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First CWOC class of 2019-20 training season graduates 38 students



Students in Cold-Weather Operations Course (CWOC) Class 20-01 move through the snow and terrain on snowshoes during training Dec. 12, 2019, on North Post at Fort McCoy. CWOC students are trained on a variety of cold-weather subjects, including snowshoe training and skiing as well as how to use ahkio sleds and other gear.

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Thirty-eight Soldiers and Marines graduated from the Fort McCoy's Cold-Weather Operations Course's class 20-01 in mid-December, kicking off the 2019-20 winter training season for the course.

Led by instructors Hunter Heard, Manny Ortiz, and Joe Ernst with contractor Veterans Range Solutions, which works with Fort McCoy's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, Cold-Weather Operations Course, or CWOC, students trained for 14 days in a variety of cold-weather subjects.

Students completed snowshoe training and skiing, and they learned how to use ahkio sleds and the Arctic 10-person cold-weather tent and to build improvised shelters.

"It went really well with this class," Heard said. "It was a really great group of students. They all worked really well together and kept a high level of motivation throughout the entire class."

CWOC training also focuses on terrain and weather analysis, risk management, proper cold-weather clothing wear, developing winter fighting positions, camouflage and concealment in a cold-weather environment, cold-water immersion reaction and treatment, and injury prevention.

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First intergovernmental support agreement signed between Fort McCoy, Monroe County

Fort McCoy and Monroe County, Wis., officials signed the first intergovernmental support agreement (IGSA) between parties Dec. 26, 2019, at Fort McCoy.

The IGSA is for Light Detection and Ranging and Aerial Photography Services. The agreement will last 10 years from the date of signing.

This is the first agreement that resulted from the Army Community Partnership Kick-off and Needs and Capacity Conference that took place at Fort McCoy in April 2019. Leaders from throughout Fort McCoy garrison, tenant organizations, and state and local government

agencies participated in the conference.

"The conference helped determine both Fort McCoy and community requirements and identified new and existing partnerships and opportunities," said Directorate of Public Works Director Liane Haun.

After the first conference, an IGSA workshop was held in July 2019 to brainstorm partnership concepts, and prioritize partnership initiatives.

"Once the concept was mutually acceptable to both Monroe County and Fort McCoy, the IGSA was forwarded to Installation Management Command where it was approved for

final staffing in October," Haun said.

The April conference was the kick-off event for the Army Community Partnership Program at Fort McCoy, which leverages the strength of federal, state, and local governments to form partnerships that increase efficiencies and produce cost savings.

According to the Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9, the service's lead organization for the Army Community Partnership Program, the goal of the program is to transform Army installation services through a variety of partnership possibilities.

"Partnership agreements with state and lo-

cal municipalities form the basis of efficient and less-expensive service delivery that can be beneficial to both organizations without the complexities of traditional contracting practices," said Maureen Richardson, chief of Resource Management and the Fort McCoy IGSA Program. "The program puts another tool in the tool kit to allow Department of Defense (DOD) installations to operate at reduced costs."

Richardson said many other military bases have already built partnerships with their surrounding communities.

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Construction of simulations buildings continues

Work on five new battle simulations buildings in the 200 block is shown Dec. 5, 2019, at Fort McCoy.

Contractor MDM Construction Supply of Rockford, Ill., is constructing the new buildings and related infrastructure.

The projected completion date is September 2020.

The Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works is overseeing the work completion.

The new simulations buildings, when completed, will be managed by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Mobility, Training and Security.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

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“There are endless creative solutions in these partnerships,” Richardson said. “We want to bring these into our communities as well.”

The signing of the partnership agreement itself on Dec. 26 was the final step in solidifying the IGSA between Fort McCoy and Monroe County, Haun said.

“Monroe County already performs aerial photography for all the townships and had asked Fort McCoy if there was a chance of partnering together to have the aerial fly-over performed at the same time,” she said.

The cost for Monroe County to complete aerial photography is much less than what Fort McCoy was paying through other means. “Now that we have the partnership agreement in place, Monroe County can include Fort McCoy in their spring 2020 aerial flyover, and Fort McCoy has a signed agreement in place to pay for the services being provided,” Haun said.

Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim and Monroe County Administrator Tina Osterberg signed the agreement.

More IGSAs are expected to be completed as more partnerships are formed, Haun said.

“We are excited about the opportunity to partner with Monroe County and hope this will be the first of many more partnerships,” Richardson said. “Ideally, Fort McCoy and the Sparta and Tomah community leaders will approach us with good ideas they would like to try, which can serve us both or all of us together. We have started working groups in several areas across Fort McCoy, including in emergency services and human relations. These are win-win opportunities which have a great deal of support at Army, DOD, and congressional levels.”

All IGSAs for Fort McCoy are coordinated through Fort McCoy Resource Management Office.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Directorate of Public Works.) Olumurbit. Udem oreis



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Monroe County (Wis.) Administrator Tina Osterberg and Garrison Commander Col. Hui Chae Kim sign an intergovernmental agreement Dec. 26 in building 100 at Fort McCoy.

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YEAR IN REVIEW: Looking back at 2019 at Fort McCoy

Fort McCoy had a busy 2019 supporting active- and reserve-component training throughout the armed forces, as well as assisting local communities. Here's a look back at some of the year's highlights.

January

Emergency-response personnel with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department supported a mutual-aid response Jan. 6 involving children who had fallen through the ice at Perch Lake in Sparta, Wis. Two children were pulled from the water, one from underwater with the assistance of a diver.

February

One after another, about a dozen firefighters with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department took their turns Feb. 6 getting in a suit, strapping on an air tank and full-face mask, and diving into the depths of Big Sandy Lake under the ice on Fort McCoy's South Post. The divers were covering depths of up to 15 feet or more completing several types of rescue scenarios.

March

Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch was awarded the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Military Conservation Partner Award. This award recognizes significant natural-resource management achievements by military installations, particularly the conservation of important wildlife and their habitats through cooperative work with the USFWS and other partners.

April

Hundreds of Army Reserve Soldiers completed training as members of Convoy Protection Platform gunnery crews during Operation Cold Steel III between late March and early May at Fort McCoy. Operation Cold Steel III, operating under Task Force Fortnite at Fort McCoy, is a gunnery exercise with Soldiers qualifying on the M2, MK-19, and M240B weapon systems. According to the Army Reserve, the training completed during Operation Cold Steel is critical to ensuring that Army Reserve units and Soldiers are trained and ready to deploy on short notice and bring "combat-ready and lethal firepower in support of Army and Joint Force partners around the world."

May

Vice President of the United States Mike Pence visited Fort McCoy on May 16 as part of an overall Wisconsin visit. During his stop at Fort McCoy, Pence learned about military equipment; met with hundreds of Fort McCoy workforce, military, and family members; and gave a speech at an Equipment Concentration Site-67 building.

June

The annual Northern Lightning exercise took place at Wisconsin's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center from May 6-17. During the course of the exercise, several Fort McCoy training and range areas were utilized for live-fire training.

The Army Reserve Command kicked off the training portion of Diamond Saber 2019, the Army's largest and primary financial management exercise, at June 18 at Fort McCoy. Diamond Saber is designed to provide realistic technical training

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File photos by Scott T. Sturkol

A firefighter wearing a full diving suit and related equipment prepares to dive under the ice Feb. 6, 2019, at Big Sandy Lake on South Post at Fort McCoy.



U.S. Vice President Mike Pence gives a speech during an official visit May 16, 2019, at Fort McCoy. During his stop at Fort McCoy, Pence learned about military equipment; met with hundreds of Fort McCoy workforce, military, and family members; and gave a speech.

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File photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers at Fort McCoy for training in the Combat Support Training Exercise 86-19-03 move vehicles and equipment in a convoy July 22, 2019.

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to regular Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard financial management units through interactive scenarios and transactions.

July

The 86th Training Division at Fort McCoy conducted Combat Support Training Exercise 86-19-03 from July 13 to Aug. 2 at the installation. The 86th held the exercise as part of the U.S. Army Reserve commanding general's Combat Support Training Program (CSTP). Thousands of service members with the Army as well as other military services and foreign militaries are participating in the multinational exercise. CSTP exercises are large-scale training exercises where units experience tactical training scenarios specifically designed to replicate real-world missions.

August

Multiservice medical personnel got hands-on training at multiple exercises that took place in August at Fort McCoy with assistance from the installation's Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC) and Regional Training Site (RTS)-Medical. Global Medic is an inter-service training event that provides opportunities for military medical personnel to improve their proficiencies in realistic training environments while combining forces with other service branches and national armies.

September

Contractor Relyant Global LLC of Maryville, Tenn., began work on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-led project to build seven new military family housing units at the South Post Housing area at Fort McCoy. Also during the month, more than 23,000 pieces of ceramic-plate body armor were scanned for serviceability from early to mid-September at

the Logistics Readiness Center Central Issue Facility at Fort McCoy.

October

Eight current and one former firefighter with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department received the Department of the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service on Oct. 3 for their work during an emergency flood response in local communities in 2018.

Team Fort McCoy sent two teams of runners to the 2019 Army Ten-Miler competition Oct. 13 at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and came away with first- and fifth-place finishes in the Reserve Mixed category. The first-place finish was the first Ten-Miler championship earned by a Fort McCoy team since 2007.

November

After closing in March for a major upgrade, Fort McCoy's Main Gate reopened for use and 24-hour operations at 5 a.m. Nov. 23.

Work on the project included the demolition of old active vehicle barriers and the construction of new active vehicle barriers that meet the requirements for standoff distances required by mandated regulations. Additionally, new sidewalks and a parking area were built next to building 35 to allow for more parking space.

December

The 2019-20 season of the Fort McCoy Cold-Weather Operations Course (CWOC) started Dec. 5 at the installation, beginning officially the fourth season of the course. This season, the CWOC training team of instructors is prepared to hold five, 14-day training sessions of CWOC as well as four, three-day sessions.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.)



Firefighters with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department, are shown Oct. 3, 2019, after receiving the Department of the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service at Fort McCoy. All were recognized for supporting flood-relief efforts in local communities in 2018.

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(From left) Sgt. 1st Class Justin McCarthy with the 108th Training Command at Charlotte, N.C.; Sgt. 1st Class Eric Juhl with Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 415th Infantry Regiment of Helena, Mont.; Sgt. Roger Williams with Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 334th Regiment, 95th Training Division in Milwaukee; and Sgt. Daniel McElroy with 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 320th Regiment, 95th Training Division at Fort Belvoir, Va., are shown Aug. 21, 2019, at Fort McCoy. These four Soldiers, along with Master Sgt. Ryan Cameron with U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) Headquarters of Fort Bragg, N.C., helped rescue a man and two children from a car accident Aug. 15, 2019, in Sparta, Wis.

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2020 Army Substance Abuse Program training focuses on meth

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Every year, Army Soldiers and civilians learn about the dangers of common drugs through the Army Substance Abuse Program's (ASAP) annual training.

For fiscal year 2020, Fort McCoy's ASAP training makes use of Wisconsin's "kNOw Meth" campaign. According to the website knowmethwi.org, use of methamphetamine increased by 462 percent in Wisconsin between 2010 and 2017. The campaign is run by the Wisconsin Department of Justice in partnership with the Marshfield Clinic Health System, Northwoods Coalition, and the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth.

"The ASAP office is teaming up with the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition and the Tomah Police Department to offer this year's training," said Michelle Bourman, program specialist with Fort McCoy ASAP. "We are using the 'kNOw Meth' campaign because they have already put out some great products for us to use that focus on the effects of meth in Wisconsin."

"Methamphetamine is currently the biggest problem in the area as it relates to drug abuse and distribution," said Investigator Robert Walensky with the Tomah Police Department, who will be conducting this year's ASAP classes at Fort McCoy. "In this area, methamphetamine currently is the most reported and investigated drug for law enforcement."

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INVESTIGATOR ROBERT VALENSKY
Tomah Police Department

The class will cover identification of methamphetamine, crimes associated with methamphetamine use and distribution, and local trends associated with methamphetamine use and distribution.

"Many Fort McCoy employees, both civilian and military, have spouses who work and live in the community, children who go to school in the community, they shop and patronize businesses in the community, and participate in recreational activities in the area," Walensky said. "It is my hope and intent that general knowledge and awareness will help them avoid becoming a victim of methamphetamine-related crimes when living in the community."

Walensky said education is a very powerful tool for

preventing drug use and drug-related crimes, which go beyond use and distribution. Associated crimes can include domestic abuse, theft, burglary, robbery, fraud, and more.

"Awareness of drug-abuse issues may help people recognize drug abuse or someone involved in distribution within their own family or friends, which may lead to earlier intervention and getting someone the help they need," he said.

Walensky has been in law enforcement for more than 20 years and has spent a majority of his career working drug investigations, he said. He serves on the board for the Wisconsin Narcotics Officers Association and is part of the West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group, which is a five-county drug task force that works on drug distribution crimes. He conducts drug-education classes for both law enforcement personnel and members of the public, including the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition and school staff members.

ASAP training is required annually for all Soldiers and Department of the Army (DA) civilians. The Fort McCoy ASAP training meets DA requirements; however, individuals should still check with their supervisors or unit to leadership to make sure that it meets their organization's requirements before attending. All training will be conducted in the building 60 auditorium. Classes are scheduled for 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 13 and 11 a.m. to noon May 14, July 16, and Sept. 10.

Advance registration is not required. For more information about ASAP or the training, call 608-388-5955.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkal

Sign for Fort McCoy Catholic Community

(Left) A worker with the La Crosse Sign Company prepares to drill new holes for sign posts Dec. 20, 2019, next to the Catholic chapel on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy. (Above) The new sign is shown in place next to the chapel Dec. 27 showing the Fort McCoy Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Military Catholic Community. The sign was brought to post as part of an Eagle scout project for Ethan Nott, son of retired Col. Steven Nott, former garrison commander, and Charlotte Nott. Ethan completed fundraising efforts to purchase the sign and have it installed.

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"An important part of the training and understanding operations in the cold weather is how to identify and understand what causes cold-weather injuries," said Ortiz, who was a combat medic in the Army. "This year, we have scenarios on how students can respond to help a victim of hypothermia. This helps them build confidence and knowledge in understanding cold-weather injuries overall, as well."

The class included more than a dozen Marines with the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines (2nd, 24th), which is an infantry battalion based out of Chicago consisting of approximately 1,000 Marines and Sailors. The battalion falls under the 23rd Marine Regiment and the 4th Marine Division. Many enjoyed their training in the course.

"Some of the best parts of this course were the leadership roles and communication skills one had to develop to help make the team work together and function efficiently to complete tasks," said Cpl. Emilio Zuniga-Montoya with the 2nd, 24th. "We had to do this while having to deal with harsh weather conditions."

"The training also definitely improved my social skills, especially when I had to communicate with military member from a military branch other than the Marine Corps," Zuniga-Montoya said.

Staff Sgt. Brian Daliege, also with the 2nd, 24th, said he can now help train other Marines.

"As a Marine assigned to an infantry battalion, field operations and exercises occur often," Daliege said. "The skills learned in this course provided me a strong foundational understanding of cold-weather operations that I can pass on to other members of the unit."

Many students applauded the instructors for providing excellent training.

"The CWOC instructors never set you up for failure," said CWOC student Sgt. Edwin Bennett with the 733rd Support Maintenance Company at Canton, Ill. "You leave the classroom confident and excited, but also aware of dangerous situations when you go out to the

field. This is by far one of the best courses I've attended."

Students also liked what Fort McCoy, as an installation, offers for a training environment.

"The ranges and facilities available (at Fort McCoy) allow for all the training incorporated into the course," said Sgt. Eugene Matarazzo with the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion of Newport Naval Station, R.I.

"Additionally, the geographical location of the installation is well-suited for the particular kind of training."

ROTC Cadet Joshua Ayala with Loyola University in Chicago added, "Fort McCoy is literally the perfect place for teaching this course."

This class of students also practiced a new cold-water immersion training scenario, Heard said. The scenario included having one of the squad members go through a cold-water immersion event in the lake, and then the squad, as a team, has to take what they learned during the course to help the wet squad member warm up and recover.

This included having the squad member take off most clothing and then climb into a sled lined with dry blankets. At the same time, other squad members would erect an Arctic cold-weather tent with a heater where the squad member would further warm up and recover to prevent injury.

"This course taught me new skills and reinforced my current knowledge and skills," said Capt. Joshua Bagley, also a student from the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion. Bagley was the first student to complete the cold-water immersion scenario as the service member who went into the water.

"This course taught me how to build proper shelters, manage cold-weather operations, and survive the cold-water immersion," Bagley said. "All the skills I have learned I will take back and use in my own winter exercises."

Four more 14-day courses are planned during the remainder of the winter training season at Fort McCoy, Heard said.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

A student in Fort McCoy's Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 20-01 works on building an improvised shelter Dec. 13, 2019, at a remote location on South Post.



A student climbs out of a hole in the ice Dec. 16, 2019, during the beginning of a new cold-water immersion training scenario at Big Sandy Lake on South Post at Fort McCoy.



Cold-Weather Operations Course students each complete a task while building an improvised shelter Dec. 13, 2019, on South Post at Fort McCoy.

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Snowshoeing among skills practiced, learned by students in CWOC



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

A squad of Cold-Weather Operations Course (CWOC) Class 20-01 students made up of Soldiers and Marines pulls an ahkio sled full of equipment Dec. 16, 2019, while wearing snowshoes during a training scenario for the course at Big Sandy Lake on South Post at Fort McCoy. Each CWOC class requires a lot of field time during the 14 days of training and a good portion of that field time includes students completing their movements on snowshoes. In a cold-weather, snow-filled environment, having snowshoes and the skill to use them is crucial. Students spend approximately 20-30 hours training on snowshoes and using them in the field.



(Left and above) Students in Cold-Weather Operations Course Class 20-01 start off a day of snowshoe training Dec. 13, 2019, on South Post at Fort McCoy. The class included Soldiers, ROTC Cadets, and Marines all intermingled in squads to complete the training that included dozens of miles of snowshoeing.

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ABOUT POST



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Rail movement

Military vehicles and equipment belonging to the 1158th Transportation Company of the Wisconsin National Guard are loaded on railcars Dec. 17, 2019, at Fort McCoy. The equipment was being shipped to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. The rail loading and related work was completed by 1158th Soldiers and employees with the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center Transportation Division. Overall, 18 railcars were loaded with 25 pieces of vehicles/equipment weighting approximately 594 short tons.



Contributed photos

Food donations

(Left) First Sgt. Leonardo Ramos with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Fort McCoy Garrison, delivers food Dec. 19, 2019, to a local food pantry in Sparta, Wis. (Above) Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Parks, also with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Fort McCoy Garrison, delivers a box of food Dec. 16 to a local food pantry in Tomah, Wis. The delivery was part of more than 300 pounds of food that was delivered to local pantries in Tomah and Sparta, Wis. The donated food came from Fort McCoy community members.

FEATURE

This month in Fort McCoy history

75 Years Ago — January 1945

Camp McCoy's first Jewish chaplain, Lt. W. Gunther Plaut, conducted the first Army Jewish service on German soil since the invasion of the Reich by the United States. Plaut stood in what was once Gestapo headquarters in the German town of Brand and unrolled the sacred Hebrew Scroll of the Law to commence services. A native of Germany, Plaut came to the United States in 1935 and studied for the ministry.

35 Years Ago — January 1985

Soldiers of Fort McCoy's Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, received a new unit crest. The crest, which replaced the U.S. Army Forces Command crest, is the shape of the post's familiar triad symbol with green pine trees on a white background, trimmed in gold.

Fort McCoy Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Kieltch said the crest is unique because it mirrors the actual shape of the installation's cantonment area. The triad also represents the three integral Army components supported by Fort McCoy — active, Reserve, and National Guard.

30 Years Ago — January 1990

Marines and Sailors of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, headquartered at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek in Norfolk, Va., deployed to Fort McCoy and Volk Field Air National Guard Base for the Alpine Warrior-90 exercise. The Alpine Warrior exercise was designed to conduct intensive individual and unit cold weather training in preparation for cold weather contingency operations.

Approximately 4,200 regular and Reserve Marines and Sailors trained in Alpine Warrior-90. Each participant received extensive Arctic skills and confidence training under the guidance of instructors from the II Marine Expeditionary Force's Special Operations Training Group, headquartered at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

20 Years Ago — January 2000

The Triad, Fort McCoy's authorized newspaper's name before it became The Real McCoy in 2008, became available to be viewed online. People wishing to access the newspaper were instructed to visit Fort McCoy's public website to access the online edition.

10 Years Ago — January 2010

Eight low-speed electric vehicles (LSEV), powered by electric motors, were incorporated into the Fort McCoy Transportation Motor Pool (TMP) motor fleet. Chris Brown, TMP supervisor, said LSEV vehicles were provided as part of government's plans to save money and energy by replacing some gas-powered passenger cars and small trucks with electric vehicles at all Army installations and selected other federal government organizations.

The Fort McCoy fleet included four passenger-type sedan



U.S. Army file photo

Soldiers deploying to the Gulf War make their way to a plane in 1990.



U.S. Army file photo

Soldiers participate in winter training during 1952 at then-Camp McCoy.

vehicles and four cargo-type truck vehicles that run exclusively on electric power. The vehicles have a top speed of about 25-30 mph and made by the Columbia ParCar Corporation of Reedsburg, Wis. The vehicles are smaller than their gasoline counterparts and were used exclusively for transportation needs in the cantonment area.

5 Years Ago — January 2015

Fort McCoy entry procedures were changed as part of increased installation access control and security measures within the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Army.

Day passes are the most common type of pass provided at Fort McCoy. Previously, people were issued day passes to the installation had a federally recognized form of ID scanned through a basic query to the FBI National Crime Information

Center (NCIC). The basic query checked driver records, vehicle registration information, and information about warrants and protection orders. The new procedure required the background check ran through the NCIC Interstate Identification Index (III). This check provided basic information as well as criminal history record information.

According to Installation Management Command, visitors with issues such as an outstanding arrest warrant, recent felony conviction, those who are registered sex offenders, cannot be verified, or are listed in the Terrorist Screening Database were denied access and, if appropriate, were turned over to legal authorities.

While the basic NCIC query provided an almost instantaneous response, the NCIC III query takes longer to process if it reveals any criminal history.

(Article prepared by the Public Affairs Office from The Real McCoy and Triad archives.)

SAFETY

Follow safety guidelines when driving during winter season

Traveling on wintry roadways can be challenging and stressful. Following some simple guidelines will help ensure that you reach your destination safely.

During severe winter storms, consider postponing your trip until travel conditions improve. Stranded vehicles and motorists create additional hazards for plow operators, law enforcement and other emergency responders. When travel is necessary:

Before heading out, learn the latest about highway conditions and incidents by visiting www.511wi.gov. Let others know about your planned route and expected arrival time. Fully charge your cell phone.

Clear snow and ice from your vehicle's windows, front and rear lights, roof, and hood. Ensure everyone is buckled up.

Take it slow. Allow extra travel time and following distance. Most winter crashes and slide-offs are caused by drivers going too fast for the existing conditions. Remember, posted speed limits apply to ideal travel conditions.

Turn on your vehicle's low-beam headlights. This helps you see what's ahead and helps other drivers see you. State law requires drivers to turn on their vehicle's low-beam headlights any time that weather or other conditions make it difficult to see objects 500 feet ahead.

Sudden braking or steering can cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Use brakes early and carefully. With anti-lock brakes, use firm, steady pressure and gently steer. Never use cruise control in wintry weather.

Don't be overconfident in a four-wheel or all-wheel-drive vehicle. All vehicles require additional time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.

Remember that bridge decks/overpasses can be especially slippery, even when adjacent pavements are in good travel condition.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

An equipment operator with the Fort McCoy snow-removal contractor, Kaiyuh Services LLC of Anchorage, Alaska, clears snow Nov. 27, 2019, at Fort McCoy.

Watch for snowplows. Stay at least 200 feet behind a working plow and use extra caution if you decide to pass. Plows often create a cloud of snow that can obscure visibility, and road conditions ahead of the plow are likely worse.

Keep a safe distance behind large trucks. Along with obscuring your view of the road ahead, pieces of snow or ice can blow off the top of commercial trucks as they travel down the highway.

Winter storm advisories/warnings are routinely posted on

signs along major highway corridors. Heed this information and drive accordingly. Winter storm events often have moderate to significant travel effects.

Be mindful of your location, paying attention to crossroads, mileposts, or key landmarks. If you do become stranded, you'll be better prepared to describe your location to law enforcement or tow truck operators.

(Article prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.)

Be prepared to stay safe, healthy in wintry, cold weather

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead. Prepare your home and cars. Prepare for power outages and outdoor activity. Check on older adults.

Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us are not ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you will be more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall.

Many people prefer to remain indoors during winter, but staying inside is no guarantee of safety. Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter months.

Winterize your home. Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows. Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls. Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.

Check your heating systems. Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside. Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys. Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.

Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year. Install a carbon monoxide detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries when you change your clocks in the fall and spring. Learn symptoms

of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement, and garage. Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house. Leave your home immediately if the carbon monoxide detector sounds and call 911.

Get your car ready for cold weather use before winter arrives. Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires. Keep the gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.

Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. The kit should include: a cellphone, portable charger, and extra batteries; blankets; food and water; jumper cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction); compass and maps; flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries; first-aid kit; and plastic bags.

Be prepared for weather-related emergencies, including power outages. Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers. Ensure that your cellphone is fully charged. When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions.

Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including: battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and lamps; extra batteries; first-aid kit and extra medicine; baby items, if needed; and cat litter or sand for icy walkways.

Many people spend time outdoors in the winter working, traveling, or enjoying winter sports. Outdoor activities can expose you to several safety hazards, but you can take these steps to prepare for them.

Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: wear a tightly woven, preferably wind-resistant coat or jacket; inner layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.

Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches. Work slowly when doing outside chores.

Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation. Carry a cellphone.

When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions. Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories. If you must travel, inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival.

Follow these safety rules if you become stranded in your car. Make your car visible to rescuers. Tie a brightly colored cloth to the

antenna, raise the hood of the car (if it is not snowing), and turn on the inside overhead lights (when your engine is running).

Move anything you need from the trunk into the passenger area. Stay with your car unless safety is no more than 100 yards away.

Keep your body warm. Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets, or newspapers. Huddle with other people if you can. Stay awake and stay moving. As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve circulation and stay warm.

Run the motor (and heater) for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window slightly to let in air. Make sure that snow is not blocking the exhaust pipe — this will reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Above all, be ready to check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold-weather hazards: young children, older adults, and the chronically ill or disabled. If you have pets, bring them inside.

If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate, warm shelter, and unfrozen water to drink.

No one can stop the onset of winter. However, if you follow these suggestions, you will be ready for it when it comes.

(Article prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.)

OUTDOORS

Visitors enjoy snowtubing at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area



Photos by Liz Faber/Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

(Above and below) People enjoy some snowtubing fun Dec. 30, 2019, at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area at Fort McCoy. The ski area opened for the season Dec. 20. The area is open to the public Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. To find out more about Whitetail and to see what snowtubing rates are, call 800-531-4703, visit www.mccoy.armymwr.com, or look up "Whitetail Ridge Ski Area" on Facebook.



OUTDOORS

Early catch-and-release trout season at Fort McCoy now open

Wisconsin's early catch-and-release trout season, which includes Fort McCoy streams and tributaries, opened Jan. 4 and continues until 11:59 p.m. May 1.

Only artificial lures may be used during the early catch-and-release trout season, and all fish caught must be released immediately, said Fort McCoy Fisheries Biologist John Noble with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch. The appropriate Fort McCoy permit, Wisconsin license, and trout stamp are required.

Access to Fort McCoy's trout streams and tributaries is fairly easy.

"There are many great trout fishing opportunities available within close proximity of several major roadways at Fort McCoy," Noble said.

Fishing licenses and permits for 2019 are valid through March 31, 2020. A 2020 Wisconsin fishing license, trout stamp, and related Fort McCoy permit will be required starting April 1.

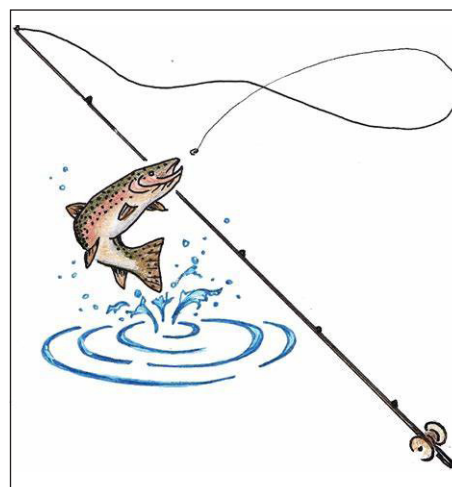
The 2020 licenses can be purchased from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) online at <https://gowild.wi.gov>. All prospective anglers have to do is create an account at the Go Wild site, select the licenses they need, pay for the licenses, and print them, all online.

Fort McCoy fishing permits are only available through the iSportsman automated permit issuance system at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

Anglers are reminded to read the new Fort McCoy fishing regulation that is on the Fort McCoy iSportsman web site, <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

Also, through a number of resources available online, following are some tips on how to properly catch and release trout:

- When catching and releasing a trout, face the fish upstream in gentle flowing water, preferably in the stream water near the shore and not in fast current.
- When releasing the fish, don't let the fish



go until it gives strong tail-swimming movements and swims firmly out of your gentle grip.

- Handle trout gently, keeping it in the wa-

ter as much as possible. Unhooking the trout without lifting it from the water is best.

- Remove hooks with needle-nosed pliers or forceps. Using barbless hooks makes releasing trout much easier.

- If a trout is hooked deeply, cut the line and release the fish. The hook eventually will dissolve, leaving the trout unharmed.

More information about inland trout fishing is available online at the WDNR website at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/trout>. For Wisconsin fishing license rates and regulations, visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/permits/residentlicense.html>.

Anglers looking for more information about installation fishing regulations should go to the Fort McCoy iSportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net, or contact the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

For more information about police enforcement of regulation and rules requirements, call the Directorate of Emergency Services at 608-388-2266 and ask for a conservation warden.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Free Fishing Weekend set for Jan. 18-19

An ice fisherman is set up at Big Sandy Lake during a past winter at Fort McCoy. Wisconsin's first Free Fishing Weekend in 2020 for people to do some ice fishing across the state is set for Jan. 18-19. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, people will be able to fish almost anywhere in Wisconsin without a license or trout stamp on Free Fishing Weekend. That said, even though all the waters of the state will be open to free fishing, all usual regulations and harvest limits will be in force. The same will be the case at Fort McCoy. For more information on Free Fishing Weekend special events around Wisconsin, visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/anglereducation/FreeFishingWeekend.html>. To learn about Fort McCoy fishing regulations and procedures, visit the Fort McCoy iSportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net.

Ice Thickness Guidelines

Safe ice depths



Graphic illustration by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Remember safety while on ice

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe. White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice. Also, always check ice thickness before heading out. Check ice thickness at least every 150 feet. Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs, and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water. It can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away.

NEWS NOTES

Crazy 8 fitness challenge starts in January

The Crazy 8 fitness challenge starts in January at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Participants are challenged to complete eight events or programs within the first eight months of 2020. Those who complete the challenge will receive an award.

The challenge is open to authorized patrons of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-2290.

Combined Federal Campaign runs through Jan. 12

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is taking donations through Jan. 12, 2020.

The CFC is the only campaign authorized in the federal workplace. Pledges made by federal civilian and military donors during the campaign season support eligible nonprofit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

All donations and pledges are now processed online. For more information, visit <https://midwesterncfc.org>.

Youth ski, snowboard lessons available Jan. 14-30

Youth lessons in skiing and snowboarding will be held 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 14-30 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

Lessons are conducted by trained instructors. Parents or guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from the lessons. Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services.

The classes are open to children in first through 12th grades. The classes cost \$110 with equipment rental or \$100 if children bring their own equipment. For more information or to register, call 608-388-8956.

Martin Luther King Jr. event planned for Jan. 16

Fort McCoy's Martin Luther King Jr. observance is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Jan. 16, at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

The recurring theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!" It calls upon the American people to engage in public service and promote peaceful social change.

The guest speaker is the Rev. Everett Mitchell, Dane County Circuit Court judge and senior pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Madison, Wis.

For more information about Equal Opportunity events, call 608-388-6453.

Run, Splash, Flip set for Jan. 21-23

The Run, Splash, Flip team challenge is scheduled for Jan. 21-23 at Rumpel Fitness



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

December sunrise

The sun rises in the backdrop of the Catholic chapel Dec. 20, 2019, on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy. The chapel is one of several buildings cared for by the Fort McCoy Religious Support Office.

Center, building 1122.

For three consecutive days, participants will run 5 kilometers on a treadmill, swim 500 meters, and flip a tire for one minute. Teams must have one male and one female participant.

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

Workforce briefing scheduled for Jan. 22

The garrison commander's annual workforce briefing is scheduled 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 22 at building 905.

The briefing is open to garrison Soldiers and civilian employees. Supervisor approval is required to attend the briefing. Military personnel are directed to attend.

Employees with last names beginning with A-L will attend the 9 a.m. briefing. Employees with last names beginning with M-Z will attend the 1 p.m. briefing.

Coffee with ACS set for Jan. 22

"Coffee With Us," hosted by Army Community Service (ACS) at South Post Community Center, is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 22.

Join ACS staff members for conversations about decision-making and goal setting in the new year. Topics include making goals and ideas tangible, learning how to stay focused, and making a plan to achieve your goals.

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

For more information or to register, call 608-388-7262.

Resilience workshops planned throughout 2020

Army Community Service (ACS) will hold resilience workshops throughout the year, focusing on self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, and character strength.

Upcoming dates and topics are: Jan. 23 (goal setting), Feb. 13 (acts/thoughts/consequences model), March 19 (energy management), April 2 (avoiding thinking traps), May 21 (detect icebergs), June 18 (problem solving), July 9 (perspective), Aug. 13 (mental games), Sept. 24 (real-time resilience), Oct. 8 (character strengths), Nov. 19 (assertive communication), and Dec. 10 (effective praise and constructive responses).

All workshops are held at ACS, building 2111, from 9 to 11 a.m. Registration is required by the Monday before each workshop. For more information, call 608-388-6507.

TSP 2020 class scheduled for Jan. 24

A TSP 2020 class is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The class covers changes to the Thrift Savings Plan and how to take control of investments to maximize returns.

For more information, call 608-388-3505.

Valentine card workshop planned for Jan. 25

A Valentine card workshop is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Army Community Service (ACS) Family Building, 2161.

Spend time together as a family and create Valentine cards. All materials are supplied.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required by Jan. 21. For more information or to register, call 608-388-6507.

Madison farmers market trip scheduled for Jan. 25

A trip to the winter farmers market in Madison, Wis., is scheduled for Jan. 25.

The trip is from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The bus will pick up and drop off participants at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571. Transportation costs \$5 per person.

For more information, call 608-388-3011.

Winter Extravaganza set for Jan. 25

Winter Extravaganza is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 25 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.

The usual tubing, skiing, and snowboarding will be available. In addition, the ski area will hold a number of contests, including a snow-pile dig, slalom race, and tubing races. Crafts will be available for children from 1 to 3 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the contests, and door prizes will be drawn throughout the afternoon. Regular ski area charges apply.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call 608-388-3517.

PCS help available online, at Fort McCoy

Help with permanent change-of-station (PCS) moves is available online and at Fort McCoy.

The Department of Defense (DOD) Customer Moving Portal at www.move.mil offers moving guides, tutorials, frequently asked questions, tools, and resources.

Approximately 40 percent of military moves happen during May 15 to Aug. 31. The Fort McCoy Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO) requires a four- to six-week lead time to book a household goods shipment with a transportation service provider.

The PPPO helps military members verify entitlements and explore their options for the moving process.

The PPPO is located in building 200. It is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 608-388-3060.

Corrections

In the Dec. 13, 2019, print edition of The Real McCoy, Aaron Seda was incorrectly listed as an employee of the Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office. He is an employee of the Garrison Information Management Office.

In the same issue, a picture of harmonica fragments was printed with the article "Fort McCoy ArtFACT: Syracuse china fragments."

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Jan. 24. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 15. For more information about submissions, call 608-388-4128.

Dining Facility

Dining Facility 1362, located at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, is open. Military members and Department of Defense civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use dining facilities. Groups of 10 or more must first coordinate through the Food Program Management Office at 608-388-6518/4739.

Hours

Breakfast — 6-8 a.m.
Lunch — 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner — 5-6:30 p.m.

Rates

Breakfast — \$3.45
Lunch — \$5.60
Dinner — \$4.85

Recreation

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Meets at 4 p.m. each quarter in building 1363. Call 608-388-3200.

iSportsman: Portal for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational activities. Register, apply for permits, and sign in or out at <https://mccoy.isportsman.net>.

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.-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Extreme bowling 4-9 p.m. Fri.

Leisure Travel Services Office: Open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 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. 24-hour access available to those who register. 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 3-7 p.m. Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

Tactics Paintball & Laser Tag: By appointment with two-day notice. Call 800-531-4703.

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Open 2-8 p.m. Thurs. (season passholders only), 3-9 p.m. Fri., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for Tomah and Sparta schools snow days. Call 608-388-3517.

Dining

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Catering/administration, call 608-388-2065.

Food: Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4-11 p.m. Sat., and 4-10 Sun. Buffet available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-7673.

Sports bar: Open 4-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Manager has discretion on closing time.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Open 2-8 p.m. Thurs. (season passholders only), 3-9 p.m. Fri., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. snow days. Call 608-388-3517.

Ten Point Pub: Open during chalet hours.

Services

Alteration Shop: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 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.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1710.

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

Car Wash: Building 1568. Offers self-service and automatic bays and vacuums. Open 24/7. May close during extremely cold weather.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through Jan. 23.

Most offices closed Jan. 20.

Bold, italic typeface indicates a change since the last publication.

Call facilities to verify hours. To report updates, call 608-388-2769.

Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Tokens also sold at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571. Call 608-388-4161.

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.

Computer Lab: Building 50, room 100A. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Computers, projector, printer, scanner, fax machine available. Call 608-388-2474.

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 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

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

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

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities: Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy. Civilian, family members, and retired military

members are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 to find out which buildings are open.

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

Patriot Outfitters: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-269-1115.

Permit Sales: Building 2168. Hunting, fishing, and firewood permits. 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 are 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.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-388-4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Call 608-388-4988 for hours.

Family Support

Army Community Service: 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.

Housing Office: Building 6158. Open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Family Housing, Single Soldier Housing, and referral services. Call 608-388-2804.

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 608-388-8068 or 608-598-7324

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 or 608-788-1000.

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

Health Care

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

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Screening and referral services for civilian employees and Family members 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 608-388-3025.

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 [www](http://www.www).

tricare.mil.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Call 608-388-3025 for available services or assistance locating local services while training at Fort McCoy.

Worship

Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. Mass at 9:15 a.m. Sun. Fellowship 9:30-11 a.m. Sun. at building 2675.

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. Service at 10:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship 9:30-11 a.m. Sun. at building 2675.

Protestant Women of the Chapel: Building 2675. Bible study. Call 608-388-3528.

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.

If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266, and the on-call duty chaplain will be contacted.

Organizations

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882: Building 1411. Open 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. For more information, call 608-269-1912.

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: For more information, call 920-535-0515 or email justdave49@centurylink.net.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. Open noon-8 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. For more info or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, email usawoarmccoy@outlook.com.

SEVERE WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCEDURES

During any severe winter weather situation, a liberal leave policy will automatically be in effect.

This policy affords supervisors and employees flexibility in addressing an individual request for leave or a work schedule adjustment due to weather, accommodating a late arrival, and/or an employee's request for an early departure due to weather conditions.

Annual leave may be requested and approved in 15-minute increments.

If the Garrison Commander should deem that due to an extreme weather situation all post operations would need to be suspended during the duty day, then that announcement will be made via a command-approved, postwide email communication, with employee notifications then disseminated through their supervisory channels.

If such a decision were to be made outside of the normal duty day, then a Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office authorized announcement will be released through Fort McCoy's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoy.

In addition, information regarding liberal leave/post closure can be obtained after duty hours by calling 608-388-7777.


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