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Chinook training

An aircrew with the 2nd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation Battalion of the Illinois National Guard flies a CH-47 Chinook helicopter on a mission June 12 from the cantonment area at Fort McCoy.

Two Chinook helicopters from the battalion were completing heavy helicopter operations in support of the 1st Battalion, 106th Assault Helicopter Battalion annual training at the installation in early June.

According to unit officials, unit Soldiers exercised company-level mission-essential tasks such as conducting air movement and expeditionary deployment operations as well as forward armor and refueling point procedures.

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Photo by Scott T. Sturkol



DPW Housing Division offers customers variety of services, support

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For more than five years, the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Housing Division personnel and offices have been co-located with their customers in the South Post Housing area.

Since the relocation in 2014, the housing area has grown from 57 homes to 113, essentially doubling in size. Twenty-two of those homes are officer homes (nine three-bedroom and 13 four-bedroom), and 91 are enlisted homes (55 three-bedroom and 36 four-bedroom).

Additionally, in those five years, many new personnel have joined the Housing Division. The division team comprises Housing Division Chief Monica Richmond, Housing Manager Zachery (Zach) Hynes, Housing Manager Assistant Brenda Downing, Housing Referral Assistant Robert (Bob) La Rock, and Administrative Assistant Susan (Sue) Bussert.

"We are a traditional family housing management team," Richmond said, referring to the fact that most Army Family Housing offices, especially at large installations, are now part of privatized housing. Privatized housing (See **HOUSING**, Page 12)

Army Reserve holds Army's largest financial management exercise at McCoy

BY MARK ORDERS-WOEMPNER
U.S. Army Financial Management Command

The Army Reserve Command kicked off the training portion of Diamond Saber 2019, the Army's largest and primary financial-management exercise, on June 18 at Fort McCoy.

Diamond Saber is designed to provide realistic technical training to Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard financial-management units through interactive scenarios and transactions based on current policy in a collective environment, said Maj. David Park, Diamond Saber 2019 exercise planner.

"Our primary goal this year is to train units going downrange in the near future," Park said. "Our exercise will provide deploying commanders with a current assessment so they can tailor their units' pre-deployment training plans with U.S. Army Financial Management Command."

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Photo by Russell Gamache/Fort McCoy
Multimedia-Visual Information Office

Soldiers from various units take part in a team-building event June 18 during the first day of Diamond Saber training at Fort McCoy.

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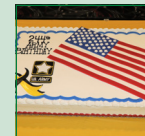
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NEWS

Army reduces insurance payments for weather, natural disasters

Effective May 29, the Army will no longer pay claims for personal property loss due to weather and natural disasters.

On May 29, Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper signed Army Directive 2019-21, Restrictions on Personnel Claims Payments, eliminating payments to Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians for damage or destruction of personal property resulting from natural or weather phenomena, such as floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes.

On Dec. 31, 2010, an EF3 tornado touched down on Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., destroying or damaging more than 100 homes on post. And in 2018, softball-sized hail damaged thousands of vehicles belonging to service members and civilians at Fort Carson, Colo.

These types of claims, called gratuitous claims, will no longer be covered by the Army. While requests for exceptions and waivers to this policy will be considered, Soldiers and civilians are encouraged to purchase private insurance policies that cover such incidents, such as homeowners, rental, and auto insurance.

“This policy change encourages individual responsibility for personal property,” the directive states.

The new policy is not retroactive and does not apply to gratuitous claims for damage or destruction of personal property incurred prior to May 29.

Questions about gratuitous property loss claims should be addressed to the Center for Personnel Claims Support, at 502-626-300 or usarmyknnoxhqda-otjag.mbx.cpsc@mail.mil.

(Article prepared by Maj. Krista F. Carpenter and Mary B. Kaiser with the Installation Legal Office.)



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jean-Paul Arnaud-Marquez
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A car damaged by a tree is shown May 28 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, after a tornado hit the base.



Watch out for traffic during summer training

The summer training season is underway at Fort McCoy, which means community members can expect heavier traffic than usual throughout post and along Highway 21.

The heaviest traffic is most likely to occur in July and August when Fort McCoy will host two Combat Support Training Exercises in addition to regular training and other smaller exercises. The training will bring an influx of service members and commercial traffic to the area, some of whom may not be familiar with the local roads.

In addition, the Main Gate remains closed for construction throughout the summer. The project will improve installation force protection with security improvements and easier access to the Visitor Control Center.

During the construction period, which is expected to continue until mid-November, traffic will be rerouted through Gate 1, which is the old Main Gate for the installation and located less than half a mile west of the new Main Gate.

There will be no change to Gate 20 operations. It remains open for all traffic as usual. Convoys and commercial vehicles are required to use Gate 20 to access the cantonment area.

Employees are reminded that they can use electronic gates in addition to Gate 1 to access the installation. Interested employees must attend a short training session with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES). For more information, call 608-388-3794.

Community members are reminded by Installation Safety Office officials to be cautious and watch out for vehicles and drivers who may not be familiar with the changed traffic patterns. Slow down and watch for slower traffic, as well.

Remember that other drivers may not be familiar with the area or expecting detours due to construction. Stay safe, be courteous, and follow all road signs and/or DES personnel instructions.

For safety concerns or more information about safety matters, call the Installation Safety Office at 608-388-3403.

(Article prepared by the Public Affairs Office.)

88th Readiness Division presented with 1st place ACOE award



Photo by Michael Coleman

The 88th Readiness Division (RD) received the top Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) award for which the Army Reserve is eligible May 23 at the U.S. Army National Guard Bureau headquarters in Arlington, Va. Division representatives at the presentation included the commanding general, Maj. Gen. Jody J. Daniels, and three 88th RD civilians who were key members of the ACOE Program Team: Kevin Zavala, chief, Regional Personnel Support Center; Gina Barton, logistics management specialist, 88th RD Directorate of Logistics; and Steve Keivel, administrative specialist, 88th RD Directorate of Human Resources. Presenting the award is Stephen Austin, assistant chief, Army Reserve.

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This year, the exercise involves 14 active- and reserve-component financial-management units from 12 states and territories. Six of the units are deploying within the next year.

According to event organizers, the Army deploys financial-management units as part of a sustainment warfighting function, and these units must be ready to deploy and to support a wide range of operations and global contingencies.

On top of giving commanders a snapshot of what training their units need, Diamond Saber also creates synergy among the Soldiers.

“This is our one opportunity for these units to operate in a collective environment,” Park explained. “This is a chance for our deploying Soldiers to build relationships here so they function better downrange.”

The exercise this year will be divided into two parts. The first week will focus on classroom training on leadership development and various financial-management subjects, including disbursing operations, resource management, military pay, and commercial vendor services.

The second week will be a scenario-driven evaluation of the units based on three real-world contingency scenarios and events. Not only will units have to conduct their financial-management functions, they will have to employ their core Army warrior tasks as they undergo battle drills.

Diamond Saber also features several other special training initiatives, including working with a military unit from Denmark, cooperating with Air Force and Marine Corps units, testing remote capabilities with geographically separated units, and integrating the full spectrum on resource management and contracting, Park said.



Photo by Maj. Brandon R. Mace/4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

Soldiers with the 350th Human Resources Company, headquartered in Grand Prairie, Texas, conduct real-world personnel status report tasks June 18 at Fort McCoy as a part of Diamond Saber 2019.



Photo by Maj. Brandon R. Mace/4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

Pvt. Uriel Vazquez-Hernandez, a human-resources specialist with the 350th Human Resources Company works on personnel status report tasks June 18 for Diamond Saber at Fort McCoy.



Photo by Russell Gamache/Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office

Soldiers discuss exercise operations June 18 during the first day of Diamond Saber training.

NEWS**Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers hold annual training at Fort McCoy**

Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers with a Wisconsin National Guard artillery unit prepare an artillery piece June 11 during training at Fort McCoy. Hundreds of Soldiers from various Wisconsin National Guard units aligned under the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team held annual training at Fort McCoy in early June.



Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers drive military vehicles in a convoy on the cantonment area June 11 during annual training.



Soldiers with a Wisconsin National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk aircrew prepare for a mission June 19 during training at Fort McCoy. Several helicopters were involved in the Wisconsin National Guard's 2019 training.

NEWS

348th Engineer Company Soldiers continue mobilization training



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Larson/181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade

Soldiers with the 348th Engineer Company (Combat Clearance) hold training at a range area June 16 at Fort McCoy. The 348th was completing the training as part of overall mobilization training for an upcoming deployment. The unit is from Kansas City, Mo.



Soldiers with the 348th complete training at a range area on North Post on June 18 at Fort McCoy.



As part of a training scenario, 348th Soldiers practice route clearance at a Fort McCoy range area June 16. The unit will eventually be deployed to Afghanistan.

NEWS

Troops appreciate Fort McCoy's training capabilities

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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Whether it was winter training in the Cold-Weather Operations Course or gunnery training in Operation Cold Steel III, troops who have trained at Fort McCoy in fiscal year 2019 have said they appreciate the capabilities the installation has to support training.

During six classes of the CWOC from December 2018 through March, instructors received constant feedback from each class about how Fort McCoy was an ideal winter training location.

"Fort McCoy is always a good place for any kind of training I have done since joining the military," said CWOC Class 19-06 student Sgt. Joshua Harvey with the 323rd Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Company of Sioux Falls, S.D. "I will definitely be encouraging Soldiers from my unit to attend this course because it is good training, and the instructors are full of endless knowledge."

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Gorman, CWOC Class 19-02 student with the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion at Little Rock, Ark., said Fort McCoy's unique terrain helped her gain valuable skills.

"Fort McCoy really is a good place to teach this course," Gorman said. "Some skill sets I take with me from the course include learning how to build and sustain a fire using multiple techniques and working as a team or squad during movements carrying equipment and pulling an ahkio sled. ... Spending a week in the field to test our skills was really one of the best parts of the course."

Sgt. Nicholas Powers, also a CWOC Class 19-02 student also from the 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry of the Wisconsin National Guard, said the post is great for all kinds of training. "I've been to Fort McCoy for all my field training exercises for seven years, and it's always a solid location for training, specifically for cold-weather training," he said.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Cosme with the 442nd Engineer Company of Angleton, Texas, completed training in the Regional Training Site-Maintenance's 91L10 Construction Equipment Maintenance Repairer Course in February. He said he enjoyed the course and training at Fort McCoy.

"Fort McCoy is a nice post, and I've enjoyed my time training here," he said.

During Operation Cold Steel III at Fort McCoy from late March to early May, hundreds of troops trained with Task Force Fortnite.



Soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard conduct training June 19 at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) on South Post at Fort McCoy. The CACTF complex is used by transient training troops throughout the year.

Task Force Fortnite Commander Lt. Col. Greg Derner said gunnery crews trained day and night using several Fort McCoy live-fire ranges, and those ranges and training areas worked well.

"The ranges themselves are the best equipped, technologically, in the Army Reserve," Derner said. "Of the locations where they have conducted Cold Steel, McCoy is the best. ... Overall, the installation is well set up to do this."

Maj. Benjamin Nonaka, Operation Cold Steel III Task Force Fortnite executive officer, said Fort McCoy's geographic footprint also helped in streamlining training. At many other places where Cold Steel training has been completed, he said the distance to training ranges is longer.

"Fort McCoy is much more compact, and it reduces the amount of time and logistical requirements for us," Nonaka said.

Every year, thousands of troops complete weekend, extended-combat, institutional, and exercise training. During fiscal year 2018, 148,733 personnel trained at the installation.

Fort McCoy first broke the 100,000 troop training level in fiscal year 1985. An annual training record of 155,975 was set in fiscal year 2017.

Overall, Fort McCoy has supported America's armed forces since 1909. The installation's motto is to be the "Total Force Training Center."



Students in the 89B Ammunition Supply Course taught by the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment at Fort McCoy conduct railcar-loading training June 19 at the installation rail yard.

FEATURE**Dozens visit historic Commemorative Area during tours, open days**

Photos by Theresa Fitzgerald

Visitors look at displays June 7 in the Fort McCoy History Center during one of the public open days of the Commemorative Area. Public open days are coordinated by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.



Soldiers who are part of a tour look over displays in the Fort McCoy History Center on June 13 in the Commemorative Area.



Members of a tour look over old Army dining facility recipes June 14 in the old dining facility at the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area. The Commemorative Area is one of the main stops for people visiting the post on a tour. For more information about tours, contact the post Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407.



Visitors look at a displays June 15 in a historical building during one of the public open days of the Commemorative Area.

ADS

FEATURE

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: 28th Infantry insignia

In 2013, archaeologists with Colorado State University's Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands investigated a site at Fort McCoy which had been discovered a year earlier.

It was initially assumed the site was a former historic farmstead because of the materials recovered when the site was identified; including broken glass shards, part of an old plate, a wire nail, a brick fragment, and several pieces of metal.

Artifacts like these are common finds at nearly any of the 20th century Euro-American homesteads or farmsteads within the installation boundary.

When the site was evaluated to determine if it could be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the materials recovered began to move away from what is typically found at historic homesteads or farmsteads.

One "Model 1896" bronze cap insignia from the 28th Infantry Regiment was recovered along with more than 70 buckles, clasps, and fasteners which originated from military uniforms dating to the time of the Spanish-American War.

The insignia lacks the company letter, which may be why the item was discarded.



Photo by Colorado State University's Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands

An insignia pin for the 28th Infantry Regiment is shown that was found at Fort McCoy in 2013. The pin dates to around 1910 where Camp Emory Upton was once located at the installation.

Additionally, more than 60 cartridges were recovered, most of which would have been used for the 1903 Springfield Magazine Rifle.

Ten "Model 1903" Springfield stripper clips were found in the same excavation units as the cartridges. At their time of use, these clips

were generally considered disposable.

Researchers were able to combine pieces of evidence, such as the military uniform items and ammunition with other artifacts like food containers and animal bones, to provide a fairly accurate date of 1910 for the site's usage.

At this time, the training grounds were known as Camp Emory Upton.

These finds represent some of the earliest use of Fort McCoy for training military personnel.

All archaeological work conducted at Fort McCoy was sponsored by the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Natural Resources Branch.

Visitors and employees are reminded they should not collect artifacts on Fort McCoy or other government lands and leave the digging to the professionals.

Any individual that excavates, removes, damages, or otherwise alters or defaces any historic or prehistoric site, artifact, or object of antiquity on Fort McCoy is in violation of federal law.

The discovery of any archaeological artifact should be reported to the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Natural Resources Branch at 608-388-8214.

Driver training

Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers conduct driver training June 19 at the parking area at Big Sandy Lake on South Post at Fort McCoy.

The activity was part of annual training by Wisconsin National Guard troops at Fort McCoy in early June.

Thousands of transient training troops trained at the installation in June.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol



OUTDOORS

FIELD DAY: Invasive species working group holds event at Fort McCoy for second time

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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For a second consecutive year, the Monroe County (Wis.) Invasive Species Working Group held their annual Field Day on June 13 at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy.

More than 50 people participated in the event that included an equipment display, numerous briefings about invasive species and how to control them, and updates from landowners currently fighting invasive species on their lands.

Event coordinators included personnel with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB); Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR); and others. The group is a cooperative effort led by Monroe County Land Conservation, WDNR Forestry, Fort McCoy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other agencies.

NRB Chief Tim Wilder, Forester James Kerkman, and Forestry Technicians Charles Mentzel and Leigh Neitzel, also with the NRB, all participated in the event. Kerkman, Mentzel, and Neitzel discussed forestry and invasive species.

Kerkman said having this group of multiple agencies and people working together helps combat a serious problem that occurs with many types of invasive plant species.

"It is important to reach past the installation borders to help our neighbors control invasive species to reduce the chance of a new species coming onto the installation or increasing the areas infested," Kerkman said. "We won't get very far in controlling invasive species if the lands around Fort McCoy are infested with those plants.

"Also, by having our participation in this group, it demonstrates to the public the commitment the Army makes toward taking care of the land here," Kerkman said.

Invasive species can be terrestrial, aquatic, or wetland invasives, according to the WDNR.

"One of the reasons that invasive species are able to succeed is that they often leave their predators and competitors behind in their native ecosystems," states the WDNR webpage on invasive species, <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/what.html>. "Without these natural checks and balances, they are able to reproduce rapidly and out-compete native species.

"Invasive species can alter ecological relationships among native species and can affect ecosystem function, economic value of ecosystems, and human health," the website states.

Some common types of invasive species in Wisconsin include common barberry and black locust trees, garden yellow and purple loosestrife, and leafy spurge plants, and more.

Wilder once again showed event attendees how to make walking sticks from invasive tree species, such as buckthorn. He said he was glad to see a great turnout for the event because it helps inform people on what to look for with invasive species.

"Fort McCoy is an active participant in the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group for the exact reasons (Kerkman mentioned)," Wilder said. "The more folks we can get involved in managing and controlling invasive species in the county, the better chance we have for success here on Fort McCoy. Government agencies — whether they are local, state, or federal — cannot do this alone. Getting private landowners involved is critical to success."

In addition to the field day, the working group also meets regularly. For more information about the group, visit <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/monroe-county-invasive-species-workinggroup>.



Forestry Technicians Charles Mentzel and Leigh Neitzel and Forester James Kerkman, all with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch, talk about invasive species and forestry June 13 during the 2019 Monroe County (Wis.) Invasive Species Working Group Field Day at Fort McCoy.



One of many speakers at the field day shows an example of an invasive plant species during a discussion June 13 at Fort McCoy.



Tim Wilder, chief of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch, discusses invasive species June 13 during the field day at Pine View Campground.

COMMUNITY

Hundreds take part in 2019 Fort McCoy Army Mud Assault Run



Photos by Christie B. Clark/Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Young mudders take off at the start of the children's race June 8 for the 2019 Fort McCoy Army Mud Assault Run at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area. Hundreds competed in the children and adult races that included 25 mud pits and obstacles.



Adult competitors run through the first obstacle of the 2019 Fort McCoy Army Mud Assault Run at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area.



(Above and below) Competitors navigate an obstacle June 8 at Whitetail Ridge.



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initiatives have been a part of Department of Defense housing partnerships for more than two decades. “We are still a government-owned and government-operated installation.”

“I believe that because we are a traditional-style office (in Army-owned housing), we have that face-to-face ability to always be available for our customers — the residents,” Richmond said. “Our customers know they can come to us with any concerns, and we will help them.”

The DPW Housing Division consist of three branches, including the Army Family Housing Office (on-post housing), Housing Services Office (off-post housing), and Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (single Soldier barracks for E-1 to E-5 ranks).

Hynes said the housing team enjoys having daily interactions with the families residing on South Post and being able to quickly respond to anything that needs to be done.

“Being here, close to our customers, and serving as a hub for them is extremely important for our ability to provide great service,” Hynes said. “They know where to go and who to talk to.”

What’s available in housing

The 2014 move included reopening the renovated South Post Community Center, building 6158, which is also the home to Housing Division offices. And adjacent to the community center is the housing warehouse — building 6167 — which includes a Self-Help Center for housing residents.

The South Post Community Center is a popular venue, Hynes said. It was built in 1931 and previously served as an instructors building and the garrison commander’s home.

“We probably average about seven events at the center each month,” Hynes said. “We have regular Girl Scout meetings, the USO hosts events regularly, our South Post Housing Community Association meets here on the third Thursday every month, and there’s also birthday parties and other events that take place.”

The inside of the center features an open-design concept with a conference and meeting area, a full kitchen, two bathrooms, and a sitting area with new furniture and a 64-inch flat screen television. The center’s front sunroom can be used during warmer weather. To schedule events at the center, residents just need to contact the DPW Housing Office.

The Self-Help Center section of the warehouse is heated and open year-round for residents. The rest of the warehouse is cold storage for spare appliances and other items required for maintenance on Family housing units.

“We’re adding more things to the self-help inventory all the time,” Hynes said. Residents currently can sign out lawnmowers when needed and also snowblowers in the winter.

When the new housing was added and completed in 2017, Hynes said other improvements were included throughout the housing area as well.

“We have a paved, 2-mile walking path that goes around the entire housing area,” Hynes said.

“This path is open year-round as we keep it cleared of snow in the winter. We also have one large playground and four tot lots located throughout the housing area for families to use. We also have a picnic area, basketball and tennis court, and a skate board park.”

The area has a community garden nearby where residents can have a plot for free. “All residents have to do is let us know if they are interested in the garden, and we’ll work with them to get them started,” Hynes said.

Also within the housing area is a recreational vehicle parking area with 32 spaces. “This is an area where residents can park their campers, boats, and other recreational vehicles and equipment for quick access,” Hynes said.



Monica Richmond, chief of the Directorate of Public Works Housing Division, talks with Fort McCoy housing residents and unit leaders during a housing town hall meeting Feb. 28 at Fort McCoy. Richmond has been the housing division chief for a year. Events like this town hall help residents and leaders improve the overall housing experience.

How to apply for housing, waiting list

Service members wanting to apply for on-post housing at Fort McCoy can do so through the Army Family Housing Office. Once an application is completed, service members are put on the waiting list.

“To apply, all we need is a copy of their permanent change of station (PCS) orders and a completed housing application,” Richmond said.

She said service members should also remember they cannot be added to the list for housing at Fort McCoy until they clear their previous installation.

Hynes said the staff does their best to predict the wait time for service members on the waiting list.

He said it’s important for those service members to stay in communication with housing personnel to see where they stand on the list.

“We want open communication, and we want to keep everyone informed as best as possible,” Hynes said.

Richmond said when a home becomes available, they call the first name on the top of the list and they go down the list until an offer is accepted.

“People have 72 hours to respond to the offer,” Hynes said. “After that, we move to the next person on the list.”

Richmond also reminds people who apply for housing to remember that if an older home is offered to a service member and turned down, then that service member’s name will be removed from the waiting list or added to the bottom of the waiting list.

The housing staff maintains current, updated copy of the waiting list in the lobby of the Army Family Housing Office, which can be checked during normal business hours.

Off-post housing support

If housing is not available on post or families prefer to live off post, then the housing staff will assist them in finding quality, affordable residential rentals outside of Fort McCoy.

Every incoming service member and his/her family receives an in-briefing that covers housing entitlements and services, Hynes said. Housing staff will also brief service members, families, and civilians on areas covering subjects such as renter’s insurance and the military clause, which allows them to terminate their lease if they receive PCS orders or deploy for more than 90 days.

For military families interested in buying a home, the housing staff also maintains basic referral information for what is available in the local housing market area.

“This is where Bob La Rock is very helpful with housing referral,” Richmond said. “We can also help if service members are having issues with their landlord. Service members can send leases to us to review before they sign for off-post housing.”

“Bob also can perform life, health, and safety inspections on a home for families before they move in, and he can be present during a final move out inspection,” Richmond said. “One thing we recommend for everyone is to purchase renters insurance. It’s a good thing to have to protect your personal items in case of fire or theft.”

The Housing Division also partners with the Army Community Service Relocation Program to offer prospective clients the best and most-current information available for completing a move to Fort McCoy.

For more information about all support and services available by the Housing Division staff, call them at 608-388-3704 or visit their offices in the South Post Community Center.



Homes are shown June 19 at the South Post Family Housing area. Twenty-two homes are officer homes (nine three-bedroom and 13 four-bedroom), and 91 are enlisted homes (55 three-bedroom and 36 four-bedroom). The area doubled in size in 2017 after the completion of 57 new homes. Another seven homes are currently planned to be built in the area.



A part of the extensive walking path around the housing area is shown June 19 on South Post at Fort McCoy.



The Self-Help Center, building 6167, is shown June 19 in the South Post Family Housing area. The center has equipment and other items available for housing residents to sign out.



(Left) One of several playground areas is shown June 19 in the housing area. (Above) A picnic pavillion and recreation area in Patriot Park is shown June 19 at the South Post Family Housing area.

SAFETY**Fireworks safety: Best to leave fireworks to experts**

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades, and fireworks displays. But along with all the festivities are plenty of visits to emergency rooms — especially during July.

In 2017, at least eight people died and about 12,900 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related accidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. And while the majority of these accidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, thousands were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers.

More fires are reported on July 4 than any other day of the year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Each year, fireworks cause on average 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires, resulting in thousands of injuries. The National Safety Council advises everyone to stay away from all consumer fireworks and to only enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals.

Following are some fireworks that are legal for consumers to purchase and use in some states. But just because they are legal doesn't mean they're safe.

Sparklers

Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but they are a lot more dangerous than most people think.

Parents don't realize they burn at about 2,000 degrees — hot enough to melt some metals.

Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and many children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.

Bottle rockets

These small rockets are attached to a stick, lit by a fuse, and typically fired from a bottle. Teens have been known to have bottle rocket wars, firing them at one another and causing chest, head, and eye injuries.

Firecrackers

Firecrackers are designed to explode on the ground. They are often linked together by one long fuse and explode in a series. They are designed to be very noisy, but they also can cause burns and other serious injuries.

Roman candles

Roman candles eject multiple exploding shells from a tube the user holds in his or her hand. There have been numerous reports of children losing fingers, severe burns, and other injuries, which are sometimes caused when the device gets jammed.

Two words about M-class fireworks

Just don't.

You hear them go off every year: M-80s, M-100s, even M-250s. The unmistakable explosions associated with these devices can rattle the windows of homes for blocks.

They are produced illegally and without quality control, have short fuses, and cause hundreds of extremely severe injuries each year. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives outlines the risks of these explosive devices.

If they're legal

If fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Spectators watch a fireworks show in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on July 3, 2018. The National Safety Council recommends people “grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back, and let the experts handle the show” when it comes to fireworks of any kind.

- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
 - Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
 - Never light them indoors.
 - Only use them away from people, houses, and flammable material.
 - Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.

- Never ignite devices in a container.
 - Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
 - Soak unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
 - Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.
- Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back, and let the experts handle the show.
- For more information about these and other safety related topics, contact the Installation Safety Office at 608-388-3403.
- (Article prepared by the National Safety Council.)*

OBSERVANCES**Fort McCoy celebrates Army's 244th birthday**

Fort McCoy celebrated the Army's 244th birthday June 14 with several special events throughout the day.

The day started with a free drive-thru breakfast at McCoy's Community Center. Fort McCoy community members could pick from fresh fruit, yogurt, or doughnuts and coffee, orange juice, or milk. Army birthday T-shirts also were given away to community members.

The Commander's 5K Challenge started at 7 a.m. Participants who beat the commander's time received certificates, and all participants received T-shirts. Free car washes and bowling were available to Fort McCoy community members throughout the day.

The highlight of the day was the Army Birthday Luncheon at McCoy's Community Center.

The oldest and youngest Soldiers at Fort McCoy cut the official Army birthday cake. Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Rand, garrison chaplain, gave the invocation, and the 451st Army Band of Fort Snelling, Minn., played live music during the celebration. A free luncheon was served to Fort McCoy community members, including cake and ice cream.

The U.S. Army was founded June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of expert riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year, according to the U.S. Army Center of Military History. George Washington received his appointment as commander in chief of the Continental Army the next day and formally took command July 3, 1775, in Boston.

Garrison Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Sheila L. Coker provided opening remarks at the luncheon, during which she thanked all who serve.

"Whether you are currently serving in uniform, are an Army veteran, ... an Army civilian, or you support our brave men and women as a family member, thank you for your service," Coker said.

Army installations worldwide celebrated the anniversary by hosting special events and celebrations.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation organized the events at Fort McCoy with the assistance of local sponsors and volunteers.

The installation also recognized Flag Day on June 14 by flying the large U.S. flag at the garrison flagpole throughout the day.

For more information about the Army birthday and branch birthdays, visit <https://history.army.mil/html/faq/branches.html>.

For information about DFMWR events at Fort McCoy, visit <https://mccoy.armymwr.com>.

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



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Fort McCoy community members line up for a free lunch June 14 at McCoy's Community Center as part of the 2019 Army Birthday Celebration at the installation. The lunch was one of many activities that took place as part of the celebration.



Personnel with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation provide free breakfast items June 14 to Fort McCoy community members as part of a drive-thru breakfast celebrating the Army birthday. Community members also received a free T-shirt.



The youngest and oldest Soldiers attending the Army Birthday Celebration cut the birthday cake June 14 at McCoy's Community Center.

NEW NOTES

Nascart Relay Race planned for July 10

A Nascart Relay Race is planned for 4:30 p.m. July 10 at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. Four-person coed teams (which must include at least one woman) will ride a peddle cart through an obstacle course while completing pit-stop challenges.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

The event is open to eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation patrons who are at least 18 years old. Registration is required by July 5.

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

Lunch & Learn webinars start July 11

Lunch & Learn webinars, sponsored by the Directorate of Human Resources Workforce Development Team, start July 11.

Participants will bring their own lunches (a microwave is available near the conference room in building 2187).

Topics are: Active Listening Skills on July 11, Advanced MS PowerPoint on Aug. 7, Assertiveness Skills for Women on Sept. 11, Combating Apathy in the Workplace on Oct. 9, and Developing a Leadership Presence on Dec. 12. Space is limited, so registration is required. Participants may register for individual seminars or attend them all.

For more information or to RSVP, call 608-388-5872/8929 or email john.j.ott1.civ@mail.mil or michael.l.modawell.civ@mail.mil.

Commemorative Area open July 12, 20, 26 to visitors

The Fort McCoy Commemorative Area will be open for walk-in visitors from noon to 4 p.m. July 12 and 26 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 20. Members of the public are welcome.

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

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

On Saturdays, visitors may proceed directly to the temporary main gate, which is marked by electronic signs. Groups of 15 or more may schedule tours from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407.

Deadline to transfer GI Bill benefits is July 12

Soldiers with more than 16 years of service who want to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a dependent must do so before July 12.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Observing Flag Day

The large U.S. flag was flown June 14 at the garrison flagpole in observance of Flag Day and the Army birthday at Fort McCoy. The flag is only flown on special occasions. Directorate of Emergency Services personnel oversaw the posting of the flag.

Last year, the Department of Defense implemented a new Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits eligibility requirement, which instituted a "six- to 16-year cutoff rule," said Master Sgt. Gerardo T. Godinez, senior Army retention operations noncommissioned officer with Army G-1.

Further, Soldiers who want to transfer their education entitlements must have at least six years of service, he said. All Soldiers must commit to an additional four years of service to transfer their GI Bill benefits.

However, Soldiers who are currently going through the medical evaluation board process cannot transfer GI Bill benefits until they are found fit for duty under the new DOD policy.

Starting in July, the new rules will be in effect, and Soldiers with more than 16 years of service will not be eligible to transfer education benefits.

'Saturday on the Square' trip planned for July 13, 27

"Saturday on the Square" trips to Madison are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13 and 27.

The bus trip will visit Dane County Farmers Market at Capitol Square in Madison. The cost is \$5 per person, which covers transportation. Participants should bring money to buy their own lunches and any farmers market items.

The bus will pick up and drop off patrons at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571, and the Walmart parking lot in Tomah.

Registration is required one week in advance.

For more information or to RSVP, call 608-388-3011.

Caregiving class set for July 25

"Caregiving and the Sandwich Generation" is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. July 25 at South Post Community Center.

According to the AARP, the "sandwich generation" is traditionally defined as those who have a living parent and are either raising a child under age 18 or supporting an adult child.

This class will offer helpful information and tips for all caregivers, along with opportunities to share, ask questions and participate in meaningful discussions.

Topics will include changing roles and responsibilities, coping with stress and finding balance, communication challenges: siblings and family members, supports and services, and importance of self-care.

Registration is required a week in advance.

For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412 or email carrie.a.olson4.civ@mail.mil.

Maritime museum trip scheduled for July 27

A trip to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc is scheduled for July 27.

The bus will depart from Army Community Service, building 2111, at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. There is no charge for the bus ride. Participants may bring a lunch or purchase one at the museum.

Museum admission is free for military families through the Blue Star Museum Program. Military ID is required. For more information about museum fees, visit www.wisconsinmaritime.org.

Registration is required by July 22. For more information or to register, call 608-388-6712 or email jaimed.herrera.civ@mail.mil.

Commissaries put high priority on health, safety of patrons

When it comes to public health and safety in military commissaries, the Department of Defense has unique standards to match the stores' special patronage — the men and women serving in uniform and their families.

It's those standards that set commissaries apart from commercial grocers, said Army Col. Alisa R. Wilma, the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) former director of public health and safety.

Since June 1, Wilma has assumed her new assignment as the deputy commander for Regional Health Command-Central at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Days before she left DeCA, Wilma spoke about her time at the agency.

"Shortly after I arrived at DeCA in 2016 we had a hurricane, and a commissary in Florida lost electricity," she said.

"We didn't have a solid time as to how long its freezers had been out of power; so, we didn't have good data on how long the products inside the freezer had been out of temperature. Now if it's under four hours, we're good, and can drive on. If it's over four hours we cannot (sell that product).

"Since we didn't have definitive data, we threw the product out. I cannot guarantee that an outside grocer would have made the same decision. And yes, that's government dollars, but we made that decision in the pursuit of patron safety. We just have higher standards."

Supporting an operation with nearly 240 commissaries in 13 nations that serves more than 5 million military households can be a daunting task, one that DeCA's public health and safety embraces heartily, Wilma said.

"If we do everything right, no one gets sick; no one gets hurt," she said.

DeCA's food-safety mission ensures that all edible products destined for commissary shelves are inspected by military veterinarians once it arrives at the store, checking products to ensure that they've arrived from the documented place of origin within the right temperature and free of any pests or signs of foodborne diseases.

Much of what public health and safety does involves preventing an issue of food safety before it occurs or eliminating potential dangers in the commissary that could harm patrons and employees alike, said Rogers E. Campbell, executive director of DeCA's Store Operations Group.

Fort McCoy's Commissary is located in building 1537. For more information about the commissary, call 608-388-3542.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published July 12. The deadline for submissions is July 3.

Recreation

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Meets at 4 p.m. each quarter in building 1363. Next meeting: Sept. 12. Call 608-388-3200.

iSportsman: Portal for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational activities. Sign in or out at <https://mccoysisportsman.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. daily. Call 608-388-2619.

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

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

Sportsman's Range: Open 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.

Dining

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

Primo's Express: 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. Closed for the season. Chalet available year-round for private parties. Call 608-388-3517.

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. 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.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through **July 11**. **Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication. Call facilities to verify hours. To report updates, call 608-388-2769.

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

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

personnel 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.tricare.mil.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Call 608-388-3025 for available services or assistance locating local services.

Worship

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

608-388-3528.

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

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

Protestant: Chapel 1, building 2672. Protestant worship at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675.

Protestant Women of the Chapel: Building 2675. Bible study, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wed.

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.

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

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 usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

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