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Holocaust remembrance at building 905 April 16

Fort McCoy's observance of the Holocaust National Days of Remembrance will be held Thursday, April 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at building 905.

A meet-and-greet event will be held at McCoy's Community Club, building 1571, afterward.

The guest speaker will be Stephen Feinberg, who retired from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., in December 2011. Feinberg was the director of the National Outreach program at the museum from 2000 to 2009.

Feinberg also served as a member of the U.S. delegation to what is now known as the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance from 1999 to 2011.

He also served as a consultant for UNESCO, the University of South Carolina Shoah Foundation, and the Conference on Jewish Materials Claims Against Germany (The Claims Conference).

For more information about the event, call the Equal Opportunity adviser at 608-388-3246.

McPherson to speak April 21 on sexual-violence prevention

Activist and College Football Hall of Famer Don McPherson will talk Tuesday, April 21, about preventing sexual abuse and domestic violence.

The presentation will be at noon in the building 60 auditorium. McPherson will be at the auditorium at 11:30 a.m. for a meet and greet before the talk. The talk is sponsored by the Army Community Service (ACS) Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) program as part of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

McPherson is a national leader and advocate for prevention of sexual and domestic violence. His presentation will focus on nurturing positive language and an understanding of masculine identity.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-8989 or email Jamie Cram, the ACS SHARP point of contact, at jamie.a.cram.civ@mail.mil.

Troop projects to span from May to October

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Public Affairs Staff

Military engineer units will have plenty of construction initiatives to train on at Fort McCoy in 2015.

Planned troop projects range from trail improvements to building construction. Some will be completed by engineering units as part of annual training (AT), while others will be completed as part of the Operation Essayons exercise in July and August.

Troop Projects Coordinator Larry Morrow from the Directorate of Public Works said the construction work is a win-win for Fort McCoy and the training service members.

"It helps us get projects done that might not be able to be done through a contract and, at the same time, provides numerous training opportunities for engineering troops," Morrow said.

The first projects will get underway in May at the Enemy Prisoner of War (EPW) 2 training area on South Post.

"EPW 2 is going to be a training site for military police," Morrow said. "Electrical work (See **PROJECTS** page 2)



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Darrin McDufford

Army engineers from the 327th Engineer Company, Onalaska, Wis., place roofing on a building on Fort McCoy's South Post during Operation Essayons in 2014. Similar troop projects will be completed throughout the installation beginning in May.

CYSS caregiver training builds foundation for best care

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Caregivers in Fort McCoy's Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) programs receive extensive training to provide the best care for their customers.

Training and Curriculum Specialist Cindy Storkel leads the training effort for all CYSS employees in the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Whether those employees work in the Child Development Center (CDC), School Age Center/Youth Center (SAC/YC), or in another capacity, employees must meet Department of Defense and Army requirements.

"Our training programs are designed to meet tough standards," said Storkel, who has worked in several different Fort McCoy CYSS positions since 1988. "Our customers should know they are getting the best-quality caregivers in our programs."

From the beginning, a new CYSS employee may be placed on either a foundation-level or transition training plan, depending on experience and education. Foundation-level training is for people with little or no experience in child care or youth caregiving. "This training plan takes 18 months of on-the job training to complete from the date of hire," Storkel said.

The transition training plan is for new employees with experience working in a group program and who meet certain education require-

ments. Storkel said. "These are people who have worked in child care previously and may have a two-year or four-year college degree or a certification related to this kind of work." The transition training plan takes 12 months to complete.

New CYSS caregivers receive orientation training as well as supervised time in the classrooms where they are assigned. Storkel works with each person individually to ensure success. By regulation, CYSS personnel must complete their training in the time required or they cannot work in CYSS programs.

"Part of their orientation is being observed for 16 hours working in the classroom before they are able to work in ratio with the children," Storkel said. "Additionally, within the first several weeks after a new employee begins working in the classroom, I also will complete at least six observations of that employee in their classroom environment."

In both training plans, employees complete modules in a variety of subjects, including regulations; standing operating procedures; child growth and development; parent and public relations; safety and emergency procedures; special needs awareness; and child-abuse identification, reporting, and prevention. "Each employee's training is developed and administered based on the age group of children they will be working with, as well," Storkel said.

Once the initial training is completed at the 12- or 18-month point, employees then transition to an annual individual development plan (See **CYSS** page 2)

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(IDP) that tracks items such as CYSS-specific and other annual training requirements. Some of this additional training includes CPR and first-aid certification, ethics, customer service, emergency evacuation, use of a fire extinguisher, and U.S. Department of Agriculture food-handler training. Some employees also have a requirement to complete research and lead a special project.

"What many people may not realize is all of our (CYSS) employees have an IDP," Storkel said. "This includes not only our child and youth program assistants (CYPA), but also managers, custodial workers, and administrative personnel. Our programs are among the most watched and most regulated in the Army, so, accordingly, our training is set up to best meet the standards set before us."

SAC/YC Director Cori Yahnke said CYSS personnel also have opportunities to learn from guest trainers, such as Military Family Life consultants, county and state 4-H Club staff, as well as Boys & Girls Clubs of America staff.

"This gives us a broad range of training subjects that can be covered so our staff has the most up-to-date information available on child and youth development," Yahnke said. "Training provided includes hot topics such as teaching children conflict-management skills, anger-management skills for youth, building resiliency, the experiential learning process, bully prevention techniques, and teaching youth communication skills. These are all topics that affect our everyday work and interactions with the youth in our programs."

CYPA Misti Johnson of the CDC said she appreciates all the work Storkel has put into training, and in helping her grow professionally over the past seven years.

Johnson started in CYSS at the foundation level and has earned a child development associate (CDA) credential — a nationally recognized certification for child care programs.

"Cindy puts everything into her job as a



Child and Youth Program Assistant Misti Johnson (right) leads an activity with children at the Fort McCoy Child Development Center.

trainer for us," Johnson said. "Cindy also always makes sure there are different opportunities for us to better our training as child care teachers, and she works very hard to make sure all of training is done on time and correctly."

"As a child and youth program assistant at a military base, I am expected to know a lot and be trained to take care of all the children in the correct way," Johnson said. "Cindy has put in so much time to help me get my CDA, complete training, and help me understand all the different techniques of teaching and working with all of the different age groups."

Storkel said she's learned from experience that good training leads to good employees. In

the case of Johnson and with others, she said it's good to see people excel and achieve greater success.

"Just knowing I've had the time to spend with someone and help them understand the training is fulfilling," Storkel said. "I can understand their position (as a new employee), and my goal is to have everyone succeed."

Because of the training, Fort McCoy's CYSS programs are among the best anywhere, Yahnke said. "Some people might think of the CYSS programs, such as the CDC and the SAC/YC, are simply like any other day care outside the gates or babysitting," Yahnke said. "That isn't the case at all. When your youth enter our

doors, we are doing much more than just making sure they are safe until you come pick them up. We are helping them develop social skills, enhancing their cognitive and physical development, teaching them life skills, allowing them to safely discover who they are, and helping them reach their fullest potential.

"This wouldn't be possible without the advanced and continued training that everyone, from direct caregivers to higher management, receives (in CYSS)," Yahnke said.

For more information about CYSS programs and training, call 608-388-8956 or email usarmy.mccoy.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.dfmwr-cyss@mail.mil.

■ PROJECTS

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will be done there, and four huts will be built. These 16-by-32-foot structures are raised buildings built on a platform."

The EPW 2 huts include design improvements over similar structures built in past years.

"Before, they used to be just plywood," Morrow said. "Now we are putting metal sides on them and other improvements to make them last longer."

Construction of a new marshaling and training area will begin in June at Young Air Assault Strip (YAAS) on South Post.

"Basically, it's going to be a 23-acre parking lot," Morrow said. "This project at (YAAS) will continue into September or October."

Work also will start in June on a new shower building at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Freedom on South Post, and finishing work will be done at a shower facility at FOB Liberty on North Post.

"The facility at Freedom will be a similar design as the one at Liberty, but we are going to change the shower (stall) configuration," Morrow said. "The configuration change will allow the new facility at Freedom to be completed faster."

Other planned projects include:

- Working on a new a 30-by-40-foot storage building near building 2889.
- Building three new lean-to buildings, which are shelters or sheds that have a roof with a single slope or pitch, for Range Maintenance.
- Completing obstacle and ground work at the Vehicle Recovery Site (VRS) at the Delta 8 training area.
- The VRS will be updated and the area will be developed to support a rough-terrain driving course.
- Pouring 1.5 miles of new asphalt along a road near the Bravo 24 training area, and constructing a new traffic circle.
- Wiring, assembling, and placing new pole lights at the new container facility on Eighth Avenue parking area.
- Adding new siding to the Pine View Campground office and camp store.
- Placing an 8-inch layer of crushed gravel on several trails in range areas.

During Operation Essayons, troops specifically will work on one of the lean-to buildings, the YAAS marshaling yard project,

both shower buildings, and the asphalt paving.

"That will be our busiest time for completion of troop projects," Morrow said.

Sgt. 1st Class Brandon McElwee, battalion supply sergeant for the 224th Engineer Battalion at Fairfield, Iowa, said Soldiers in his battalion are ready to support Fort McCoy troop-project efforts in June during their AT.

"Our horizontal construction unit, especially, will be big into doing post projects this year," McElwee said. "We are looking forward to supporting that effort."

Morrow said the work is appreciated by all involved.

"I've been in construction a long time, and to see these troops enjoy what they are doing (for us) is great," said Morrow, who by trade is an electrician.

"Out in the construction world, for most who work in construction, it's just a job to them," Morrow said. "To see the Soldiers come here and really learn something is gratifying to say the least."

For more information about troop projects, call 608-388-3551.

NEWS

New AT/MOB dining facility to increase food-service capability

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Construction continues on the new \$7.7 million annual training/mobilization (AT/MOB) dining facility at Fort McCoy.

Work began on the facility in fall 2014 and has continued through the winter. Most exterior work is complete, and work continues on the interior. As of the end of March, the facility was "more than 70 percent complete," said Construction Representative Nathan Butts of the Fort McCoy office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

TCI Architects/Engineers/Contractors Inc. of La Crosse, Wis., is building the new facility, which is projected to be completed in June, Butts said.

"This new dining facility is designed to feed up to 648 personnel in three- to 30-minute feeding periods," Butts said.

A dining area, kitchen, mechanical room, electrical room, communications room, exterior storage space, restrooms, and a parking area will be installed in the facility's footprint.

"The newest heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system also will be installed at the facility," Butts said.

Fort McCoy Food Service Manager Andy Pisney of the Logistics Readiness Center Supply and Services Division said the AT/MOB dining facility is much needed and will increase food-service capabilities. Pisney's office oversees the food-service contract for Fort McCoy dining facilities.

"This facility will enable the installation to



Construction continues on the new annual training/mobilization dining facility at Fort McCoy. The \$7.7 million project is scheduled to be completed in June.

provide more consistent support to the large-scale, reserve-component exercises we get in the summer months," Pisney said. "It also can provide that extra support if a mobilization mission returns to the installation.

"Right now, in order to support large exercises, our food-service contractor has to open several dining facilities, to include some of the

World War II-era transient troop dining facilities, to provide enough feeding support," Pisney said. "Once this facility is complete, we anticipate the contractor having to just operate one or two facilities, depending upon the size of the exercise."

The AT/MOB facility will be the fourth "brick-and-mortar" dining facility on post.

Others are in buildings 50 and 2674 and at the Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy complex.

For more information about installation construction projects with the Corps of Engineers, call 608-388-4594. For more information about Fort McCoy's dining facilities and food-service capabilities, call 608-388-4739.



New housing construction

Contractors with Carlson Constructors Corp. of Joliet, Ill., use a pair of bulldozers to prepare an area for the construction of 42 new homes in the Fort McCoy South Post Family Housing area in March.

A contract totaling nearly \$22 million was awarded in 2014 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the homes.

This is the first new housing construction on Fort McCoy since homes were completed in 2012.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

NEWS

88th RSC commander delivers Bronze Star to World War II veteran

STORY & PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS COREY BEAL
88th Regional Support Command Public Affairs

ETTRICK, Wis. — More than 70 years after his heroic actions, World War II (WW II) veteran Cpl. Clifford P. Blaha was awarded the Bronze Star Medal during a surprise ceremony held by the American Legion in Ettrick in late March.

Attending the ceremony were Family, friends, and members of the local community. Also attending were Soldiers of the 88th Regional Support Command, headquartered on Fort McCoy, who volunteered their afternoon for the opportunity to properly honor a patriot of what's been titled the "Greatest Generation."

Maj. Gen. Karen LeDoux, commander of the 88th RSC, officiated the ceremony and said she was tremendously honored to present Blaha the Bronze Star Medal.

"Mr. Blaha's example serves as a reminder to us all of the tremendous heroism and selfless service of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II," said LeDoux. "Ceremonies like these are long overdue, but fortunately for us they bring back to memory stories of a generation which must not be forgotten."

Helping bring to light Blaha's story was Paul Beseler, American Legion vice commander of Wisconsin's 10th District. Beseler had been working behind the scenes to get Blaha his overdue award and orchestrated the ceremony without Blaha's knowledge. "Mr. Blaha is a recipient of two purple hearts, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB)," said Beseler. Blaha is eligible for the Bronze Star having been awarded the CIB by virtue of Executive Order 9419.



Maj. Gen. Karen LeDoux, commander of the 88th Regional Support Command, presents World War II veteran Clifford P. Blaha with the Bronze Star Medal during a ceremony in Ettrick, Wis.

"The criteria for the CIB at the time Mr. Blaha received it would ultimately be the same criteria for the Bronze Star when it was initially released as an award," continued Beseler. "In 1947, a policy was implemented that authorized the retroactive awarding of the Bronze Star Medal to all Soldiers who received the Combat Infantryman Badge during World War II."

During the ceremony, Beseler read to the audience Blaha's biography, which began with his draft into the Army following high school on July 28, 1944. He then attended basic training at what was then Camp Hood (Texas), which was not quite two years old and housed approximately 30,000 replacement troops.

Blaha then was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division and left Seattle aboard the USS

Lycoming for Hawaii, where they staged for Leyte, Philippines. They arrived in Leyte for operations and later departed to be on station for the Battle of Okinawa.

They secured Kadena Air Base (Japan) with little resistance, cut across the island, and headed south where fighting was more intense and a number of casualties occurred.

During his Division's 82 days of continuous combat there, Blaha was wounded on two separate occasions. He was shot once through the arm and, on the final day, was shot across the back.

His unit then deployed to occupy Korea and accepted the surrender of Japanese forces that had occupied that country. They then returned to the U.S., and Blaha was discharged at then-Camp McCoy, Wis.

"Mr. Blaha's service to our nation holds just as much importance today as it did 70 years ago when he bore the hardships of war," said LeDoux.

"As his generation passes, we must remind ourselves and teach our youth the heroism and sacrifices which were endured for future generations."

The time to recognize and honor that generation is quickly closing, according to estimates by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Of the 16.1 million veterans who served in WW II, 855,000 are still living today and are passing away at a rate of 492 a day.

"This ceremony serves not only as tribute to Mr. Blaha's heroism, but to all World War II veterans who endured countless sacrifices for our country and ensured our way of life," said LeDoux. "We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid, and we must not allow their selfless service to be forgotten with the passing of time."



On target!

Soldiers from the 388th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Company of Junction City, Wis., use the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) 2000 during battle assembly training at Fort McCoy in March.

The EST is a computer-simulated, live-action video system that tests shooters on their skills in a simulation environment.

Besides using the EST, the 388th Soldiers completed several other unit training requirements during three days of training at the installation.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Catherine Threat

TRAINING

Iowa engineer battalion completes weapons qualification at McCoy

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers from the Iowa Army National Guard's 224th Engineer Battalion completed four days of unit training at Fort McCoy in late March.

The 224th, headquartered in Fairfield, Iowa, brought more than 400 Soldiers — the entire battalion — to complete mandatory qualification training on both individual (M16 and M4 rifles, M9 pistol, and M249AR squad automatic weapon) and crew-served weapons (M249 light machine gun, M240B medium machine gun, and M2 .50-caliber automatic rifles).

In the past, the battalion Soldiers completed individual-weapons qualifications at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and the crew-served weapons training at Fort McCoy. This year, all of the training was done at Fort McCoy, said Battalion Training Officer Capt. Kiel Archer.

"For us, this was a huge training event," Archer said. "It allowed us to maximize our time and effort."

The battalion occupied several of Fort McCoy's 31 live-fire ranges to complete qualification with the M16, M4, M9, M249, M240B, and M2.

"Completing this training is an annual requirement for us, but we chose Fort McCoy because we get treated so well here," said Sgt. 1st Class Brandon McElwee, battalion supply sergeant. "For us, this also is one of the closest areas for us to convoy into and get our qualification training done. We could go (to other installations) but this place serves us well."

The seven-hour convoy from Iowa to the installation included more than 60 tactical vehicles. Archer said the drive provided an additional training opportunity.

"Not only were we able to get all of our weapons training done, we were also able to cover other topics of training we might have been able to do in Iowa on a larger scale," Archer said. "This included convoy training, which is very important for platoon leaders."

Sgt. Deyla Sanders, 224th property book noncommissioned officer (NCO), said she qualified on the M16 and M249. As a new NCO, she said the battalion-level training provided good



Soldiers from the Iowa Army National Guard's 224th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Fairfield, engage in M2 .50-caliber qualification training on Range 2 on Fort McCoy's North Post.

insight into her new responsibilities.

"It's always a new opportunity (when we) come here," she said. "During this trip, I learned to further my skills as a leader."

Mild weather helped the unit make sure everyone qualified

on their weapon systems, said 2nd Lt. Thomas Bentley, platoon leader for the 832nd Mobility Augmentation Company (MAC) of Keokuk, Iowa. The 832nd MAC is a subordinate unit of the 224th.

Bentley directed training on Fort McCoy's Range 2 for Soldiers qualifying on the M2 with support from Sgt. 1st Class James Roller, 832nd platoon sergeant. Both Bentley and Roller said Range 2 was perfect for the M2 operations.

"This is a good range to do this — it has ample space and has all that's needed to do this training," Bentley said.

Roller added, "We had many Soldiers who went through their training on this range, and it worked great."

In addition to live-fire qualifications, many Soldiers used Fort McCoy's Engagement Skills Trainers.

"It's great that Fort McCoy has not only the live-fire ranges, but also the simulation training areas," McElwee said. "Everything combined allowed us to get a lot of our training done simultaneously."

All the Soldiers completed weapons qualifications in this training visit, Archer said. The 224th will focus more on engineer tasks during its annual training (AT) at Fort McCoy in June. "This was good training in preparation for our AT," he said.

Engineering units such as the 224th are equipped to support the Army's needs in many areas, including supporting public works, energy, combat engineering, and construction projects. Support is provided through engineering services, construction management, emergency contracting support for life-saving and life-sustaining services, and emergency power support.

For more information about training at Fort McCoy training, call the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Training Division at 608-388-5038.



Platoon Leader 2nd Lt. Thomas Bentley (right) and Sgt. 1st Class James Roller (left), platoon sergeant, oversee operations at Range 2.

TRAINING

Wisconsin Guard unit cooks at McCoy, contends for best food-service section

STORY & PHOTO BY VAUGHN R. LARSON

Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs

FORT MCCOY, Wis. — The secret behind the success of the food-service section for the Wisconsin Army National Guard's Headquarters Company, 132nd Brigade Support Battalion, is simple — it's made from scratch.

A year ago, the food-service section combined some new members with some old hands; folded in some lessons on brigade support battalion field operations learned at Camp Dodge, Iowa; and worked the mixture thoroughly throughout the year. The recipe yielded an opportunity to compete for the title of best reserve-component food-service section in the Army March 21 at Fort McCoy, Wis. The section won the regional competition last year.

"I've seen this section grow by leaps and bounds from last year," said Headquarters Company 1st Sgt. Randy Lieftring. "It's a huge task for them, but they pull together, they bring out the best in each other, and they provide us with outstanding meals. They're exceeding the standard."

Staff Sgt. Aleksandr Simonov, the food-operations manager and first-line cook, said the section works well together, makes dishes from scratch, and uses fresh ingredients.

"We stick to the Army recipes," Simonov said, "but we try to think outside the box of what we can do to improve it — make it look better, taste better, and to make a better product."

The extra effort, he said, means something to the battalion's Soldiers after a long day in the field. A poor meal does nothing to improve a tough day.

"But when they get a good meal, get to be in a friendly environment, it picks everybody up and morale is just a little bit higher," he said.

Simonov — who has 12 years experience as a professional chef — credited his company leadership with giving him and Sgt. 1st Class Jassen Hinchley, the senior food-operations sergeant, the opportunity to build and train the food-service section.

"Getting the opportunity to do the things I wanted to do, and letting me work with my Soldiers the way I saw fit, has made a huge difference in training and the environment, what they actually get to focus on," Simonov said.

As the section gathered before noon to prepare the evening meal, Simonov briefed his Soldiers on the menu, ingredient choices, and procedures with the level of detail found in a combat patrol briefing. The meal consisted of spaghetti with meatballs, parmesan bread, vegetable soup, broccoli parmesan, garden salad, fruit salad, and chocolate chip cookie bars. The pasta and Italian bread were not made on site, but everything else — the spaghetti sauce, meatballs, parmesan bread, fruit salad, broccoli parmesan, and cookie bars — was made from scratch

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STAFF SGT. ALEKSANDR SIMONOV
132nd Brigade Support Battalion



Soldiers from the food-service section of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's Headquarters Company, 132nd Brigade Support Battalion, serve a meal during the Phillip A. Connelly Competition at Fort McCoy in March.

in a crowded and bustling containerized kitchen.

Sgt. Kyle Edwards, the Wisconsin Army National Guard's state food program manager, said he was impressed with the food-service section's "professionalism, the amount of going the extra mile in using fresh herbs, spices, for more of a home-cooked, more-professional Army meal." He noted that the section selected the site to set up their field complex of tents and mobile kitchen and was largely self-sufficient.

"What it demonstrates is that they're very resilient," Lieftring said. "They have the ability to bounce back from anything put in front of them, especially in a field environment like this. They can set up, cook the most immaculate meal like they were cooking in cantonment. They're a great bunch, they have great teamwork, they have great awareness of what's going on around them, they're able to work together, have that self-regulation when things get a little tough, work through stresses, and be very successful."

This was demonstrated late in the afternoon when it was time to cook the pasta and, in spite of the careful planning, there was no available pot to boil the water. Rather than melt down, the crew moved some items into the oven and made a pot available in time.

"We kept it together pretty well," said Sgt. Haley Lamasney, a food-operations noncommissioned officer with the food-service section, after the food had been served. "We rocked it, but we're pretty tired now."

"You guys did excellent today," agreed Chief Warrant Officer 5 Pamela Null, a Department of the Army evaluator for the Phillip A. Connelly Awards Program. "It was a great meal, and you worked great as a team. When you got down to that one-hour crunch time, 30-minute crunch time, I didn't see anyone yelling, I didn't see anything flying."

Null had positive comments for the unit leadership, food-service section, field-sanitation team, and the "KPs" — the Sol-

diers tasked with helping the food-service section for a day. She offered particular praise to Sgt. Amanda Niles, who was with the section when they won the regional last year and transferred to the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment, but came back to help her old section for the national competition.

"Sgt. Niles, you did the cookies, right? That's probably one of the best cookie bars I've ever had," Null said. "It had that perfect crunch, and then it was warm and gooey inside."

Brig. Gen. Mark Anderson, deputy adjutant general for Army, also praised the section.

"This is a huge achievement," Anderson said. "It really says a lot about you, not only as individual Soldiers and your skills, but coming together and functioning as a team. I have a lot of confidence that you guys are going to be heading down to Chicago to take the overall Army National Guard award."

That confidence was shared in the unit.

"I feel really good — our team has worked really hard on this," Simonov said. "At this point, I just want my guys to have a good time with it and make the best of it, do what we do best. If we win, it's a bigger bonus. If not, it's another day with great success."

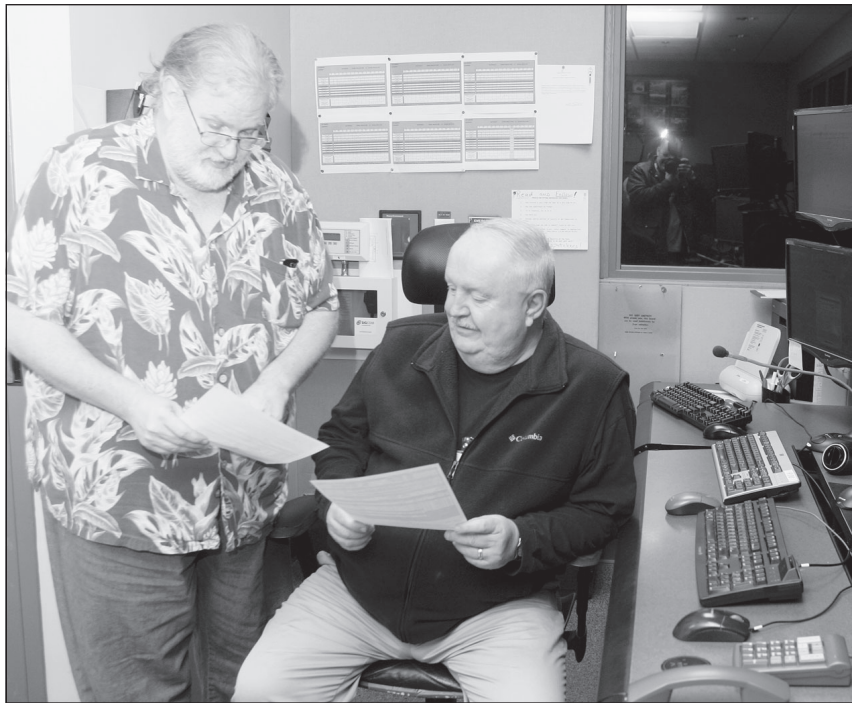
"I honestly believe they could win it all," Lieftring added. "They're very positive and they're very motivated to be the best, to show that Wisconsin has something to add to the culinary art world."

Edwards noted that last year — when the Headquarters Company for the 257th Brigade Support Battalion competed for national honors in the Phillip A. Connelly Awards Program — marked the first time in a long time the Wisconsin Army National Guard ventured into the culinary competition.

"The fact that we're here two years in a row speaks volumes to where we are with food-service training in the state," Edwards said.

Winners will be announced in mid-May in Chicago.

COMMUNITY



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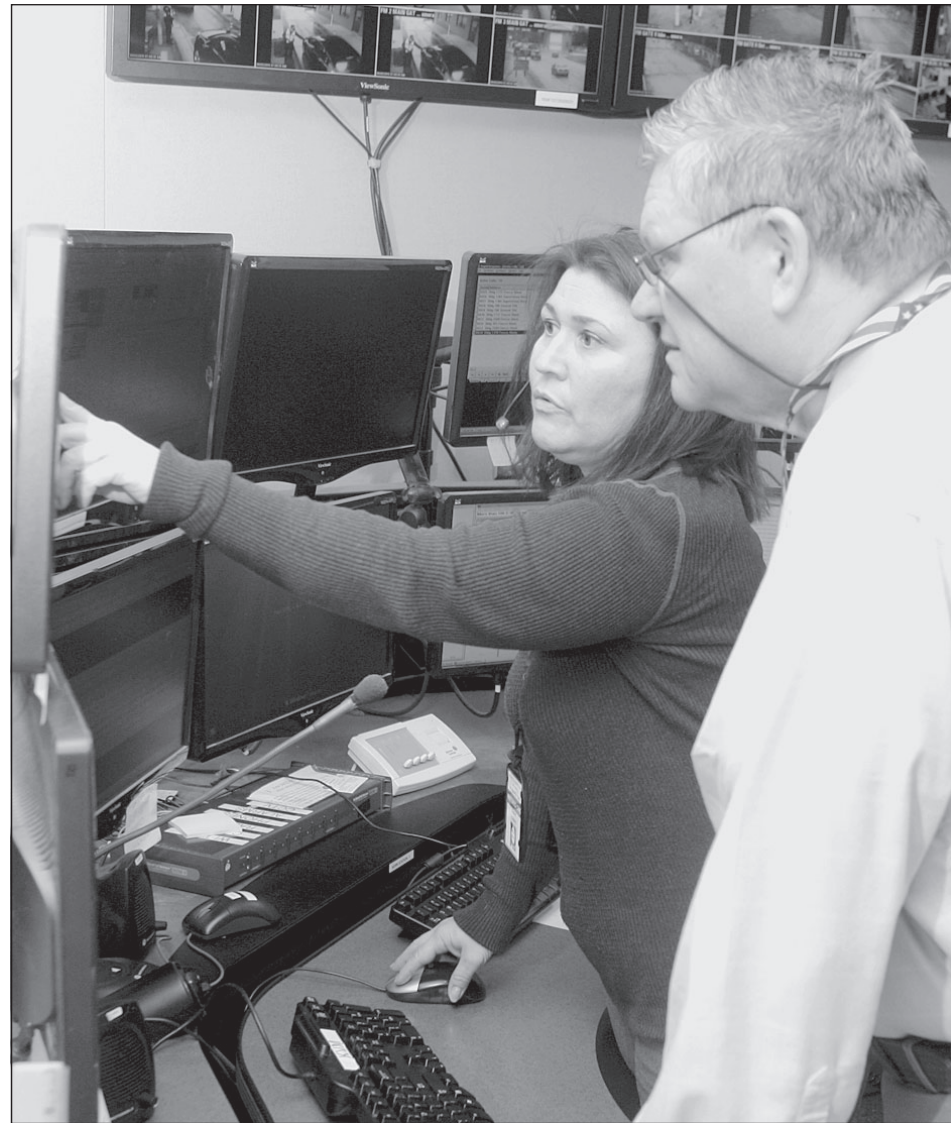
Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 12-18 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, when emergency dispatchers are recognized for their behind-the-scenes work.

The observance first was conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office in 1981 and became officially recognized by the U.S. Congress in the 1990s.

(Above) Fort McCoy Dispatchers Randi Owen (left) and Bob Bills of the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) review a schedule during shift change at their office in building 1681. Owen is a night-shift dispatcher, and Bills works on the day shift.

(Right) Dispatcher Cheryl James updates DES Communications Branch Chief Al Blencoe about events from the night shift.



Officials warn of fraudulent use of Fort McCoy addresses in Craigslist, eBay sales

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort McCoy, Wis., has issued an alert about the recent use of Fort McCoy addresses in fraudulent Craigslist and eBay sales.

Recent crime reports have revealed a sales fraud scheme using the address of the Fort McCoy Post Office in which the seller claims to be a U.S. Army Soldier stationed on Fort McCoy (Senior Medic Sgt. 1st Class Monica Pearson). The scheme may use other addresses outside Fort McCoy and other fraudulent identities as the techniques used can easily be adapted.

Fort McCoy military law-enforcement agencies have indicated that scammers pretending to be Soldiers stationed on Fort McCoy have posted ads on Craigslist.org featuring vehicles for sale. They claim they are preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan and must sell the vehicle quickly.

When the victims attempt to call the phone number listed, they are informed the "seller" is in training and only can be contacted through email. They then are referred to one of numerous email accounts (beth.mickel77@gmail.com, monica.pearson33@gmail.com, debbie.laidlaw@gmail.com, row.talbott@gmail.com, tya1983bsn@gmail.com).

After exchanging up to 40 personalized emails discussing

the vehicle, the scammers then send the victim a convincing link to a fictitious eBay Internet page. The fictitious eBay page claims the purchaser has to send the verification numbers from prepaid Reloadit cards to the scammer's email address to pay for the item.

The use of the eBay page is an attempt to make the victim feel more at ease with the process, as eBay is often regarded as a safe conduit to purchase items.

However, the vehicles for sale were not real, and the purchaser never received anything for their loss. If the purchaser asks to view the vehicle in person, the communication is immediately ceased.

Scammers are using the Reloadit cards because they are easily accessible at gas stations and convenience stores across the United States and are easily purchased with cash. The scammers create an online account at reloadit.com and then can transfer the money on the prepaid cards into any number of online accounts or prepaid debit cards.

Victims have stated that less than two hours after they provide the verification numbers of their Reloadit cards to the scammers, the funds have been withdrawn from the cards.

Victims from Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, Michigan, Oklahoma, and Illinois have reported purchasing and forwarding the information from the cards to the scammers. Current reported loss is about \$10,000.

All personnel are encouraged to identify and educate themselves in reference to the incidents mentioned above. If possible, personnel are highly encouraged to physically view anything purchased through online means before making payment. All personnel are encouraged to contact their local law-enforcement agencies if they feel they were victims of these fraudulent eBay or Craigslist ads claiming to be selling high-value items, especially vehicles, from Fort McCoy.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of the scammers listed in the description above should file a complaint with the Internet Crimes Complaint Center at <http://www.ic3.gov/complaint/default.aspx>.

All personnel purchasing items through Internet sites are highly encouraged to visit <http://www.ic3.gov/crimeschemes.aspx> for the most up-to-date information on Internet crime schemes.

(Prepared by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.)

ABOUT POST



Photo by Jobi Spolum

Easter Eggstravaganza

Children and parents find Easter eggs in Constitution Park March 28 as part of the Easter Eggstravaganza event coordinated by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The Eggstravaganza, attended by many members of the Fort McCoy community, included activities at the Fort McCoy Exchange, photos with the Easter bunny, and the Easter egg hunt at the park.



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Sportsman's Range fun

An archer takes a shot with his bow during a 3-D Archery Shoot at the Sportsman's Range in March. The range has many activities available to the Fort McCoy community. To find out more, attend the Sportsman's Range Open House April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or call 608-388-9162.



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Aqua Antics

Swimmers participate in the Aqua Antics class at the Rumpel Fitness Center pool in March. The free class featured multiple workout techniques for the participants. For more information about the pool and related activities at Rumpel Fitness Center, call 608-388-2290.

NEWS NOTES

'Budgeting & Bills' workshop set for April 16 at ACS

Learn to manage a budget and increase savings with the "Budgeting & Bills" workshop Thursday, April 16.

The class is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111. The class will help participants examine their monthly expenditures, learn their spending habits, differentiate needs from wants, and learn about the bill-tracker book that is distributed in class. Participants should bring a list of monthly expenditures with them.

Registration is required by Monday, April 13. ACS events are open to military members, retirees, civilian workforce, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

For more information or to register, call ACS at 608-388-3540/3505.

April 16 workshop prepares vehicles for warmer weather

Prepare vehicles for spring and summer with a do-it-yourself workshop Thursday, April 16, at the Automotive Skills Center.

The workshop will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. at the center, building 1763. Participants should plan to spend at least an hour at the workshop, but more time may be needed if a lot of work is required.

A 10-point checklist will help participants get their vehicles ready for warmer weather. Attendees must provide their own coolant, oil, oil filter, washer fluid, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, and brake fluid. Assistance will be provided as needed by the Automotive Skills Center staff.

No registration is required, and regular fees still apply. Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. All participants also will receive six Car Wash tokens.

For more information, call 608-388-3013.

Red Cross blood drive to be held April 17

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at Fort McCoy Friday, April 17. The drive is from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. Free juice and cookies are available for donors.

Donors can make appointments in advance or preview eligibility requirements by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visiting www.redcross-blood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

3-D archery competition April 18 at Sportsman's Range

A 3-D archery competition is set for Saturday, April 18, at Fort McCoy's Sportsman's Range.

Participants can shoot anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The competition is for all skill levels and open to the public.

The registration fee is \$10. Bows are available to rent at the range.

For more information, call 608-388-9162



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Operation Excellence training

Marketing Director Jobi Spolum from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation teaches an Operation Excellence customer service class to Fort McCoy personnel in March. The class focuses on understanding the service experience, taking care of the customer, using positive communication, and more.

or visit <http://mccoymwr.com/home/sportsman-s-range.html>.

April 20 class teaches Families to help single Soldiers reintegrate

A class to teach Families to help single Soldiers prepare for the reintegration process is scheduled for Monday, April 20.

The class is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 2111.

The class covers the five phases of reintegration, myths and misconceptions about the process, and what is considered "normal."

Registration is required by Monday, April 13. For more information or to register, call 608-388-3505.

'Fire Up for Fitness' offers free classes April 20-24

The "Fire Up for Fitness" program will offer patrons free fitness classes from April 20-24 at the Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The fitness center is open to all Morale, Welfare and Recreation authorized patrons who are age 16 and older.

No registration is necessary; patrons may show up for the classes of their choice during the week.

Call 608-388-2290 for more information.

Ride for autism awareness set for April 23 at fitness center

Patrons can ride the indoor cycling bikes in an effort to bring awareness to autism. The event will be held Thursday, April 23, at 5:30 a.m. at the Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The ride is open to all Morale, Welfare and Recreation authorized patrons who are age 16 and older. Call 608-388-2290 for more.

3-gun shooting competition April 25 at Sportsman's Range

A three-gun shooting competition will be held Saturday, April 25, at 10 a.m. at Fort McCoy's Sportsman's Range.

Participants will shoot three courses of fire. Each stage will be judged on speed and accuracy. Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher in each of the following categories: open, tactical scoped, tactical irons, and heavy metal.

The event is open to all authorized users of the facility. The entry fee is \$20 for nonmembers or \$15 for members. Register at Sportsman's Range or Pine View Campground, building 8053.

Shotguns, rifles, and pistols are available for rent at the range; rented firearms must use ammunition purchased at the range. Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher in each division. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call 608-388-3200.

Paintball tournament set for April 25

Fort McCoy's Tactics Paintball and Laser Tag facility will host a paintball tournament Saturday, April 25, at 9:15 a.m. The tournament is open to the public. Players must be at least 10 years old and will compete in three-person teams. The tournament will be double elimination — teams must win two out of three matches.

The registration fee is \$30 per team plus the cost of paintballs. Free equipment rental will be available. Player-owned paintball guns are allowed. Prizes will be awarded to members of the top-three winning teams.

Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoirectrac.html> or return a completed registration form to Pine View

Campground. Teams must register by 8:30 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information about the tournament, call 608-388-3200. For more information about the Tactics Paintball and Laser Tag facility, visit <http://mccoymwr.com/home/paintball-laser-tag.html>.

South Post garden plots available for rent

South Post garden plots are available for rent to authorized Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. The rental fee for a 20-by-20-foot plot is \$35. The plots will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis to authorized patrons, with military Families having priority, until all plots are rented. For more information, call Pam Budda at 608-388-6461.

Soldier Show makes stop at Fort McCoy May 10

The 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform at Fort McCoy Sunday, May 10.

The show will be at 4 p.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center. Admission is free, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Soldier Show is a live Broadway-style variety performance featuring the Army's best talent. Each year, Army Entertainment brings together a talented troupe of performers who are selected through a rigorous audition process. They spend months rehearsing and training before taking the show on the road annually from May to September.

Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier, has been a part of the U.S. Army's heritage since 1774. Building on the tradition of Civil War camp shows and military shows such as "This Is The Army" during World War II, Army Entertainment was formalized to inspire, support, and coordinate theatrical and musical programs at Army installations worldwide.

2015 Fort McCoy Guide available May 1

The 2015 Fort McCoy Guide will be available Friday, May 1. The online version will be available through the Fort McCoy public website at www.mccoymwr.com.

The annual guide contains information about a variety of topics, including a Fort McCoy overview; telephone directory; and community life, attractions, and history.

Print copies will be distributed through official channels and will be available at rack locations throughout the installation, including the Visitor Control Center, building 35; the Exchange, building 1538; McCoy's Community Club, building 1571; and Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. The online version of the guide will be updated on a continuous basis. To request additional copies of the guide or report content updates, contact the Public Affairs Office at 608-369-2407, or send an email to usarmy.mccoymwr.imcom-central.list.pao-admin@mail.mil.

OBSERVANCES

Family Advocacy Program targets child-abuse prevention

STORY & PHOTO BY CODI FARMER

Army Community Service

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and this year, the Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy Program (FAP) will draw attention to the theme "Preventing child abuse is everyone's business."

The Fort McCoy community plays an important role in keeping children safe and healthy. Although child abuse isn't something seen regularly, it does take place. It is important everyone is aware of the warning signs.

Unfortunately, many people are hesitant to speak up and report because they are unsure how to report it or believe it is none of their business. However, child safety is everyone's business, and it only takes one person to make a difference in a child's life.

To help the Fort McCoy community become more knowledgeable about preventing child abuse, ACS is hosting a number of events in April. To begin the month, ACS FAP staff attended the Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force's yearly proclamation signing in Sparta, Wis. Many professionals from the community, as well as both the Tomah and Sparta mayors and Garrison Commander Col. Steven W. Nott, attended the event.

An educational workshop for parents on child-abuse prevention was held April 9. Also, the "Love and Logic" parenting course, offered in three sessions, started April 7. This course offers parents and other adults who work with children an opportunity to learn positive and practical techniques for raising responsible and self-disciplined children.

An informational table with resources regarding child-abuse prevention is displayed at McCoy's Community Club throughout the month.



Garrison Commander Col. Steven W. Nott (left) was one of several community leaders to sign a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event, held in Sparta, Wis., was organized by the Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. Also pictured are other community leaders and local students who won poetry and art contests related to the event.

Connecting with others and learning about supportive resources can help stop child abuse before it happens, so it is important that mem-

bers of the Fort McCoy community work together to spread awareness.

For more information about programs at

ACS, call 608-388-3505, visit building 2111, or go online to www.militaryonesource.mil.

(Farmer is a social work student intern for ACS.)

Month of the Military Child recognizes young Family members

BY AMAANI LYLE

Department of Defense News

WASHINGTON — To highlight the year-round contributions, courage, and patriotism of the military community's youngest members, the Defense Department observes April as the Month of the Military Child, a Pentagon official told Department of Defense (DOD) News.

Established by then-Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986, the month recognizes some 1.9 million U.S. military children ranging in age from infants to 18 years old who have one or both parents serving in the armed forces, said Barbara Thompson, the director of DOD's Office of Family Readiness Policy.

"We want to highlight their sacrifices [and] support of the military member in their Families, so it behooves us to take time from the busy calendar of our events and recognize military children," she said.

Permanent-change-of-station moves, deployments, and training activities, among other facets of military life, can present unique challenges to children who must constantly adjust

to distance, unfamiliarity, and uncertain schedules, Thompson explained.

"That can be a real sacrifice, because each parent is a very important part of that child's makeup," she said. "So we want to make sure that when they move or change schools, all of those transition times are supported with resources, programs, and services."

DOD offers a variety of programs to help military children overcome these challenges, Thompson said.

For example, the Child Development Program offers child care up to age 12.

Similarly, youth development programs offer older children opportunities for recreation and character, social, and emotional development.

Thompson reported that parents, too, have resources to help guide and nurture their children of all ages.

The New Parents Support Program helps parents during pregnancy and childbirth, and children up to 3 years of age, to reach their full potential through home visitations and parent support groups, she said.

Military OneSource is another resource available 24/7, 365

days a year, to help parents learn more about parenting skills, as well as to find support for themselves, Thompson added.

It also offers telephonic, face-to-face, online, and video nonmedical and financial counseling, which she described as "strengthening pillars" for military households separated from extended family or settling into a new environment.

"On the installations, we have military Family support centers," she said, "where a multitude of services for transitions and life skills are offered to make sure our Families can be resilient and strengthen them in their efforts to be the parents they want to be."

Family support has evolved over the last 40 years to become the Family readiness system, which is a collaborative network of agencies, programs, services, and professionals who promote the readiness and quality of life of military Families both on installations and in the community, Thompson said.

"There is no 'wrong' door," Thompson said. "So regardless of where you're seeking support, whether it's with your pediatrician or with your chaplain, he or she will also know the resources to support you in your efforts to navigate the military life course."

OBSERVANCES

Tornado, Severe Weather Awareness Week slated for April 13-17

April 28-29 event at South Post Housing teaches safety during disasters

Soldiers and civilians who want tips on preparing for weather-related or other emergencies can stop by South Post to talk to an expert April 28-29.

Emergency Management Specialist Jeff Kirkey of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security will be at the South Post Housing Office, building 6158, on Tuesday, April 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 29, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Those interested can stop by anytime during the set hours. Kirkey will discuss several topics related to emergency preparedness, such as:

- AtHoc Notifier, an emergency-notification app for smartphones. See how it works.
- Weather radios. Learn how to program a weather radio or get help programming one, if needed.
- Family disaster-preparation kits. Find out where to keep one and what should go into it.
- Army Disaster Personnel Accountability Assessment (ADPAAS), an Armywide initiative to help manage and monitor the recovery process for personnel and their families affected by a widespread catastrophic event.

ADPAAS allows personnel to report their status, update contact or location information, complete needs assessments, and view reference information anywhere with Web access.

Get help navigating the system, if needed.

The event is in support of America's PrepareAthon, a federal campaign to help individuals, organizations, and communities prepare for hazards.

For more information about the event, call 608-388-2763. For more information about or to access ADPAAS, visit <https://adpaas.army.mil/cas/login>. For more information about America's PrepareAthon, visit <http://www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti/AmericasPrepareathon>.

April 13-17 is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

During this week, facility managers, safety officers, and Families in the Fort McCoy community are asked to review the procedures to be implemented when severe weather strikes to ensure they are prepared.

Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually. In 2014, 22 tornadoes were reported in Wisconsin by the National Weather Service (NWS). Eighteen of those tornadoes occurred in June.

The strongest tornado in 2014 occurred June 17 when an EF 3 tornado hit Verona in Dane County, according to the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management (WDEM). At least 30 homes were damaged, as well as Country View Elementary School. The tornado traveled about a mile, had wind speeds of 136 to 165 mph, and was on the ground for several minutes.

An EF 2 also touched down June 17 in Platteville in Grant County. Several homes and businesses were damaged, including the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

A statewide tornado drill is planned Thursday, April 16.

"Due to operational commitments, we will not be sounding the sirens here on the installation during the statewide drill," said Emergency Management Specialist Jeff Kirkey of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "However, as always, we encourage everyone to remain alert and vigilant to the weather notices, warnings, and watches that come with severe weather."

At 1 p.m. April 16, NWS will issue a statewide mock tornado watch and, at 1:45 p.m., a statewide mock tornado warning, according to WDEM. Many radio and TV stations will participate in the drill. In addition, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radios, also known as emergency weather radios, will issue alert messages.

If actual severe storms are expected in the state April 16, the Wisconsin tornado drill will be postponed until Friday, April 17, with the same times.

If severe storms are possible April 17, the drill will be canceled. Any changes will be issued to local media and posted on the ReadyWisconsin website (<http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>),

Facebook, and Twitter pages.

Safety Specialist Don Vender of the Installation Safety Office (ISO) said the awareness week is a great time for Fort McCoy community members to take time to make a severe-weather plan. "This is especially important in the case of a tornado — you must have a plan and know where to go," Vender said.

In case of a tornado, Vender recommended a few tips:

- When seeking shelter from a tornado, the best place is an underground shelter. If one is not available, go into a basement or the lowest floor of your home or work area. This could be an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.

- Stay away from all windows and protect your body with whatever is available.

- If outside and no shelter is available, find the lowest ground possible.

Vender said people also should know how to stay safe during lightning strikes. NWS data shows lightning strikes 25 million times a year in the U.S.

"On average each year, there are 51 fatalities and hundreds are injured from lightning strikes," Vender said.

"Lightning can strike from as far as 10 miles from where there's rainfall taking place."

When lightning is spotted, some tips to stay safe include:

- Seek shelter indoors away from windows, and avoid using electrical equipment or corded phones.

- Avoid contact with metal, especially near a bathtub or shower.

- If in a hardtop vehicle, stay in the vehicle and close the windows.

- Wait 30 minutes from the last thunder clap before venturing outside.

For more information about Wisconsin's observance of Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week as well as other safety tips, go online to <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>. For more information about severe-weather safety, call the ISO at 608-388-3403.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office; Installation Safety Office; and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security.)

Fort McCoy to celebrate Arbor Day, Tree City USA April 24

Fort McCoy will observe Arbor Day and receive its 26th Tree City USA designation April 24 at 9 a.m. in a ceremony near the post's old main gate.

The event is coordinated by the installation Forestry program, which is part of the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Natural Resources Branch.

Arbor Day founder J. Sterling Morton started the observance in the late 19th century by organizing a statewide Arbor Day for Nebraska.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF), Morton was a respected agriculturalist and is widely known for his push to educate the public about updated agricultural and forestry techniques.

During the first Arbor Day, an estimated 1 million trees were planted.

Today, many communities across America recognize Arbor Day every year

in late April.

To qualify for a Tree City USA designation, a town or city must meet four standards established by the NADF and the National Association of State Foresters to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program, according to the NADF.

The four requirements are maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

Fort McCoy Forester James Kerkman said the installation meets all four requirements with an urban forestry program that completes tree care through a DPW contractor, establishment of Fort McCoy Regulation 420-34 — "Urban Tree Management," per capita findings from installation economic impact data,

and the annual Arbor Day observance.

Fort McCoy holds an Arbor Day observance each year, usually on the official Arbor Day in Wisconsin on the last Friday in April, Kerkman said.

The installation ceremony will include planting trees, reading the Arbor Day proclamation, and presenting the Tree City USA award.

Children from the Fort McCoy Child Development Center will participate, and a children's proclamation also will be read.

All members of the Fort McCoy community are invited to attend.

For more information about the 2015 Fort McCoy Arbor Day/Tree City USA observance, call Kerkman at 608-388-2102.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the DPW Forestry Program.)



TREE CITY USA®

Recreation

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Meets second Thurs. of each month at 1 p.m. in **building 2000**. For details, call 608-388-3944.

McCoy's: Building 1571. Thunder Bowl Bowling Center open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 4-10 p.m. Extreme Bowling every Fri. 4-9 p.m. Call 608-388-7060.

Pine View Campground / Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

Recreation Center (Recreation Center Library): Building 2000. **Open Tues.-Sat. noon-8 p.m. Call 608-388-3213.**
Leisure Travel Services Office: **Has moved to building 2000. Open Tues.-Sat. noon-8 p.m. Call 608-388-3011/3213.**

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

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

Sportsman's Range: **Open Mon., Thurs., and Fri. 3-7 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Call 608-388-3517.

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

Woodshop: Building 1133. Call 608-388-3544 for availability. **Closed starting April 15.**

Dining

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

Primo's Express: Open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. (buffet Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.) and Sat.-Sun. 4-9 p.m. Call 608-388-7673.

Sports bar: Open Mon.-Sat. 5 p.m. - midnight and Sun. 5-11 p.m. Manager has discretion on closing time.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sun. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Starting April 20, open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sun. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.** Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Sat. and Sun. Breakfast available 7:30-10:30 a.m. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Closed for the season. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Available for private parties. For information, call 608-388-3517/2260.

Services

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

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

Car Rental (Enterprise): Information available at the Exchange, Building 1538. Use phone at Enterprise sign. Call 608-782-6183 or 1-800-654-3131; use the following number: CDP# 1787245.

Car Wash: Building 1568. Self-service and automatic bays. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Tokens also available for purchase at **building 2000. Call 608-388-3213.**

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

CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel: Building 2180. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 608-388-2370, 608-269-4560, or 1-800-927-6343.

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

Exchange: Building 1538. Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Starting April 20, open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sun. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.** Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

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

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

IHG Army Hotels: Building 51. Open 24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-TEAM (8326).

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **April 23, 2015.**
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Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours.

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 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 Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Starting April 20, open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sun. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.** Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

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

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

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

RV Storage Lot: Next to Building 1763. Short- or long-term storage. Fees charged. Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sun. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 608-269-5604 or ext. 4343. Gas pay at the pump open 24/7. ATM located inside. Cash transactions

available during Express hours.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Mon.-Fri. 5 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-388-4988.

Family Support

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

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

Child Development Center: Building 1796. Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. 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, with no records kept. Available Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

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 the installation operator at 608-388-2222 and request Red Cross assistance.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1751. Activities for youth grades kindergarten through 12. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 608-388-4373.

SKIESUnlimited Instructional Program:

Building 1668. Provides instructional classes for children and youth from infancy through the end of their senior year in high school. Children and youth are provided opportunities to explore new skills, pursue and nurture personal interests, and interact socially with others. Register at Parent Central Services 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 their Family members who are experiencing difficulty due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/Family discord, or other problems. 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 Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3 p.m. 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 the TRICARE website at <http://www.tricare.mil>.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Open Mon.-Fri. sick call 7-8 a.m., appointments 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 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, Sunday 9:30 a.m. Call 608-388-3528.

Christian Fellowship Bible Study with lunch: Building 2675. Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 608-388-3528.

Jewish: Service held at 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. Sunday services 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 608-269-3377.

Protestant: Chapel 1, Building 2672. Protestant Worship on Sundays from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Fellowship follows service and meets across the street from the Chapel in building 2675 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study: Building 2675, Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380.

Spanish Language: Worship Services in Norwalk (Catholic); Tomah (Seventh-Day Adventist). Call 608-388-3528.

Call 608-388-3528 for more information about Chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities. If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266 and the On-Call Duty Chaplain will be contacted for further assistance.

Organizations

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Spartan Chapter: Meetings held monthly. For information, visit the group's Facebook page at <https://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. weekdays. Meets second Tues. of each month at 5 p.m., at AFGE Office. 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, email MGRobertB.McCoy@AUSA.ORG or visit the website www.mccoysausa.org.

Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy: Meets every third Thursday. For information, send an email to fsofmc coy@gmail.com.

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

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, call 608-388-0576, 608-388-6500, or email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

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Annual Armed Forces Day Open House set for May 16 at Fort McCoy

Mark your calendars! The annual Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House will be held Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The installation's historic Commemorative Area will serve as the hub of activity for this

family-oriented event, which is free and open to the public. The Commemorative Area Buildings, Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza will be open throughout the day. Crowd favorites include guided installation bus tours, personalized

dog tags, camouflage face-painting, an interactive marksmanship gallery, military equipment and demonstrations, and more.

A food-and-beverage concession stand will be operating during the event. Visitors can access

the event site via Gate 15 off of Wisconsin Highway 21 between Tomah and Sparta. Adult visitors must be prepared to show photo identification upon entering. Call the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407 for more.