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Patriot Warrior trains troops in joint environment

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FORT MCCOY, Wis. — While driving down the road you may notice several convoy operations, simulated improvised explosive devices and Soldiers being attacked by opposing forces.



Everyone has stepped up to the plate to make this operation happen. It's a win-win situation for both the 88th RRC and Fort McCoy by having a truly joint forces operation.

Lt. Col. Neil Hetherington,
88th Regional Readiness Command

Don't be alarmed; it is all part of Patriot Warrior. Using a multiple integrated laser engagement system the Soldiers are under attack and must react to every situation as if this were the real thing. Soldiers are not in combat, but taking part in a training exercise.

Patriot Warrior prepares units for potential deployment by bringing units from all over the United States with different skills together in a joint environment. They receive all their life support from the Tactical Training Bases (TTB) and train in a tactical environment.

Catherine Kemmerling, Patriot Warrior's Project Manager, played a leading role in the planning of this training exercise. Kemmerling explains that the mission of Patriot Warrior is to prepare units for potential deployment. Each unit commander has training objectives and Patriot Warrior builds scenarios into exercises that meet them. Kemmerling said she hopes Patriot Warrior will achieve each unit commander's training objectives.

"They're training as if they're fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. They face OPFOR (Opposing Forces) the same as they would face them in Iraq and Afghanistan," de-



Photo by Spc. Shannon Klipstein

Convoys move to and from the Tactical Training Bases at Fort McCoy during the Patriot Warrior exercise.

scribes Lt. Col. Neil Hetherington of the 88th Regional Readiness Command, Headquarters.

There are several types of units involved.

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Troop Project to expand, improve Young Air Assault Strip under way

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

Troop Project work to expand and improve Young Air Assault Strip to accommodate the landing and takeoffs of C-17 aircraft has begun.

Members of the 229th Engineer Company of Prairie du Chien (headquarters) and Platteville (detachment) began the work during a June extended combat training (ECT) drill, said Capt. Susanne Wunderlin, the commander of the 229th. The unit is aligned with the 264th Engineer Group of Chippewa Falls, Wis.

The work includes lengthening the runway from 4,300 to 6,250 feet and widening the runway from 60 to 90 feet.

"This project work is just wonderful," Wunderlin said. "We have many newer Soldiers who can get time on the equipment."

Much of the work in this ECT included grubbing and clearing of the runway area. Wunderlin said the work also includes rerouting an access road that was in the way



Photo by Rob Schuette

Members of the 229th Engineering Company conduct Troop Project work at Young Air Assault Strip.

of the runway project. Soil from a Swamp Pond dredging project was brought to the area to support the runway/road rerouting project.

Some unit members will conduct weekend and special ECT sessions throughout the summer to complete the work and prepare the runway for testing by C-17 aircraft this fall, she said.

Michael Perzel III, Fort McCoy Troop Projects coordinator for VT Griffin Services Inc., the contractor for the Directorate of Support Services, said Fort McCoy is one of the three Army test sites for C-17s.

The Air Force is conducting the testing to learn the requirements of the aircraft to land on semi-improved landing/takeoff areas.

Fort McCoy benefits from the troop project work because it supports training and costs much less than contracting the project, Perzel said.

Pfc. Jeffrey Ward of the 229th said he has been with the unit since March so he appreciated the time he was able to spend operating the equipment.

"It's good to be part of completing a

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Training

Chemical company puts up smoke screen at McCoy

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FORT McCOY, Wis. — The 472nd Chemical Company from Chicago, Ill., showed off some new equipment by putting out a smoke screen early one morning on Badger Drop Zone at Fort McCoy.

The 472nd is conducting its annual training and doing several days of classroom training as well as hands-on field work to learn to operate its new equipment.

The equipment used at the demonstration consists of a Humvee with a smoke machine mounted to the back of the vehicle.

The second generation of smoke machines burns a chemical called "fog oil" and uses a diesel turbine to distribute the smoke. This is an improvement over the first generation system that sprayed the oil on a hot engine block because it increases efficiency of the Soldiers and equipment.

A full tank of oil will allow the operator to create smoke for two hours.

The new equipment is easier to use and does about three times the work of the older equipment.

"It's just three sequences of switches, turn one knob, and you got smoke. Anybody could do it," explained Sgt. Chris Kim of the 472nd from Long Grove, Ill.

It takes only half an hour to prepare the equipment for a mission and about 10 to 15



Photo by Spc. Dan Marchik

Soldiers from the 472nd Chemical Company in Chicago lay down a smoke screen at Fort McCoy.

minutes after a mission to perform post-mission clean up and ready the equipment for the next mission.

To aid the drivers in navigating through the smoke while performing their mission, the vehicles that distribute the smoke are equipped with monitors that can swing down from above the driver. These moni-

tors are hooked to cameras that use night vision and infrared technology to see through the smoke.

The equipment is designed to put out a smoke screen that can be used for a variety of purposes.

"Offensively you can silhouette enemy troops. You can smoke out a tank brigade

of the enemy, and it creates confusion within the lines. You can break up supply routes. There are a number of things you can use smoke for," said Kim.

Smoke operations also are the Soldiers' favorite missions because there is more action, and the Soldiers are more motivated for these types of missions. In addition to smoke missions, the unit also performs hazardous material surveys, and the main component of the unit works on decontamination operations.

The Soldiers from the 472nd, like all Soldiers, use their annual training to prepare for real-world missions. The 472nd was deployed to Kuwait from February 2004 until February 2005 and were one of only two chemical companies in the Middle East. While in Kuwait they trained Kuwaiti soldiers on decontamination procedures and how to deal with hazardous material situations.

Training exercises like Patriot Warrior not only help train and re-familiarize Soldiers with their equipment; it creates a more realistic training environment since the Soldiers also interact with many different units, as they would in any theater of operations.

(Marchik is a member of the 318th Public Affairs Detachment, a Reserve unit from Forest Park, Ill. He is supporting the 88th Regional Readiness Command at Patriot Warrior.)

First Army Improvised Explosive Devices 'Master Gunners' updated at quarterly workshop

BY KAREN BRADSHAW
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FORT GILLEM, Ga. — Eighty-five trainers converged at First Army Headquarters in early June to collaborate on the latest Improvised Explosive Device (IED) information emerging from the frontlines in Iraq.

The quarterly workshop, hosted by the First Army IED Tiger Team, brings First Army's IED "Master Gunners" together in a setting to receive critical update briefings, a live video-teleconference with a unit currently serving in Iraq and that unit's experience on the latest techniques insurgents are using in IED attacks on Soldiers.

As a result the IED Master Gunners quickly can adjust the training they are dispensing to the thousands of National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers across the United States that First Army is mobilizing for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This workshop serves as an adjunct to the daily IED information feeds from Iraq and Afghanistan that we push to our trainers to keep them current. Here we are encouraging face-to-face collabora-

tion and information sharing using the trainers' own experiences both in theater and at the mobilization sites," said Maj. Marty Norvel, First Army IED Tiger Team Chief.

More than half of First Army's IED Master Gunners have served in Iraq or Afghanistan, some twice, bringing an unmatched level of professionalism to IED training.

Scores of simulated IED explosions are integrated into the hundred-days of Theater Immersion training deploying Soldiers receive. The explosive "boom" and smoke filling the air at all times of the day and night sensitizes the Soldiers to the rigors and intensity of the battlefield they soon will experience.

"We have to create an awareness in the Soldier," said First Army Command Sergeant Maj. Marvin Hill. "We have an epidemic in IED attacks. We are sinking everything into this training to make it tough and realistic. We want the attacks to be repetitive and unexpected at all hours of the day and night to create an intuitive response in the Soldier. We don't want the first "bang" to stop the Soldier from remembering to think about his next response."

"Every Soldier is a sensor and it's our job to sensitize that sensor," said Maj. Gen. John Yingling, First Army Deputy Commanding General.

Teaching Soldiers to be observant when patrolling, to see the landscape and notice what is different from day to day, can defeat an IED, especially when Soldiers report their suspicions to the explosive ordnance disposal teams.

"Insurgents don't follow any rules and it doesn't take a brave insurgent to dig a hole and plant an IED," said Yingling. "You trainers can give our Soldiers that extra edge to save their lives," he told the group of trainers.

"I am in close contact with mobilizing Soldiers as an observer controller/trainer (OC/T) and this Master Gunner workshop is invaluable in learning the newest tactics and techniques that the enemy is employing in country. We will rapidly translate that updated information into our Situational Training Exercise lanes and training plans," said Capt. Elizabeth Ryser, an OC/T, 3rd/312th Training Support Battalion, 78th Division Training, 5th Brigade, Fort Dix, N.J.



Photo by Karen Bradshaw

Maj. Todd Kurtzhals (right), Operations officer, 2nd/85th Division (Training Support) at Fort McCoy, emphasizes significant points in IED training that he has learned during his temporary duty in Kuwait as a First Army liaison officer to Master Sgt. John Madison, Battalion Operations sergeant for the 2nd/309th (TS), 5th/78th Division (TS) (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Luis Ramirez, Improvised Explosive Device Master Gunner, 2nd/381st (TS), 4th/75th Division (TS).

Subject matter experts from the Combined Explosive Hazard Center, Center of Army Lessons Learned, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Central Command and Coalition Forces Land Component Command shared information from their particular disciplines, enhancing the holistic approach to

counter IEDs.

As the workshop ended, Col. Christian de Graff, First Army Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7, reminded the group, "You'll never know how many Soldiers you will save, but I guarantee that you will save lives."

(Bradshaw is with the First Army Public Affairs Office.)

Training

Air medical company supports variety of training

BY ROB SCHUETTE
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Members of a Wisconsin Army National Guard unit provided helicopter aircraft support to a number of training and mobilization missions during their extended combat training (ECT) at Fort McCoy from June 3-16.

Capt. Timothy P. Eaton, the air ambulance platoon leader for the 832nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) of West Bend, Wis., said the unit usually provides helicopter medical evacuation services during its ECTs at Fort McCoy.

This year, the unit provided support around-the-clock, which included simulated training missions, and supporting the varied training missions Fort McCoy had, including Patriot Warrior (see page 1), during a busy two-week training period, Eaton said.

The training follows the real-life mission the unit had in support of search-and-rescue missions for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Eaton said.

"We served 32 days supporting Hurricane Katrina," Eaton said. "We were pulling people off roofs and out of the water." Unit members also saved a lot of ani-



Photo by Rob Schuette

A UH-1 Huey helicopter operated by a crew from the 832nd lands as other unit members deploy to support the crew.

mals including pets, cows and pigs, he said.

Maj. Robert Carty, a pilot for the 832nd, said the missions at Fort McCoy included working with units conducting mobilization

training.

"We were able to give them real-life training," Carty said. "They had to call helicopters and then conduct litter loading (for

injured patients). This gave them an opportunity to learn to operate around aircraft, a scenario they may encounter during their deployments."

The training also gave members of the 832nd the opportunity to conduct joint training with many different units.

Carty said this will help unit members improve their knowledge of the many missions they might receive if they are requested to support contingencies or are mobilized.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Petashnick, a maintenance platoon sergeant for the 832nd, said the maintenance personnel did their usual larger maintenance tasks, as well as the daily preventative maintenance that the flight crews usually do.

"This allowed the flight crew members to concentrate completely on the missions," Petashnick said. "It was great for the mechanics, as well, because they performed maintenance they usually don't do and got that experience."

The unit flew their UH-1 Huey helicopters, while Blackhawk helicopters from the Minnesota Army National Guard and Chinook helicopters from the Iowa Army National Guard also were attached to the unit to support the training, he said.

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People

Customer service focus of new HR director

The new Human Resources director for the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) at Fort McCoy wants to put the personal touch back into providing personnel services.



Kohn

Karen Kohn has begun her second tour at Fort McCoy after working in the CPAC from 1995-2000 in the Military Tech and Installation Divisions. From 2000-2005, she was the Human Resources director at Wuerzburg, Germany.

"My greatest focus always has been customer service — providing it to the customer and taking care of your employees," Kohn said. "You need to do both to be successful."

Over the next few years, personnel in the

office will face a number of changes, Kohn said. One of them will be to help field the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) throughout the installation and Army Reserve. NSPS already has been fielded in the CPAC.

Actions of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission also will present a number of opportunities for the CPAC in the coming years, she said.

The Fort McCoy CPAC serves about 12,000 employees throughout the Army Reserve, including those at the Military Processing Stations, Recruiting Stations, the Human Resources Command (HRC) at St. Louis and here at Fort McCoy.

"We're embracing change, and will be up to the challenges," Kohn said. "We need employees to be well-trained to do their jobs."

Kohn said she has visited with personnel at the HRC, U.S. Army Reserve Com-

mand and installation directorates. All seem to be pleased with the personnel services they currently are receiving, she said.

Some have remarked they would like to see many of the services that civilian personnel previously offered return to the CPAC. These services were transferred to Civilian Personnel Operations Centers (CPOCs) at the time the personnel organization was restructured into CPACs and CPOCs, Kohn said.

The office of the Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel currently is looking at the best method to deliver personnel services, which includes returning many of the services and functions closer to the customer and back to the CPAC, Kohn said.

A key to making the system work will be input from customers and employees, she said.

"I will listen to employees and the CPAC work force," Kohn said. "It's most impor-

tant for me to get feedback — positive or negative. It's the only way we can make changes if there needs to be changes."

Future initiatives that CPAC is working on include an organizational mission and vision statement, training opportunities, and implementing the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, Kohn said.

Kohn said she considers herself fortunate to have her new position. She always has had great respect for the hardworking, dedicated professionals in the organization.

"They have the drive within them to take care of the customer, and they are very sincere in providing service," Kohn said. "I feel privileged to be back here as their director."

Anyone in the Fort McCoy work force wishing more information about CPAC or personnel services can visit the Fort McCoy Corporate Network and click on tenants and CPAC.

CENTCOM PAO sergeant major shares insights on media war reporting

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

The national media may not be interested in covering the whole story of what's happening in Operation Iraqi Freedom, but the smaller-market media can help present the big picture to local audiences, said Sgt. Maj. Richard Puckett.

Puckett, the sergeant major of the Central Command (CENTCOM) Public Affairs Office (PAO), spoke to members of the 84th U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Command (84th USARRTC) who support mobilizing troops and Public Affairs personnel at Fort McCoy June 5. CENTCOM Public Affairs is responsible for oversight and coordination of media coverage for Iraq, Afghanistan and 25 other countries in its area of responsibility.

Many of the larger news organizations see only carnage or a lack of progress in Iraq, he said. The motto seems to be "if it bleeds, it leads. As a PAO or troop on the ground there's only so much you can do to change that because reporters are going to report on what happens," Puckett said. "You have to go in and do your job."

The military also is competing with the in-country media to get stories out, he said. Many of these organizations have their own reporters and political slants/biases to report stories. Another perspective that affects the news environment is the enemy combatants who have their own media representatives and who want to publicize their viewpoint, he said.

"The other side doesn't necessarily deal with the truth," he said. "But they get it out quickly. We have to put out our stories quickly, or we'll get slaughtered in the local media."

Puckett said the military has sped its clearance procedures to release stories. It also has moved the PAO representatives to



Photo by Rob Schuette

Sgt. Maj. Richard Puckett (left) answers questions from Master Sgt. Troy Falardeau of the 84th U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Command.

the brigade levels rather than the division level to make them more accessible to the troops and to help make the release of news quicker. Personnel being interviewed are advised to stay in their lane of expertise and to treat everything they say as being on the record, he said.

One big advantage the Reserve and Guard units bring to the fight is that they deploy to theater from small-town America, Puckett said.

Unlike the larger news organizations, the media that serve smaller areas cannot afford to show bias or political leanings during their reporting, he said. Units have a chance to get the news they want covered.

"The stories from these units will get reported on (in the local media) because

you're the news for them," he said. "You're local."

Other media outlets that often are ignored or underutilized for reporting include the internal newsletters that many Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) organizations publish, or specialty magazines, he said. ESGR business leaders can act as advocates or have prestige in the communities to help encourage local media to report these stories. Some personnel are in the education system or may know others in the system who can help them share their stories with students. Troops often can speak to a wide variety of civic groups, much like the Speaker's Bureau program, Puckett said.

This needs to be conveyed to the unit leaders, Puckett said.

Good leaders can help ensure Soldiers will do good things if they focus on the things they can control. These things will get reported although they may not lead a national newscast.

"One of the things we're doing is pushing to not just use the traditional media," he said. "We can build a groundswell of support to report our stories."

Soldiers who return from a tour or for a two-week leave during a tour should be encouraged to go out and share their story with the local media (radio, newspaper, television), their coworkers and the community, including civic groups.

Puckett said these Soldiers should be honest and tell it like it was and, inevitably, a vast majority of their stories and experiences will be positive.

Soldiers have many informational devices available that can provide almost instant news to their families, loved ones and friends, he said. Some examples are digital cameras, cell phones, which may include digital camera accessories, and laptop computer access. Puckett noted unofficial Blogs and these new electronic tools may be a great comfort to family and friends, but they also can have force protection or operational security implications if too much or too specific information is included, he said.

"Before Soldiers put information on the site they should ensure it doesn't have force protection or OPSEC concerns," he said. "Because if your parents can read it, the bad guys can read it, too." The idea isn't to (suppress) bad news or to only give good news, but to keep people alive."

Command Sgt. Major James Radke of the 84th USARRTC said that members of the 84th USARRTC cadre will note the information presented and concerns expressed during the briefing and include it in their training to mobilized personnel, especially the leaders.

Community

Volunteers help clean up post, spend quality time with family

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

A small, but hardy group of volunteers helped make the first Green Day event held June 3 at Fort McCoy a success. They collected more than 30 pounds of garbage, and, just as importantly, spent quality time together as a family and group, said David Blakeman.

Blakeman, Fort McCoy Army Community Service (ACS) volunteer coordinator, said Green Day was a multifaceted benefit event. It provided individuals and families an opportunity to walk areas of Fort McCoy, enjoy the installation's natural beauty and collect litter.

"ACS Family Focus used this event to kick off its summer Family Focus Fun Passport Campaign, with a positive opportunity to get involved," Blakeman said.

Three families, one individual, and five ACS staff members participated in the event. Participants were not assigned to any area but were given approximately 90 minutes and encouraged to walk the installation streets, talk, have family reflection time, and collect litter in the bags provided, he said. After the event, the participants returned to ACS to enjoy a picnic-type lunch and share their experiences with other par-

ticipants.

Families benefited from the activity by working together to achieve a common goal and bonding together. Blakeman said Fort McCoy benefits by gaining a litter-free installation.

The 10 participants contributed approximately 10.5 hours of shared family time, walked seven miles of installation roads, and collected 36 pounds of litter. The participants took away a lot of good memories, according to the after-action reports, Blakeman said.

"My kids had such a great time. It's amazing how cleaning up garbage was a good, fun day!" said one parent.

Another parent said, "It was surprising how much litter there was once you start looking ... it was definitely worth it."

"With volunteers and more time and doing this more often, it would make a huge difference," said a parent from the third family attending. "My family had a good time attending Green Day at Fort McCoy. It was good time spent together, and (we got a) feeling that we were doing something worthwhile."

Each family received 250 Family Focus Franks for attending the event. Franks can be redeemed for discounts at various McCoy Morale, Welfare and Recreation ac-



Photo by Betsy Kelsey

Participants in the Family Focus Fun Passport Campaign Green Day event collect litter during a walk through the Fort McCoy cantonment area.

tivities or events or at a year-end auction.

Blakeman said ACS will offer several more Family Focus Fun Passport Campaign events throughout the summer. For more information about the Family Focus program

or events, call ACS at (608) 388-3505, visit the MWR Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com> and click on Army Community Service or ACS School House or visit ACS at 2111 South 8th Ave.

Patriot Warrior trains troops in joint environment

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A Naval Reserve unit is running a Combat Support Hospital; Air Force units are controlling the air lift and drops; the Minnesota National Guard is working in the airfield and doing the medical evacuations, and there is a signal unit from Puerto Rico.

Most of the units involved in this exercise are from the 88th Regional Readiness Command (RRC), but there are units here from all over the United States, explained Kemmerling.

The servicemembers are working and sleeping at the TTBs. The Soldiers get all their life support in the TTB. Soldiers are eating meals, ready-to-eat for lunch and getting hot food from a mobile kitchen for breakfast and dinner. Fuel and water are stored in trucks on the TTBs. There are laundry and bath facilities in the field. Soldiers are sleeping on cots inside of tents. When Soldiers are leaving the exercise they will need to have orders, security plans and movement control to get back on post, described Kemmerling.

Spc. David Bassett of the 439th Quar-

termaster Battalion from New Haven, Conn., a Soldier who has been deployed before, said, "Patriot Warrior helps train units who go overseas so they have a better understanding when they get there. This training exercise is set up pretty much as close as it gets to how it is overseas."

"When we designed the concept we knew we couldn't make this happen without the support of Fort McCoy. Everyone has stepped up to the plate to make this operation happen. It's a win-win situation for both the 88th RRC and Fort McCoy by having a truly joint forces operation," says

Hetherington.

When this training exercise is over, Soldiers will leave here with more confidence in having a safe and successful deployment if that is where the Army takes them.

Soldiers will be prepared for living conditions, opposing forces, how to work with units with different skills, and unit commanders will meet their training objectives.

(Klipstein is a member of the 318th Public Affairs Detachment, a Reserve unit from Forest Park, Ill. She is supporting the 88th Regional Readiness Command at Patriot Warrior.)

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project that will expand the runway" and be used by troops training at Fort McCoy in the future, he said.

Staff Sgt. Josh Rittenhouse, an equipment operator/section sergeant for the 229th, said the equipment time was great because the only time the unit can use its equipment is during the summer months.

The extended training time also gave personnel the opportunity to use all of the equipment and cross train as they needed to, Rittenhouse said.

"They tried to keep the mission tactical," said Rittenhouse, because the unit has been deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. "If we were ever deployed again, this would give us the mindset to be able to operate and do our mission and be ready to defend ourselves from attacks."

"Rather than just pushing dirt around, having a mission like this is good for morale. Personally it gives us (the satisfaction of) successfully completing the mission."

Sgt. Steve Bryant, a vehicle operator for the 229th, said he was excited to be part of the work to prepare for a test project.

"It's easier to do the job when you know there are people who will benefit from it," Bryant said. "We also had a chance to do convoy training while we were here. Hav-

ing served (in Operation Iraqi Freedom) I can say this was good training."

Spc. Mitch Engelke, a small-equipment operator for the 229th, said he had never worked on a runway before, and the project was good experience.

"It also gave us a chance to work with everyone for a two-week stretch instead of just over weekends," Engelke said. "You get to know personnel in the unit better and develop trust and teamwork."

News

New installation commissary to open doors in mid-2007

Customers at the Fort McCoy Commissary will have a new facility to serve their shopping needs in 2007.

Local and national dignitaries participated in a ground-breaking event at the site north of the Post Exchange Mini Mall June 6.

Edward S. Jones, deputy director of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) East, which is located at Fort Lee, Va., represented DeCA at the event.

"The new (16,600-square-foot) \$4.2 million facility is a well-timed project that is going to be a nice-sized store with all the amenities," Jones said. "Steve Brown (Fort McCoy Commissary store manager) and his staff are doing the best with what they've got (a 1940s-era warehouse)," Jones said. "The new facility will help them take care of their customers."

Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella said credit for the new facility lies with the customer base that uses it.

"If it weren't for you using the commissary, we would not have a new building,"

Sentinella said. "Soldiers and vets who have put a lot of their time into training at Fort McCoy deserve a new building."

Ken Kramer, the vice president of TCI of La Crosse, said his company will build the commissary as a subcontractor of Clements Contracting Group Inc., of Montgomery, Ala.

"Clements has done a lot of commissaries throughout the Midwest," Kramer said. "This project will enhance the Fort McCoy community and serve all the Soldiers and veterans well."

Durward and Alda Lawrence, who had been among the first customers when the commissary reopened in March 1991 at Fort McCoy, also participated in the ground-breaking ceremony. The Commissary was inactivated after the Korean conflict ended in the 1950s.

Both said they were looking forward to shopping in the new commissary. Durward Lawrence said he had helped build some of the buildings at Fort McCoy in the late 1930s and early 1940s.



Photo by Allan Harding

Participating in the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Commissary (left to right) are Edward S. Jones, DeCA East deputy director; Steve Brown, Fort McCoy Commissary store manager, Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella; Ken Kramer, TCI vice president; and Alda and Durward Lawrence, two of the original customers of the current Commissary.



Ground broken for new NCO Academy

The 84th U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Command (84th USARRTC) held a ground-breaking ceremony for its Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort McCoy June 9.

The ceremony commemorates the start of an \$11 million construction project for phase one of the new academy. The academy provides professional development training to Army Reserve Soldiers, specifically noncommissioned officers. The new facility will replace the World War II-era buildings that the academy currently occupies.

TCI Architects/Engineers/Contractors Inc., La Crosse, Wis., was awarded the construction contract. The facility is scheduled to be completed by September 2007.

Participating in the ground-breaking ceremony for the new project were (pictured above left to right): Scott Schumacher, TCI Construction and Project Manager; Dave Gundlach, Fort McCoy Directorate of Support Services; Command Sgt. Maj. Donald U. Thelen, NCO Academy commandant; Maj. Gen. Charles E. Gorton, 84th USARRTC commanding general; Command Sgt. Maj. James W. Radke, 84th USARRTC; Sgt. Maj. Michael Carlin, NCO Academy deputy commandant; Lt. Col. Dennis Overlien, Fort McCoy deputy commander; Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Dubois, 84th USARRTC Schools Brigade command sergeant major, and Ken Kramer, TCI Construction vice president.

(Information submitted by 84th U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Command Public Affairs Office. Photo by Allan Harding.)

Construction under way for new Public Safety Center

After seven years of planning, the goal to locate all emergency services at Fort McCoy in one area came together June 6 when ground was broken for a new Public Safety Center (PSC).

The 16,000-square-foot, \$4.3 million facility will be built east of the Fire Department, said Bill Kasten, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. The PSC will house all law-enforcement services, including the Department of Defense police force and the Criminal Investigation Division. A communications tower also is included in the project.

Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella said the construction continues the installation's progress toward having more of its structures constructed of brick and mortar instead of World War II-era wood.

"The collocation of the facilities also allows customers who need emergency services to have one place to go to get those services," Sentinella said.

Capt. Mark Turner of the Fort McCoy Protective Services Division, said he had heard discussions about a new facility ever since he came to Fort McCoy in 1989.

"This new facility will give us



Photo by Allan Harding

Participating in the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Public Safety Center (left to right) are: Bill Kasten, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS); Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella; Terry Goff, DPTMS; Capt. Mark Turner, DPTMS; Roy Brewer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha (Neb.) District; Dean Bruderick, Lakeshore Engineering Service.

a central location and allow us to provide better service to our customers," Turner said.

Dean Bruderick of Lakeshore Engineering Service of Detroit, Mich., the contractor for the project, said the company was pleased to be working on the

project at Fort McCoy.

"We will bring the highest quality to the job," Bruderick said. "This is exciting for us, and we're proud of our projects."

Kasten said the project is scheduled for completion in July 2007.

Commissary case-lot sale July 14-15. Hours 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 14 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 15. Choose and pay for items in building 2132, pick up items in building 2574. For more information, call (608) 388-3542.

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. **Open Tues., July 4, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.**

Rumpel Fitness Center: Building 1122. Open weekdays 5 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sat.-Sun. 5 a.m.-8 p.m. **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. **Open Mon.-Tues., July 3-4, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

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.-Sat.). 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 daily 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. 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.

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 Ex-

facilities services

Note: All facilities closed Tuesday, July 4 for the Fourth of July observance unless otherwise noted. Hours may change at facilities to meet operational requirements. Call ahead to verify hours.

change 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. **Open Tues., July 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

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 Tues., July 4, 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 Tues., July 4, 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 Tues., July 4, 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. **Effective June 28, meets at 7 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, 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. 5955.

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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Commissary scholarships will be presented June 28

The Fort McCoy Commissary, 2132 S 7th Ave., will host a reception in honor of five local recipients of the Scholarships for Military Children Wednesday, June 28.

The event will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Commissary Conference Room and is open to members of the Fort McCoy community. For more information call (608) 388-3542.

Family Fun Day July 8 at Pine View Recreation Area

A Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 8 at Pine View Recreation Area.

The event is open to the public and will run from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Among the activities scheduled are free miniature golf, a petting zoo, a water balloon toss, a watermelon seed spitting contest and a root beer chugging contest. Several demonstrations also are planned. Breakfast, lunch and supper will be available for purchase.

For more information, call the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Events Line at (877) 864-4969 or visit the MWR Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com> and click on Pine View.

Self-owned business workshop July 13

The "First Steps to Starting Your Business" workshop will be held Thursday, July 13 at the Army Community Service (ACS) training room, 2111 South 8th Ave.

The workshop will run from 9 a.m.-noon and is open to all Fort McCoy active-duty military and family members having duty within a 50-mile radius of Fort McCoy, all Fort McCoy Department of Defense, Nonappropriated Fund or contracted employees and family members and retired military and family members residing within a 25-mile radius of Fort McCoy.

Jan Gallagher of the University of La Crosse Small Business Development Center will present the workshop. Subjects to be discussed are: Business Organization Types, Personal Readiness, Risk and Rewards, Government Regulations, Marketing Plan, Financial Plan and Business Plan.

Registration is requested no later than Friday, June 30 by calling ACS at (608) 388-3505.

Summer Family Focus program under way

Summer Family Focus Fun Passports, filled with great parenting tips and ideas, are available at Army Community Service, 2111 South 8th Ave.

Family Focus is an ACS program designed to promote family unity in the Army family. When a Fort McCoy family participates in Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities they gain Family Focus Franks, which can be redeemed for Family Focus items.

ACS and the Family Focus Program are committed to providing family guided opportunities. To learn more about Family Focus and Family Focus Franks opportunities stop into ACS or call (608) 388-3505.



Photo by Rob Schuette

Break out!

Dawn Millard of the Fort McCoy Preschool Room helps Kyle Brockman observe chicken eggs hatching at the Child Development Center (CDC). The CDC Preschool Room egg-hatching experiment was part of a science unit. The eggs and incubator equipment were provided by Leslie Guttenberg.

Fort McCoy Play Group meets 3rd Monday

The Fort McCoy Play Group now is meeting on the third Monday of each month in the Woodbridge Community Center in Tomah. The meetings are scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m..

The next meeting will be Monday, July 17. Parents and children share time to enjoy play, art activities, story time, and to spend time with friends and make new ones. All military parents and children are welcome.

To register or for more information, call Army Community Service at (688) 388-3505.

Tickets on sale for Aug. 12 Army Concert Tour event

Tickets for the Saturday, Aug. 12 Army Concert Tour at Fort McCoy are on sale for \$30 through Aug. 11.

The rock band 3 Doors Down is the feature act, while the group Staind will be the special guest for the concert at Constitution Park.

Tickets will cost \$35 the day of the concert. All sales are subject to ticket availability.

Tickets are available on and off post. On-post ticket sales will be at McCoy's, building 1571; the Community Activity Center, building 2000; Pine View Recreation Area Campgrounds, building 8053; and the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office, building 2187. Off post, tickets are available at MB Audio, Tomah; Market Bar, Sparta, and Ace Hardware La Crosse.

Tickets also are available by calling the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Events Line at (877) 864-4969 or visiting the MWR Web site at [http://](http://www.mccoymwr.com)

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For more information about 3DoorsDown, go to the Web site <http://www.3doorsdown.com>.

For more information about Staind, go to the Web site <http://www.staind.com>.

Volunteers sought for Aug. 10, 12 concerts

Volunteers are being sought for the Thursday, Aug. 10 and Saturday, Aug. 12 Army Concert Tours at Fort McCoy.

Positions open are parking attendants, will call, ticket sellers, ticket takers, wristbanding, beverage servers, first aid and clean up personnel. Volunteers will receive a concert volunteer T-shirt and an invitation to the Volunteer Recognition Night event Friday, Aug. 18 at McCoy's, building 1571.

To volunteer, call the Concert Volunteer coordinator at (608) 388-4226.

Nominations open for McCoy diversity award

Nominations for the Fort McCoy Special Emphasis Program (SEP) Excellence Through Diversity Award are being accepted through Monday, Aug. 14.

The award provides recognition of individuals in the installation work force who have been outstanding in the support and advancement of women and minorities in the federal government.

All members of the Fort McCoy work force (military and civilian) served by the U.S. Army Reserve Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office are eligible to be nominated for the award. Current members of the EEO staff and past award recipients are ineligible for consideration.

Nominations must be submitted in nar-

ative form and address the following criteria:

- Contributions to further the status of women and/or minorities in general.
- Professional/career contributions.
- Personal/civic contributions.

Members of the Fort McCoy community may submit sealed nominations to the EEO Office, building 2187.

The award will be presented at the Women's Equality Day observance set for Monday, Aug. 28 at McCoy's, building 1571.

For more information, call the EEO Office at (608) 388-3107.

Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 28

A Women's Equality Day observance luncheon will be held Monday, Aug. 28 at McCoy's, building 1571.

The luncheon will run from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Pam Huston, the athletic/activities director at Wausau West High School, will be the guest speaker. The Fort McCoy Excellence Through Diversity Award will be presented if there is a recipient.

For more information about the observance, call the Equal Opportunity Office at (608) 388-3246.

MWR seeks feedback about programs

Authorized personnel now can share their opinions and provide feedback about Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities, programs and events.

The MWR Customer Hotline is available by phone at (608) 388-6000.

Personnel also can use the Internet-based customer card system, Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE), to express their opinions 24-hours a day.

Those wishing to comment about Fort McCoy MWR services are directed to the installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com> and click on the words "Rate MWR."

The general government site can be found at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

For more information about MWR events at Fort McCoy, visit the MWR Web site or call the MWR Events Line at (877) 864-4969.

Volk Field to host open house, fly-in

A fly-in and open house is set for 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at Volk Field, Wis. The event is open to the public.

Among the free events will be demonstrations of flying, firefighting, and the Air Combat Training System.

Aircraft and military vehicle also will be on static display. The Air National Guard Museum will be open, and information booths and historic War Birds will be on site.

A pancake breakfast will be available for purchase, and other vendors will have items for sale.

For more information, call (608) 427-1899.

Observances

Fort McCoy salutes Army Birthday, Flag Day June 14

Fort McCoy celebrated Army Birthday/Flag Day June 14 with a cake-cutting ceremony and a number of other events for people of the Fort McCoy community.

Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella and 1st Lt. Benjamin Perry, the executive officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, cut the ceremonial cake at the Constitution Park pavilion. The cakes were provided by the Army Recruiting Company, the Religious Support Office and CASE Remanufacturing Center.

"Today we pause to honor our nation's flag as well as the founding of the United States Army," Sentinella said. "This 231st birthday is a recognition of the Army's history, traditions and service to the nation, a Call to Duty, 231 years of service to our nation. Soldiers answer the Call to Duty for something intangible and elusive: freedom."

Today, in 120 countries throughout the world, American Soldiers stand guard, the last de-

fense of freedom against tyranny and injustice. Sentinella thanked all of the heroes for their service.

Flag Day has a special meaning for the people of Wisconsin because it was first celebrated in the state June 14, 1885, near Fredonia.

Flag Day didn't become a national observance until President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Flag Day in 1916.

The Fort McCoy Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) program helped the installation pay tribute to the Army Birthday/Flag Day and show appreciation to the Soldiers by sponsoring many free or reduced-price activities throughout the day, including providing the lunch in conjunction with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers organization.

A steady stream of people moved through the lunch line to enjoy the food.

Children also enjoyed games, following their morning Army Birthday Doll and Buggy Parade



Photo by Rob Schuette
1st Lt. Benjamin Perry (left) and Installation Commander Col. Derek J. Sentinella cut a cake during the Army Birthday celebration.

and lunch.

Other activities held during the day were a car wash, breakfast snacks, T-shirts and frozen custard provided at the MWR Car Wash location.

Bowling, movie rentals and a



Photo by Rob Schuette
Members of the Child and Youth Services program and parents participate in an Army Birthday Doll and Buggy Parade.

number of specials at McCoy's also were open to members of the McCoy community.

Sponsors included Case Remanufacturing Center, Pierce, Oshkosh Truck, St. Joseph Equipment and Culver's. No federal en-

dorsement is implied.

For more information about MWR events at Fort McCoy, call the MWR Events Line at (877) 864-4969 or (608) 388-7400 or visit the MWR Web site at <http://www.mccoymwr.com>.

Honoring the colors

Reveille 6 a.m. (0600)

Military personnel in formation or a group: Military personnel in formation will be brought to attention and directed to present arms while Reveille is played. There is no cannon simulation on the recording. Hold salutes until the last note of Reveille. When the music is completed the formation is brought to order arms.

Military personnel in uniform, not in formation: Military personnel, in uniform, not in formation will stop, face the flag (music), assume the position of attention, and present arms while Reveille is played. When the music is completed come to order arms and continue on your way.

All personnel in civilian clothes: All personnel in civilian clothes will stop, remove headgear (if necessary), face the flag (music), assume the position of attention, and place your right hand over your heart. When the music is completed continue on your way.

All personnel in vehicles: All personnel in vehicles will stop in a safe area, exit your vehicle, face the flag (music), and render honors as described above.

Retreat/ To The Colors 5 p.m. (1700)

Military personnel in formation: Military personnel in formation will be at the position of parade rest while Retreat is played. On the last note of Retreat the formation will be brought to attention and present arms. There is no cannon simulation on the recording. Hold salute until the last note of To the Colors. When the music is completed the formation is brought to order arms.

Military personnel in uniform, not in formation: Military personnel, in uniform, not in formation will stop, face the flag (music) and assume the position of attention while Retreat is played. At the first note of To the Colors, present arms. Hold salute until the last note of To the Colors. When the music is completed come to order arms and continue on your way.

All personnel in civilian clothes: All personnel in civilian clothes will stop, remove headgear (if necessary), face the flag (music) and assume the position of attention while Retreat is played. At the first note of To the Colors, place your right hand over your heart. When the music is completed continue on your way.

All personnel in vehicles: All personnel in vehicles will stop in a safe area, exit your vehicle, face the flag (music), and render honors as described above.

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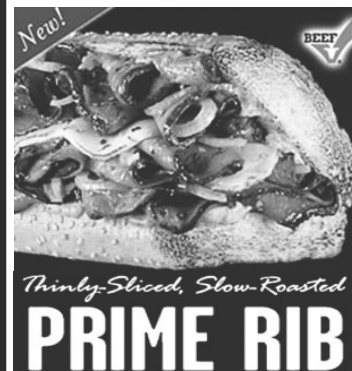
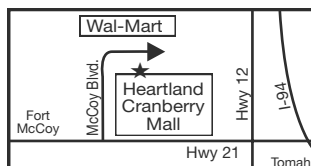


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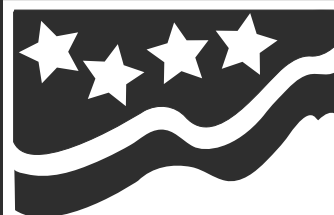
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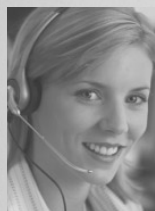
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