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Economic impact tops \$739 million for FY 05

The total estimated economic impact of Fort McCoy operations for fiscal year (FY) 2005 was \$739.3 million, which is down slightly from the \$779.4 million reported for FY 2004, according to the installation FY 2005 Economic Resource Impact Statement (ERIS). The annual ERIS covers a fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

Fort McCoy expenditures for FY 2005 were \$231 million, which includes operating expenses and salaries. A gross multiplier index of 3.2 was used to estimate the total overall effect of the expenditures in the economy.

The installation's economic impact has increased greatly since FY 2001. The peak year for expenditures was FY 2003, with the totals reaching \$266.5 million, as a response to the Global War on Terror. In FY 2004, the gross multiplier index was increased from 2.3 to 3.2 as the result of a recommendation by the Business School of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Approximately \$105.14 million in contracts was awarded at Fort McCoy during FY 2005. The contracts covered construction, services, supplies and utilities. Approximately \$9.179 million in contracts, or about 8 percent of the total contracted amount, was awarded regionally.

The FY 2005 ERIS includes a breakdown of the work force, which showed a total of 3,061 employees. Military personnel made up 602 members of the work force, while civilian employees, including contractors, accounted for the remaining 2,459 employees.

Contracted employees constitute the single largest category of employees in the Fort McCoy work force for FY 2005, with a total of 1,093 contracted employees or 35 percent of the work force.

Civilian employees at tenant activities were the next largest category with 661 personnel (22 percent). Tenant military were the largest group of

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Improvements being made to TTBs

BY LONI WITSCHER
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Changes and improvements continue to be implemented at Tactical Training Base (TTB) Liberty and TTB Freedom to ensure effective, quality training for mobilizing Soldiers at Fort McCoy.

Sgt. 1st Class Eric P. Leigland, noncommissioned officer in charge, 2nd Training Support Brigade (TSB), 85th Division, said the Exercise Control Center (ECC) now will be located at TTB Freedom.

"There needed to be an actual ECC on-site at TTB Freedom instead of being located in cantonment" said Leigland. "The brigade's former ECC will now be known as the Installation Coordination Cell (ICC)."

Leigland said the ECC will coordinate exercises such as the Mission Readiness Exercise (MRX) at the training sites. The MRX is a culmination of all individual and collective training exercises, in which the units simultaneously must conduct different training, such as Base Defense Lanes Training (BDF LTX/LFX), Entry Control Points (ECP), and Ground Assault Convoy Lane Training Exercises (GAC LTX/LFX).

Due to a shortage of personnel available at Range Maintenance to carry out plans for improved mobilization training, the TSB



Photo by Loni Witscheber

Master Sgt. Gerald J. Nadreau of the 2nd Battalion, 411th Regiment, stands next to a mosque facade that will be used at COB sites. Nadreau is with Team Jetta.

tasked 20 Soldiers from the 2nd TSB, 85th Division, to work with them.

"The Soldiers are working with Range Maintenance five days a week, eight hours a day, with over 40 separate tasks to complete, to include making facades for the

Civilians on the Battlefield (COB) villages," said Leigland. "The project has been labeled as Team Jetta."

Maj. Matt H. Tompkins, ICC officer in

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ACS accreditation to help ensure quality services

BY ROB SCHUETTE
 Triad Staff

Soldiers, retirees, civilians and family



Accreditation (of ACS at Fort McCoy) ensures that Soldiers, civilians and families coming here receive the same consistent level of quality support as all other installations ...

Col. Derek J. Sentinella,
 Installation Commander

members at Fort McCoy can be assured they will get the same quality of service from the Fort McCoy Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DMWR) Army Community Service (ACS) as they would at any other installation Armywide due to the organization's recent accreditation.

Members of the ACS staff were honored for their efforts in the accreditation process at a March accreditation recognition dinner. The accreditation process lasted about two years and will be valid from Nov. 4, 2005 to Nov. 4, 2008.

Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella said he recalled how personnel from the Northwest Region (NWR) of the Installation Management Agency told installation officials not to worry if ACS didn't gain accreditation on its first try because that didn't usually happen. Yet, Fort McCoy did pass accreditation on its first try and received comments about how the installation's ACS program was one of the

best programs the team ever inspected, he said.

"Accreditation (of ACS at Fort McCoy) ensures that Soldiers, civilians and families coming here receive the same consistent level of quality support as all other installations, thus contributing to the well-being and mission readiness for personnel at Fort McCoy," he said.

Becky Wapp Sawyer, ACS director, said ACS staff used a pictorial rendition of an elephant to provide a visual status report to its staff and patrons while tracking the progress of meeting the accreditation goals.

"Our theme was, How Do You Eat an Elephant? One Standard at a Time!" "Written on the elephant were the 225 accreditation standard numbers. Whenever an entire standard was accomplished, we would cover the number with a picture of a set of teeth," Sawyer said. "This gave a great visualiza-

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Training

DOIM announces Common Access Card Network Login

The Directorate of Information Management (DOIM) recently announced the Army requirement to use Common Access Cards (CACs) for logging into government computers (IM-Security Common Access Card for Network Login Announcement 06-01, Feb. 23).

The login requirement will be effective June 30, but some of the preparation actions will be tied to the annual Information Assurance (IA) Awareness requirements performed in April. Training for system administrators and other key players already has begun.

Users can prepare by having their CAC in their possession, ensuring the card isn't expired and knowing their personal identification number (PIN). If you do not currently have a valid CAC, you can obtain one by visiting the ID Card section in building 2187, 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m. weekdays. No appointment is necessary.

If you do not remember your PIN, you can get your PIN reset by visiting the ID Card section or the DOIM CAC PIN reset station located in building 1941, 7 a.m.-4

April: Information Assurance Security Awareness Month

Much like your taxes, April will be time to review accounts and ensure all of the installation computer/network users complete annual Information Assurance (IA) Awareness training.

The link to the training is provided on the Fort McCoy Corporate Network (FMCN) under the Training and Education section, Computer Security Training for Users link. This will take personnel to the Fort Gordon, Ga., Information Assurance Division IA courses page. The Fort Gordon numeric accounts from last year no longer are valid and

reregistration will be required.

Users are reminded to include the IM-Security e-mail (IM-Security@emh2.mccoy.army.mil) as an addressee to receive their course completion certificates; NOT as a recipient of registration information (user-id/password).

All training must be completed by April 30. The point of contact is Jim Woodbridge, Installation Information Assurance manager, at (608) 388-8577 or via e-mail at Jim-Woodbridge@us.army.mil.

p.m. weekdays.

Users can check their system's state of readiness by verifying if computers or laptops have a CAC reader (located on the keyboard or attached externally to the computer or inserted in a laptop), and ensuring

there is middleware (software) installed for use with a CAC. A small icon in the bottom right corner of the screen (CardStart or ActiveCard Gold) indicates the middleware is installed.

Click on that icon to bring up the

middleware. Users must enter their PINs to actually browse the data on their CACs.

Users who do not have a CAC reader, do not have middleware installed, cannot send digitally signed or encrypted e-mail, or are unsure about any of the above, should review the information available on the Fort McCoy Corporate Network (FMCN) home page under the CAC link or under the Users Questions & Answers page. If a trouble ticket is required, open a work request (use the yellow FMCN Help Desk Support icon and click on Remedy Customer Link) or contact the DOIM Help Desk at (608) 388-3737.

An operational test is being planned in April as part of the Month of IA Security Awareness. Details will be announced shortly, but it will be essential the elements outlined above are in working order. The point of contact for this program is Jim Woodbridge, Installation IA manager, (608) 388-8577, e-mail: Jim-Woodbridge@us.army.mil.

(Submitted by Directorate of Information Management Information Assurance.)

ACS accreditation helps ensure quality services

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tion of our accomplishments and also showed areas where we needed to focus."

"We made a big production of covering the standard numbers; we would review the standard as a staff to determine if all the sections of the standard were accomplished," she said. "Each time a number was covered there would be applause and congratulations for the staff responsible for that particular program standard."

Fort McCoy joined 82 percent of other ACS centers Armywide that have achieved accreditation. Sawyer said Fort McCoy's accreditation brings the rate in the Northwest Region of the Installation Management Agency to 100 percent.

During an accreditation team visit last year, team members reviewed structure, oversight, management, services, readiness programs, and volunteer areas under the ACS program. Team members also interviewed several individuals on the installation during the process.

The ACS staff was observed to be "highly motivated and dedicated," according to the team member report.

Michael Lupacchino, Fort McCoy MWR director, expressed his gratitude to staff members for their hard work and efforts to achieve accreditation.

Accreditation is the Department of the Army's means of recognizing ACS centers that exhibit high levels of performance, integrity and quality, he said. The accredita-



Contributed photo

Members of the Army Community Service staff with the accreditation plaque are left to right David Blakeman, Lori Enghusen, Ann Wermer, Dianne Sommers, AnneMarie Agers, Betsy Kelsey, Becky Wapp Sawyer and Bryan Clarkin.

tion process evaluated all the ACS programs, which are: Family Advocacy Program (FAP); Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP); Relocation Readiness; Family Employment Readiness; Deployment Readiness; Financial Readiness; Information, Referral and Follow-up; Army Family Action Plan (AFAP); Army Family Team Building (AFTB); and Army Volunteer Corps.

"Your staff's professionalism and knowledge were portrayed in the noteworthy accreditation results, and receiving accreditation on your first attempt," he said. "Your staff and volunteers spent an enormous

amount of time addressing the accreditation standards while ensuring all their programs ran efficiently and that everyone who needed help got the help they needed throughout the accreditation process without skipping a beat."

Sentinella presented awards ranging from certificates of achievement to a Commander's Award for Civilian Service to staff members for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty to accomplish accreditation.

Sawyer was honored with the Commanders Award for Civilian Service. Ann Wermer (Relocation Readiness and AFAP), Dianne

Sommers (Deployment Readiness) and Betsy Kelsey (FAP and EFMP) were honored with Achievement Medals for Civilian Service. Lori Enghusen (Administrative Support), Bryan Clarkin (Financial and Family Employment Readiness) and AnneMarie Agers (AFTB volunteer supervisor) were honored with certificates of appreciation. A certificate of appreciation also was sent to Connie Nobles, spouse of former Fort McCoy Commander Col. Danny G. Nobles, for her volunteer support to ACS during the accreditation process.

Sawyer said that at some point during the process accreditation became more than something that had to be done. Working toward being accredited gave staff direction, clarified all the ACS programs and bonded staff members as a team. Sawyer stated that working toward and achieving a common goal is a great way for a team, or a family, to realize the positive feelings of joint accomplishment. Sawyer has great pride in and respect for the ACS team. "We have come a long way together," she said.

The entire ACS team expresses its appreciation to the many people that supported and assisted them in the accomplishment of the accreditation of the Fort McCoy ACS center, Sawyer said.

For more information about ACS programs, call ACS at (608) 388-3505, check the MWR Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com> and click on ACS Schoolhouse or Army Community Service or visit the ACS facility at 2111 South 8th Ave.

Training

Solar panels powering targetry, latrines at ranges

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

Solar energy is playing an important role in helping Fort McCoy provide the support necessary to prepare Soldiers to accomplish their mobilization and regular training missions, said Terry Hoff.

Hoff, Fort McCoy's Range officer, said the solar energy, which is provided through solar panels, helps charge batteries to provide power to run target and latrine systems on the installation's training ranges.

"The solar panels provide a constant power trickle to keep the batteries charged and reduce the amount of maintenance we have to spend changing them out and recharging them," Hoff said. "The panels are used on ranges that don't have electricity."

On ranges that relied on regular rechargeable batteries to supply power for the targets, Range Maintenance personnel had to perform daily maintenance checks if the range was being used continuously, Hoff said.

The batteries had to be removed and replaced with newly charged batteries as their charges wore down, often on a daily basis.

After having their charges depleted, the batteries had to be brought to a recharger to



A Stationary Infantry Target on Range 26 at Fort McCoy is powered by a solar panel, located directly behind it.

Photo by Rob Schuette

be recharged and prepared for their next use, he said.

Generally, the batteries charged through solar panels need to be checked monthly unless units notice a malfunction, he said. The solar panels also can be incorporated into the material used to cover the targets and protect them from weather elements,

and allow the batteries to be continuously recharged in the field. This helps prepare them for use during winter-weather training, he said.

Solar panels also are located on several latrines.

Hoff said this can provide all of the power for lighting needs and fans that are

operated continuously to evaporate waste so it doesn't have to be pumped out of the holding tanks as often.

The ranges that use solar power for some or all of the targets and/or latrines include Range 2 (Multipurpose Machine-Gun Range); Range 26 (which includes a fully automated four-lane, four firing-point area for the MK-19 (40 mm grenade machine gun)); Range 4 (the Convoy Live-Fire Range); and Range 6 (Infantry Squad Battle Course). Hoff said the useful life of the batteries and how often they need to be recharged for the targets depends on a number of factors, including the frequency of use and the weight of the target being operated.

Hoff noted that although the solar-panel recharging method is a step up from the regular battery recharging method, the most cost-efficient method of providing power to the ranges is through electrical power.

The installation will continue to work to obtain funding for electrical power to the ranges that currently don't have it installed, Hoff said.

Units that wish to schedule the use of Fort McCoy ranges should contact the Range Scheduling Division at (608) 388-3721/4142.

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DIRECTORATE OF SUPPORT SERVICES VT GRIFFIN EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Chris Soltau, Warehouse Specialist in the Central Issue Facility (CIF) was selected as the Fort McCoy VT Griffin Employee of the Month for January 2006. From left to right is Scott Andersen, CIF Supervisor; Chris Soltau, CIF Warehouse Specialist receiving the Employee of the Month glass trophy, and Terry Green, Supply Manager.

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Community

AFAP delegates choose most important issues, services

Thirteen issues submitted from Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conferences were recommended for adoption at a Department of the Army (DA) AFAP during a January meeting in Alexandria, Va.

One-hundred-fifteen delegates from installations and major Army commands reported the following results to the Secretary of the Army and the Vice Chief of Staff, Army at the conference's closing session.

The Top Five Conference Issues were: 1) Wounded Soldier updates; 2) Casualty assistance for families of National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers in an inactive status; 3) Advanced life support services on Continental U.S. Installations; 4) Military spouse preference program across all federal agencies; and 5) Health processing of

demobilizing Army reserve-component Soldiers.

Delegates chose the Four Top Army Services as follows: 1) Army Community Service; 2) Medical and Dental Services; 3) Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and 4) Commissary.

The Top Five Mobilization, Deployment and Family Readiness Strengths were viewed as: 1) Army Community Service programs/family services; 2) Military OneSource (counseling, information and referral); 3) Improved Soldier communications with families during deployments; 4) Soldier/Family pre-deployment training; and 5) Family Readiness Groups.

The Top Five Mobilization, Deployment and Family Readiness Challenges chosen

were: 1) Stress from lengthy and frequent mobilizations and deployments; 2) Training/equipment/personnel shortages; 3) Loss of jobs and property when mobilized (reserve component); 4) Lack of training, timely intervention and follow-up for Soldiers returning from deployment (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), safety and medical); and 5) Marketing of available support programs not reaching everyone.

The conference delegates chose what they considered to be the Top Six Critical Active DA AFAP issues: Distribution of Montgomery GI Bill Benefits to dependents; Instate tuition; Family member eye-glass coverage; Modification of Weight Allowance Table; Reserve-component post

mobilization counseling; and Dental and vision insurance coverage for federal employees.

The AFAP General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC) met after the DA AFAP conference to review and determine the status of 21 of the 85 active AFAP issues.

Currently seven of the briefed issues were deemed completed and two unattainable.

The results of the conference and GOSC will be posted to <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com> once approved by the Vice Chief of Staff, Army.

(Information in this story is from the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. Submitted by Fort McCoy Army Community Service.)

CYS Summer Camp set for youth K-12

Summer Camp Registration is currently under way for youth in grades K-12. Child and Youth Services (CYS) at Fort McCoy will offer its annual Summer Camp beginning Monday, June 5.

Registration can be completed on a walk-in basis or at the CIS open houses from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.

Summer camp is offered Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. This is a fun way for youth to spend part of their summer vacation. There will be 13 one-week sessions of fun-filled activities, such as arts and crafts, swimming, games, bowling, skating, field trips, computers, math and science, photography, cooking, and more. Many recreational, educational

and developmental experiences will be planned for your youth's enjoyment. Trained program assistants supervise all activities.

The School Age Camp program is designed for children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grades for the 2005-06 School year. Activities are planned for the kindergarten through fifth grades. Children must be registered and have an up to date record with the Central Registration Office.

Fees for the Summer Camp are based on total family income. Fees include a daily breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, entry fees, field trip transportation, and program supplies.

New for 2006 CIS has added a Summer Camp program designed for the Middle School and

Teenage group. Youth in sixth-12th grades are eligible for the Middle School/Teen program.

The Teen program will operate Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. at the School Age Services building (building 1751). Activities will include field trips, swimming, hiking, 4-H clubs, Boys and Girls Club programs, and much, much, more.

Call (608) 388-4373 for more information on registration or stop by Central Registration (building 1751) to pick up registration information. Enrollment forms also are available online at <http://www.mccoymwr.com>. Enrollment is limited.

(Submitted by Fort McCoy Child and Youth Services.)

Youths needed for Regional Teen Panel

Fort McCoy Child & Youth Services (CYS) is seeking high school students currently in grades nine, 10 or 11 to serve on a Regional Teen Panel.

The Regional Teen Panel members serve a vital role in the installation's youth program and nationwide networking.

The selected individual(s) will be the Fort McCoy garrison Teen Point of Contact for the Northwest Region Installation Management Agency, as well as with the Army Teen Panel.

The Regional Teen Panel members will have a large role

in this year's Youth Leadership Forum (July 31 - Aug. 4) and the pre-Youth Leadership Forum Train the Trainer (June 27-29).

The teen(s) that Fort McCoy select as the Regional Teen Panel should be able to commit to both of these events, as well as ongoing participation and leadership in the Fort McCoy youth program.

Applications for the Teen Panel are due to the Fort McCoy CIS coordinator no later than Thursday, March 30.

Questions can be directed to (608) 388-4124.



Photos by Rob Schuette

Winter's end?

1st Sgt. Timothy Lawrence of the 2nd Training Support Brigade, 85th Division shovels snow in the 1900 block at Fort McCoy. An employee from VT Griffin plows a roadway following a March 16 snowstorm.



Environment

McCoy gets environmental excellence award

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

Fort McCoy has received the 2005 U.S. Army Reserve Environmental Excellence Award. It's the first time the installation has received the award, said Al Balliett.

Balliett, chief of the Environmental Management Branch of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Support Services (DSS), accepted the award during a U.S. Army Reserve Command Environmental Workshop. Eligible participants included the other Army Reserve installations and Regional Readiness Commands (RRCs).

"I was surprised, but pleased to receive the award," Balliett said. The award was comprised of a trophy and a plaque. "The environmental program at Fort McCoy is successfully preserving environmental, biological and cultural resources in order to sustain the training lands that are required to fulfill mission requirements. The success of the program is due in large part to the individual support of the civilian and contract work force and Soldiers training at Fort McCoy by incorporating sound environmental practices into their work processes and daily activities."

George Gricius, the Environmental Chief for the Army Reserve, said the awards were established to recognize the outstanding performance by individuals and RRCs/installations within the Army Reserve environmental community. Typically, the Army Reserve environmental staff and RRCs/installations have difficulty competing against the Department of the Army active-duty installations for awards, so the Army Reserve environmental chiefs agreed to implement their own method of acknowledging outstanding performance.

"The nominees are submitted to an awards subcommittee that distributes the nominee packets to all of the Army Reserve environmental chiefs. The Army Reserve



File photo

Commercial logging personnel prepare to dispose of timber in a Fort McCoy management area.

environmental chiefs from the RRCs and installations evaluate each packet and then cast their vote for the best candidate in each category, a true acknowledgment by peers," Gricius said. "It's a culmination of all the good things Fort McCoy has done and continues to do. They do a superior job, and they're well deserving of this honor."

During fiscal year (FY) 2005, Fort McCoy was able to partially overcome its lack of adequate environmental funding, Balliett said. In many other instances, the installation saved or obtained money by combining projects, collecting permit fees, attracting grants from other agencies or by finding cost reductions.

Fort McCoy took more than \$400,000 in funding received through the Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and used it for the demolition landfill closure/coal yard cleanup project. The

installation saved more than \$200,000 by combining the two projects, he said.

Mark McCarty, an environmental protection specialist and the team liaison for the installation's Biological and Cultural Resources Team for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), said the installation's Natural Resources program collected \$164,214 in permit fees during FY 05. These fees were used to support Natural Resources projects. Funds of \$18,000 for prescribed burning and \$12,000 for timber stand improvement were provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Turkey Stamp Fund and the National Wild Turkey Federation programs.

The installation's Forestry program reported the total value of timber harvested

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Private garbage shouldn't be disposed of in post dumpsters

BY HARRY HUGHES
Triad Contributor

The Fort McCoy environmental team is constantly striving to improve the installation's mission impact on the environment while at the same time looking for ways to save operating costs.

One of the problem areas recently identified for correction is the illegal use of Fort McCoy dumpsters by people who bring their household garbage to work. To combat this problem, the installation is implementing a program to identify and hold accountable those who are illegally using dumpsters to dispose of their household garbage. This article is intended to educate the installation work force and community and put illegal dumpster users on notice.

In order to better understand the impact

of the problem, here is a little background information. The number of dumpsters maintained by Fort McCoy varies throughout the year. Typically, there are about 300 dumpsters that are picked up weekly. Dumpsters at the dining facilities are picked up daily. This schedule is determined by Army regulation. The solid waste in dumpsters is collected by VT Griffin and is taken to Fort McCoy's transfer station. Fort McCoy closed its last solid waste landfill in the early 1990s, so Waste Management of Wisconsin picks up the waste from the Fort McCoy transfer station and hauls it across the state to its Valley Trail receiving facility in Berlin, Wis.

Fort McCoy generates approximately 800 tons of solid waste a year and has to pay for its disposal. Based on current solid waste studies, about 20 percent of the waste

in Fort McCoy dumpsters is personal household waste. That means Fort McCoy is spending scarce funds to dispose of 320,000 pounds of household waste a year (not including South Post family housing). This money is desperately needed to support other areas of the mission.

Through a program of observation and investigation, Fort McCoy will identify those who are illegally using installation dumpsters. Such use of government property and theft of government services will be dealt with accordingly.

A possible consequence of getting caught is being barred from the installation, leading to the loss of employment. So before you bring your household garbage to work, ask yourself: Is it worth it?

(Hughes is an attorney for the Installation Legal Office and is the Environmental Law specialist.)

Fort McCoy will undergo Army EPAS visit

A team of Army environmental experts will visit Fort McCoy March 27-31, to conduct a review of the Fort McCoy environmental program for the Army's Environmental Performance Assessment System, also known as EPAS.

The EPAS is an initiative of the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the Installation Management Agency to assist Army installations in identifying potential environmental problems before they endanger the health of Army personnel, cause expensive cleanups, or violate any federal, state, or local regulations.

Fort McCoy last went through an EPAS inspection in 2002.

A multidisciplinary team of environmental engineers and scientists from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will conduct the review at Fort McCoy.

The team will review all operations that have environmental impacts at Fort McCoy, to include tenant and contracted operations. Several group visits will be made, as well as visits to individual sites or locations.

Although a schedule will be established, prenotification may not be provided if team members decide to conduct individual site visits.

Personnel at any sites being visited should continue with everyday operations to give the team members an accurate depiction of the installation's environmental program. Team members will conduct interviews, review records and assess strengths and weaknesses of environmental program elements.

Following the review, the installation commander will be briefed on problems identified and possible solutions.

The potential solutions may range from establishing procedures for complying with environmental requirements to constructing pollution-abatement systems.

Anyone with questions regarding the EPAS assessment, can contact Michael Miller, Fort McCoy Directorate of Support Services - Environmental Branch, at (608) 388-6546.

(Submitted by Directorate of Support Services - Environmental Branch.)

Observances

Fort McCoy to observe Child Abuse Prevention Month

Fort McCoy will observe Child Abuse Prevention Month in April with several events, including its role in helping the State of Wisconsin unveil a plan to improve the treatment of children throughout the state and distributing blue ribbons on post.

Betsy Kelsey, Fort McCoy Family Advocacy program manager for Army Community Service (ACS), said Fort McCoy hosted one of the 23 local Web casts in April 2004 for the Steering Committee for Wisconsin's State Call to Action to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect.

The Web casts evolved from a two-day summit, during which Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle issued a State Call to Action to end child abuse and neglect. The summit, which included input from Wisconsin leaders about the topic, was taped and highlights were shown during the local Web casts.

Local leaders and concerned citizens reviewed the summit's recommendations during the local Web casts and discussions and submitted their own recommendations, Kelsey said.

Six areas of concern emerged from the summit and local Web cast discussions. Kelsey was selected to represent the area on the Family Support Group — one of six working groups — to come up with recommendations. The Working Groups were: Uniform, Comprehensive Systems of Family Support; Family Economic Stress; Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Child Abuse and Domestic Abuse; Children's Mental Health; and Child Sexual Abuse Prevention.

"I was very impressed with the report that was made from the process," Kelsey said. "The comprehensive State Plan will

lead the state's efforts to help reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin."

Wisconsin's State Plan to Prevent Child Maltreatment is the collective effort of about 750 child and family advocates from across Wisconsin.

"The State Plan offers a comprehensive approach for state and local leaders, and frames the way for Wisconsin to address child abuse and neglect issues," Kelsey said. "The ultimate success of the State Plan rests on each of us to implement its recommendations at whatever level we can."

The ACS Family Advocacy program at Fort McCoy will help publicize the concerns associated with child abuse and neglect issues by handing out blue ribbons at the ACS center, 2111 South 8th Ave., to members of the Fort McCoy community during April,

by hosting upcoming displays about the topic at Fort McCoy and by showing a child abuse prevention video on Fort McCoy TV-6.

Any reports or concerns of child abuse or neglect in the Fort McCoy community can be reported to Kelsey by calling (608) 388-2412.

Wisconsin's State Plan to Prevent Child Maltreatment is available for downloading from the Children's Trust Fund Web site at <http://wctf.state.wi.us>, or hard copies can be obtained through the Web site, by contacting the Children's Trust Fund, 110 East Main St., Suite 614, Madison, WI 53703, by e-mail at ctf@ctf.state.wi.us or by calling toll-free (866) 640-3936.

(Information in this story is from a State of Wisconsin Press Release and from Fort McCoy Army Community Service.)

CYS to celebrate Week of the Young Child April 2-8

Fort McCoy's Child and Youth Services (CYS) organization will celebrate the Week of the Young Child from April 2-8.

CYS has many fun, exciting, and new activities planned for the entire month, which will kick off with open houses from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 4. The Preschool children and School Age Services children will make the snack for this event. Members of the Fort McCoy community are welcome to visit CYS activities and events at any time.

Other events planned during the week are: PJ Day, Silly Hat Day, Patriotic Day, Fun Sock Day, Make a Quilt Day, Kite/Bubble Day, Cooking every Wednesday Day, and Take Your Child For A Walk Day. VIP Readers also will read and share special stories with the children.

These are just a few of the CYS activities going on throughout the month. Week of the Young Child, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools and elementary schools, to hold activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children.

Fort McCoy celebrates the Week of the Young Child to recognize the needs of young children and thank educators and others involved in building better futures for all children. The Week of the Young Child is celebrated across the country by hundreds of organizations working to improve opportunities for all young children.

"Early learning experiences are crucial to the growth and development of young children," said Cindy Storkel, CYS site su-

pervisor at Fort McCoy. "Week of the Young Child provides opportunities for all of us to recognize the importance of the early years, and to work together to build better futures for all children."

Across the country, young children and their families depend on quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits for the society as a whole. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the people, programs and policies that are helping to build better futures for all children.

CYS has early childhood professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs. CYS is an affiliate of NAEYC, the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children from birth through age 8. Founded in 1926, NAEYC has nearly 100,000 members and a national network of more than 300 local, state, and regional affiliates.

April also is the Month of the Military Child. Military bases and installations and CYS organizations throughout the world will celebrate this event. Members of the Fort McCoy community are welcome to join CYS to celebrate one of the nation's greatest resources, its children.

For more information about CYS activities and events at Fort McCoy, call (608) 388-4124.

(Submitted by Child and Youth Services, Fort McCoy)



Photo by Allan Harding

Women's History Month

Dr. Barbara Gleason of Western Wisconsin Technical College of La Crosse, Wis., speaks about women and their role as a leading force in the world's labor market. Gleason spoke at Fort McCoy March 7 during the installation's observance of Women's History Month.



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For more information, call the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at (608) 388-4128/2769.



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Armywide News

Sexual Assault Prevention Program working

BY DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of Defense's (DoD) second annual report on its sexual assault prevention and response program reflects increased understanding about what sexual assault is and more willingness to report it, the commander of the joint task force overseeing the program said.

"Our climate of confidence is building, and our programs are working," Air Force Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of DoD's Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, told reporters.

DoD sent the second annual report on the program to Congress March 16, as required by the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

According to the report, DoD received 2,374 allegations of sexual assault that involved a military member as either a victim or alleged perpetrator in 2005. That's up 40 percent from 2004, but McClain said it more likely reflects more willingness to report such assaults than a surge in incidents.

"Sexual assault is the most underreported crime in our society as well as our military," McClain said. Studies show that as few as 5 percent of sexual assaults ever get reported, she noted.

DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program is making progress in getting more people to step forward and report sexual assault, McClain said. She credits some of that progress to a

new system that gives victims the option to file a "restricted report," meaning they can report that a sexual assault occurred without launching an investigation.

This option, introduced in June, enables victims to get medical care and counseling services without going through a criminal investigation, McClain explained. Of the 435 people who filed restricted reports last year, 25 percent later requested to change to an unrestricted report, opening the door to a criminal investigation.

"We think that's good, because it shows that the program is working as designed," she said. "Restricted reporting was to allow a victim to come forward, get the care and support they need without initiating the investigative process. That 25 percent of them did, we think, is indicative that the design is sound."

DoD acted quickly on reports of sexual abuse, completing 1,386 investigations in 2005.

"We think we have done an outstanding job in bringing these cases to fruition," McClain said. By Dec. 31, the close of the reporting period, 352 offenders were awaiting final action on their cases and another 274 had received punitive action.

A big part of DoD's program focuses on education, not just to ensure people recognize and know how to report sexual assault, but also to help prevent it from happening in the first place, McClain said. "Our biggest preventive effort is to help people understand ... what behaviors constitute assault," she said.

"One of the key things is we not only do not want victims of sexual assault, but we don't want perpetrators of sexual assault."

The education program begins when people enter the military and continues throughout their careers. "This is not a one-time shot, but will be a continuing effort as we work to eradicate sexual assault from our ranks," she said.

McClain credited all the services with being "very aggressive" with their training programs.

"The education and training is having an impact, she said. "More people are understanding what constitutes sexual assault. More people understand how to report sexual assault. More people are willing to come forward," McClain said.

For the short term, that's likely to cause the number of sexual assault reports to increase, McClain said. Ultimately, she said she expects the number to hit a plateau before decreasing.

But even as this occurs, McClain said, she won't believe DoD's work is finished. "We hate that we have even one sexual assault," she said.

Preventing sexual assault ultimately boils down to a mission-readiness issue, she said, because it can impact entire units and their ability to perform their missions "It strikes at the very heart of military preparedness," she said.

For more information in the Fort McCoy community, call Barbara Mashak, the installation's Sexual Assault Response coordinator at (608) 388-8951 or via cell phone at (414) 238-1676.

Boland among 3 newly appointed CASAs

Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey invested three civilian aides in a ceremony held March in the Pentagon.

The newest Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASAs), Raymond G. Boland, from Deerfield, Wis., Mark McRae, from Leesville, La., and Ronald Williamson, from Sioux Falls, S.D., were selected by Harvey to support the Army throughout their state and local communities.

CASAs were first formally recognized in 1922 and have since become a vital part of the Army. Their mission is to promote good relations between the Army and public by acting as spokespersons for and advisors to the secretary.

"(CASAs) bring to Americans the understanding of the values of the Army, the sacrifices that Soldiers and their families make, and connect the Department of the Army with communities," said Harvey, before he administered the oath of office to each incoming aide.

Civilian aides are appointed for each state, in addition to the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and American Samoa. CASAs are actively involved in their communities and are usually business or civic leaders who bring to their position an interest in the Army.

Once appointed, CASAs serve a two-year term without compensation. To date, more

than 500 aides have served the Army.

"It is an honor to be appointed as a (CASA) and a distinct privilege to be connected to the courageous men and women who are serving their country during such difficult and dangerous times," said Boland.

Boland retired from the Army as a colonel in 1991 after serving as Fort McCoy commander from 1988-91.

He now works as an independent consultant in Deerfield, Wis. He is president of Boland & Associates Consulting and has more than 40 years of management experience with the federal and state governments.

In 1992 he was appointed to the position of the Secretary of the State Department of Veterans Affairs for Wisconsin where he served for 11 years.

He was appointed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in 2003 to serve as a member of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Service Commission.

Boland is a 1971 graduate of Troy State University in Troy, Ala. He received his master's degree in 1981 from Shippensburg State University, Shippensburg, Pa.

He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College in

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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.

WKBT (TV) CH 8
WXOW (TV) CH 19
WWIS 99.7 FM
WCOW 97.1 FM

WEAU (TV) CH 13
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.

Army Concert Tour tickets on sale

A limited number of tickets for the Thursday, Aug. 10 Lynyrd Skynyrd concert are on sale for \$25 each to the public.

Tickets are being sold at McCoy's, building 1571, and at the Marketing Office, building 2187.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Events Line at (608) 388-7400 or toll-free (877) 864-4969 or visit the MWR Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com>.

American Red Cross blood drive March 31

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the ChalleNge Academy, building 751, Friday, March 31.

The blood drive will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Donors must meet all health requirements, be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Appointments will be accepted and can be made by calling (608) 269-9000.

Commissary case-lot sale set for March 31-April 1

The Fort McCoy Commissary, building 2132, will hold its first case-lot sale of the year Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1.

Eligible military patrons can view and pay for items in building 2132 during regular business hours, which are Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Items will be picked up at building 2574.

A list of items offered will be available at the Commissary prior to the actual sale. Available items will have savings of up to 76 percent off regular prices.

Other case-lot sales at the Fort McCoy Commissary during 2006 are scheduled for May 19-20, July 14-15, and Sept. 1-2.

For more information about the case-lot sales or commissary offerings, call the Commissary at (608) 388-3542 or visit the Web site <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Daylight Savings Time to take effect April 2

Personnel in the Fort McCoy area are reminded to set their clock ahead one hour to observe Daylight Savings Time, which begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 2.

Clocks can be set ahead before going to bed Saturday, April 1.

It also is a good time to change batteries in such things as smoke detectors/alarms, according to the Fort McCoy Fire Department.

For more information about fire-prevention measures in the Fort McCoy community, call (608) 388-4077.

Holy Week Services set for Palm, Easter Sunday

The Religious Support Office (RSO) at Fort McCoy will observe Holy Week and the ending of the Lenten season with Palm Sunday and Easter Services/Masses.



Photo by Rob Schuette

Cycling/Abs class

Authorized patrons of the Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122, participate in a Cycling/Abs class in the gymnasium. The class is held Mondays and Fridays from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information about Fitness Center offerings, call (608) 388-2290.

Palm Sunday worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 9. Easter Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 16.

Protestant Services are held in Chapel 1, building 2672. Catholic Services/Masses are held in Chapel 10, building 1759. A fellowship hour is held following the services at 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Chapel Center, building 2675.

An Easter Sunrise Service tentatively is planned for 6:15 a.m. and will be held at Observation Point No. 1, weather permitting. Transportation will be provided to the site from the Chapel Center parking lot, building 2675. The bus will leave from the Chapel Center at 5:45 a.m. Following the Sunrise Service there will be an Easter breakfast at the Chapel Center.

Anyone interested in attending the Easter Sunrise Service should call the RSO to make reservations so RSO staff members can plan transportation.

For more information about making reservations or about worship schedules at Fort McCoy or in the surrounding communities, call the RSO at (608) 388-3528.

AER campaign at McCoy to run April 15-May 15

The Army Emergency Relief (AER) campaign at Fort McCoy will run from Saturday, April 15 through Monday, May 15.

AER's sole mission is to help Soldiers and their dependents. AER is the Army's emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own."

AER provides commanders a valuable asset in accomplishing their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of Soldiers.

Personnel wishing to contribute to AER can do so in several ways. Cash, checks and, for the first time, credit cards will be accepted. Donations made with VISA, MasterCard or AMEX credit cards can be made at the AER Web site at <http://www.aerhq.org>.

Military personnel also can contribute via allotment.

AER funds are made available to commanders having AER Sections to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers — both active and retired — and their dependents when there is a valid need. These can be in the forms of grants, but more usually, in the form of no-interest loans. As these no-interest loans are repaid, the funds create additional possibilities to aid personnel.

AER funds made available to commanders are not limited and are constrained only by the requirement of valid need.

For these reasons, the AER assistance program is conducted within the Army structure by major commanders and their installation/organization commanders through AER sections and other related organization.

For more information about AER in the Fort McCoy community, contact Army Community Service at (608) 388-3540.

Tornado warning sirens to be tested April 26

The Fort McCoy Tornado Warning siren will be tested at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26.

The testing is being done to help prepare installation personnel for the severe weather season.

Siren speakers are located at or near Constitution Park, Pine View Recreation Area, Regional Training Site-Medical, the South Post Housing Area, the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport and the Community Activity Center, building 2000. Installation personnel should become familiar with the siren tones and with the evacuation/shelter plans for their organization.

Questions about evacuation/shelter plans can be directed to the Installation Safety Office at (608) 388-3403 for additional information.

For more information, visit the Web site

http://www.mccoy.army.mil/ReadingRoom/Triad/03102006/Tornado_siren_test_03-10-06.htm or see the March 10, 2006 Triad.

Observance set April 26 for Days of Remembrance

Fort McCoy will hold a Days of Remembrance observance Wednesday, April 26 at McCoy's, building 1571.

The event will run from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rabbi Andrea Steinberger from the Hillel, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

More information about Steinberger is available at the Web site <http://www.uwhillel.org/site/pp.asp?c=ceIGKTMHF&b=131935>.

For more information in the Fort McCoy community, call the Equal Opportunity Office at (608) 388-3246.

Armed Forces Day Open House May 20

Fort McCoy will host its annual Armed Forces Day Open House, rain or shine, Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The free event is a great opportunity for people to get acquainted with the role of the installation in today's military environment, as well as a time for Fort McCoy to show its appreciation to its neighbors.

Activities scheduled for the open house include: Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War displays; guided tours of the installation; training displays; interactive shooting van; military equipment; face painting; personalized dog tags; refreshments. New to open house this year will be a meals, ready-to-eat (MRE) tasting station, an obstacle course and opportunities to have your photo taken in military gear. These displays will be sponsored by the U.S. Army Cadet Corps.

All activities will be located at Fort McCoy's Commemorative Area. Visitors are required to access the Commemorative Area through Gate 15 (Tomah Gate) off of Highway 21. For further information, call (608) 388-2407.

ROA scholarships available for college

The Reserve Officers Association (ROA) will award up to 60 \$500 Reilly Scholarships this year to undergraduate and graduate college students for the 2006-2007 school year.

Undergraduate applicants must be the children, grandchildren, or spouses of ROA members. Graduate applicants must be ROA members.

ROA membership is open to any officer (active, Reserve, National Guard, retired, or former) of the seven uniformed services. To join ROA, call (800) 809-9448 or go to the Web site <http://www.roa.org>. Membership fees are required.

The ROA Reilly scholarship program point of contact is Chandra Oliphant at (800) 809-9448, Ext. 730.

(Submitted by the Reserve Officers Association.)

About Post



Photo by Rob Schuette

Machine-gun training

Personnel from the 788th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) train with M-249 machine guns at Range 34, a Multipurpose Machine-Gun Range, at Fort McCoy. The personnel conduct familiarization and qualification with the weapons as part of their annual weapons training.



Photo by Rob Schuette

MATES work

Sgt. David Komay (left) and Michael Gaede of the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site at Fort McCoy perform maintenance work on a Carrier Command Post, M-577A2. The Army National Guard facility supports equipment training needs for a wide variety of personnel that train at Fort McCoy, with an emphasis on National Guard personnel.



Photo by Rob Schuette

Convoy preparation

Members of the 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (Training Support) train on convoy techniques at Range 4, the Convoy Live-Fire Range. The personnel will instruct mobilizing troops that process through Fort McCoy on their way to overseas deployments.

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. **Open Sun.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. starting April 1.** Call Ext. 7060. 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. **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. **Closed for the season.**

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. **Open weekdays 4 p.m.-midnight, Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-midnight starting April 1.** 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 weekdays 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sat. 6:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Closed Sun. Mobile food truck available. Call Ext. 4968.

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

facilities services

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

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 2101. 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 Encounter: Building 51, Room 111. Wed. 11:30 a.m.-noon. Wed. 6:30 p.m. Call Ext. 3528.

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 by Friday 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.

Men's Book Study: Chapel Center, building 2675. Begins March 30. 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Christian-oriented parenting material.

Mormon: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Sunday services 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Phone (608) 269-3377 for additional information.

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. 5955.

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.mytricare.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.

BOSS: Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Committee. Call Michael Napsy, 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 Falardeau (414) 708-9031.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 317: Call (608) 372-1058, (608) 372-7260, or (715) 333-2266 for more information.

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■ Economic impact tops \$739 million for FY 2005

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military personnel with a total of 528 personnel (17 percent).

Other personnel breakouts included 515 garrison civilians (17 percent), 190 nonappropriated fund employees (8 percent), 51 mobilization support military (2

percent) and 23 garrison military personnel (1 percent).

The trend since FY 2000 is that contractor employees have steadily increased while garrison civilian population numbers have steadily decreased.

The tenant military population rose sharply from FY 2004. Mobilization sup-

port military numbers decreased because the function now is accomplished by contract employees. The garrison military numbers have remained about the same since FY 2000.

Approximately 78 percent of the Fort McCoy work force lives in Monroe County, with almost half of those employees — 49

percent — living in Sparta. La Crosse County and other Wisconsin locations are the next most popular locations and are home to approximately 18 percent of the work force. About 4 percent of the installation's work force travels from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and other points outside of Wisconsin.

■ Improvements being made to TTBs

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charge, 2nd TSB, 85th Division, said in preparation for the first arrival of mobilizing Soldiers in April, COB villages and convoy lanes are being enhanced.

Currently, said Leigland, several tents and trailers are being relocated within the TTB's and training sites. The GAC LFX is moving from Range 4 to Range 29, and the COB villages down range will be more distinguished.

Tompkins said there are approximately

1,500 pieces of plywood to paint, as well as many doors and windows to cut out.

"For each major village located on the GAC lanes, we're going to dedicate a building as a mosque by forming a façade for the dome," said Tompkins.

Targets will be set up and installed at the Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT) Samara site. Leigland said the MOUT site will have pop-up targets inside doorways and rooms.

Another big project under way is the establishment of a new ECP at TTB Freedom.

"The Directorate of Support Services is

putting in additional gravel to make the ECP bigger," said Tompkins. "Team Jetta will finish it by putting up barricades, search tents and concertina wire."

Each TTB will have a Command Post (CP) trailer, said Leigland. The TSB will convert two pre-existing doublewide trailers into CPs, and each CP will have 10 individual offices.

"A unit will have a computer with local area network access, a telephone, a printer, a copier, and a Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS)," said Tompkins. "The SINCGARS will al-

low communication with the Base Defense Operation Center, the people running the TTBs, and Soldiers or subunits that are outside the TTB."

Leigland said this will create a more realistic environment based on what the Soldiers will experience overseas.

Tompkins said the deadline for these projects is March 31, but work will continue throughout the year to improve training for Soldiers.

(Witscheber is a public affairs specialist for Eagle Systems and Services Inc., contractor for CONUS Support Base Services.)

■ McCoy gets environmental excellence award

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at McCoy during FY 05 was \$444,120. These funds will be used to help fund the forestry program, McCarty said.

A new water-blast system for paint-stripping operations replaced the previously used aluminum oxide. Balliett said this reduced the cost of purchasing blast material to 40 cents a pound and reduced the amount of hazardous waste to be disposed of by 10,000 to 15,000 pounds a year. The facility also provided an electrical cost savings of \$28,000 in one year.

Fort McCoy had many success stories in the endangered species realm, McCarty said. The endangered species biologist, with input from military trainers, natural resource

managers and an environmental attorney, has helped the installation avoid the encroachment and training controversies found at many installations with endangered species, he said.

Hydraulic dredging on several Fort McCoy lakes improved habitat and water quality for several Class I trout waters by managing succession and sediment deposition. Fill from several dredging projects, including Hazel Dell Lake, Sparta Pond and Swamp Pond, has helped reclaim an abandoned borrow site and provided material for a containment barrier for a tactical training base, among other projects. These recycled soils provide a \$4 per cubic yard cost savings for fill material.

The environmental program makes installation fishery and water quality reports

available to local agencies to help them apply for and obtain grants to reduce sedimentation and enhance stream habitat in local areas. Fort McCoy also shares its environmental expertise with local, state and federal agencies to help improve water quality from cranberry industry releases, he said.

The Fisheries program used the best-management practices and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources techniques to improve trout habitats. Trout populations and biomass are at historical highs, with natural trout numbers increasing by more than 200 percent as a result of the projects, McCarty said.

The Fort McCoy pest control program has replaced many traditional pesticides with botanicals and reduced pesticide use by eliminating pest sources and means of

entry, Balliett said.

The Fort McCoy Wildlife program reduced herbicide use by releasing 17,000 bio-control insects for spotted knapweed and leafy spurge control. During FY 05, the installation surveyed/assessed 35,000 acres and treated 5,000 acres for invasive plant species, McCarty added.

Balliett said the installation also recycled nearly 70 tons of lead-acid batteries, more than 3,000 gallons of antifreeze, more than 20,000 gallons of used oil, almost 5,500 pounds of oil filters, more than 300,000 pounds of tires and nearly 500 tons of scrap metals during FY 05. The installation's Re-Use-It Store also issued nearly 600 hazardous material items, which saved purchase costs of \$5,420 and disposal costs of \$5,760, respectively, in FY 05.

■ Boland among 3 newly appointed CASAs

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Carlisle, Pa.

He is a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, Military Officers Association of America, American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

McRae, a resident of Leesville, was appointed as the CASA to Louisiana.

"(This) is a tremendous honor and privilege for me," he said. "This appointment offers me a unique opportunity to serve the

finest, most dedicated and hardest working group of Americans — the U.S. Army — while also serving my state and local community."

McRae is president of 2 MACS, LLC, in Leesville and serves as a managing partner with MRM Partnership. He was the former manager and owner of McRae Autoplaza.

He also has served as a special assistant to Congressman Jim McCrery.

He is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, National Federation of Independent Business and the Louisiana Restaurant Association.

Former state representative to the S.D. House of Representatives, Williamson, a resident of Sioux Falls, was appointed as the CASA for South Dakota.

"The brave men and women of the U.S. Army are the best trained and most dedicated Soldiers in world," said Williamson. "As the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army I look forward to providing support to our Soldiers and their families and representing the U.S. Army in South Dakota."

Williamson was an Army pilot who retired as a major general in 1994 after 34 years of service. During his distinguished career he was served as the Adjutant Gen-

eral of the S.D. National Guard 1971-1987.

After his retirement he became president and chief executive officer of Citibank (SD), N.A. Currently the president of The Williamson Group, Inc., he also serves as chairman of Quick Quarters, Inc. and The Giving Card. Williamson is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and holds a master's degree from the University of South Dakota.

For information about the CASA Program, contact: Maj. Amy Hannah at 703-614-2459 or e-mail: amy.hannah@us.army.mil.

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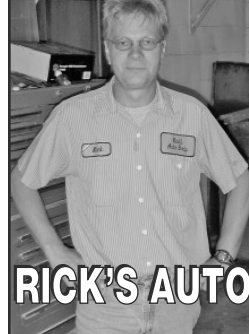
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