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173rd Engineers work on McCoy troop project

An ongoing troop project at the Fort McCoy Central Receiving Shipping Point (CRSP) parking lot received more work Oct. 14 at nearly a dozen Soldiers with Alpha Company of Wisconsin National Guard's 173rd Engineer Company worked on the project.

The 173rd Soldiers serve out of Rhinelander and Tomahawk, Wis. The company is comprised of one horizontal engineer platoon and two combat engineer platoons, said 2nd Lt. Frank Mueller, 1st Platoon leader for the 173rd.

"The Soldiers with the 1st Platoon hauled, spread, and compacted 1,077 tons of new gravel to resurface the CRSP yard after a different troop project of installing new concrete light pillars were installed," Mueller said.

Spc. Nicholas Coetcher with the 1st Platoon said he appreciated supporting the troop project.

"It's real-life projects like this that matter," Coetcher said. "Troop projects put your Army training to use and help in the real world."

Fort McCoy Troop Projects Coordinator Larry Morrow with the Directorate of Public Works said he was glad the unit could assist with the project.

"They came in and put down and compacted a lot of gravel," Morrow said. "They did a great job, and they did a lot more than I asked them to do. I appreciate all the work they accomplished in the short time they were here."

173rd's Alpha Company Commander 1st Lt. Brandon Lehman said the training time was good for the unit.

"It was an amazing drill that allowed us to exercise our skills conducting real-world, impactful training," Lehman said.

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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

A Soldier with the 173rd Engineer Company of the Wisconsin National Guard operates heavy equipment to compact gravel Oct. 14 while working on a troop project at Fort McCoy.

Army Energy Action Month:

Fort McCoy's DHR holds massive fall paper shredding, recycling event

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As part of a bi-annual effort, Fort McCoy's Directorate of Human Resources (DHR) records manager who oversees records management for the installation held a paper

records shredding and recycling event Oct. 19 to dispose of old documents on post.

"The records manager for Fort McCoy is responsible for the destruction of documents that have met their disposition that are in records holding," said Administrative Services Division Chief Trudy Ward with DHR, who is also the installation records manager. "The destruction (shredding) of documents occurs twice a year — once in spring and once in fall."

Ward said organizations can contact her office at 608-388-4222 to have old records disposed of and destroyed once they met their disposition requirements.

"Organizations on Fort McCoy are welcome to bring their documents that have met their disposition throughout the year to be destroyed by shredding," Ward said.

During the Oct. 19 shredding event, contractor Confidential Records spent the morning on post helping shred and recycle approximately 45,000 to 60,000 pounds of paper during the process. Ward, Michelle Bourman, and Allen Adam with DHS coordinated the event.

Michael L. Miller, Water and Waste Branch chief with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works, oversees the installation recycling program. He said recycling paper like the effort completed with the records is good in many ways.

Scrap paper can be collected, recycled, processed into new paper in a few months," Miller said. "It also considers the reduction of available landfill space through diversion. In the 30-plus years that I have been doing this, I've notice recycling going from unpleasant choir, to acceptance, to standard practice. It's the best example of ecological culture change."

The recycling from the records disposition also aligns with theme of Army Energy Action Month in October 2022, which is "Energy Resilience: Sustain the Mission —

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Members of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Human Resources coordinate a paper records shredding and recycling event Oct. 19 with shredding contractor Confidential Records at Fort McCoy.



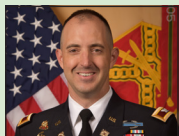
Photo by Kaleen Holliday

Fort McCoy alum turns 102

Retired Lt. Col. Harry Baker, a World War II veteran who also served at then-Camp McCoy in 1943-44, is shown Oct. 17 sporting a new Fort McCoy ball cap at his home in Pewaukee, Wis. On Oct. 9, Backer turned 102 years old and as part of his birthday many Fort McCoy community members sent birthday greetings in a video. See more about Baker's birthday on Page 9.

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EDITORIAL

Fort McCoy Garrison commander gives review: *'The first 90 days'*

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

In mid-October, I reached the three-month mark as garrison commander of Fort McCoy.

The 90-day point is the right amount of time to accomplish three imperatives — learn the people and the mission, celebrate things that are going right today, and find opportunities to lead into the future.

I believe a critical part of leadership is publishing an initial assessment right on the 90th day to the workforce.

This helps develop the ability for us all to understand the current environment, visualize a desired future state, and describe effective ways of bringing that future about.

The assessment I published on Oct. 12 was collectively built and agreed upon between myself, the Garrison Command Team, and the Fort McCoy directors and special staff.

It contains almost no new tasks and creates a strategic narrative on the tasks Fort McCoy was already tackling prior to my arrival.

This 90-day assessment is now a road map for the next year and communicates a consistent message we will use going forward.

The Tension between Assessment and Change

Being the new leader isn't always the easiest. You arrive to an organization that's comfortable running a certain way, yet the military assigns organizational leaders to identify areas of improvement and make positive change.

If not, why even need a leader in the first place?

It is often said to new leaders in their first 90 days: "Don't change anything."

I believe a better way of phrasing that is: "Understand there is much you don't know, so don't rush to judgement based on a lack of knowledge, or you could damage relationships and cause unnecessary mistakes."

I'm certainly not perfect, but I've tried to abide by this as much as possible here. Again, not perfect. At the same time, leaders can't be afraid to hold conversations about change initiatives and discuss with the garrison where the organization should be heading and what to focus on to get there.

The 90-day Assessment

Overall, I am impressed!

I assess the work ethic and professionalism of U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy as among the very best of organizations I have worked with in my career.

We possess a talented and diverse team of experienced leaders from across the Department of Defense who display the utmost teamwork and dedication to the mission.

They spent the last 24 months highly engaged in the COVID-19 global pandemic and expertly accomplished the whole-of-government Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) mission.

Simultaneously, Fort McCoy has achieved exceptional results on major inspections in the past 90 days to include the Higher Headquarters Assessment, Organizational Inspection Program, Army Family Housing, and Environmental Health.

The team's ability to execute multiple missions, conduct garrison operations with a high level of expertise, develop and implement long-range action plans, establish a superior multi-year budget, and collaborate with partners at the local, state, and federal levels have clearly cemented a culture of winning through cooperation.

This year, the command seeks to continue its track record of winning while strengthening our cultural environment, restoring our Mobilization Force Generating Installation Capabilities (MFGI), modernizing the training environment, preparing for a robust fiscal year 2023 exercise season, and focusing on recruiting, hiring, and developing our workforce.

We will do this through four Lines of Effort (LOE).



Lines of Effort

LOE 1.0: To Ensure Soldier, Civilian, and Family Readiness.

We have proven over the past year through COVID-19 and OAW that we can pivot our focus immediately, maintain exercise season capability, and simultaneously look to the future. We will continue to expertly train the warfighter, take care of employees, support families, and develop leaders.

LOE 2.0: To Maintain and Increase Installation Readiness.

The overall installation is aging with the preponderance of the buildings constructed in the World War II era.

However, a robust planning process has paved the way to demonstrate continuous improvement throughout the decade.

Our goal is to improve the processes, facilities, and infrastructure to support training service members to fight and win our Nation's wars while taking care of our people.

LOE 5.0: To Sustain Power Projection.

We must ensure the installation and people are

prepared to train and mobilize at any time.

Fort McCoy must quickly regain its OAW degraded infrastructure capacity to remain the "go to" MFGI, Reserve and Guard training platform, and Strategic Support Area.

LOE 8.0: To Conduct Strategic Communications.

Our high visibility mission is critical to internal and external Fort McCoy stakeholders, to include the American public. We must build and maintain effective strategic communications to tell our story in support of Soldiers and service members, Civilians, families, communities, and the Nation.

Consistent Messaging

Often, leaders (myself included) like to chase the shiny object. However, it's critical that the person in charge (me) understands the people and the mission, recognizes the great things about their organization, and outlines a path with tangible objectives to make the team better.

This method of leading is reliant on consistent messaging. This 90-Day Assessment I will carry with me and talk about it often.

It is the foundation of my communication, and the goal is not to change it over time to provide the least amount of reactivity to Fort McCoy.

There could always be a major change of mission or outside influence that adjusts this plan. However, barring no major interruptions, I plan to provide predictability for Fort McCoy.

Thank you

The 90-day mark is the right amount of time to accomplish three imperatives: know the people and the mission, celebrate things that are going right today, and find opportunities to lead into the future.

I'm excited to continue leading here with this incredible team of professionals.

Thank you all for your hard work every day. Keep leading!

Triad 6

'BEHIND THE TRIAD' WITH THE GARRISON COMMANDER



"Behind the Triad" is a new series of videos hosted by Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger that highlight the hard-working, behind-the-scenes employees around the installation who help make Fort McCoy the outstanding installation it is today.

In Episode 1, which is available online, Messenger visits the Fort McCoy Wastewater Treatment Plant and learns about the entire wastewater treatment process from Utilities Systems Operator Jon Clark with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works.

Watch for new episodes on Fort McCoy's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUF0_BwU3d2p5j1rThTE_kw. Or, find it at the Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office Defense Video and Imagery Distribution Service page at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/862055/behind-triad-wastewater-treatment-facility>. Links are also available on the Fort McCoy official Facebook page.

NEWS

Rumpel Fitness Center to see renovations; alternate facility opens Nov. 1

Fort McCoy's Rumpel Fitness Center closed for renovations Oct. 24 and an alternate fitness facility in building 1395 will open at 5 a.m. Nov. 1 for fitness center customers, [Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation](#) (DFMWR) officials said.

"Renovations are estimated to last 12 months," said DFMWR Director Patric McGuane. "We are planning to open the new and improved Rumpel Fitness Center in fall 2023."

According to DFMWR, the renovated Rumpel Fitness Center will have an open floor concept, natural lighting, improved air-flow, updated locker rooms, and a new pool.

"The renovations will create a modernized, energy efficient facility," McGuane said.

Building 1395 will be fully outfitted with the equipment from the Rumpel Fitness Center. It is located by the outdoor track at Fort McCoy.

Other buildings will also be available for fitness activities, including buildings 221 and 1783.

Building 221 will be an annex to building 1395 for peak training times and fitness classes. This building will be open beginning in January. It's located in the north corner of Fort McCoy — down the road from the central fuel station. Building 221 will have limited hours and limited equipment.

Building 1783 will be available beginning in the spring 2023 for unit physical training.

Starting Nov. 1, hours of operation at the building 1395 fitness facility will be Monday to Friday from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. The building will be closed on Sundays and federal holiday weekends.

The 24/7 fitness will be available inside building 1395 but patrons will also have to re-register for this service beginning Nov. 1, officials said.

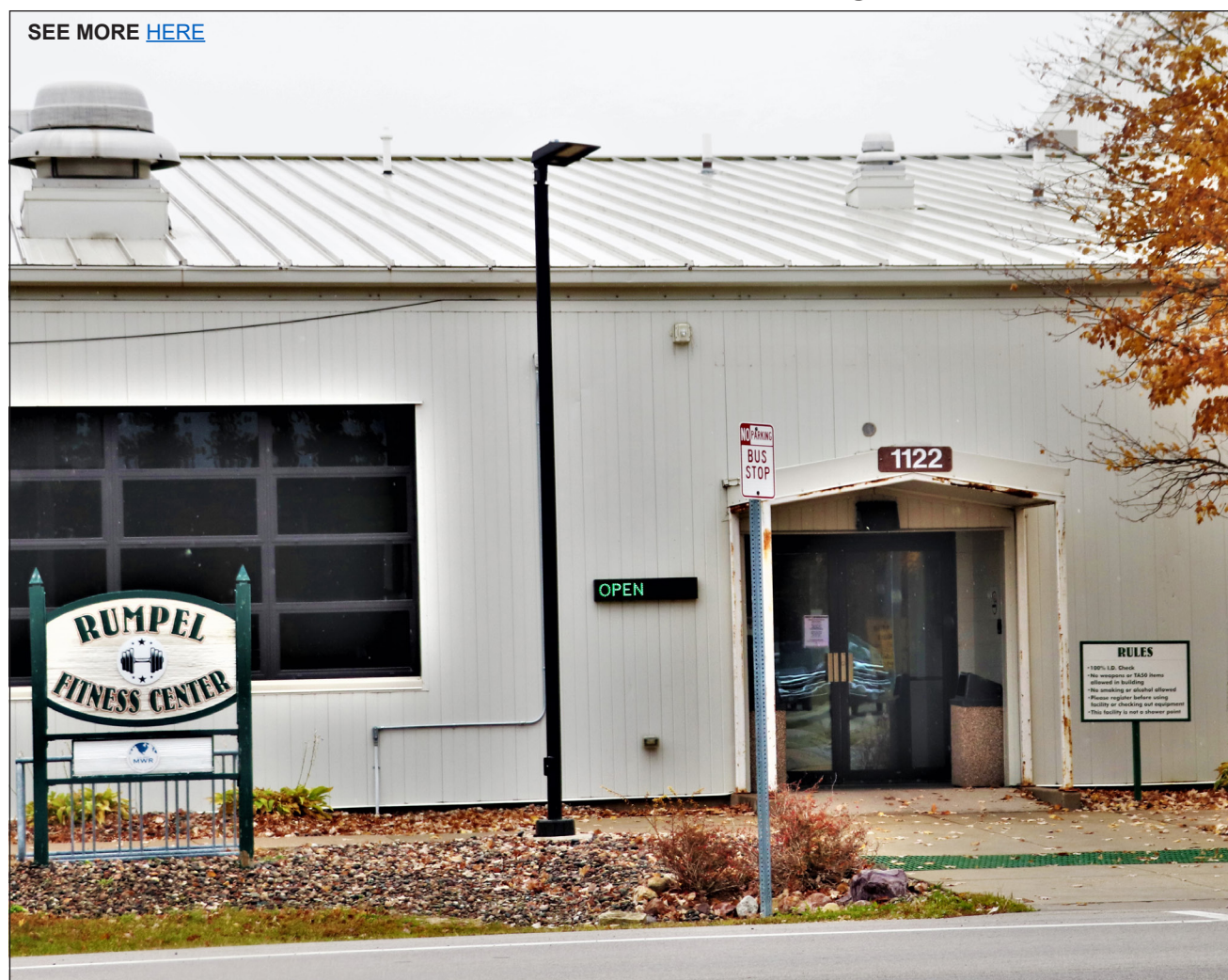
Additionally, there is no space to play basketball in the alternate fitness facility in building 1395, officials said. Neither building 1395 nor building 221 has a basketball court. There won't be any space for sports or unit physical training.

There are some outdoor options such as the volleyball courts at Pine View Campground or the open fields at Constitution Park. Building 1783 will have limited basketball court access starting in the spring of 2023.

Engineer Gareth Ferguson with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works said the official construction start date for Rumpel Fitness Center is Nov. 1.

On the exterior, he said the center will receive new siding, roofing, and sidewalks as well as a storage addition. On the interior, the center will receive a full layout redesign, including locker rooms, cardio/stretching/equipment areas and offices, and fresh

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Rumpel Fitness Center is shown Oct. 14 at Fort McCoy. The center closed Oct. 24 to begin the process for renovations.

paint throughout, a new entryway/vestibule, and a new redesigned pool.

The contractor for the project is R.J. Jurowski Construction Inc. of Whitehall, Wis.

For questions or additional information, contact DFMWR at

building 1395 when it opens at 608-388-4475 or DFMWR Headquarters at 608-388-2507.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.)



Building 1395, the alternate fitness facility located at the Fort McCoy outdoor running track on the cantonment area, is shown in 2021 during the time it was being renovated. Starting Nov. 1, hours of operation at the building 1395 fitness facility will be Monday to Friday from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. The building will be closed on Sundays and federal holiday weekends.

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Secure the Future.” Essentially, recycling saves on energy use, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration at <https://www.eia.gov>.

“Making a product from recycled materials almost always requires less energy than is required to make the product from new materials,” the website states.

“For example, using recycled aluminum cans to make new aluminum cans uses 95 percent less energy than using bauxite ore, the raw material aluminum is made from.

“According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, recycling one ton of paper could: save enough energy to power the average American home for six months; save 7,000 gallons of water; save 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space; and

reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton (2,205 pounds) of carbon equivalent,” the website states.

Learn more about records disposition by contacting Ward at DHR. Learn more about Army Energy Action Month by visiting <https://www.asaie.army.mil/public/es/energyactionmonth.html>.

And 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.” Also try downloading the Digital Garrison app to your smartphone and set “Fort McCoy” or another installation as your preferred base.



Shredded paper is shown piling up in the back of a truck of shredding contractor Confidential Records while the contractor worked with members of Fort McCoy Directorate of Human Resources during the records shredding and recycling event Oct. 19 at Fort McCoy.



Trudy Ward and Michelle Bourman with the Directorate of Human Resources prepare boxes for recycling Oct. 19 as well during the records shredding and recycling event at Fort McCoy.



Paper is shown being shredded Oct. 19. in the back of the truck of the shredding contractor.



Bins are loaded with paper for shredding Oct. 19 at the event. The Directorate of Human Resources holds a shredding event like this every spring and fall as needed, officials said.

NEWS

Green Bay Packers players visit Challenge Academy cadets

BY VAUGHN R. LARSON

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Seven members of the Green Bay Packers football team — linebacker Kingsley Enagbare, running back Aaron Jones, wide receiver Romeo Doubs, tackle Sean Rhyhan, wide receiver Samori Toure, tackle Rasheed Walker and defensive lineman Johnathan Ford — visited the [Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy](#) campus Oct. 18 at Fort McCoy.

During their visit, players shared lunch with cadets, toured cadet living quarters and other buildings on campus, and answered questions from cadets.

The voluntary Challenge Academy program uses a structured military-style environment and state-certified teachers and counselors to reshape the lives of 16-to-18-year-olds at risk of not completing high school.

“It’s a privilege and an honor to be accepted into the Challenge Academy,” Joane Mathews, Challenge Academy director, told the visiting Packers players. “Not everybody can come — you can’t be court-ordered, you have to want to make a change, you have to want to get your high school education.”

Mathews explained that Challenge Academy uses a quasi-military setting to instill discipline and structure in the lives of cadets whose academic performance may have suffered from a lack of structure and discipline.

“They learn how to be a leader, they learn how to be a follower,” Mathews said. “They learn all these other soft skills that maybe they learned earlier, but it’s a good reminder.”

Cadets attend the Challenge Academy for 22 weeks during the residential phase, and their daily routine is rigidly structured. They wake up at 5:20 a.m. and take part in some physical exercise before breakfast, and then their day is split between academic classes, community service and courses on character development and resilience. Cadets also work on their post-residential plan — goals they want to achieve in the 12 months immediately after graduating from the Challenge Academy residential phase.

Cadets do not have access to cell phones, music or social media during the residential phase, but they do have access to hundreds of books on campus.

“They come from backgrounds and experiences where they realize that they weren’t going down the right path, and they realize that they needed to change course,” Mathews said. “We tell them they have to have the courage to change — that’s our motto.”

Jones told cadets that he was raised in a military household and understood the discipline and structure they were experiencing. This likely helped develop his personal dedication to excellence.

“You only get one chance at this football team, so you have to make the most of it,” Jones said. “Take advantage of your opportunity and make the most of that.”

Answering a question about what set them apart from teammates, Doubs said he was a quiet guy.

“But there’s nothing wrong with that,” he added.

When asked about personal sacrifices, Ford spoke of being a highly recruited high school athlete, but his 1.4 grade point average in his junior year put his college eligibility at risk. Applying himself to studying and taking online classes to improve his grade point average came at the cost of spending time with friends.

“I can relate to all of you guys in here,” Ford said. “Just keep pushing and keep your head straight. This is the sacrifice for you guys right here, leaving your family, coming somewhere uncomfortable to succeed in your journey. Just keep pushing.”

Walker expressed his respect for what the cadets were doing to turn their lives around.

“Keep it up — you all will be blessed,” Walker said. “To be 17 years old and committed to change your lives, I know it’s hard. When I first got here I didn’t really know what I was expecting. I saw you marching in and I’m not gonna lie, I kinda chuckled a little bit. But once I started to understand what was going on — the discipline, the commitment — that’s real stuff. I really respect you all.”

The professional athletes compared the daily structure of the football season with the experience of cadets at the Academy.

“It’s important for you guys to know what inspires and motivates you,” Toure said. “When stuff gets hard, when it’s early and you have to get to your training, you have to get to your ‘why’ — why are you here, why are you doing this — what motivates you to do this.”

Rhyhan recommended taking life one day at a time.

“You’re gonna have bad days, you’re gonna have bad thoughts,” Rhyhan said. “That’s life — I’m not gonna tell you it’s rainbows and butterflies, because it’s not. But when you do have those bad days, you’ve got that schedule — take it little by little. Tomorrow is tomorrow — every day is new.”

Ford encouraged cadets to retain what they were learning at Challenge Academy.



Photo by Vaughn Larson/Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs

Seven members of the Green Bay Packers football team — linebacker Kingsley Enagbare, running back Aaron Jones, wide receiver Romeo Doubs, tackle Sean Rhyhan, wide receiver Samori Toure, tackle Rasheed Walker and defensive lineman Johnathan Ford — sign autographs for [Wisconsin Challenge Academy](#) cadets Oct. 18 at the academy at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Vaughn Larson/Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs

Green Bay Packers players stop for a “team” photo with cadets Oct. 18 at the academy at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Vaughn Larson/Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs

Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones visits with cadets Oct. 18 at the Wisconsin Challenge Academy.

“You don’t want to go home and go straight back to the same bad habits you had before you got here,” Ford said. “You got to make sure you carry everything you learn here with you when you go home.”

Doubs told cadets that at their age, he was not making the best choices.

“Things I was doing then, I shouldn’t be here today is what I’m saying,” Doubs said. Despite that, he overcame the challenge of coming from a small high school to play for a Division 1 college football team, and made it to the National Football League even though he played for a small Division 1 school.

“I beat the odds again,” Doubs said. “I set a higher standard for myself so that when the day is over I don’t live in regret. I can say I did everything I had to do for today.”

Jones spoke about how perseverance and resilience shape his career.

“I want to be the best, when it’s all said and done — I want

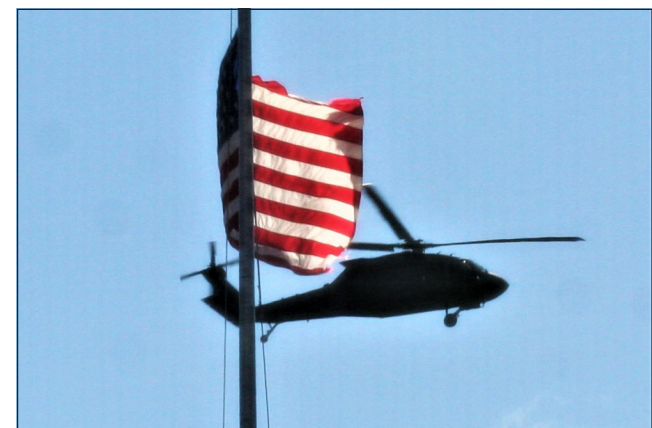


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A Wisconsin National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter carrying Green Bay Packers players flies past the garrison flagpole Oct. 18 after the players completed their visit at the Wisconsin Challenge Academy.

them to say ‘you were the best running back to ever play the game,’ Jones said. “But also, it’s how I feed my family. You want to block the negative thoughts out, but if something negative happens you find the positive in the negative.”

Members of the Green Bay Packers have met with Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy cadets since 2004, Mathews said.

“(It provides) a motivational tool for our cadets,” she explained, “a rare opportunity to meet professional players. Our cadets have a unique opportunity to ask thought-provoking questions — listening to their answers helps [our cadets] learn and grow to be responsible citizens. Hearing from the Packers reinforces the role ‘character’ plays in our lives.”

As they were returning to Green Bay, Jones praised the Challenge Academy.

“It’s a beautiful thing you are doing,” he said. “Thank you for letting us be a part of it.”

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Morrow said the continuing support he receives to improve Fort McCoy through troop projects is always appreciated.

“If we didn’t have these projects, many of these engineer troops wouldn’t get the training they need, and the installation wouldn’t benefit from the work they do to improve Fort McCoy training ranges and quality-of-life programs,” he said.

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

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

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

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching “ftmccoy,” and on Twitter by searching “usagmccoy.”

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Frank Mueller/173rd Engineer Company

Pfc. Conner Scheibe with the 173rd Engineer Company of the Wisconsin National Guard uses a loader to move a construction barrier Oct. 14 during operations at Fort McCoy.

Combat engineers hold live-fire breach training at Fort McCoy

Soldiers with the 173rd Engineer Company of the Wisconsin National Guard held weekend training at Fort McCoy on Oct. 14-15, and it included live-fire training in urban breaching operations.

“Second and 3rd Platoons of Alpha Company of the 173rd conducted urban breaching operations at the Life Fire Breach Facility and heavy demolition at Range 402 and 17A (at Fort McCoy),” said 2nd Lt. Frank Mueller, 1st Platoon leader with Alpha Company of the 173rd.

According to Army doctrine, breaching operations are conducted to allow maneuver despite the presence of obstacles. Obstacle breaching is the employment of a combination of tactics and techniques to advance an attacking force to the far side of an obstacle that is covered by fire.

According to Mueller, 173rd Soldiers used munitions like a crater charge to practice breaching operations.

Training in urban breaching operations is possible in many areas throughout Fort McCoy. As stated in the 2022 Fort McCoy Executive Summary, published in April 2022, “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.”

According to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Fort McCoy also has 31 live-fire ranges, 17 of which are automated or instrumented; 21 artillery firing points; 12 mortar firing points; and an 8,000-acre impact area. Ranges supporting collective live-fire training include two multipurpose training ranges, a convoy live-fire range, an infantry platoon and squad battle course, three multipurpose machine-gun ranges, two live-fire shoot houses, and a live-fire breach facility.

Individual qualification ranges include facilities for modified record-fire, automated record-fire, and 10-meter/25-meter rifle zero range for open and optic sights, as well as a qualification training facility with modified record-fire and combat pistol/military police qualification-course capability.

Fort McCoy also has extensive urban and rural training facilities. To support urban training the post offers two fully instrumented urban training sites, a 25-building Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF), a 20-building Collective Training Facility, and three wireless instrumented Combat in the Cities facilities with a total of 309 buildings.

These co-located facilities provide an urban training area with a continuous 2.4-kilometer



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Photo by 2nd Lt. Frank Mueller/173rd Engineer Company

The 3rd Squad of 3rd Platoon with the 173rd Engineer Company of the Wisconsin National Guard conducts breaching operations Oct. 14 at a training area at Fort McCoy. Dozens of Soldiers with the company conducted training at Fort McCoy in mid-October.

capability for mounted and dismounted urban training scenarios. Three after-action review facilities provide on-site, immediate feedback capabilities. An urban assault course and two live-fire shoot houses round out the urban training

capability.

173rd’s Alpha Company Commander 1st Lt. Brandon Lehman said the training time his Soldiers had for breaching operations as well as other training was good for the unit.

“It was an amazing drill that allowed us to exercise our skills conducting real-world, impactful training,” Lehman said.

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461st Engineer Company Soldiers prepare for deployment through work on troop projects at Fort McCoy

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To prepare for an upcoming deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Army Reserve engineers with the 461st Engineer Company are improving the training facilities at Fort McCoy through work on a number of troop projects.

“We’re doing MOS (military occupational specialty) training, construction training, which includes 12-Whiskey work and mainly 12-Kilo work, which is electrical and carpentry work,” said Staff Sgt. Nathanael Saye, job supervisor, 461st Engineer Company, 367th Engineer Battalion, 372nd Engineer Brigade, 416th Theater Engineer Command.

That work includes three training buildings on Logistical Support Area Liberty on North Post at the installation.

“One of the buildings we’re doing mainly finish work to include trimming out windows, doors, re-hanging doors, plumbing doors and door hardware,” Saye said. “The second building is mainly electrical work, doing it from start to finish as well as doing the rest of the interior framing. We are starting the floor system on the third building on the exterior. They’re working on setting the floor posts, getting that all leveled up and then getting ready to run floor joists.”

With three buildings in various states of project completion, Soldiers have an opportunity to work on skills outside of their typical MOS-related duties.

“We’re basically getting in where we fit in,” said Pfc. Winston Klein, an electrician with the 461st Engineer Company. “If they need help doing framing, this is what I do on the civilian side, so I have a lot of knowledge of getting this all squared away.”

“We call that cross training,” Saye said of Soldiers working outside of their assigned job duties. “It is important because let’s say a mission calls and we’re out somewhere that there’s only a select amount of people, it allows them to use that knowledge that they’ve gained in training out in the field to not only just do their job but to help with others.”

There are several Soldiers in the 461st who work in similar, but different, career fields as civilians. It’s something each Soldier said they see as a benefit of the Army Reserve.

“A lot of people have a lot of that civilian knowledge that they bring into the Army Reserve,” Saye said. “One person may be an electrician on the civilian side, but they may be a carpenter on the military side. That helps with passing that knowledge onto other people as well.”

Klein said he wanted to join his local electrician’s union, but there was a two-year waiting period before he would be able to start. He then looked at the military as an option to help him on that journey.

“I found the military had their own electrical engineering program so I joined that hoping it would benefit me on the other side as well,” he said.

For Sgt. Christopher Jarvis, an Army Reserve electrician who also owns his own electrical company as a civilian, said the being an engineer Soldier is a good way to learn additional skills.

“Being an electrician, we get the chance to work around all trades,” he said. “I’ve picked up framing, I’ve picked up plumbing, and things like that. If someone wants to step out of their comfort zone, I would definitely say that joining the Army Reserve, engineer side, would be very helpful.”

Being a military tradesman can also have benefits for civilian occupations as well.

“The training that you get from the military, those credits, those hours that you put into the military can help you advance faster in your civilian career and get you your respective license,” Saye said.

The 461st Engineer Company worked on the projects for the nearly 10 days before returning to its home station in Fargo, N.D. The Soldiers will use the time between now and their deployment to continue building their skills and teamwork before departing.

“A lot of them take pride in their work,” Saye said. “It helps that the people with experience are able to help out others and help accomplish the mission.”

See more photos and the story online at <https://www.dividshub.net/news/431654/army-reserve-engineers-prepare-deployment-assisting-fort-mccoy>.



Photo by Zachary Mott/88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

Sgt. Austin Hendrix and Spc. Jaxen Jenson, both with the 461st Engineer Company, sketch out a stair support Oct. 19 for a building they were working on as part of a troop project at Logistical Support Area Liberty at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Zachary Mott/88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

Pfc. Ryan Kuduk, an electrician with the 461st Engineer Company, installs lighting in a building as part of a troop project at Logistical Support Area Liberty at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers with the 461st Engineer Company work on a troop project Oct. 20 to build office buildings at Logistical Support Area Liberty on North Post at Fort McCoy.

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NEWS

2022 Kids Pumpkin Fest, Fire Safety Event held at Fort McCoy

More than 150 military members, their families, veterans, and others attended the 2022 Kid's Pumpkin Fest and Fire Safety Event that was held Oct. 15 at the South Post's Community Center at Fort McCoy.

This was the third children's resiliency event organized through a multiple-directorate team effort to create activities where participants experience all five dimensions of wellness — emotional, spiritual, physical, social, and intellectual.

A highlight of the day was the MedFlight helicopter landing on South Post to accentuate Fort McCoy's Directorate of Emergency Services' community partnership and the possibly compounded talent of the installation's fire department. Event participants watched Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger exit the helicopter and join the families at the stations.

MedFlight staff greeted children who wanted a first-hand look at the helicopter and allowed them to sit inside. Curt Ladwig with the DES Fire Department lead the directorate planning team with fire safety as the central theme to wrap-up National Fire Prevention Safety Week.

All of the attendees participated in the various stations including meeting Brutus, the Emotional Support Pig (from the Fort McCoy Army Community Service office); having their fire extinguisher inspected (Fort McCoy Fire Department); drawing home fire escape plans (also Fort McCoy Fire Department); and adding a "thankful note" to the Thankful Trees symbolizing the home fire escape plan's designated outside meeting place (Fort McCoy Religious Support Office).

Children of all ages also enjoyed decorating pumpkins with support of Fort McCoy Child and Youth Services and Army Community Service, picking out a favorite-colored fire hat with the Fort McCoy Fire Department, and displaying their culinary skills while saying "Boo" to drugs with support from the Fort McCoy Army Substance Abuse Program Office.

Additionally, everyone stayed warm during the event thanks to hot chocolate and apple cider along with the Housing Office of the Fort McCoy Department of Public Works partnering with others to offer a grilling cookoff and dessert bake-off contest.

The bake-off judges were two of Fort McCoy's firefighters — Josh Roe Matthew McDaniel, Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard; and Messenger who tagged the winning desserts with ribbons. Congratulations to first-place winner, Army veteran Emily Chapman; second-place finisher Army Spouse Jessilyn Sanborn; and third-place recipient, Department of Defense civilian employee Dale Gibson.

A similar event is planned for 2023. Anyone still needing their home or office fire extinguisher inspected can contact Ladwig at the fire department. The next children's resiliency event is planned for February, and more information will be posted closer to the event.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Religious Support Office.)



Photos by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Amy Noble and Dale Gibson/Fort McCoy Religious Support Office

(Above and below) Fort McCoy community members participate in the 2022 Kids Pumpkin Fest, Fire Safety Event on Oct. 15 on South Post at Fort McCoy. Dozens of people attended the event.



FEATURE

Fort McCoy helps World War II Army vet celebrate 102nd birthday

When retired Army Lt. Col. Harry Baker of Pewaukee, Wis., turned 102 years old on Oct. 9, he did so with the well wishes of many people serving at Fort McCoy.

"Coey Podraza, daughter of Lt. Col. Baker, reached out to me in September," said Public Affairs Specialist Kaleen Holliday with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office. "She shared that her father was turning 102 on Oct. 9 and was a World War II veteran who had been at Camp McCoy in 1943-44.

"Our office reached out to Fort McCoy Garrison organizations and tenant units to see if they would help in wishing Lt. Col. Baker a happy 102nd birthday ... and they did," Holliday said. "Videos were collected and compiled by Greg Mason at the Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office and made into a great birthday video for him."

Also, as part of the video, Holliday provided a video tour of the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area, including the Fort McCoy History Center and World War II-era buildings at the Commemorative Area.

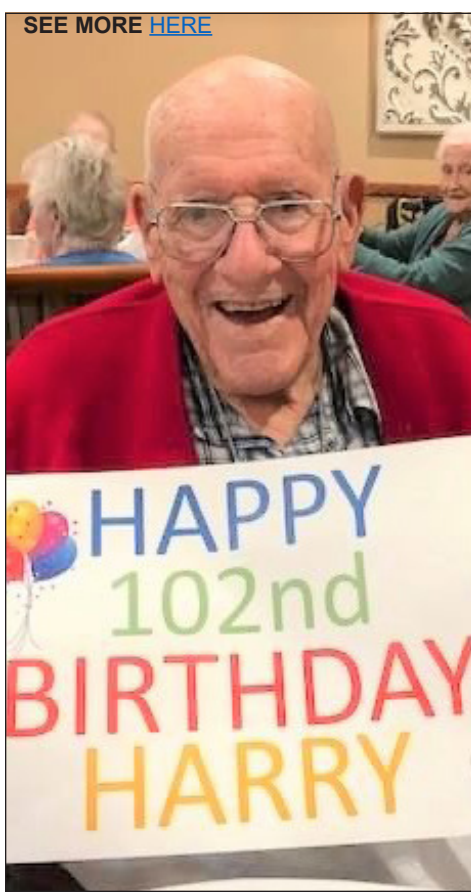
"Almost 14 minutes of birthday wishes, and Fort McCoy tour were shared with Mr. Baker for his birthday," Holliday said.

Places like the Fort McCoy Noncommissioned Officer Academy, the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works, attendees to a garrison administrative meeting, and more provided birthday greetings.

Baker's daughter Coey said the video was a big hit and very much appreciated.

"My dad is just so happy with this video," Podraza said. "He said, 'Those are Soldiers currently serving sending me birthday greetings!' Wow, wow, wow ... thank you so much. I didn't think I could beat 100 and 101, but this video does it. Your respect and caring for my dad are incredible."

Additionally, prior to the video being created and sent, Baker was interviewed by Public Af-



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Retired Lt. Col. Harry Baker is shown Oct. 9 celebrating his 102nd birthday at his home in Pewaukee, Wis.

fairs Specialist Scott Sturkol, also with the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office, about his time at Fort McCoy and more.

The audio of the interview can be found at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMPAO>.

Baker is a World War II veteran who began his service in the 1940s at then-Camp McCoy, Wis. He was an artillery officer, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge with Patton's 3rd Army, and so much more.

Baker recalled how Fort McCoy was in the 1940s and shared some of his memories from World War II while having a conversation with his interviewer.

He talked about going to Army Artillery School in 1943 at Fort Sill, Okla., and spending winter and training with artillery at McCoy with the 76th Division before going overseas.

Baker is a native of Milwaukee, a Michigan State graduate, and was married to his wife Patricia for 78 years.

At the time Baker was at then-Camp McCoy, the cantonment area had just been built, he was a new lieutenant, and he knew he was heading to Europe.

"So, when you were at Camp McCoy what was some of your fondest memories being here?" Sturkol asked in the phone interview Sept. 29.

"Not fond," Baker said, "to be lined up for mess and those damned coal-fired furnaces would get soot on a uniform. Try to stay in proper uniform with the coal flakes on your uniform that came out of those old kitchens. There's (also) nothing very fond when you're preparing for war."

Much more about Baker's memories at McCoy and during World War II will be shared in the Nov. 11 edition of The Real McCoy along with many photos from his time on the post with the 76th Division.

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."

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



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Here then-2nd Lt. Harry Baker (center) is shown with his unit in 1944 at Camp McCoy before they deployed to Europe during World War II.



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These screenshots highlight some of the people who sent birthday greetings to retired Army Lt. Col. Harry Baker for his 102nd birthday from Fort McCoy. The include the Fort McCoy Noncommissioned Officer Academy (top left), the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (above), and attendees to a garrison administrative meeting (bottom left).

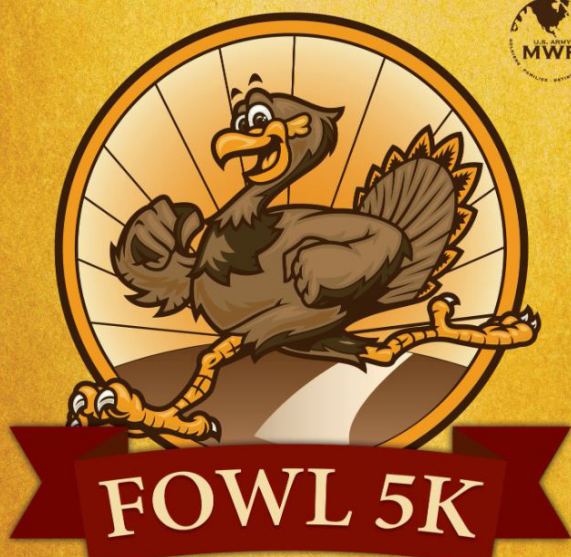
FEATURE



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Fall 2022 at Trout Falls in Fort McCoy's Pine View Recreation Area

A fall colors scene of Trout Falls on the La Crosse River in the Pine View Recreation Area is shown Oct. 14 at Fort McCoy. The recreation area includes acres of publicly accessible land with hiking trails, Pine View Campground, Whitetail Ridge Ski Area, and Sportsman's Range. Pine View Recreation Area offers four-season, year-round activities to include camping, hiking, fishing, and more. See more about the area at <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/categories/outdoor-recreation>. In 2022, the recreation area celebrated 50 years in use and the area is managed by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



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Must be registered one week prior to the class. These are step-by-step workshops - please arrive on time.

ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers, unless otherwise stated. For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS please go to <https://mccoy.armymwr.com> and click on Calendar.



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FORT MCCOY ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE'S

Fall Photo Booth

Bring your camera or smart phone and take photos of your Family or friends at scenic Pine View Campground.
Located at the gazebo near the campground beach.

Free to use. Recommend taking photos during afternoon hours in order to reduce harsh shadows.
Decor will be set up through November 15, 2022.



For questions, please call Army Community Service at 608-388-3505

OBSERVANCES

Fort McCoy holds 2022 Disability Employment Awareness Month observance

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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Entrepreneur and business leader Don Weber served as the guest speaker during the 2022 Fort McCoy observance Oct. 20 for Disability Employment Awareness Month at McCoy's Community Center.

Dozens of people attended the event that featured Weber, who is the CEO and founder of Weber Health Logistics and the founder Logistics Health Incorporated (LHI — now Optum-Serve Health Services) of La Crosse, Wis., recall memories from his youth as well as the importance of the contributions of people with disabilities have in the workplace.

"I don't tour and speak a lot," Weber said. "I don't. ... I'm a farm boy. And I went into the military as a Marine when I was 18, and it truly had so much to do with shaping my life and where I am today. I have so much respect for you. Men and women who serve — you're less than 1 percent of our population. Think about that."

According to the Library of Congress at <https://www.loc.gov/accessibility/disability-employment-awareness-month>, in October, "Americans observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month by paying tribute to the accomplishments of the men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep the nation's economy strong and by reaffirming their commitment to ensure equal opportunity for all citizens."

"This effort to educate the public about the issues related to disability and employment began in 1945, when Congress enacted Public Law 176, declaring the first week of October each year as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. In 1962, the word 'physically' was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. Some 25 years later, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

Weber also discussed in his opening about his father and how veterans fight through post-traumatic stress disability to continue with their lives in employment and more.

"You know — the freedoms we enjoy every day — in the greatest country in the world, are because of ... your sacrifices ... you signed on that dotted line," Weber said. "But we don't realize, in some cases, it's a lifelong commitment. It's always here. Suicide rates amongst our veterans is 1.5 times greater than the general population."

"So, when I was asked to speak about disabilities, I got thinking back about my father," Weber said. "Seventy-seven years ago right now (he) was in a concentration camp. You're down about 100 pounds, starvation, sleep deprivation, torture — all the things they went through. He believed he was going to die there. So he tries to escape. ... He had the courage to face his fears."

"As I've gone through life, I realized some of the finest things in life are placed on the other side of fear," Weber said. "You walk towards your fears, not away from them. ... He had a disability. ... He lived with that disability."

Weber also talked of a man with disabilities he got to know who now works for the company he founded.

"It was about 10 years ago, his name is Hunter Wagner," Weber



(Above and below story) Entrepreneur and business leader Don Weber gives his presentation Oct. 20 during the 2022 Fort McCoy observance of Disability Employment Awareness Month at McCoy's Community Center.

said. "He had been blind since birth, but he has this beautiful voice. So back then when I had LHI, we hosted a huge concert every year for veterans causes called Freedom Fest. So, I asked Hunter if he'd be willing to open the event singing the national anthem."

"And it was really interesting," Weber said. "We got him up on the stage, and all of a sudden, it's hush with over 1,000 people (in the audience). We've had the likes of Chicago, Three Dog Night, and John Fogerty, but there has never been a more heartfelt performance, and I dare to say truly by the time Hunter was done singing the national anthem, there wasn't really a dry eye in the house."

Weber also shared how he learned a lot from Wagner's experiences and from others with disabilities, and he hopes that progress continues to be made.

"It's my solemn hope that we continue on this path to achieving a more diverse and inclusive workforce, even when the pandemic fades into history, and long after the barriers to accessibility no

longer affect the general population," Weber said. "To get there, we have to look out over the employment landscape and envision in our mind's eyes what's possible. We must listen to and learn from the experience and perspectives of our brothers and sisters with disabilities, and we must continue to seek out, embrace, and leverage solutions that remove the barriers to accessibility."

Army Reserve Disability Program Manager Derrick Caulkins served as the master of ceremonies for the event. The event was organized by the Army Reserve Equal Employment Opportunity Office at Fort McCoy and by Master Sgt. Ana Guzman with the Fort McCoy Equal Opportunity Office.

Weber received a special appreciation plaque for serving as guest speaker from the Fort McCoy Garrison command team as well.

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 "fmcocoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy."

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HISTORY

THIS MONTH IN FORT MCCOY HISTORY

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**80 years ago —
Oct. 9, 1942**

When several hundred members of the 100th Infantry visited Madison, Wis., to attend the thrilling 7-7 Wisconsin-Notre Dame football game at Camp Randall stadium, a group of those from the Hawaiian Islands were also at the downtown Y.M.C.A.

According to Miss Betty Class, State Journal columnist who devoted considerable space to the men from McCoy, the Soldiers enjoyed “quite a feast,” and showed their appreciation by gathering around a piano singing Hawaiian melodies.

**30 years ago —
Oct. 23, 1992**

Twelve M1 improved product tanks were delivered to Fort McCoy on Oct. 8, 1992, and an additional seven tanks are scheduled to be delivered by rail shipment by the end of October.

The Transportation Office of the Directorate of Logistics arranged the shipment from the Anniston Army Depot in Alabama. Members of the Material Field Team—CONUS, an active-duty Army unit from Fort Carson, Colo., helped coordinate the rail shipment.

The most challenging part of the delivery process was coordinating for the westward movement of the tanks during times of heavy eastbound rail traffic. The M1 series of tank was approximately 12 years old in 1992, and replaced the 25-year-old M60 series.

**25 Years Ago —
Oct. 24, 1997**

Motorists traveling through Fort McCoy on Highway 21 can now drive 55 mph throughout the stretch of highway located inside Fort McCoy boundaries.

The speed limit on Highway 21 has changed several times in the past.

“Throughout the years in Wisconsin, the speed limit in rural areas has been 55 mph, Hwy. 21 through Fort McCoy is similar to those highways,” said Bob Olson, a civil engineer with the Directorate of Public Works. “It seems to be a good to address this issue with the Hwy. 21 project nearing completion.



Historical file photos

Two Soldiers stand with fishing poles near a railroad bridge in late 1927 that still stands on South Post at then Camp McCoy.



A parachute drop is held in 1989 on South Post at Fort McCoy.

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: Lead ball munition shrapnel

Soldiers training at Fort McCoy in 2022 have amenities and access to resources that their predecessors couldn't have imagined possible.

They also have restrictions and responsibilities that those who came before them never had to worry about. Today, natural and cultural resource conservation is integrated into the training mission in many ways.

One of these conservation efforts is clear to anyone who has spent time on installation lands for more than 15 years but would be completely invisible to anyone else. Brass shell casings and other objects remaining after ammunition and missiles are used, collectively referred to as ammunition residue, used to be left behind after training exercises and could be found on the ground surface in many locations around the installation.

Current Army regulations require the collection and turn in of retrievable ammunition residue and some of these materials are authorized to be recycled or sold via the Qualified Recycling Program.

The Qualified Recycling Program is an initiative focused on the disposal of recyclable materials and pollution prevention, and one of the ways it manifests at Fort McCoy is in the recycling of spent brass and other authorized materials. This program both eliminates the cost for disposal of authorized items and contributes to funding which supplements many programs at Fort McCoy. It has been an important part of Fort McCoy's solid waste and recycling program diverting 82 percent of their non-hazardous waste from the landfill in 2021.

Archaeologists working at Fort McCoy used to find shell casings and other ammunition residue both on the ground surface and below, but these days they are rarely seen above ground. Below ground, however, there are still multitudes of materials like these that help document the entirety of the time span soldiers have trained at the installation (1905-Present).

Archaeologists with Colorado State University's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands were investigating a



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Shown are some examples of lead shrapnel found in a past archaeological dig at Fort McCoy.

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site on South Post in 2016 when they came across nearly a dozen small lead balls spread across approximately half of the 1.5-acre site area. These lead balls were almost certainly shrapnel from an artillery projectile fired sometime around World War I, as the primary impact area used at Fort McCoy prior to the installation expansion around World War II was located on South Post not far from the excavation.

The lead balls are roughly the same size as a marble and would have been packed with hundreds more of the same into an artillery projectile. This projectile would also have contained a fuse timed to detonate prior to impacting on the ground so that the hundreds of lead balls would have dispersed in the widest possible range, producing an effect akin to higher gauge shotgun shells.

The word ‘shrapnel’ can be traced to Henry Shrapnel, an officer in the British Army who was instrumental in developing this type of artillery shell. Shrapnel shells were very effective against personnel in the open, but the balls could be stopped by sandbags.

Troops were also safe from the loads of shrapnel shells in trenches and bunkers, and steel helmets such as the British Brodie helmet and the German Stahlhelm were effective at protecting wearers from head injuries caused by shrapnel shell loads.

True shrapnel artillery shells were considered obsolete by the

start of World War II, replaced by high explosive rounds which could launch larger projectile fragments and were effective against not only personnel, but buildings and enemy artillery guns as well. Eventually the term shrapnel was applied to any metal or other fragments that were dispersed from exploding projectiles and no longer was limited to the original musket ball like projectiles.

Archaeologists at Fort McCoy have found projectiles that span nearly the entirety of human occupation of North America — from 12,000-year-old stone spear points to the metal arrows and musket balls of the 1700-1800's, and finally Army ordinance from 1903 Springfields to modern M4 carbines.

The history of Fort McCoy's more than 100 years of military training is well represented in the archaeological record in cartridges and other projectiles. The Army picking up their brass rather than leaving it behind is a example of good environmental stewardship which has an added financial benefit which is shared by the Fort McCoy community. Archaeologists will recover fewer spent cartridges in the future, but they will still find ammunition residue and other materials left behind which will paint a picture of past military and recreational activities at Fort McCoy.

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. Visitors and employees should also be aware that some objects on the ground at Fort McCoy could be unexploded ordnance which can be very dangerous. In general, the best practice is: if you did not drop it, do not pick it up.

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

The discovery of any archaeological artifact should be reported to the Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-8214.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Archaeology Team.)

NEWS NOTES

Trick-or-treating guidance at South Post Housing

First, for the safety and security of our Fort McCoy Soldiers and families, trick-or-treating in the Fort McCoy South Post Housing area will be limited to residents, Department of Defense ID-card holders, and authorized guests.

Trick-or-treating hours will be 5 to 7:30 p.m. The gate by Ginger Road will be closed during that time with ID card access only through the Quartermaster gate. Parking for non-residents will be right inside Quartermaster gate to limit throughput traffic.

If residents have guests coming to trick-or-treat, and they are after 5 p.m., the resident is required to meet their guests at Quartermaster gate and escort them to their residence.

CIF inventory planned Dec. 5-16

The Fort McCoy Central Issue Facility (CIF) located in building 780 will be closed Dec. 5-16 for a 100 percent inventory as mandated by Army regulations.

All emergency requests for CIF support must be approved through the CIF Property Book Officer Thomas Lovgren by calling 608-388-3876 or 608-633-2757.

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.

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.

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 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.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next edition of The Real McCoy will be published Nov. 11.

The deadline for submissions or article ideas is Nov. 2.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.



Coffee, Tea and Me

HOLIDAY STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Gain helpful strategies to de-stress during the holiday season. Explore mindfulness techniques for reducing overall stress. Get ready to feel uplifted by developing the confidence needed to navigate thru times of high anxiety and stress.

Nov 3, 2022 | 9:30 - 11:30 am

South Post Community Center

To register, call Army Community Service at 608-388-7262 or email carmen.m.ortiz4.civ@army.mil

ACS events are open to Military, Active, Civilian and Veterans. Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Members, unless otherwise stated. Changes may occur. Your support is appreciated. Thank you for your service.

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Courtesy photo

Army veteran and comedian Jody Fuller is shown in this photo from July 2021 from his Facebook page. According to his web page, <https://jodyfuller.com>, Fuller is a comic, speaker, writer, and Soldier with three tours of duty in Iraq.

Comedian to perform at McCoy's Community Center

Army veteran and comedian Jody Fuller will be performing at McCoy's Community Center on Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. at Fort McCoy.

The show is free and open to all eligible patrons of Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) facilities.

According to his web page, <https://jodyfuller.com>, Fuller is a comic, speaker, writer, and Soldier with three tours of duty in Iraq. He is also a lifetime stutterer.

"Recently, Alabama Magazine selected Jody as one of Alabama's top 40 men and women over the age of 40 whose lives and careers are characterized by great levels of giving and achievement," the website states. "He was also named as 'one of the 15 Southern stand-up comedians (who) will make you laugh 'til you cry' by 'It's a Southern Thing,' and GI Jobs Magazine listed him as 'One of 15 Veterans taking the comedy world by storm.'"

On his website, it also describes how Fuller returned to military duty.

"After 9/11, Jody returned to the Army by way of Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.," the website states. "Following completion of his Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. In November 2003, he deployed to Iraq for a year with the 296th Brigade Support Battalion of the Army's First Stryker Brigade, where he served as the platoon leader of the third largest platoon in the United States Army. In 2006, Jody left active-duty Army to join the Alabama National Guard and deployed to Iraq two additional times. In 2014, he transferred to the Army Reserves where he was promoted to the rank of major."

His biography also states: "When not in

uniform, Jody performs all over the U.S. for a wide range of groups, including non-profits, corporations, and disability groups. He also performs for troops at home and abroad. To date, he has performed for U.S. military personnel in 15 countries and counting. ... As a writer, his column can be read in 10 newspapers. He's also been published eight times in the popular Chicken Soup for the Soul series. ... Jody is a member of two NSAs: the National Stuttering Association and the National Speakers Association. ... Jody lives in Alabama with his family and way too many animals."

"I spent a little over two months (at Fort McCoy) back in 2007 prior to mobilizing to Iraq and then a week or so on the other end in 2008," Fuller said.

"I was also there for two weeks in 2012 for Master Resilience Training. Other than spending 56 nights out on the FOB, I have nothing but fond memories of Fort McCoy and can't wait to come back."

Learn more about Fort McCoy DFMWR activities and facilities by visiting their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mccoymwr> or their web page at www.mccoymwr.com.

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Also try downloading the Digital Garrison app to your smartphone and set "Fort McCoy" or another installation as your preferred base.

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

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.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

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 darell.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 608-388-2165.

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 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 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 fischer@magellanfederal.com 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Red Cross: Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313 or 608-788-1000.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1792. Activities for youth kindergarten through 12th grade. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Call for options for distance and year-round schooling. Open with reduced capacity. Call 608-388-4373.

Health Care

Alcoholics Anonymous: For more information, call 608-388-5955/2441.

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Screening and referral services for civilian employees and Family members experiencing difficulties due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/family discord, or other causes. By appointment only. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

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

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 1679. Open 8 a.m.-4 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.
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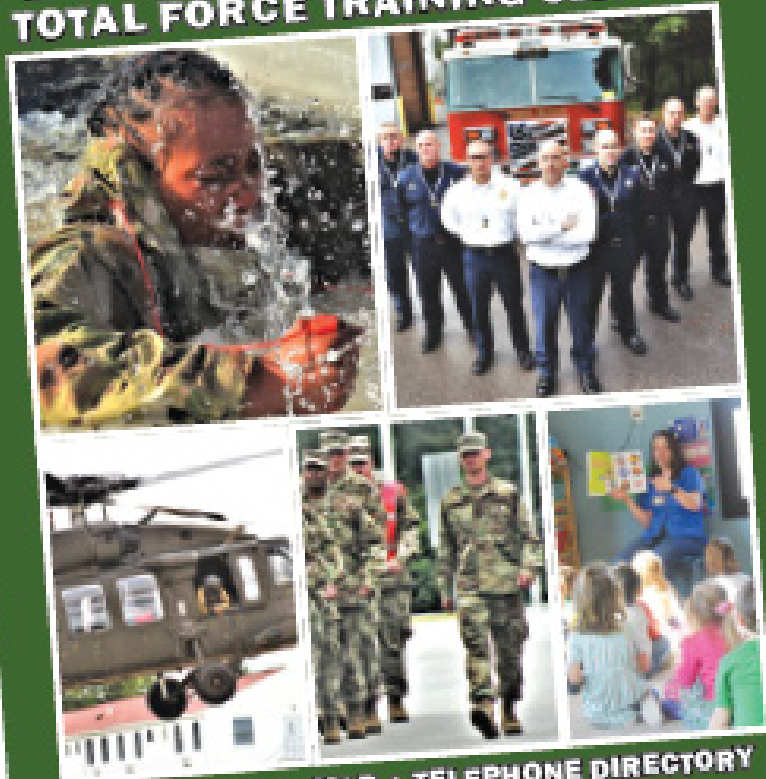
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All privately owned firearms brought on the installation must be registered through the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Police Department.

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

Firearms are required to be registered prior to entrance or immediately upon entering any lands identified as Fort McCoy property. For more information, call 608-388-2266.

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