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## Conference highlights upcoming training

BY ROB SCHUETTE

Triad Staff

Several hundred representatives from units that will train at Fort McCoy this year attended the 2006 Fort McCoy Annual Training Coordination Conference Jan. 19 to learn about training opportunities at the installation.

The representatives also were able to meet with installation personnel and other unit representatives to coordinate their upcoming training.

Fort McCoy is striving to keep on the leading edge in developing ranges and training facilities to support the military personnel who train at the installation, said Bill Kasten.

Kasten, director of Fort McCoy Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said the goal of the installation is to support troops at Fort McCoy today and develop plans and strategies to support training doctrine 10 to 20 years in the future.

To meet those objectives, the installation has developed a schedule to improve ranges and bring a number of new facilities on line, he said.

"We encourage you to tell us what you need in ranges and training areas," Kasten said. "We will work to get it for you."

Installation Commander Col. Derek J.



Photo by Rob Schuette

Attendees at the Fort McCoy 2006 Annual Training Coordination Conference hear about changes in the training ranges at Fort McCoy.

Sentinella said the installation strives to be "purple" and meet the training needs of all services — Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines.

"We cannot do that unless you tell us what you're looking at for training," Sentinella said. "It takes a lot of work by this staff" to ensure units get the best train-

ing experience possible with a minimum of distractions.

"If there's some training out there that some of you may not have completed at home station and you need that training while you're here ask for it, and we'll get it

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## RTS-Maintenance exports BNCOC to Fort Carson Soldiers

BY ROB SCHUETTE

Triad Staff

Training provided by personnel from Regional Training Site-Maintenance (RTS-



**The instructors put this together while maintaining their regular course load here. This is a significant achievement ...**

Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Neely,  
RTS-Maintenance

Maintenance) at Fort McCoy moved into a new era when instructors trained maintenance Soldiers from an active-duty infantry unit at their home station at Fort Carson, Colo.

RTS-Maintenance personnel instructed a revised Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) to Soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Carson, said RTS-Maintenance Commandant Maj. Sam Cook.

Soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team recently returned from a 12-month overseas deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The unit initially was stationed in South Korea and a majority of the Soldiers previously had been on a 12-month unaccompanied tour in Korea prior to their 12-month deployment.

"Some Soldiers in the unit had been away from their families for as long as 24

months," he said. Taking the course to the Soldiers (at Fort Carson) allowed the Soldiers to remain at home with their families. "It is taking care of Soldiers."

Other advantages included allowing unit members to train together, allowing leaders to view the training and allowing family members to observe graduation.

Cook said unit members learn new skills sets together, which strengthens unit cohesiveness and improves unit operations.

Teaching BNCOC at home station enables unit leadership to observe training and further identify unit strengths and weaknesses and modify unit training plans, as necessary.

In addition to these benefits, sending RTS-Maintenance personnel to the unit saved the Army about \$120,000 by offsetting TDY expenses for a course which is

(See RTS-MAINTENANCE, page 11)

## Snowfest set for Jan. 28 at Whitetail

Snowfest 2006 will be held Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort McCoy's Whitetail Ridge Recreation Area, weather permitting. The event is open to the public.

Discounts on snow tubing and skiing will be available. Activities will include the Cardboard Classic, Big Air Competition, and a Paintball Tournament.

For more information about Snowfest 2006 or Whitetail Ridge, call the Fort McCoy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) events line at (877) 864-4969 or visit the MWR Web site at <http://www.mcccoymwr.com>.

Hill conditions are available by calling (608) 388-4498.

## More concert tickets on sale Feb. 1

Due to an adjustment to the Fort McCoy Army Concert Tour venue, a limited number of tickets to the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert will be on sale to the Fort McCoy community only beginning Feb. 1.

The legendary rock group has confirmed the date for the rescheduled Fort McCoy concert and is set to perform on Thursday, Aug. 10 at Constitution Park.

Supporting acts will be announced at a later date.

Lynyrd Skynyrd originally was scheduled to perform at Fort McCoy in August 2005, but was forced to cancel that show due to Johnny Van Zandt's vocal cord surgery.

Starting Feb. 15, any remaining tickets will be sold to the general public.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at McCoy's, building 1571, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Marketing Office, building 2187, or by calling (608) 388-7400.

More information about MWR events also can be found at the MWR Web site <http://www.mcccoymwr.com>.

## Conference highlights upcoming training

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for you," Sentinella said.

Employing good safety practices during training should be the No. 1 priority for all units training at Fort McCoy, he said.

Kasten also spoke about Fort McCoy policies, including the new directive prohibiting cellular phone use in government vehicles unless the vehicle is parked safely or the device is used hands-free.

Informational conferences covering Regional Training Site-Medical training and Range Operations issues were held at Fort McCoy Jan. 18.

Staff Sgt. Dan Castelli and Gunnery Sgt. William Chartrand, representing the Marine Air Control Group-48 of Waukegan, Ill., said the information about Fort McCoy was excellent, well-presented and told them everything about training they needed to know. The unit conducts an NCO course for corporals and also conducts training for unit members who cannot make it to the regular extended-combat training.

"Fort McCoy has great ranges and facilities to help us conduct our training," Castelli said. "We like to attend this meeting because it gives us the basic regulations, new information and new (offer-



Photo by Rob Schuette

Terry Hoff, DPTMS installation range officer, addresses attendees at the Fort McCoy Range Conference.

ings) from MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation)."

Capt. Deborah Bennett of the 865<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital of Utica, N.Y., said unit members are looking forward to participating in the upcoming Patriot Warrior Exercise.

Bennett also attended the RTS-Medical Conference and said that briefing helped clarify her unit's role in the mission.

"It's nice to focus on warrior tasks, and how it improves the quality of our training as a medical unit," Bennett said. "It's not as

easy to do this training at home station."

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jimmy Williams and Master Sgt. Stephen Plew of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Personnel Services of Harvey, Ill., said the unit will hold eight extended-combat training increments at Fort McCoy, beginning in April.

The conference gives the (installation) personnel a chance to review the paperwork necessary to secure training areas and facilities and ask questions, Plew said.

"If we coordinate beforehand, we won't have to rush to do it," he



Photo by Rob Schuette

Paul Lokotz, an RTS-Medical training supervisor, answers a question at the RTS-Medical Training Conference.

said.

Maj. Paul Bernasconi of the 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing of Stratton Air National Guard Base, N.Y., said his unit was looking forward to the joint training with the Army and medical units during Global Patriot in July.

Staff Sgt. Steve Pepper of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company of Milwaukee, Wis., said the conference gave him the opportunity to get good information about the unit's upcoming training.

Pepper also attended the Range Conference, where he was able to learn about the new facilities and said he believed the improvements to the installation ranges will make

them more Soldier friendly.

Master Sgt. Aimee Carrington of Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Separate Infantry Brigade (Rear), Camp Douglas, Wis., said the conference allowed her to get good information for the Patriot Warrior exercise in June.

The unit will be supported by the 264<sup>th</sup> Engineer Group of Chippewa Falls, Wis. Carrington said the conference gave her a chance to meet with her counterparts to discuss the mission. She also met with personnel from the installation Food Services branch to discuss arranging meals during training.

## Army Chief of Staff releases reading guides for Soldiers

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker has released a recommended Leadership Reading Guide for Soldiers.

**Sublist 1: For cadets, Soldiers and junior NCOs** — "The Constitution of the United States." Available at <http://www.house.gov/Constitution/Constitution.html>; "Centuries of Service: The U.S. Army 1775-2004," by David W. Hogan Jr. Army pamphlet available at <http://www.army.mil/cmh/books/COS>; "The Face of Battle," by John Keegan; "For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America," by Allan R. Millett and Peter Maslowski; "Band of Brothers: E Company, 506<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, from Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest," by Stephen E. Ambrose; "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young: Ia Drang — The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam," by Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore (retired) and Joseph L. Galloway; "If You Survive: From Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge to the End of World War II," by George Wilson; "Touched With Fire: The Land War in the South Pacific," by Eric M. Bergerud; "Closing with the Enemy; How GIs Fought the War in Europe, 1944-45," by Michael D. Doubler; "Patton: A Genius for War," by Carlo D'Este; and "In the Company of Heroes," by Michael J. Durant.

**Sublist 2: For company-grade officers, junior warrant officers and company-cadre NCOs** — "America's First Battles: 1776-1965," edited by Charles E. Heller and William A. Stofft; "Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant," by Ulysses S. Grant; "The Philippine War, 1899-1902," by Brian McAllister Linn; "The War to End All Wars: The American Military Experience in World War I," by Edward M. Coffman; "An Army at Dawn: The War in Africa, 1942-43, Volume One of the Liberation Trilogy," by Rick Atkinson; "Company Commander," by Charles B. MacDonald; "East of Chosin: Entrapment and Breakout in Korea, 1950," by Roy E. Appleman; "Leadership: the Warrior's Art," by Christopher Kolenda; "American Soldiers: Ground Combat in the World Wars, Korea and Vietnam," by Peter S. Kindsvatter; "The Challenge of Command: Reading for Excellence, Art of Command Series," by Col. Roger Nye (retired); "The New Face of War: How War Will Be Fought in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," by Bruce Berkowitz.

**Sublist 3: For field-grade officers, senior warrant officers and senior NCOs** — "National Security Strategy of the United States of America." Available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf>; "National Strategy for Combating Terrorism." Available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/02/>

[counter\\_terrorism/counter\\_terrorism\\_strategy.pdf](#); "Inside al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror," by Rohan Gunaratna; "Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era," by James McPherson; "Supplying War: Logistics from Wallenstein to Patton," by Martin Van Creveld; "George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century," by Mark A. Stoler; "The General's War: The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf," by Michael R. Gordon and Bernard E. Trainor; "On Becoming a Leader," by Warren Bennis; "The Art of War," by Sun Tzu, translated by Samuel Griffith; "On War," by Carl von Clausewitz, edited and translated by Michael Howard and Peter Paret; "Masters of War: Classical Strategic Thought," by Michael I. Handel; "The Soldier and the State: The Theory and Politics of Civil-Military Relations," by Samuel Huntington; "The Future of the Army Profession," by Don Snider and Gayle Watkins.

**Sublist 4: For senior leaders above brigade level** — "Thinking in Time," by Richard E. Neustadt and Ernest May; "The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order," by Samuel Huntington; "The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization," by Thomas Friedman; "War in European His-

(See **ARMY**, page 11)

Mobilization

# IMMA checks, repairs weapons for mobilizing Soldiers

BY LONI WITSCHER  
Triad Contributor

Preparing Soldiers for mobilization, and taking care of their needs upon redeployment, is an important component of the Installation Materiel Maintenance Activity (IMMA), which has been operated by VT Griffin since 2003.

One task undertaken at IMMA is the technical inspection and repair of weapons for units deploying from or demobilizing at Fort McCoy. Brian L. Smith, Terry M. Voeller, and Dale T. Anhalt are in charge of the Weapons Vault Armory, and work with all small arms used at Fort McCoy.



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Brian L. Smith,  
IMMA

“The troops bring their weapons to us for technical inspection, and we check them in by recording all of the serial numbers,” said Smith. Weapons are inspected and repaired on a first-come, first-served basis, unless a unit or individual Soldiers have specific requirements.

After a work order is processed for mobilizing troops, IMMA has five days to inspect the weapons and return them to the unit. The turnaround time for demobilization is 90 days. Smith said they also make trips to firing ranges if a weapon malfunctions, or has technical difficulties.

“If there is anything that goes wrong with a Soldier’s weapon during their stay at Fort McCoy, we fix the problem immediately,” said Voeller. “We basically fix anything that comes through the door.”

The majority of weapons that are inspected are the M-16 rifles and the M-9 pistols.

During the summer, Soldiers from Operation Platinum Wrench (OPW) are trained by Smith, Voeller, and Anhalt to help with weapon inspection and repairs. Voeller said this is the first time many of the Soldiers have had the opportunity to work with arms.

Smith said there are rarely any maintenance changes made to the weapons, except for an occasional hand guard or new

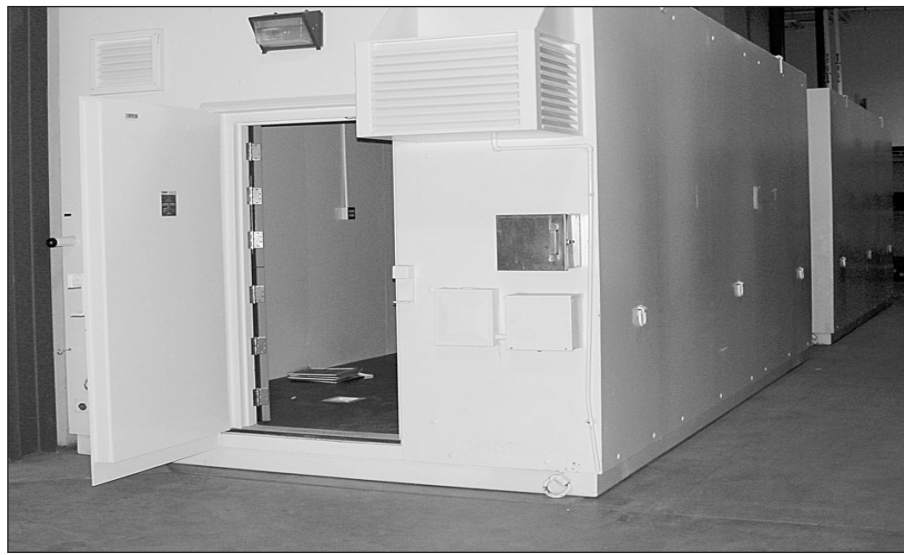


Photo by Loni Witscheber

Weapons vault armories support the storage of mobilization/demobilization weapons at the Fort McCoy IMMA.

sighting system.

The IMMA has three new vault armories to help support the secure storage of mobilization/demobilization weapons.

The vaults, when installed, will continue to store the weapons under the highest security.

“We perform to standard, we pay very close attention to detail, and we love what we do,” said Smith. “Our job is to serve the Soldiers.”

(Witscheber is a Public Affairs Specialist for Eagle Systems & Services Inc., contractor for CONUS Support Base Services.)

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### Energy Tip of the Month

A more high-tech way to humidify your home is to vent your electric clothes dryer inside your house instead of outdoors. (Do NOT vent a gas-powered clothes dryer inside, though. It would be most unhealthy.)



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# Training

## Naval medics sharpen their military skills



Photo by Rob Schuette

Naval Reserve personnel from the Operational Health Support Unit of Great Lakes, Ill., Fleet Hospital, Detachment P of La Crosse, Wis., carry a litter over an obstacle at the Fort McCoy Litter Obstacle Course. The personnel conducted a battle assembly at Fort McCoy from Jan. 13-15. The medical personnel went through several training areas to improve their Soldier skills.



Photo by Allan Harding

Naval Reserve personnel from the Operational Health Support Unit of Great Lakes, Ill., Fleet Hospital, Detachment P of La Crosse, Wis., train on cross-country skiing at Fort McCoy's Whitetail Ridge Recreation Area.



Photo by Rob Schuette

Naval Reserve personnel from the Occupational Health Support Unit of Great Lakes, Ill., Fleet Hospital, Detachment P of La Crosse, Wis., maneuver a litter under a barbed-wire obstacle at the Litter Obstacle Course at Fort McCoy.

### Severe Weather Announcements

During severe weather, a liberal leave policy is in effect. Anytime the weather causes a travel concern, employees should contact their supervisor to request approval of annual leave. Command decisions regarding the suspension of post operations due to severe weather will be announced via e-mail and through supervisory channels during the duty day.

A public announcement will be provided to the following local media outlets only if the installation commander suspends post operations.

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WTMB	94.5 FM
WIZM	93.3 FM
WAXX	104.5 FM

After duty hours, a current announcement of liberal leave/post closure may always be heard by calling (608) 388-7777 locally, or toll-free (800) 982-3585 at Ext. 7777.

## News

# VITA Center open to help military with tax returns

BY ROB SCHUETTE

Triad Staff

Federal income tax payers will find a number of changes for the 2005 tax year that may increase the amount of their returns or decrease the amount of money they owe, said John Lulay.

John Lulay, a federal Internal Revenue Service tax specialist, presented the changes and an overall view of income tax filing for the 2005 tax year to members of the Fort McCoy Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program during a January training session. VITA again is offering free tax services to active-duty military personnel, retirees and family members.

Some of the more important federal income tax changes for the 2005 tax year include standard deductions and mileage rates, retirement savings plans, exemption amounts, charitable contributions, and earned income credit (EIC) eligibility, Lulay said.

For the 2005 tax year, the federal standard deduction is scheduled to increase to \$5,000 for single and married taxpayers filing separately, to \$7,300 for head of household and to \$10,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly and qualifying widows/widowers, Lulay said.

The amount for each exemption, which is a separate reduction in income from the standard deduction, has been raised from \$3,100 to \$3,200.

Standard mileage rates for business and charitable deductions have increased. A two-tier rate is in effect for business deductions and Katrina services deductions from Jan. 1-Aug. 31, 2005, and Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2005. Regular charitable services will remain at 14 cents a mile for the entire year.

Taxpayers who have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) will find an increase in the amount of income they can have and not be affected by deduction phaseouts if they also have a retirement plan at work. Lulay said the amount varies depending upon filing status.

The IRA deduction limit amounts for married taxpayers filing jointly has increased to \$4,000 (\$4,500 if age 50 or older by the end of 2005).



Photo by Rob Schuette

John Lulay, IRS tax specialist, instructs members of the Fort McCoy VITA Center about the 2005 federal income tax returns.

A uniform definition of a qualifying child has been established that will apply for each of the following tax benefits: dependency exemption, head of household filing status, EIC, child tax credit, and credit for child and dependent care expenses.

Generally, the following tests must be met to claim someone as a qualifying child: relationship test, residency test, age test, dependency exemption, head of household filing status and EIC.

The maximum amount of income taxpayers can earn and still get the EIC has increased for 2005. For more than one child the limit is \$35,263 (\$37,263 if married and filing jointly); for one child the limits are less than \$31,030 (or less than \$33,030 if married and filing jointly) and those not having a qualified child less than \$11,750 (less than \$13,750 if married and filing jointly.)

State income tax laws vary from state to state, Lulay said. In Wisconsin, some of the changes for the 2005 tax year include an increase in the tuition deduction and the addition of two venture capital credits.

The state of Wisconsin Department of Revenue encourages income tax filers to

take advantage of e-filing and direct deposit, whenever possible, to receive their refunds as quickly as possible. Many filers are eligible for free e-filing. Refund-anticipation loans may get the money back quicker, but often charge a high percentage to accomplish the transaction.

Some taxpayers also are eligible for VITA services. In addition to the Fort McCoy site, local sites are available at Sparta and the Tomah VA Medical Center (see sidebar), as well as several in Jackson County and La Crosse County. To find the nearest site, call (800) 829-1040 (800-TAX 1040).

For more information about federal income taxes or forms, go to the Web site <http://www.irs.gov>.

For more information about state of Wisconsin income taxes, visit <http://www.dor.state.wi.us>.

The Fort McCoy VITA Center is open through Friday, April 14. Income tax returns can be postmarked through Monday, April 17 because April 15 falls on a Saturday.

Appointments are required to use the Fort McCoy VITA services and can be made by calling (608) 388-2165. For more information

## VA to offer VITA services beginning in February

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Tomah will open its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, or "VITA," Program in early February.

VITA Programs are sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) nationwide. The VITA Program at the Tomah VA offers free tax help to qualifying veterans, Tomah VA staff and volunteers, as well as members of the community. To qualify, the tax returns must be fairly simple to complete. VITA volunteers do not prepare taxes for business owners, individuals with multiple investments, owners of rental property, etc. This is the second year for the Tomah VA's VITA operation.

Individuals interested in receiving tax help can call the VITA Desk at (608) 372-1242. This phone is equipped with voice mail and callers should clearly state their name and telephone number. A VITA volunteer will contact the potential clients in late January to determine their eligibility for the VITA service and to schedule an appointment.

Volunteers, trained with IRS publications, alert individuals to special credits for which they may qualify, such as the credit for the elderly, child care credit, Earned Income Credit, Homestead Credit, and child tax credits.

For more information about the VITA Program, call VA Voluntary Services at (608) 372-1727, or send an e-mail message to [Laura.Bishop@med.va.gov](mailto:Laura.Bishop@med.va.gov).

(Submitted by VA Medical Center Public Affairs Office.)

information about income tax returns for eligible military personnel in the Fort McCoy community, call (608) 388-4117.

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News

# Working with contractors in government workplace

The greater the degree of reliance on contractors, the greater the need for government oversight. The following checklist provides some reminders:

- Remember, contractor employees are not federal employees.
- Identify contractor employees in the work area through their distinctive security badge.
- Protect documents, disks, CD-ROMs, slides, and other media on which "inside" information is stored. Do not leave it on your desk for the casual observer to read.
- Watch what you discuss and where you discuss it. The hallways, bathrooms, lunchrooms, and other common areas are not secure areas for discussing sensitive information. Many offices are not secure because of the proximity of contractor personnel.
- When you attend a meeting in which sensitive information is about to be discussed, ensure that you know who is in the room and determine whether the information can be disseminated to them. If you have any doubt, ask the contracting officer or legal office.

- In addition to avoiding accidental disclosure, ensure that you don't purposely disclose sensitive information. Before you turn over information to a contractor to develop visual aids, create a database, provide consultations, and before you invite a contractor employee to a meeting, ensure that it is proper for the contractor to have access to the information.
- Respect the employer-employee relationship between contractors and their employees. Do not interfere with it by inviting their employees to attend federal employee events, e.g., organization days, pressuring the contractor to use "favorite" employees, or insisting on some personnel action.
- Be aware of intellectual property rights consequences of contractor employee work products created in the federal workplace. Generally, the contractor will be able to commercially exploit software or inventions that it creates in the federal workplace.
- Avoid giving the incumbent contractor an unfair competitive advantage by including its employees in meetings to discuss aspects of a recompetition, or by acci-

dentally allowing the contractor's employees to overhear or gain access to planning information.

- Identify possible conflicts by contractor employees. If it would be a crime (conflict of interest) or violate the Standards of Ethical Conduct (appearances of partiality) for a federal employee to participate in an official matter, we should insist that the contractor provides employees free of the same conflicts or appearances.
- Safeguard proprietary, Privacy Act, and other sensitive and nonpublic information. Release of certain types of information to contractor employees to analyze, create charts and graphs, enter into databases, etc., could violate the Procurement Integrity Act, the Trade Secrets Act, the Privacy Act, or other laws or regulations that could subject the releaser to civil and/or criminal penalties to include removal.
- Beware of gifts from contractor employees. Even if they work in the federal workplace, they are "outside sources" and the rules for their gifts are very different from the rules for gifts between employees. For example, contractors and their em-

ployees may not be solicited to provide or contribute to a retirement gift for a federal employee.

- Do not assign contractor employees "out-of-scope" work, personal services, or work that is "inherently governmental." The services a contractor is required to provide through its employees are sent out in the contract. There are no "other duties as assigned." When we contract, we give up control and flexibility.
  - Resolve inappropriate appearances created by close relationships between federal and contractor employees.
  - For example, if a federal employee develops a close personal relationship with the contractor's site manager, the federal employee probably should not be assigned or continue as the contracting officer's representative.
  - Identify a shared drive with government-only data files for use by government workers only. Identify an alternate shared drive for use of government and contractors.
- (Source: Assistant Secretary of Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).)

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Shuttle will make stops at McCoy's until closing

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## People

# Mosley: King's legacy promotes equality for all

BY ROB SCHUETTE  
Triad Staff

The guest speaker at the Jan. 10 Fort McCoy observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day told the audience that although he is too young to have direct memories of King he has greatly benefited from King's legacy.

Derek C. Mosley, a judge from the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, said King's

desire to have equality for everyone — not just blacks or whites — has played an important role in his life.

"I never saw the things of his generation," Mosley said. "I grew up in an era of influence. I was able to go to the college I wanted to go to. I could sit wherever I wanted to on a bus."

Mosley shared the stories of two men from Chicago that showed the spirit King inspired from people to lead better lives in order to make the lives of others better.

The first was a man named "Easy Eddie," who among other things in his life was the attorney for the notorious Chicago-area gangster, Al Capone, in the 1920s.

"Easy Eddie had material wealth, but his son meant everything to him," Mosley said. "He spoiled his son with (the finest in) clothing, cars, a good education, etc. But it bothered him that his son always was the 'bad guy' when he played with his friends."

Eventually, Easy Eddie decided his love for his son was more important than the wealth he had accumulated. He decided to turn over evidence that he had about Capone's dealings to the federal government even though he knew this might lead to his demise. This evidence led to Capone's arrest and conviction on tax-evasion charges. Shortly afterward, Easy Eddie died in a hail of bullets, but as he lay dying he had a smile on his face knowing he had made things better for his son, Mosley said.

The second man was a World War II ace, named Lt. Col. Edward "Butch" O'Hare. O'Hare was a Medal of Honor recipient and the namesake of Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

O'Hare performed many feats of brav-



Photo by Anita Johnson

Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Derek C. Mosley talks to Fort McCoy personnel who attended a Dr. Martin Luther King Day observance.

ery during his short Naval career. Mosley said once O'Hare was on a flight with his squadron when he discovered that he did not have enough fuel to make it to the bombing point and back.

So he decided to return by himself to his ship. O'Hare encountered a Japanese squadron of zeroes and intercepted it using his .50-caliber weaponry to damage the planes. After his ammunition ran out, he used his aircraft as a weapon to inflict damage on the Japanese aircraft to keep them from reaching his carrier, the Lexington.

"When he came back to land on the carrier, they didn't believe him," Mosley said. "They believed him when they saw the film from his flight camera."

Several months later, O'Hare was killed in combat.

Both men embodied King's philosophy of serving their fellow men, Mosley said. It was important to "Easy Eddie" that he passed those values to Butch O'Hare, his son.

The Equal Opportunity Office sponsored the event.

### Upcoming EO observances scheduled at Fort McCoy

The Fort McCoy Equal Opportunity (EO) Office has scheduled events to observe Black History, Women's History and Asian-Pacific Months at McCoy's, building 1571. All events will run from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and are open to members of the Fort McCoy community.

A Black History Month observance will be Tuesday, Feb. 28 and feature James P. Young, the Vernon County Veterans Service officer, as the guest speaker.

A Women's History Month observance will be Tuesday, March 7 and feature Dr. Karen Gleason as the guest speaker.

An Asian-Pacific Month observance will be Tuesday, May 9 and feature Thai Vue as the guest speaker.

For more information, call the EO Office at (608) 388-3246.

## Protestant Women of the Chapel group membership increases

The Fort McCoy Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) Bible Study Group is growing with participation on Wednesdays averaging about 15 people, according to the Installation's Religious Support Office (RSO).

The group meets from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Center, building 2675. All women in the Fort McCoy community are welcome to attend the meetings.

Installation Chap. (Col.) Larry Barber said the group started meeting weekly beginning Sept. 28. Attendance has peaked at 16 people attending the Dec. 14, 2005 meeting, according to RSO records.

Because the PWOC falls under the auspices of the RSO, Barber said child care can be offered during the meetings, and materials can be purchased to support the group. In the future, the RSO also

may be looking at sending someone from the group to training or to the yearly PWOC conference to keep them abreast of the issues.

Group members now meet to discuss various sections and books of the Bible.

AnneMarie Agers, a group leader, said group members discuss various materials they studied on their own during the week.

"Our mission statement is PWOC is a God-empowered, Christ-centered and spirit-led group that exists as an extension of the chapel," Agers said. "We encourage women to grow spiritually within the body of Christ through prayer, the study of God's word, worship and service. We wish to reach out to the community and offer them spiritual fellowship."

The group offers the RSO another avenue of ministry, with little



Photo by Rob Schuette

Members of the Protestant Women of the Chapel Group meet at the Fort McCoy Chapel Center.

assistance needed from the RSO, Agers said. In the future, the group hopes to offer assistance to the RSO for conferences/workshops, she said. Barber added that he hoped support might come for special projects, administrative assistance or perhaps for a well-known guest appearing at a program.

"I attribute our growth to the fact that there are many people looking to fill a void in their life,

and they are looking at God to fill that void," Agers said.

The membership is open to all women in the chapel and surrounding communities, with emphasis placed on the military's family members (Active Guard/Reserve, active-duty, Reserve, National Guard), civilian personnel and retired members.

The RSO offers worship services and several evening pro-

grams to support the religious needs of the Fort McCoy community, Barber said.

Sunday services are held at 9:30 a.m. for both Protestants (Chapel 1, building 2672) and Catholics (Chapel 10, building 1759). A fellowship hour follows at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Other RSO-supported programs include Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Center. The RSO also has schedules of the worship opportunities for all faiths in the surrounding communities.

For more information about RSO programs at Fort McCoy or worship opportunities in the surrounding communities, call the Fort McCoy RSO at (608) 388-3528. For more information about PWOC, call Agers at (608) 366-1761.

## Valentine's Day card workshop set Feb. 4

A Family Focus Valentine's Day card workshop will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at Army Community Service (ACS), 1130 South S St.

Families can design their own personalized family Valentine's Day cards using rubber stamp art and stickers.

The event will give parents and children a chance to increase their interaction skills while having a good time and accomplishing a goal. All supplies are furnished.

Two class times are available; 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration deadline is close of business Wednesday, Feb. 1.

A minimum of one child and one adult must register in order to attend the class.

For more information or to register, call ACS at (608) 388-3505

## Super Bowl viewing available at Fort McCoy

Fort McCoy will have at least two locations where authorized personnel can watch the Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5. McCoy's, building 1571, and the Community Activity Center (CAC), building 2000, will offer large-screen television viewing of the game.

McCoy's will begin special activities for the game at 3 p.m.

Several contests with prizes will be offered including Arm Chair Quarterback Challenge, QB 1 challenge and Touchdown Dance.

A tailgate party will have several choices of food for purchase, including "Grill Your Own Steak" from 4 to 8 p.m. Primo's Express also will be open.

The CAC will offer a relaxed atmosphere for those who want to view the game on large-screen televisions.

For more information about McCoy's activities, visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com> or call the MWR Events Line at (877) 864-4969.

For more information about the CAC, call (608) 388-3213/4161.

## Financial Readiness Training set for Feb. 8

Army Community Service (ACS) is sponsoring a Financial Readiness Training event focusing on Thrift Savings Plans (TSP).

The training will be held in the ACS training room, 2111 S. 8th Ave. Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The following topics will be covered: General Savings Concepts; Tax Deferred vs. Taxable Accounts; Defined Pension Plans (CSRS/FERS); TSP Investments Options, TSP Loans; TSP Withdrawal/Annuity Options.

Registration is requested no later than Wednesday, Feb. 1 by calling ACS at (608) 388-3505. Supervisor approval must be obtained to use leave or to adjust work schedules to attend this training.



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## Scholarship award

Jessica R. Zebrowski (center) accepts a \$500 scholarship check from Fort McCoy Installation Command Sergeant Major Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Edwards (left) and Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella (right). The award was from the U.S. Army Reserve Enlisted Scholarship Program, which is co-sponsored by the Army Reserve Association and the United Services Automobile Association. The organization supports 50 commands in the Army Reserve with scholarship awards. Zebrowski is the daughter of 1st Sgt. Raymond and Jeanine Zebrowski of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort McCoy.

## Spring turkey permit applications available

Applications for permits for the 2006 Fort McCoy Spring Turkey season are available.

Applications may be picked up at the Permit Sales Office, building 103, or can be printed off the Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com>.

Applications can be postmarked beginning Monday, Feb. 13.

For more information, call Permit Sales at (608) 388-3337.

## Valentine's Day Dance set for Feb. 14

A Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance will be held at McCoy's, building 1571, Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The event will begin at 5 p.m., with a social hour. Dinner will follow at 6 p.m. with live music provided by "Bellina" at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to members of the Fort McCoy community.

Four menu choices are offered for dinner. Reservations and menu choices are requested by Thursday, Feb. 2 and can be sent to MWR Marketing at 2187 South J. St., Fort McCoy, WI 54656.

For more information and registration form, visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com>.

Credit card charges can be made by calling (608) 388-7400. Cash or checks also are accepted. Checks should be made payable to IMWRF.

## Rear Detachment training offered Feb. 16-17 at ACS

Fort McCoy Army Community Service (ACS) will offer Rear Detachment Com-

mander Training Thursday, Feb. 16 and Friday, Feb. 17 at Fort McCoy. The training will run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 16 and 8 a.m.-noon Feb. 17 at ACS, 2111 South 8th Ave.

Topics covered will include TRICARE, Casualty Notification, Finance, Legal, Managing Stress, Crisis Intervention, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

For more information, call the ACS Deployment Readiness Program Manager at (608) 388-3540.

## All Army Sports Teams accepting applications

All-Army Sports teams are accepting applications from active-duty personnel for a number of sports.

To ensure applications for all sports are received in time, applications are due at the Rumpel Fitness Center sports office, building 1121, at least one week before the listed deadlines. All dates are subject to change.

Sports accepting applications include: Volleyball (mens and womens) and Taekwondo (mens and womens), Feb. 14; Modern Pentathlon (mens and womens), March 1; Triathlon (mens and womens) and Sailing (mens and womens), April 1; Golf (mens and womens) and Shooting (mens and womens), April 15; Ironman (mens and womens), May 15; Softball (mens), May 29; Softball (womens), Rugby (7 to a side, womens), and Judo (mens and womens), June 1; Army Ten Miler (mens and womens), July 14; Rugby (mens), July 15; Marathon (mens and womens) and Basketball (mens), Aug. 18; and parachuting (date to be determined.)

Personnel must be on active-duty or active-duty orders for both the tryouts and/or games the teams will play. Participation must be cleared through units.

For more information, call the Sports Office at (608) 388-3200.

## DeCA has new process for returned checks

**FORT LEE, Va. (Defense Commissary Agency)** — New streamlined processing procedures for returned checks are viewed as a win-win situation for commissary shoppers and for store employees looking for better ways to provide customer service.

Shoppers win because the new centralized returned-check processing doesn't affect the way they write checks. Commissary employees win because the process eliminates the return to the commissary of all paper checks for insufficient funds.

Returned checks previously routed back to commissaries for collection now are routed to a centralized processing site run by a business that has successfully performed this service for a variety of businesses, said Pam Conklin, the Defense Commissary Agency's chief financial executive.

Instead of commissary employees having to contact customers who wrote insufficient-fund checks, the centralized processor electronically deducts the amount of the checks from the customers' checking accounts and starts procedures to assess the insufficient fund administrative fee.

These deductions have a high success rate because pay cycles have sufficiently replenished customers' accounts to cover the checks. This more-efficient process, which doesn't cost customers any more money in insufficient-fund service charges, standardizes redemption processes within commissaries and allows store employees to devote more time to customer service, said Conklin, who called it a "win-win situation."

Questions about the program and the collection process on the account can be addressed to the agency's customer service liaison, Judy Blair or J.D. Littman, toll free at (866) 893-5015.

Their e-mail addresses are [judy.blair@deca.mil](mailto:judy.blair@deca.mil), [john.littman@deca.mil](mailto:john.littman@deca.mil) or [rcmprogram@deca.mil](mailto:rcmprogram@deca.mil). Blair or Littman can be contacted between the hours of 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time Monday – Friday.

## Commissary scholarship applications open

Applications for the Scholarships for Military Children (SFMC) program are available at the Fort McCoy Commissary, building 2132, and must be returned to the commissary by close of business Feb. 22, according to store manager, Steve Brown.

Applications, eligibility and other information for the 2006 SFMC program also are available online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

## Legal notice

Anyone having claims against the estate of Maj. Stuart M. Anderson or knowing of assets belonging to Maj. Stuart M. Anderson should contact the Summary Court-Martial officer 1st Lt. Felipe Dacruz at (608) 388-2948.

## 2005 Newsmakers



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### BRAC 2005

Decisions made as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process call for Fort McCoy to remain open. The installation both will gain and lose an organization under the decision. The 84<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Readiness Training Command, whose facility is pictured above, is scheduled to move from Fort McCoy to Fort Knox, Ky. The 84<sup>th</sup> also includes personnel stationed in Milwaukee, Wis. Fort McCoy will gain functions and personnel with the establishment of the Northwest Regional Readiness Sustainment Command.



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### Global Patriot

Members of the Illinois Army National Guard conduct convoy operations during the Global Patriot 2005 exercise. The exercise, which provided joint contingency training between the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard, will be conducted again in 2006.



Photo by Allan Harding

### Change of Command

Incoming Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella (second from left) accepts the Fort McCoy colors from J. Randall Robinson, director of the Northwest Region Installation Management Agency, during the Fort McCoy Change of Command June 3, 2005. Also pictured (left to right) are Fort McCoy Installation Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Edwards, outgoing Installation Commander Col. Danny G. Nobles and Chief, Army Reserve Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly. Three other change of commands also occurred at Fort McCoy in 2005 and were: Maj. Gen. Charles E. Gorton assuming command of the redesignated 84<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Readiness Training Command; Col. Patrick T. Warren assuming command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 85<sup>th</sup> Division (Training Support Battalion); and Maj. Sam Cook assuming the commandant position at Regional Training Site-Maintenance.



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### Mobilization

Two permanent forward operating base training areas were constructed at Fort McCoy in 2005 to support mobilization training. Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 41,000 Soldiers from more than 800 units have mobilized or demobilized at Fort McCoy. In 2005, the number included several hundred Airmen from the U.S. Air Force's Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (REDHORSE).

**Recreation**

**Auto Crafts Shop:** Building 1763. Open Mon., Thurs. and Fri. 1:30-8:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call Ext. 3013.

**Community Activity Center (CAC):** Building 2000. **Recreation Center** open daily 8 a.m.-11 p.m. **Arts and Crafts** open Thurs.-Mon. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. **Post Library** open daily 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Call Ext. 3213/4353.

**McCoy's:** Building 1571. Bowling Center open Sun.-Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sat. 4-11 p.m. Call Ext. 7060. Golf simulator, arcade, and NTN trivia. Call Ext. 2065.

**Pine View Recreation Area/Equipment Check-out Center:** Building 8053. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Ext. 3517/2619.

**Rumpel Fitness Center:** Building 1122. Open weekdays 5 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sat., Sun. 5 a.m.-8 p.m. **Locker room closed until further notice due to repairs. Alternate sites available.** **Swimming pool:** Mon.-Fri. 6-8 a.m. and 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Whirlpool closed until further notice.** **Atrium:** Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call Ext. 2290/2625.

**Whitetail Ridge Recreation Area:** Building 8061. Open Thurs.-Fri. 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., weather permitting. Call Ext. 4498.

**Woodshop:** Building 1133. Open Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 6-9 p.m. Call Donald Miller, Ext. 4968, for an appointment.

**Dining**

**Installation Dining Facility:** Building 50 (ARRTC-east end). Open daily 6-7:30 a.m. (breakfast), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (lunch) and 5-6:30 p.m. (dinner). Call Ext. 4182.

**McCoy's:** Building 1571. Primo's Express open daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri.) Call Ext. 7673. Sports bar open Mon.-Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight, and Sun. 11 a.m.-midnight. Catering/Admin. ATM machine located inside. Call Ext. 2065. Manager has discretion on closing time. Call to verify hours.

**Rustic Inn/Patio Cafe:** Building 2000. Open Mon.- Sat. 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun. 6:30-10 a.m. Mobile food truck available. Call Ext. 4968. **Closed for renovations until further notice.**

**Special T's Express:** Building 1538. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 269-5615.

**Whitetail Ridge Chalet:** Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Available for private parties. Open during hill hours. Call Ext. 2065.

**Services**

**AAFES Shoppette, Building 51.** Open Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., 4-7 p.m. Call Ext. 7798.

**Alteration Shop:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call (608) 269-4120.

**Barber Shop:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat.

# facilities services

Note: Hours may change at facilities to meet operational requirements. Call ahead to verify hours.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Appointments available. Call 269-1710.

**ARRTC Barber Shop, Building 51, Room 119:** Open Mon., Tues., and Thurs. 4-7 p.m. Call Ext. 3690 to verify hours.

**Car Rental:** Information available at Main Exchange Office, Building 1538. Call (608) 786-1801 or 1-800-325-8007.

**Car Wash:** Building 1568. Self-service and automatic bays. Open 24 hours. Change and token machines. Call Ext. 3213/4161.

**Commissary:** Building 2132. Open Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Ext. 3542/3543.

**Education/Learning Center:** Building 50, Rm. 123. Open Mon.-Thurs. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Ext. 7311.

**Launderette/Dry Cleaning:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 269-1075 to verify hours of operation.

**Main Exchange:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 269-5604 or Ext. 4343.

**Military Clothing Sales:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 269-5604.

**Permit Sales:** Building 103. Open weekdays 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call Ext. 3337.

**Post Office:** Building 1654 (rear entrance). Open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Ext. 3825.

**RIA Credit Union:** Building 2105. Open Mon.-Wed. 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. and 1:15-2 p.m., Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. and 1:45-5 p.m. ATMs are located in the Welcome Center, Building 35, in McCoy's, Building 1571, and in the PX Mini Mall, Building 1538. Call Ext. 2171.

**SatoTravel:** Building 2180. Open weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Ext. 2370, or 269-4560, or 1-800-927-6343.

**Service Station/Shoppette:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 269-5589. **GAS PAY AT THE PUMP**

**OPEN 24 HOURS. ATM Machine located inside.**

**Shoppette/Class VI: Building 1538.** Open Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Vehicle Resale Lot:** (Next to Autocrafts Shop, Building 1763). Call Ext. 3013/4161.

**Worship**

**Bible Study:** Chapel Center, Building 2675. Wed. 6:30 p.m. Call Ext. 3528.

**Catholic:** Chapel 10, Building 1759. Mass, Sun., 9:30 a.m. Call Ext. 3528 to confirm.

**Fellowship:** Chapel Center, Building 2675. 10:30 a.m. Sun. following services at Fort McCoy.

**Jewish:** Service Sat., 10:20 a.m.-noon at La Crosse. Call Ext. 3528.

**Muslim:** Islamic Center of La Crosse, Ottmanbenaffan Mosque. Fri. Prayer, 1-2 p.m. Call Ext. 3528.

**Protestant:** Chapel 1, Building 2672. Protestant Worship Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Call Ext. 3528.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study Group:** 9-11 a.m. Wed. Childcare provided. Call (608) 388-3528.

**Spanish Language:** Worship services held in Norwalk (Catholic); Tomah (Seventh-Day Adventist). Call Ext. 3528.

*For information about Chapel or worship schedules in the surrounding communities, call Ext. 3528.*

**Family Support**

**Army Community Service:** Building 2111. Open weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Ext. 3505.

**Child Development Center:** Building 1747. Open weekdays 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Call Ext. 3534 or 2238.

**Red Cross:** Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and their family members can call (877) 272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call (800) 837-6313, (608) 788-1000 or call the installation operator at Ext. 2222 and request Red Cross assistance.

**School-Age Services:** Building 1751. Activities for youths grades kindergarten through sixth. Offers after-school, nonschool and inclement-weather care for eligible youths. Open weekdays 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call Ext. 4373/2238 weekdays.

**Supplemental Programs and Services/Family Child Care:** For occasional baby-sitting services or in-home care for Military Family Housing, call Child Development Services at Ext. 4124.

**Health Care**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** AA meetings, Thursday noon, Building 2000. For more information, call Ext. 2441.

**Counseling Services:** Building 2111. Open weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For information about assessment and referral concerning substance abuse counseling, employee assistance program and related services, call Ext. 2441.

**TRICARE Liaison:** Building 1679. Call (608) 388-2246/7879 for more information. The following also are points of contact: TRICARE Humana-Military, 1-877-TRICARE (874-2273) or <http://www.mtricare.com>, or <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

**Occupational Health Nursing Office:** Building 1679. Open weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Blood-pressure screenings and military audiograms. Call Ext. 3209/2414.

**Troop Medical Clinic:** Building 2669. Medical treatment for active Army and reserve-component members. Open weekdays 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sick call sign-in for Soldiers 7-9 a.m. weekdays. Sat. sick call 7-9 a.m. Pharmacy telephone is Ext. 2842. Call Ext. 3025/3128. Call 911 for after-hour emergencies.

**Organizations**

**American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1882:** Building 1411. Office hours 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Meets second Tues. of each month, 7 p.m., at American Legion Post 201 in Tomah. Call Ext. 1882.

**American Society of Military Comptrollers:** Meets several times throughout the year. Watch the Weekly Bulletin for meeting details or call Maureen Richardson at (608) 269-1912 or Mary Zink at (608) 269-3115.

**Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA):** Maj. Gen. Robert B. McCoy Chapter. Call Bob Woodburn at 269-7713.

**BOSS:** Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Committee. Call Michael Napsey, BOSS adviser at 388-6588.

**Noncommissioned Officers Association, Chapter 1586:** Call SSG Billy C. Montgomery at 269-3025.

**Reserve Enlisted Association:** Organizing new chapter at Fort McCoy representing active/retired enlisted military from all services. Call MSG Troy Fardeau (414) 708-9031.

**ROA Readiness, Chapter 43:** Call CPT Jonathan J. Pontius (608) 374-3358.

**ROAL Readiness, Chapter 43:** Call Red Darland (920) 233-3449.

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## RTS-Maintenance exports BNCOC to Fort Carson Soldiers

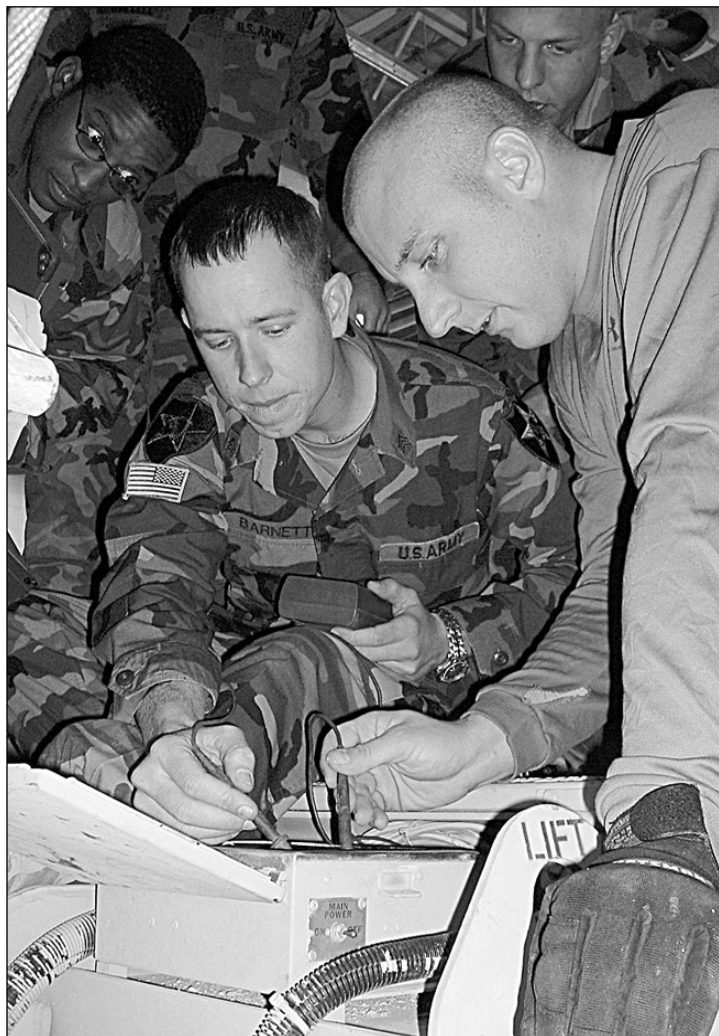


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Soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team receive training at Fort Carson to troubleshoot an electrical system malfunction on a wheeled vehicle.

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normally 12 weeks long. Additionally, savings were realized as the instructors were transported to Fort Carson on Army flights provided by personnel from B Company, 6<sup>th</sup>/52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, which is located at Fort McCoy, instead of on commercial aircraft.

Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Neely of RTS-Maintenance said the active-duty course at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Md., is 12 weeks

long. Unit leadership made a request to the Training and Doctrine Command that the training be done at home station to allow Soldiers to stay with their families.

The request then went to U.S. Army Forces Command, the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) and the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy was tasked by USARC to provide the training. Neely said that RTS-Maintenance personnel at Fort



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jon Saunders

Soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson receive BNCOC Unit Level Logistics System-Ground and Standard Army Maintenance System-1E training from RTS-Maintenance instructors.

McCoy developed a revised Program of Instruction from the current BNCOC training, which includes four weeks of training and a nonresident phase.

The course shifted from a task-oriented course to a skill-based training scenario which provided flexibility in altering the course.

"Our personnel reworked the program of instruction in a two-month time frame," Neely said. "They tailored it to meet the unit's specific training needs. The changes incorporated unit leader input, Ordnance proponentry input and current lessons learned from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. It will be possible to tailor BNCOC for other units using this methodology." The success of this Pilot Program Training and its value to the Army, cannot be overstated. "Taking the training to the Soldiers using Mobile Training Teams is going to catch on Armywide," Neely predicted.

The training is required for personnel for promotion and attaining career goals. Neely said, "This method of training will help the Army reduce the backlog in the number of personnel who need to receive this training. The training improved unit morale for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team and also may act as a retention incentive,"

he said.

"The instructors put this together while maintaining their regular course load here," Neely said. "This is a significant achievement and is a credit to the high-quality, capable instructors we have. They did a fantastic job."

RTS-Maintenance instructors Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jon Saunders, and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Chad Kleifgen said the course redesign included eliminating training on tasks which the unit was proficient in following 12 months of combat operations in-theater.

Training eliminated from the course included skills such as convoy training and the use of global positioning system equipment.

"This allowed us to condense the course (to three weeks) to fit the unit's needs," Kleifgen said. "The training also helped us to break down the (perceived) barriers of Reserve Soldiers training active-duty Soldiers."

Saunders said one of the objectives of the course was using a skills-based approach to teach students the basics of how a system, such as a starter or electrical system, works.

"If they have the basic skills on a starter or electrical system, they should be able to repair the problem in any vehicle or equipment," Saunders said. "The same,

basic things go wrong with the systems in all vehicles."

The course also provided the students with contact points for future reference. Saunders said that will help Soldiers if they are deployed and have other missions to accomplish.

Kleifgen said the unit members also benefited from using their own equipment during the training. This makes the training more realistic and specific to their needs because it makes them deal with the condition of their equipment and their available tool/equipment inventory.

Student reaction to the course was positive.

In after-action comments, Sgt. Steven L. Gorzell of C Company of the Field Support Battalion wrote: "The mobile training team (MTT) class was a comprehensive, well-planned training package that is a viable and powerful tool for the Army's future. Training was structured toward the unit's MTOE (modification table of organization and equipment); redundant or irrelevant subjects were removed. Also, new systems and practices were covered here that are not taught at Aberdeen Proving Ground."

Sgt. (promotable) Tammy Ryan of B Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Support Battalion wrote: "I would have my peers come through this MTT. I feel that I got the same training as if I went to APG, or even more. The training that was taken was on point because we all have been to combat, and no one's time was wasted."

Neely and Cook said information gained from student input during the pilot program also will be incorporated into the resident BNCOC course to provide Soldiers with insight. The pilot program hopefully will allow RTS-Maintenance a better opportunity to present training to the units in the most advantageous format possible, whether it be in a resident status at Fort McCoy or at home station.

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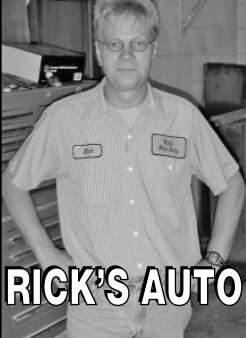
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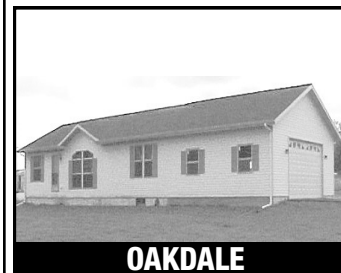
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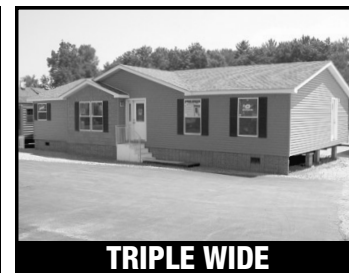
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