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Celebrating Month of Military Child

BY LT. GEN. RICK LYNCH

Commanding General
Installation Management Command

The Army first observed the Month of the Military Child in 1986, to honor the youngest members of the Army community. As we celebrate it again this month, 25 years later and in the 10th year of ongoing conflict, recognition of the sacrifices and strength of our military children



is more vital than ever.

The life of military children has always had its challenges, foremost among them being frequent relocations. Every time Families move, children have to make new friends, get used to new schools, and find new clubs and teams to join. A lot of military children take these changes in stride and some even thrive on them, but it is hard — children have to rebuild their world every time and find their place in it.

Now, in this time of persistent conflict, the challenges are compounded — they are more serious and affect more Families. About 1.8 million children have a parent currently serving in the military. Since 2001, an estimated 900,000 children have had one or both parents deploy multiple times. Our children are dealing with long and repeated separations from their parents. They are dealing with the happy but disruptive time when their parents come home and the Family has to regain normalcy. Sometimes they have to deal with the worst thing children can imagine, the death of a parent. In the face of all this, for all of their contributions and sacrifices, our children need and deserve

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Active-duty engineer unit conducts exercise

STORY & PHOTOS BY TOM MICHELE

Eagle Systems & Services

The 509th Engineer Company, an active-duty unit from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., came to Fort McCoy for its five-day Culminating Training Exercise before deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Only two other active-duty units, both medical organizations, conducted mobilization training at Fort McCoy, both in the 2005 time period and for the CTE only, 181st Infantry Brigade Operations Supervisor Walter Rakow said. Rakow has been in that capacity since the start of mobilization training at Fort McCoy in 2002.

Capt. Derek Austin, the 509th's commander, said Fort McCoy has the assets to support the 509th's combat engineer-route-clearance mission. "Fort McCoy has the Huskies, Buffaloes, MRAPs, simulated training villages,

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A route-clearance convoy manned by 509th Engineer Company Soldiers comes down a heavily-wooded hill and into a village on a Fort McCoy training lane as part of the unit's five-day Culminating Training Exercise.

Reassignment, repatching realigns unit with 86th Training Division

A reassignment and repatching ceremony was held April 2 to officially assign the 2nd Brigade, 70th Division to the 86th Training Division (Operations) at Fort McCoy.

Lt. Col. Bruce Enck, the personnel officer, S-1, with the 2nd Brigade, said the reassignment was effective Oct. 1, 2010. The April 2 ceremony, although after the effective date, symbolized the passing of the command and Soldiers from the 70th Division to the 86th Division as is in keeping with Army customs and traditions.

The 2nd Brigade supports operations for the 86th Training Division (Operations), which constructs, coordinates, and executes meaningful and challenging Warrior Exercises (WAREX) and Combat Support Training Exercises (CSTX), Enck said. These exercises generate commander-specific capabilities in an interactive training environment that fits the Army Force Generation model and prepares Soldiers, units, and staffs to execute their specified war-time mission to Army standards.

The 2nd Brigade will support the 86th Training Division (Operations) with the execution of the WAREX and CSTX and will provide observer-controller-trainer (OCT) support to the operation. The organization also will operate



Photo by Allan Harding

Col. Jeffrey Bonner (right), 2nd Brigade, 70th Division, receives a new unit patch from Brig. Gen. Alton Berry, commanding general, 86th Training Division (Operations).

the 86th Training Division (Operations) OCT academy that trains OCTs for the brigade and other operational and functional commands.

Enck said the Fort McCoy organization will be the future brigade headquarters for two OCT battalions, one located in Corbin, Ky.,

while the other will be in Bloomington, Ind. Both battalions will have the mission of providing OCTs in support of the 86th Training Division (Operations).

For more information, including training and open positions, call 608-388-0920.

ARMYWIDE NEWS

'Soldier's Soldier' Dempsey becomes 37th Army Chief of Staff

BY ROB MCILVAINE
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Gen. Martin E. Dempsey was sworn in as the Army's 37th chief of staff April 11, surrounded by an enormous family, mentors, his classmates from the 1974 graduating class at West Point, the secretary of the Army and the secretary of Defense.

"I'm confident that Martin Dempsey will bring the same passion and dedication to building the Army's next generation of leaders, guiding them with strength and vision as he has to every other position during his impressive career," said Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates during the ceremony on Summerall Field at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

"Marty, you are truly a Soldier's Soldier and I know the Army is in able hands," Gates said.

Dempsey's first assignment was in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, where he served as a scout and support platoon leader and squadron adjutant.

Following other duties, he first earned a master's degree in English at Duke University and taught at West Point, and then he earned another master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the National War College.

Dempsey served as the commander of the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad in 2003. He then helped train the Iraqi army and police as commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

His last assignment was as commander of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, after serving for a while as acting commander of U.S. Central Command.



Photo by Cherie Cullen

Secretary of the Army John McHugh swears in Gen. Martin E. Dempsey as the 37th chief of staff of the Army, at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va. Dempsey succeeds Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

While the seriousness of Dempsey's new role was on everyone's mind, the day was sparked with humor not unlike a Dean Martin roast.

After expressing heartfelt condolences to Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and his family, Secretary of the Army John McHugh told the audience that while good byes are an inescapable part of Army life, it's been especially difficult, given all that has passed in recent days in the Casey family.

Then, with a nod to Dean and the roast, McHugh lifted the spirits of all when he remembered the good times with his friend

Casey.

"There's one thing we never could agree upon, but that's going to change with Gen. Dempsey at the helm. Marty, finally I thank God there's another Yankee fan on board," McHugh said, adding that the new chief's rendition of "New York, New York," brought down the house.

"His rise to this great height is yet another one of those classic American immigrant success stories. One can only imagine how different his life might have been had his family not decided to leave New Jersey and move across

the river to New York state," McHugh said.

After the laughs subsided, McHugh said that he's grateful to have Dempsey as a partner in facing the challenges of a nation at war and the realities confronting an Army that is stressed, strained and facing vastly different times.

The warm, sunny day gave proof that America's banner will yet wave when 1.5 pounds of powder shot forth from the three-inch guns of the Salute Guns Platoon, the flags were heralded by the Continental Color Guard, the traditional field music was played by The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and the U.S. Army Ceremonial Band marched the field — all members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

With tongue in cheek, Dempsey observed that April 11 over the years has seen some of the worst defeats.

On this day in history, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated the throne and was exiled to Elba Island. On this day, too, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was fired by President Harry S. Truman, he said.

Dempsey said he would work hard to change the course of this date.

"My commitment and expectation to this great Army is that we will work on strengthening the bond of trust among those with whom we work, among whom we support and among those who march with us into battle. On that foundation of trust, we will overcome any challenge that we confront in the future," he said.

To sum up, Dempsey called on the words of Ben Franklin who said, "well done is better than well said."

"So, beginning right now I'll get to work on delivering on some of these promises," Dempsey said.

Federal long-term health care insurance open season under way through June 24

An open season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) is under way and will continue through June 24. It is the first FLTCIP Open Season since 2002.

During the FLTCIP Open Season, actively at work federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and their spouses/same-sex domestic partners, and active members of the uniformed services and their spouses are eligible to apply

with abbreviated underwriting (which means answering fewer health questions).

This is not a general open season for current FLTCIP enrollees. Current FLTCIP enrollees can make changes to their coverage at any time.

Non-enrolled annuitants and other qualified relatives can apply for coverage at any time, but must complete a full underwriting application.

The FLTCIP provides long term care insurance for approximately 225,000 enrollees, making it the largest group long-term care insurance program in the country, as well as the largest employer-sponsored long-term care insurance program in the country.

The FLTCIP was created by an act of Congress called the Long-Term Care Security Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-265). The FLTCIP is admin-

istered by Long Term Care Partners, LLC, and is sponsored and overseen by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

For more information, visit the website www.ltcfeds.com or call 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) or TTY 1-800-843-3557 for more information.

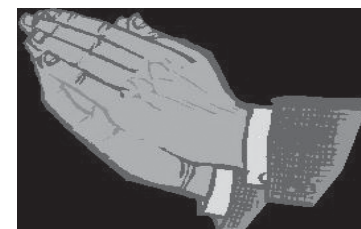
(Story submitted by Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.)

National Day of Prayer May 5

Fort McCoy will observe the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 5 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Roman Catholic Chapel, building 1759, will be open for prayer and meditation.

The Protestant Chapel, building 2672, will be open for non-denominational prayer and meditation.



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NEWS

New mini-shoppette to save Soldiers travel

STORY & PHOTO BY TOM MICHELE

Eagle Systems & Services

The new West Side Express, building 2662, now is serving the needs of Soldiers working and billeting in the 2400 through 2800 blocks, affectionately referred to as “Mob Alley.”

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) renovated a former laundromat to convert it into a mini-shoppette.

The barbershop in the rear of the building is unchanged and continues operation.

Fort McCoy AAFES General Manager Steve Ard said the new facility fills a need. “Soldiers housed in this area don’t have personal transportation and spend a lot of time walking to the Exchange, sometimes taking the shuttle bus. We are now making it easier and quicker for them.”

The Express will be open from noon - 7 p.m. daily, Ard said. “We will adjust those hours as needed.”

Exchange Manager Neal Smart said the Express will stock snack items, hot and cold foods and drinks, health and beauty products, and more. There even is a selection of Teddy bears.

Ard said the Ground Round food vendor also will park its van by the building, with probable hours of operation from noon - 3 p.m., to start.

“We are going to grow,” Smart said, “It is all about caring for Soldiers.”



JoAnne Murphy stocks a shelf at the West Side Express as Neal Smart watches. Murphy is a stockroom foreman at the Fort McCoy Exchange, Smart the Exchange store manager.

Survey indicates Exchange gas stations offer value at pump

FORT MCCOY, Wis. (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) — A recent Chicago Sun Times article quoted oil industry experts predicting that gas prices will continue past \$4 and could hit \$5 a gallon, possibly in the next few months. This potentially large spike in gas prices has Exchange officials reaching to ensure drivers are aware of the procedures in place to determine pump prices at Fort McCoy as well as the benefits available to authorized patrons.

While overall energy prices are beyond the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s (AAFES) control, the MILITARY STAR Card, for example, can help curb added expenses and, in turn, save Soldiers money when filling up.

“Anytime a customer uses a bank-issued debit or credit card, the retailer pays a portion of the transaction to a third-party financial institution,” said Fort McCoy Exchange Store Manager Neal Smart. “Because the MILITARY STAR Card is administered by the Exchange Credit Program, our gas station is not subject to the additional fees incurred through other ‘pay at the pump’ options. As a result, we’re able to pass savings on to authorized shoppers by taking a nickel off each gallon dispensed.”

In addition to the five-cents-a-gallon savings MILITARY STAR Card holders enjoy every day, the Fort McCoy gas station periodically offers steeper discounts during certain holidays, Smart said.

Beyond exclusive discounts, Exchange gas stations rely on a survey process to ensure prices are fair and competitive with the local community.

Specifically, the Exchange conducts daily surveys of at least

five locations selling motor fuel, deemed by the local AAFES general manager to be the competition. Pump prices then are set equal to the lowest price surveyed for each grade of fuel available.

“Because market-based pricing is not contingent on cost, we survey and change prices as frequently as necessary to remain competitive,” said Smart. “In fact, even though the gas station charges sales tax on gasoline, the surveys can result in prices that are actually even below cost.”

While it is true that the Exchange, as a U.S. government instrumentality, is immune from state and local taxes, the immunity specific to fuel has been waived by Congress (Hayden Cartwright Act, 4 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) 104).

Charging sales tax can be like pulling the emergency brake on shoppers used to the tax-free benefit that the Exchange provides on almost everything, except gas. But the Exchange, and by extension its customers, is required to pay federal tax pursuant to U.S.C. 26 and 4081(a).

Accordingly, the Exchange pump prices include state, federal and local motor-fuel taxes as well as underground-storage fees, etc. The federal and state taxes, as well as other applicable fees, are included in the price and paid to the appropriate taxing authority.

“Gas pricing is a very complex issue, impacted by world markets, political and economic factors,” said Smart. “With that said, we remain focused on delivering the best value possible to drivers at Fort McCoy.”

For more information about AAFES at Fort McCoy, call 608-269-5585 or visit the website shopmyexchange.com.

Army Soldier Show at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122, June 25 at 6 p.m.

OBSERVANCES

Week to focus on contributions of public servants

Public Service Recognition Week is a time set aside to honor the men and women who serve the nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. It has been celebrated the first full week in May for the past 26 years.

Throughout the nation and the world, this occasion is used to educate others about the work done by public servants as well as the many ways government services make life better for everyone.

Public employees help the American people in many interesting ways. For example, did you know public servants:

Secure the nation

- William Friedman, a civilian employee of the War Department, ultimately deciphered the Japanese diplomatic code in World War II, thus playing a vital role in winning the war in the Pacific.

- More than 2 million public servants protect our nation through the armed forces.

- Dr. Eddie Bernard of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration created a tsunami-detection system that significantly increased the warning time before a tsunami hits land.

Improve health care

- Ninety-five percent of America's children are protected against major disease through vaccines administered by public employees. Thanks to the government, polio and measles have been all but wiped out in the U.S.

- A government employee invented the plastic cornea, a discovery that has returned eyesight to thousands.

- The discoveries of Dr. Douglas R. Lowy



and Dr. John T. Schiller of the National Cancer Institute inspired a vaccine for a majority of cervical cancers.

- A government employee invented the CAT scan, which helps physicians diagnose cancer, brain disorders and other diseases.

- Half of all U.S. medical doctors in practice today received training as government employees working for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Help the homeless and poor

- Clara Barton's spirit of compassion

led this employee of the U.S. Patent Office to found the Red Cross, a world-renowned humanitarian organization caring for lives worldwide in times of emergency.

Invent new products that change lives

- Herman Hollerith, a U.S. Census Bureau accountant, invented the first modern computer.

- Agricultural Research Service researchers in New Orleans created flame-retardant clothing for firefighters and astronauts.

- Two employees of the National Institute of Standards and Technology invented the neon light.

- Employees of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have constructed many of our nation's architectural masterpieces.

Forge the path to new frontiers and unlock the mysteries of the universe

- The first person to set foot on the moon, Neil Armstrong, was a public employee.

- In their search to unlock the mysteries of the universe, NASA scientists discovered the first Black Hole.

Public employees also:

- Educate our children
- Help the nation's veterans and care for wounded Soldiers

- Investigate crime and prosecute criminals
- Keep food safe
- Negotiate international agreements
- Fight fires
- Develop new technologies for renewable energy

- Manage public parks
- Protect the environment
- Design and build roads and bridges
- Distribute financial aid to schools and students

Public Service Recognition Week is a great time to stop and thank the public servants you may know for their contributions to the nation!

(Information for this article is from the PSRW.org website.)

Fort McCoy Army Substance Abuse Program focuses on Alcohol Awareness Month

Fort McCoy's Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) held several events to help provide information to the Fort McCoy community in April, Alcohol Awareness Month, said Gail R. Zuege, a drug test technician for the Fort McCoy ASAP.

Alcohol Awareness Month began as a way of providing the American public with information about the disease of alcoholism. Zuege said the main objective of the month is to raise awareness about alcohol abuse and encourage people to make healthy, safe choices.

A National Alcohol Screening Day was held April 7 at McCoy's, building 1571. This outreach, education, and screening program raises awareness about alcohol misuse and refers individuals with alcohol problems for further evaluation. An alcohol-abuse prevention display featuring the That Guy campaign remains on display until April 30.

Alcohol is one of the most-commonly abused

drugs in the United States per the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Americans drink alcohol for a number of reasons including relieving stress, celebrating milestones, and relaxing with family and friends.

Fort McCoy ASAP staff members encourage everyone in the community to educate themselves and their family members about the dangers of alcohol abuse during Alcohol Awareness Month. Responsible decisions regarding alcohol consumption ensure the safety of Soldiers, family members, civilian employees, friends, and loved ones.

Additional information about alcohol awareness can be found at the websites www.ThatGuy.com and www.rethinkingdrinking.com. More information about the ASAP is available by visiting the Fort McCoy ASAP at building 1344 or by calling 608-388-2441/5955/2315.

(Submitted by Fort McCoy Army Substance Abuse Program.)



Gail Zuege, a drug test technician at Fort McCoy, teaches a Unit Prevention Leader Course during Alcohol Awareness Month.

Photo by Rob Schuette

MOBILIZATION

Transportation ready to serve Soldiers at moment's notice

STORY & PHOTO BY TOM MICHELE

Eagle Systems & Services

Buses scurry throughout Fort McCoy every day and night — throughout cantonment, throughout training areas, to and from firing ranges, and simulated villages.

The Fort McCoy Transportation Motor Pool (TMP) supports the needs of servicemembers training at Fort McCoy.

TMP buses are critical to mission accomplishment for the various units using Fort McCoy facilities, according to Chris Brown, BSA/LB&B Logistics TMP supervisor.

“Organizations utilizing buses include mobilization units, tenant activities, garrison units, as well as units conducting training,” Brown said. Some units furnish qualified drivers and check out a TMP bus for their mission needs. Others request a TMP bus with a TMP driver to assist them in completing their mission requirements.

During a peak training period, TMP may have as many as 75 buses on post. In the past year there were 175 requests for TMP buses resulting in 370 buses used to accomplish unit missions, Brown said.

TMP provides a seven-day-a-week bus shuttle to and from the La Crosse Airport, and a Post Shuttle that operates on a published route and time schedule and makes stops at the Exchange, Fitness Center, and McCoy's Community Club among others.

The Post Shuttle is available for both Soldiers and civilians stationed at or visiting Fort McCoy. The schedule is posted at bus stops and major facilities. TMP drivers also transport Soldiers to and from Volk Field for deployment and redeployment flights.



A busload of Soldiers from the 509th Engineer Company ride a Fort McCoy Transportation Motor Pool bus to training briefings. The 509th, an active-duty unit from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was at Fort McCoy to conduct a five-day Culminating Training Exercise prior to deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photo by Tom Michele

Guard duty

Three 130th Finance Company Soldiers maintain constant and careful watch while standing guard duty at the front gate at the entry-control point at Fort McCoy's Contingency Operating Location Freedom during a situational training exercise. From left are Sgt. Kenneth Martinsen, Sgt. 1st Class Billy Hill, and Pvt. Javier Williams. The 130th, an Army National Guard unit from Siler City, N.C., is training to prepare to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

COMMUNITY



Photo by Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Participants in the Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler tryouts April 8 begin their quest for a spot on the 2011 team.

McCoy team set for Army Ten-Miler race

A five-member team has been selected to represent Fort McCoy at the Army Ten-Miler race in October in Washington, D.C.

Team members, who were chosen after tryouts March 25 and April 8, and their qualifying times are: Staff Sgt. Richard Mancl, 88th Regional Support Command (RSC) (one hour, six minutes, 52 seconds, 1:06:52); Sgt. 1st Class Dean Peloquin, 86th Training Division (1:10:11); Maj. Thomas Akerlund, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison (HHC, USAG) (1:12:50), who will serve as team captain; Staff Sgt. David Zeichert, 86th Training Division (1:14:21); and Master Sgt. Misty Brown, HHC, USAG (1:15:47).

The team will compete in the Army Reserve mixed-team category.

Back-up male and female team members are: Master Sgt. Louis Steffes, Regional Training Center-Central (1:15:29); and Staff Sgt. Kate Moreland, 88th RSC (1:21:34). Steffes and Moreland would fill in for team members if they were injured and could not compete. Zeichert and Steffes were members of the 2010 team, which finished third in the Army Reserve mixed-team race. Brown also has been a past member of several Fort McCoy Army Ten-Miler teams.

Akerlund said the team hopes to train several times a week — together and separately — to prepare for the Armywide event.

Sponsors for the event include USAA, Case Construction, Logistics Health Inc., Enterprise Rent-A-Car, EconoLodge, and Precision Stitch & Ink. No federal endorsement is implied.

Tomah Veterans Affairs Golf Course open for the season

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Tomah announces its "Veterans' Golf Course" is open for the season. The public is welcome to play the nine-hole course.

The Veterans' Golf Course is a non-profit course with the primary purpose to provide a golf facility for veterans receiving care at the Tomah VA. Funds generated from public play and donations provide the means to operate and maintain the course. For more than 10 years, the golf course has not received funding from the VA Medical Center budget.

Course fees for the general public are \$9 for a nine-hole round (\$10 on weekends and holidays). Senior citizens, active-duty military and students receive a special rate of \$7 on both weekdays and weekends for nine holes. An 18-hole round costs \$16 (\$17 on weekends and holidays).

The course will be open from sun-up to sun-down, weath-

er permitting. For the next month or so, spring rules apply. When the flags are on the greens, the course is open for play.

Golfers who arrive when the pro shop is not open are asked to abide by the honor system and deposit their green fee in the honor box located at the starter building. Volunteer schedules may be sporadic during the first month of the season, so players are asked to be prepared to use the honor box.

Tee times will be available, as well as cart, club and pull-cart rentals, when the pro shop is manned by volunteers. For more information, call 608-372-1243.

A season pass for the 2011 season is available for \$200.

The Veterans' Golf Course pro shop is operated by VA volunteers. For more information, call VA Voluntary Services at 608-372-1727.

(Submitted by Tomah VA Medical Center Public Affairs.)



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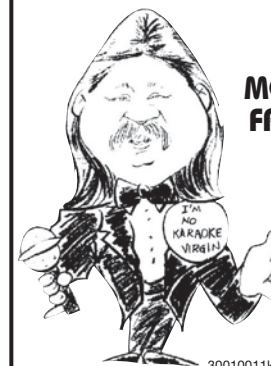
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Commander's Update Forum reviews AFAP issues

The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) provides the Total Army Family (Active, Guard, and Reserve Soldiers; retirees, Family members, Department of the Army (DA) civilians and surviving spouses) a way to let leadership know what is working, what isn't, and what needs improvement when it comes to their quality of life or standard of living.

Everyone has a voice in the AFAP process and the chance to identify concerns, suggest improvements to services, programs, and quality-of-life issues, and be part of a possible solution to issues or find out how or where their issues already are being addressed.

On March 30, the Army Community Service (ACS) Center was the site of the annual Fort McCoy fiscal year (FY) 11 AFAP Commander's Update Forum. The top six issues from the FY 2011 Fort McCoy AFAP

Conference, along with the three remaining active issues from prior conferences, were reviewed. The commander was briefed by the subject-matter experts as to the status and progress of the issues based on the AFAP Committee's suggestions.

The commander closed-out five issues; four issues remain active.

Issues addressed at the update forum were:

Fort McCoy Severe Weather Warning System (No. 2006-16): The external mass-notification warning system is up and running. The internal base system is in place but there are still items that need to be addressed with the Network Enterprise Center (NEC). The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security is the lead on this issue to be completed in FY12. The issue remains active.

Access to Fort McCoy's Dining Facilities

(2010-02): Fort McCoy is not in an isolated area that has no other dining options. Authorizing additional categories of personnel to eat in the dining facilities could impact negatively those on a strict training schedule, increase installation costs for the food-service contract, and reduce revenue to other installation food-service facilities. The issue was deemed complete.

Glucagon Injection for Diabetic Youth in Child, Youth, and School (CYS) Services Care (2010-04): This issue was sent to U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) level for the June 2010 AFAP Conference. The issue was not prioritized as a top issue to move forward to Department of the Army and was returned to Fort McCoy. Medical Command now has

(See AFAP page 14)

Family Advocacy program supports Fort McCoy community

STORY & PHOTO BY ROB SCHUETTE

Public Affairs Staff

Support to children and Families is always an important focus at Fort McCoy, said Terrence Rogalla. Rogalla is the new program manager for the Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy and Exceptional Family Member Programs (EFMP).

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and information displays will be featured at McCoy's, building 1571, the Community Activity Center, building 2000, and the Exchange, building 1538. Information handouts also will be available at these locations, as well as from ACS, building 2111.

"The goal of child abuse prevention is simple," Rogalla said. "It is to stop abuse and neglect from happening and to create strong and caring Families."

For more information about child-abuse prevention, visit the website www.childwelfare.gov.

The EFMP offers information and support for eligible military Families who have a member with exceptional needs. Rogalla said a respite care program, for example, provides a temporary rest period for Family members responsible for the routine care of their Family members with special needs.

Another offering of the EFMP will be the opening of a boundless playground at Pine View Campground in early June. The equipment, which was paid for with EFMP funding, will support field trips by members of the Child Development Center, as well as use by the public, he said.

"We're also looking to provide educational classes to support the community," Rogalla said. "Our programs exist to help the Army take care of Families of Soldiers. Families are an important component of Army life."

Members of the entire Fort McCoy



Employees from Team REIL Inc. of Union, Ill., a subcontractor for Miracle Playground Equipment Company of Hastings, Minn., finish the landscaping of a boundless playground equipment area at Pine View Campground. The area will have a grand-opening ceremony in June.

community, including Soldiers, retirees, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees, DoD contracted employees and their Family members can attend ACS classes and events, he said.

Love and Logic is one of the classes Rogalla said will be held to support Families. He also is planning to offer training for people who are married or are in committed relationships to strengthen and enhance those relationships. Dates are being determined.

"I'm thrilled to be with two of the many programs we have here at ACS to support all aspects of the military community," Rogalla said. "Everyone is welcome to stop in and see everything that we have to offer." Other

ACS programs include Army Family Action Plan, Deployment Readiness, Information and Referral, Financial Readiness, Survivor Outreach Services, Relocation Readiness, Army Family Team Building, Spouse Employment Readiness, Family Focus, Army Emergency Relief, Military Family Life Consultants and the Army Volunteer Corps.

For more information about ACS programs, call 608-388-3505 or visit the website www.mccoymwr.com and click on Soldier and Family Readiness and Army Community Service.

For more information about Family Advocacy or EFMP, call Rogalla at 608-388-2412.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Several events will be held at Fort McCoy to provide more information to community members about Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is observed in April.

More than 55 people will be attending a 40-hour Sexual Assault Prevention Program to train victim advocates, said Elizabeth Carmichael, Fort McCoy Victim Advocate coordinator.

Although the class is full, members of the Fort McCoy community are welcome to attend a special presentation Wednesday, April 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. in Dailey Hall, building 90. Wendy Naarup will present "Bounce: Recovering from Adversity," in which she speaks about her strategies to deal with the adversity of sexual assault.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month informational displays also will be available at McCoy's, building 1571, the Community Activity Center, building 2000, and the Exchange, building 1538, through April 30. Carmichael said interested personnel also can pick up information at those sites or at the Army Community Service (ACS) Center, building 2111.

The campaign focuses on the effects of sexual assault on the military's mission readiness. Mission readiness defines a unit's ability to deploy quickly and efficiently.

Information about the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office is available at the websites www.sapr.mil or myduty.mil.

The 24/7 sexual assault hotline at Fort McCoy is 608-388-5000.

In the Fort McCoy community, information is available at the website www.mccoymwr.com by clicking on Army Community Service or by calling Carmichael at 608-388-8951 or ACS at 608-388-3505.

Spouse Appreciation events May 5-6

Military personnel or their spouses can register at building 2000 Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6 to win prizes for Spouse Appreciation Day.

Prizes include two Army Concert Tour tickets. One entry is allowed per Family.

McCoy's, building 1571, also offers military personnel or their spouse a buy-one-get-one-free Primo's Buffet May 6 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. only.

Recreation

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

Community Activity Center (CAC): Building 2000. **Leisure Travel Services Office, Recreation Center, and Library:** Open daily 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Call Ext. 3213/2410/4353.

McCoy's: Building 1571. Bowling Center open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 4-10 p.m. Extreme bowling every Fri. 4-9 p.m. Call Ext. 7060. Arcade and NTN trivia. Call Ext. 2065.

Pine View Campground / Recreational Equipment Checkout: Building 8053. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Ext. 2619/3517.

Rumpel Fitness Center: Building 1122. Open Mon.-Fri. 5 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 5 a.m.-8 p.m. **Sauna and Steamroom:** Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Indoor swimming pool:** Open Mon.-Fri. 6-8 a.m. and 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Atrium:** Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call Ext. 2290/3200.

Woodshop: Building 1133. Open Tues.-Thurs. 5-8 p.m. Call Ext. 6588 for an appointment or register for a class.

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Closed for the season. Call Ext. 3517/4498 for more information.

Dining

McCoy's: Building 1571. **Primo's Express:** open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 4-8 p.m. (buffet Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.). Call Ext. 7673. **Habañero: Opens Wed., May 25.** **Sports bar:** open Mon.-Sun. 4-11 p.m. ATM located inside. Catering/Admin. Call Ext. 2065. Manager has discretion on closing time. Call to verify hours.

Rustic Inn Snack Bar/Patio Cafe: Building 2000. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call Ext. 4968.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 5 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sun. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Call 608-269-5604 or Ext. 4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 608-269-5615 Ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Available for private parties. For information, call Ext. 3517/2260.

Services

Alteration Shop: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 608-269-1075.

Barber Shop (ARRTC): Building 51, Room 119. Open Tues.-Thurs. 4-7 p.m. ATM located in the lobby. Call 608-269-1710 to verify hours.

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

Barber Shop (overflow): Building 2662. **Open Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** Call Ext. 3682.

Beauty Salon: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **by appointment only.** Call 608-269-1710.

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

Car Wash: Building 1568. Self-service and automatic bays. Open 24 hours. Change and token machines. Call Ext. 3213/4161.

Commissary: Building 1537. Open Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Early Bird/Self Check out open Tues-Sat. 9-10 a.m. Call Ext. 3542/3543.

Computer Center for Soldiers: Building 2773. For Mob/Demob Soldiers. Open daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Call Ext. 7882.

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

Education/Learning Center: Building 50, Room 123. Open Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Ext. 7311.

Exchange: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ATM located inside. Call 608-269-5604, Ext. 101 or Ext. 4343.

Fort McCoy Shipping & Services Center: Building 1649. Call 608-269-6969.

Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 608-269-1075 to verify hours of operation.

Laundry Facilities: Buildings 1132, 1444, 1649, 1701, 2568, 2662, 2763 and 2877. Open to Soldiers and their

facilities services

Some facilities may have special hours for Easter Sunday, April 24. Hours in bold typeface denote new hours since the last update. Numbers with extensions require dialing 608-388- before the extension. Call to verify hours.

dependents and to Fort McCoy military training population on 24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis. Call Ext. 3800 (Troop and Installation Support Branch, Building 490) for information.

Lodging: Located in the Welcome Center, Building 35. Open daily 24 hours. For more information call Ext. 2107/3646.

Military Clothing Sales: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 608-269-5604, Ext. 203.

Mobilizing Unit In-processing Center (MUIC): Building 2541. Hours for Building 2541 and MUIC LOG Offices are Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. During the hours the MUIC LOG offices are closed assistance may be obtained by calling Ext. 2150.

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

Post Office: Building 1649. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Ext. 3825.

Quartermaster Tactical Gear Store: Building 1645. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 608-269-1730.

RIA Credit Union: Building 2105. Open Mon.-Wed. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. ATMs are located in McCoy's, Building 1571, the Exchange, Building 1538, and ARRTC dormitory lobby, Building 51 (24/7). For information, call Ext. 2171.

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

Service Station/Shoppette/Class VI: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. **5 a.m.-9 p.m.** and Sun. **6 a.m.-9 p.m.** Call 608-269-5604 or Ext. 4343. **GAS PAY AT THE PUMP OPEN 24 HOURS.** ATM located inside. **Cash transactions available during**

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Shoppette (ARRTC): Building 51, Room 136. Open Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sun. 4-8 p.m. ATM located in the lobby. Call Ext. 7798.

Shoppette (West Side Express): Building 2662. Open daily noon-7 p.m.

Vehicle Registration: Located in the Welcome Center, Building 35. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (excluding federal holidays). For more information call Ext. 4988/8415.

Worship

Bible Study: Building 51, second floor lobby. Tues. 6:15-7 a.m. Call Ext. 7280.

Bible Study: Chapel Center, Building 2675. Wed. 7 p.m. Call Ext. 3528.

Catholic: Chapel 10, Building 1759. Mass. Sun. 9:30 a.m. Call Ext. 3528 for more information.

Jewish: Service Sat. 10:20 a.m.-noon at La Crosse. Call 608-784-2708.

Latter-day Saints: Sun. 8 a.m. at Fellowship Hall, Building 2675. Call Ext. 3528.

Mormon: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Sunday services 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Phone 608-269-3377 for additional information.

Muslim: Islamic Center of La Crosse, Othman Bin Affan Mosque. Fri. Prayer 1-2 p.m. Call Ext. 3528.

Protestant: Chapel 1, Building 2672. Protestant Worship Sun. 9:30 a.m. Call Ext. 3528.

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

For information about the Chapel, including mobilization services, or worship schedules in the surrounding communities, call Ext. 3528. If you have

an emergency, call 608-388-2266 and they will contact the on-call chaplain.

Family Support

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

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

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

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

School-Age Services: Building 1751. Activities for youths grades kindergarten through fifth. Offers after-school, nonschool and inclement-weather care for eligible youths. Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call Ext. 4373/2238.

School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills Unlimited (SKIESUnlimited): Building 1747. Provides instructional classes for children and youth from infancy through the end of their senior year in high school. Children and youth are provided opportunities to explore new skills, pursue and nurture personal interests and interact socially with others. Register for SKIESUnlimited classes at Parent Central Services. 608-388-8956.

Supplemental Programs and Services/Family Child Care: For occasional baby-sitting services or in-home care for Military Family Housing, call Fort McCoy Child Development Services at Ext. 4124.

Health Care

Alcoholics Anonymous: For more information, call Ext. 5955/2441.

Dental Clinic: Building 2668. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sick call: 7-9:30 a.m. Call Ext. 2719.

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Provides screening and referral services for eligible civilian employees and their Family members who are experiencing difficulty due to personal problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/family discord or other problems. For more information, contact the Army Substance Abuse

Program at Ext. 2441/5955.

Soldier Readiness Center (SRC): Building 2643. Open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call Ext. 2643 for more information or an appointment.

TRICARE Liaison: Building 1679. Call Ext. 2246 for more information. The following also are points of contact: TRICARE 1-877-TRICARE (874-2273) or <http://www.tricare.mil>.

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 1679. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Blood-pressure screenings and military audiograms. Call Ext. 3209/2414.

Optical Services: Building 2656. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Providing permanent-party Soldiers with all of their eye care needs. Call Ext. 5997.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Sick call sign-in 7-8 a.m. Open weekdays 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for appointments. Call Ext. 3025. Pharmacy is Ext. 2842. Call 911 for after-hour emergencies. Call AOD 608-630-6308 for non-emergencies. For treatment, go to hospital emergency room.

Organizations

American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1882: Building 1411. Office hours 7 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Meets second Tues. of each month, 6 p.m., at American Legion Post 201 in Tomah. Call Ext. 2397.

American Society of Military Comptrollers: Meets several times throughout the year. Watch the Fort McCoy Bulletin for meeting details or call Maureen Richardson at 608-269-1912 or Mary Zink at 608-269-3115.

Association of the United States Army - AUSA (Robert B. McCoy Chapter): General membership meetings held monthly. For information call 608-272-3016.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Building 1647. Meets second Thurs. of each month. Call, 608-388-3944.

Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy: Meets every third Thurs. at different locations. For information call 608-269-0773.

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: Call David W. Alderfer (LTC-Retired) at 920-535-0515 or e-mail dave.alderfer@us.army.mil.

United States Field Artillery Association: For information call 608-388-9969.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, call 612-210-7728, 608-372-7260, or 248-941-3551.

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Arbor Day event to be held April 29 at Fort McCoy

An Arbor Day ceremony will be held at Fort McCoy Friday, April 29 from 9-10 a.m. Everyone in the Fort McCoy community is welcome to attend.

Youth from the Child Development Center, together with members of the Directorate of Public Works Natural Resources Forestry Section and Fort McCoy Command Group, will plant white pines. The location is west of the fire department parking lot near building 1680.

For more information, call 608-388-2102.

Sponsorship training set for May 3

Sponsorship training will be held Tuesday, May 3 from 10 – 11 a.m. at the Army Community Service (ACS) Center, building 2111.

Sponsorship is a commander's program that assists Soldiers, civilian employees and Families during the reassignment process, assists Families who are geographically separated from their sponsor for duty requirements, and improves unit or organizational cohesion and readiness.

Training topics include regulations and forms, program entitlements, types of sponsorship, sponsor responsibilities, commander responsibilities and e-sponsorship.

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

Register no later than one week prior to the training.

Units may schedule unit sponsorship training by completing a training request form six weeks in advance. Forms are available at <http://mccoymwr.com/soldier-family-programs/army-community-service.html> under the ACS Links section.

The training will be offered again Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Spring Clean-Up Day for McCoy set for May 4

The Fort McCoy Spring Clean-Up Day is Wednesday, May 4.

This day is designated for garrison and tenant organizations to clean the interior and the exterior of their facilities and to beautify their areas.

Building Character Strengths workshop May 10

A Building Character Strengths workshop will be held Tuesday, May 10 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Army Community Service Center, building 2111.

The workshop will help attendees identify strengths in themselves and others, and identify the shadow side of signature strengths to improve teamwork and overcome challenges.

To register, call 608-388-3505 by Monday, May 2.

NEWS NOTES



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Easter egg hunt

Youth in the Fort McCoy community hunt for Easter eggs at the Rumpel Fitness Center. The April 16 event was moved inside because of the weather. The Easter Eggstravaganza also featured face painting, photos with the Easter Bunny and Easter crafts for the youth.

Wellness Fair activities May 11 at Rumpel Fitness Center

The annual Fort McCoy Wellness Fair is Wednesday, May 11 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. The theme is "Forever Fit."

Highlights of the event include a Red Cross blood drive, a 5K run and 2-mile walk, basketball competitions, a martial-arts demonstration, door prizes, food for purchase and informational booths by area business.

For more information, call 608-388-2290.

The event is sponsored in part by Gundersen Lutheran, USAA, and Allied American University. No federal endorsement is implied.

Garrison/88th softball game set for May 12 at McCoy

A softball game between Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison and the 88th Regional Support Command will be played at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at Constitution Park.

Everyone in the Fort McCoy community is welcome to attend.

FRG and Resource Refresher training set for May 16

Family Readiness Group (FRG) & Resource Refresher training will be held Monday, May 16 from 8-10 a.m. at the Army Community Service Center, building 2111.

The training will cover updates, policies, and operations related to running and maintaining a successful FRG and instruction on how to find cost-effective resources online.

Register by Thursday, May 12 by calling 608-388-3505.

Crisis, Coping, Grieving & Change workshop set May 17

A Crisis, Coping, Grieving and Change workshop will be offered Tuesday, May 17 from 8 a.m. – noon at the Army Community Service Center, building 2111.

Topics include crisis, coping and grieving; acknowledging change; and stress management.

Register by Friday, May 13 by calling 608-388-3505.

Armed Forces Day Open House set for May 21

Fort McCoy will host its annual Armed Forces Day Open House Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Commemorative Area, with its park-like setting, will serve as the backdrop for all activities.

The History Center, World War II Commemorative Area buildings, Equipment Park and Veterans Memorial Plaza will be open throughout the day. Items on display at the History Center include artifacts and photographs depicting the installation's history from 1909 to present day.

An information area will be located at the main entrance to building 905, which also will have numerous informational exhibits and displays. Installation bus tours will depart regularly from the east side of the building from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Activities include personalized dog tags, camouflage face-painting, an interactive marksmanship gallery, the Smoke House, McGruff the Crime Dog, an obstacle course for

children and the traveling educational exhibit "One Soul: When Humanity Fails."

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Open House visitors must use Gate 15 (Tomah Gate) to access the Open House grounds from off post. The gates are manned by security personnel, and adult visitors must be prepared to show photo identification upon entering.

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

Commissary case lot sale to be held May 21-22

A case lot sale will be held Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 22 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Fort McCoy Commissary, building 1537.

Sale items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, fresh beef, fresh chicken, ketchup, pickles, snacks, cereals, juice, water, pet food, laundry detergent, shampoo, diapers, toilet paper and paper towels.

A more-detailed list will be available approximately two weeks prior to the sale date. All items are subject to change due to availability.

A case lot sale also will be held Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Army Reserve Center in Green Bay, Wis.

For more information, call the Fort McCoy Commissary at 608-388-3542 or visit the website www.commissaries.com.

Resumix Builder workshop set for May 24 at Fort McCoy

A Resumix Builder workshop will be held Tuesday, May 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the Army Community Service (ACS) Center, building 2111.

This training is open to the entire Fort McCoy community with priority placement given to military spouses.

To register, call ACS by Friday, May 20 at 608-388-3505.

'Resilience and the Good Stuff' class May 25-26

A "Resilience and the Good Stuff" workshop will be held May 25-26 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. both days at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

The two-day workshop will cover how to counter negativity bias, create positive emotion, and notice and analyze what is good.

Participants will learn how to enhance effectiveness and well-being by building mental toughness. Resilience and the competencies that contribute to it — self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character, and connection — also will be covered. Military spouses will have priority placement. Family Focus Program participants may receive Family Focus Franks.

To register, call ACS by May 20 at 608-388-3505.

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Maintenance work

Students in a Regional Training Site-Maintenance Wheeled Mechanic (91B) level 10 course practice reassembling equipment from a Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck. The students learned basic maintenance in the course.



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Month of Military Child

Melekalama Valdez of the Fort McCoy Child, Youth and School Services program teaches students about the Hula dance during a Month of the Military Child activity at the Child Development Center. The activities for the month continue through April 30.



Photo by Tom Michele

Old friends reunite

Morris Kihara, standing, and Casper Linnehan look at a photo display in Fort McCoy's Commemorative Area History Center. One photo in the display is of the 100th Battalion at Camp McCoy, the unit Kihara served with in World War II and trained with at Camp McCoy. Kihara, 91, of Hawaii and the state of Washington, and Linnehan, 90, an area resident, had a reunion at Fort McCoy. Both served in the U.S. Army, including combat in Italy. They met on a ship returning to the United States and have had several reunions since.



Photo by Norma Conant

VIP Reader

Maj. Maria Gloeckler of the Fort McCoy Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program reads to youth at the Child Development Center. The event was part of BOSS members' volunteering to support community events.

LEISURE

Inland fishing season to begin at Fort McCoy May 7

The 2011 Fort McCoy inland fishing season begins at 5 a.m. Saturday, May 7. Among the changes in regulations is a reduced trout limit at Silver Creek to help ensure all anglers have a chance to catch fish, said John Noble, Fort McCoy installation fisheries biologist.

In accordance with the Wisconsin Regulation for Ranch Creek, a tributary of Clear Creek on North Post, anglers may keep three trout of a minimum size of 9 inches in length. For a section of Silver Creek from the West Silver Wetland to the western boundary of Fort McCoy, as noted in the Fort McCoy Fishing Regulation, anglers may keep three trout that are a minimum size of 7 inches in length. At all other lakes and streams, anglers can keep five trout that are a minimum length of 7 inches, he said.

Additionally, gear use on the Silver Creek stretch is restricted to artificial lures to target brook and brown trout, Noble said. Silver Creek has had extensive habitat work completed in conjunction with the special regulation, which has allowed the trout fishery to reach record population levels.

Angling opportunities are excellent at Fort McCoy, he said. Noble said the Fisheries Program hopes to continue the momentum of the excellent angling conditions reported by anglers during the early trout catch-and-release season, which is under way and ends at midnight Sunday, May 1.

Fishing at Fort McCoy is open to the public, Noble said. Anyone who wants to fish on the



Photo by Rob Schuette

Ryan Ennis (with net) and Steve Rood, contracted fisheries technicians with Colorado State University, conduct fish surveys at Fort McCoy's Squaw Lake. The surveys indicated a good population of pan fish in the body of water.

installation will need valid Fort McCoy and state fishing permits/licenses.

Wisconsin fishing licenses and Fort McCoy fishing permits must be purchased through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Automated License Issuance System

(ALIS). ALIS locations are available at retail and/or sporting goods stores throughout the state as well as Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground, building 8053, which is open to the public, and at the Fort McCoy Exchange, building 1538, which is open to authorized

military personnel.

Noble said anglers must be aware training has priority for land/water use. To check on an area's availability, call the Fort McCoy Game Line at 608-388-4263. Even when a particular fishing area is open, troops may be training on or near that location. Anglers must respect the training mission and move to another one of Fort McCoy's angling locations, he said.

Fort McCoy follows the Wisconsin fishing laws, such as the requirement for anglers to have state fishing licenses and trout stamps (when fishing for trout), and also has several unique regulations designed to enhance fishing experiences, Noble said. Special regulations are in place at the North Flowage, West Sandy Lake and as noted for Silver Creek.

A list of the regulations, along with lake information, is available at the Fort McCoy Welcome Center, building 35, Permit Sales, building 2168, and at Pine View Campground. Fishing regulations (not including the maps) also can be printed from the website <http://www.mccoy.army.mil> under the Recreation Opportunities section.

Noble said Fort McCoy will participate in this year's statewide free fishing weekend, June 4-5. Anglers will not need licenses/permits, but all other state and installation regulations will apply.

For more information about fishing opportunities at Fort McCoy, call the Fort McCoy Permit Sales Office, building 2168, at 608-388-3337.



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Dive training

Diveheart instructors Jim Elliott and Lisa DePasquale (above) of Downers Grove, Ill., demonstrate through simulation how to guide a blind person during a diving class for people with disabilities. Members of the Diveheart class (right) refine their techniques at Fort McCoy's Rumpel Fitness Center pool.



Photo by Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

ENGINEER (From page 1)

cultural role players and space to conduct that training that Leonard Wood doesn't. Leonard Wood has some of it, but it is only for individual Soldier training, not the collective unit training we needed."

"We contacted Fort McCoy to see if we could come to McCoy for the training and they said, 'yes,'" Austin said. "We got a lot of help from the McCoy installation. We saw the process at Fort McCoy to mobilize National Guard and Army Reserve units, so we thought McCoy would also do it for an active-duty unit."

Lt. Col. Hank Thomsen, commander of the 5th Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, the higher headquarters for the 509th, also praised McCoy. "We were short of the needs for collective engineer training at Fort Leonard Wood, and we learned about the architecture for that training at Fort McCoy and McCoy's good reputation for training engineer units."

Thomsen and 5th Engineer Brigade Commander Col. Frank Rangel Jr. visited Fort McCoy for two days to observe the 509th's training.

"We will be back to use the great opportunities for battalion-level engineer training at Fort McCoy, to train to deploy and to redeploy," Thomsen said.

Austin said their training at McCoy went very well. "McCoy offered realistic training, training for the Soldiers to execute the mission they will have in-theater. We are pleased with everything at McCoy."

"We succeeded in receiving the training for what we will see in Afghanistan," Austin said. "We are very pleased with the way operations went, orders, and requirements, everything to replicate what's happening in-theater. I definitely recommend our coming back to McCoy for future rotations, because of what McCoy offers us. That includes the Soldier Readiness Center (SRC) for processing, and the adjacent medical, audiology and vision clinics. The SRC is basically a one-stop shop. The McCoy staff worked hard for us." The 509th accomplished several Soldier Readiness Process tasks at the SRC and medical facilities.

"There weren't any distractions for our training," Austin said.

Pfc. Lishia Valme said, "McCoy has good training routes and lanes, especially for a route-clearance unit like ours. It gave us a good aspect of what we do. They are also different than what we had at Fort Chaffee, Ark., with its heavy vegetation. McCoy was a help for us."

Sgt. Russell Chambliss said the observer-controller-trainers (OCTs) at Fort McCoy were very knowledgeable. "They got us the most-current information about changes in-theater. The training here was particularly good for our younger and newer Soldiers, so all of us are ready to deploy to Afghanistan. We are ready to go."

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Goethe said the fast-paced, realistic and intense training allowed the



Sgt. Dave Tracy, kneeling, and Pfc. Floyd Graham, rear, of the 509th Engineer Company pull security duty in a tree line on a Fort McCoy training lane. Tracy and Graham were providing security as other Soldiers from the 509th established a medical evacuation helicopter landing zone to evacuate a team member with simulated injuries from an assault on their convoy.

unit to do more things. "Our junior Soldiers got a lot more done than we expected. The McCoy staff and simulations worked like those at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., but put together, a step above Irwin and Polk."

Sgt. 1st Class Jaime Castro said coming to McCoy was beneficial to the cause of the unit's mission. "This is an outstanding place to be. It provides a lot of active and reserve units the nice facilities and nice people to support us so we can do an outstanding job."

An observer-controller-trainer with the 181st Infantry Brigade, Sgt. 1st Class Raoul Rodriguez, said the 509th came to Fort McCoy to get good-quality training. "They were very motivated, willing to learn and adapt, and they showed a lot of hustle," he said. "They did very well."

The 181st conducts CTEs by issuing orders to the unit to go on many specific missions, then lets the units determine the best tactics, techniques and procedures to best tackle the mission, Rodriguez said. The 181st provides the OCTs, opposing forces threats and safety officers.

"The 509th had the advantage, as an active-duty unit, to have its Soldiers work together regularly as a unit, compared to the National



Soldiers from the 509th Engineer Company take one of their team members from a Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle and place him on a litter on a Fort McCoy training road. The team member received simulated injuries during an assault on their convoy.

Guard and Reserve Soldiers coming together for the first time, going through some of the from civilian situations and sometimes, or mobilization training," Rodriguez said.

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our best efforts.

From the highest levels of leadership on down, the Army has committed to providing Families with a quality of life that is commensurate with their service and sacrifice. For our children, that includes a commitment to ensure excellence in schools, child care and youth services — to ensure they have the support and care they need to develop into strong, resilient, well-rounded young adults.

Army Child, Youth and School (CYS) Services is central to delivering on these promises. CYS Services currently serves almost 300,000 children ages 6 weeks to 18 years in on- and off-post programs around the world. Through its Child Development Centers, School Age Care, and Middle School and Teen Centers, CYS Services provides healthy and enriching environments that help children grow mentally, physically, socially and emotionally. For the school-age children and teens in particular, the CYS Services programs provide a whole world of topics to explore, including fitness, health, arts, science and technology, leadership, citizenship, life skills and careers. In addition, CYS Services runs a robust sports program, with more than 112,000 children participating in team and individual sports and sports clinics.

To meet the greater need for services, CYS Services has made tremendous efforts to increase access and offerings, both on and off post. On installations in the states and overseas, CYS Services has constructed 150 new child-care and 24 new youth centers since 2007. They also

have introduced innovative programs such as Neighborhood Activity Homes, which provide places for older children outside of traditional facilities. Off post, CYS Services has partnered with a number of local providers and national organizations to serve Families who live in areas far from an installation or in high-impact areas where the need exceeds the capacity on the installation. CYS Services extends 16 hours of free care per month to the Families of deployed Soldiers, Wounded Warriors and Fallen Soldiers, a total of more than 1.08 million hours in fiscal year 2010.

The focus on increasing access does two things for our Families. When parents can take advantage of CYS Services, it decreases stress on the Family.

Parents know that when they are deployed, when they are working, when they are at medical appointments, their children are in a safe place. They can focus on what they need to do, knowing that their children are well cared for. Also, these programs provide our children with much-needed support. They are in a caring environment with adults and peers who understand what they are experiencing, and they have the chance to pursue a wide range of interests and build their strengths.

In addition to providing quality out-of-school programs, CYS Services also is focusing on supporting military children in school. Military children attend, on average, nine different schools before they graduate high school. The transition between schools can be rough when there are incompatible requirements to enroll, to join extracurricular activities or to graduate. It can be tough for students to settle in, when school personnel do

not understand the issues — the stress of being the new kid yet again, the fear of separation, the disappointment that Mom or Dad is missing another game or recital.

School Liaison Officers are located at every garrison to help Families with these and other school-related issues. They play an important role in helping students make a smooth transition and succeed at their new school, by working with Families and school districts to meet needs and requirements on both sides.

In a new two-year pilot program School Liaison Officers at seven garrisons — Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Forts Benning, Bliss, Polk, Stewart, Hood, and Wainwright — will be joined by Military Student Transition Consultants.

The consultants will be located in school district offices and work closely with the School Liaison Officers to build understanding between school districts, garrisons and Families about the needs of military students and to support efforts, such as mentoring programs, which help students plug into their new school. The consultants will be in place this May to support Families through the summer PCS season.

I can point to any number of other ways Army CYS Services is doing a phenomenal job of supporting our children. In addition to daily child care and afterschool care, which meet the highest national standards, CYS Services provides special events and camps, both on post and far from any post.

There's Tutor.com, where students can get online tutoring anytime and anywhere. There are the Military Family Life Consultants, who provide counseling to kids in school, and the Child Behavioral Consultants, who work with

children in the afterschool programs, when they are having difficulties with their parent's deployment.

Army CYS Services strives to provide a comprehensive range of services for Families to help grow strong and resilient children. However, this is only possible with the support of a number of dedicated, longstanding partners, including universities, nonprofit organizations, and local and state governments. They conduct research on the needs of military children, draft policies and legislation in support of military Families, develop curricula we use in our programs, provide training for educators, counselors and others who work with military kids, and provide services to military children who do not live near an installation. We must continue to reach out to them and communicate how they can help our children, because we cannot do it without them.

Month of the Military Child is an important observance, and a lot of fun. Installations worldwide are holding hundreds of fairs, parades, carnivals and other events throughout the month. I encourage you to get out in your community and join in honoring and celebrating our children.

The Army does not confine its commitment to children to one month a year — we owe our children more than that. They do not sign up for the challenges military life brings, and yet they are right in there with us, making sacrifices everyday and showing a lot of bravery. It's our job to do the best by them that we can, providing the care, support and opportunities they need to thrive in the face of challenges. Our children are our future; when they are strong, we are strong.

■ AFAP

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recommended that glucagon be permissible to administer in CYS Services, providing that the appropriate training is completed and documented. The issue was deemed complete.

Entertainment Options at Fort McCoy (2011-01): This issue had requested shutting Soldiers to local theaters, expanding advertising of Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) entertainment options, and the formation of a committee to work on DFMWR entertainment options. Currently, movies are offered at the Community Activity Center Friday and Saturday evenings, eliminating the need to bus to local communities. Entertainment opportunities through DFMWR are marketed through at least five different venues. A DFMWR Customer Advisory Board meets quarterly and assesses customer satisfaction, seeks customer input to improve quality of services, and identifies market opportunities. The issue was deemed complete.

South Post Housing Issues (2011-05/06/11): A service order priority listing was provided to all South Post Housing residents regarding upkeep of common areas. Housing staff and Directorate of Public Works quality

assurance will monitor for compliance with contract specifications. Improvements were noted after 2010 discrepancy reports were filed and inspections were increased. Housing staff will provide input to future contract specifications affecting housing. The issue was deemed complete.

Fort McCoy Public Website (2011-08): The Public Affairs Office is working with the NEC to redesign the Fort McCoy public website. There are several sites associated with Fort McCoy each with specific requirements; a new design for the public site is being researched within the current NEC software and Installation Management Command standard design templates. It will remain a work in progress with updates provided on a regular basis. PAO will take the lead on this issue. The issue remains active.

Impact of Deployment on school-aged children (2011-09): The Fort McCoy School Liaison Officer met with the area school districts to suggest adding a place on school registration forms to identify military Families. Information was provided on resources and events to both schools and Families. Fort McCoy has no legal authority to disseminate child information to the schools. Making schools aware of a deployment in the Family is a parental responsibility. The issue was deemed

complete.

Eligibility for Reserve/Guard Members for CYS Services (2011-12/13): This issue has been forwarded to USARC for the mid-level AFAP Conference. It was discussed there would not be enough funds to cover all National Guard and Reserve members wanting to take advantage of CYS Services, and the logistics would be quite complicated. The issue remains active.

Traffic Safety at 10th and J and 11th and J Streets (2011-14): Records indicate there has been one accident per year since 2008 at these intersections. Daily east/west traffic averages more than 750 vehicles at 10th and J Streets and more than 900 vehicles at 11th and J Streets. North/south traffic flow is around 1,000 vehicles per day. Some of the possibilities suggested for improving the intersections were to paint stop bars with lane indicators, increase the stop sign size to 48x48 inches, change the current lights to make them more visible, tear up the asphalt on 10th and J Streets just north of parking lot 16b and look at installing curb and gutter. It was decided that there would be no additional signage or barriers placed at either intersection. The issue remains active.

Full descriptions of the FY 11 and past AFAP issues with conference recommendations can be viewed in the ACS section on the Fort

McCoy MWR website at www.mccoymwr.com.

Local AFAP results that have benefited Fort McCoy in past years are:

- A dangerous intersection near Family Housing was made safer.
- A second health benefits adviser was added.
- Installation directional signs were updated.
- Fort McCoy weather-warning systems continually are being improved.
- The quality of the drinking water is presented to all training units so they know that it is safe.
- The cell phone policy has been posted on visitor passes.
- Fishing maps now are easier to read.
- A crosswalk between the Exchange and McCoy's was moved to increase pedestrian safety.

The next AFAP Commander's Update Forum is Sept 7. The remaining four active issues will be reviewed. The AFAP program is accepting issues along with volunteers for the FY12 conference to be held Oct 19-20. Forms can be found at www.mccoymwr.com or by calling AFAP Program Manager Kevin Herman at ACS, 608-388-3540/3505.

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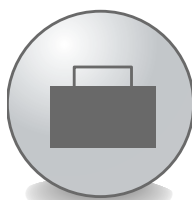
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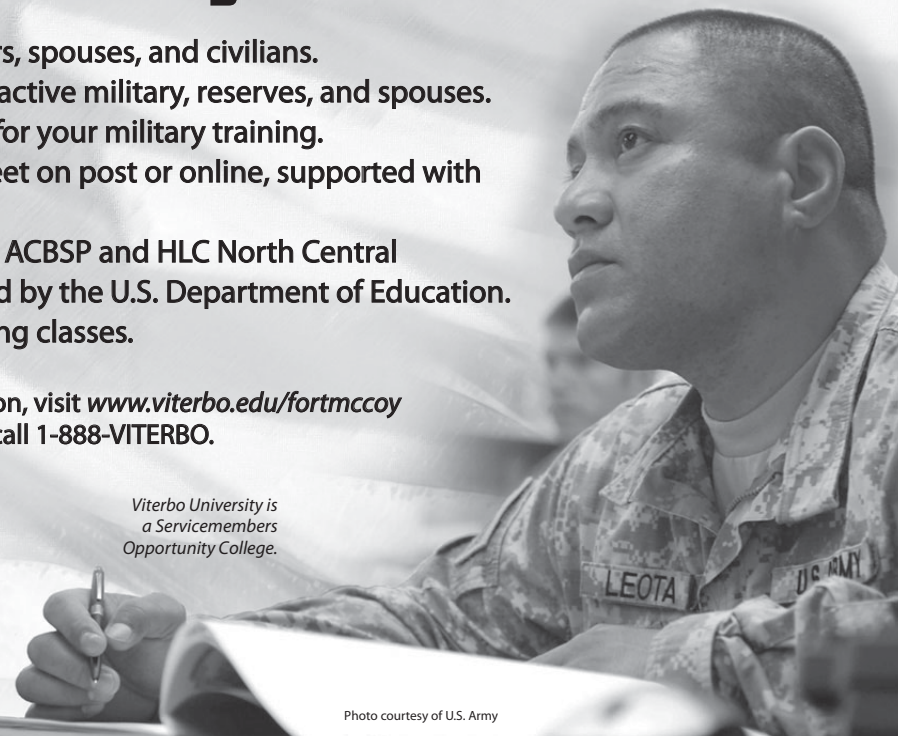


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