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Staff Sgt. Dean Telecsan with the 142nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight of the Oregon Air National Guard at Portland examines a dummy munition during training June 26 for Exercise Audacious Warrior at Fort McCoy.

EOD Airmen build skills during Exercise Audacious Warrior

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Any time someone puts their life on the line to defuse a bomb or an explosive device it can be considered a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks, which is one definition of "audacious."

"That's why I thought Exercise Audacious Warrior was the perfect name for our exercise (at Fort McCoy)," said Chief Master Sgt. Edward Smith with the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Flight at Madison.

Smith serves as an EOD program chief for EOD Air National Guard Airmen across the country. He and his unit, along with the Fort McCoy Counter Improvised Explosive Device/Asymmetric Warfare Team, trained 25 EOD Airmen for two weeks in late June during Exercise Audacious Warrior.

The training took place at both Fort McCoy and Volk Field.

"This is an exercise that allowed them more hands-on training with the tools of their trade," Smith said. "At Fort McCoy, with the support of the (Improvised Explosive Device/Asymmetric Warfare Team) and the spaces available, we are able to add more realism to give these EOD Airmen the kind of training they need to stay on the cutting edge of readiness for future responses."

The Airmen came from Air National Guard units from across America.

"Bringing all these Airmen together here to train really provides an excellent opportunity for them to share ideas and information," said Senior Master Sgt. Gilbert Holcomb, 115th EOD Flight superintendent. "In a career field as small as ours, sharing the (tactics, techniques, and procedures) that are successful is crucial to ensuring everyone's success."

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Guardian Justice exercise at McCoy prepares MPs for unexpected

BY SGT. AUDREY HAYES

200th Military Police Command

Lightning cracked and thunder rolled when the skies opened on Fort McCoy, where the 351st Military Police (MP) Company of Ocala, Fla., bunkered down in an imitation Middle Eastern city to wait out a storm June 22.

The company participating in Guardian Justice, a two-week exercise focusing on MP tactical skill sets, was almost at the end of its convoy when the storm rolled in. Much like the weather, in combat situations, unexpected changes can occur at any moment. Guardian Justice prepares U.S. Army Reserve MPs for similar unexpected changes.

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Photo by Greg Mason

Soldiers participate in a Guardian Justice training scenario with a simulated detainee, Wisconsin corrections officer Jodie Beloungy of Mauston, Wis., during exercise operations June 12 at Fort McCoy.

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NEWS



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

New housing opens

Some of the 56 new homes that were built in the South Post Housing area are shown July 6 at Fort McCoy. The new homes were accepted from the contractor July 3 and nearly double the number of housing units at the installation. The new homes were completed through a contract coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works. More information about the new homes will be in the July 28 edition of *The Real McCoy*.

AFAP committee works with CYs to expand teen programs

Two local issues are making progress while the five issues submitted to Installation Management Command (IMCOM) as part of the fiscal year 2017 Fort McCoy Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference were returned to the garrison.

The AFAP conference was held Nov. 2-3, 2016, to discuss quality-of-life concerns submitted by members of the Fort McCoy community. Seven delegates representing the Total Army Family reviewed the eight issues that were submitted. Of those issues, five were forwarded to IMCOM, one was not worked as delegates decided it did not fall within the AFAP forum purview, and two remained local.

With the reduction in IMCOM staff, criteria for accepting AFAP issues have changed. The five issues submitted by Fort McCoy for fiscal year 2017 were returned to the installation because they did not meet the new criteria. IMCOM personnel said four of the issues did not fall within the Department of the Army tasking authority to resolve as other agencies have overarching authority. One issue, involving awareness of benefits after retirement, could be reworded and sent again in fiscal year 2018.

Two local issues are being worked by Child & Youth Services (CYS) subject-matter experts. Progress is being reported quarterly at AFAP Steering Committee meetings.

* Transportation for middle school/teens to Youth Services from South Post during summer and school breaks. The delegates recommended that CYs provide afternoon transportation to pick up military youth grades 6-12 from South Post bus stops and transport to/from Youth Program.

* Lack of nonfacility-based programming for youth at South Post Housing. The delegates recommended that CYs offer regular programming on South Post Housing during the summer months using the pavilion and other features. It was also recommended that the Summer Youth Program move to South Post to accommodate the surge of military youth.

Starting June 12, a shuttle service began running Tuesday through Friday between the South Post community Center and the Youth Center. The shuttle is available to military youth who have completed sixth through 12th grades and are registered with CYs.

Youth can catch the bus at 12:45 p.m. at the community center. Youth can take the return bus to South Post, which will arrive at 4:30 p.m., or parents may pick up their children at the Youth Center by 5:30 p.m. Youth must sign up in advance for the daily shuttle. The shuttle will be available through Aug. 18.

The Youth Center also will conduct teen programming from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays at Patriot Park or the South Post

Community Center. Youths must be signed up for each Monday's activities by Friday of the previous week.

To help Families learn more about available programming, both CYs and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) will also be added to the Army Community Service inprocess assessment question regarding whether Soldiers or Family members would like to receive monthly or bi-weekly newsletters to stay informed of upcoming events.

The next AFAP Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Aug. 10. Local issues will be reviewed then.

Issues may be submitted year-round for the annual conference. The fiscal year 2018 conference will be held Nov. 1-2, 2017, with a submission cutoff date of Sept. 8. Issue and volunteer forms may be picked up at Army Community Service, building 2111, or found online at <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy/programs/army-family-action-plan>. Please ensure that any issues submitted are within the Department of the Army tasking authority to resolve and do not fall under other agencies.

For more information, call the Army Family Action Plan program manager at 608-388-2359.

(Article prepared by Army Community Service.)

NEWS



Staff Sgt. Dominic Buckmuse with the 166th Airlift Wing at New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del., practices operating a remote-control robot during a training scenario June 26 for Exercise Audacious Warrior.

■ EOD

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Nic Casey, associate and site lead/exercise planner with contractor Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. on the Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED)/Asymmetric Warfare Team, said his team worked with the 115th to have many training aids available for the Airmen, and they developed scenarios that needed problem-solving techniques to complete missions.

“Our team provided many training items that allowed the (EOD Airmen) to use most of the tools they have, which adds to the realism,” Casey said.

Throughout the training, the EOD Airmen completed scenarios in convoy operations, populated area responses for IEDs, and more.

“This was not an inspection for these Airmen; it was an exercise to allow them to improve their abilities and learn from each other,” Smith said.

“They also used the simulation training available at Fort McCoy, completed land-navigation and combat training, and held active-shooter drills.”

Smith said the training wouldn’t have been the same without the support of the Counter Improvised Explosive Device/Asymmetric Warfare Team.

“Every time we come here, Nic and his team help us drive better scenarios that build

the skills of our Airmen,” Smith said. “In our business, better skills can save lives.”

The Counter Improvised Explosive Device/Asymmetric Warfare Team was established at Fort McCoy in spring 2014 through a contract by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security to prepare service members for asymmetric threats.

“Our ultimate goal is to help with (service member) survivability when they are deployed,” Casey said. “We provide that unique training that can be customized to any region of the world to meet any unit’s training requirements and more.”

Staff Sgt. John Tourtelloutte with the 104th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD Flight at Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, Mass., said he appreciated the opportunity to train at Fort McCoy.

“We’ve certainly learned a lot in our time training in (this exercise),” Tourtelloutte said.

Smith said they will continue to plan “audacious” training like this in the future at the installation.

“We like coming to Fort McCoy because all the training areas allow for us to be creative and practice so many different types of training,” Smith said. “Plus, the support we get to do this training is exceptional.”



Explosive ordnance disposal Airmen participate in a training scenario June 26 on South Post.

NEWS

Fort McCoy facilities, training venues upgraded

STORY & PHOTOS

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Several training venues and facilities are receiving upgrades this summer thanks to work coordinated by the Directorate of Public Works.

One affected area that is highly used by transient training troops is the Fort McCoy Physical Fitness Training Site. The site's running track, located on East Eaton Road behind Parade Field No. 1, was resurfaced by Mathy Construction of La Crosse, Wis., through a \$220,000 contract coordinated by DPW, said Dan Hanson, DPW Construction Inspection Branch chief.

"The track was widened by 2 feet and repaved," Hanson said.

The track upgrade is important as it and the Rumpel Fitness Center gymnasium are the only two places within the cantonment area where people may use headphones or earbuds while walking or running.

The rappelling tower, also on the cantonment area, is another training venue that received some timely maintenance through another DPW-coordinated contract with Platt Construction of Tomah for \$81,000.

"The work consists of preparing and painting all of the exposed steel surfaces of the tower," Hanson said.

In the 1900 block of the cantonment area, which previously held offices for the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade, six barracks buildings are being renovated under a DPW contract for \$1.1 million, Hanson said.

The 1900 block improvements are a continuation of ongoing renovations of troop-support facilities. For several years, barracks, dining facilities, and classroom buildings have been upgraded significantly throughout the post.

Most block renovations have been completed through indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts, said DPW Director Liane Haun. If a building follows a standard design, DPW can assign multiple buildings with that same design to a task order under the IDIQ contracts to quickly have them renovated.

Many other projects will be continuing through the rest of the fiscal year, Hanson said.

Some include building construction, road paving, building demolition, fencing installation, and seal-coating roads.



A worker with contractor Nuvo Construction of Milwaukee works on a barracks building in the 1900 block June 15 on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy.



A worker with contractor Platt Construction of Tomah, Wis., works on the rappel tower June 27 on the cantonment area.



Workers with contractor Mathy Construction of La Crosse, Wis., work on resurfacing the running track June 14 at the Fort McCoy Physical Fitness Training Site.

NEWS

Troops gain valuable experience in XCTC Exercise

STORY & PHOTO BY SGT. JARROD WOODS

157th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East

About 4,000 Soldiers with the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) and Joint Forces Headquarters-Illinois of the Illinois Army National Guard were among those participating in a June 4-24 Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) Exercise at Fort McCoy.

XCTC is an Army National Guard program focused on providing world-class training events through rigorous and realistic training scenarios to achieve individual unit readiness.

"First and foremost, it's an opportunity to bring the entire brigade, all of the battalions and subordinate units, to a site at the same time and train collectively," said Col. Henry Dixon, commander of the 33rd IBCT. "It's a three-week immersive tactical environment in which we (focused) at the platoon level to establish proficiency in platoon tasks in support of companies and battalions."

The 157th Training Support Brigade (TSB), First Army Division East has partnered with the 33rd to help facilitate and assess training during the XCTC exercise. Soldiers of the 157th TSB primarily serve as observer-coach/trainers, or OC/Ts, who support their partnered training units to help maximize readiness to execute real-world missions.

"The 157th is comprised of true profes-



Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery Regiment, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, extract a shell after firing a Howitzer artillery gun during a live-fire training exercise June 9 at Fort McCoy for the Exportable Combat Training Capability Exercise.

sional Soldiers, individuals who have an encyclopedic knowledge in their functional area, as well as the basic soldiering skills," Dixon said. "They provided valuable feedback."

Sgt. 1st Class Eric Gyamfi, a senior OC/T

with 2nd Battalion, 307th Field Artillery Regiment, 157th, described his experience working with the 33rd.

"We've got a great relationship," Gyamfi said. "We've known the 33rd for quite a while

now from working with them in the past. There is a good open dialogue between us that creates a positive working environment."

Gyamfi also related his personal approach to making sure a particular unit gains the most from training.

"Every unit is different," Gyamfi said. "You just have to understand their leadership style, their background, and how they respond to certain things. You can't try to inflict change your way. You have to adapt to that unit, become a part of it. Instead of saying, 'This is how it is; you need to do it this way,' you should say, 'We need to do this.' When you use the word 'we' instead of 'you,' it makes whatever you're trying to accomplish more of a team effort."

Seizing the opportunity to observe the 33rd IBCT's six battalions training throughout Fort McCoy's extensive range complex, Dixon talked about some of the things he witnessed.

"I've seen firsthand an eagerness to learn on behalf of my Soldiers and a willingness to share knowledge from the 157th's observers," Dixon said. "Each day we are better than yesterday, and each day we expect to be better tomorrow than we are today."

"The essential key element of training is to identify and assess our performance each day so that we can increase our fundamental capability and to ensure that when called, the brigade is ready and will support and achieve the mission we're assigned."

33rd IBCT Soldiers take part in sniper course at Fort McCoy

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS BRYAN SPREITZER

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Snipers in the Army National Guard are highly trained assets who are often overlooked during large-scale training events, such as the National Guard's Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) exercise that was held June 4-24 at Fort McCoy, Wis.

Staff Sgt. Joe Bastian, a sniper observer-controller/trainer with First Army's 1st Battalion, 335th Infantry Regiment and former active-duty sniper, wanted to help change that.

Bastian designed and implemented a 10-day sniper training course during the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team's (IBCT) XCTC training rotation. Nearly 30 Soldiers from Illinois' 33rd IBCT and Puerto Rico's 1st Battalion, 296th Infantry Regiment participated in the course.

"The course is designed to get all of the snipers from the brigade together to train; broaden their horizons; and share tactics, techniques, and procedures," said Bastian. "Sharing knowledge in this manner is paramount to operational success and allows them to become masters of their craft."

Bastian said that the course packs weeks of information and training into a 10-day period. He enlisted the help of two former instructors at the U.S. Army's Sniper School in Fort Benning, Ga.: Tarrol Peterson, a U.S. Army Sniper Association instructor, and Staff Sgt. John Brady, a sniper instructor at the 10th Mountain Division's Light Fighter School at Fort Drum, N.Y.

"I had to call in a couple of favors because of the scope of this course," said Bastian.



Photo by Sgt. Jarrod Woods

Snipers with the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Illinois Army National Guard, hone their skills at a long-distance rifle range June 9 at Fort McCoy.

"My two co-trainers bring a breadth of knowledge and experience that is unparalleled and give these Soldiers an opportunity that they won't get otherwise."

Peterson said the training course is invaluable to the snipers that go through it.

"It's immensely important to train and have courses like this," said Peterson. "The Army has a multitude of systems and professionals to continually train everyone, except snipers. When these guys go back to their units, there's not a lot of personnel that can train them properly. This course will help them continue their education and properly train themselves."

Peterson said the course will teach the 33rd's snipers how to design and implement their own training, forecast ammunition, set up targets and ranges, and properly train in camouflage and stalking techniques.

Brady reiterated his colleagues' opinion of the course.

"It's a necessity to have a program like this," said Brady. "It's a force multiplier getting multiple sniper teams together to train and gain the knowledge they need for success. Over this 10-day period, they'll realize how much work it will take them to learn how to conduct their own training, and we'll give them the knowledge they need to do so."

NEWS



Photo by Sgt. Audrey Hayes

Army Reserve military police (MP) with the 354th MP Company pf St. Louis participate in reflexive-fire training June 23 during the Guardian Justice at Fort McCoy. Guardian Justice is a functional exercise, broken down into two-week cycles, centered on squad- and team-level training with a focus on internment, resettlement, detainee operations, and combat support.

■ GUARDIAN JUSTICE

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This year, the 300th MP Brigade, based in Inkster, Mich., hosted Guardian Justice, which included 16 units and help from two support companies. In charge of the training and planning for Guardian Justice was Maj. Angela Meyer, who structured the training upon the idea that MPs should be ready for any environment combat brings their way.

“Guardian Justice focuses on the individual, team, and squad levels,” said Meyer. “In years prior, training focused on detainee operations, but recently, we’ve added combat support, which means we’re getting back to the basics of field environments. This means setting up tents, using our radio communications instead of cellphones, using maps instead of (GPS), and we’re using our gas masks and MOPP (Mission-Oriented Protective Posture) 4 (a suit that protects

from chemical, biological, radiation and nuclear contamination).”

Traditional detainee operations training that took place included biometrics, the in-processing and tracking of prisoners of war, and combat-ives and stun-gun qualification.

Guardian Justice provided training in convoy operations, land navigation, reflexive fire and military operations in an urban terrain.

The 361st MP Company of Ashley, Pa., recently returned from a detention operations mission in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For the 361st, the combat support element of the training is a whole new ball game.

“We’re proficient in detainee ops, but now we’re transitioning into a combat support unit,” said Staff Sgt. Stephen Levey, platoon sergeant with the 361st. “Even though they are both MP functions, they are

completely different. With my new responsibility as a platoon sergeant, I’m learning what it takes to successfully move a fully manned convoy, even when Soldiers get pulled to complete other tasks.”

With the proper training, Soldiers of all ranks can be ready and capable to step up to the challenge.

“I went to convoy training and at one point I was assigned convoy commander,” said Pvt. Christopher Fongemie, an MP with the 354th MP Company of St. Louis. “I learned how to control everyone, radio up to the TOC (tactical operations center), call EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) for IEDs (improvised explosive devices), and make sure everyone is in line and moving properly.”

Perhaps the knowledge sharing that Guardian Justice brings is the key to unit cohesiveness. There was a

growing of trust and sound decision making that weaved its way through the ranks of the 300th.

“Battalion commanders are only as strong as their subordinates, and this training is tremendously helping build that trust between them and their junior leaders,” said Maj. Julius Austin, the operations officer for the 336th MP Battalion of Pittsburgh. “There’s new commanders and new Soldiers who are all getting mentored by their leaders and learning how to make critical decisions.”

For new Soldiers like Fongemie, whose company would be on its way within 30 to 60 days if called to duty, building trust is critical for unit cohesiveness.

Staff Sgt. Max Boyd, platoon sergeant with the 354th, said nothing more is important than knowing and being familiar with the people you

deploy with, which only happens by training with them.

“I have a lot of reclasses and Soldiers who are fresh out of basic training,” said Boyd. “We’re getting in a lot of reps out here, and I’m seeing them grow from the individual to the team, squad, and company element.”

The likelihood of a private becoming a convoy commander is slim, but should the unexpected happen, the private would be prepared thanks to Guardian Justice.

“We get in this mindset that we are going to be fighting a certain type of army in a specific place, when the reality is we don’t know where we’re going next, and we don’t know what’s going to happen,” said Meyer. “When we train for specifics, we can forget the unexpected can happen anytime.”

FEATURE

Fort McCoy's eco-friendly CVWF 'among best' in Army

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The Fort McCoy Central Vehicle Wash Facility (CVWF) has 23 stations available for cleaning military tactical vehicles and heavy equipment, as well as the ability to reuse up to 98 percent of the water used to clean that equipment.

Built in 1994, the CVWF runs seven days a week from April 1 through Oct. 31 — a prime time of the year for training at Fort McCoy. It is a valuable asset for extending the life of training equipment.

"It's a great facility," said Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Maintenance Division Chief Jeff Wessels. "When you compare it to other facilities across the Army, it's among the best. The capacity that it gives us to clean vehicles, particularly when many units are training on post, is incredible."

The LRC oversees the overall management and operation of the CVWF, and a team of operators maintains and keeps it running.

"We can have some very busy days here," said Jon Finch, CVWF operator. "When we have large exercise happening on post such as the Combat Support Training Exercise, we'll have every station going with vehicles getting washed. If a unit has 30 or 40 vehicles they need washed, they can come here and get the job done all in one shot."

Wessels said hundreds of vehicles easily can be cleaned each day when the facility is operating at maximum capacity and efficiency.

The 23 stations have dual-hose capacity and operate at a water pressure average of 60 pounds per square inch (PSI).

"It's a highly efficient system," Finch said. "Users can adjust the water pressure right at the station they're using to accommodate the desired PSI needed for cleaning. This increases ease of use by the customer."

What may be most efficient about the CVWF is its environmentally encapsulated filtration system that allows for self-contained water usage. The facility has an 11-million gallon holding pond that has filtration to remove sand and other sediment from the water.

When water is sprayed to clean vehicles, it drains into a sediment basin. Oil and fuel material are skimmed off and loaded into oil containers. A contractor disposes of the oil containers in accordance with environmental hazardous waste regulations and procedures.

The filtered water then goes to the holding pond where further filtration methods remove sand and other debris and sediment.

"The whole filtration process is a big circle," Finch said. "By reclaiming the water, we're not only keeping a constant supply of clean water to wash the vehicles, but we are also conserving resources and saving the taxpayer money."

In recent years, the CVWF also has upgraded its computerized operating system, including new control panels.

The system upgrade also included improvements to the lighting and ground protection systems.

"It allows for better management of the water-pressure levels as well as the filtration system," Finch said.

The upgrades also improve safety. "Our customers are very good about following the standard operating procedures for facility usage, but anything we can do to lessen any potential risks is helpful as well," Finch said.

Finch, who has worked at the CVWF since 2008, said customers value having the CVWF available, especially those who sign out and return vehicles to the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site or Equipment Concentration Site-67. "We



(Above and below) Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in the Exportable Combat Training Capability Exercise clean tactical vehicles during exercise wrap-up operations June 22 at the Installation Materiel Maintenance Activity's Central Vehicle Wash Facility on the cantonment area.



have many troops who use our facility and are amazed at how many spaces we have available," Finch said.

"They like how our systems are user-friendly and make doing their cleaning job that much easier before they turn their vehicles back in after use."

Wessels said the CVWF team works to provide excellent

customer service every day. "They are very capable. They know everything about the operations of the facility, and they do a great job," he said.

Appointments or reservations of the facility are highly encouraged, Finch said. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 608-388-4241.

ADS

COMMUNITY

Archaeological tour provides look at Fort McCoy's past

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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More than 20 people from the general public participated in an archaeology tour June 27 to learn about the installation's efforts to document the recent and ancient past of Fort McCoy.

The tour, which lasted approximately 2 1/2 hours, brought visitors of all ages. The group received a 40-minute presentation about archaeology at Fort McCoy from Alexander Woods, Ph.D., cultural-resource program manager and archaeologist with Colorado State University's (CSU) Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under contract with Fort McCoy.

Woods highlighted several examples of artifacts found on post in the past 30-plus years, including an approximately 10,000-year-old arrowhead from the Paleo-Indian time period.

"The archaeological record is rich at Fort McCoy," Woods said. "Over the course of time that archaeological work has been done on post, we have found 521 archaeological sites."

One of the archaeological sites Woods discussed was site 47-MO848 on Fort McCoy's South Post. The site yielded some of the oldest known military artifacts found on the installation, which are from around 1910. This is an area that once was part of Camp Emory Upton.

Artifacts recovered during the 2013 Camp Emory Upton dig included a three-in-one oil bottle, glass bottle stoppers, key openers for food cans, a milk glass cold-cream jar, and a brass uniform insignia for the 28th Infantry



Heather Walder, Ph.D. and archaeologist with Colorado State University's (CSU) Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under contract with Fort McCoy, shows tour participants an artifact June 27 at an active dig on South Post.

Regiment. Several of those items are on display in the Fort McCoy History Center.

Following the presentation, the group then visited an active phase III archaeological dig

on South Post. Nearly 20 people with Woods' archaeological team were excavating sites in several areas. Among the artifacts they saw was a pottery shard believed to be approximately

1,500 years old or older.

Woods and Heather Walder, Ph.D., also with Colorado State University, described the work and how important it has been in understanding the history of Fort McCoy and Southwest Wisconsin.

"Every discovery and (artifact) is a look back at something that hasn't been seen in a long time," Walder said to the group. "There has been a lot of work to learn a lot of important lessons."

David Beckmann with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch assisted with the tour. He said the tour was an excellent opportunity to share some Fort McCoy history that people may have not heard about before.

"Everyone on the tour seemed very engaged and interested in what they were seeing," Beckmann said. "Having an event like this is very important because it gives people a chance to see what Fort McCoy looks like, and they also get to learn about how it is being cared for, especially since many people on the tour were from nearby local communities."

Woods reminded the group that any artifacts spotted while on Fort McCoy or other federal properties should be left alone. It is illegal to dig for or remove artifacts from federally owned land without permission.

For more information about archaeological digs at Fort McCoy, call the Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-4793.



Tour participants look at a archaeological dig area at the site during the tour.



An example of an artifact shown to the group is this estimated 1,500-year-old piece of Native American pottery that was found at the site.

COMMUNITY

Army of volunteers vital to annual concert

BY AIMEE MALONE
Public Affairs Staff

Behind the scenes of Fort McCoy's annual Army Concert is an army of volunteers that helps make the show possible. That army is seeking more recruits.

As many as 300 volunteers are needed to put on the show, said Daryl Budda, chief of Business Activities for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DF-MWR).

Proceeds from the Army Concert go back to the Soldiers through a central fund that is used for programs, infrastructure, equipment, and wages, Budda said.

He said Fort McCoy saves approximately \$20,000 in wages during the concert through volunteer support.

Karla Rynes of DFMWR is the volunteer coordinator for the concert. Rynes has been working with concert volunteers for about 10 years. "It's a good turnout. People seem to be more apt to do it because it's for the military, and they want to support the troops. A lot of volunteers return to help again the next year," Rynes said.

Volunteers must be 16 years old. There are no physical restrictions to volunteer, but Rynes said that most jobs require standing for long periods of time.

Several concert volunteer jobs still are available. People can serve beverages in either the soda or the beer tents, sell or collect concert tickets, help direct parking, work in the will-call area handing out tickets to people who made online purchases, or help clean up Constitution Park the next day.

Rynes said volunteers especially are needed

to help clean up. "You get to come in the night before for free; you just have to show up the next day to clean up," Rynes said.

Each volunteer, in addition to listening to the concert for free, receives a T-shirt and an invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Night at McCoy's for a free meal and beverages.

"The banquet is just a time to say 'thank you' for what they've done because we couldn't do it without them," Rynes said.

Martha Gnewikow, a DFMWR employee, has volunteered for the concert almost since it began at Fort McCoy in 1997.

She said when she first began volunteering, she did so because she wanted to attend the concert for free. "But then I got the point where I just enjoy going and doing it and spending the time with other people," she said.

Rynes encouraged people to contact her if they're interested in volunteering. "It's a good time," she said. "People have a lot of fun."

This year's concert features Toby Keith with special guests Cassadee Pope and Waterloo Revival. Tickets are \$50 until the day of the show. Day-of-show tickets cost \$55.

Tickets can be purchased on post at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, and Pine View Campground.

Off post, tickets can be purchased at the Market Bar and Fox Hole Pub in Sparta, Ace Hardware in Tomah and La Crosse, and Festival Foods in Onalaska.

Tickets also can be purchased online at <http://mccoy.armymwr.com> or by calling 877-864-4969.

For more information about volunteering for the Army Concert, contact Rynes by phone at 608-388-4161 or by email at karla.m.rynes.naf@mail.mil.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

DV Day

State Rep. Nancy Vandermeer of Tomah takes a photo while touring the Enemy Prisoner of War 2 training area on South Post on June 28 as part of the Guardian Justice Distinguished Visitor Day tour at Fort McCoy. Vandermeer, Monroe County Sheriff Scott Perkins, Sparta Police Chief David Kuderer, and others learned about how the Guardian Justice exercise is coordinated and completed at Fort McCoy. Guardian Justice is an Army Reserve exercise that develops and sustains a military police Soldier's technical skills by focusing on internment and resettlement operations, which is one of five military police doctrinal functions. The exercise also addressed detainee operations, dislocated civilian operations, population and resource control, and U.S. military prisoner handling. The exercise began at Fort McCoy in early June.

Fort McCoy newspaper, TV6 accept community submissions

Fort McCoy organizations and community members can submit materials for consideration for inclusion in The Real McCoy and Command Information Channel TV6.

The Real McCoy is the installation's community newspaper. Suggestions about future articles and photographs and submissions are welcome. Articles must be written for the internal Fort McCoy audience, which includes military members, Family members, civilian employees, and retirees. PAO staff reserves the right to verify the clearance of stories/photos; determine suitability for publication; and to edit, rewrite, or reformat all submissions for grammar, spelling, length, style, and conformance to standard journalistic guidelines and Army regulations.

All photos must have captions that include names of the individuals photographed (unless the photo has more than five people in it), the date and location of the photographed event, a description of what is happening in the photograph, and the name of the photographer.

The Real McCoy is published the second and fourth Fridays of the month, excluding December. Submission deadlines are



typically nine days before publication; federal holidays may affect submission deadlines. Deadline exceptions may be made, with advance coordination, for events that occur between the submission deadline and publication date. Contact the Public Affairs Office for details.

Programming and content for command channel TV6 is updated on weeks The Real McCoy is not published, typically the first; third; and, if applicable, fifth Fridays of the month.

Videos should be submitted nine days before an update to

allow time for processing. Slides for the Community Bulletin Board should be submitted three days before an update to allow time for review and reformatting. Federal holidays may affect submission deadlines. Before submitting items for The Real McCoy or the command channel, call the Public Affairs Office at 608-388-4128/2769. All submissions must include the name of the writer and/or photographer and contact information.

For more information about The Real McCoy or TV6 guidelines or to suggest a story idea, call 608-388-4128/2769.

COMMUNITY

Fort McCoy fills two teams for Army Ten-Miler race in October

Fort McCoy has two eight-person teams as well as five alternates in place to compete in the Army Ten-Miler competition Oct. 9 at the Pentagon.

The teams were formed after the final qualification time trial took place June 14 during the Commander's Run at the Fort McCoy observance of the Army's 242nd birthday.

"Our selection committee met on June 19 to select the Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler teams," said **Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah** with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade (MFTB) who serves as coach of both teams as well as a team member. "Based on the (three) time trials, which all runners ran a 10K as their official time trial, we were able to select our members."

Both teams are in the mixed category (male and female) for the competition. Following are the team members for each team:

• Fort McCoy Team 1 — **Maj. Martin Wennblom**, 181st MFTB; **Maj. Tony Steinhoff**, 88th Regional Support Command (RSC); **Maj. Peter Demaras**, 86th Training Division (TD); **Capt. Billi Bierle**, 2nd Battalion, 361st Training Support Battalion (TSB); **1st Lt. Jerel Villanueva**, 1st Battalion, 338th TSB; **1st Lt. Mark Jensen**, 86th TD; **Staff Sgt. Xavier Acevedo**, Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA); and **Staff Sgt. Beatriz Sanchez**, 86th TD.

• Fort McCoy Team 2 — Woommavovah; **Maj. Gloria Rosario**, Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance; **1st Sgt. Hector Ocasio**, Higher Headquarters Company (HHC), Fort McCoy Garrison; **Sgt. 1st Class Boyce Harris**, 181st MFTB; **Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Baugher**, RTS-Maintenance; **Staff Sgt. Joshua Beyer**, HHC, Fort McCoy Garrison; **Sgt. Andre Smith**, 181st MFTB; and **Sgt. Holli Barnes**, 376th Financial Management Support Unit, 88th RSC.

• Alternates include: **Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kaitlin Madel**, 426th Regional Training Institute; **Master Sgt. Mark Aiken**, 181st MFTB; **Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Brandt**, 1st Battalion, 291st Brigade Support Battalion; **Sgt. 1st Class Lenchow Griffith**, 83rd United States Army Reserve Readiness Training Center; and **Staff Sgt. Jvona Harrell**, Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell NCOA.

Woommavovah said the training plan for the teams will remain realistic.

"We will cut out the waste, maximizing improvement and minimizing injuries," Woommavovah said. "Our training plan will be 12 weeks long, and moves steadily from one emphasis to another. This will include easy runs to repetition workouts to interval training to tempo training and weekly long runs."

"This plan improves our power, our speed, our stride frequency, and our relaxation while running fast," he said.

"Also, as Team Fort McCoy we will participate in local running events to build team cohesion and check on our training progression."

Woommavovah said the key to the teams' success will be "consistency while staying positive."

"As Team Fort McCoy, we have a goal to perform our best and represent the installation well," Woommavovah said. "We want show that we are an Army Community of Excellence. And as long as our goals are specific, measurable, attainable, and relevant, we can achieve them."

The Army Ten-Miler is the second largest 10-mile race in the United States. Each year, tens of thousands of runners and spectators travel to Washington, D.C. to join the race.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler Team.)



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Runners take part in the Commander's Run on June 14 at Fort McCoy during the installation's observance of the Army birthday. The run was the final qualifier for people vying to make the Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler team.



Bumblebee survey

(Left) Susan Carpenter with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum photographs different species of bumble bees at a grassland area June 16 at Fort McCoy.

(Right) A bumblebee pollinates a flower.

Carpenter and two other people came to the installation to identify numerous types of bees and to search for one species that is believed endangered.

Photos by Tim Wilder



NEWS NOTES

Post Commemorative Area open to walk-in visitors July 14, 28

The Fort McCoy Commemorative Area will be open for walk-in visitors from noon to 4 p.m. July 14 and 28. Members of the public are welcome.

The Commemorative Area consists of the Equipment Park, five World War II-era buildings with historical displays, the History Center, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. The History Center and World War II-era buildings contain artifacts dating from Fort McCoy's inception in 1909 up to present day.

Members of the public must present valid photo IDs at the Main Gate to get a visitor's pass. For information on visitors' passes, call the Visitor Control Center at 608-388-4988.

Groups of 15 or more may schedule tours from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407.

Job Search Strategies offered July 19 at ACS

A class covering better ways to search for jobs and careers will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. July 19 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The class covers ways to establish career goals, methods of researching the job market, identifying the most effective job-search methods, and creating a plan for job research.

Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilian employees, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Registration is required by July 14. For more information or to register, call 608-388-7262.

Dodgeball tournament set for July 19 at fitness center

A dodgeball tournament is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. July 19 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Each team needs five people. Teams will play a best-of-three series. Winners will receive a trophy and pizza.

Register at the fitness center by July 18. For more information, call 608-388-2290.

Training dates available for 2017 SHARP courses

Dates have been set for fiscal year 2017 Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, refresher courses.

Overview training will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. July 20, Aug. 10 and 23, and Sept. 6 and 12.

The training describes the effects of sexual harassment and sexual assault, examines prevention strategies, and discusses Department of Defense sexual-assault statistics and reporting.

All classes will be at Army Community Ser-



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Enjoying history

Soldiers at the installation for training tour areas at the historic Commemorative Area on June 28 at Fort McCoy. The Commemorative Area consists of five World War II-era buildings set aside to help tell Fort McCoy's unique story. These facilities are representative of the types found in the cantonment area when it was constructed in 1942. Approximately 100 Soldiers toured the facility.

vice, building 2111.

SHARP annual refresher training is mandatory and must be completed by Sept. 30. Advance registration is required.

Unit or directorate training is available upon request.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-8951.

'Connect the Tots' play group scheduled for July 25

The 'Connect the Tots' play group will meet 9:30 to 11 a.m. July 25 at South Post Patriot Park.

The play groups are for parents with children 5 years old or younger.

Through play, transitions, circle time, songs, activities, and informal conversations, parents learn about developmental ages and stages, gain tools to help understand their children's behavior, and become empowered to prepare the Family and children to enter school ready to learn.

ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workforce, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Additional play groups are planned for Aug. 8 and 22.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

Laundry-basket softball scheduled for July 25

A laundry-basket softball tournament is scheduled for 4 p.m. July 25 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

This will be a one-pitch tournament. Players will have to hit the ball or take a walk on the first pitch. The players will use a laundry basket as a glove.

This is a coed tournament, so teams must have equal number males and women on the

team. Participants must be 18 years old.

The event is open to eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation patrons. Registration is required by July 21. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2290.

Blind Volleyball Tournament set for July 26 at fitness center

The Blind Volleyball Tournament will be at 4:30 p.m. July 26 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Six people per team, and each team must have a least one female player. The net will be covered so the players on the other team can't see the other side. No spiking is allowed.

The event is open to eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation patrons. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2290.

Swim Into Summer at Rumpel Fitness Center

The Swim Into Summer competition will run until July 26 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Participants will swim the 200-meter free-style and try to beat Coach McGinnis' time. Participants can try to improve their times as much as they want from June 21 to July 26.

Participants should register for time slots at the fitness center. The competition is open to all authorized Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons.

For more information, call 608-388-2290.

Family crafting workshop scheduled for Aug. 5

A Crafting Resilience Workshop is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 5 at Army Community Service's Family Workshop Cen-

ter, building 2161.

Supplies are provided for a number of activities, including scrapbooking, stamping, card making, canvas painting, and no-sew quilt blocks. Some items have limited supplies. Family members also may bring their own projects.

Exceptional Family Member Program members can begin at 8:30 a.m. Family can register for two- to four-hour blocks of time.

Registration is required by the Monday before a workshop.

Class size is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workers, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-6507.

Madison Family trip scheduled for Aug. 19

Spend time as a Family in Madison on Aug. 19 and leave the driving to Army Community Service.

The bus will take passengers to Capital Square. The Madison Children's Museum, Wisconsin Veterans Museum, and Dane County Farmers Market are within walking distance. Lunch is not included. There is no admission fee for the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. The Madison Children's Museum is a Blue Star Museum, offering free admission to active-duty military personnel from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The bus will depart Army Community Service at 7:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Meet at building 2111 by 7 a.m.

Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilian employees, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

Space is limited. To reserve space on the bus, call 608-388-2412 or email carrie.a.olson.civ@mail.mil.

Fort McCoy welcomes new employees

Fort McCoy welcomed new employees to several organizations during June.

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Necroy Smith** — Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.
- **Ryan Harvey** — Directorate of Emergency Services.
- **Nicholas Perna** and **Adam Sand** — Directorate of Public Works.
- **Jason Allen** and **Dylan Dearman** — Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published July 28.

Deadline for submissions to be considered for that issue is noon July 19.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

Recreation

Automotive Skills Center: Building 1763. Open 1-9 p.m. Thurs.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Call 608-388-3013.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Meets 4:30 p.m. third Thurs. of each month in building 1571. Call 608-388-3200.

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Manager has discretion on closing time. Call 608-388-7060.

Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Extreme bowling 4-9 p.m. Fri.

Leisure Travel Services Office: Open noon-8 p.m. Mon., 2-8 p.m. Tues., and noon-8 p.m. Wed.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

Sports bar: Open 4 p.m.-midnight Mon.-Sat. and 4-11 p.m. Sun.

Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. Call 608-388-2619.

Rumpel Fitness Center: Building 1122. Open 5 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 5 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri., and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-2290.

Indoor swimming pool, atrium, sauna and steamroom: Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fri., and 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

Sportsman's Range: Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

Tactics Paintball & Laser Tag: Open 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sat. and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sun. Reservations can be made outside of regular hours. Call 800-531-4703.

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Closed for the season. Call 608-388-3517/4498.

Dining

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. ATM located inside. Catering/admin., call 608-388-2065.

Primo's Express: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Limited menu after 2 p.m. Call 608-388-7673.

Sports bar: Open 4 p.m.-midnight Mon.-Sat. and 4-11 p.m. Sun. Manager has discretion on closing time.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Breakfast available 7:30-10:30 a.m. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Closed for the season. Available year-round for private parties. Call 608-388-3517/2260.

Services

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

Barber Shop (Exchange): Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1710.

Car Rental (Enterprise): Information available at the Exchange, building 1538. Use the phone at the Enterprise sign. Call 608-782-6183 or 800-654-3131; use the following number: CDP# 1787245.

Car Wash: Building 1568. Offers self-service bays. Automatic bay closed for repairs. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Call 608-388-3544.

Combat Cache: Building 1645. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-567-4231.

Commissary: Building 1537. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Early bird/self-checkout open 9-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel: Building 2180. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

Education/Learning Center: Building 50, room 123. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7311.

Exchange: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

GNC: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1115.

ID Card/DEERS Section: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4563 prior to any visit to verify the ID Section is operational.

IHG Army Hotels: Building 51. Open

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **July 27, 2017**. **Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication. Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours. To report updates to this page, call 608-388-2407.

24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-TEAM (8326).

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities: Buildings 651, 755, 1671, 1735, 1856, 2002, 2568, 2671, 2763, and 2877 open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy pursuant to military orders. Civilians and retired military are *not authorized* to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 (Troop and Installation Support Branch, building 490).

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

Permit Sales: Building 2168. Open 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3337.

Retirement Services Office: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Tues. and Thurs.-Fri. Call 608-388-3716.

R.I.A. Credit Union: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Thurs.-Fri. ATMs located in building 1501 (available 24/7); McCoy's, building 1571; Exchange, building 1538; and IHG Army Hotels, building 51 (available 24/7). Call 608-388-2171.

RV Storage Lot: Next to building 2880. Short- or long-term storage. Fees charged. Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or ext. 4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas open

24/7. ATM located inside. Cash transactions available during Express hours.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Open 6-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4988.

Family Support

Army Community Service Center: Building 2111. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-388-3505.

Army Substance Abuse Program: Building 1344. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-388-2441.

Child Development Center: Building 1796. Open 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3534/2238.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program (MFLC): Building 2111. Provides education, information, and support for anyone affiliated with the military. MFLC services are confidential. Available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

Red Cross: Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313, 608-788-1000, or the installation operator at 608-388-2222 and request Red Cross assistance.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1792. Activities for youth grades kindergarten through 12. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Open nonschool days 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or

for After School Program 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4373.

SKIESUnlimitedInstructionalProgram: Building 1668. Provides instructional classes for children and youth from infancy through the end of their senior year in high school. Register at Parent Central Services. Call 608-388-8956.

Health Care

Alcoholics Anonymous: For more information, call 608-388-5955/2441.

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Screening and referral services for eligible civilian employees and Family members who are experiencing difficulties due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/Family discord, or other causes. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

Fort McCoy Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP): 24/7 hotline: 608-388-3000.

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 2669. Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2414.

TRICARE: TRICARE North Region, 877-874-2273; TRICARE West Region, 877-988-9378; TRICARE South Region, 800-444-5445; TRICARE for Life, 866-773-0404; or visit www.tricare.mil.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Open for sick call 7-8 a.m. and appointments 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Authorized use only for Extended Combat Training Soldiers on orders of less than 30 days. Personnel on orders for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote and will see off-post providers. Call 608-388-3025.

Worship

Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. Mass at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675. Call 608-388-3528.

Jewish: Congregations of Abraham, 1820 Main St., La Crosse, Wis. Call 608-784-2708.

Mormon: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Services from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-3377.

Protestant: Chapel 1, building 2672. Protestant worship at 9:30 a.m. Sun.

Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study: Building 2675. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wed. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380 or visit www.facebook.com/groups/PWOCFortMcCoy/.

Spanish Language: Catholic services in Norwalk at 4 p.m. Sun.; call 608-823-7906. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142.

Call 608-388-3528 for more information about Chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities. The RSO is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO. If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266 and the on-call duty chaplain will be contacted.

Organizations

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Spartan Chapter: Meets monthly. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/AGCRASpartan or call Staff Sgt. Cassandra Ross at 251-327-8400.

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882: Building 1411. Office hours 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Meets at 5 p.m. second Tuesday of each month. Call 608-388-1882.

American Society of Military Comptrollers: Meets several times throughout the year. Call Maureen Richardson at 608-269-1912 or Bonnie Hilt at 316-209-2787.

Association of the United States Army - AUSA (Robert B. McCoy Chapter): For information on meetings, visit www.mccoyausa.org.

Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy: Meets third Thurs. of each month. For information, email fsofmccoy@gmail.com.

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: Call David W. Alderfer (LTC-Retired) at 920-535-0515 or email justdave49@centurylink.net.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. by appointment. For information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, call 608-609-2212 or 785-979-7370, or email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

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