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## McCoy named 2017 finalist for Army Community of Excellence

The Army's Installation Management Command, headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, recently named Fort McCoy as a 2017 finalist for recognition as an Army Community of Excellence.

Army Communities of Excellence is an annual competition that uses the Baldrige Framework for Performance Excellence to evaluate Army installations, said Fort McCoy Plans, Analysis and Integration Office Chief Ken Musselwhite. That framework is based on seven criteria, including leadership, strategic planning, customers, knowledge management, workforce, operations, and results.

In 2016, a team from the Fort McCoy garrison composed of members from each directorate worked together to research, develop, and write an Army Communities of Excellence submission, which was delivered to Installation Management Command in August 2016.

"A group of examiners from across Installation Management Command graded all submissions for the competition, following up on the top seven applicants with site visits," Musselwhite said. "Fort McCoy was one of the top seven applicants, and we received a site visit in late September (2016)."

During the three-day site visit by the Installation Management Command team, the examiners met with the Fort McCoy team to validate the post's submission. In January, one installation was eliminated from competition, leaving six to vie for one gold award, one silver award, two bronze awards, and two honorable mentions," Musselwhite said. "Fort McCoy is among those installations still in the running for the top award."

The Army will announce the competition's gold award winner and placements of the other five garrisons in early May. A formal recognition ceremony will be held at the Pentagon later in 2017. The gold award winner will go on to compete for the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence, which includes the other military services.

"Fort McCoy's competitive strengths are its workforce, which is always willing to go the extra mile for the customer, and its ability to develop and follow five-year strategic business plans, as noted in the initial competition feedback report," Musselwhite said. "Working from these strengths, the U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy team has already begun developing its submission for the next competition."

The Army community is the backbone of Army readiness, according to Installation Management Command. Army forces train at, deploy from, are sustained by, and return to the community. Army Communities of Excellence awards have been presented since 1989 by the command. Fort McCoy last earned Army Communities of Excellence honors in 2011.

(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office and the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.)



Students with the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment's 89B10 Ammunition Supply Course operate an M1075A1 Palletized Load System truck during course operations Feb. 28 at Fort McCoy.

## Soldiers earn 89B certification in course

**STORY & PHOTOS**  
**BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**  
Public Affairs Staff

Twenty Soldiers from across the Army will be new "89-Bravos" as they complete training in the 89B10 Ammunition Supply Course with the 13th Battalion, 100th (13th, 100th) Regiment at Fort McCoy.

The four-week course provides training for Soldiers who are reclassifying to the 89B military occupational specialty (MOS) — a specialty that's in high demand throughout the Army. By Army definition, ammunition supply specialists are "Sol-

diers responsible for the management of ordnance to include ammunition and explosives."

The 13th, 100th is an ordnance battalion that provides training and training support to Soldiers in the ordnance maintenance MOS series. The unit, aligned under the 3rd Brigade, 94th Division of the 80th Training Command, has been at Fort McCoy since about 1995.

Soldiers who are 89B-qualified are tasked with receiving, storing, and issuing conventional ammunition, guided missiles, large rockets, explosives, and other ammunition and explosive-related items. Dur-

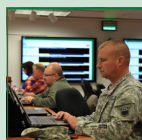
ing the two phases of the course, the students learn all of the entry-level basics about the course, said course manager Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Dobitz.

Phase one focuses on basic work, such as ammunition and equipment familiarization, paperwork procedures, and demolitions training, Dobitz said. Phase two includes more hands-on training, such as equipment operation and use of the Palletized Load System. Upon successful completion of both phases of the course, students are awarded the 89B MOS.

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## NEWS

# Emergency-management exercise set for March 20-24

From March 20-24, Fort McCoy will evaluate its ability to respond to and recover from an “all-hazards incident” for Vigilant Triad 2017.

A communications exercise and rehearsals for the role-players will be conducted March 20 to ensure the installation is prepared to conduct the full-scale exercise the next day.

The full-scale portion of Vigilant Triad 2017 will begin March 21 and last approximately 24 hours. This exercise is part of a continuing effort by the Department of Defense to refine and improve emergency response to natural and man-made incidents. The evaluation portion of the exercise will continue for the remainder of the week.

Disasters such as winter-weather-related events, tornadoes, and hurricanes in recent years continue to show the importance of practicing emergency response.

Various scenarios will be conducted across the installation to test Fort McCoy’s capabilities and allow evaluators to critique performance. During the course of the exercise, Fort McCoy personnel and residents may expect changes to traffic patterns, closed roads, and other delays in and around the cantonment area.

Organizations, personnel, and residents may also receive exercise email and AtHOC mass notification alerts concerning the exercise and status of installation activities.

Questions may be directed to Plans and Operations Branch Chief Eric Killen, Directorate of Plans Training, Mobilization and Security, at 608-388-2302.

(Article prepared by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.)



Photo by Greg Mason

Fort McCoy military and civilian personnel work in the Installation Emergency Operations Center during Vigilant Triad 2016.

## Cold Steel convoy

Soldiers at Fort McCoy, Wis., to support an Army Reserve exercise, Operation Cold Steel, drive M1075A1 Palletized Load System trucks in a convoy during exercise preparation March 3 at the installation.

Operation Cold Steel’s purpose is to qualify select gun crews to support “Objective-T” requirements for Army Early Response Forces, or AERF. Army Reserve forces, which are part of the overall AERF contingency forces, are part of the Army plan to provide a force that can deploy on short notice to respond to contingencies when needed.

Operation Cold Steel officially began March 4 and continues through April 29 at the installation.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol



# CERTIFICATION

(From page 1)

Sgt. Chad Brubaker, a student in the course with Florida National Guard's 3116th Forward Support Company, said the training has helped him gain some specialized skills.

"This course will help me be more efficient at my job and will make me feel more like I am contributing to my unit's mission," Brubaker said. "I'm also looking forward to holding (training) with fellow Soldiers about what I have learned here. This gives me a chance to teach as well as step into a leadership role, which is new to me."

During the first phase of training, students also have a demolition day, which is popular among the trainees.

"During demo day, the students learn the systems to prevent enemy capture of ammunition," Dobitz said. "It's a critical training event in the field that provides those skills they would need, especially if they are deployed."

Other critical skills gained by students include learning how to identify, package, store, and ship all types of ammunition. The students also become familiarized with various types of equipment that's typically associated with the 89B field, such as extreme terrain, 10,000-pound capable forklifts as well as military trucks capable of hauling ammunition.

"The training program gives students a well-rounded idea of what it means to be a part of this career field," Dobitz said.

The 13th, 100th also has plenty of space available to meet the training capacity, including six classrooms, a laboratory, motor pool, and a multiuse ammunition storage point, Dobitz said.

For many of the students, they appreciated the knowledge of the six core instructors who teach the 89B courses at the 13th, 100th.

"The knowledgeable instructors guided us to success by not only explaining the requirements, but instructing it in a way that all the Soldiers understood the criteria," said student Spc. Keith Sapp with the Illinois National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters at Springfield. "The instructors, without a doubt, was the best part of the course. Their ability to help us succeed and understand while remaining professional was amazing."

Sgt. Luis Espinoza with the 300th Sustainment Brigade of Grand Prairie, Texas, said his student experience will help him know more about the capabilities of his unit's ammunition storage point.

"I also will finally have the ability to know and conduct ammunition operations at the sustainment brigade level," Espinoza said.

This class of students is one of many for fiscal year 2017 by the 13th, 100th. The unit began a training expansion this fiscal year that includes the addition of an 89B Senior Leader Course, Advanced Leadership Course, and courses for the 89A ammunition stock control and accounting specialist MOS.

"The training expansion is a big deal for us and for Fort McCoy," Dobitz said. "This expansion of training 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 trains here at Fort McCoy. All new Soldiers will continue to complete the 89B advanced individual training at Fort Lee (Va.)."

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



Students with the 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment's 89B10 Ammunition Supply Course load ammunition pallets using an All-Terrain Lifter, Army System forklift during course operations Feb. 28 at Fort McCoy.



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Brown, an instructor with the Ammunition Supply Course, prepares cargo straps to use on an M1075A1 Palletized Load System truck Feb. 28 at Fort McCoy.



Students practice loading ammunition pallets on a railcar Feb. 28 at the Fort McCoy railyard on South Post.

## NEWS

# Fort McCoy supervisors learn ins, outs of FMLA

STORY & PHOTO BY ZACHARY MOTT

88th Regional Support Command

Understanding what is and is not covered under the Family and Medical Leave Act, or FMLA, was the focus of training provided Feb. 15 to 88th Regional Support Command and other Fort McCoy-area supervisors.

The daylong class focused on how the program is managed as well as case studies of both proper and improper enforcement of FMLA.

"It's important to know what is available for our people that we're charged with providing the best possible means of helping them out," said Debra Dalton, resource management director for the 88th Regional Support Command.

FMLA covers employees of public agencies, public and private elementary and secondary schools, and companies with 50 or more employees.

According to the Department of Labor website, FMLA entitles those employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave each year for the birth and care of a newborn child; for placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care; to care for an immediate Family member (spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition; or to take medical leave when the employee is unable to work because of a serious health condition.

"A lot of people don't understand (FMLA), even people who are administering it," course instructor David Wetzel said. "It's one of the more complex issues within (human resources), and it's becoming a lot bigger deal as people start having work/life issues. A lot of them don't realize that it's available to them as a benefit."

Wetzel works for SkillPath, a company providing business



David Wetzel, a traveling presenter with SkillPath, discusses the Family and Medical Leave Act with military and civilian supervisors from across the Fort McCoy community during a training session at the 88th Regional Support Command Headquarters on Feb. 15.

training, and he travels around the country providing training on FMLA. During his day at Fort McCoy, he guided more than 50 supervisors and human-resources officials through the minutia of the program so they would better be able to administer and apply the program within their sections.

"People wouldn't be on FMLA if they didn't have to be," he

said. "They're on FMLA because they need it, and it's important that we treat them well."

More information about FMLA is available online at [www.dol.gov/whd/fmla](http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla).

Federal employees needing information about the FMLA should begin by contacting their supervisors.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jvona Harrell

## BLC field ops

(Left) Students in the Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) Basic Leader Course plan a mission as part of the course Feb. 21 during field training at a Fort McCoy training area. (Above) Students participate in a training scenario. The course incorporates recent lessons learned, battle drills, and Army Warrior Tasks. As part of the course, students participate in a 36-hour situational training exercise that concentrates on competency, battle-focused combat scenarios, and troop-leading procedures. The NCOA was activated at Fort McCoy in 1988.

## NEWS

# Soldiers train at RTS-Maintenance to build 91J equipment-repair skills

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Soldiers entering the Army's "91-Juliet" military occupational specialty (MOS) trained at Fort McCoy's Regional Training Site (RTS)-Maintenance in January and February in the Quartermaster and Chemical Equipment Repair Course.

The course teaches the basic skills a Soldier needs to earn the 91J MOS to become a quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer. In this MOS, the Soldier supervises or performs unit, direct, and general support maintenance on chemical equipment, quartermaster machinery, forced-air heaters, and special purpose equipment, according to the Army job description for the MOS.

Sgt. 1st Class Marcos Miller, course manager at RTS-Maintenance, said the course is completed in two three-week phases. "The first half of the first phase deals with a lot of basic principles," he said.

Those basic learned principles include gaining skills on how to navigate through a military technical manual as well as becoming familiarized with the types of tools used to maintain and service equipment.

"We help them make sure the students have the right tools and skills for the (work) they will have to do," Miller said.

Heaters and decontamination units are some of the equipment that students work on during phase one of the course. Once phase two begins, students train on laundry and wa-



Spc. David Thomlinson with the 79th Quartermaster Company at Houston, a student in the Chemical and Quartermaster Equipment Repair Course at Regional Training Site-Maintenance, works on a class project Feb. 10 at Fort McCoy.

ter-purification systems as well as dryer/tumbler systems.

"One of the systems the students work on in phase two includes the LADS (Laundry and

Dryer System)," Miller said. "It is a mobile system made to go out in the field. The system, for example, will collect water once in the morning and use that same water over and over. It filters the water before each new cycle. It has its own recycling system and its own purification system."

Throughout the course, safety measures and procedures are emphasized to all students.

"Besides basic safety ... we also go over fire safety and extinguishers," Miller said.

"These are important measures for them to know to complete their work and to do it safely."

Miller said one of the most difficult pieces of equipment the students learn about is the 3000 Reverse-Osmosis Water Purification Unit.

"This unit has ... many electronics behind it that manage the valves, the timing, sensors, and related parts," Miller said. "That alone makes it more challenging to teach about and to troubleshoot if there's a repair that needs to be done."

Spc. Hunter Blehm with the Washington National Guard's 792nd Chemical Company at Grand View said he appreciated the training.

"I had a pretty good understanding before I came here of the mechanical side of all of this," Blehm said. "However, this course has given me good, in-depth training — especially on electrical systems."

Blehm added that his new skills as a quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer will definitely help his unit.

"Getting back to my unit, this will help me understand and maintain some of our equipment better," Blehm said. "Plus, I can pass on knowledge I learned here to help our unit."

Much of the training was new for Sgt. Sarae Ath with the Texas National Guard's 949th Brigade Support Battalion at Fort Worth, and he said he also appreciated the training.

"I didn't come here with much knowledge and I don't have an electronic or mechanical background," Ath said.

"Since I have been through here though, I have got a (much) better understanding of many things associated with this career field. For example, I can now look through schematics and determine electrical flow. I also know more how this equipment ticks mechanically."

Miller is one of two instructors assigned to the course, and guest instructors also support the course.

Blehm said having instructors readily available to help them through the many technically specific training modules "really enhanced" his training experience.

"The instructor-to-student ratio is phenomenal, and we appreciate the one-on-one time our instructors are willing to provide so we understand everything we need to know," Blehm said.

RTS-Maintenance at Fort McCoy trains Soldiers in both active- and reserve-component forces and is located in building 1370.

For more information about RTS-Maintenance courses, call 608-388-3748 or stop by building 1370.



Spc. Nathaniel Begay with the 877th Quartermaster Company at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., and Spc. Hunter Blehm with the 792nd Chemical Company at Grand View, Wash., both students, test a piece of equipment while training in the course Feb. 10.

## NEWS

# Fort McCoy uses prescribed burns to cut wildfire risk, improve habitats

**STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**

Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy's first prescribed burns of the year began in February and will continue throughout the spring as weather and conditions permit.

Jim Kerkman, installation forester for the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch, said completing and planning prescribed burns throughout the post is a team effort by many, to include participation from personnel with DPW; Directorate of Emergency Services; and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

"Prescribed burns, generally, are done in the spring and fall seasons because weather conditions are most favorable at those times," Kerkman said.

On Feb. 22, the prescribed burn team completed a burn at Range 29 on Fort McCoy's North Post — one of the earliest dates to start a burn season at the installation.

Charles Mentzel, Fort McCoy forestry technician who oversaw the burn, said it was an ideal opportunity to prepare the area prior to the start of the Operation Cold Steel exercise that began March 4 on post.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources defines prescribed burns as a way to "improve wildlife habitat, control invasive plant species, restore and maintain native plant communities and reduce wildfire potential."

"Prescribed burns help reduce wildfire potential in areas all around the post — especially in places where military training is taking place," Mentzel said.

For more information on the prescribed burn program, call Kerkman at the installation Forestry Office at 608-388-2102.



Nate Tucker, wildlife technician under contract with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch, sets fire to dry vegetation during an ongoing prescribed burn at Range 29 on Feb. 22 on Fort McCoy's North Post.



Zac Millbrand, wildlife technician with the Natural Resources Branch, also burns some dry vegetation during the prescribed burn at Range 29 on Feb. 22.



Firefighter Josh Whitehead with the Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department provides support during an ongoing prescribed burn at Range 29 on Feb. 22.

## FEATURE

# 181st MFTB Soldier assists with ice rescue, nominated for Soldier's Medal

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One of the Army's seven core values is personal courage — a value that challenges Soldiers to face fear, danger, or adversity.

On Jan. 22, Sgt. 1st Class Jaime Herrera with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade at Fort McCoy may have best exemplified that core value when he helped save two people who fell through the ice at Mirror Lake State Park near Wisconsin Dells.

## How it happened

On that day, Herrera went ice fishing on Mirror Lake with his family; his fiancée, Sabrina Lord; and others.

"We arrived around 11 a.m. and made our way out onto the ice," said Herrera, a 19-year Army veteran. "I did my usual checks, such as making sure the ice was thick enough and safe. At the same time, I noticed a man and his daughter (Bryan and Hattie Huinker) who were about 100 yards to my east fishing in an area known for trouble."

Soon after setting up his ice shelter on the lake, Herrera said he heard a noise.

"I heard a noise and yelling behind me," he said. "I turned to see the man and his daughter in the water." The Huinkers had encountered thin ice and plunged through into freezing-cold water. Herrera immediately responded with help from Lord.

"The little girl, who I later learned is 10 (years old), was closest to me," Herrera said. "I knew right away she was not going to be able to get out on her own. Her father was behind her another 20 to 30 feet and was unable to help her."

Once he was within 10 feet of Hattie, Herrera crawled on his belly to disperse his weight to try and reach the girl. He knew then that he would have to go into the water to help her.

Herrera made several attempts to get Hattie out of the water, but the thin ice kept breaking around them. Finally, one last attempt did the trick. He went to spot where he could touch the lake bottom to use his legs. He was able to push Hattie out of the water and back onto the ice, where she crawled to safety.

"Because the ice was only 2 inches or less where they went through, as I was trying to lift us out, the ice kept breaking under us," Herrera said. "Realizing we were not getting out together ... and using my legs to push up, I was able to get her out of the water."

Next, Herrera said he needed to get himself out so he could help the father, but he had another situation to deal with — Lord also was in the water.

"While I was rescuing the little girl, Sabrina was heading to me with the rope to assist me and as she approached my location, she fell through the ice and began to encounter the same situation with not being able to climb out due to thin ice," Herrera said.



Sgt. 1st Class Jaime Herrera with the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade stops for a photo March 3 by military vehicle to be used for the Operation Cold Steel exercise at Fort McCoy. Herrera has been nominated for the Soldier's Medal for actions he completed during an ice rescue at Wisconsin's Mirror Lake State Park in January.

## Maintaining courage

Now with himself, his fiancée, and the father still in the water. Herrera knew he had to get out of the water to be of any further assistance.

Using his fists, he broke sections of thin ice until he got to an area of thicker ice where he could get himself out. "Any longer and I probably wouldn't have gotten out because my legs were starting to fail from the cold water," he said.

Once out of the water, Herrera quickly ran to his ice sled, cut the pull rope from the sled, then used that rope to go back and pull Lord from the water.

"I crawled back to her, tossed her the rope, and assisted her in getting back to safe ice," Herrera said. "I then walked Sabrina off of the ice while at the same time yelling and trying to motivate (Bryan Huinker)."

At the start of the incident, one member of Herrera's ice fishing party, Lord's 9-year-old son Malecki Lee, had called 911 for assistance. Rescue and emergency medical service personnel arrived quickly. They helped Bryan Huinker recover after he was able to get himself out of the water.

"I got my kids into our truck, Sabrina to the ambulance, and waited for (Bryan) to get off the ice before being seen by the emergency personnel," Herrera said. "I was treated for frostbite and mild hypothermia at the scene and released. I lost sensitivity in three of my

left hand fingertips, due to them being in the water holding the little girl for an extended period of time. I spent around 20 minutes in the water."

## Everyone back on safe ground

News reports following the incident showed that everyone escaped major injury.

Emergency medical personnel were able to ensure all four who went in the water were warmed and cared for. Bryan Huinker expressed appreciation for the support of Herrera and Lord and said he and Hattie will continue to ice fish in the future.

Herrera said his decision to act was natural.

"I think service members have a natural 'call to action' mentality," Herrera said. "Otherwise, why would we be in the service to begin with? Through the course of service, it becomes reinforced to us all to be team players. It is almost impossible to resist helping those around us, whether they be military or civilian. I think that any service member faced with the same type of situation would have reacted in the manner that I did."

Herrera said helping others in a lifesaving situation also is about treating others "the way you want to be treated."

"If your child or other family member was in danger, wouldn't you want someone to help them if they could? So when you are faced with a situation like this, do what you know you

would want someone to do for you," he said. "Just know your limitations when responding. ... Sometimes doing what you think is helping can actually make a dangerous situation worse."

Because of his actions, Herrera has been nominated for the Soldier's Medal.

The medal "is awarded to any person of the armed forces who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, distinguished themselves by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy," according to Army Regulation 600-8-22.

"The performance must have involved personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life under conditions not involving conflict with an armed enemy."

Herrera said he was just happy he could help.

"Honestly, I am kind of indifferent about it," he said. "Having been on active duty for more than 19 years as a combat arms Soldier with multiple combat deployments, I am no stranger to stressful situations. The most important part to me is that everyone was safe and that I was in a position to prevent what could have been a tragic event."

Herrera and Lee also have been recognized as Hometown Heroes by the Lake Delton Fire Department.

"It's a great recognition for Malecki, who helped guide emergency responders to our location," Herrera said.

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## ABOUT POST



Photo by Zachary Mott

### Read Across America

Sgt. Robert Clark (center) with the 88th Regional Support Command at Fort McCoy reads to a group of first-grade students at the Lawrence-Lawson Elementary School in Sparta, Wis., on March 2 during the annual Read Across America Day. Staff Sgt. Nicholas Gimson (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Arianna Joe (right) also participated in the Read Across America event.



Photo by Kevin Herman

### Wooden pen workshop

Fort McCoy community members participate in the workshop to make wooden pens at the Army Community Service woodshop Feb. 25 at Fort McCoy. Numerous people participated in the free event. For more information about similar future ACS events, call 608-388-3505 or stop by building 2111.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

### In like a lion?

An equipment operator with the Fort McCoy snow removal contractor, Kaiyuh Services LLC of Anchorage, Alaska, clears snow March 1 at Fort McCoy. Kaiyuh became the Fort McCoy grounds and snow removal contractor in September 2016. The snow storm left about 5 inches of snow to start the month of March at the installation.

## COMMUNITY



## AER campaign kickoff

Army Community Service (ACS) Financial Readiness Program Manager Blonza Graves talks to attendees at the Army Emergency Relief (AER) Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast at McCoy's Community Center on March 1 at Fort McCoy.

The AER campaign began March 1 and runs through May 15. The breakfast, organized by ACS with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, promoted the importance of AER.

At Fort McCoy, AER is located in ACS at building 2111. Stop by the building or call Graves at 608-388-3540 for more information.

More information on ACS support also be found online at [mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy/programs/army-community-service](http://mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy/programs/army-community-service). For more information about AER or to find out how to donate to the campaign, go online to [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

# 'Translate' military jargon when preparing resumes

BY JULIA PARK & JENNY HALE

Army Soldier For Life-Transition Assistance Program

Every workplace has its jargon, but in the military this is especially true.

In the Army and at the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program, or SFL-TAP, words such as TOT (time on target), FOB (forward operating base), and FFE (fire for effect) are often used. While these Army acronyms may be well-known to those inside the SFL-TAP Center, often military jargon is foreign to civilian employers reading resumes from veterans.

SFL-TAP encourages Soldiers to work with a counselor, as well as with someone who knows nothing about the Army, in order to review a Soldier's resume.

While having a second (or a third) set of eyes review a Soldier's resume for errors is a must, the main reason for having an outsider review the resume is to see if they understand the language being used.

SFL-TAP counselors are not only familiar with military jargon but also have experience translating military career skills into civilian career "language." For example, a senior field grade officer may be more easily correlated with a department head or program director position on a resume.

When reviewing resumes, counselors sometimes see phrases like "responsible for" being used.

While this phrase is meant to explain a Soldier's experience, civilians often prefer more specific terms.

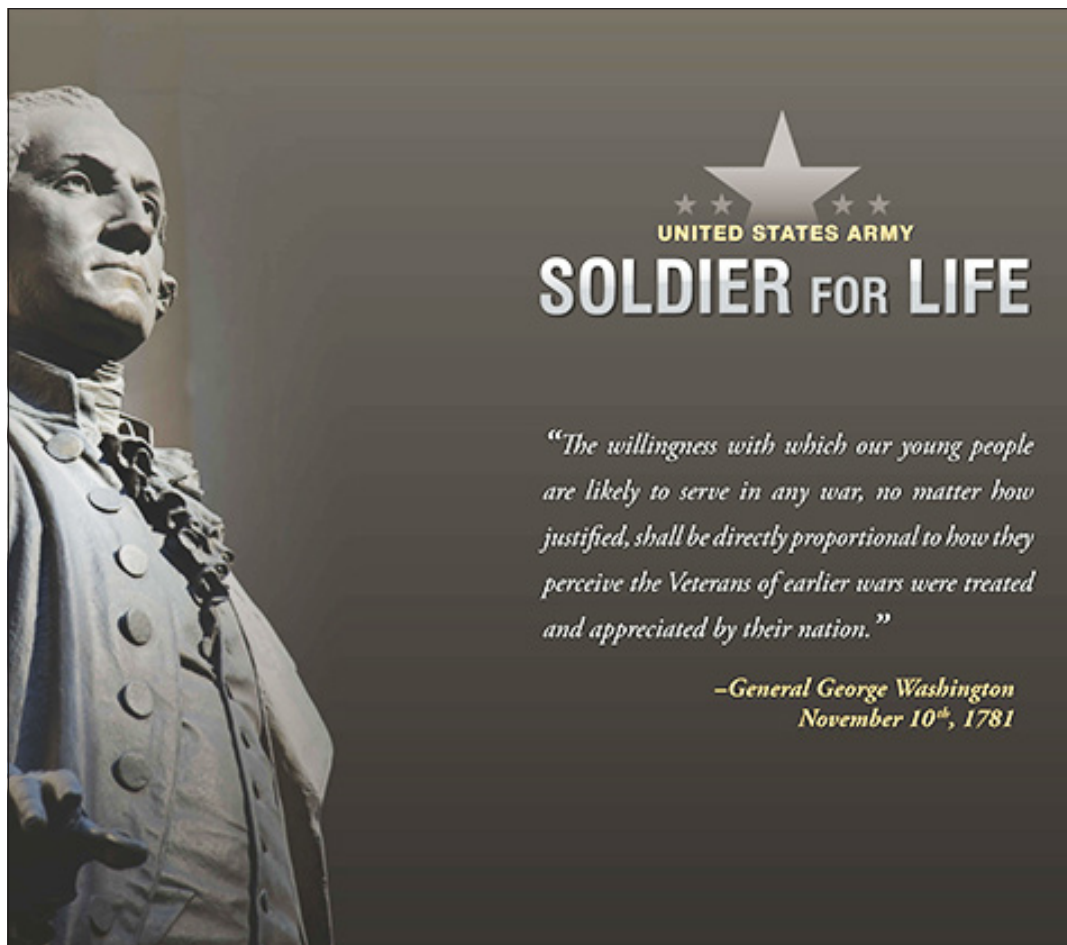
Instead, consider phrases such as implemented, oversaw, assigned, and accountable, which have more value to employers.

The duties of an SFL-TAP counselor extend beyond conducting the congressionally mandated transition requirements. SFL-TAP counselors assist, support, and educate transitioning Soldiers, their Family members, Department of the Army civilians, Army retirees, and other eligible military members in need of transition services and resources.

Soldiers need to make an appointment to meet with a counselor who can evaluate post-transition goals, help develop a resume, assist in translating military skills, and teach the Soldier interviewing skills.

SFL-TAP Centers are located at more 50 installations around the world. To make an appointment to see a counselor, call a local SFL-TAP Center or visit a center location. Soldiers are encouraged to start the program 18 months prior to transition or 24 months prior for retirees.

To learn more about SFL-TAP at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-7941.



## COMMUNITY



Sandi Lybert, co-founder of Your Choice to Live Inc. of Hartland, Wis., provides a briefing about the Wake Up Call exhibit Feb. 21 in building 905 at Fort McCoy.

## Wake Up Call exhibit, presentation educates McCoy community

**STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL**  
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort McCoy Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP, hosted the Wake Up Call exhibit in building 905 at the installation from Feb. 21 through March 2.

The Wake Up Call exhibit, which debuted as a training event in April 2016, is a life-sized exhibit of a bedroom with more than 20 “red flags” that can signal drug or alcohol use, according to the website for Your Choice to Live Inc. Prevention Education of Hartland, Wis. — [www.yourchoice-live.org](http://www.yourchoice-live.org).

“The bedroom identifies spots where teens may hide drugs, household items that can be used as drug paraphernalia, and ways teens try to cover up drug and alcohol use,” the Wake Up Call description shows on the website. “It is important for (people) to know what to look for in their own homes before alcohol and drug use escalates to other risky behaviors or addiction.”

Terry Rogalla, Fort McCoy ASAP manager, said the exhibit came to Fort McCoy as part

of his office’s involvement with the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition. A previous showing of the exhibit took place on a smaller scale in October 2016 in Sparta, Wis.

“In the Sparta venue, we could only fit at most 10 people in the room where it was presented, yet we still had many people from Fort McCoy participate,” Rogalla said. “Then we thought about making this bigger and looked for a larger venue where it could be offered to more people. ... And that’s how it came to Fort McCoy in this auditorium style presentation.”

Rogalla said ASAP Prevention Specialist Michelle Bourman worked hard to inform the Fort McCoy community about the exhibit to ensure as much participation as possible, and it paid off with hundreds of people attending.

“Michelle did a fantastic job to get the information out there so people could attend,” Rogalla said. “Also, those who attended were credited with an hour of substance abuse awareness training, which is required of all Soldiers and Army civilian employees every fiscal year.”

Sandi Lybert, co-founder of Your Choice to Live Inc., gave the first two presentations about

the exhibit Feb. 21. Rogalla; Natalie Carlisle, Monroe County Safe Community Coalition coordinator; and volunteer Ben Bourman gave 13 other presentations over 10 days.

“The main point of this exhibit is to raise the awareness, provide the knowledge, and give information and resources,” Lybert said. “That is absolutely key.”

“It also was wonderful to bring this to Fort McCoy,” Lybert said. “What a privilege and honor. The impact of the hundreds of people attending is huge just at Fort McCoy alone.”

Rogalla said that although the exhibit was originally set up on things to look for in a teen’s bedroom, it isn’t difficult to see where the same types of signs could be seen in other places, such as barracks rooms, cars, offices, or lockers. “These are not just indicators for teens, they can be red flags for anyone of any age who may be traveling down the dangerous path of substance abuse,” he said.

Carlisle said she appreciated being a part of the Fort McCoy exhibit and noted the post is an important partner in the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition.

“Fort McCoy has been a part of our coalition for years now and now with Terry and Michelle it has grown even more,” Carlisle said. “They regularly attend our meetings and participate in our work groups. After the exhibit took place in Sparta, which they assisted with, we said we absolutely needed to bring this to Fort McCoy.”

For people who weren’t able to attend the exhibit, Carlisle said more are planned for April.

“We encourage people who saw the presentation to share what they know with someone who could benefit from it,” Carlisle said.

Additional chances to see the Wake Up Call exhibit and presentation will be in La Crosse between April 3 and 27. Those interested can see the schedule at the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition web site at [www.mcsafecommunities.org/index.php/wake-up-call](http://www.mcsafecommunities.org/index.php/wake-up-call).

For more information about Your Choice to Live Prevention Education, go to [www.yourchoice-live.org](http://www.yourchoice-live.org) or call 262-367-9901.

For more information about ASAP at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-2441.

## NEWS NOTES

## Set clocks forward March 12 for Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time starts at 2 a.m. March 12.

Remember to set clocks ahead one hour. This also is a good time to change batteries in smoke detectors, according to the U.S. Army Combat Readiness and Safety Center. Working smoke alarms save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half.

For more information about fire safety at Fort McCoy, call 608-388-4077.

## March Madness brackets due by March 13

March Madness brackets for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation competition must be submitted by March 13 to Rumpel Fitness Center.

The final bracket will be posted at the fitness center after Selection Sunday. A prize will be awarded to the participant who accumulates the most points in the bracket pool. The contest is open to eligible fitness center patrons. For more information, call 608-388-2290.

## 3-on-3 basketball tournament set for March 13

Rumpel Fitness Center will hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at 4:30 p.m. March 13.

Teams may have a minimum of three and a maximum of five members. Prizes will be awarded to the first place team.

The tournament is open to eligible fitness center patrons. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2290.

## 'Connect the Tots' play group scheduled for March 14

Army Community Service's "Connect the Tots" play group is scheduled for 9:30 to 11 a.m. March 14 at building 2161.

The play group is designed to help strengthen each child's cognitive awareness, physical ability, and creativity and to help promote social-emotional skill building. Through play, transitions, circle time, songs, activities, and informal conversations, parents learn about developmental ages and stages, gain tools to help understand their children's behavior, and become empowered to prepare the Family and children to enter school ready to learn.

Additional play groups are scheduled for March 28, April 11 and 25, and May 9 and 23. Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilians, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412.

## Basketball competitions planned for March 14-16

Three basketball competitions are planned for March 14-16 at Rumpel Fitness Center.

The "Super 8" competition is March 14.



Photo by Theresa Fitzgerald

## Economic conference

Garrison Commander Col. David J. Pinter Sr. (right) meets with a Monroe County business leader during the 2017 Monroe County Economic Conference on Feb. 23 in Warrens, Wis. Several representatives from Fort McCoy attended the conference to further community outreach efforts by the installation.

Participants must make shots using eight different types of shots: jump shot, 3-pointer, free throw, layup, backboard, swish, granny shot, and fade away.

Participants who scored the most shots will be the winner. Participants will get three attempts to make each shot.

The "Hot Shots" competition is March 15. Participants will have one minute to shoot from different marked locations. The participant who scores the most points wins.

The "Free Throw Contest" is March 16. Participants will have two minutes to make as many free throws as possible.

The competitions are open to eligible fitness center patrons. Participants are not required to compete in all three events.

For more information or to register for a time slot, call 608-388-2290.

## Women's History Month event scheduled for March 16

The Women's History Month observance is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. March 16.

Each year, the National Women's History Project selects a theme that highlights achievements by distinguished women. The 2017 theme is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business."

The 2017 theme for National Women's History Month honors women who have successfully challenged the role of women in both business and the paid labor force.

Women have always worked, but often their work has been undervalued and unpaid.

The observance will feature a panel of trailblazing women in business and other areas. Specific guest speakers and the event location will be announced at a later date.

For more information, call 608-388-6153.

## Training dates available for 2017 SHARP courses

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

Overview training will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. March 21, April 18, May 11, June 13, July 13, Aug. 10 and 23, and Sept. 6 and 12. The training describes the effects of sexual harassment and sexual assault, examines prevention strategies, and discusses Department of Defense sexual-assault statistics and reporting.

All classes will be at Army Community Service, building 2111. SHARP annual refresher training is mandatory and must be completed by Sept. 30. Advance registration is required. Unit or directorate training is available upon request.

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

## FEEA Fund scholarship applications due March 27

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance (FEEA) Fund is now accepting 2017 scholarship applications.

FEEA is an independent, nonprofit 501c3 organization devoted solely to providing emergency financial assistance and scholarships to civilian federal and postal public servants and their Families. FEEA also has a for-profit subsidiary, FEEA Childcare Services, which administers child care subsidy programs on behalf of a number of federal agencies.

FEEA champions the pursuit of higher education and each year supports more than 200 students with merit-based scholarships.

Scholarships are open to full- or part-time permanent federal civilian or postal workers

employed with the federal government for more than three years, their children, and their spouses. Some associations and unions partner with FEEA to provide specific scholarship programs for their employees, employees' children or spouses, or retirees' grandchildren. Download the 2017 FEEA scholarship catalog and application instructions for more information.

Applications are due by 2 p.m. March 27. For more information and for scholarship applications, visit <https://feea.org>.

## 'Maintaining positivity' class scheduled for March 28

A "Maintaining Positivity in a Challenging Work Environment" class will be offered 1 to 2:30 p.m. March 28 at Army Community Service, building 2111.

Maintaining enthusiasm and a positive attitude is not an overnight process. The class teaches strategies for building and maintaining a positive mental attitude in the workplace.

Registration is required by March 24. Army Community Service events are open to military members, retirees, civilians, Family members, and registered Fort McCoy volunteers.

For more information, call 608-388-6712.

## Free tax software, support available for military, Families

Service members and their Families can access free tax-filing software and consultations to help them navigate the task of submitting their annual taxes.

Military members and their Families can visit the Military OneSource website, [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil), or call 1-800-342-9647 for the no-cost MilTax software. MilTax allows users to submit a federal return and up to three state tax returns.

Tax consultants are available via phone through Military OneSource. In-person tax filing assistance can be accessed at military installations at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance location. The tax consultants can inform eligible users about the unique tax benefits available to service members and their Families.

Those eligible for MilTax include members of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and National Guard. Coast Guardsmen serving under Title 10 authority are entitled to the services as well. Retired and honorably discharged members are authorized for up to 180 days past their separation. Spouses, dependent children, and survivors are able to use the free services as well.

The 2017 deadline to file taxes is April 18. For information about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at Fort McCoy, call the Installation Legal Office at 608-388-4117.

## Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next issue of The Real McCoy will be published March 24.

Deadline for submissions to be considered for that issue is noon March 15.

For more information, call 608-388-2407.

**Recreation**

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

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

**McCoy's Community Center:** Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Bowling Center open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Extreme bowling 4-9 p.m. Fri. 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 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-2619.

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

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

**Sportsman's Range:** Closed for the season. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

**Whitetail Ridge Ski Area:** Open 4:30-9 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., and noon-6 p.m. Sun., *weather permitting*. Call 608-388-3517/4498.

**Dining**

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

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

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

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

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

**Whitetail Ridge Chalet:** Building 8061. Adult lounge and outdoor deck. Open 4:30-9 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat.,

and noon-6 p.m. Sun. Available year-round for private parties. Call 608-388-3517/2260.

**Services**

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

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

**Beauty Salon:** Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. 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 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-567-4231.

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

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

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

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

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

**ID Card/DEERS Section:** Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 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).

**Launderette/Dry Cleaning:** Building

# facilities services

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

**Laundry Facilities:** Buildings 1671 and 2877 open 24/7. Exclusively for 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 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

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

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

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

**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 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. 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 5 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-4988.

**Family Support**

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

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

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

**Military and Family Life Consultant Program (MFLC):** Building 2111. Provides education, information, and support for anyone affiliated with the military. MFLC services are confidential. Available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. Call 608-469-1432.

**Red Cross:** Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services, call 800-837-6313, 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 nonschool days 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or after school program 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 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 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 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 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](http://www.tricare.mil).

**Troop Medical Clinic:** Building 2669. Open for sick call 7-8 a.m. and appointments 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 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 at 9:30 a.m. Sun. Fellowship follows service from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 2675. Call 608-388-3528.

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

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

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

**Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study:** Building 2675. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wed. Children welcome to attend with their mothers. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380 or visit [www.facebook.com/groups/PWOCFortMcCoy/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PWOCFortMcCoy/).

**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](http://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:** Meets monthly. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/ACGRASpartan](http://www.facebook.com/ACGRASpartan) or call Staff Sgt. Cassandra Ross at 251-327-8400.

**American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882:** Building 1411. Office hours 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Meets at 5 p.m. second Tues. of each month. 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 [www.mccoysusa.org](http://www.mccoysusa.org).

**Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy:** Meets third Thurs. of each month. For information, email [fosfsmcco@gmail.com](mailto:fosfsmcco@gmail.com).

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

**USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy:** For information about services at Fort McCoy or to volunteer to support USO Wisconsin operations, call 608-388-2126 or email [ehazlett@usowisconsin.org](mailto:ehazlett@usowisconsin.org).

**Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317:** For more information, call 608-609-2212 or 785-979-7370, or email [usawoamcco@outlook.com](mailto:usawoamcco@outlook.com).

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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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**SEVERE WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

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.



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