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Weekend training ops

Wisconsin National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk aircrews operate Black Hawks on the cantonment area April 23 at Fort McCoy during weekend training operations. Members of the Wisconsin National Guard regularly complete training operations at Fort McCoy throughout each year. According to the Army fact sheet for the Black Hawk, its mission is to provide air assault, general support, aeromedical evacuation, command and control, and special operations support to combat, stability, and support operations. The UH-60 also is the Army's utility tactical transport helicopter. The versatile helicopter has enhanced the overall mobility of the Army due to dramatic improvements in troop capacity and cargo lift capability over the years as well.



Photo by Sgt. Payton Wehr/112th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Wisconsin National Guard Best Warrior

Sgt. Taylor Reichow, a Wisconsin Army National Guard Soldier assigned to Bravo Battery 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery, plots a point during the land navigation event April 21 for the Wisconsin National Guard's 2023 Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy. The Wisconsin Army National Guard's annual Best Warrior Competition is designed to recognize and reward Soldiers who demonstrate exceptional skills, leadership, and dedication through a variety of grueling tasks including a 12-mile road march, weapons qualifications, land navigation, and the Army Combat Fitness Test. The four-day competition culminates in the crowning of Wisconsin's best Soldier and noncommissioned officer of the year. See more in the next edition of The Real McCoy.

Fort McCoy fire extinguished, operations conclude

Fort McCoy personnel, in coordination with local and regional fire departments, began the cleanup of the wildland fire that was on Fort McCoy's north border on April 16.

By early April 16, the fire was 100-percent contained, and efforts remain focused on identifying and extinguishing hotspots. Fort McCoy's utmost concern is the safety of our neighbors and their property, officials said. "We are thankful for all those who were engaged in fighting the fire and the support we received from the local community."

Fort McCoy Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Matthew Baker said that the Army and Fort McCoy value their long-standing relationship with local communities. He said that "our Soldiers and civilian workforce are your family members, friends and neighbors, who live, work and play within your community."

He reiterated the Army's condolences to those who were displaced, lost property or have otherwise been affected by this incident.

Fire departments and law enforcement organizations from throughout the state supported the firefighting efforts. Beginning the afternoon of April 12, firefighting resources — people and equipment — began arriving.

By the evening of April 12, more fire teams from across the state supported the effort through mutual aid agreements. In addition to statewide support, Fort McCoy also received Army, Army Reserve and National Guard resources.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), established a Unified Command in Black River Falls north of Fort McCoy and coordinated firefighting efforts to cut off the fire from the north while Fort McCoy focused on the fire inside Fort McCoy.

Although the fire continued to grow,



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Rayno

Staff Sgt. Gered Doughty, an observer-coach/trainer for 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 340th Infantry Regiment, 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, operates a D7R bulldozer to help stop a wildfire April 13 at Fort McCoy.

firefighters and other personnel made progress over the last two days by cutting in firebreaks to contain the spread.

The steep terrain created hazards in the northeast portion of the installation, which resulted in the need for helicopter support from the Wisconsin Department

of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Air National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve. By noon on April 14, the fire on Fort McCoy was reported as 80-percent contained.

Army Reserve helicopter assets arrived. (See [EXTINGUISHED](#), Page 3)

AR-MEDCOM holds Best Warrior at McCoy



Photo by Sgt. Nick Vidro/U.S. Army Reserve Medical Command Public Affairs Office

Spc. Michael Glosemeyer, a health care specialist with the 7228th Medical Support Unit of West Columbia, Mo., qualifies on a M9 pistol at the Electronic Skills Trainer 2000 on March 29 during the Army Reserve Medical Command's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy.

BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ
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Four noncommissioned officers (NCOs) and five junior enlisted Soldiers vied for the distinction of "Best NCO" and "Best Junior Soldier" of 2023 Army Reserve Medical Command Best Warrior Competition (AR-MEDCOM BWC) that took place at Fort McCoy from March 28 to April 2.

All nine competitors encountered a gamut of events and assessments that tested their endurance and aptitude.

These above mentioned trials consisted of written examinations; a 12-mile ruck march; drill and ceremony; preventive maintenance, checks and services; water survival test; M4 Carbine and M9 Pistol qualification ranges; combat medical evaluations in the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC) here; day and night land navigation; the Army Combat Fitness Test; chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) qualification; casualty evacuation training and qualification through the Litter Obstacle Course here; obstacle/confidence courses; and an appearance board.

Army Reserve Cpl. Ethan Allen, recipient of the "Best Junior Soldier" title at last year's AR-MEDCOM BWC, said that preparation is key to success in order to prevail in the competition.

"If you fail to plan, then plan to fail," said Allen. "Obviously before you compete in the competition, you want to be really invested in all of the events you think will take place. That way, you are prepared mentally and physically."

Army Reserve Sgt. Daniel Naes, a combat medic with the 7215th Medical Support Unit of Saint Louis, was unveiled as the recipient of the "Best NCO."

Army Reserve Spc. Michael Glosemeyer, a health care specialist with the 7228th Medical Support Unit of West Columbia, Mo., earned the title of "Best Junior Soldier."

Despite the competitive nature of the 2023 AR-MEDCOM BWC, the competitors harbored a strong sense of camaraderie and esprit de corps.

"Everyone here was a great sport, and we were actually helping each other out in this competition," Glosemeyer said. "It's not just tooth-and-nail and knuckle-punch each other; we were building each other up as we were going here."

Following their respective victories, both Naes and Glosemeyer will represent AR-MEDCOM when they compete in the upcoming 2023 Army Reserve Command Best Squad Competition.

"It means more training, that's for sure," Naes said. "Because I know for sure that the next level is going to be more difficult, and it's going to take a lot more studying for sure on my part. Both my family and my career have been supportive so far and they know that it is a sacrifice, but one that has a good end goal."

Glosemeyer said that the experience was both personally and professionally rewarding to him as well.

"You get to do training that you sign up for in the military, you get to see your command, shake their hands and get recognized, which sets you up well," said Glosemeyer.

"And when it came to just knowledge, our (Central Medical Area Readiness Support Group) did a great job in providing a week of training before we got here so we could get hands on weapons and swimming," Glosemeyer said.

That training impact goes beyond best warrior (See [BEST WARRIOR](#), Page 4)

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EDITORIAL/NEWS

Fort McCoy Garrison commander: *'Message to Garcia'*

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

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

— General George S. Patton, Jr.

A few years ago, I assigned a task to an employee. It was neither simple nor complex. It did require a little bit of thought and effort to complete, but nothing out of the ordinary for their position or experience.

After I explained what needed to be done and why, I immediately received a barrage of questions about the assignment.

They wanted to know where to start and who to contact. They were curious where the information could be found and if the deadline really needed to be that short. They continued asking probing questions to fully understand what they needed to do.

All these questions by themselves were reasonable, of course. However, they collectively inferred a question that no employee should ask: "How do you want me to do it, boss?"

The U.S. Army frowns upon telling people how to accomplish tasks. Instead, it uses a concept called Mission Command defined to empower subordinate decision making and allow Soldiers the ingenuity to complete the job appropriately (complete definition below).



My simplified definition: It's telling people what to do, not how to do it.

This concept is a two-way street in which many struggle. You as a leader must assign tasks and let your subordinates have the freedom to complete it the way they want. You as a subordinate must receive a task and execute it efficiently.

In Elbert Hubbard's 1899 short story, *Message to Garcia*, based on true events, President William McKinley needed to quickly deliver a letter to the general of the Cuban insurgency during the Spanish American War.

This man was located somewhere in the Cuban mountains and that's about all the knowledge anyone had.

The staff summoned 41-year-old 1st Lt. Andrew Rowan. This man knew the location of Garcia no more than the president but was assigned one task — bring this letter to Garcia.

Rowan didn't ask how to do it but took the letter and started towards Cuba. He could have asked a hundred questions on how to do it, but he just went.

Shortly thereafter, he arrived on the small island and delivered the letter to the general. Hubbard characterized this leader as loyal, efficient, and focused on finishing the task.

If only all our employees were like that. If only we were like that!

When assigning or receiving a task, it's tempting to give or ask for more information. Often, it's important to get as many details as possible. But in the military, there's a definitive line where questions cross from "what to do" into "how to do it."

"An order should not trespass upon the province of a subordinate. It should contain everything that the subordinate must know to carry out his mis-

sion, but nothing more" (U.S. Army, Tentative Field Service Regulations, Operations (1939)).

This type of leadership requires a level of trust with subordinates.

It's a trust that you as an employee are required to build with your boss. It's a level of trust that you must develop first, and then communicate with them based on that level of trust.

Elbert Hubbard sums it up in his book:

"The man who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly take(s) the missive, without asking any idiotic questions...never gets "laid off," nor has to go on a strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village- in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such: he is needed & needed badly- the man who can carry a message to Garcia."

Lead well!

Mission Command definition: The Army's approach to command and control that empowers subordinate decision making and decentralized execution appropriate to the situation using the principles of competence, mutual trust, shared understanding, commander's intent, mission orders, disciplined initiative, and risk acceptance.

Post observes 2023 Holocaust Remembrance Day, National Days of Remembrance

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy held a special event April 20 in the chapel building 2672 to observe the 2023 Holocaust Days of Remembrance and Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Rabbi Brian Serle, the rabbi for the Congregation Sons of Abraham of La Crosse, Wis., served as the featured guest speaker and presenter for the event that was organized by the Fort McCoy Equal Opportunity Office.

A Holocaust Remembrance Day ... was declared a national holiday in Israel in 1951 ... exactly 72 years ago," Serle said. "And just six years after the end of the Holocaust. At that time, many Jews and Europeans were still in displaced persons camps all over Europe. Over six million Jews were murdered — specifically targeted for who they were ... and (millions) of others of all countries died as a result of the worst war in history. So far, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is commemorated all over the world with solemn music, sincere prayers, mourning for the innocent, murdered Jews, and others, and speeches like this one reminding us of why we're here."

According to the National Archives at www.archives.gov, International Holocaust Remembrance Day is an international memorial day designated by the United Nations to mark the anniversary of the January 27, 1945, liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau — the largest Nazi concentration and death camp.

The Days of Remembrance, according to <https://nationaltoday.com/days-of-remembrance>, is observed every year in April and May and is a week-long commemoration of the Holocaust. In 2023, it was observed from April 16-23.

"The Days of Remembrance was established as the country's annual commemoration of the Holocaust by the United States Congress," the website states. "The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is responsible for leading the country in commemorating Days of Remembrance and also for encouraging these commemorations. The Holocaust was the state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi rulers, allies, and collaborators."

During the event, Serle sang a Jewish song, "Ani Ma'amin (I Believe)," in Hebrew. The tune, according to the program, was sung by dozens of Jews as they were marched to the gas chambers. Serle also led the effort as a candle lighting ceremony was held during the event. "Today we remember and we honor the murdered victims of Hitler's criminal empire," Serle said. "But we also praise the virtues of those who will stand in the way of these murders and explain to the world — never again."

In a release from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), it states the Department of Defense's theme for the 2023 observance was "'Behind Every Name A Story: The Women.'"

The release stated the themes comes from a special poster depicting a tree and beneath it a woman holding a child's had that was created for the observance by DEOMI.

"The poster highlights the bravery of Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker who, during World War II, helped rescue 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto," the release states. "She did this by giving Jewish children non-Jewish names and then placing them with local Polish families or in convents or orphanages for safety. To protect their identity, the children's real names, along with their new names, were written on pieces of paper and placed in glass jars. The jars were buried in a garden underneath a tree across from a German barracks. After the war the lists enabled the children to be returned to Jewish relatives. Tragically, most of their parents did not survive."

Learn more about the Holocaust by visiting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at <https://www.ushmm.org>.

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

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(Above) Rabbi Brian Serle, the rabbi for the Congregation Sons of Abraham of La Crosse, Wis., gives his presentation during the 2023 Fort McCoy Holocaust Days of Remembrance and Holocaust Remembrance Day observance April 20 at chapel building 2672 at Fort McCoy. (Below) Dale Gibson with the Fort McCoy Religious Support Office lights a candle in honor of Holocaust victims as part of a candlelighting ceremony during the event April 20.



A SPECIAL LOOK AT MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD AT FORT MCCOY



Month of the Military Child
April 2023

April is the Month of The Military Child. In recognition of military children, Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Steve Messenger and acting Garrison Command Sergeant Major, First Sgt. Jacob Pattison are joined by some of those great kids for this year's celebration video. Check it out at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/879195/2023-military-child-fort-mccoy-wi>.

A special thanks to Superintendent Sam Russ with the Sparta Area School District and Superintendent Mike Hanson with the Tomah Area School District for joining us to celebrate.

Watch other videos on Fort McCoy's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUF0_BwU3d2p5j1rTh-TE_kw. Or, also check out the Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office Defense Video and Imagery Distribution Service page at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMMVIB>. Links are also available on the Fort McCoy official Facebook page.



NEWS

Extensive grading project to improve drainage underway at Fort McCoy

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

An extensive grading project began in April around Fort McCoy's building 2000 on the cantonment area to improve drainage in that area, said General Engineer Gareth Ferguson with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works.

The project was awarded in an \$850,000 contract to RHI construction, Ferguson said, and Gerke Excavating of Tomah, Wis., is working as a subcontractor on the project.

"This is to improve drainage around building 2000/2001 from the site down to Tarr Creek near the A Street and 10th Street intersection," Ferguson said. "The project is expected to be complete by mid-summer."

The work comes just several years after building 2000 itself was upgraded in 2018-19 with an approximate \$5.1 million renovation. Work on the renovation began in October 2018 and was completed by contractor Platt Construction, also of Tomah.

Since its renovation, building 2000 supported operations for Operation Allies Welcome when it took place at the installation from August 2021 to February 2022, and it was a key facility in supporting a Mobilization Force Generation Installation mission in the summer of 2021 during the level III mobilization exercise Pershing Strike '21.

That exercise included an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise, two units preparing for deployment, and additional units completing training to "stress" Mobilization Force Generation Installation capabilities, according to the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. Personnel used building 2000 extensively during that time.

Having construction projects completed with local contractors also supports local economies. Fort McCoy's total economic impact for fiscal year (FY) 2022 was an estimated \$2.52 billion, above the \$1.93 billion reported for FY 2021, garrison officials announced in March 2023. The data was compiled by Fort McCoy's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

Workforce payroll, operating costs, and other expenditures totaled \$629.08 million for FY 2022 compared to \$481.6 million for FY 2021.

FY 2022 operating costs of \$391.46 million included utilities, physical plant maintenance, repair and improvements, new construction projects, purchases of supplies and services, as well as salaries for civilian contract personnel working at Fort McCoy. Other expenditures accounted for \$52.25 million and covered \$339,994 in payments to local governments (including land permit agreements, school district impact aid, etc.) as well as \$51.91 million in discretionary spending in local communities by service members training and residing at Fort McCoy.

Other factors of economic impact for the fiscal year included more than \$42.5 million in military construction on post.

The Fort McCoy Executive Summary, available at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMPAO>, also shows the installation makes continuous improvements to the post so the installation is at its best for troops to complete training. So, even a grading project to improve drainage next to an important building like building 2000 contributes to that effort.

"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. "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."

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Work as part of an \$850,000 grading project is shown April 3 (above) and April 19 (below) on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy. An extensive grading project began in April 2023 around Fort McCoy's building 2000 on the cantonment area to improve drainage in that area, according to the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works. The project was awarded to RHI Construction, and Gerke Excavating of Tomah, Wis., is working as a subcontractor on the project. The work comes just several years after building 2000 itself was upgraded in 2018-19 with an approximate \$5.1 million renovation. The project's completion is expected to be summer 2023.



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rived April 14 and joined the three Wisconsin Air National Guard helicopters already on site for a total of six aircraft dropping water on the fire. Other equipment used included "heavy units" (bulldozers with plows), various types of fire engines, firefighting UTVs, fuel trucks, and water-supply tankers.

On the evening of April 14, the fire was declared contained, and fire-support organizations began pulling out and returning to their home stations. The morning of April 15, the Unified Command stood down, and the WDNR focused on operations outside of Fort McCoy.

Ultimately, 2,983 acres on Fort McCoy were burned, and 109 acres in Monroe and Jackson counties were impacted during the fire that began April 12.

While personnel were still combatting the fire on north Fort McCoy, a second fire was reported on the southern end of post at 4:40 p.m. April 14.

The South Post fire was not related to the fire on north Fort McCoy, and no prescribed burns were performed in the area. Fort McCoy, Sparta and WDNR mutual aid fire suppression resources responded to the second wildfire.

Fort McCoy Fire Department officials reported that the wildfire on South Post of Fort McCoy had been extinguished by 7:30 p.m. April 14. The area was monitored overnight for flare ups.

No injuries have been reported for either fire. Prescribed burns had been taking place earlier in the week to burn away brush and other fire fuel to ensure training areas were ready for the Soldiers coming to Fort McCoy to train over the weekend and to reduce wildfire potential. Throughout the fire, Soldiers continued training on non-live-fire tasks in non-effected areas.

A prescribed burn on April 10 included Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk aircrew members from Madison, Wis., who refreshed their capability to drop water on wildfires using a Bambi Bucket at Fort McCoy while the Fort McCoy prescribed burn team completed a prescribed burn.

The post prescribed burn team includes personnel with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department; Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch; Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; and supporting cooperators.

The exact cause of the fire is still unknown at this time.

There was a prescribed burn conducted in Fort McCoy's impact area April 12, and a risk assessment was completed.

The Army will investigate this incident.

Live-fire training was canceled during the active fire, and pyrotechnic training was canceled for the weekend while training was continuing on South Post.

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



Photos by Staff Sgt. Ryan Rayno

(Above) Marines with Bravo Bulk Fuel Company, 6th Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, prepare a Bambi Bucket for use to suppress a wildfire April 14 at Fort McCoy. (Left) UH-60 Black Hawk pilots release water from a Bambi Bucket to suppress a wildfire April 14 at Fort McCoy.

NEWS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hernandez

Sgt. German Martinez-Ortiz, a combat medic with the 7379th Blood Detachment of Newark, Del., lowers himself in the midst of hand-release push-up March 31 during the Army Combat Fitness Test event of Army Reserve Medical Command Best Warrior competition at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hernandez

Staff Sgt. Laura Mulrooney with Army Reserve Medical Command of Pinellas Park, Fla., provides a walk-through for cadre March 27 prior to the 2023 Best Warrior competition at Fort McCoy.

BEST WARRIOR

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competitions. Naes plans to leverage his success at 2023 AR-MEDCOM BWC towards future career aspirations in the United States Army Reserve.

“One of my goals is to become a Drill Sergeant, and I know that this kind of training is going to set me up in a very good way,” Naes said. “So whenever I do make that decision to go to Drill Sergeant school, I will be better prepared.”

Both Naes and Glosemeyer were impressed with their experience in 2023 AR-MEDCOM BWC.

“I would like to say that this is the best competition I’ve been a part of, and the preparation on the cadre and the team has been amazing,” Naes said. “It was very smooth throughout the competition, and I was highly appreciative.”

“Thanks so much to the cadre for putting this on, and the command sergeants majors pushing us to succeed,” said Glosemeyer.

Learn more about the Army Medical Command by visiting their news page at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/AR-MEDCOM>.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hernandez

Spec. Derrick Morris, a combat medic with the 7382nd Blood Detachment of Fort Benning, Ga., throws a 10-pound medicine ball March 31 for the Standing Power Throw event of the Army Combat Fitness Test during Army Reserve Medical Command Best Warrior competition at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Sgt. Nicholas Vidro

Sgt. Daniel Naes, a combat medic with the 7215th Medical Support Unit of Saint Louis completes an early morning ruck march March 29 during the Army Reserve Medical Command’s Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy.

TRAINING OPS



(Above left) Soldiers drive trucks in a convoy during training operations on the cantonment area April 19 at Fort McCoy. (Above right) Soldiers move cargo and gear with a truck and trailer on post during training operations April 12 at Fort McCoy. (Below) Personnel drive a Joint Light Tactical Vehicles on Highway 21 on April 18 as part of training operations at Fort McCoy. Thousands of troops trained at Fort McCoy during April.



NEWS

McCoy celebrates Army Reserve's 115th birthday

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy Garrison, 88th Readiness Division, and other community members gathered April 21 at McCoy's Community Center for an early celebration of the Army Reserve's 115th birthday.

The Army Reserve's birthday was officially observed on April 23 — harkening back to April 23, 1908. The Army Reserve website at <https://www.usar.army.mil/ArmyReserveBirthday> described why observing the birthday and the history of the Army Reserve is so important.

"Since the activation of the Medical Reserve 115 years ago, the United States has mobilized more than one million Army Reserve Soldiers in defense of the nation," the website states. "On any given day, more than 20,000 Citizen Soldiers are assigned across the Department of Defense or mobilized in support of Combatant Commands around the globe. Thousands more participate in overseas deployment training or annual joint exercises that strengthen our alliances and partnerships around the world."

At the Fort McCoy observance of the birthday at McCoy's Community Center, dozens of community members were treated to music, food, a cake-cutting ceremony with Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger and the oldest and youngest Soldier present, and special remarks by Messenger.

"I do want to say I am truly grateful to the men and women who sacrificed their weekends, their families, their lives, and their careers to be a part of the Army Reserve," Messenger said. "We serve the greatest military that has ever been on the face of the Earth. ... And it could not be possible without people who volunteer to spend their weekends in summer drilling and practicing to be a part of that. ... Happy birthday Army Reserve."

The Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFWMR) organized the event to honor the Army Reserve, which has a major daily presence at Fort McCoy.

"We were glad to have this opportunity to cele-



Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger and two other Soldiers cut the birthday cake during the Fort McCoy celebration of the Army Reserve's 115th birthday April 21 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy.

brate the Army Reserve," said DFWMR Director Patric McGuane at the beginning of the event. "Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us."

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Chief of Army Reserve spends Reserve's birthday at ballpark

BY LT. COL. WILLIAM GEDDES
Army Reserve Medical Command

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — "I'm here for two reasons today, one was to enlist 14 future Soldiers into our great nation's Army, and the other is to celebrate 115 years of Army Reserve," said Lt. Gen. Jody Daniels, chief of the Army Reserve and commanding general, U.S. Army Reserve Command, as she opened her interview with a local Tampa/St. Petersburg television station at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., on April 23, the birthday of the Army Reserve.

The interview culminated a busy afternoon for Daniels, who was at Tropicana Field prior to the Tampa Bay Rays baseball game administering the oath of enlistment to 14 future Soldiers, presenting a giant check to future Soldier Benjamin Borton representing the \$200,000 Minuteman Scholarship he earned, and throwing out the opening pitch for the Tampa Bay Rays.

"It's really great to see these future Soldiers here in this atmosphere to take their oath of enlistment," said Daniels. "They get to be seen

by their families, their friends, and (among the tens of thousands at the game) over 7,000 youth baseball players who were here to watch the game."

Future Soldier Benjamin Borton was thrilled to have the opportunity. "I was out there with the biggest smile on my face that I've had in the last ten years," he said.

Borton had good reason to be thrilled, having not only enlisted in the Army, but been recognized for earning a Minuteman Scholarship that will cover his four-year tuition at Baylor University, a \$200,000 value.

In Borton's case this scholarship allowed him to go to his top-choice university, an opportunity he said he would not have had if he had not earned this scholarship.

Daniel's used her interview to highlight the Minuteman scholarship and other opportunities the Army Reserve offers. "For example, there are more than 150 military occupational specialties that you can serve in in the Army, and 120 of those exist in the Army Reserve," Daniels said. "If there is a civilian career field, we probably have an equivalent

skill set in the Army Reserve, a skill set that we can help you develop simultaneously with your service. There are lots of ways we can help people achieve their passion. There's a lot that people can do, endless possibilities are out there. Be all you can be"

Daniels addressed her opening pitch in the interview, acknowledging that it was a little bit scary going into it, but she went in prepared. "By the time I got to the mound, I was in good shape, because I had been practicing for weeks," she said. "Just like in the military, rehearse, rehearse, rehearse. So I was ready."

Daniels also highlighted her push to ensure tough realistic training for Army Reserve Soldiers. "It gives Soldiers a sense that they are participating in something relevant, meaningful, interesting, and exciting," she said. "That way when they are done they go home and tell their families, their neighbors, and their roommates in college what they did over the weekend. When they tell their stories, we have more people that know about the Army Reserve and what all it can be."

Army Reserve Soldiers telling their story will help ensure that the next 115 years of the Army Reserve are as bright as the past 115 years.

Installation community celebrates military kids during Month of the Military Child Pajama Run/Walk 3k



Photos by Liz Faber/Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

(All photos) Fort McCoy community members participate in the Month of the Military Child Pajama Run/Walk 3k on April 22 at the South Post Housing Area at Fort McCoy. The event was among the many events at Fort McCoy to commemorate and celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child. The event was organized by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and all who wore pajamas had chances to win prizes.



NEWS

New Pine View Campground comfort station nearly complete

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

In 2022, Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground saw work being completed on a new comfort station take place on a part of the campground that had never had a station before.

The 1,500-square-foot facility brings with it men's and women's restrooms and showers areas as well as a fish cleaning station, said Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW) General Engineer Gareth Ferguson. The contractor for the project is MDM Construction, which is headquartered in Rockford, Ill. The contract amount to build the station was \$475,736.

In mid-April, Ferguson said the station is nearly complete and about ready to be turned over to the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The Pine View Campground station is currently having some punch list items finished before final turnover sometime this spring," Ferguson said. "We are also awaiting installation of a fish cleaning station being relocated from elsewhere on the campground but that will not affect the main use of the facility."

Alex Karis with the Fort McCoy DFMWR said he's looking forward to the new place being turned over and ready, possibly in May, for campground guests.

"The new station will make that side of the lake more attractive to guests and more efficient for everyone," Karis said. "It's a nice facility, and we definitely look forward to having it available there."

Once the fish cleaning station is in place, it will also be in a good place being near Suukjak Sep Lake, Karis said.

Every spring, too, the lake is stocked with hundreds of rainbow trout, and it has a natural population of other species of fish to include bluegill and bass. Fort McCoy fishing rules also apply for Suukjak Sep Lake and all permits and licenses are required. Refer to the Fort McCoy iSportsman website, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, for more information.

Overall, the campground is part of the Pine View Recreation Area, which is managed by Fort McCoy DFMWR, and it includes acres of publicly accessible land with hiking trails, Whitetail Ridge Ski Area, and the Sportsman's Range. Pine View Recreation Area offers year-round activities to include camping, hiking, fishing, and more.

The campground reservation office is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To reserve a site or a cabin, call 608-388-3517. For



A new comfort station is shown April 19 at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy. The project to build this new station began in 2022, and it consisted of constructing a new 1,500-square-foot comfort station similar to another recently completed facility at Pine View Campground.

additional information, such as rates and fees, go to <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/programs/pine-view-campground>.

Fort McCoy's 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."

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

Mid-April snow storm blankets Fort McCoy with nearly a foot of snow



A scene of Equipment Park is shown April 17 at Fort McCoy after a fresh snowfall left nearly a foot of snow. Equipment Park is inside the installation's historic Commemorative Area. The Equipment Park is an outdoor display of historic and present-day equipment representative of the types used on the installation. The design of the park allows for display of 70 pieces of equipment, ranging from helicopters and howitzers to trucks and trailers.

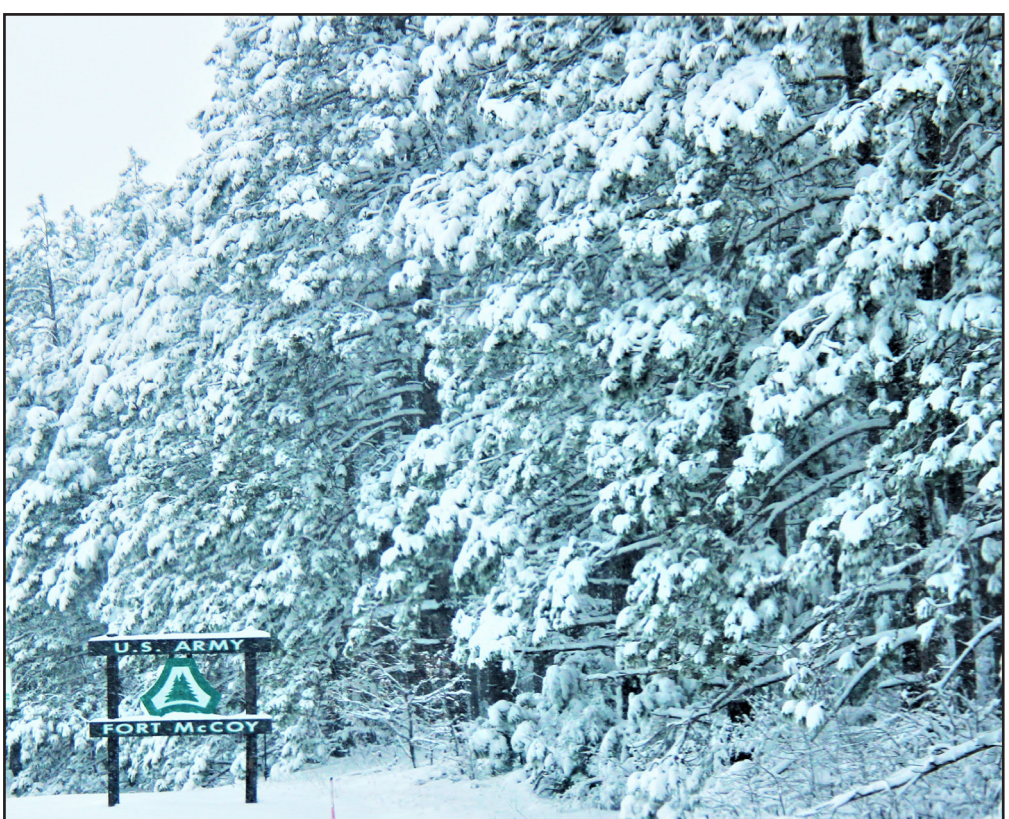


Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

An equipment operator with the Fort McCoy snow-removal contractor, Kaiyuh Services LLC, clears snow April 17 at Fort McCoy.



The garrison headquarters building for Fort McCoy Garrison is shown April 17 at Fort McCoy after the spring snow storm.



A Fort McCoy sign and trees are covered in snow April 17 along Highway 21 at Fort McCoy. Nearly a foot of snow fell on the post on April 17 in a rare spring storm just days after temperatures were in the 80s at the installation.



Veterans Memorial Plaza is shown April 17, 2023, at the Commemorative Area at Fort McCoy, Wis., after the installation received nearly a foot of snow. Veterans Memorial Plaza is a tribute to all of the men and women who have served the nation during each era of Fort McCoy's history.

HISTORY/COMMUNITY

THIS MONTH IN FORT MCCOY HISTORY

Fort McCoy, Wis., was established in 1909. Here is a look back at some installation history from April 2023 and back.

80 Years Ago — April 1943

FROM THE APRIL 24, 1943, EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY: *New Construction Program Started at Post Hospital* — Camp McCoy's hospital area will be enlarged by 15 buildings under a construction program to be completed by Aug. 15. Conversion of additional existing buildings is also underway.

Ward buildings, nurses' quarters, storehouses, an eye-ear-nose-throat clinic, and an enlarged pharmacy and laboratory are included in the program which was authorized March 1. Construction is proceeding on schedule, according to Major Starbuck, Area Engineer. Ten new ward buildings of different types will be built in the hospital area, with four existing buildings converted to wards.

One existing building is to be converted to the eye-ear-nose-throat clinic. This clinic will be removed from its present location to permit enlargement of the pharmacy and laboratory in the building all three now occupy. A laboratory in the prison stockade is also included in the new building program.

10 Years Ago — April 2013

FROM THE APRIL 12, 2013 EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY: *Engineer unit conducts pre-mobilization training at Fort McCoy* (Story by Rob Schuette) — Engineers preparing to deploy spent nearly three weeks at Fort McCoy using the installation's tactical facilities and training ranges to hone their Soldier skills.

First Lt. Zachary Holm, a platoon leader for the 372nd Engineer Company, an Army Reserve unit from Pewaukee, Wis., said the unit conducted training at Fort McCoy because it was the nearest Army installation that had everything it needed to conduct pre-mobilization training.

Unit members will complete their mobilization training at Fort Bliss, Texas, later (in 2013) before deploying to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We are firing all the weapons — crew and individual — in our modified table of organization and equipment and developing a team and unit cohesion as we prepare for mobilization," Holm said. "The training is geared toward accomplishing Soldier warrior tasks."

The training includes weapons familiarization and qualification with pistols, machine guns, and rifles, such as the M4. Holm said Soldiers also conducted hand-grenade and anti-tank training tasks.

Soldiers lived at a forward operating base (FOB) to prepare for that aspect of the mission, he said. Entry-control point and guard duty training also was conducted.

Capt. Andrew Reichert, company commander, said the experience of living in a FOB at Fort McCoy helped prepare unit members for the environment the unit will encounter during deployment. The unit conducts vertical operations, such as constructing buildings.

Staff Sgt. Hector Claudio, a squad leader with the 1st platoon of the 372nd, said the training experience at Fort McCoy will help unit members prepare for their overseas mission.

"The training will help ensure everybody feels comfortable doing what we do," Claudio said. "We'll go through every piece of equipment and ensure they know everything by heart so they can do everything needed to accomplish the mission by reflex."

5 Years Ago — April 2018

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW DINING FACILITY IN FORT MCCOY'S CANTONMENT AREA (Story by Scott T. Sturkol): Construction on a new \$13.5 million, 1,428-person annual training/mobilization dining facility began in the 1800-block at Fort McCoy in April 2018.

Workers with contractor L.S. Black Constructors of St. Paul, Minn., have already broken ground and have infrastructure work started,



This is a screen shot of a news clip from the April 24, 1943, edition of The Real McCoy newspaper at then-Camp McCoy, Wis. It shows a couple of different items from the newspaper at the time.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Employees with contractor L.S. Black Constructors of St. Paul, Minn., work on building foundation-level infrastructure April 25, 2018, for a new \$13.5 million, 1,428-person annual training/mobilization dining facility in the 1800-block at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Installation community members plant trees during the post observance of Arbor Day on April 27, 2018, at Fort McCoy.

said Nathan Butts, contract oversight representative with the Fort McCoy Project Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"As of early May, they've put in some of the building footings and concrete foundation walls," Butts said. "They also have completed some work for the utilities for the structure."

Though the contract was awarded in November 2017, the contractor wasn't able to get to work until winter finally ended, Butts said.

"They're working hard on the project now," he said. "The project completion date is set for October 2019."

According to the contract scope of work, the new facility will be built with food preparation and cooking areas; an entrance/control area; and serving, dining, dishwashing, administration, and locker

areas. It will also have a state-of-the-art waste-disposal system, a receiving and loading dock, cold and dry storage, and more.

Butts said building a dining facility is different than building other types of facilities and generally takes longer. "These facilities require lots of specialty equipment, which means additional time is needed to build the connections and lines for that equipment into the infrastructure," he said.

Fort McCoy Food Service Manager Andy Pisney of the Logistics Readiness Center Supply and Services Division said the new dining facility is much needed and will increase food-service capabilities. Pisney's office oversees the food-service contract for Fort McCoy dining facilities.

"When this is done, it will be more of a unit-operated dining facility," Pisney said. "It will really

work well for those larger units who currently might sign out two or three of our World War II-era facilities to feed their troops. Now they'll only have to sign out one facility."

The new facility is being built on several acres of land. It will have a large parking lot and plenty of space for customers.

Pisney said this facility will be the fifth brick-and-mortar dining facility on post.

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

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: Artifact identification

Over the past 60 years, archaeologists have found more than half a million artifacts during their investigations around Fort McCoy.

Not all artifacts are collected during survey efforts performed to identify historic sites around the installation. Many small artifacts that do not tell much of a story by themselves are documented on maps and with handheld Global Positioning System data recorders and left in place, such as small fragments of bottles and plates, nails and other miscellaneous metal fragments, and small pieces of chipped stone left behind after creating or sharpening stone tools.

More than 400,000 artifacts have been collected and are stored at the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center curation facility at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Distinguishing artifacts which pre-date European contact from natural materials (stone, clay pottery, bone) requires training and a keen eye and is sometimes challenging even for experienced archaeologists.

Very few people will mistake a shard of bottle glass for a piece of natural quartz but being able to tell whether a piece of quartz has been intentionally modified or shaped by a human within the last 10,000 years is much more challenging.

Archaeologists have long had resources such as reference books and reports about archaeological investigations to help identify artifacts, and the proliferation of the internet has added many opportunities for research on items recovered from excavations. Archaeologists use these tools to compare the artifacts they have found at a particular site to artifacts found by others elsewhere to help them interpret the site from which their artifacts were recovered.

There are websites devoted to the headstamps on ammunition, and these are extremely useful for a place like Fort McCoy where researchers not only study

the history of military training but also encounter the indications and impacts of modern and historic military training and lots of recreational hunting.

Being able to tell that a cartridge was produced 100 years ago at the Rock Island Arsenal, 80 years ago at the Winchester ammunition factory in Connecticut, or two years ago at the Remington ammunition factory in Arkansas will go a long way to determine whether spent cartridges represent historic military training or recent hunting activities.

There are research volumes devoted to sourcing the maker's marks on dinner plates, the hundreds of variations of barbed wire, and the history of glass bottle making, and all of these can contribute to a better understanding of the history of an archaeological site.

Despite the availability of these resources archaeologists and history enthusiasts will inevitably come across objects that are not easily identified via online references or books.

One of the objects in the photo accompanying this article is a piece of wood (A) that was found in the Fort McCoy Family Housing area near the concrete tent pads which were used by people training at Fort McCoy roughly 100 years ago. This piece of wood would not have been a standard issue tent stake but may have been used for that purpose in a pinch. It may be possible to radiocarbon date the wood to help understand when it was used, or if it was even used at all. Other objects shown in the picture include stone tools in the bottom left (B), pre-contact ceramics in the bottom right (C), and a natural object in the bottom center (D) commonly recovered from archaeological excavations around Wisconsin called an iron concretion.

The stone tools (B) shown in the picture were all recovered from a single archaeological site, and they illustrate the variety of stone tools that archaeologists can encounter in the field. Natural rocks



Contributed photo

These are an example of some artifacts found at Fort McCoy that might be difficult to identify. Archaeologists use a wide variety of experience and methods to identify artifacts.

can sometimes resemble stone tools and tool fragments as a result of weathering processes from water and wind, and sometimes pieces of gravel produced in house with the same or very similar local raw material can very strongly resemble pre-contact waste flakes produced while fashioning stone tools.

More than one archaeologist has mistaken a piece of sandstone for a part of a pre-contact pot while in the field and before it has had a chance to be cleaned off in the lab.

Archaeologists will not always be able to distinguish artifacts from natural ob-

jects easily, but most archaeologists will always be willing to look at artifacts that they or others suspect may be artifacts with an open mind and healthy curiosity. 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 intentionally collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals.

Any individual who intentionally excavates, removes, damages, or other-

wise alters or defaces any post-contact or pre-contact 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 Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-8214.

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

NEWS NOTES/FACILITIES


MILITARY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Thanks to the support of our sponsors, Fort McCoy MWR is honoring the men & women who serve our nation's Armed Forces by hosting a complimentary buffet lunch for Active Duty & Military Retirees.

THURSDAY MAY 11, 2023
AT MCCOY'S COMMUNITY CENTER
FROM 11 AM - 1 PM



Please call **608-388-2065** for additional details




Sit, Sip & Paint
CANVAS PAINTING EVENT

May 10, 2023
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Whitetail Ridge Ski Area's Chalet

Space is limited!
\$35 PER PERSON
To register, go to:
www.thepaintshack.net





FORT MCCOY
Armed Forces Day Open House
Saturday, May 20, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free admission and parking.
Located off Hwy. 21 between Sparta and Tomah.
Enter at Gate 15 and follow signs.

- ♦ **Military Equipment and Demonstrations**
- ♦ **Installation Bus Tours**
- ♦ **Simulation Shooting Gallery**
- ♦ **Historic World War II buildings**
- ♦ **...and much more**



For more info, call 608-388-2407 or visit home.army.mil/mccoy.
Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoy to stay up to date.
Check here for more!

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.

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.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next edition of The Real McCoy will be published May 12, 2023.

The deadline for submissions or article ideas is May 3, 2023.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

Exchange celebrating military kids with April Art Contest

DALLAS — The Army & Air Force Exchange

Service is partnering with Kellogg's, the Commissary and the Military Child Education Coalition to celebrate military kids with an art contest during the Month of the Military Child.

From April 1 through April 30, military children younger than 18 can submit original artwork for a chance at a \$300 gift card prize pack.

Each of the six winners will receive a \$100 Exchange gift card, a \$100 commissary gift card and a

\$100 Visa gift card.

There will be two winners in each of the age categories: kindergarten through fifth grade; sixth through eighth grade; and ninth through 12th grade.

Visit www.celebratemilitarykids.com to view complete rules, eligibility requirements and contest categories and to submit entries. One entry per child.

Warrior Restaurants
 Building 50 operates April-September.
 Building 1362 operates October-March
 - Offers full meal service

- Military members, military family members, and Department of Defense (DOD) civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use Warrior Restaurants.
- DOD civilians working on Fort McCoy and retired military personnel may use Warrior Restaurants when MWR facilities are not open.
- Units must coordinate through the Food Program Management Office at 608-388-6518/4739.

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 - \$4.30
 Lunch - \$6.85
 Dinner: \$5.95

Other 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: Open during regular ski area hours. Call 608-388-3517.

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. (Bow, food, bowling). Call 608-388-7060.

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.

Running Track Fitness Facility: Building 1395. Open 5 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. 24/7 access available. Limited capacity. Call 608-388-4475. Use designated parking areas.

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: Open for Season. Call 608-388-4498 or 608-388-3517 for more information.

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 darrle.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 a.m.-4 p.m. By appointment only.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through May 11, 2023.
Hours of operation and services can change frequently.
Call facilities to verify hours before traveling.

Bold, italic typeface indicates a change since the last publication.

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://ivos.army.mil> or call 608-388-4520.

Official Mail Distribution Center: Building 1009 (by Gate 20). 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.sportsman.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: M-F: 6:30 am - 5:15 pm. Call: 608-388-2238. Childcare requests should be made at <https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mcc-central/mcchome>.
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, nonmedical counseling at no cost and augment existing military support programs. Services can be provided on or off post. Call 608-388-8068 or 352-598-4972 or email 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, non-school, and inclement weather care for eligible youth. Open: M-F: 6:30 am - 5:30 pm. Summer & Non-School Days: 6:30 pm - 5:30 pm. After School Call: 608-388-4373. Childcare requests should be made at <https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mcc-central/mcchome>.

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 jstdave49@centurylink.net.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club: Email michael.p.gibson.mil@mail.mil for information.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. 10th Ave. Hours: — School year - Thurs-Fri 10 am - 4 pm, Sat noon-4 pm — Summer - Tues-Fri 10 am - 6 pm, Sat Noon - 8 pm

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.

KNOW SOMEONE EXPERIENCING ABUSE OR NEEDING HELP?

LOCAL RESOURCES
Fort McCoy Family Advocacy Program
 Brittany Sonie 608-388-2412/3505
Child Protective Services Monroe County
 Report Child Abuse and/or Neglect 608-269-8854
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OUTDOORS

2023 Fort McCoy fishing season begins May 6

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The 2023 Fort McCoy fishing season opens May 6, concurrent with the Wisconsin general inland fishing season opener.

Fishing on installation lakes and flowages is allowed May 6 through March 3, 2024, said Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch. The general inland trout season on post and in Wisconsin is from May 6 to Oct. 15.

Fort McCoy has 10 installation lakes and impoundments and approximately 71.2 miles of Coldwater streams and tributaries, Noble has said in past articles about fishing on post. Most of the streams are class I trout waters maintaining naturally reproducing brook and brown trout. The impoundments on Fort McCoy cold-water streams provide a variety of uses for recreation, military training, and habitat for fish and wildlife.

Anglers must have the appropriate Wisconsin licenses to fish on post, as well. This includes a general Wisconsin fishing license, a trout stamp if fishing for trout, and the Fort McCoy fishing permit.

The cost of a Fort McCoy annual fishing permit is \$13 for people age 16 and older. Permits for youth under 16, seniors, and disabled anglers and four-day fishing permits are \$8. All are available for purchase through the iSportsman website, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

"All permits for hunting, fishing, and firewood cutting at Fort McCoy must be purchased through iSportsman and an iSportsman account is required to purchase any of these permits," Noble said. "Anglers are also asked to please remember to display a card or sheet of paper with your iSportsman account number on the dashboard of your vehicle."

Anglers have plenty of options for fishing too. North Flowage and Lost Lake on Fort McCoy's North Post are open year-round for panfish, such as bluegill, and are available for the Wisconsin bass catch-and-release season all throughout the year at times outside the regular fishing season.

For trout fishing, with the exception of Silver Creek, there is a bag limit of five trout with no size restrictions. "There is a special regulation for trout caught at Silver Creek from the western installation boundary to the bridge at the West Silver wetland (bag limit is three trout, no minimum length, artificial lures only)," Noble said.

The Fort McCoy fishing map, also available on the Fort McCoy iSportsman website, is highlighted in orange along Silver Creek to distinguish the special regulation area.



A visitor to Fort McCoy does some fishing at Swamp Pond on South Post on Aug. 4, 2022, at Fort McCoy, Wis. Anglers must have the appropriate Fort McCoy permits and Wisconsin licenses to fish on post. This includes a general Wisconsin fishing license, a trout stamp if fishing for trout, and a Fort McCoy fishing permit.

There also will be a Free Fishing Weekend on June 3-4 in Wisconsin and at Fort McCoy. No licenses or permits are needed, but all bag limits and other rules apply. Fort McCoy rules and regulations can be found online using the Fort McCoy iSportsman web site, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, and selecting the "Regulations" tab from the menu. Rules and regulations and maps are also available at the Hunter Information Point (HIP) located along State Highway 21 at the intersection of South J Street and State Highway 21 and will be open year-round.

"The Free Fishing Weekend is an excellent time for people to come out and see all the fantastic fishing areas we have here," Noble has also said. Anglers are required to call the iSportsman Game Line at 866-277-1597 or visit the iSportsman website for updated fishing area closures before going out. People interested in renting fishing equipment at

Fort McCoy can do so through Recreational Equipment Checkout with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Pine View Campground. Available equipment includes fishing poles, kayaks, canoes, and boats. Varying rates apply.

To find out more, visit <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy/programs/recreational-equipment-checkout-outdoor-recreation> or call the Pine View Campground office at 608-388-3517/2619.

Other additional items for anglers to remember as the fishing season begins include:

— Fish caught by children under 16 years old who do not possess a Fort McCoy fishing permit are included in the accompanying Fort McCoy and Wisconsin licensed angler's daily bag limit.

— Access to Fort McCoy waters: If a lake is listed as open on the game line, 866-277-1597, but is within a closed training area and military training is

not taking place at the lake, anglers can use the marginal area around the lake (i.e., mowed area or 50 feet from shore if the lake perimeter is not mowed) if it will not conflict with military training, as well as access the lake by the main access roads.

— An angler is not allowed to walk or drive through a closed training area to access streams. Parking of vehicles to access those streams should occur at main road/stream crossings. Silver Creek has a designated parking area along the main road in Training Area B-2. Anglers should refer to the fishing map in appendix E, available on the iSportsman website. Anglers are responsible for knowing if the lakes are closed due to training, and this can be checked on the iSportsman Game Line posting.

— Activity Information Card: All anglers within a vehicle are required to display a Fort McCoy Activity Information Card. The card must show the iSportsman permit number for each permit holder associated with the vehicle for that given day's activity. The card must be placed on the vehicle dashboard and be easily readable through the windshield from the outside of the vehicle. The card should not be obstructed by any other papers, materials, or items on the dash or windshield. Hand-printed information must be legible and large enough to easily read through the windshield.

— No motorized transportation/equipment (defined as any motorized cart, carrier, or wheeled machine aiding a permit holder to maneuver more easily) may be utilized while fishing on Fort McCoy. These include all-terrain vehicles, utility-terrain vehicles, side-by-sides, golf carts, lawn tractors, motorized carriers, and related vehicles.

To see the latest Wisconsin trout fishing regulations, go to <https://mccoy.isportsman.net/files/Documents%2FRegulations%2F2023%20Seasons%20and%20Regulations%2FWisconsin%20Trout%20Regulations%202023-2024.pdf>. To see other Wisconsin fishing regulations, go to <https://widnr.widen.net/s/fwdfffxqzv/fishingregsselectronic2324>. And for more about Fort McCoy fishing rules, review the fishing regulation at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>. All fishing, hunting and related Fort McCoy regulations were updated as of February 2023.

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

USFWS plants 15,000-plus rainbow trout at Fort McCoy for 2023 fishing season

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Anglers have several thousand more reasons to fish at Fort McCoy in 2023 as workers with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Genoa National Fish Hatchery of Genoa, Wis., stocked more than 15,000 rainbow trout in several waterways throughout the post.

USFWS personnel delivered the trout April 24, 25 and 27, said Watershed Management Biologist Steve Rood with the Colorado State University who works in cooperation with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB). Trout were stocked in Suukjak Sep, Sandy, Stillwell, and Big Sandy lakes and Sparta and Swamp ponds.

The trout were stocked in time for the new fishing season, which begins May 6, and the average fish size is 10 inches long, hatchery officials said.

Some fish are larger as well as every year hatchery personnel generally throw in some larger fish to give anglers a chance at some bigger fish. According to the NRB, Fort McCoy has an agreement with the USFWS to do the fish stocking every year. The USFWS hatchery raises the fish and certifies the fish health before delivery and stocking on post, Rood said.

The Genoa National Fish Hatchery was established in 1932. The hatchery serves six Midwestern states and rears 23 species of fish to support high-priority federal management, restoration, and threatened and endangered species programs, according to the USFWS.

The certification of fish health is completed by the USFWS La Crosse Fish Health Center.

Fort McCoy Fisheries Biologist John Noble has said in previous articles that rainbow trout are the preferred fish to stock at Fort McCoy because they do well in Fort McCoy lakes and ponds. Also, he said stocking fish once a year in the spring allows for better survivability for the trout because of cooler water temperatures, and it saves money from multiple fish-stocking efforts.

"Trout are raised in water that is about 50 degrees (Fahrenheit), so, when the lake water is warmer, these fish need to be tempered by bringing up the water temperature on the fish inside the tank before stocking," Noble said. "We can have issues with mortality due to temperature, stress, and shock when stocking in warmer lake conditions, so cooler water temperatures (in spring) help significantly reduce fish mortality."

Most anglers are used to catching the rainbow trout on post, and it's quite popular, Noble said in 2022.

"For many years now, trout have been stocked in waters on Fort McCoy," he said. "The addition of rainbow trout also helps reduce the burden of harvest on other species that are present and reproduce naturally."

Rood said in fish surveys they have seen rainbow trout survive and grow from previous years. In one case, they found a rainbow trout that was stocked in previous years, and found it to be over 20 inches long.

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(Above) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) employees stock rainbow trout April 24 in Suukjak Sep Lake on North Post at Fort McCoy. (Below) USFWS employees stock trout in Big Sandy Lake on South Post. Overall, more than 15,000 trout were stocked on post during the last week of April.



anglers and four-day fishing permits are \$8. All are available for purchase through the iSportsman website, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>. Anglers can also learn more about fishing rules and regulations on post by visiting that same iSportsman website.

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THIS TRAINING WILL:

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Thoroughly explain reporting
processes and procedures for
reporting sexual harassment
and sexual assault.

Discuss support resources
available.

2023 Training Dates

Who: All personnel of Fort McCoy.

What: The purpose of the leader led SHARP training is to conduct this in an interactive, participative discussion-based session.

Where: Leaders' choice - Individualized to meet the needs of each Garrison Directorate.

When: Leaders' choice - Individualized to meet the needs of each Garrison Directorate.

To register, please call Garrison Victim Advocate at 608-388-8951

Significance:

- SHARP training is good for one calendar year
- FY22 SHARP TSP can be used until FY23
- GTA 19-11-001 OCTOBER 2021 REFERENCE CARD will continue to be used until New Reference Card is available
- CONTACT: Garrison Victim Advocate, to coordinate and provide Leader-Led Training

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