & filter



Call 608-388-3013 to schedule an appointment

Warrior Restaurants

Designated Warrior Restaurants (Dining Facilities) are open at Fort McCoy. 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. Call them to learn which facility is available as well.

General Open Hours

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

Rates per meal

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.isports-man.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 608-268-2029.

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

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 darrell.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.

Laundrette/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 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

facilities services

This schedule is projected through Aug. 11, 2022.
Hours of operation and services can change frequently.
Call facilities to verify hours before traveling.

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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. DA/ command photos are by appointment only. Schedule at https://vios.army.mil or 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. Open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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.-3:30 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, 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 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.

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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.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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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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Firearm registration is required by Army Regulation 190-11, 4-5, "Privately owned weapons and ammunition."

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