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CIF facility to be closed Oct. 15-19

The Fort McCoy Central Issue Facility (CIF) building 2142, will be closed from Monday, Oct. 15-Friday, Oct. 19.

The purpose of the closure is to conduct a 100 percent semianual inventory as mandated by Army Regulations.

All requests for CIF transactions during this time period will be approved through the CIF Property Book Officer Thomas Lovgren at (608) 388-5275 or cell (608) 797-2132.

Health Benefits Fair set for Oct. 25

The Fort McCoy Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) will host its annual Health Benefits Fair from 8-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 in building 1255 for members of the Fort McCoy federal civilian community.

The Health Benefits Fair will allow personnel to ask questions and get information from representatives of various health plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program in advance of the FEHB open season, which runs from Monday, Nov. 12-Monday, Dec. 10.

The following health providers, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Health Partners, are planning to send representatives to the Health Benefits Fair.

Building 1255 is located on South 11th Avenue (on the east side of the cantonment area) and is most easily accessed from South J. Street.

For more information, call CPAC at (608) 388-4864.

Information about FEHB program rates is available by visiting the Web site <http://www.opm.gov/insure>.

New NCO Academy facility dedicated

FORT MCCOY, Wis. — A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of the new Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy facility was held here Sept. 29.

The NCO Academy was dedicated and named after Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell, an Army Reserve Soldier from Menomonee Falls, Wis., who was killed while serving in Iraq in 2004.

Command Sgt. Maj. (Retired) Mark James, who served with Cornell in Iraq, was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

“Our mission today is not to focus on Todd’s achievements, but rather on the character that shaped his life and that continues to have a strong influence on his friends, his fellow comrades, his Family, and the noncommissioned officers that will be trained and educated in this NCO Academy,” said James.

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Photo by Allan Harding

A plaque naming the new NCO Academy in honor of Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell, a Soldier killed while serving in Iraq, is unveiled during a Sept. 29 ceremony.

WMA adds virtual convoy simulation training system

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

Military units or personnel who are seeking training in convoy operations now have a facility at the Wisconsin Military Academy (WMA) at Fort McCoy to support those needs.

The National Guard Bureau has issued the Virtual Convoy Operations Trainer (VCOT) system to the Wisconsin Army National Guard to use in conjunction with its Simulation Center, said Staff Sgt. Christopher Theis and Staff Sgt. Joshua Koch, who are WMA Simulation Center specialists.

“The program will be used as a stand-alone system to facilitate units with extra experience prior to actual vehicular training prior to deployment,” Theis said. “The training will last as long as a unit commander sees fit. Ten personnel can train per mission. Usually, (it takes) between two-three days per 10 students.”

The training will be aimed at any Army National Guard or military unit that needs combat convoy operations training, whether it be for an upcoming deployment or as sustainment training to maintain those



Photo by Rob Schuette

Staff Sgt. Christopher Theis (left) helps representatives from the Patriot Warrior exercise try out the new convoy simulation equipment at the WMA Simulation Center.

skills, Koch said. Currently, the training is as truck drivers in transportation units. part of the 88M10 (Military Occupational Specialty), which is for Soldiers assigned

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Mobilization

Vehicle drivers training for rough-terrain convoys

BY LACEY JUSTINGER
Triad Contributor

Who knew that mudding, “BAJAing” and off-roading were integral operations in mobilization training? Soldiers who drive Humvees in-theater and the trainers in the 2nd, 411th Logistics Support Battalion (LSB), 181st Infantry Brigade, that’s who. As members of the Fort McCoy work force drive through South Post on their way to cantonment, they might spot one of these convoys gliding over and plowing through treacherous passes that would be labeled impassable in their personal Sport Utility Vehicles and 4x4 trucks.

“We instill the differences in the students that the Humvee is made for off road but it can operate on the road, a 4x4 POV (privately owned vehicle) is made for the road but can go off-road,” said Sgt. 1st Class Scott A. Ellsworth, the noncommissioned officer in charge of drivers training. “The rough terrain is kick-butt here at Fort McCoy. This is like Disneyland. The program is successful with the good resources at Fort McCoy; the terrain, the support in the mechanic shop, and instructors who care. The terrain in country is beat up and we can replicate that.”

With Fort McCoy stretching 60,000 acres, there is ample space for rough-terrain convoy operations. Drivers gain trac-



Photo by Lacey Justinger

Mobilized Airmen familiarize themselves with maintaining control of Humvees while driving through rough terrain during off-road convoy operations at Fort McCoy.

tion when the Humvee is operating on two wheels, navigate through a gully where the rear tire is jacked five feet off the ground, up 60 degree slopes, through sand pits and around hairpin turns along the never-ending rutted road filled with bone-jarring bumps and potholes that drop the vehicle two to three feet with every wheel rotation.

“People ask why we train off-road when the Soldiers will mainly drive on the high-

ways — all the highways in-country are like the back roads,” said Spc. Jonathan R. Silbaugh, a trainer with the 2nd, 411th LSB. “They’re nothing like Wisconsin highways.”

From February to October 2007, the program has trained more than 780 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan as well as Soldiers stationed at Fort McCoy in the 181st Infantry

Brigade. There have been no accidents in the four years that the program has been operational, although the occasional flat tire, broken mirror, snapped fan belt or blown transmission may occur along the route.

“The training keeps going, and it turns into a positive block of training,” said Ellsworth. “We teach them all they need to know to operate a Humvee safely and securely as some students have never driven a Humvee before. Everyone loves the 10 miles of rough terrain, even those with Humvee rough terrain driving experience.”

The four-day course includes classroom portions that cover accident avoidance, Humvee specifics and familiarization, preventative maintenance checks and services, vehicle rollover and water-egress procedures. Drivers rotate to get hands-on the wheel navigational experience in highway convoys, precision driving in cantonment, off-road rough terrain, and blackout night vision under the supervision of a licensed operator. The total driving time is approximately eight hours.

“The main reason of the course is for people who have never driven a Humvee to learn the functions and to teach Soldiers how to drive this specific vehicle, not just how to drive,” said Staff Sgt. Archie Moore,

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Air Force weather squadron uses mobilization schedule as training tool

BY LACEY JUSTINGER
Triad Contributor

As a Total Force Training Center, Fort McCoy supports not only Army National Guard and Reserve units for training and mobilization, but Air Force as well. One Air Force unit, the 18th Weather Squadron from Fort Bragg, N.C., is testing the Fort McCoy mobilization schedule as a training tool Airmen would use to learn Soldier skill sets.

“This is the first time we’ve done this. Normally, the training is done in-house,” said Master Sgt. Jason Colon, a liaison leader for the 18th Weather Squadron. “We found out about the course and said ‘let’s check it out.’ We got a bunch of guys from all over the world, from Germany to Alaska with different experiences and years in the service, to get real good feedback on the course itself.”

“Right now in our career field there is nothing that gives us the initial skills,” said Master Sgt. Shane Wagner, an 18th Weather

Squadron liaison leader. “Throughout our careers we’ve pieced together what we needed. We’ve had to beg, steal and borrow to get our training with the Army. We’re here to test the training to see if the Fort McCoy process will be used as a model.”

The Army Air Corps split in 1947 to form the Army and the Air Force.

Although the Air Force took the weather component with them, they continued to support Army aviation by training Airmen to work on Army installations with Soldiers.

“Where there is aviation on an Army installation, there is an Air Force weather team there to support them,” said Colon. “We’re here to support the Army aviation assets with meteorological support. That’s why we exist; that’s what we do, we’re ahead of the storm.”

The Airmen in weather squadrons work with the Army every day. They deploy in groups of approximately five Airmen to staff weather operations at Army loca-



Photo by Lacey Justinger

Airmen from the 18th Weather Squadron use Kestrel pocket weather sensors during a tactical weather observation course.

tions. “The squadron works day in and day out with the Army. They live, breathe and eat Army, so we edited the training to fit our needs,” said Colon.

The team looked at the Fort McCoy mobilization training schedule and revised it to fit 22 days. They substituted some standard training for crew-serve weapons training, a Ranger water confidence course, a six-mile ruck-

sack march, 9 mm pistol qualifications, an Army physical training course and a tactical weather observations course. The weather squadron will have completed 40 Army tasks and 11 warrior battle drills before leaving Fort McCoy.

“We’re not regular Air Force, we also have Army patches on our shoulders,” said Colon. “The regular Air Force doesn’t understand the Army. They don’t work

with them so they are not familiar with what they need. We do all this training so we’re not a liability and we’re equal to our Army brethren.”

“I could see the results of the training being applied while watching the guys do the lanes with the simulated combat stressors,” said Wagner. “They were rolling through. What they had to learn is coming together; these guys got something out of this.”

The 18th Weather Squadron has pre-existing Air Force training and weather skill sets and is comprised of Airmen with multiple tours in Afghanistan and Iraq from 12 different Air Force bases. They are attending the mobilization-inspired training to supplement their recurring training with a structured set of individual courses involving Soldier and infantry skills or leadership skills. The Airmen then will evaluate the merits of mobilization training in order to help the Air Force determine whether or not to continue

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Training

RTS-Maintenance reports record number of students

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

More than 1,000 personnel graduated from Regional Training Site-Maintenance (RTS-Maintenance) courses at Fort McCoy during fiscal year (FY) 2007, which was the highest number ever for any of the 16 reserve-component RTS-Maintenance organizations in the U.S. Army, said Maj. Mark Siekman.

Siekman, the RTS-Maintenance commandant, said RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy is a center of excellence training site for Reserve and National Guard maintenance Soldiers for Basic and Advanced NCO field training.

The Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., provides this training to active-duty Soldiers.

"The courses we offer, such as the ANCOC (Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course) in ordnance, now are focusing on warrior-based training and leader tasks," Siekman said. "We're ramping up our number of courses to meet the require-



Photo by Rob Schuette

Students in a Regional Training Site-Maintenance Advanced NCO Course train in a real-world field scenario.

ments."

RTS-Maintenance personnel instruct a variety of courses, including ANCOC and

Basic NCOC and vehicle recovery.

Siekman said RTS-Maintenance personnel also instruct basic maintenance, quarter-

master, chemical equipment repair, laundry advance system and inspector certification courses.

The inspector certification course will help maintenance personnel from Army Maintenance Support Activities and Equipment Concentration Sites inspect equipment and vehicles.

In addition to the 1,022 Soldiers who graduated from RTS-Maintenance courses during FY 2007, the organization also provided training support to 2,000 mobilized Soldiers, Siekman said.

"We use the assets we have here at Fort McCoy including the training space, the MOUT (military operations on urbanized terrain), the convoy routes and the IED (improvised explosive devices) training area to support our training," Siekman said. "For the ANCOC course, we are integrating all those things together to have them train on convoy tactics and react to IEDs. Training is not only about using weapons or MILES

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Training

Law enforcement agencies sharpen skills at McCoy

BY ROB SCHUETTE
Triad Staff

Many civilian law enforcement or emergency services personnel take advantage of Fort McCoy training facilities at various times of the year to keep their proficiency at a high level, said Mark Stelzner.

Stelzner, the Fort McCoy range supervisory scheduler, said the installation does everything it can to support this training.

"We try to cater to any military or governmental law enforcement group that wants to train at Fort McCoy," he said. "We believe in fostering good relations and support between all the civilian and military organizations so they are prepared to accomplish their missions."

Military training, including mobilization, will have first priority when it comes to using the training facilities. Stelzner said the civilian organizations can find good training opportunities if they can schedule around peak-use times.

Sgt. Brad Anderson of the Rochester, Minn., Police Department, said his organization came to Fort McCoy from Sept. 30-Oct. 4 for training. It was the fourth consecutive year the department has trained at Fort McCoy.

"We like that Fort McCoy is located fairly close to Rochester so we could re-



Photo by Rob Schuette

Personnel from the Rochester, Minn., Police Department participate in a live-fire exercise at Fort McCoy.

turn (quickly) to the city if something major happened," Anderson said. "Fort McCoy has the training facilities we need to train our emergency response unit."

The facilities, including the ranges, sniper training, offense/defense building, and military urban terrain sites, provide excellent training opportunities, he said.

Many of the tactics the organization uses

are civilian adaptations of military tactics, he said. The organization often trains at federal locations so it can take advantage of their training and expertise.

"We like to come here to use the offense/defense building and other urban settings for training," Anderson said. "It's a nice, comprehensive setup compared to what we could find at Rochester. There we might

get an abandoned or condemned house to use. We also face restrictions on the live firing we can do (inside the city) in a training exercise."

The police department also takes advantage of the excellent support Fort McCoy provides. Anderson said this includes the work force and other federal or state agencies, such as the billeting area, the Wisconsin State Patrol dining facilities and the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO).

The DRMO has helped the Rochester Police Department secure vehicles, clothing and other related equipment and weapons over the years, he said.

"This helps us keep our focus on training while we're here," he said. "We start with PT (physical training) at 6 a.m., hit the ranges by 8:30-9 a.m., and keep going the whole time we're here."

The Rochester Police Department also benefits by having an Army Reserve unit, the 79th Military Police Company, headquartered in the city so it's conceivable the organizations may be able to provide support to each other in an emergency, he said.

Stelzner said law enforcement or other emergency service organizations interested in scheduling the use of Fort McCoy facilities can call the Range Scheduling Section at (608) 388-3721/3713.

Maneuver-Enhancement unit activates at Fort Polk

FORT POLK, La. (Army News Service) — Fort Polk made history Oct. 3 with the activation of the 1st Combat Support Brigade (CSB) (Maneuver Enhancement) — a new and unique Army unit.

The 1st CSB is the first unit of its kind in the active-duty Army. The Army Reserve recently activated similar units in Missouri, New Mexico and North Carolina.

"The Army has recognized that we need a staff that is developed and organized to accomplish multifunctional operations in an integrated way. That's what the 1st Combat Support Brigade represents," said Maj. Gen. William H. McCoy, commanding general of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center and commandant of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "It is the first of our active units to activate over the course of the next several years."

The 1st CSB is a self-sustaining command and control center capable of holding ground and unifying terrain and airspace management. These tasks — along

with force and route protection, infrastructure development and rear-area operations — support deployed combat teams in-theater, negating the need to deploy separate, larger units to perform these functions.

As the 1st CSB activated along with its two companies, so did the 88th Brigade Support Battalion and its three companies. Under the umbrella of 1st CSB and with the support of the new battalion and companies, other subordinate units can be attached as needed, such as explosive ordnance disposal, military police, engineers and air defense.

"The hallmark of this unit is its multifunctional capabilities that make it a highly valued organization in both the active and reserve components," said McCoy. "The combat support brigade is a mission-tailored force that conducts support area and maneuver-support operations and consequence management to ensure the mobility, freedom of action and protection of the forces they support."

(See **MANEUVER**, page 9)



Photo by Master Sgt. Jerome M. DeBarge

Operation Warrior Trainer

Operation Warrior Trainer (OWT), Staff Sgt. Eric J. Brown of the 1st Battalion, 340th Regiment, 181st Infantry Brigade, oversees Staff Sgt. Rod-Vincent V. Abaya, 514th Civilian Engineering Squadron, U.S. Air Force Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operation Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE), in proper weapon zeroing procedures at a Fort McCoy range during mobilization training.

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News

New rule limits predatory loan rate

BY SGT. SARA WOOD
 American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of Defense (DoD) has instituted new protections to help guard servicemembers against high-interest emergency loans that can lead to a dangerous cycle of debt.

A new regulation included in the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act limits the annual percentage rate on payday loans, vehicle title loans and tax-refund anticipation loans to 36 percent for active-duty servicemembers and their Families. Personnel covered by this law are servicemembers on active duty, members of the Guard and Reserve who are on Title 10 orders for more than 30 days, their spouses and children, and individuals who receive at least 50 percent of their financial support from a servicemember for 180 days prior to applying for the loan.

This is a big change from previous practices, as the interest rates on these "predatory" loans can run as high as several hundred percent, said David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. Troops and their Families often have fallen victim to these loans when they come up short between paychecks,

and they can lead to serious problems, he said.

"It's a big problem for commanders, because what happens is often these households get themselves in over their heads," Chu said. "They're \$200 short between now and next payday, but they're no better off when payday comes, so they need a bigger loan, and it just goes downhill from there."

The 36-percent limit in the regulation includes all fees and charges, and the rule prohibits contracts requiring the use of a check or access to a bank account, mandatory arbitration and unreasonable legal notice, the undersecretary said. The regulation makes it a criminal offense for lenders to knowingly charge a higher interest rate to servicemembers, so it is essential military members be honest about their status when applying for loans, he said.

It is the states' responsibility to enforce the regulation, he said, and already 27 states have stepped forward and agreed to enforce restrictions on the financial institutions. The department has received the assurance of federal regulators that they will oversee the institutions they regulate, he added.

In addition to implementing this new regulation, DoD also is stepping up efforts to educate servicemembers about financial planning and where to go for help in an emergency, Chu said.

Many times, servicemembers can go to their bank or credit union directly and ask what loan products they have available, he said, or they can go to their military aid societies or community support centers.

Also, most institutions troops would owe money to, including the Internal Revenue Service, often are willing to work with clients to defer payments. Servicemembers also can go to the online resources Military OneSource and Military Homefront for information on financial planning.

"The first defense here ... is

good education for our people so they can understand better how to manage their finances wisely, so they don't get themselves in trouble and so they don't come up short at the end of the month or the end of the pay period," Chu said. "But if they do, they know where to turn and how to get help."

This regulation is important because financial readiness directly affects mission readiness for military members, Chu said. If a troop is worried about an unpaid credit-card bill, a needed car repair, or any other financial crisis, he won't be able to focus on the mission. The undersecretary said commanding officers from around the military have applauded the DoD's efforts in this arena, because individual financial problems often cause unit readiness problems.

"As commanders, even at the division level, they are dealing with the fallout among their people from these kinds of payday loans," Chu said. "They want to get this problem off the screen; they want to solve the problem too. I think we have a whole community ready to move forward."

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which guarantees deposits by commercial banks, has agreed to work with the DoD on this regulation, because it is a chance to promote emergency small loans for servicemembers, as well as other citizens in the United States, Chu said.

"We are perhaps at the leading edge of a national movement, trying to put better financial management on everyone's screen, military and civilian, and of course ultimately, that is the goal — that our people are better equipped to deal with financial issues," he said.

Anyone in the Fort McCoy community who has any questions, or would like more information, can contact Army Community Service Financial Readiness at Fort McCoy at (608) 388-6812 and ask for Bryan Clarkin.

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News

Energy Awareness Month observed in October

October has been designated as Energy Awareness Month in a proclamation signed by President Bush.

The Department of Energy has established this year's theme as "Clean and Green ... For a Secure Energy Future."

The observance promotes the reduction in cost and environmental impacts through a greater awareness of energy consumption, wiser use of limited energy resources and highlights the importance of energy to the economic prosperity of the United States.

The Department of Defense has helped lead the way in accomplishing these goals. Personnel in the Fort McCoy work force and community can do their part by ensuring unneeded lights and equipment are turned off, whenever possible (when on leave, leaving a room, at the end of the day, etc.)

This is particularly important at the end of a work day when the last one out of a work area should ensure all lights (in offices, other rooms, hallways, etc.) and any equipment that isn't needed is turned off. Computers should remain on 24/7 to ensure all needed updates can be accomplished.

Army Secretary Pete Geren also encourages personnel not to let vehicles idle when

they're unattended.

He asked personnel to help reduce energy use by 3 percent a year to meet the goals as set forth in Executive Order 13423 to significantly improve energy and water management in order to save taxpayer dollars, conserve resources and reduce environmental impacts.

The Army is actively supporting projects that provide energy from solar, wind, biomass and geothermal sources and using alternative fuel sources/solutions for transportation, Geren stated in a Department of the Army memorandum.

For more information about Army energy-saving initiatives and programs visit the Web site <http://army-energy.hgda.pentagon.mil/>. The Department of Energy also has energy-saving tips at its Web site at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>.

The Fort McCoy Directorate of Logistics/Directorate of Public Works issues a weekly energy tip on the Fort McCoy Corporate Network.

For more information about energy awareness in the Fort McCoy workplace, call (608) 388-6553.

(Information in this story is from the Directorate of Logistics/Directorate of Public Works and the Department of the Army.)



Photo by Rob Schuette

Warehouse construction

Personnel from TCI Engineers, Architects and Contractors of La Crosse and subcontractors work on the new General Purpose Warehouse building, which is located near building 490 at Fort McCoy. The \$10.43 million facility is expected to be completed by fall 2008. The 80,000-square-foot facility will replace World-War II-era warehouse buildings in the installation's 2100 block, and include a loading/unloading dock, a large outside open storage area enclosed by a fence, and administrative areas.

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Community

Woodridge to provide childcare options

The Fort McCoy Child and Youth Services (CYS) program is starting up the Family Child Care (FCC) program in the Woodridge Housing Area to provide child care services to parents who need child care in Tomah.

FCC homes can provide a variety of child care services including full-time and part-time care, infrequent care for children in the early morning, regular before or after school care, or care during other hours the installation child care facilities aren't open such as on weekends.

Jan Fink, Fort McCoy CYS coordinator, said FCC facilities are open to children (both military and civilian) who are eligible to participate in CYS programs in the Fort McCoy community. The CYS program provides the training for Family Child Care Providers.

An FCC home provides a smaller-scaled environment for children than other daycare services do, Fink said. FCC homes can provide flexible hours, age-related, real-life activities and keep siblings together in a neighborhood setting.

"The FCC program will be a great help to our Families who have to work on week-

ends or other nonbusiness hours and want an adult caring for their children," Fink said. "Many Families prefer the home setting and the smaller number of children who are in an FCC home, especially for younger children."

All FCC providers are certified and receive the same training and support as CYS facility-based staff. Fink said the CYS staff, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and fire, health and safety department representatives visit and inspect FCC providers on a regular basis to ensure they meet these standards.

FCC providers must pass extensive background checks before being certified. In addition, FCC providers are required to take many hours of training each year to keep up-to-date and ensure they provide the best care for children in the program. FCC providers are CPR and First-Aid certified and also participate in the USDA food program.

The FCC setting offers many advantages for parents, said Loree Peterson, CYS Training and Curriculum specialist. "In my opinion for some children a smaller setting is more beneficial to a child who may not

adjust very well to larger groups," Peterson said. "In an FCC home, the hours often are more flexible than a daycare center."

FCC programs are set up to handle infant, toddler, preschool and school age-children, Peterson said.

The capacity of FCC homes is determined by the size of the home and the ages of the children enrolled in the program for that home.

An FCC provider schedules daily activities that are taken from an age-appropriate curriculum. Some activities may include outside play, art, social skills, science, muscle movement, circle time and dramatic play.

FCC providers strive to set up their homecare operations to provide "that home away from home atmosphere," where children can come in, kick off their shoes, learn and play with their friends through the activities offered, Peterson said.

General information about the FCC provider program can be found at the Web site <http://www.armyfcc.com>.

To find out more about FCC openings in the Fort McCoy community, call CYS at (608) 388-4373 or (608) 388-4124.

McCoy Giving program getting ready to kick off in November

The Fort McCoy Installation Chaplain's Holiday Giving Program will be offered during the upcoming holiday season, which begins with Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 22 and runs through the Hanukah/Christmas season, which ends with Christmas being celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Members of the Fort McCoy community can support the program in two ways — through a monetary donation for food or by donating a gift for a child through the "Angel Tree" program. The Thanksgiving dates will be Monday, Nov. 5-Friday, Nov. 16. Other dates are being determined and will be announced when finalized.

Monetary donations will be collected at the Religious Support Office (RSO) Chapel, building 2675 (South F Street), during normal duty hours from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

Donations can be made by cash or check, with checks being made payable to the "Fort McCoy Chaplain Fund" and being annotated for "Holiday Food."

In addition, an "Angel Tree" is scheduled to be set up in the Post Exchange (PX) Mini Mall lobby, building 1538, shortly after Thanksgiving for those who wish to donate a gift for a child.

Shoppers, including non-authorized personnel, can select an Angel ornament and purchase a toy in the PX Mini Mall at a 10 percent discount.

Shoppers can take gifts and the ornament to the PX Service Counter, where it will be wrapped free and placed underneath the tree.

Military and Department of Defense civilian (no contractors) Families are eligible to be recipients in the program and can be nominated by/through supervisors for Thanksgiving or Hanukah/Christmas or both.

Recipients pick up gift certificates that can be used for food items (excluding tobacco and alcohol products) at a local grocery store in Tomah or Sparta.

Food and Christmas gifts will be based on review of the submitted applications and total amount of donations. Priority will be given to Soldiers of lower rank with children, military personnel of higher rank and Department of Defense civilian personnel in the Fort McCoy community.

For more information about the programs, call the RSO at (608) 388-3528.



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AFTB program

David Blakeman (right), Fort McCoy Army Family Team Building (AFTB) program manager, speaks with Theresa Bauer, a Fort McCoy military Family member, about the introduction to problem solving module during an Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Level I course at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111. AFTB Level II courses of Personal Development Concepts will be offered 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Introduction to Professional Development will be offered 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 at ACS. For more information about registration, call (608) 388-3505 or stop at building 2111. For a complete listing of AFTB Level II modules, go to the Web site <http://www.mccoymwr.com> and click on ACS Schoolhouse.

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. Information, Ticketing and Registration Office. **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. 3213/2410/4353.

McCoy's: Building 1571. Bowling Center open daily 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Call Ext. 7060. Arcade, and NTN trivia. Call Ext. 2065.

Pine View Recreation Area/Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 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.

Woodshop: Building 1133. Open Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 5-8 p.m. Call John Timm, Ext. 6598 for an appointment.

Dining

Installation Dining Facility: Building 50 (84th Training Command (Leader Readiness)-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. 2642.

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

Rustic Inn Snack Bar/Patio Cafe: Building 2000. Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Closed Sat. Sun. Mobile food truck available. Call Ext. 4968.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call (608) 269-5615 Ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Available for private parties. Call Ext. 2065.

Services

84th Training Command (Leader Readiness) Shoppette: Building 51, Room 136. Open Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sun. 4-8 p.m. Call Ext. 7798.

84th Training Command (Leader Readiness) Barber Shop: Building 51, Room 119. Open Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 4-7 p.m. Call 269-1710 to verify hours.

Alteration Shop: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call (608) 269-1075.

Barber Shop: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Appointments available. Call (608) 269-1710.

Beauty Salon: Building 1538. Open Thurs.-Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times can be set up by appointment. Call (608) 269-1710.

Car Rental: Information available at Main Exchange Office, Building 1538. Call (608) 374-2012 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 1537. Open Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Open Tues.-Sun. 9-10 a.m. self-checkouts only. Call Ext. 3542/3543.

Computer Center for Soldiers: Building 2711. Open daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Call Ext. 7882.

facilities services

Notes: Hours may change at facilities to meet operational requirements. Hours in **bold typeface** denote new hours since the last update. Call to verify hours.

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.

Laundrette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call (608) 269-1075 to verify hours of operation.

Laundromat Services: Buildings 1132, 1444, 1649, 1701, 2568 and 2662. Open to Soldiers and their dependents and to Fort McCoy military training population on 24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis. Call (608) 388-3800 (Troop and Installation Support Branch, Building 490) for information.

Main Exchange: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call (608) 269-5574, Ext. 101 or 388-4343. **Effective Oct. 15, open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.**

Military Clothing Sales: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call (608) 269-5574, Ext. 203. **Effective Oct. 15, open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-7 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 9 a.m.-3 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, McCoy's, Building 1571, and the PX Mini Mall, Building 1538. Call (608) 388-2171.

SatoTravel: Building 2180. Open weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Ext. 2370, or (608) 269-4560, or 1-800-927-6343.

Service Station/Shoppette: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Call (608) 269-5604 or Ext. 4343. **GAS PAY AT THE PUMP OPEN 24 HOURS. ATM located inside. Cash transactions available during Shoppette and Main Store hours.**

Shoppette/Class VI: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Call (608) 269-5604 or Ext. 4343.

United Parcel Service: Building 1649. Open Mon., Wed., and Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call (608) 269-6969.

Vehicle Registration: Located in the Welcome Center, Building 35. Open daily 6 a.m.-6 p.m. (excluding federal holidays). For more information call Pat Moore at (608) 388-3355/8415. 24/7 ATM located inside.

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

Worship

Adult Bible Study: Chapel 1, Building 2672. Sun.

11 a.m.-noon. Call Ext. 3528 for more information.

84th Training Command Bible Study: Building 50, Room 219. Tues. 6:15 a.m. Call Ext. 3528.

Bible Study: Chapel Center, Building 2675. Wed. 7 p.m. Call Ext. 3528. Current study: "Job: Wrestling with God."

Catholic: Chapel 10, Building 1759. Mass. Sun. 9:30 a.m. Forward Operating Base (FOB) Liberty (when in use) Sun. 11 a.m. and FOB Freedom (when in use) Sun. 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship: Chapel Center, Building 2675. 10:30 a.m. Sun. following Services at Fort McCoy. Call Ext. 3528.

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

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.

Prayer and Praise: Fri. 7 p.m. Chapel 1, Building 2672. Call Ext. 3528.

Protestant: Chapel 1, Building 2672. Protestant Worship Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Forward Operating Base (FOB) Liberty (when in use) Sun. 7 p.m. and FOB Freedom (when in use) Sun. 7 p.m. Call Ext. 3528.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study Group: Chapel Center, Building 2675. Wed. 9-11:30 a.m. Childcare for all children 5 and under is available. Call (608) 388-3528 in advance for reservations.

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.

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

Health Care

Alcoholics Anonymous: For more information, call Ext. 5955/2441.

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Provides screening and referral services for eligible civilian employees and their family members who are experiencing difficulty due to personal problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/family discord or other problems. For more information please contact the Army Substance Abuse Program at 608-388-2441/5955.

Soldier Readiness Center (SRC): Building 2643. Open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call Ext. 2643 for more information or an appointment.

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.tricare.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 will be closed for renovations. The current **Troop Medical Clinic Annex**, Building 2656, will become the primary care clinic during the fall and winter months for all Soldiers. Signs will be posted redirecting all Soldiers to the TMC Annex. Sick call will be Mon.-Fri. 6:30-7:30 a.m. Soldiers arriving for sick call will be triaged and seen based on medical condition identified during triage. Soldiers seen at sick call may be given an appointment for non-urgent conditions between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Appointments also can be made by calling (608) 388-3999 between 7:30-9 a.m. TMC Annex will be open Saturday for sick call. Prescriptions will be filled at the TMC Annex. Call 911 for after-hour emergencies. Call AOD (608) 487-0698 for non-emergencies. For treatment, go to hospital emergency room.

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 (608) 388-6588.


Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: Call David W. Alderfer (LTC-Retired) at 920-535-0515 or email dave.alderfer@us.army.mil.

Noncommissioned Officers Association, Chapter 1586: Call SSG Billy C. Montgomery at (608) 269-3025.

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

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Health

Red Ribbon Week Oct. 21-31 at McCoy

With the goal of educating community members of the dangers of the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, Fort McCoy will conduct its annual Red Ribbon Campaign during the week of Sunday, Oct. 21-Wednesday, Oct. 31.

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the Red Ribbon Substance Abuse Awareness Campaign with the Department of Defense Theme "I Am Drug Free." Since its beginning the campaign has touched the lives of more and more people each year.

Red Ribbon Week began with the brutal murder of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Agent assigned to a case in Mexico.

Enrique was very close to un-

covering the identities of key members of a Mexican drug cartel. He was kidnapped, brutally tortured and killed just days before he was to identify kingpins of the illegal drug business in Mexico.

Angered by Kiki's death and the destruction caused by drugs and alcohol in America, the young people of Kiki's hometown of Calexico, Calif., began wearing Red Ribbons in honor of the fallen hero.

After this many organizations and communities soon began to wear Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to fight the illegal use of drugs.

Today, the simple piece of Red Ribbon is the symbol for drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention

across America. Annually, during the end of October, millions of young people and adults celebrate a healthy, drug-free life by wearing or displaying a red ribbon during the celebration.

This nationally sponsored campaign has become a major force for raising public awareness and mobilizing communities to combat alcohol and drug use among youth.

Baskets of red ribbons will be available at several installation locations. For more information on Red Ribbon Week contact the Fort McCoy Army Substance Abuse Program at (608) 388-2441 or 5955.

(Submitted by Fort McCoy Army Substance Abuse Program.)

TMC moves to temporary facility during renovation

The Fort McCoy Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) has relocated to building 2656 for the next several months while renovations to the regular TMC facility, building 2669, are under way.

Fort McCoy installation and medical officials said the changes are being made to improve access for Soldiers re-

ceiving medical care through the facility. Signs will be posted redirecting personnel to the right building for care.

During the construction phase, the sick call sign-in will be from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Soldiers arriving for sick call will be triaged and seen based on the medical condition(s) identified during triage.

Soldiers seen at sick call may be given an appointment for non urgent conditions.

Appointments will be available from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays. Prescriptions also will be filled.

Appointments can be made by calling (608) 388-3999 from 7:30-9 a.m. weekdays or in person at building 2656.

Maneuver-Enhancement unit

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The Army is expected to activate 23 CSBs by 2012 — four active-duty, 16 in the National Guard and three in the Reserve, according to McCoy.

"The flexibility and adaptability of this unit is representative of the characteristics and qualities of the Soldiers that make up the core competencies of the unit itself," said McCoy. "This unit will always be at the heart of critically

important missions that defend our nation. (This activation) is a significant milestone ... opening a new chapter in the Army's history of transforming to meet the operational requirements necessary to defend our nation."

Additional photos can be found in Triad Online

An "About Post" photograph section and additional photos can be found in the Oct. 12 Triad Online. To access the online version, go to the public Web site <http://www.mccoy.army.mil> and click on "Reading Room" and "Installation Newspaper."

Community Calendar

Oct. 23: Disability Awareness Month Observance at McCoy's, building 1571. Call (608) 388-3106.

Oct. 24-25: Army Family Action Plan Conference at building 905. Call (608) 388-2359/3505.

Nov. 29: Holiday Tree Lighting at McCoy's, building 1571. Call (608) 388-7400.

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News Notes

Commissary to hold Farmers Market Oct. 13

The Fort McCoy Commissary, building 1537, will host a Farmers Market produce sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

Fruit and vegetables will be for sale for authorized commissary patrons outside the facility. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held inside in the vestibule between the parking lot and the Commissary.

For more information, call the Commissary at (608) 388-3542.

Commissary self-service hours changing Oct. 14

The Fort McCoy Commissary, building 1537, will have new self-checkout hours, effective Sunday, Oct. 14. Commissaries are open only to authorized military patrons.

The self-checkout hours will run from 9-10 a.m. from Tuesday-Sunday. Regular hours still will be from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Commissary at (608) 388-3542.

ROA Chapter 43 sets meetings Oct. 18, 20

The Fort McCoy Reserve Officer Association, Chapter 43, will hold start up sessions Thursday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 20 at McCoy's, building 1571.

All officers are eligible to attend the sessions, which begin at 5 p.m.

For more information call retired Lt. Col. David W. Alderfer at (920) 535-0515 or e-mail dave.alderfer@us.army.mil.

Fall Motor Vehicle Safety Day event set for Oct. 18

Fall Motor Vehicle Safety Day will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18.

The Fort McCoy Installation Safety Office and Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation program are hosting the event.

The activities will be held at the installation Auto Craft Shop, building 1763, and are open to authorized patrons in the Fort McCoy community. Events include a personal vehicle inspection, a child safety seat inspection, a Jaws of Life demonstration (at 1 p.m.), a Patriot Warrior Riders Mentorship Program informational booth and prizes.

Personnel who complete the vehicle inspection will receive a free car wash. Eligible military personnel also will receive Army and Air Force Exchange Service coupons.

Members of the Fort McCoy community who have young children are encouraged to participate in the child seat safety inspection from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., said Betsy Kelsey, Fort McCoy Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy program manager.



Photo by Lacey Justinger

Transportation training

Soldiers from the 4th Cavalry Brigade headquartered at Fort Knox, Ky., load the vismods they used when training mobilizing engineer units this summer at Fort McCoy. The vismods are transported by the semis to another installation. The 4th supports a variety of mobilization training at Fort McCoy including the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT), which trains Soldiers in 360-degree rollover simulations.

During the Fort McCoy Day for Kids event, ACS held a car seat safety inspection, Kelsey said. The results were alarming as 100 percent of the car seats inspected were installed incorrectly.

This situation isn't unique to Fort McCoy, as national statistics reveal that 96 percent (more than nine in 10) child safety seats were installed incorrectly.

For more information about the event, call the Fort McCoy Community Activity Center at (608) 388-3213.

Disability Awareness Month event Oct. 23

A National Disability Employment Awareness Month observance will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23 at McCoy's, building 1571, at Fort McCoy. The theme is "Workers with Disabilities: Talent for a Winning Team."

The event will run from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and feature Julie Nelson, the events and development coordinator for Riverfront of La Crosse, as the guest speaker.

For more information about the event, call the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at Fort McCoy at (608) 388-3106.

AFAP Conference set for Oct. 24-25 at Fort McCoy

The Fort McCoy fiscal year 2008 Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference will be held Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Thursday, Oct. 25 in building 905.

Registration will be at 7:30 a.m., Oct.

24, with opening remarks at 8 a.m. The closing report-out session will be from 1-2 p.m. Oct. 25.

Seven issues have been submitted for this year's AFAP Conference with one work group of volunteers to review them. This process has resulted in quality-of-life improvements for the total Army Family throughout the Department of the Army for the past 20-plus years.

Anyone in the Fort McCoy community is welcome to come and observe the process. The results of the conference will be published in a future issue of the Triad.

For more information about the Fort McCoy AFAP process, call the AFAP program manager at (608) 388-2359/3505.

October Domestic Abuse Prevention Month

Domestic violence is a crime that ruins families, weakens communities and undermines military readiness. It is everyone's responsibility to break the cycle and take a stand against domestic violence — there is no excuse for domestic abuse.

In honor of the Domestic Abuse Violence Prevention Month, Fort McCoy Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy Program has planned a number of events in October.

Literature and posters will be available throughout the installation. Displays can be viewed at McCoy's, building 1571. Purple ribbons will be available at ACS, building 2111. In the October "Spotlight" the Army Community Service Resource Library is

featuring Domestic Violence books. Titles being featured include "Abused Men The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence," "Family and Friends Guide to Domestic Violence," and "Surviving Domestic Violence." Earn 200 Family Focus Franks and a Domestic Violence Prevention Water Bottle for checking out October "Spotlight materials"

A commander's training session will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30 when the local victim advocacy community agency, Brighter Tomorrows, provides a presentation on healthy relationships. Videos also are running on Fort McCoy TV-6.

For more information, call ACS at (608) 388-2412.

Change batteries in smoke alarm

Help keep your family and friends safe by encouraging them to adopt a simple life-saving habit.

When you turn your clocks back on Sunday, Nov. 4 make a lifesaving change in your household — change the batteries in your smoke alarms. This simple habit takes just a moment, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

Eighty-three percent of all civilian fire-related deaths are a result of home fires, and on average, nearly three children a day die in these fires. An early warning can provide critical extra seconds to escape; working smoke alarms double your family's chance of getting out of a home fire alive.

For more information in the Fort McCoy community, call (608) 388-4151.

Army Ten-Miler team places 1st in its division

The Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler Team placed first in the Reserve Women category at the Oct. 7 event at the Pentagon.

The team was comprised of Master Sgt. Misty Brown, Sgt. 1st Class Leslie Guttenberg, Capt. Monica Radtke and Maj. Nancy McCoy. Their aggregate time of 5 hours, 42 minutes and 49 seconds was more than 44 minutes ahead of the second-place team.

Other results can be found at the Web site <http://www.armytenmiler.com>. More complete coverage of the Fort McCoy team event will be in a future issue of the Triad.

Soldiers handbook about Iraq survival online

The new "Soldier Handbook: Surviving Iraq" now is available online.

The publication gives Soldiers tips about how to increase their chances of surviving their first 100 days in Iraq. The handbook is based on interviews and online responses from redeploying Soldiers.

For more information, visit the Web site <http://ca112.army.mil/new/toc.asp?document=2393>.

About Post



Photo by Lacey Justinger

Southern cooking

Soldiers from the 769th Engineer Battalion spend an evening making homemade southern gumbo and serving it to their fellow Soldiers and members of the Fort McCoy Command Group during one of their last lunches at Fort McCoy before deploying. The 769th included Soldiers from the 230th Engineer Concrete Team of Purvis, Miss., the 231st Engineer Survey and Design from Gulfport, Miss., the 769th from Baton Rouge, La., the 821st Horizontal Engineer Company of Summersville, W. Va., and the 851st Vertical Engineer Company of Little Falls, Minn.



Photo by John Timm

Breakfast is served

Officers of the 399th Combat Support Hospital of Bedford, Mass., serve a huge breakfast to Soldiers of the 399th as they prepare to turn in equipment to the Central Issue Facility at Fort McCoy. The 399th demobilized at Fort McCoy after serving a one-year tour of duty supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Command Sgt. Maj. M. Kevin Dubois

Festival winners

The Fort McCoy Patriot Warriors Riders Motorcycle Mentorship Program participated in the Warrens Cranberry Festival parade and received two awards for "Best of Parade" and "Village President's Award." For more information about the Patriot Warrior Riders call Command Sgt. Maj. M. Kevin Dubois at (608) 388-3545 or Sgt. 1st Class Cathy Sullivan at (608) 388-7382.

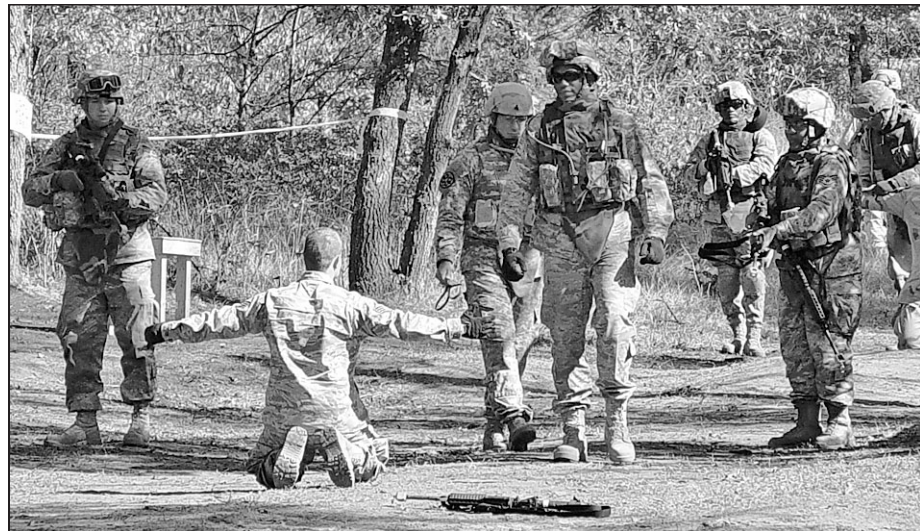


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Detainee operations

Airmen from the 819th Rapid Engineers Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) of Mahlstrom Air Force Base, Mont., practice detainee operations during mobilization training at Fort McCoy.

Armywide News

New Soldiers to become Combat Lifesaver certified

BY MIKE A. GLASCH
Army News Service

FORT JACKSON, S.C. —The Army is about to change the way it ensures Soldiers injured on the battlefield receive access to lifesaving techniques.

“Soldiers who were recently redeployed, and those who are currently deployed, told us that the first 10 minutes are the most critical for keeping a wounded Soldier alive,” said Fort Jackson’s Deputy Commander Col. Kevin Shwedo.

Effective Oct. 1, Soldiers entering Ba-

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Fort Jackson Deputy Commander

sic Combat Training will receive Combat Lifesaving Training and be CLS certified before graduation. The change adds seven-and-a-half hours to the current curriculum.

Soldiers will learn how to perform advanced first aid and conduct potentially lifesaving procedures — from controlling bleeding, conducting CPR and reintroducing fluids into the body — to keep a serious injury from worsening until professional medical help arrives.

“That means you are going to have to start an IV in your buddy, and your buddy is going to have to start one in you,” Col. Shwedo said.

The deputy commander said the change has two benefits.

“One, we are training Soldiers on mission-essential tasks that will keep them and their buddies alive in combat,” he said. “Not only will they be able to save a life, but they will have the confidence that their buddies can do the same for them.”

The second benefit is stress inoculation.

“There are very few things in life more stressful than watching a newly trained person put a catheter in your arm,” Col. Shwedo said. “Almost as stressful is introducing a catheter into your buddy’s arm because you don’t want to get it wrong.”

Introducing artificial stress in BCT is thought to prepare Soldiers for the stressors of war, but Col. Shwedo said that stress should be directly related to what Soldiers endure in war.



Photo by Lacey Justinger

Mobilized Army National Guard medics and combat lifesavers work together to practice combat lifesaving skills during training at Fort McCoy.

“Yelling at a person at the top of your lungs for five minutes does virtually nothing. Human nature says ‘I will shut you down in the first 30 seconds,’ so I’ve just wasted the last four-and-a-half minutes of my life,” Col. Shwedo said. “Whereas, if I put a Soldier in a stressful environment that has something to do with keeping him or her alive in combat, or killing the enemy, it makes him that much more successful.”

Previously, only 20 percent of Soldiers

in each unit were required to be Combat Lifesaver certified.

“At the end of the day we want to make sure we have a Soldier who is proficient in a few critical tasks — weapons proficiency, discipline, being physically fit, confident he or she can save a life on the battlefield and equally confident that their buddy can save their life,” Col. Shwedo said.

(Glasch writes for the Fort Jackson “Leader.”)

Vehicle drivers training for rough-terrain convoys

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an Operation Warrior Trainer with the 2nd, 411th LSB. “Even people who’ve driven Humvees before learn a lot in the rough terrain. They gain familiarization and can update their licensing.”

“They aren’t expert Humvee drivers but they’ve built a foundation and started the process to get comfortable,” said Ellsworth. “Each vehicle is a different animal. We instill a sense of importance to take care of the vehicle before eating or sleeping like a cavalry horse, because that’s what

gets you through the next day.”

Students learn to trust the Humvee, and then push the vehicle to the limits.

A lot of miles are covered on the asphalt and in the sand for them to learn the differences between a Humvee and a POV.

In the future, the 2nd, 411th

LSB hopes to add gun trucks allowing deploying Soldiers to experience the course in turrets so drivers learn to watch clearance levels as well.

“We’re out there for the students as long as it takes until they are comfortable with the vehicle capabilities, the only thing that

stops us is daylight (during night vision goggle training),” said Ellsworth. “There is one standard for male, female, Soldier, Sailor or Airmen, they love it.”

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

Air Force weather squadron uses mobilization schedule

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sending Airmen to Army bases for combat skills training, or to

modify and create their own programs.

“Along with supporting the Army we have to maintain the Army skill set for this to work —

for us to be an asset to the Army and do our jobs,” said Wagner. “Who better to teach Army skills than Army Soldiers who have been in the combat situations? There is

no better training utility than that. The instructors we’ve encountered here have been outstanding. They know their stuff, and they’re very professional. I was quite im-

pressed.”

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RTS-Maintenance supports 1,000+ students in FY 07

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(multiple integrated laser engagement system) but going through the troop leading procedures and reacting to any situation. The pur-

pose is to train as we fight.”

Siekman said he expects the FY 2008 training year to remain busy. First Army is requiring all reserve-component maintenance Soldiers being mobilized and deployed be

trained on the Standard Army Maintenance System-Enhanced computer program.

RTS-Maintenance will begin conducting the SAMS-1E course in November.

RTS-Maintenance also is now aligned under the 80th Training Command (Leader Readiness), headquartered in Richmond, Va., which will continue to emphasize individual training, he said.

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New NCO Academy facility dedicated

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Along with James, Col. Derek J. Sentinella, Fort McCoy commander, Maj. Gen. William C. Kirkland, 84th Training Command (Leader Readiness) commanding general, and Jose Leon, a representative from Senator Herb Kohl's office spoke during the ceremony.

About 300 Family members, friends, Soldiers and unit members from across the United States attended the ceremony.

TCI Architects/ Engineers/ Contractors, Inc. out of La Crosse, Wis., was awarded an \$11.998 million contract March 31, 2006 to build the NCO Academy.

The NCO Academy has been located at Fort McCoy since April 1988, and it provides professional development and leadership training to about 4,000 Soldiers per year.

Until now, the academy had



Photo by Allan Harding

The ribbon is cut at the new NCO Academy at Fort McCoy. From left to right are Renee Cornell and Robert Cornell (Staff Sgt. Todd Cornell's mother and father), Maj. Gen. William C. Kirkland, 84th Training Command (Leader Readiness), Tamara MacDonald (Cornell's sister), and Tim Cornell (brother).

been operating out of World War II-era wood facilities.

The academy now falls under the 84th Training Command (Leader Readiness), which provides Army Reserve Soldiers with leadership and functional training. The 84th Training Command Headquarters is located at Fort

McCoy and Milwaukee, Wis., with subordinate units located across the United States.

It is under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Kirkland and Command Sgt. Maj. Posey Grier.

(Submitted by the 84th Training Command (Leader Readiness) Public Affairs Office.)

WMA adds virtual convoy simulation

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The training may be incorporated into other WMA courses in the future.

"This system was issued to the Wisconsin Army National Guard to support its mobilization and sustainment training needs," Koch said. "The VCOT is an excellent addition to the systems already in place at the Wisconsin Military Academy's Simulation Center. It will provide yet another training option for Soldiers to hone their skills in real-world situations."

Commanders can meet with Theis and/or Koch to discuss their training needs. Koch said the system includes preset scenarios that can be modified to meet units' training needs. In addition, specialized scenarios can be created to meet units' needs.

Theis said the system also includes the capability to record the video and audio from the simulated training and use it for after-action reviews.

"We eventually hope to have the system connected to our simulation center," Theis said. "We will attempt to accommodate everyone who wants to use it."

The WMA Simulation Center has a completely networked, closed-loop artillery simulation system.

This includes a howitzer crew



Photo by Rob Schuette

A view of the convoy simulation scenario that is being used at the Wisconsin Military Academy.

trainer (HCT), a call for fire trainer (CFFT), an advanced field artillery tactical data system (AFATDS) and a Force XXI (21) Battle Command, Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2) laboratory.

The WMA facility makes the most recent advances in Field Artillery Digital and Simulation training available. The design of the facility also has been used to conduct JANUS (Joint Analog-Numerical Understanding System) exercises. Its networking and communication capabilities allow for the integration of live, virtual and constructive training events other field artillery training situations, which include the integration of virtual simulation, including VCOT or CFFT, constructive simulations, including JANUS,

and live training of units in the field.

For more information about the systems, interested military unit representatives can call Theis at (608) 388-9908.

Fort McCoy also has its own installationwide simulation equipment, including a Simulation Facility, which offers a number of training scenarios including some generalized training about convoy operations, said John Kumpf of the Directorate of Emergency Services/Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

The installation also has added mock turrets at one of its Engagement Skills Trainers for use as a convoy simulation trainer, he said.

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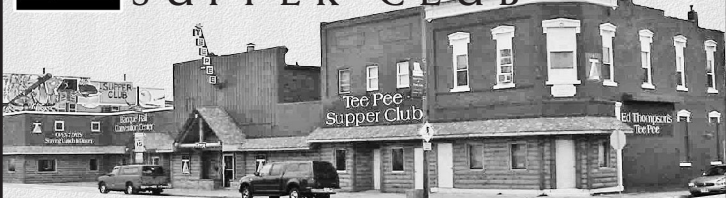
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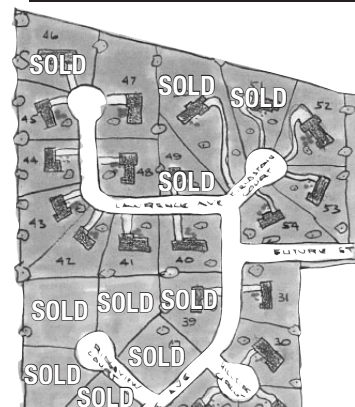
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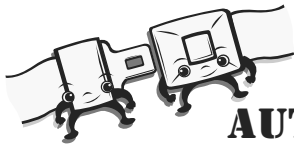


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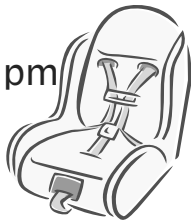
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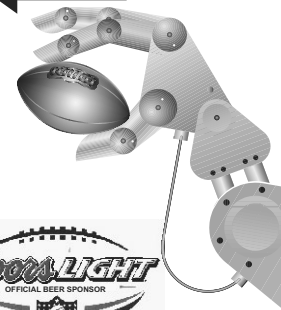
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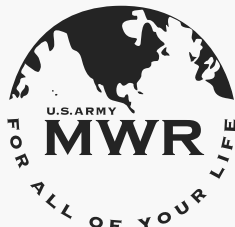
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