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Air Force Security Forces fly-in

(Above) Air Force security forces with the 115th Security Forces Squadron, Truax Field, Madison, Wis., fly into a training area at Fort McCoy on a Wisconsin National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk and then conduct a training field exercise June 2. (Below) A security forces Airman with the 115th conducts a training scenario at a Fort McCoy training area June 2. The Airmen completed several training scenarios and training requirements during their time at Fort McCoy. Air Force personnel regularly complete training at Fort McCoy. The 115th is an Air National Guard unit.



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389th Engineer Company supports troop projects at Fort McCoy

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The Army Reserve's Iowa-based 389th Engineer Company returned to Fort McCoy in June to complete more work on troop projects at the installation.

In 2022, Soldiers with the 389th completed work on many projects — the biggest being the installation of metal siding on numerous buildings at Tactical Training Base Courage on South Post at Fort McCoy.

In 2023, the company completed several new projects. On the Fort McCoy cantonment area, the 389th Soldiers removed and poured a new section of sidewalk near a walking bridge. At Logistical Support Area Liberty, the company installed a 400-amp breaker along with the supporting electrical lines. And at the Fort McCoy Central Receiving Shipping Point (CRSP) parking lot, company Soldiers worked with Fort McCoy personnel to install new energy efficient light poles throughout the parking lot.

The 389th Company Commander, 1st Lt. Kelly Merritt, said the unit was busy.

"It's a lot of hands-on work that we haven't really been able to experience here before over on McCoy," Merritt said about the 2023 projects.

She said her unit's Soldiers were very motivated complete (See [389th](#), Page 3)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tyler Goodman/389th Engineer Company

Soldiers with the 389th Engineer Company work on a troop project at Logistical Support Area Liberty on June 5 at Fort McCoy.

Post celebrates Army's 248th birthday, hundreds participate

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Hundreds of members of the Fort McCoy community took part in the many events and activities offered at the installation June 14 during the Fort McCoy celebration of the Army's 248th birthday.

The birthday bash, coordinated by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, began early in the day with the Commander's 5k/2-Mile Run/Walk that began and ended at McCoy's Community Center. The run/walk generally would be held at Rumpel Fitness Center,

however this year the center is under a major renovation.

For the run/walk, nearly 200 people took part in all ages, and all those participants received free Army Birthday t-shirts as well. There was even a couple of canine participants. At the end, Varinka Ensminger finished the 5k run first in a time of 21 minutes even.

At the same time as the run/walk, a free breakfast was provided for all the run/walk participants at McCoy's Community Center as well as for other community members who came to watch and participate in the festivities. Breakfast items included,

juice, water, bars, donuts, and more.

DFMWR officials said the run/walk was one of the most successful in recent years, and the weather for the event turned out to be exceptional.

Later the same day, beginning at 11 a.m. and also at McCoy's Community Center, the birthday celebration continued with a free lunch, cake-cutting ceremony, and on-site band entertainment from the Army Reserve's 204th Army Band of Fort Snelling, Minn.

The 204th Army Band also played during the 2023 Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House, and they also played during the 2022 Fort McCoy

Army birthday celebration. For the 2023 celebration, band members played on the stage at the McCoy's Community Center courtyard.

During the cake-cutting, Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger cut the cake with the oldest and youngest Soldiers present at the observance. Once the cake was cut, hundreds of community members were served lunch that included a variety of items to included pulled pork, chicken, beans, potato salad, pasta salad, and more.

It was also during this time that DFMWR Director Patric McGuane, Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Amy Noble (See [BIRTHDAY](#), Page 9)

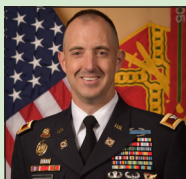


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(All photos) Fort McCoy community members participate in [Army birthday activities](#) June 14 at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy.

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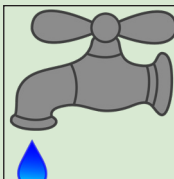
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EDITORIAL/NEWS

Fort McCoy Garrison commander: *The Army Birthday*

BY COL. STEPHEN T. MESSENGER
Commander, Fort McCoy Garrison

On June 14, we celebrated the 248th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army. While it's an excuse to celebrate our Soldiers, civilians, and family who defend America 24/7, there is no excuse not to celebrate every day the herculean sacrifice they make and have made.

On June 14, 1775, a small band of patriots joined together to fight for a set of ideals, and those ideals were nothing less than revolutionary. Today we continue to defend our country and our democratic ideals with an all-volunteer force.

Serving one's country is a noble calling and, I believe, among life's greatest work.

Nothing illustrates our nation's commitment more than putting boots on the ground where they are needed and conducting decisive action at the expense of our enemies.

During the Revolutionary War, America's first Army was armed with little more than hunting muskets. Most enlistees had no uniforms. Gunpowder was scarce, and boots, to many, were a luxury. Those Soldiers had little more than those ideals to sustain them.

Today's United States Army is the best trained,



best led, and most capable Army that has ever been fielded on the face of the Earth — let that sink in.

We continue to take on many global challenges with extraordinary skill and devotion. We can be

proud of the fact that today our Soldiers have boots on the ground in more than 100 countries across the globe, and we continue to play a vital role in defending through both deterrence and action.

The profession of arms is about ethics, morals, courage, strength, compassion, and service. It is about the sacrifice of those before us in places such as Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Cuba, Verdun, Normandy, Ia Drang, 73 Easting, Hurricane Katrina, Kandahar, and Fallujah.

And it is about the sacrifice that you all make today — so that the Constitution of the United States and the great experiment we call America continues to live on.

We all serve for a different reason. I began my desire to serve growing up on a healthy dose of G.I. Joe cartoons and watching the air and ground campaign in Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm from my living room.

I wanted to make a difference and defend our freedom against those who hate democracy. Also, I couldn't stand those cobra bad guys.

Many serve for other reasons — college money, to improve their life, family of service, a higher calling, and more. Whatever it is, know that this profession is critically important and respected.

Those currently serving in the Soldier and civil-

ian capacities along with those veterans have made a difference. They have defended our nation. They have deterred the enemy.

On the Army's birthday, I had the privilege of enlisting six new Soldiers into the United States Army. They did what few Americans will — raise their right hand and commit to supporting and defending our nation's most trusted document, the Constitution of the United States.

In the preamble, the Constitution clearly states: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Those who take this oath do so to support and defend myself, and my children, and my children's children, from the forces of injustice who threaten democracy.

Since 1775 we have learned that freedom isn't free. Everyday, we should celebrate the men and women who allow us to live in that freedom.

Thank you to those who have served, those who are serving, and those who will serve.

Happy Birthday, Army!

Installation personnel supports STEMKAMP in Sparta



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

(Above and right) Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger speaks at the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Kamp, or STEMKAMP, on June 16 at Sparta Meadowview Middle School in Sparta Wis. Messenger gave some words of encouragement and more before being part of a panel who addressed questions and spoke about numerous topics at the school. (Below) Stephanie Condon, who has been at Fort McCoy supporting the installation's new Hiring Process Action Team, talks with children about STEM careers in the Army and more at the event. The camp was a special week-long event for military children and was only one of a few held across the country.



LOOKING BACK AT CELEBRATING THE ARMY BIRTHDAY



During the Fort McCoy 2023 Army Birthday Celebration on June 13, Greg Mason with the Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office followed the action of all the installation celebration activities.

When it was all done, Mason put together a video to commemorate the day and what it all meant.

See the video at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/887633/248th-army-birthday-celebration-fort-mccoy>.

Also watch for episodes of the Behind the Triad video series on Fort McCoy's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUF0_BwU3d2p5j1rThTE_kw. Or, find it at the Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office Defense Video and Imagery Distribution Service page at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMMVIB>.



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projects on post and get the hands-on training. “It helps them progress to the next level of training,” Merritt said.

Merritt also said the work has helped her build in her own skills as an engineering officer.

“I haven’t really had many experiences with electrical and concrete, so being out here with them is really helping me learn all the different parts of being an engineer,” Merritt said.

Staff Sgt. Tyler Goodman, also with the 389th, discussed the work his company completed at the CRSP parking lot.

“Our company was tasked with assisting in setting in 28 light poles for the CRSP Yard, which has not had very good lighting for years from what I hear, so it’s good training for our Soldiers to get their hands on something that they’ve probably never experienced before,” Goodman said.

Goodman also explained more about the troop project work his unit completed at LSA Liberty.

“We also got power out at Liberty for some new buildings that are being put up,” Goodman said. “We had to carefully excavate around them to set new wire for them. It was in compacted gravel that’s been driven on for years by tactical vehicles, so we had to pick-ax it out by hand which took three days to do so. To be honest, it’s very impressive with our Soliders’ ability to overcome the challenges in that project and make it happen. I think, honestly, we did it in the same amount of time as if we were taking a piece of heavy equipment because we had to go around all those hazardous wires.”

Fort McCoy Troop Projects Coordinator Larry Morrow with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works said he was happy to see all the work get done by the 389th. He also said the continuing support he receives to improve Fort McCoy through troop projects is always appreciated.

“If we didn’t have these projects, many of these engineer troops wouldn’t get the training they need, and the installation wouldn’t benefit from the work they do to improve Fort McCoy training ranges and quality-of-life programs,” he said.

Goodman said he was happy to see the 389th Soldiers achieve some skills development through the work as well.

“I’m just grateful for the opportunity to be able to do it and teach these Soldiers some new skills,” Goodman said. “It wouldn’t be possible without (Fort McCoy) DPW’s help and guidance with this endeavor, so we very much appreciate it.”

Among the many career fields in a unit like the 389th are Soldiers who are carpentry and masonry specialists.

According to the Army job description for this military occupational specialty of 12W, a carpentry and masonry specialist, has the skills needed to handle a variety of carpentry and masonry duties building important structures for the Army using hand and power tools, lumber, concrete, stones, and bricks. They also help combat engineers build structures to respond to rough terrain and environmental hazards. Learn more by visiting <https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/career-match/mechanics-engineering/test-repair/12w-carpentry-masonry-specialist.html>.

Learn more about the Army Reserve by visiting <https://www.usar.army.mil>.

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(Above) Soldiers with the 389th Engineer Company work on a troop project June 12 to install light poles at the Fort McCoy entral Receiving Shipping Point (CRSP) parking lot. (Bottom photos) 389th Soldiers work on a project to replace sidewalk on June 9 and 13 respectively.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tyler Goodman/389th Engineer Company

411th Engineers bring road-building skills to Fort McCoy troop project

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Soldiers with the Rear Detachment of the Army Reserve’s 411th Engineer Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were at Fort McCoy in June to support several troop projects, but completed one large road-building project.

The project work for the road 411th Soldiers graded and graveled is in an area of land near the old Gate 20 and Logistical Support Area Liberty and the cantonment area fence, said Troop Projects Coordinator Larry Morrow with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

The overall site plan for that area is to make it into a base operations support site for installation service contractors, such as facility maintenance, roads and grounds, solid waste, custodial, pest management, and more, Morrow said. This road, now fully graveled and allowing full access to the site, will make work on the ongoing site project go even faster.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua Eaton with the 411th said his small contingent of Soldiers were supporting the 389th Engineer Company at the installation on projects but completed the road project with their engineer Soldiers of which many were new to the unit.

“We’re here in conjunction with one of our sister units, the 389th, and we’re doing some troop projects,” Eaton said. “We were able to get a lot of our newer Soldiers fresh out of advanced individual training some valuable stick time. We’ve got three pieces of equipment — we’ve been running a road grader, a loader, and a 10-ton dump truck which has been giving them some valuable experience.”

Morrow has said repeatedly that troop projects are a “win-win” situation because Fort McCoy gets projects completed and the troops get the valuable training they need in their respective Army career fields.

Eaton agreed.

“Any time you can fill the Soldier’s day with something meaningful, I think it has a huge impact on their morale and sense of duty as well and to give them that experience,” Eaton said. “So, for them to have an opportunity to come out and do something like this, it might be the only time they get to touch equipment throughout the year. This is vital to our success down the road in getting these guys experience and getting them confident with their number one resource — that equipment.”

A majority of the 411th Engineer Company is currently serving on an overseas deployment, Eaton said. He said whether it’s supporting stateside or overseas, Army Reserve engineer Soldiers bring unique skill sets to the fight. He mentioned an example.

“We bring a versatility,” Eaton said. “With our sister company, the 389th, this is a prime example. We’ve got two master electricians and a lot of times you just don’t have that. And I think in our realm as well, we’ve got people who do this work on a full-time basis, and they bring such a knowledge and versatility that you don’t always get anywhere else.”

Units like the 411th have Soldiers with career fields like the horizontal construction engineer with the military occupational specialty identifier of 12N. According to the job description for this field at <https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/career-match/mechanics-engineering/design-develop/12n-horizontal-construction-engineer.html>, these Soldiers “operate heavy construction equipment like bulldozers, tractors, backhoes, cranes, excavators, and road graders to help pave the way for fellow Soldiers and to make room for construction projects.” Learn more at <https://www.goarmy.com>.

And now with the road work done at the project site, other units can build on what the 411th Soldiers have completed, Morrow said.

“If we didn’t have these projects, many troops wouldn’t get the training they need, and the post wouldn’t benefit from the work they do to improve Fort McCoy training ranges and quality-of-life programs,” Morrow has said about these projects in past articles.

Learn more about the Army Reserve by visiting <https://www.usar.army.mil>.

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(Above and below) An Army Reserve Soldier with the 411th Engineer Company of the Rear Detachment operates a grader June 12 to re-grade a road on North Post at Fort McCoy as part of a troop project at the installation. The 411th had several Soldiers supporting several troop projects at Fort McCoy in June 2023 to not only get training for those Soldiers but also help Fort McCoy improve its infrastructure.



FEATURE

Army Heritage:

Fort McCoy History Center offers insight to Fort McCoy's, Army's past

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Since 1999, the Fort McCoy History Center in the installation's historic Commemorative Area has been a go-to stop for learning about not only Fort McCoy's storied past but also that of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army Reserve, and even the Army National Guard.

For more than a century, Fort McCoy, which was previously Camp McCoy, and before that Camp Robinson and Camp Emory-Upton, has had a stake on things that have affected the world stage to include World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, the Global War on Terrorism and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and more recently Operation Allies Welcome.

Through every major operation, and everything else supported, that history is remembered in the Fort McCoy History Center.

In 2015, former Fort McCoy Public Affairs Officer Linda Fournier described how the History Center was improved after several months of work to renovate the interior and exterior of the facility. Fournier said then those interior renovations provided for expanded exhibit floor space, improved lighting, and installation of energy efficient heating and air-conditioning systems. Exterior improvements included new steps and a ramp to improve access for visitors.

During its reopening in 2015 on Sept. 11, visitors experienced the results of those improvements firsthand, especially the increased floor space, which allowed for the display of more of the installation's historical collection.

The History Center features exhibits as well as displays of artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia that tell the story of Fort McCoy since its founding in 1909. The center first was opened in 1999 in building 902 when the Fort McCoy observed its 90th anniversary.

Whether it's Maj. Gen. Robert B. McCoy's World War I gas mask, horseshoes from the early camp stables, World War II-era uniforms, or items from the 1980 Cuban Refugee Resettlement mission, the History Center offers exhibits spanning from Fort McCoy's earliest beginnings to the installation's involvement in the war on terrorism.

In 2022, the center also received two new additions as well. In July 2022, Alan McCoy, grandson of Maj. Gen. Robert Bruce McCoy for whom Fort McCoy is named after had visited the installation with his family members, and with him he brought a century-old artifact he'd received in the form of a wood crate that included the words stamped on it: "CAMP EMERY UPTON" and "CAMP ROBINSON."

The wood crate artifact brought by Alan McCoy to the Fort McCoy History Center was the first to be brought to the center of its kind, and it's uniquely one of the few original Camp Robinson/Camp Emory Upton-related artifacts in the center. Also added to the center was a special document McCoy's founder received from the governor of Wisconsin that was also donated by Alan McCoy. Learn more about the crate donation at <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/429892/artifact-donated-fort-mccoy-founders-grandson-speaks-installations-origins>.

Earlier in 2023, Vietnam War veteran and former Fort McCoy Supervisory Public Safety Dispatcher Alan Blencoe's Army uniform was officially placed in a display case March 6 in his remembrance by his wife Kathy and now retired Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Director Mark Reaves at the History Center.

Blencoe, a former Army sergeant who served in Vietnam and the Army from February 1970 to December 1971, served as the supervisory public safety dispatcher at Fort McCoy from April 2011 to May 2019 when he retired. He died unexpectedly Sept. 14, 2021. See more about that artifact at <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/439889/vietnam-war-era-army-uniform-fort-mccoy-alum-donated-family-displayed-fort-mccoy-history-center>.

Other artifacts eventually going to be set into display at the center include items from Operation Allies Welcome, the mission supporting Afghan guests at Fort McCoy in 2021 and 2022, and a special time capsule dating back to the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom that was found in a barracks in late 2022 at Fort McCoy.

In November 2004, the 617th Military Police Company of the Kentucky National Guard was one of many military units completing their mobilization at Fort McCoy for deployment. It was in that month the unit wrapped up their training at Wisconsin's only Army installation and prepared to head off to Iraq for a year deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Before they left, however, some members of the unit decided they'd put together a "time capsule" of sorts in a plastic drawer they got from the Fort McCoy Exchange, put some mementos in it, and stash it away in the walls of one of the hundreds of barracks on the installation's cantonment area.

"I think the concept was we believed when we got back, we were we were gonna be able to open it when we (got back)," said Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy F. Nein, battalion sergeant major of the 198th Military Police Battalion of the Kentucky Army National Guard at Louisville. At the time, Nein was a staff sergeant with the 617th.

But after their deployment, members of the unit never went back to find their time capsule. Whoever stashed the drawer of mementos into the wall did it well because it remained undiscovered for 19 years. The time capsule was found in fall 2022 when contractors were beginning major renovations on 200 of the barracks at Fort McCoy.

When workers discovered the capsule, they made sure to give it to members of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works, who in turn presented it to the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office for eventual presentation into the Fort McCoy History Center.

The time capsule and its story is detailed more in the article at <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/440516/time-capsule-left-decorated-kentucky-guard-mp-unit-found-fort-mccoy-barracks-nearly-two-decades-after-unit-left>.

All of this is just a small idea of the Fort McCoy History Center's long list of items and things to see.

For more information about the Fort McCoy History Center, contact the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407, by email at usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.list.pao-admin@mail.mil, or go online to see the Commemorative Area section in the Fort McCoy Guide at <https://www.dvidshub.net/publication/issues/66725>.

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(All photos) Artifacts and more are shown inside the Fort McCoy History Center on June 9. The center was established in 1999 and holds a look back at more than a century of the Army's and Fort McCoy's history.



COMMUNITY

Fort McCoy DFMWR holds ‘best year yet’ in 2023 Down and Dirty Trail Run with more than 220 participants

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Fort McCoy’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) had their “best year yet” with the 2023 Down and Dirty Trail Run at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area. “We ended up with 227 runners,” said DFMWR Recreational Special Alex Karis. “That includes 101 walk-ins on the day of the event. This was our best year yet.”

All of the participants arrived to decent weather and a course that was ready for them. Karis said there were 15 different obstacle areas.

“A few areas had multiple obstacles in them,” Karis said. “The course itself is 1.5 miles. The prep work to get it all ready had been going on for a few months. The actual full preparation of the course started about two weeks before the event.”

Karis said he saw a lot of people having a great time at the event. And, he said his team did a great job getting everything ready.

“Between Outdoor Recreation, McCoy’s Community Center, Rumble Fitness Center, Child-Youth Services, and Non-Appropriated Funds Support Marketing Division, as well as a few volunteers, we were able to staff every obstacle, the food and beverage tent, the start and finish line, as well as have people available to take photos and be free to assist where needed,” Karis said. “I could not have been happier with the teamwork we had for the event as well as everything that was done ahead of time for support.”

“To have the event go as smoothly as it did, it was great,” Karis said. “In the nine years that we have done this, this is by far the most prepared and ready we have ever been.”

Each of the 227 participants received a Down and Dirt beverage coozie, Down and Dirty golf towel, and Down and Dirty medal for competing, Karis said.

“We were also able to hand out water and Zoa energy thanks to our sponsors,” Karis said. He added much of the course building was made possible thanks to multiple donations and sponsor support as well.

Events such as the Down & Dirty Trail Run are made possible by members of Fort McCoy’s workforce.

Stephen Sullivan, the Chief Financial Officer and Director for Resources, Installations, and Materiel for the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve, visited Fort McCoy in April 2022 and said he appreciated the chance to visit the installation, and he appreciates the people who work at the installation making things happen.

“I would just go back to say that it’s a super welcoming place to come to,” Sullivan said in an end-of-visit interview. “Everyone I encountered across the entire trip had a positive attitude and was passionate about what they were doing. They’re focused on how they can improve the processes here at Fort McCoy.”

Learn more about DFMWR activities and programs by visiting the DFMWR website at <https://mccoy.armymwr.com>, or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mccoymwr>.

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(All photos) Participants in the Down & Dirty Trail Run run the course June 10 at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area at Fort McCoy. The trail run had more than 200 participants and each participant earned a medal for completing the arduous course.



THIS MONTH IN FORT MCCOY HISTORY

Fort McCoy, Wis., was established in 1909. Here is a look back at some installation history from June 2023 and back.

80 Years Ago — June 1943
FROM THE JUNE 19, 1943, EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY NEWSPAPER:
Division engineers destroy one bridge, build another in practical training lessons before rapt spectators — Two practical problems, one in construction and the other in demolition, were part of the training of the Second Engineers Battalion during the past week.

A pontoon bridge was built in Chicago as an example of how this type of bridge may be laid rapidly. A concrete bridge in Black River Falls, Wis., was completely destroyed in a demolition project (by the engineers).
It took about 45 minutes for the members of the battalion to erect and dismantle a 250-foot pontoon bridge across the Chicago River (for the bridge demonstration). The engineers began their work Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, and the river was cleared long before noon.
Twelve pontoons, wooden flooring, and side rails were taken to Chicago on trailers Tuesday. Some 150 men made the trip.
Need engineers: The bridge was thrown across the river as part of a program to recruit construction engineers for general service, sponsored by the Chicago Engineering District.

FROM THE JUNE 19, 1943, EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY NEWSPAPER:
McCoy's safety record best in 6th Corps area (By Pvt. Neuman Fell) — Two little words — safety first — are playing an important part in Camp McCoy's efforts to save precious work hours lost by avoidable work accidents.
Six months ago, Camp McCoy was on the bottom of the Sixth Service Command Safety Record Standings. Today, due to the untiring effort of the Post Safety Engineer Raymond J. Weibel, Camp McCoy heads the list with an almost perfect record.
Although Mr. Weibel's job is to watch over the welfare of the 1,370 civil service employees on the post, he is working with post officers on safety for the Army personnel, including Capt. Reid Cameron, assistant post engineer.

60 Years Ago — June 1963
FROM THE JUNE 28, 1963, EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY NEWSPAPER:
Zip Code — Troops at Camp McCoy may now use the new five-digit ZIP-Code numbers mailing system that will speed up mail throughout the United States.
Postal Officer Capt. John C. Hoover announced this week that the number designated for Camp McCoy is the same as the one to be used by Sparta. That number is 54656. All personnel living at Camp McCoy or in Sparta will use that number. The number for those personnel who reside in Tomah is 54660.
This new code plan, which will eliminate the old Zone System, will be the most modern mailing system ever devised. The possibility of mail being missent will be greatly reduced and the time between dispatch and delivery cut by as much as 24 hours. The ZIP-Code System becomes operational on July 1st, but persons are



This screen shot shows a part of the front page of the June 19, 1943, edition of The Real McCoy newspaper at then-Camp McCoy.

urged to start using it right away.
All persons receiving mail at Camp McCoy are urged to learn the code. It should become a part of the return address on all out-going mail. When answering mail, ZIP-Codes taken from return addresses on incoming mail should be used.

50 Years Ago — June 1973
FROM THE JUNE 21, 1973, EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY NEWSPAPER: *Where have all the Soldiers gone... junior ROTC cadets —* If you have seen some very young looking “men” running around post in Army uniforms, don’t despair; the Army isn’t enlisting or drafting 16-year-olds. They are high school student Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) cadets here for two weeks of camp.

This optional phase is the Junior ROTC summer camp where skills that were learned in the classroom are put to use in the field. Such things as map and compass reading, tactics, drill and ceremony, military history, and the firing and familiarity of weapons. All of them volunteered to come here and shelled out \$37 apiece for their transportation, quarters, and meals.
This year’s 170 cadets find themselves getting up at 5:30 a.m. to prepare for a full day in the field. In short, they are undergoing two weeks that are quite similar to the regular Army basic training.
The schools participating this year are Marmion Military Academy (Aurora, Ill.), Waukegan High School (Waukegan, Ill.), and Rockford, Ill.’s East, West, Auburn, Gilford and Jefferson High Schools. In these schools the purpose of the one hour ROTC course is to prepare the individual for either the Army, Navy, Air Force or college ROTC programs.

10 Years Ago — June 2013
FROM THE JUNE 14, 2013, EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY NEWSPAPER: *Aviation unit conducts fire-suppression training (By Rob Schuette) —* Fire-suppression training conducted by a Wisconsin National Guard unit at Fort McCoy in May helped to hone its military mission and positions the unit to support control efforts statewide.
Jim Kerkman, Fort McCoy forester, said members of the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment of Madison, Wis., provided water bucket support

of a prescribed burn on South Post.
The unit conducted similar training here in April 2012. Kerkman said this year’s prescribed-burn scenario helped the installation to manage the Oak Savanna Natural Area by removing small trees and brush.
Charles Mentzel, the Fort McCoy forestry technician, said the first water-bucket drops of this year’s scenario helped the installation extinguish burning snags and brush piles. The training also built coordination between Fort McCoy personnel — both Natural Resources Branch and Fire Department, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Wisconsin National Members of the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment conduct a water-bucket drop at Fort McCoy.

5 Years Ago — June 2018
FROM THE JUNE 22, 2018, EDITION OF THE REAL MCCOY NEWSPAPER: *Thousands train at Fort McCoy for Combat Support Training Exercise 86-18-04 (By Scott T. Sturkol) —* More than 6,000 troops from across the United States trained at Fort McCoy for the 86th Training Division’s Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX) 86-18-04.
The 86th conducted the exercise, which began June 9, as part of the 84th Training Command. During training year 2018, the 84th is hosting four CSTXs and a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear response exercise. CSTX 86-18-04 is the first of two CSTXs that will take place at Fort McCoy this year.
According to the 84th, a CSTX is part of its Combat Support Training Program (CSTP). CSTP exercises are large-scale training exercises where units-of-action experience tactical training scenar-

ios specifically designed to replicate real-world missions.
“CSTP exercises prepare ... Army Reserve units to be combat-ready by immersing them in realistic scenarios where they train as they would fight,” an 84th document about the exercises states. “CSTP exercises are an important step in building the most capable, combat-ready and lethal ... Reserve force in history. These exercises are developed to improve each unit’s training readiness and to assess how they perform in a dynamic operational environment.”
For CSTX 86-18-04, troops are operating all over the installation, including at multiple live-fire ranges as well as other training areas, said Training Coordination Branch Chief Craig Meeusen with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS). Improved Tactical Training Bases (TTBs) Liberty and Freedom and TTBs Independence, Justice, and Valor are all serving as hubs of operation for training scenarios as well.
“The presence of troops is noticeable throughout the installation,” Meeusen said. “We’ve also got troops operating from Cranberry, Warrens, and Badger training areas as well as smaller areas.”
At Big Sandy Lake on South Post, quarter-master troops are also operating Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU) to provide water for the exercise.
A ROWPU can provide potable water from any water source and can process up to 3,000 gallons an hour, according to Army specifications. A ROWPU can not only draw water from a lake, but also from rivers, oceans, or even holes in the ice.
The system is built on to an Army trailer and includes its own generator and essentially a lab to operate the system from inside a covered enclosure.
The system uses a variety of chemicals and membranes to filter and purify the water.
And, in addition to hundreds of quarter-master troops participating, there’s also medical, military police, engineer, transportation, fuels, and other service members in the exercise.
“Coordination for this exercise has been months in the planning, and we have the facilities, training areas, and support functions to help make this exercise a success,” Meeusen said.
Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching “ftmccoy,” and on Twitter by searching “usagmccoy.”
(Article compiled by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.)



Students in the 89B Ammunition Supply Course connect a mock ammunition pallet to a Chinook helicopter June 27, 2018, as part of sling-load training at Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport.

Turn Your Radio On

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The radio station is operated by Professional Radio DJ's as an Annual training project.

"Camp McCoy Radio" features music, news and command information, of interest to personnel stationed here. So personnel coming to McCoy during AT-73 are encouraged to bring their portable and A-C powered radios, as professional radio service will be within receivable range.

This news clip is from a June 1973 edition of The Real McCoy newspaper. Here the news item discusses an option to listen to a radio station run by troops on post.

Fort McCoy ArtiFACT: *Barbed wire fencing*

Visitors to Fort McCoy are used to the sight of barbed wire. It sits atop the fences surrounding the cantonment area and other areas around the installation.
It is used during training exercises today and has been used by the military and private landowners for more than 150 years. The first patents for barbed wire fence appeared in 1867 and 1868, belonging to Lucian B. Smith and Michael Kelly, respectively.
Neither of these patents resembles what most likely comes to mind for those reading this; Smith’s patent shows a single-strand wire with wood or metal spools that have nails or wire spurs inserted into them, while Kelly’s patent shows a single-strand wire with curved diamond shaped sheet metal barbs. Most readers will think instead of the Glidden’s Barb, patented in 1874, which has a single-strand wire with a smaller piece of wire with two sharpened ends wrapped around the strand. By 1897, there were over 450 patents filed for variations of barbed wire.
Barbed wire was originally intended for keeping cattle in certain areas and out of other areas. This was especially important to cattle ranchers of the Old West. It was used by military forces soon after, initially by Portuguese and British forces in conflicts in Africa, by Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War, and then extensively in World War I.
The United States installed barbed wire along the southern boundary shared with Mexico, first in 1909 in California and more extensively later when the border patrol was created in 1924. Barbed wire continued to be used across the country at farmsteads and homesteads for containing livestock.



An example of barbed wire found in a past archaeological dig at Fort McCoy is shown June 8.

Many of these former places now comprise the area we know today as Fort McCoy. Many of the archaeological excavations at Fort McCoy sites, which date to the Settlement era, have recovered at least a small amount of barbed wire, while some sites contained substantial amounts.
Barbed wire has played a significant role in numerous aspects of American history, including even a lawsuit that went all the way to

the Supreme Court and established an important precedent for patent law. Barbed wire is still used by farmers and ranchers today and is showcased at museums dedicated specifically to the invention in Kansas, Texas, and Illinois.
The impressive number of patents associated with barbed wire is useful in archaeological investigations because the different variations can be used to determine if a site was still in use by a certain year, or that a site cannot be older than a specific year. There are many artifacts that archaeologists can encounter in their excavations which are sharp and potentially dangerous, but few provide as pointed an example of why wearing gloves in archaeological fieldwork is a good rule of thumb.
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 who excavates, removes, damages, or otherwise alters or defaces any post-contact or pre-contact 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.
(Article prepared by the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands/Fort McCoy Archaeology Team.)

FORT MCCOY 2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The following information is from the 2022 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Consumer Confidence Report data for Fort McCoy — 64203029 North Post and 64203073 South Post.

For more details about the information contained in this report, call 608-388-2323.

Health information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised people, such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency’s safe drinking water hotline.

Definition of Terms

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

Source(s) of Water

Source ID (North and South Post)	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
24	Groundwater	202	Temporarily out of Service
25	Groundwater	204	Active
27	Groundwater	217	Active
28	Groundwater	220	Active
29	Groundwater	N/A	Temporarily out of Service
30	Groundwater	250	Active
21	Groundwater	169	Perm. abandoned as of 3/9/2020
26	Groundwater	N/A	Active
31	Groundwater	262	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment, call 608-388-2323.

Educational information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells.

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations

and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which

can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Additional health information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily

from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Fort McCoy South Post is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Water report items



INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS



Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level found	Range	Sample date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Containment
BARIUM (ppm) (NP)	N/A	2	2	0.008	.005-.008	3/22/2021	No	Discharge from drilling waste. Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.
BARIUM (ppm) (SP)	N/A	2	2	0.02	.016-.020	3/8/2021	No	Discharge from drilling waste. Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.
FLUORIDE (ppm) (NP)	N/A	4	4	0.2	0.0-0.2	3/22/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Water additive which promotes strong teeth. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
NICKEL (ppb) (NP)	N/A	100	N/A	1.1	0-1.1	2/23/2021	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water, and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel, and alloy products.
NICKEL (ppb) (SP)	N/A	100	N/A	1.7	0-1.7	1/27/2021	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water, and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel, and alloy products.
NITRATE (ppm) (NP)	N/A	10	10	0.23	.00-.23	N/A	No	Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.
NITRATE (ppm) (SP)	N/A	10	10	0.43	0.43	N/A	No	Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.
SELENIUM (ppb) (SP)	N/A	50	50	1	0-1	1/27/2021	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from mines.
SODIUM (ppm) (NP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.25	6.52-7.25	3/22/2021	No	N/A
SODIUM (ppm) (SP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.9	2.88-18.90	1/27/2021	No	N/A

LEAD AND COPPER



Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Action level	MCLG	90th percentile level found	# of results	N/A	Sample date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Containment
COPPER (ppm) (NP)	AL=1.3	1.3	1.07	Zero of 10 results were above the action level.	N/A	6/24/2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives.
COPPER (ppm) (SP)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.508	Zero of five results were above the action level.	N/A	6/24/2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives.
LEAD (ppB) (NP)	AL=15	0	1.7	Zero of 10 results were above the action level.	N/A	6/24/2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.
LEAD (ppB) (SP)	AL=15	0	2.7	Zero of five results were above the action level.	N/A	6/24/2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS



Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level found	Range	Sample date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Containment
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l) (NP)	N/A	15	0	2	2	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l) (SP)	N/A	15	0	3	1.3-3	1/27/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l) (NP)	N/A	5	0	2.7	2.3-2.7	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l) (SP)	N/A	5	0	2.1	0.4-2.1	5/19/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a) (NP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	2	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a) (SP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	1.3-3	1/27/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l) (NP)	N/A	30	0	0.5	0.3-0.5	2/3/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l) (SP)	N/A	30	0	0.1	0-0.1	5/19/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits.

CONTAMINANTS WITH A HEALTH ADVISORY LEVEL OR A SECONDARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL



Contaminant (units) North Post (NP) and South Post (SP)	Site	SMCL (ppm)	HAL (ppm)	Level found	Range	Sample date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Containment
CHLORIDE (ppm) (NP)	N/A	250	N/A	3.5	0-3.5	3/37/2018	N/A	Runoff, leaching from natural deposits, road salt, and water softeners.
CHLORIDE (ppm) (SP)	N/A	250	N/A	3.2	3.2	1/31/2018	N/A	Runoff, leaching from natural deposits, road salt, and water softeners.
IRON (ppm) (NP)	N/A	0.3	N/A	0.06	.04-.06	1/23/2018	N/A	Runoff, leaching from natural deposits and industrial wastes.
IRON (ppm) (SP)	N/A	0.3	N/A	0.04	0.04	1/31/2018	N/A	Runoff, leaching from natural deposits and industrial wastes.
MANGANESE (ppm) (NP)	N/A	0.05	0.3	0	0-0.00	3/27/2018	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits.
MANGANESE (ppm) (SP)	N/A	0.05	0.3	0.01	0.01	1/31/2018	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits.
ZINC (ppm)	N/A	5	N/A n/a	0.01	0.00-0.01	6/3/2018	N/A	Runoff, leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes

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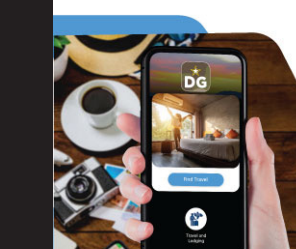
Stop by to visit Army Community Service
The Army Community Service (ACS) Center is located in building 2111. ACS provides services that assist in maintaining the readiness of individuals, families, and communities within America's Army.
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Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-3505 for more information.

RSO offers religious education, more
The Fort McCoy Religious Support Office (RSO) builds community and provides opportunities for Fort McCoy personnel and families to experience growth in their faith, support in the midst of change, and opportunities to meet new people.
The RSO provides religious support through programs and events such as the Centershot Archery Program, Financial Peace University (FPU), Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC), Walk to Mary, Easter and Christmas ecumenical services and fellowship events, community prayer luncheons for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, spiritual resilience retreats and training, and the RSO Winter Tubing Party.
A religious education library is available to all at the RSO; some books are free to check while others

are available check-out.
Also, for information about chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities, call 608-388-3528. The RSO is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO.
And if you have an emergency, call 608-630-6073 (on-call duty chaplain).
If you are not able to reach the on-call duty chaplain, call the Directorate of Emergency Services at 608-388-2266, and they will contact the on-call duty chaplain for further assistance.

Family Housing information
Family Housing is located in building 6158 on South Post. Single-family government homes, unaccompanied personnel housing, and Housing Service Office relocation/rental information is available there.
They are open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Call 608-388-3704 or email usarmy.mccoymwr.com-central.list.dpw-housing@army.mil for more information.

Next issue of The Real McCoy
The next edition of The Real McCoy will be published July 14, 2023.
The deadline for submissions or article ideas is July 5, 2023.
For more information, call 608-388-4128.

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Warrior Restaurants
Building 50 operates April-September.
Building 1362 operates October-March
- Offers full meal service

- Military members, military family members, and Department of Defense (DOD) civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use Warrior Restaurants.
- DOD civilians working on Fort McCoy and retired military personnel may use Warrior Restaurants when MWR facilities are not open.
- Units must coordinate through the Food Program Management Office at 608-388-6518/4739.

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

Rates per meal
Breakfast - \$4.30
Lunch - \$6.85
Dinner - \$5.95

Other Dining
McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Catering/administration, call 608-388-2065. Building 1571. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. Call 608-388-7060.
Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.
Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Limited seating available. Delivery available to South Post and in cantonment area. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.
Whitetail Ridge Chalet/Ten Point Pub: Open during regular ski area hours. Call 608-388-3517.

Recreation
Automotive Skills Center: Building 1763. Open 1-9 p.m. Thur.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-3013.
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Call 608-388-3200.
iSportsman: Portal for outdoor recreational activities; registration and check-in required. Register, apply for permits, and sign in or out of recreation areas at <https://fmccoy.sportsman.net>.
McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. (Bar, food, bowling). Call 608-388-7060.
Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.
Leisure Travel Services Office: Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.
Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Call 608-388-2619.
Recreation Accommodations: Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Mon. by appointment only. Call 608-388-2029.
Running Track Fitness Facility: Building 1395. Open 5 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. 24/7 access available. Limited capacity. Call 608-388-4475. Use designated parking areas.
Sportsman's Range: Closed for the season. Call 608-388-9162 for information.
Tactics Paintball/Laser Tag: By appointment only; 2-day notice required. Call 608-388-3517.
Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Open for Season. Call 608-388-4498 or 608-388-3517 for more information.

Services
Barber Shop (Exchange): Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-1710.
Car Rentals (Enterprise): Information 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.

facilities services

This schedule is projected through July 13, 2023.
Hours of operation and services can change frequently.
Call facilities to verify hours before traveling.
Bold, italic typeface indicates a change since the last publication.

In/Out-processing: 608-388-4822.
Personnel Automations: 608-388-4842.
Reassignments: 608-388-4746.
Records Update: 608-388-5677.
Centralized Promotions: 608-388-5677.

Multimedia/Visual Information: Building 2113. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. DA/command photos are by appointment only. Schedule at <https://ivos.army.mil> or call 608-388-4520.

Official Mail Distribution Center: Building 1009 (by Gate 20). Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3205.

Patriot Outfitters: Building 1538. Closed until further notice. Call 608-269-1115.

Permit Sales: Building 2168. Hunting, fishing, and firewood permits. Open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Check fmccoy.sportsman.net for updates. Call 608-388-3337.

Personal Property Processing Office: Building 200. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 608-388-3060, fax: 608-388-5634, email: usarmy.mccoymwr.com-central.list.dpw-housing@army.mil.

Retirement Services Office: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-3716.

R.I.A. Credit Union: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 2-4 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 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 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-388-4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7.

Transition Service Center: Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-7956.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Open 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Passes issued at Main Gate outside of VCC hours. Physical Security open for fingerprints Thur. only. Call 608-388-2266. See ID/DEERS section for its hours.

Family Support
Army Community Service: Building 2111. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3505.
Army Substance Abuse Program: Building 1344. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-2441.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1792. Activities for youth kindergarten through 12th grade. Offers after-school, non-school, and inclement weather care for eligible youth. Open: M-F: 6:30 am - 5:30 pm; Summer & Non-School Days: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm. After School Call: 608-388-4373. Childcare requests should be made at <https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mcc-central/mcchome>.

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. By appointment only. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

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

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 1679. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-8461.

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.

Worship
Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. 9:15 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO>. Call 608-388-3528.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Call 608-269-3377.
Jewish: Congregations of Abraham, 1820 Main St., La Crosse, Wis. Call 608-784-2708 for options.

Protestant: Chapel 1, building 2672. 11:30 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO>. Call 608-388-3528.
Spanish Language: Catholic services in Norwalk, call 608-823-7906 for options. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah, call 608-374-2142 for options.
Face-to-face services are not currently available. Call RSO at 608-388-3528 for options and assistance. 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: 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 jstdave49@centurylink.net.
Sgt. Audie Murphy Club: Email michael.p.gibson.mil@mail.mil for information.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. 10th Ave. Hours: — School year - Thurs-Fri 10 am - 4 pm, Sat noon-4 pm — Summer - Tues-Fri 10 am - 6 pm, Sat Noon - 8 pm
For more information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.
Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, email usawoamccoymil@outlook.com.

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LOCAL RESOURCES
Fort McCoy Family Advocacy Program
Brittany Opie 608-388-2412/3505
Child Protective Services Monroe County
Report Child Abuse and/or Neglect 608-269-8854
*After business hours, call 911 and/or Fort McCoy DES at 608-388-2000 to report Domestic Abuse or Child abuse
Victim Advocacy Services 608-630-7473
*After business hours, call 911 and/or Fort McCoy DES at 608-388-2000 to report Domestic Abuse or Child abuse
Brighter Tomorrows
Monroe County Domestic Violence Shelter Crisis Hotline: 1-888-886-2327
www.endabusewi.org

NATIONAL RESOURCES
Domestic Abuse Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or www.hotline.org
National Stalking Resources
1-800-394-2255
National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

Call ACS at 608-388-3505 for additional information

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COMMUNITY

BIRTHDAY

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with the Fort McCoy Religious Support Office, and Messenger all shared messages about the Army birthday.

"Thank you everyone for being here," McGuane said. "We have a lot of great food and entertainment here for you today."

In her invocation for the event, Nobles said, "Stir our hearts as we not only reflect today in the celebration of a small little militia group that has turned into the might Army that you have made us."

And in his remarks, Messenger discussed the importance of remembering the birth of the Army, which is as old as America itself.

Today we celebrate the people, the Soldiers, the civilians, and the families who defend America 24-7," Messenger said. "On June 14, 1775, a small band of patriots joined together to fight for a set of ideals, and these ideals were nothing less than revolutionary. Today, we continue to defend our country and those democratic ideals with an all-volunteer force.

"Serving one's country is a noble calling, and everybody here serves in some capacity, whether you're a Soldier, a civilian, or a family member," Messenger said. "And I believe it's one of life's greatest works. Nothing illustrates our nation's commitment more than putting boots on the ground where they're needed and conducting decisive action at the expense of our enemies. So, during the Revolutionary War, America's first army was armed with little more than hunting muskets. Most enlistees had no uniforms, gun powder. Gunpowder was scarce and boots to many were a luxury. ... These Soldiers had little more than their ideals to sustain them.

"But today's Army is the best-led, best-trained, and most capable Army that has ever been fielded on the face of the earth, Messenger said. "Think about that. No other army has been more powerful than the one we serve, and we continue to take on those challenges with extraordinary skill and devotion. Thanks to all of you."

He further said, "Since 1775, we've learned that freedom is not free. And today we celebrate all of you that have given so much to ensure that. Thank you on behalf of me and my family. Thank you to those who have served, who are serving, and who will serve here very shortly."

Also as part of the event, Messenger held the enlistment oath for six new recruits who joined the Army. They enlisted in the same year as the renewed "Be All You Can Be" slogan for the U.S. Army. Maybe with Messenger's speech and the spirit of the day, it will be a day they remember as well.

Fort McCoy was established in 1909 and its motto is to be the

"Total Force Training Center." Located in the heart of the upper Mid-

west, Fort McCoy is the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin.

The installation has provided support and facilities for the field and classroom training of more than 100,000 military personnel from all services nearly every year since 1984.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching "ftmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy."

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(Above) Garrison Commander Col. Stephen Messenger gives the oath of enlistment to six new Army recruits June 14 during the Fort McCoy Army Birthday Celebration at McCoy's Community Center. (Below) The Army Reserve's 204th Army Band plays for hundreds of lunch attendees at McCoy's Community Center as part of the birthday celebration.



(Above and lower left) Community members are served a free lunch June 14 as part of the Army Birthday Celebration at McCoy's Community Center. (Below) Community members and participants in the Commander's 5k/2-Mile Run enjoy a free breakfast June 14 at McCoy's Community Center as part of the day's birthday celebration festivities.





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THIS TRAINING WILL:

- Examine strategies to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault.
- Examine all of our roles in intervening when sexual harassment or sexual assault is present.
- Thoroughly explain reporting processes and procedures for reporting sexual harassment and sexual assault.
- Discuss support resources available.

2023 Training Dates

Who: All personnel of Fort McCoy.

What: The purpose of the leader led SHARP training is to conduct this in an interactive, participative discussion-based session.

Where: Leaders' choice - Individualized to meet the needs of each Garrison Directorate.

When: Leaders' choice - Individualized to meet the needs of each Garrison Directorate.

To register, please call Garrison Victim Advocate at 608-388-8951



Significance:

- SHARP training is good for one calendar year.
- FY22 SHARP TSP can be used until FY23
- GTA 19-11-001 OCTOBER 2021 REFERENCE CARD will continue to be used until New Reference Card is available
- CONTACT: Garrison Victim Advocate, to coordinate and provide Leader-Led Training

ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers, unless otherwise stated.

Fort McCoy 24/7 Hotline: 608-388-3000



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