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Field artillery unit fires Paladin howitzers

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

Members of a field artillery unit appreciated the opportunity to fire their Paladin howitzers for the first time in two years at Fort McCoy during the first week of a split extended combat training session from March 30-April 9.

Capt. Craig Van Kirk, commander of B Battery, 1st, 126th Field Artillery, of Oak Creek, Wis., said the Army National Guard Soldiers from B Battery deployed from October 2004 to October 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The other approximately two-thirds of the unit's Soldiers in the 1st, 126th in Service, Headquarters and Headquarters B, A and C Batteries currently are deployed to support OIF, he said.

B Battery personnel had a few firing missions during OIF and were able to conduct a few training sessions, but did not have many overall opportunities to fire the weapons during deployment, he said.

As the battery received a firing mission and prepared to fire at Firing Point 418 at Fort McCoy, Van Kirk said the Soldiers first fired a 50-foot lanyard to test the safety of



Photo by Rob Schuette

Members of B Battery, 1st, 126th Field Artillery fire a Paladin Howitzer at a Fort McCoy firing point.

the equipment.

“(Firing the Paladin) was one of the more than 50 missions we had during OIF,” Van Kirk said. “Our personnel are looking forward to doing this, our main mission, again.”

The unit also brought the remainder of the team, including forward observers, fire controllers and ammunition section person-

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Emergency response equipment to boost readiness

New chemical, biological and nuclear response equipment will help improve Fort McCoy emergency personnel's readiness to deal with any large-scale disaster scenario, said Terry Gough.

Gough, chief of Fort McCoy's Protec-

tive Services Division, and Lt. Col. Terry Farrell, the Strategic Plans and Operations coordinator for the U.S. Army Reserve Command's (USARC) Homeland Defense Division, gave Fort McCoy's senior leadership a tour of the new equipment April 3 at Fort McCoy.

The equipment consists of decontamination and reconnaissance trailers. Farrell said it will be tested during Fort McCoy's Red Dragon homeland defense exercise, which is scheduled for August.

“The equipment will be assigned to military units for their use,” Farrell said. “Fort McCoy will be the only Army installation that has it.”

Gough said the new trailers will increase Fort McCoy's response capabilities. The installation currently has one reconnaissance and one decontamination trailer. Eventually, the installation will have one reconnaissance and three decontamination trailers.

The reconnaissance trailer will hold all

the necessary equipment to conduct chemical detection that will allow the response teams to detect any chemical or radioactive releases.

This trailer also will provide support to the response teams that would be entering a contaminated area to remove/rescue residents in an affected area.

The decontamination trailer will hold all the necessary equipment that will allow Soldiers to decontaminate anyone who is exposed to radioactive releases.

Having the new equipment on site also will help the installation provide continuing education for its response team members, he said.

In May, Fort McCoy will host training on the equipment for about 100 Soldiers, he said. These Soldiers will go back to their units and serve as trainers for other personnel.

The equipment will provide a secure,

(See **EMERGENCY**, page 10)

Contract for new Commissary awarded

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has announced the awarding of a contract for the construction of a new commissary at Fort McCoy.

The contract was awarded April 4 for \$4.2 million to the Clement Contracting Group, Inc. of Montgomery, Ala. The Air Forces's Air Education and Training Command's DeCA Contracting Support Flight (AETC CONS/LGCR) made the award under the Streamlined Construction Improvement Program.

AETC CONS/LGCR also will administer the contract. DeCA's Design and Construction Division at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, will provide technical support. Kitchell CEM of Phoenix will provide the construction inspection.

The Jenkins Group of Itasca, Ill., provided the architects for the project. This will be one of the smaller commissaries in the DeCA system, comprising approximately 16,000 square-feet of total building area with a 7,000-square-foot sales area and four cash registers. It will be located north of the Army and Air Force Exchange Mini Mall, building 1538, and will extend the exchange's existing parking to accommodate both facilities.

A construction preperformance meeting is scheduled for April 19 at Fort McCoy, and the contracting officer will issue the notice to proceed at that time. It will take the contractor a few weeks to complete the initial submittals.

This will be a one-year project that targets completion in April 2007.

(Submitted by Defense Commissary Agency.)

Public Safety Center construction approved

A new Public Safety Center has been approved for construction at Fort McCoy east of the fire station on West Eaton Avenue.

Roy Brewer, resident engineer for the Fort Crook Area of the Omaha District of the Army Corps of Engi-

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The equipment will be assigned to military units for their use. Fort McCoy will be the only Army installation that has it.

Lt. Col. Terry Farrell,
Strategic Plans and Operations Coordinator
U.S. Army Reserve Command
Homeland Defense Division

Environment

Army to observe Earth Day's 36th anniversary

FROM PETER J. SCHOOMAKER
Army Chief of Staff, and,
FRANCIS J. HARVEY
Secretary of the Army

We remain a nation at war, yet we must prepare for future challenges in an era of uncertainty and unpredictability.

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To achieve mission success, Soldiers today and for generations to come need the right resources. Paramount among them is the availability and quality of natural assets that provide effective training areas and support healthy communities in which to live and work. Every day our Soldiers use these assets to remain ready to defend the nation, and it is our responsibility to protect our environment. Therefore, it is vital

that we continue to implement innovative policies and practices that will protect and preserve our natural resources for future generations.

The Army is proud to join in celebrating the 36th anniversary of Earth Day Saturday, April 22. Our Earth Day theme “Sustaining the Environment for a Secure Future,” reflects our view that this is a critical responsibility we all share. Every day, ask yourself how you can improve operations while meeting today’s needs and anticipating tomorrow’s challenges.

Together, we will Sustain the Mission and Secure the Future!

Local events

- Fort McCoy Biological and Cultural Resources Team (BCRT) display at the Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House May 20 and support to the Winding Rivers Council Boy Scout May camporee at Fort McCoy.
- BCRT Wildlife and Fishery display at June Dairy Days in Monroe County.
- Wildlife program display at the Monroe County Fair in July.

McCoy fishing, state general inland waters seasons to begin May 6

The Fort McCoy fishing season will begin Saturday, May 6. The Wisconsin general inland waters season runs concurrently with the season.

“Don’t miss out on some more fine Fort McCoy fishing opportunities,” said John Noble, installation fisheries biologist. “If you had a chance to talk to those who fished here last year, you probably heard that many were pleasantly surprised by the size of fish they caught.”

Noble said he encourages those interested in angling opportunities here to get the necessary state licenses and Fort McCoy permits early.

Fort McCoy permits are on sale at the Permit Sales Office, building 2101, or via mail. Fort McCoy permits also can be purchased at the Pine View Recreation Area Campground, building 8053.

Fishing applications are avail-

able by visiting the public Web site <http://www.mccoy.army.mil> and clicking on Recreation Opportunities and Fishing and Hunting to assist with obtaining fishing permits by mail. Requests can be e-mailed to Permit Sales Office at permitsales@emh2.mccoy.army.mil.

Permits obtained through the mail must be paid for with money order or guaranteed bank instruments. Personnel purchasing permits at the Permit Sales Office also can pay cash. No personal checks are accepted.

The Permit Sales Office, located on South 8th Avenue, is open weekdays from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Questions can be directed to (608) 388-3337.

State licenses and trout stamps (when fishing for trout) are necessary to fish at Fort McCoy. These can be purchased at Pine View, building 8053, or locally in Sparta or Tomah, usually wherever fishing and hunting supplies are sold, or through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Information about state licenses or permits is available online at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us> or by calling (877) 945-4236 (877-WI-LICENSE).

Fort McCoy anglers encounter several unique regulations designed to enhance fishing opportunities. One regulation should provide the potential to harvest more largemouth bass at the North Flowage, Noble said.

The North Flowage has a largemouth bass bag limit of five fish, where only one bass longer than 22-inches may be kept. Fish between the 15- and the 22-inch slot length limit are protected and must be released.

Anglers could theoretically keep five bass less than 15 inches or four less than 15 inches and one longer than 22 inches if they elect



Photo by Rob Schuette

Shawn Giblin (left) and Ryan Ennis of the Fort McCoy Fisheries program do backpack shocking of trout at Swamp Creek.

to do so, Noble said. “We are promoting the harvest of smaller largemouth bass,” Noble said.

Anglers who catch largemouth bass longer than 22 inches and who choose to keep the fish should consider not eating the flesh from these big creatures.

Noble noted that largemouth bass longer than 22 inches fall under a fish health advisory for mercury, which recommends bass exceeding this length should not be eaten.

Guidance related to fish health advisories is available at the Permit Sales Office or WDNR offices and is posted on North Flowage lake signs.

“We will continue to interview anglers to find out their interest to support additional bass harvest, learn details from our customers to further enhance angling as well as share or promote our management philosophies” Noble said. “Progressive regulations should reduce competition among the fish, and consequently improve growth and potential for more tro-

phy largemouth.”

The North Flowage anglers are reaping the benefits of some high quality bluegills too.

West Sandy Lake on South Post will maintain the 10-panfish bag limit, Noble said. These fish (perch, bluegill, and/or crappie) must be a minimum length of eight inches to be kept.

“Fishing regulations are provided when you purchase your Fort McCoy permit by mail or by visiting either of the Pine View Recreation Area (building 8053) or Permit Sales Office (building 2101). Regulations will be available online when finalized.”

In addition to having proper fishing license and permits, all anglers fishing on Fort McCoy are required to have a five-inch by eight-inch index-type card posted on the dashboard of their vehicles, which contains the names of everyone in a vehicle.

The installation plans to stock approximately 15,000 rainbow trout by the start of the fishing season, he said. Trout are a popular

species targeted by Fort McCoy anglers.

Fort McCoy personnel will continue to tag fish. Anglers are encouraged to help by reporting fish length, the tag number, and location of where they caught a fish by calling (608) 388-2252 or by recording the length and tag number on fish harvest cards, which are located at several of the Fort McCoy lake signs. Interested anglers also can provide their name and telephone number with this information if they wish to learn more about a fish’s life history.

Anglers are reminded that Fort McCoy’s main mission is training Soldiers, who have priority in training areas, including around waterways, Noble said.

One location anglers may encounter increased military training is at Big Sandy Lake, which is getting upgraded to support Army’s water-training mission. Anglers may be required to enjoy angling at other Fort McCoy water bodies during training activities like bridging and rafting.

The game line at (608) 388-GAME (4263) will have up-to-date fishing access information.

It is important to call the GAME line to know if Fort McCoy has any special military training that may affect angling opportunities for a specific location. Anglers are expected to abide by all McCoy rules and regulations.

Noble said anyone who observes suspicious behavior or violations, for example, littering, moving fish to another location or engaging in illegal activities such as over bagging fish, should report the activities to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Protective Services Division at (608) 388-2266.

(Submitted by Fort McCoy Fisheries program.)



Progressive regulations should reduce competition among the fish, and consequently improve growth and potential for more trophy largemouth.

John Noble,
McCoy Fisheries Biologist

Training

Virtual University meeting Army Reserve needs

BY CAPT. MONICA RADTKE
Triad Contributor

A Web-based portal containing current and relevant training is available at only a mouse click away — any time, anywhere in the world.

The 84th U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Command (84th USARRTC) Virtual University was created to give Army Reserve commanders, Soldiers and civilian employees a cost-effective and user-friendly option to completing required, as well as other professional development, training.

The system, launched in June 2003, was designed for convenience.

Users can logon at any computer that has an Internet connection regardless of geographic location. This feature will enable commanders to spend more time with their Soldiers for other mission-essential training.

“Troops will no longer have to use valuable time at battle assemblies to complete mandatory training,” said Tammy Hillyer, Web administrator for the 84th USARRTC. “The Virtual University gives hours back to the commanders so they can focus on wartime training missions.”

Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve, directed attendees at the Novem-

ber Army Reserve Commander’s Conference to use the Virtual University. “Use this, and get out of the classroom for all mandatory training,” said Helmly. “Effective today, do the training virtually.”

In addition to 47 other courses, mandatory training such as Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH), Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army (SAEDA) and Operational Security (OPSEC) are all available on the Virtual University.

Courses ranging from one to 40 hours also are offered in the areas of Government Travel Card, Management Controls, Personal Finance Management, Unit Status Report, European Driver Training, and several others.

A unique feature of the Virtual University is the ability for commanders and supervisors to track their unit’s progress. Real-time reports are readily available and are broken down by each Army Reserve Major Support Command (MSC). Plus, commanders can check to see who has enrolled and completed specific courses.

Enrollments in the Virtual University continue to increase. As of the beginning of this year more than 44,000 users have enrolled in at least one course on the Virtual University and the enrollments have



Photo by Capt. Monica Radtke

Army Reserve Soldiers participate in some of the Army’s annual mandatory training, such as operations security, on the Virtual University.

been increasing by more than 140 users each day.

“The 81st Regional Readiness Command (RRC) currently leads the Army Reserve with the number of enrollments,” said Hillyer. One of the 81st RRC’s initiatives was directing its staff to go to the Virtual University and complete Information Assurance Awareness training in conjunction with the recent Army Reserve security stand-down.

The Virtual University is not just for

Soldiers. “Every employee (contractor, civilian employee) working for the Department of Defense needs to complete Information Assurance Awareness training if they are using a government-issued computer,” said Hillyer. “This course is available on the Virtual University.”

The Virtual University is continually updated with new courses and information. One of the current projects is personalizing

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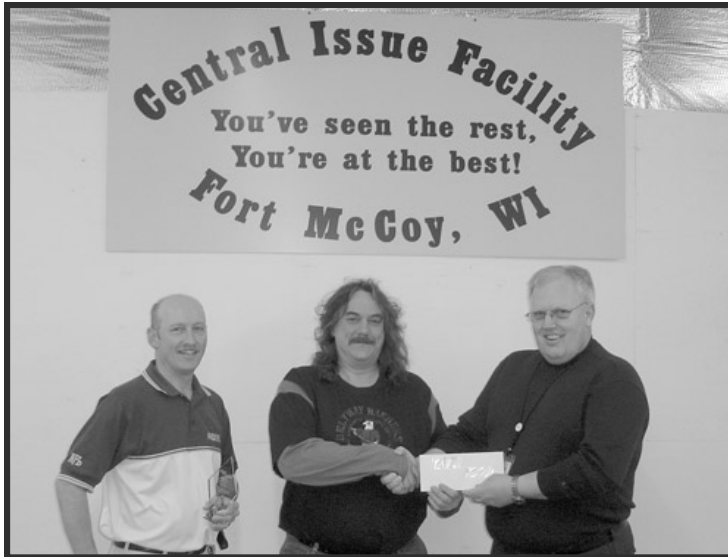
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Training

Moulage class helps RTS-Medical staff create realism

BY LOU ANN M. MITTELSTAEDT
Triad Staff

The compound-complex fracture already had significant ouch factors — ragged ends of broken bone protruding through torn flesh and the requisite blood surrounding it all. But the finishing touch came when some sinewy highlights were painted on strategic areas. Now the “wound” looked real.

Selected Regional Training Site (RTS) – Medical staff members recently participated in a moulage class where they learned skills necessary to create 12 types of realistic-looking wounds ranging from minor abrasions to major amputations.

These wounds, combined with additional make up appropriate to the scenario, will be applied to mannequins or human role players who are “casualties” to be treated by military medical personnel during medical training exercises.

According to Barb Welch, instructor in charge of the RTS-Medical Skills Lab and Mannequin Facility, the four-day class was just the beginning of the process.

The staff members will be creating approximately 5,000 wounds that will be used to support medical training, Welch said.

The simulated wounds may be used multiple times before being discarded. The lifespan of the wounds is dependent upon such factors as exposure to heat and wear and tear (no pun intended).

The realism of the wounds is important, Welch said, so medical personnel who are training here have a good visual index of the types of injuries they may be treating in a combat situation and can respond with appropriate triage and treatment techniques.

The training was led by Image Perspectives of Carson City, Nev.



Photo by Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt
Marge Dolan of Image Perspectives of Carson City, Nev., interacts with students as she leads a moulage class at Regional Training Site-Medical at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt
Regional Training Site-Medical staff member Stuart Skym works to create a simulated wound.



Photo by Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt
A student adds finishing touches to a simulated wound created during a moulage class at Regional Training Site-Medical at Fort McCoy.

People

Army Reserve EEO officer receives Armywide award

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

The Army Reserve Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Director, who works at Fort McCoy, has been honored by the U.S. Army with the 2006 Best Practice EEO Award for her office's Complaints Processing Program.

Sue Bickford received the award as one of four personnel honored at a ceremony hosted by the Army's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights, Ramon Suris-Fernandez.

Two of the most important factors that helped win the Complaints Processing Program award were the centralization of the Army Reserve EEO office at Fort McCoy and the work ethic of its employees, Bickford said. "The centralization of the office helps things run more efficiently, smoothly and cost effectively," Bickford said. "It takes the efforts of the whole team here to make it happen; every person in the office contributes to our success."

The Army Reserve EEO office supports

48 General Officer Commands and more than 13,000 civilian employees located throughout the world.



Bickford

Michael Butkovich, a Senior EEO specialist for the Army Reserve, said the office maintains close contact with the organizations through the use of technology and innovative business processes.

Although the award was for achievements in the complaints processing category, Bickford said Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Management Directive 715 strategic initiatives and efforts to enhance alternative dispute resolution play an important role in the process.

Bickford also said the agency's working relationship with the U.S. Army Reserve Command, as well as the command staff at Fort McCoy and Fort Dix, N.J., helps the organization secure all the assets it needs to successfully accomplish its mission.

"All of these organizations have been extremely supportive of the Army Reserve Equal Employment Opportunity program, which has been an important foundation of our continued success," Bickford said.

Bickford and the Army Reserve EEO team meet weekly with the various labor counselors who support the Army Reserve, which ensures the free flow of information and enhances complaints processing. The Army Reserve continues to use a collateral duty counselor program to provide support throughout the organization.

Under Bickford's direction, the Army Reserve staff continues to find new ways to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of the complaint-procedure program, Butkovich said.

Customers can leave a complaint at any time of the day via a dedicated toll-free number. Feedback is provided within one working day. Letters listing options are sent to customers within three working days.

"(Bickford's) commitment to organizational excellence challenges her staff to constantly think about ways to improve the cur-

rent business process," he said.

Bickford also is helping to lead the way to create an online Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Course that will be available to customers at any time of the day. Suris-Fernandez personally requested she help lead the Headquarters, Department of the Army (DA) ADR team that is tasked with creating an ADR policy, program and implementation plan for DA.

Bickford's background in legal matters — she formerly worked as an attorney for the Installation Legal Office — her ability to prioritize and her strategic understanding of the EEO process all give her great credibility.

"It was an honor to receive this award on behalf of my staff and the Army Reserve," Bickford said. "We remain committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity for all, and we will continue to work hard to support Army Reserve Soldiers and civilians."

For more information about the Army Reserve EEO program, call (608) 388-3106/3107 or toll-free (888) 838-4499.

Kjornes selected TRADOC's Army Reserve Instructor of Year

BY MAJ. SAM COOK
Triad Contributor

A Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance instructor has been selected as the Training and Doctrine Command's (TRADOC) U.S. Army Reserve Instructor of the Year for fiscal year 2005.

Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Kjornes' performance as an instructor, tactical/technical knowledge, communication skills, appearance and military bearing were evaluation criteria used by TRADOC in deciding who the best instructor is.

In the area of communication skills, Kjornes has established and maintained the instructor to student relationship with his students (Soldiers) deploying to Iraq. This has enabled Kjornes to provide technical assistance from the classroom to the foxhole, which has proven crucial in solving problems for units in Iraq.

In the area of technical skills, Kjornes' skills are the primary reason why the decision was made to

establish Fort McCoy's RTS-Maintenance as the Centers of Excellence for teaching Laundry Advance System (LADs) and 63J quartermaster equipment repair courses.

As a result, Fort McCoy now is one of two training sites within the Army which possesses the capability to teach LADs. The credibility obtained by Kjornes as the technical expert also has resulted in Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) selecting Fort McCoy RTS-Maintenance as the primary choice for training TACOM Logistics Assistance Representatives on LADs.

Additionally, Kjornes was evaluated on a one-page essay which answered two critical questions. First, when asked what his greatest contribution is as an instructor Kjornes wrote, "The answer is knowledge. By passing on my knowledge to new generations of Soldiers, I provide the skills base they need to ensure their personal safety and to accomplish

their unit's mission successfully."

Second, when asked what is his greatest challenge as an instructor Kjornes wrote, "The greatest challenge I have as an instructor is change."

Kjornes further explains, "The Army operates in a dynamic world, and the Army expects its training to adapt to changing environments. As a result, the training I give Soldiers is in a constant state of change, and I must learn new tactics, techniques, and procedures rapidly in order to train Soldiers for their missions."

On March 19, Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve, and Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas A. Piacentini Jr., the Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Reserve Command personally recognized and congratulated Kjornes for being selected as TRADOC's top instructor.

"This is a well-deserved honor in recognition of your hard work in support of our great nation," Helmly said. "It truly makes a dif-



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Richard Neely

Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Kjornes (center) is recognized by Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas A. Piacentini Jr. (left) and Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly

ference when Soldiers like you devote their talents and expertise to the betterment of their fellow men and women in uniform."

Kjornes is very humble about being honored as the Instructor of Year. Kjornes states, "All of the instructors at RTS-Maintenance instruct at the highest level and I simply represent what we do here every day."

Kjornes further credits his success to the Soldiers and NCOs who have trained him. He states, "During my career many Soldiers and NCOs have trained me. As an instructor I pass that knowledge and experience on to the future generations of Soldiers and leaders knowing they will do the same."

(Cook is the Regional Training Site-Maintenance commandant.)

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nel to Fort McCoy to assemble the entire team needed to conduct a firing mission, he said.

Maj. Dean Nienhuis, the unit's S-3 or planning officer, said the unit's members

were happy to return from OIF duty and looked forward to resuming training together. After units return from deployments, Soldiers do not have to return to military drills for 90 days and are stabilized from further mobilizations for a minimum of six months.

Unit members will do more Soldier skills

training during the second week of the split extended combat training in August, Nienhuis said. The training will include crew-served weapons, such as the MK-19 grenade launcher and machine-gun qualification.

Sgt. Timothy Tippett, the platoon sergeant for B Battery, said the training at Fort

McCoy was an opportunity for unit members to train together and redevelop teamwork.

"Many of the unit members haven't seen each other since we returned," Tippett said. "This gives them a chance to get back together and work together to accomplish our mission."

Safety

Fort McCoy to conduct tornado warning siren testing 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 Of-

fice at (608) 388-3403 for additional information.

During an actual weather emergency personnel should seek shelter inside and away from windows.

News about severe weather will be available through an installation warning system via e-mail or by listening to local radio or television stations.

Personnel also should become familiar with weather warning terminology.

A warning means that some type of severe weather is occurring in a specified place and people may need to take action to save their lives. A watch means that conditions for severe weather are favorable, and people should be alert for changing weather conditions.

Warning siren procedures

The Fort McCoy tornado warning siren sounds a steady three-minute tone at the onset of a weather warning.

After the warning expires or an all-clear signal is issued, a 16-second wailing tone will be sounded and will be followed by an eight-second wailing tone burst. Signals may be repeated as necessary.

Personnel at the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Protective Services Division (PSD) will activate the sirens for the test and also would activate the sirens in case of an actual weather emergency.

The siren system will be activated for the following events:

- 1) Sighting of a funnel cloud or tornado
- 2) Tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service
- 3) Hurricane force winds
- 4) Other disasters, which in the opinion of the PSD or the officer in charge, would require personnel to take immediate shelter (chemical spill, gas leak, etc.)

Calendar

April: Information Assurance Security Awareness Month, Month of Military Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

April 15-May 15. Army Emergency Relief campaign.
Call (608) 388-3540.

May: May 20 is Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House.
Activities 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Call (608) 388-2407.

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Available at <http://www.mccoy.army.mil> by clicking on Reading Room, Installation Newspaper. Archives available from Nov. 12, 1999. Search function and color photographs available. For more information, call the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at (608) 388-4128/2769.

Tick, Lyme disease season at McCoy heating up

With temperatures regularly reaching the 50- and 60-degree mark, deer ticks are beginning to move at Fort McCoy again, said Kim Mello.

Mello, installation Wildlife biologist, said personnel who spend time outdoors should be especially aware of the unfolding tick season and the risk of Lyme disease that it brings.

"The biggest thing is Soldiers should be aware of what the deer tick looks like and what to do if they're bitten by one," Mello said.

Alice Kirking, Fort McCoy Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) manager, said Soldiers should know that deer ticks must be hooked onto a person's skin for 24 hours for that person to potentially contract the disease.

People cannot contract the disease from deer ticks that are crawling on their skin or clothing or that are attached to their clothing, for example.

In addition, not every deer tick is carrying Lyme's disease.

It's also been the experience at TMC that the bigger, so-called dog ticks have not transmitted Lyme disease to personnel, she said.

"This is a high-risk area for deer ticks and Lyme disease," Kirking said. "If a deer tick (off someone) tests positive for Lyme

disease, they are notified and should contact their healthcare providers and seek appropriate treatment."

Most cases have reported an exposure to ticks or woodland/brush habitat during the months of May through August, however, exposure can occur whenever the temperature at ground level is warm enough for ticks to be active.

Any military personnel or other personnel coming to Fort McCoy who will be training or spending time in the field are encouraged to be briefed about Lyme disease and deer ticks. If these troops are sent overseas and suspect they may have Lyme disease, they can relate their concerns to medical personnel for an assessment, Mello said.

Lyme disease may cause symptoms affecting the skin, nervous system, heart and/or joints of an infected individual.

The most typical sign of Lyme disease is a rash, which commonly occurs three days to one month after the bite of an infected tick.

This rash, which occurs in about 70 percent of people with Lyme disease, tends to be roughly circular in shape and is found at the site of the tick bite and can slowly expand up to a diameter of 12 inches or more.

As it expands, the rash often develops a

bright red outer border and clear center taking on a "bull's-eye" appearance.

Sometimes multiple, similar red rashes may appear on different parts of the body. In addition to this rash, patients often develop a slight fever, chills, fatigue, muscle and joint pain, headache, and swollen lymph nodes.

Mello said the best defense is to become knowledgeable about deer ticks and Lyme disease. Permanone is a spray only for clothing that works and is available at Fort McCoy.

Soldiers can contact TMC, building 2669, at (608) 388-3025 to get more information about Lyme disease, deer ticks or for information about how TMC is handling the reporting.

For more information, civilian employees can call the Occupational Health Nursing Office (OHNO) at (608) 388-3209/2414. OHNO will have Lyme disease information at the Health and Wellness Fair Wednesday, May 10.

All cases of Lyme disease that occur in Monroe County are reported through healthcare providers to the Monroe County Health Department at (608) 269-8666 or (608) 372-8666.

(Some information in this story is from the Monroe County Health Department.)



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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."

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

AER assistance program to include U.S. spouses

Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, the Army Emergency Relief (AER) program is expanding the Spouse Education Assistance Program to include spouses residing within the continental United States.

Eligibility for the program will include spouses of active-duty Soldiers and the widows/widowers of Soldiers who have died while serving on active duty. The program is not open to spouses who already have an undergraduate degree.

Applications for assistance for the 2006-07 school year must be received or post-marked by May 22.

The maximum amount of assistance available for the 2006-07 school year will be \$2,500. The scholarship will be awarded as a grant, based on financial need. Applicants must furnish a copy of the student aid report available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

Scholarships will be renewable annually through the application process for up to four years. Recipients must be full-time students for the academic year they receive the scholarship and maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

Courses must be at a post-secondary or vocational institution approved by the Department of Education. Scholarship money can cover tuition, books, supplies and fees and will be paid directly to the institution.

Spouses or widows/widowers who receive free tuition as a result of their employment cannot apply for tuition assistance, but may apply for a scholarship to be used for books, supplies and fees for the



Photo by Barbara Mashak

Sexual Assault Awareness

Master Sgt. Zoerina Davis, employs defensive moves against Staff Sgt. Kevin King to protect herself against an attacker. Also assisting in setting up the demonstration was Sgt. 1st Class Christine Jastczemski. All three Soldiers are unit victim advocates with the 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (Training Support). The demonstration was held to help observe April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

classes they are enrolled in.

For more information, visit the AER Web site at <http://www.aer.hq> or call Army Community Service at (608) 388-3540.

Easter Sunday Services set at Fort McCoy

The Religious Support Office (RSO) at Fort McCoy will host Easter Services/Masses Sunday, April 16.

Regular Services/Masses are held at 9:30 a.m. 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.

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

AFTB training to be held April 25-27 at ACS

An Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Instructor Course will be held Tuesday, April 25-Thursday, April 27 at Army Community Service, 2111 South 8th Ave. at Fort McCoy.

The instruction will run from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. each day.

Topics to be presented include: The Adult Learner, Planning Process, Platform Skills, Speaking on Your Feet, Methods of

Instruction, Instructional Aids, Classroom Management.

Registration is open to anyone in the Fort McCoy community willing to become an AFTB instructor. Registration is requested as soon as possible and can be done by calling (608) 388-3505.

April 26 observance set 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.

Arbor Day ceremony at Fort McCoy April 28

Fort McCoy will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree-planting ceremony Friday, April 28 at Patriot Park in the South Post family housing area.

Children from the Child Development Center have been invited to help plant tree seedlings in and around the park, said Jim Kerkman, installation forester. The ceremony, which is open to members of the Fort McCoy community, will run from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The ceremony will feature a short talk about Arbor Day history and the importance of trees. A member of the Command Group staff will read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

These activities are one of four elements required for the installation to be recognized

as a Tree City USA. The installation recently received its 17th consecutive Tree City USA designation.

Forestry staff will be available to answer tree-care questions, and informational material will be available. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the event, call Forestry at (608) 388-2102.

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.

U.S. Army Soldier Show to perform Oct. 13-14

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform two shows at the Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The free shows are open to the public and will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Doors will open one hour before the shows. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each show will last about 90 minutes and include musical performances, choreography and more.

For more information, call (608) 388-2290.

Radon testing kits available in Monroe County

As the heating season winds down, and before windows are open to the hot summer days, you should consider checking the radon level in your home. This odorless, radioactive radon gas is found naturally in soil. It can seep into homes and, with long-term exposure, cause lung cancer.

Five to 10 percent of Wisconsin homes, including those in Monroe County, have elevated radon levels on the main floor. Levels vary greatly from home to home in neighborhoods.

Call the Monroe County Health Department at (608) 269-8666 or (608) 372-8666 for a free radon home test kit.

(Submitted by Monroe County Health Department.)

Community

DMWR offers quality programs at Fort McCoy

The snow of winter has faded, spring flowers are emerging and summer breezes beckon.

In the same way as Wisconsin's seasons change, Fort McCoy's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DMWR) constantly strives to offer quality-of-life opportunities to fit the seasons of the lives of members of the Fort McCoy community.

DMWR Director Mike Lupacchino said the Army MWR philosophy is to serve the best Army in the world by providing the highest-quality MWR programs that support Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and their families.

"The MWR Vision — 'First choice for those who serve; MWR for all of your life' — reflects the desire to serve the needs, interests and responsibilities of each individual in the Army community for as long as they are associated with the Army, no matter where they are," he said.

According to Army Regulation 215-1, the Army MWR program is a quality-of-life program that directly supports readiness by providing a variety of community, Soldier and family support activities and services.

These include social, educational, fitness, recreational and other activities that enhance community life, foster Soldier and unit readiness, promote mental and physical fitness, and generally provide a working and living environment that attracts and retains quality Soldiers.

"The Army believes that Soldiers and their families are entitled to the same quality of life as the Americans they defend, and MWR has an important role in providing that quality of life," Lupacchino said.

Lupacchino said the Fort McCoy MWR staff always is looking at ways to keep its programming and facilities fresh, interesting and inspiring for its patrons.

The range of MWR activities offered at an installation is based on the needs of the authorized patrons who work and reside there, he said.

Programs are prioritized based on their impact on readiness.

Lupacchino said each MWR activity must be classified into one of three categories, with categories being determined by their effect on the military mission and their ability to generate revenue.

Category A (mission sustaining) activities are those considered essential to sustaining readiness.

These activities generally promote the physical and mental well-being of Soldiers. Activities in this category have little or no capacity for generating non-appropriated fund (NAF) income and are mostly funded by appropriated funds (AF). Category A activities at Fort McCoy include Sports and Fitness, the Community Activities Center, and Library programs.

Category B (community support) activities are those closely related to supporting the mission, and satisfy the basic physiologi-



Photo by Rob Schuette

Dawn Millard of the Child and Development Center's (CDC) Pretoddler Room helps children enjoy a nice day during the CDC's open house April 4. The CDC is a Category B MWR activity.

cal and psychological needs of Soldiers and their families and provide community support systems that make military installations temporary home towns for a mobile military population. These activities receive substantial AF support but can generate limited NAF revenue, as well. Category B ac-

tivities at Fort McCoy include Outdoor Recreation, Child & Youth Services, Arts & Crafts, Auto Crafts, Bowling, and the Car Wash.

Category C (revenue-generating) activities are those that have less impact on readiness but offer desirable social and recre-

ational opportunities.

Activities in this group have the capability to generate most of their operating expenses but receive limited AF support. Category C activities at Fort McCoy include McCoy's and Whitetail Ridge Food & Beverage operations.

Lupacchino said revenues generated at any MWR facility are reinvested in programs, services, facilities and equipment to better serve the community.

"Improvements include the courtyard expansion and new large-screen and plasma TVs at McCoy's, a new snow groomer for the Whitetail Ridge winter operations, the touchless drive-through car wash, campers, cabins, electronic signs, a new point of sale system, and many other quality-of-life additions," Lupacchino said.

Feedback is important to the quality of the program.

An MWR Advisory Group, which consists of more than 20 representatives from garrison and tenant activities, meets the second Wednesday of each month in building 2187 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss issues related to services and facilities.

The role and intent of the MWR Advisory Group is to assess customer satisfac-

(See DMWR, page 10)

New catered food, beverage regulation published

A new Fort McCoy regulation concerning catered food and beverages has been published.

Fort McCoy Regulation 215-2, Catered Food and Beverage, dated March 30, 2006, establishes the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (DMWR) catering section, located in building 1571 (McCoy's) as the proponent for any catered food and beverage support required by an individual or organization at Fort McCoy, excluding the Family Housing area.

The policy applies "to all individuals requiring catered food and beverage support for such activities as unit social functions, parties, award ceremonies, promotion functions, birthday celebrations, protocol events, hosting events, command-sponsored events, organization day activities, and other social functions of the installation including functions conducted by tenant, training, and mobilizing units as well as private organizations and other authorized groups and customers."

Catering services other than those offered by the DMWR are not authorized on Fort McCoy unless a written exception to the policy is authorized by the general manager of the DMWR cater-

ing section.

According to DMWR Director Mike Lupacchino, the DMWR's "Food, Beverage, and Entertainment" mission is to provide catering services that respond to the needs of the installation.

"To ensure each catered function receives the very best in catered food and beverage service, it is important to standardize and define how catering services may be requested, as well as when and where these services can be provided," Lupacchino said.

The intent of the new Fort McCoy policy is not to penalize organizations, units or Soldiers and create a food monopoly as what the perception may be, he said.

Office pot lucks are not the intent of this policy, Lupacchino said. "When personnel get together within the office environment to hold a traditional pot luck, where each individual makes/prepares a dish to share/pass, this should not be considered a part of the policy."

According to Lupacchino, creation and implementation of such a policy became necessary because organizations were expanding their functions, parties, events, etc., that involved food and beverage to facilities throughout the installation that were not designated to host and provide for food and

beverage operations.

"In addition, organizations were bringing in outside catering operations to provide a service that the DMWR club operations were already chartered to provide on the installation," he said.

Lupacchino said the policy will benefit customers and the Fort McCoy community.

"The fees and charges are set based on a market assessment of operational requirements as well as being competitive in comparison to off-post services available in the local community," he said. "DMWR's Food, Beverage, and Entertainment catering services and other business activities on Fort McCoy are major contributors to the financial well-being of the Installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund. These activities have to generate sufficient net income to finance all capital purchases and minor construction improvements to DMWR facilities and programs, as well as contribute to the Unit Fund Program and the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund."

The policy is posted to the Online Library on the Fort McCoy Corporate Network or at <http://www.mccoymwr.com>.

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.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. 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.

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 weekdays 4 p.m.-midnight, Sat.-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 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 Express: Building 1538. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 269-5615. **Open Easter Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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.

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-

facilities services

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

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. **Open Easter Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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. **Open Easter Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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. **Open Easter Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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

Worship

Bible Encounter: Building 51, Room 111 Wed. 11:30 a.m.-noon. 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. Thurs. 6:30 p.m. 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, Ottomanbenaffan 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 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 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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Emergency response equipment to boost readiness

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clean and climate-controlled environment for personnel to change into decontamination gear, he said.

The equipment also will have generators and flood lights to support operations in any type of weather conditions and at any time of day.

Gough said he hopes the facility, eventually, will have laptop computers, which will support any research personnel need to conduct at the scene of a disaster.

The equipment will be placed at strategic locations throughout the United States to provide support. Gough said the equipment can be used to provide support to agencies through state agencies or the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The equipment is towed to locations, as

necessary, by large trucks, Gough said. The trailers also were designed to be loaded onto aircraft, such as C-130 or C-105 transport aircraft. This allows the equipment to be air deployed with necessary support personnel to provide timely assistance within 24 hours of a disaster.

"It meets all the Air Force loadmaster requirements," Gough said. "It will provide a controlled, secure environment to provide support to disasters."

The equipment can support decontamination of several hundred people an hour. To test the equipment's capabilities, Gough said the installation intends to decontaminate about 3,000 people in a day during the Red Dragon exercise.

The equipment is being stored at the installation's fire station. Gough said he hopes that additional funding will be secured through USARC Homeland Defense to build a storage facility at a future date.



Photo by Rob Schuette

A view of an emergency response reconnaissance trailer that will support Fort McCoy's emergency-response mission.

Public Safety Center construction approved

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The contract was awarded to Lakeshore Engineering Services Inc., of Detroit. Brewer said the contract has a completion date of mid-July 2007. The cost is about \$4.7 million, and is being funded by Army Reserve, Major Construction funding.

Terry Gough, chief of Fort McCoy Protective Services, said the new facility will consolidate all installation law-enforcement services under one roof. The organizations

currently operate out of five different buildings.

The Department of Defense police force and the Criminal Investigation Division will be the occupants of the new facility. Fire Department and other emergency services personnel will remain in the Fire Department facility, Gough said.

"This will bring all the emergency services together in the same area and help

improve our coordination," Gough said. "It will be a new building, with many modern features."

The new facility will include improvements in heating and cooling systems and electrical capabilities for technology, Gough said. Brewer said the facility will look similar in structure and appearance to other recently constructed facilities and will have a brick façade and metal roof.

Virtual University meeting Army Reserve needs

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This feature also gives users the ability to pick up an unfinished course right where they had left off.

To view a list of available courses, simply go to the 84th USARRTC Web site at <https://arrtc.mccoy.army.mil> and logon to the Virtual University using your AKO username and password.

- Select the course catalog tab at the top of the screen
- Select "ARRTC Realm" on the left side of the screen
- Primary categories of training are listed (click on the individual category folder for specific courses)

Users enrolled in the same course have the ability to use the online chat feature that is built into the system. An additional re-

source is the Collaborative Learning Environment (CLE). The CLE is a separate learning environment that can further enhance training by web meetings with a full host of collaborative tools.

The Learning Management System that supports the system the Virtual University operates on is large enough to support 10 million users at one time, so Soldiers and civilian employees can be assured the Virtual University will not be slow or bogged down while in use.

In the event there are questions or concerns, customer support is available to all users 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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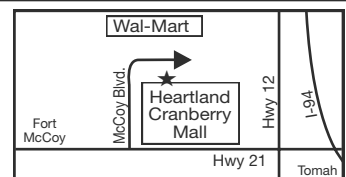
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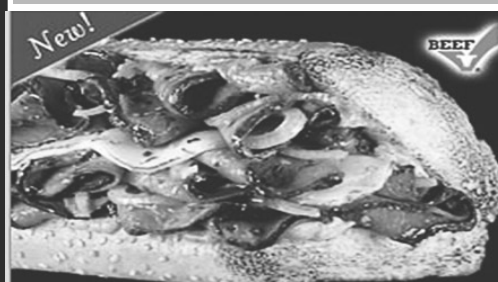
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