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Police to remove Main Gate traffic cones

The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) will cease placing traffic cones on the outbound lanes at the Main Gate at the end of the duty day, beginning Nov. 13.

The cones have been set out from 2:30 to 6 p.m. to reinforce Wisconsin law on proper positioning and method of turning at intersections, said Sgt. David Hansen, Fort McCoy's traffic sergeant. Officers will be watching for traffic violations after the cones are removed.

For a right turn, Wisconsin Statute 346.31(2) states: "Both the approach for a right turn and the right turn shall be made as closely as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway."

For a left turn, Wisconsin Statute 346.31(3) (a) states: "The approach for a left turn shall be made in the lane farthest to the left which is lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of the vehicle about to turn left. Unless otherwise marked or posted, this means the lane immediately to the right of the center line or center dividing strip of a two-way highway and the lane next to the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway of a one-way highway."

Wisconsin Statute 346.31(3) (c) states: "A left turn shall be completed so as to enter the intersecting highway in that lane farthest to the left which is lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of the vehicle completing the left turn. Unless otherwise marked or posted, this means the lane immediately to the right of the center line or center dividing strip of a two-way highway and the lane next to the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway of a one-way highway."

These laws apply to all turns made while driving both on and off the installation, Hansen said.

"The easiest way to look at these laws is that you need to turn from the proper turn lane onto the lane closest to you that runs in the direction you wish to go," Hansen said. "From there, you can make a legal lane change to get into the lane you wish to be in, and always remember to signal your intended turns."

The only exceptions are directions given by an official sign or traffic control officer. Their instructions supersede the above listed laws.

For more information, call DES at 608-388-2044.

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Fort McCoy Forester James Kerkman (right) with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch talks to foresters from several Army installations about Fort McCoy forestry efforts at a South Post area Nov. 1.

Army foresters learn about McCoy during first-ever visit

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Twenty foresters from installations Armywide visited Fort McCoy Nov. 1 to learn more about the post's Forestry Program.

The tour was led by Fort McCoy Forester James Kerkman and Forestry Technician Charles Mentzel with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

The tour was planned to coincide with the national meeting of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), which was held in Madison, Wis.

This was the first time the annual SAF meeting has been held in Wisconsin since the 1950s, said Kerkman, who's been at Fort McCoy for 31 years. "This is a big deal. I've been to many other national meetings where if we were near a military installation, we would go visit it. So, we decided that we wanted to do it here as well."

"This was a great opportunity for them all to see how we care for our forested lands at Fort McCoy," Kerkman said.

The group visited a prairie area and Young Air Assault Strip on South Post as well as areas on North Post near Pine View Campground, such as a red pine plantation.

The stops were selected to prompt discussion and idea sharing, Kerkman said.

"The discussions were incredible," Kerkman said. "Many of

us have known each other for years, and we know that many of us are dealing with the same issues and problems. In this tour, we had nearly the whole nation represented, and we learned from each other."

Forester Rodger Voss from Fort Drum, N.Y., said the tour showed him how many similarities Fort McCoy has to his installation.

"Our forest (ecosystems) are almost identical," said Voss, who manages approximately 65,000 forested acres at Fort Drum. "It's also interesting how similar we are with things like airfield issues, endangered species, and related issues. It's nice to be able to interact with people who are experiencing the same issues that we are."

Forester Allen Braswell from Fort Gordon, Ga., said that although forest types are different in Georgia and Wisconsin, he's learned more about varying forestry management styles.

"I really enjoyed this tour," said Braswell, who manages 46,000 acres of forested land at the Georgia post.

"It's also good for us to get together because we learn about the challenges (and successes) each other has had."

The six-hour visit included a lunch stop at McCoy's Community Center.

The foresters then met Nov. 2 in Madison for a breakout session about forestry practices and training. The SAF meeting began Nov. 3.

For more information about the Fort McCoy Forestry Program, call 608-388-2102.

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NEWS

Installation Management Command: Continual transformation

BY LT. GEN. KENNETH R. DAHL

Commanding General,
Installation Management Command

Installation Management Command (IMCOM) was born from the Transformation of Installation Management (TIM) study undertaken by the secretary of the Army in 2002. The command is young, just more than a decade old, and the founding principles have endured: efficient utilization of resources to support readiness, equitable services for all Soldiers and Families, and harnessing the power of the enterprise to squeeze the most value out of every base-support dollar. However, the last 15 years of war brought budgets supplemented by overseas contingency operations (OCO) funding. An unintended consequence of this process is an appetite for redundant, outdated, or “gold-plated” programs and projects on our installations.

In this time of declining resources, shifting national priorities, and increasing security concerns around the globe, Army leaders must find alternative solutions beyond asking for more money and additional manpower when confronted with a problem.

Leaders from IMCOM and those they support must work together to separate needs from wants. This new environment is forcing tough choices, and IMCOM is transforming to enhance readiness for today's force and the future Army, especially in the areas of mission command, workforce strength and alignment, program/service delivery, and aligning policies with the current environment.

Transform: Mission Command

In June 2015, after consulting with the Congress, the secretary of the Army authorized separate three-star general officer billets for the assistant chief of staff for installation management (ACSIM) and the commanding general, IMCOM. This change from “dual-hatted” to separate billets is allowing for increased and adaptive mission command of two of the Army's central readiness capabilities: providing quality facilities for Soldiers and formations to train and rapidly deploying forces from the United States to locations overseas.

Further, this increased mission command is focusing leader attention on refining the delivery of necessary services on our installations in ways that support senior commander priorities while responding to evolving missions, declining budgets, and reductions in force structure and civilian employees.

Separating policy and programming (ACSIM) from the execution arm (IMCOM) improves the support that IMCOM and its support directorates (formerly called regions) and garrisons provide to senior commanders. This new clarity in execution is proving that IMCOM and the Army will benefit from the bold changes we are implementing while



Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl

continuing to provide the Army with training and power projection platforms and a common level of service delivery for Soldiers, Families, and civilians on our installations. In addition to mission command, the biggest changes in IMCOM's near future are in three critical areas: people, programs, and policy.

Transform: People

The 58,000 IMCOM professionals around the globe touch every Soldier's life, every day, providing the facilities and services that make the Army run. Over the past 15 years, however, many of IMCOM's programs and services grew beyond their original charter and scope to accommodate the high operational tempo driven by war.

Staffing increased as part of this program growth, but circumstances now dictate that IMCOM become a smaller, leaner, and better-aligned organization to support the requirements of the future Army. At the beginning of 2016, IMCOM imposed an additional cut on itself — beyond the previously mandated cut of 25 percent for headquarters staffs by the Department of the Army — of about 1,000 civilian employees and is providing the savings to the Army as an investment in readiness.

Reducing the civilian workforce on our garrisons directly impacts service delivery, and re-shaping what services we provide will drive the workforce reduction at each location. Understanding its role as a supporting organization, IMCOM is committed to ensuring senior commanders (supported commanders) remain integrally involved in how individual garrisons shape their local workforces to deliver programs and services. We will achieve success when supporting and supported units work from a shared understanding of priorities.

To enhance this common understanding,

“We will start that process today by recalibrating our collective expectations of what is possible for Soldiers and Families on Army installations.”

IMCOM is transforming our continental U.S. (CONUS) regions to realize the same level of integration our outside continental U.S. regions have in direct support of U.S. Army Europe and U.S. Army Pacific. Our two CONUS regions are transforming into three IMCOM support directorates (ISD), functionally aligned and co-located with Army Materiel Command (Sustainment), Forces Command (Readiness), and Training and Doctrine Command (Training). Each ISD will manage a smaller number of garrisons, fostering stronger relationships with senior commanders. Just as important, this arrangement will improve integration of supported commanders and their higher headquarters in the validation of requirements. We intend to achieve full operational capability on this complicated personnel and functional realignment process by Oct. 1, 2017.

Transform: Programs

As we reduce the IMCOM civilian workforce, the garrison team will work in conjunction with supported commanders to identify low-priority requirements and eliminate them where it makes sense. Next, we will work together to do fewer of the mid-level priorities, analyzing risk and making tough choices to rescope programs to their original charter or into a form that makes sense for today's Army.

An example of rescoping is with the respite care feature of the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). Originally intended to provide a break for Families with an EFMP member when their Soldier was deployed, it grew beyond this intended purpose and experienced cost overruns. We are rescoping this to deliver the service where the need is greatest and at the same level of support provided by the other armed services. This will save the Army time and money while still delivering an important

service to Army Families who need it.

We also are creating efficiencies by consolidating functions, using call centers to manage similar functions at multiple garrisons, or by leveraging technology in varying ways. In geographic regions where we have a large installation with several smaller ones nearby, we are implementing mutual-support relationships to conserve resources and enhance our ability to deliver services when and where they are needed most.

Army installations have excellent relationships with their local communities, and senior leaders spend considerable time nurturing these connections.

To capitalize on this goodwill, IMCOM actively seeks public-public and public-private partnerships to augment our services, reduce costs and build communities. As it is with most bold change, we will need to adjust policies and regulations to facilitate our garrisons' ability to partner with nonfederal entities.

Transform: Policy

Just as we work alongside supported commanders to identify and eliminate inefficient, redundant, or outdated programs and services, we must request adjustments to policies that constrain our flexibility to adapt to changing conditions.

The nexus of fiscal constraint, manpower reductions, and requirements growth makes today's environment ripe with opportunities for individuals and organizations to challenge counterproductive policies or requirements in the interest of streamlining processes or reducing costs.

We are looking inward as well to identify any self-imposed policies or requirements that distract us from supporting senior commanders and Army priorities.

For example, we have put in place too many reportable metrics. We are, therefore, reducing or eliminating a substantial number of reports to create time to focus on higher, agreed-upon priorities.

Transform: Why?

Simply put, Soldiers in the Army of the future will have a very different understanding of what Army life is like. They will be professional and capable as always, but they will also be rugged, expecting, and accepting of a Spartan lifestyle.

We will start that process today by recalibrating our collective expectations of what is possible for Soldiers and Families on Army installations. With fiscal and manpower limitations alongside increasing requirements, we simply cannot continue to operate as before. The future Army is one of bold leaders taking bold action to win in a complex world, and IMCOM is transforming to support it.

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NEWS

Garrison commander reflects on first 6 months at McCoy

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

With just more than six months as the Fort McCoy garrison commander, Col. David J. Pinter Sr. said he's learned much more about the installation, its capabilities, and its internal and external communities.

When Pinter assumed command March 11, he said, "We need to continue the efforts to expand our customer base; continue the community-outreach programs; and initiate the campaign to inform, educate, and invite our senior military and civilian leaders to experience the state-of-the-art training and world-class professionals here at Fort McCoy."

As garrison commander, he is responsible for day-to-day operation and management at the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin.

He also represents the Army and the installation in the surrounding communities, approves and issues garrison policies in accordance with respective Army regulations, approves and issues policies for the civilian workforce, and supports mobilization station requirements.

Part of a great team

"I attribute the ease of transitioning to this position to the great team here at Fort McCoy," Pinter said. "The workforce here has worked hard to ensure that Fort McCoy remains relevant in supporting missions of the Army and the DOD (Department of Defense)."

Pinter said the Fort McCoy workforce exemplifies the standard to support the ongoing Army and DOD mission and vision to remain ready; fight and win in a complex world; ensure the future Army is ready for future conflicts; and to take care of service members, veterans, and their families.

"That is a true reflection of the success of Fort McCoy," Pinter said. "Fort McCoy is successful because each team member ensures that their job is complete and ... done to standard."

"Within my 180-day assessment, and with results that I have received through external and internal inspections and assessments, I can say that Fort McCoy has not only worked to achieve the Army and IMCOM (Installation Management Command) standards, but also excelled past those standards and achieved the Fort McCoy standard."



Col. David J. Pinter Sr.

Planning leads to success

Fort McCoy recently finalized its five-year Strategic Business Plan for 2016-2021 and will review it again in December. Pinter said he completed a full look at how strategic planning has been an active ingredient in the recipe for success for the installation.

"I believe the mindset and culture that is (currently) set in place at Fort McCoy became more evident ... when the (first) five-year Strategic Business Plan was set in place," Pinter said.

The installation is in its third iteration of the plan, which provides a guide path to how the installation accomplishes its mission and vision by including strategic objectives, organization competencies and beliefs, command imperatives, and Army values in everyday business as well as

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its culture.

"Fort McCoy is constantly trying to visualize and understand what the next challenge is," Pinter said. "Here, the (team) not only shoots at the target, but also shoots through the target and hits that distant objective or goal that was put out there to achieve."

Key leaders visit

Since Pinter's arrival, 80-plus senior military and civilian leaders have visited the installation.

Among the visitors were Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) Eugene Collins, Army Forces Command Commanding General Gen. Robert B. Abrams, IMCOM Commanding General Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding

General of U.S. Army Reserve Command Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, and Combined Arms Support Command Commanding General Maj. Gen. Darrell K. Williams. "I think first and foremost they realized the strength of Fort McCoy is the people," Pinter said.

"They were a little bit perplexed (at our success) because the doctrine and plans that other installations have are similar to Fort McCoy," he said. "They were curious as to how it is that Fort McCoy is actually able to employ that doctrine and those policies successfully because other installations have not been (as successful)."

"I attribute this success to each one of the team members contributing to the team — to Team McCoy," Pinter said. "The key was for them to see what it is that Fort McCoy has to offer in the areas of capability, facilities, and capacity."

Pinter said he appreciates the support of senior leaders in recognizing the installation and its capabilities. He also appreciates the support of Fort McCoy's senior commander, 88th Regional Support Command Commanding General Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert.

"The garrison receives great support from the senior commander and his team," Pinter said.

"Fort McCoy has gained the trust and confidence of the senior commander as demonstrated through supporting the reserve component as a whole and the exercises that are brought in. Maj. Gen. Reinert receives direct feedback on all of those."

It's a whole-team approach that is appreciated."

Looking ahead

Readiness, the future Army, and taking care of service members, veterans and Family all are priorities that the installation will build on, Pinter said. The future also holds many new possibilities for Fort McCoy, and training opportunities are expanding for both institutional training and transient troop training. The "total team" at Fort McCoy, which combines the garrison and tenant organizations, always is searching for ways to expand support and provide added capability and capacity for training.

"The diversity of the Fort McCoy team is the key to our success," Pinter said. "The challenge is understanding what equities are in each of our tenant units' portfolio. How can we better support each other?"

Pinter also said training efforts such as troop projects and military police units training with Fort McCoy civilian police have reaped great dividends for both the installation and the units receiving the training.

"It provides value-added to the team we have here at Fort McCoy, and it also provides exposure to other agencies outside of McCoy," Pinter said. "It exposes them to the capabilities that we have here."

Within the Fort McCoy staff, focus will continue on workforce development. Training, education, and experience also are force multipliers and will be pursued to expand the competence of Fort McCoy's workforce as it is a learning organization, Pinter said. "The best teams are developed based on the diversity and dynamics within the team."

There also will be a sustained effort to find more ways to support Families within the Fort McCoy community as well as keep Families and workforce members engaged in the local communities.

"If we look at Fort McCoy as an institution ... you have to make sure you are connecting with neighbors," Pinter said. "That way, when there is a time of need, we can either respond to their needs or they can respond to our needs. I will tell you that need is constant. Whether that be with school systems, community programs, or through emergency-support functions — we are all nested. It's an 'all-in' community, and outreach programs help to foster those strong neighbor relationships."



File photo

Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. (right) talks with Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) Eugene Collins during Collins' visit to Fort McCoy in August.

NEWS

86th Training Division commander relinquishes command

Brig. Gen. Lee Gray relinquished command as commanding general of the 86th Training Division during a ceremony Oct. 23 at the Fort McCoy Parade Field.

Maj. Gen. Scottie Carpenter, commanding general of the 84th Training Command, presided over the ceremony.

Col. Mitchell Waite will serve as interim commanding general of the 86th. Gray moves into the role of Army Reserve Engagement Cells director for U.S. Army Central.

Dozens of 86th and other Fort McCoy community members attended and participated in the ceremony.

The 86th Training Division, a tenant organization at Fort McCoy, trains and assesses Army Reserve Units in Army Force Generation in accordance with U.S. Army Reserve Command and U.S. Army Forces Command directives in support of operational and functional commands through the conduct of Warrior Exercises and Combat Support Training Exercises.

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



Photos by Sgt. Robert Farrell

Soldiers with the 86th Training Division participate in the relinquishment-of-command ceremony Oct. 23 at the Fort McCoy Parade Field. The ceremony marked the end of Brig. Gen. Lee Gray's command of the 86th Training Division.

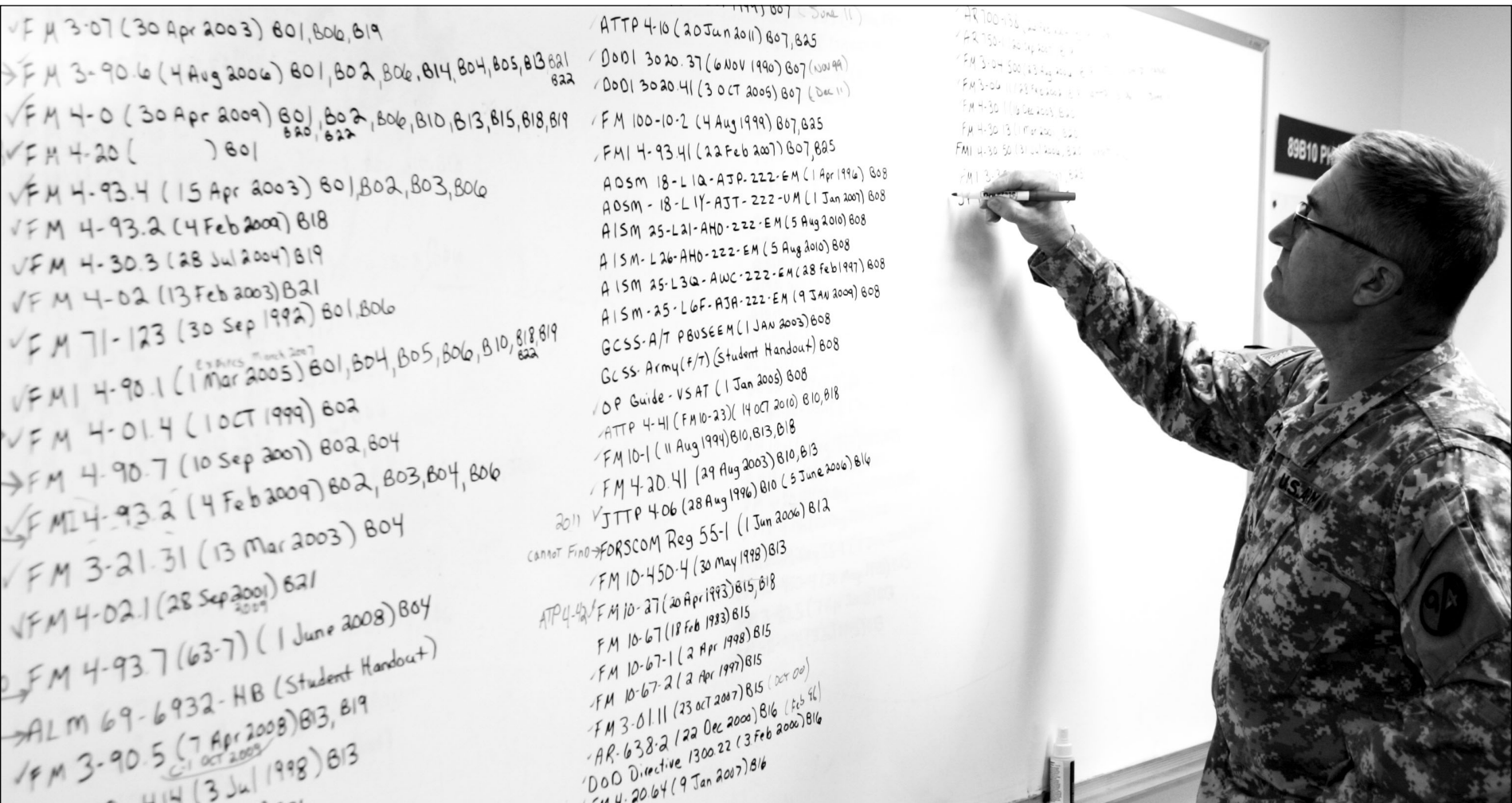


Maj. Gen. Scottie Carpenter, commanding general of 84th Training Command, receives the division guidon from Brig. Gen. Lee Gray during the ceremony.



Col. Mitchell Waite receives the division guidon from Maj. Gen. Scottie Carpenter marking his transition to position of the interim commanding general of the 86th Training Division.

TRAINING



Master Sgt. Jack Kenyon, instructor with the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment, annotates a reference item on a dry-erase board while completing a review of the program of instruction for the 89B Ammunition Specialist Course taught by the battalion at Fort McCoy.

13th, 100th expands training for fiscal year 2017

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
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Instructors with the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment (13th, 100th) at Fort McCoy have been busy preparing to train additional Soldiers during fiscal year (FY) 2017.

The unit traditionally has taught the Ammunition Specialist Course (ASC) for approximately 250 Soldiers who reclassify each year in the "89 Bravo" military occupational specialty (MOS). The unit now expects to train about 500 students annually, said Course Manager Sgt. 1st Class Doug Dobitz with the 13th, 100th.

The training expansion includes the addition of an 89B Senior Leader Course (SLC), Advanced Leadership Course (ALC), and courses for the 89A ammunition stock control and accounting specialist MOS.

"This is a big deal for us and for Fort McCoy," Dobitz said. "This training expansion is an effort that started about four years ago and was approved in the past year by the Army. Now, every Soldier in the Army who is reclassifying into the 89B MOS will train here at Fort McCoy. All new Soldiers will continue to complete the 89B advanced individual training at Fort Lee (Va.)."

The first set of classes begins in January. FY 2017 will include five sessions of ASC, five SLC and ALC sessions, and two sessions of 89A MOS training.

"We've been busy completing program-of-instruction reviews and adjusting lesson plans to be ready by January," Dobitz said. "The SLC and ALC training are mainly classroom-based instruction. Once we get the first classes going, I'm sure there will be adjustments we will have to make, but I think it will go well."

Six full-time instructors are assigned to the 13th, 100th courses, and a pool of more than 30 other Army Reserve instructors will help with the training. Each course session has two assigned instructors.

"Our instructors also have been trained in the Army Learning Model (ALM), which enhances their ability to teach active-duty, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers," Dobitz said. ALM is an initiative of Army Training

and Doctrine Command that influences development and delivery methods for training.

"We had someone come to Fort McCoy to complete train-the-trainer instruction with our instructors on ALM," Dobitz said. "The training builds a strong foundation (that helps) our instructors to help make our training more dynamic."

Master Sgts. John O'Brien and Jack Kenyon have been working steadily to build the SLC training plans. Kenyon said being a part of the new training initiative at Fort McCoy has been a career highlight.

"This last year has been very busy with preparation and planning," Kenyon said. "And I do think it's going to go well. We have good people and good ideas to make it happen."

O'Brien, who normally is assigned as an 89B instructor with the 7th Battalion, 98th Division at Fort Devens, Mass., said safety is the biggest subject they've included in building the SLC and ALC curriculum.

"Because we are dealing with ammunition, safety has to take top priority," O'Brien said. "SLC also will focus on the logistics of ammu-

nition handling."

Sgt. 1st Class Dunny Bailey will be one of the ALC instructors. He said ALC also will include many safety-based procedures as well as inspection criteria. "We have a lot of inspection items that have to be included in this career field, and this course will break that down and help students better understand them all," Bailey said.

Dobitz said the unit has plenty of space available for them to meet the training capacity, including six classrooms, a laboratory, motor pool, and a multiuse ammunition storage point.

"The support we've received from the garrison to get this training going has been exceptional," Dobitz said.

"The support from everyone has made this transition to a busier training schedule that much easier."

The 13th, 100th, aligned under the 3rd Brigade, 94th Division of the 80th Training Command, has been at Fort McCoy since 1995.

For more information about 13th, 100th training, call 608-388-9251.

TRAINING

RTS-Maintenance trains Soldiers for vehicle-recovery ops

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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Ten Soldiers completed vehicle-recovery operations training with a military wrecker vehicles Oct. 27 at the Vehicle Recovery Site (VRS) on Fort McCoy's South Post.

The Soldiers were training in the Wheeled-Vehicle Recovery Operations Course, taught by Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance, said Instructor Sgt. 1st Class Jason McFadden. The course trains Soldiers with 91-series military occupational specialties in the Army's H8 additional skill identifier (ASI).

The 16-day course covers operation and maintenance of recovery vehicles and use of standard procedures to rig and recover wheeled vehicles. Related training tasks include oxygen and acetylene gas welding; boom and hoist operations; winch operations; and recovery of mired, overturned, and disabled vehicles.

"Students have classroom training and testing, but they spend nearly 80 percent of their training time at the Vehicle Recovery Site learning more about the wreckers and vehicle recovery," said Master Sgt. Jamie McGowan, chief instructor and writer at RTS-Maintenance.

One military vehicle used in the training is the M984A4 Recovery Truck (Wrecker). The truck is equipped with a crane and winch-retrieval system and is able to recover vehicles weighing in excess of 10 tons.

Students also use the M1089 (MTV Wrecker), McGowan said. This wrecker, based on the M1083 cargo truck, is fitted with a recovery hamper and a recovery winch. It also has a crane with a five-ton capacity that can be used for various lifting tasks.

RTS-Maintenance holds five sessions of the Wheeled-Vehicle Operations Course each year, McGowan said.

RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy trains Soldiers from both active- and reserve-component forces and is located in building 1370. For more information about RTS-Maintenance courses, call 608-388-3938.



Students in the Regional Training Site-Maintenance Wheeled-Vehicle Recovery Operations Course practice vehicle recovery at the Fort McCoy Vehicle Recovery Site on Fort McCoy's South Post.



Students return equipment to an M984A4 Recovery Truck (Wrecker) after recovering a tactical vehicle that was mired in sand at the Vehicle Recovery Site.

COMMUNITY

World War II vet visits McCoy, recalls friends from famed 100th

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Clarence and Thelma Suzuki of Fresno, Calif., have wanted to visit "Camp McCoy" for decades to see the place the legendary 100th Infantry Battalion once trained.

Their visit became a reality Oct. 28.

Both Clarence and Thelma grew up in Hawaii and were married there 67 years ago in 1949. Clarence, 91, is a former Army sergeant who served for 30 months with the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) in Japan and on the Northern Mariana island of Tinian during World War II.

He said they both heard about "Camp McCoy" from friends and family who had trained at the post in 1942-43 with the 100th Infantry Battalion — a Hawaii National Guard unit whose members were of Americans of Japanese ancestry, or Nisei.

The 100th fought in six campaigns in Italy and France during World War II and earned three Presidential Unit Citations. The 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team is recognized as one of the most-decorated units for its size and length of service in the history of the U.S. military. In 2011, veterans of the 100th, 442nd, and MIS earned the Congressional Gold Medal for their service during the war. The medal, along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, is considered the highest civilian award in the United States. "That was a real honor," Clarence said.

"We know it was a short time that the 100th was here (at Fort McCoy), but in Hawaii it's a big thing," Thelma said. "It seemed like everyone knew about McCoy. I would hear about it from my brother's friends."

Clarence added, "Because we always heard about Camp McCoy ... (we) always wanted to visit but never had the chance."

The couple toured each of the Commemorative Area's five World War II-era buildings. The buildings are representative of the types found in the cantonment area when it was constructed in 1942 and include an administrative facility, dining facility, and barracks. The 100th Infantry Battalion was the first unit to train at the "new camp" after its inauguration Aug. 30, 1942.

An Army Jeep on display in the administrative building sparked a memory for the couple.

"That's just like the Jeep that Clarence used to teach me how to drive in Hawaii," Thelma said. "It was a scary, mountainous road where we would practice."

"She had a lot of fun learning to drive on those roads, and she did have a lot of trouble parking that Jeep," Clarence said jokingly. "We had so much fun."

The Suzukis also viewed photos — some with people they knew from the 100th — while touring the Fort McCoy History Center. Clarence said he enjoyed everything he saw.

"I was very impressed," he said. "It was a real historic review for me. A lot of things I didn't know (about Fort McCoy) I saw for the first time, and I'm really impressed with this historic site."

Fort McCoy Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald, herself an Army veteran, said the visit was memorable.

"It is always an honor to meet veterans from World War II," Fitzgerald said. "The Commemorative Area brings out their personal stories, and you learn so much from them as they reminisce about the 'good old days.' Hearing their stories also helps me in my job by allowing me to share their stories with other tour groups that come through here."

For more information about the Commemorative Area, contact the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office by phone at 608-388-2407; fax at 608-388-3749; mail at Public Affairs Office, 100 E. Headquarters Road., Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5263; or email at usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.list.pao-admin@mail.mil.



Clarence and Thelma Suzuki of Fresno, Calif., take a photo of a World War II-era display at the Fort McCoy History Center during a tour of the Commemorative Area.



Public Affairs Specialist Theresa Fitzgerald (right) explains an exhibit in one of the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area buildings to visitors Thelma and Clarence Suzuki.

OBSERVANCES



Photo by Jobi Spolum

Exercise in disguise ...

Fort McCoy community members, dressed in Halloween costumes, participate in the No Tricks, Just Treats Walk/Relay Run Oct. 31 near Rumpel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy. Most participants wore costumes and were members of three-person teams. Members of the fastest relay and walking teams as well as those who had the best costumes earned prizes.



Photo by Carrie Olson

Crafting fun

Family members participate in a crafting activity at the South Post Community Center Oct. 31 to celebrate Halloween. Dozens of people participated in activities throughout the South Post Housing area.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Halloween safety

Safety Specialist Tim Cumberworth, dressed as Spider-Man, delivers treat bags for children Oct. 27 in the South Post Housing area at Fort McCoy. The bags were filled with child-friendly items that promote personal and home safety. The Installation Safety Office conducts the Halloween safety event every year.



Contributed photo

Among friends

Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. visits with Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Dog, and a Keystone Cop — all played by members of the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Fire and Police Departments — during Halloween activities Oct. 31 at the Fort McCoy South Post Housing area. DES personnel were on hand to promote safety and fun during Halloween.

SAFETY

Safety challenge grows with record firearms purchases

BY ART POWELL

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

If the number of Federal Bureau of Investigation background checks is any indication, Americans are buying personal weapons at a record clip. During 2015, background checks exceeded 23.1 million, the most since record-keeping began in 1998.

"The volume of applications being processed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System tells us there may be an increase in the number of privately owned firearms in the hands of our fellow citizens, some of whom are also Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Phillip G. Jenison, Ground Directorate, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC).

"That means there could be Soldiers who are first-time gun owners, and they must be aware of the dangers involved and exercise caution and common sense when handling them."

Even though Soldiers qualify with weapons as part of their military training, that occurs on duty in a controlled environment. In an off-duty setting, things are different — more casual and less focused. Decreased vigilance could lead to unsafe activities with tragic consequences. While the number of Soldiers with privately owned weapons might be increasing, off-duty firearms fatalities have dropped each year since 2012. The Army lost five Soldiers each in 2013 and 2014, and the total dropped to three in fiscal year 2015, according to data available from the USACRC.

"The downward trend is good, but we must remain focused on safety, and it doesn't matter if a Soldier is a first-time gun owner or has been shooting for years," said Tracey Russell, Ground Directorate, USACRC.

"The basics for safe weapons handling never change. Soldiers should apply the same procedures they learned in basic training to their privately owned weapons as well."

The details surrounding a recent Soldier death from an unintentional discharge paint a picture of the circumstances that can contribute to such a tragedy. A 38-year-old sergeant first class was killed by the discharge of a handgun he was handling while under the influence



of alcohol. He shot himself in the leg, severing the femoral artery.

"Sadly, many of our personal firearms accidents involve alcohol, and the bottom line

is weapons and alcohol should never be used together," Russell said. "We have a page on our USACRC website dedicated to privately owned weapons that's loaded with informa-

tion on safe handling. I urge Soldiers and leaders to use it."

For more information about safety at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-3403.

Hunters asked to remember UXO safety

Hunters at Fort McCoy should watch for unexploded ordnance (UXO) and know what to do if it is encountered. UXO results from the military use of munitions during live-fire training or testing.

Fort McCoy Range Safety Officer Brad Vieth said that while it is unlikely that hunters would encounter UXO in the field, those who do should remember the three "Rs" of explosive safety — recognize, retreat, and report.

• Recognize — Recognizing the situation means first re-

alizing an unidentified object could be dangerous.

• Retreat — Do not touch, move, or disturb the suspected UXO. Immediately and carefully leave the area following the same path on which the area was entered.

• Report — Immediately notify authorities and describe as much as possible about the environment and location of the UXO.

Hunters who encounter or see UXO at the installation should call the Fort McCoy Police Department at 608-388-

2000 and report what they saw and the location where they saw it.

The Fort McCoy Installation Safety Office (ISO) also has brochures about UXO.

Call the ISO at 608-388-3403 or stop by building 1678 for more information.

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

OUTDOORS

49 hunters with disabilities take to field for special hunt

Forty-nine hunters participated in Fort McCoy's 2016 special deer hunt for people with disabilities Oct. 1-2.

The special hunt has been held on post for 14 years, said Wildlife Program Manager and Biologist Dave Beckmann with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

"We had another successful hunt," Beckmann said. "The harvest success rate was right around 35 percent, which is about the same as last year. The hunters were able to find good areas to hunt and some found success."

Every October, Wisconsin holds a nine-day gun deer hunt for people with disabilities. Since 2002, Fort McCoy has participated by holding a two-day hunt the first weekend of the statewide hunt. Fifty-three people applied and were issued permits for the 2016 hunt, Beckmann said. "I'm glad we had such a nice turnout, too."

Hunters who requested support were assisted by volunteers who served as hunting assistants. The more than 40 hunting assistants included family and friends of the hunters as well as off-duty military and civilian personnel from Fort McCoy. They assisted with finding areas to hunt as well as retrieving harvested deer.

"We had a successful weekend of hunting because of all the assistants who helped out," said Kevin Luepke, research assistant and wildlife coordinator with Colorado State University's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands under contract with Fort McCoy.

"The weather was warm and beautiful the whole weekend," said Luepke, who helped manage the hunt and assisted several hunters in retrieving deer. "Most of the time, hunters like when the weather is a bit cooler, but I think, in this hunt, the warmer weather helped some of these folks stay out longer."

Luepke said one hunter, Tiffany Nemeth of La Crosse, Wis., harvested her first deer during the hunt.

"She was so happy," Luepke said. "When you see that smile of a successful hunter, it makes all the work that everyone did worthwhile. We were very happy for her."

Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist hunters during future hunts should call Beckmann at 608-388-5374.

Applications for the hunt are accepted from June through mid-September each year. Applications are submitted through the i-Sportsman website at ftmccoy.isportsman.net.



Photo by Nate Tucker

Tiffany Nemeth of La Crosse, Wis., has a photo taken with her first deer, which she harvested during the special hunt.

For more information about application requirements, call the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337.

For more information about how to obtain a disabled hunt-

ing license, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/permits/disabled.html>.

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



Buckeye butterfly

A buckeye butterfly feeds on a flower at a prairie area on Fort McCoy's South Post Nov. 1.

The buckeye is found in all parts of the United States, except the northwest, and is especially common in the South and the California coast.

Its habitat is open areas with low vegetation and some bare ground. The butterfly is fairly common around areas of the post, according to Wildlife Biologist Tim Wilder with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

NEWS NOTES

Training dates scheduled for FY 2017 SHARP courses

Dates have been set for fiscal year 2017 Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) refresher courses.

Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians may complete one of the three options for the in-person annual training requirement.

Overview training will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 24, 2017; Feb. 23, 2017; March 21, 2017; April 18, 2017; May 31, 2017; June 13, 2017; July 13, 2017; Aug. 10, 2017; Aug. 23, 2017; Sept. 6, 2017; and Sept. 12, 2017. The training describes the effects of sexual harassment and sexual assault, examines prevention strategies, and discusses Department of Defense sexual-assault statistics and reporting.

Bystander training, which is intended for people interested in learning active bystander prevention techniques, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 29, 2016; Dec. 15, 2016; and May 11, 2017.

Leadership training, which is intended to provide leaders an in-depth overview of the Green Dot program, is scheduled for Nov. 16, 2016, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

All classes will be at Army Community Service (ACS), building 2111.

SHARP annual refresher training is mandatory and must be completed by Sept. 30, 2017. Advance registration is required.

Unit or directorate training is available upon request.

For more information or to register, call ACS at 608-388-8951.

Indoor driving range opens Nov. 15

The Indoor Driving Range opens Tuesday, Nov. 15, in building 1676.

Range hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from Nov. 15 to April 6, 2017. Customers must use their own golf clubs and balls.

A 60-minute session costs \$5, or a 10-session pass is available for \$30. Patrons also may purchase a season pass for \$50.

Participants also may store clubs at the indoor range for \$15 per month or \$50 for the season.

Passes can be purchased at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122, or at the range (cash only).

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

For more information, call 608-388-2290.

Physical-security meeting set for Nov. 15

The Fort McCoy Physical Security Council Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 8:30 a.m. in building 1681.

All directorate and tenant physical-security officers are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Dan Flood at 608-388-8445 or Andre Penon at 608-388-4694.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Confidence builder

Spc. Lani Lamberty and Sgt. Coty Cantley with the 54th Civil Support Team of the Wisconsin National Guard navigate a rope obstacle while training at the Fort McCoy Confidence Course Oct. 27. The Soldiers were preparing for a Best Warrior Competition. The 54th is headquartered in Madison, Wis., and trains at Fort McCoy regularly.

Health Benefits Fair set for Nov. 16

The Health Benefits Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon in building 2187, room 120.

Representatives of health insurance companies will be on hand to answer questions and hand out literature. The 2016 Federal Employees Health Benefits Program open season is Monday, Nov. 14, through Monday, Dec. 12, 2017. Rates are available at www.opm.gov/openseason.

For more information about the health fair, call 608-388-3019. For more information about health benefits, go online to <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/healthcare/>.

Fowl 5k run/walk scheduled for Nov. 16

The Fowl 5k run/walk is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The fastest male and female runners will earn prizes. Walkers may participate in a 2-mile loop. The event costs \$15, and the first 25 to register will be given T-shirts.

The event is open to eligible Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. Registration is required by 11 a.m. Nov. 16.

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

Auto Skills Center hosts 'Winterwise' workshop

The Automotive Skills Center, building 1793, is hosting a "Winterwise" auto workshop Friday, Nov. 18.

Staff members will be on hand during the workshop to help participants prepare their vehicles for wintry weather.

Workshop hours are 1:30 to 9 p.m. Participants may come at any time during these hours but should allow about 1 1/2 hours to complete the checklist.

The workshop is open to anyone eligible to use the Automotive Skills Center. No advance registration is required.

There is no extra cost for the workshop, but regular Automotive Skills Center fees apply.

Participants should bring their own oil, oil filters, and window washer fluid if they wish to change them.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

Sportsman's Range hosts advanced handgun course

The Patriot Advanced Handgun 1 Course will be offered Saturday, Nov. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon at Fort McCoy's Sportsman's Range.

The training covers trigger control, reloading, malfunction clearance, clearing garments/holster draw, shooting from a holster, shooting while moving, engaging multiple targets, shooting from cover, use of flashlights in low light, and shooting positions.

At the end of the course, students will shoot a qualification course that incorporates techniques learned in class.

The course costs \$115. Registration is required by Thursday, Nov. 17.

Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mccoyrectrac.html> or at Sportsman's Range.

The course is open to eligible range patrons.

For more information, call 608-388-9162.

Army Community Service hosts wood-shop workshops

Army Community Service (ACS) is planning several wood-shop workshops.

Planned projects and dates include:

- pallet holiday tree — 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, or 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6.

- wooden pens — 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, or 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2017.

All materials and instructions are provided at the workshop.

Class sizes are limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Earlier start times are available for Families in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

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

Registration is required one week prior to each class.

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

2017 memberships available for Sportsman's Range

Fort McCoy's Sportsman's Range is now selling 2017 season passes.

Membership benefits comprise discounts on range events, leagues, and courses; no daily range fees; reduced rental rates; preference on member-designated lanes; reduced fees on federal firearms license transfers; and access to the archery range outside of normal operating hours.

The range will close for the season at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, but group reservations are still accepted for later dates.

For more information on the rates and who qualifies as an authorized patron, call Pine View Campground at 608-388-3517.

ACS offers courses for command readiness

Army Community Service (ACS) can assist commanders in maintaining readiness of individuals, Families, and communities within the Army by developing, coordinating, and delivering services that promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability during war and peace.

Commanders who would like ACS to facilitate training or conduct a briefing can complete a request form available on the Fort McCoy MWR website, <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy>.

Allow a minimum of four weeks prior to an event for training to be coordinated.

Contact ACS at 608-388-3505 for more information.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published Friday, Nov. 25. Deadline for submissions to be considered for that issue is noon Wednesday, Nov. 16.

For more information, call 608-388-2407.

Recreation

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Meets second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in building 1121. Call 608-388-3200.

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Bowling Center open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Extreme bowling every Fri. 4-9 p.m. Manager has discretion on closing time. Call 608-388-7060.

Leisure Travel Services Office: Call 608-388-3011.

Pine View Campground / Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Open Sun.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Beach closed for the season. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

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

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

Sportsman's Range: Open Mon., Thurs., & Fri. noon-4:30 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Closes Nov. 18 for season, but group reservations accepted for later dates.** Call 608-388-9162/3517.

Dining

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

Primo's Express: Open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Limited menu after 2 p.m. Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 608-388-7673.

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

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

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

Whitetail Ridge Chalet: Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Available year-round for private parties. Closed for the season. Call 608-388-3517/2260.

Services

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

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

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

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

Car Wash: Building 1568. Offers self-service and automatic bays. Open 24/7. Accepts cash, tokens, or credit cards. Token machine on site. Call 608-388-3544.

Combat Cache: Building 1645. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 608-567-4231.

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

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

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

Exchange: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 101 or ext. 4343.

GNC: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-1115.

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

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

Laundrette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities: Buildings 1671 and 2877 open 24/7. Exclusively for

facilities services

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use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy pursuant to military orders. Civilians and retired military *are not authorized* to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 (Troop and Installation Support Branch, building 490).

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

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

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

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

RV Storage Lot: Next to Building 2880. Short- or long-term storage. Fees charged. Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-2619/3517.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-269-5604 or ext. 4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas open 24/7. ATM located inside. Cash transactions available during Express hours.

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

Family Support

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

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

Child Development Center: Building 1796. Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Call 608-388-3534/2238.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program (MFLC): Building 2111. Provides education, information, and support for anyone affiliated with the military. MFLC services are confidential, with no records kept. Available Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

Red Cross: Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and their Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313, 608-788-1000, or the installation operator at 608-388-2222 and request Red Cross assistance.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1792. Activities for youth grades kindergarten through 12. Offers after-school, nonschool, and inclement-weather care for eligible youth. Open Mon.-Fri.: nonschool days 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or for After School Program 2:30-5:30 p.m. Call 608-388-4373.

SKIESUnlimited Instructional Program: Building 1668. Provides instructional classes for children and youth from

infancy through the end of their senior year in high school. Register at Parent Central Services. Call 608-388-8956.

Health Care

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

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Screening and referral services for eligible civilian employees and their Family members who are experiencing difficulties due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/Family discord, or other causes. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

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

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 2669. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 608-388-2414.

TRICARE: TRICARE North Region, 877-874-2273; TRICARE West Region, 877-988-9378; TRICARE South Region, 800-444-5445; TRICARE for Life, 866-773-0404; or visit www.tricare.mil.

Troop Medical Clinic: Building 2669. Open Mon.-Fri.: sick call 7-8 a.m. and appointments 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Authorized use only for Extended Combat Training Soldiers on orders of less than 30 days. Personnel on orders for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote and will see off-post providers. Call 608-388-3025.

Worship

Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. Mass: Sun. 9:30 a.m. Fellowship follows service at building 2675 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call 608-388-3528.

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

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

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study: Building 2675. Meets

Wed. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Children welcome to attend with their mothers. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380 or follow on Facebook: PWOC-Fort McCoy.

Spanish Language: Catholic services in Norwalk at 4 p.m. Sun.; call 608-823-7906. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142.

Call 608-388-3528 for more information about Chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities. The RSO is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO. If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266 and the On-Call Duty Chaplain will be contacted.

Organizations

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Spartan Chapter: Meetings monthly. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AGCRAsparta> or call Staff Sgt. Cassandra Ross at 251-327-8400.

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882: Building 1411. Office hours Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Meets second Tues. of each month at 5 p.m. Call 608-388-1882.

American Society of Military Comptrollers: Meets several times throughout the year. Call Maureen Richardson at 608-269-1912 or Bonnie Hilt at 316-209-2787.

Association of the United States Army - AUSA (Robert B. McCoy Chapter): For information on meetings, visit the chapter's website at www.mccoyausa.org.

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

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

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: For information about services at Fort McCoy locations or to volunteer to support USO Wisconsin operations, call 608-388-2126 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, call 608-609-2212 or 785-979-7370, or email usawoamccoy@outlook.com.

DAILY BUGLE CALLS

5:50 a.m. – First Call • 6 a.m. – Reveille • 6:45 a.m. – Assembly • 7 a.m. – Breakfast • Noon – Mess Call (Dinner) • 5 p.m. – Retreat/To the Colors • 5:45 p.m. – Mess Call (Supper) • 10:30 p.m. – Tattoo • 11 p.m. – Taps



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During any severe winter weather situation, a liberal leave policy will automatically be in effect. This policy affords supervisors and employees flexibility in addressing an individual request for leave or a work schedule adjustment due to weather, accommodating a late arrival, and/or an employee's request for an early departure due to weather conditions.

Annual leave may be requested and approved in 15-minute increments. If the Garrison Commander should deem that due to an extreme weather situation all post operations would need to be suspended during the duty day, then that announcement will be made via a command-approved, postwide e-mail communication, with employee notifications then disseminated through their supervisory channels.

If such a decision were to be made outside of the normal duty day, then a Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office authorized

announcement will be released through Fort McCoy's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoy. It also would be released to the following local media outlets (television/radio stations):

- WKBT (TV) CH 8 • WEAU (TV) CH 13 • WXOW (TV) CH 19 • WXXM 96.1 FM •
- WWIS 99.7 FM • WIZM 93.3 FM • WCOW 97.1 FM • WAXX 104.5 FM •

In addition, information regarding liberal leave/post closure can be obtained after duty hours by calling 608-388-7777 or dialing toll-free 800-982-3585, extension 7777.