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# The Real McCoy

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Soldiers practice loading and unloading a simulated patient into a Blackhawk MedEvac helicopter as part of combat medic training at Fort McCoy's Medical Simulation Training Center. The Wisconsin National Guard helicopter is assigned to Detachment 1, Company B, 248th Aviation Support Battalion of West Bend.

## Combat medics recertify via 72-hour MSTC course

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

Public Affairs Staff

More than 20 Soldiers were recertified as combat medics after completing 72 hours of training at the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC) at Fort McCoy in February.

Soldiers in the Army's 68W military occupational specialty (MOS) — health-care specialist — are required to recertify on emergency-medical technician skills every two years to maintain proficiency. According to the Army's career-field definition for 68W Soldiers, their job duties include administering emergency-medical treatment to battlefield casualties, assisting with outpatient and inpatient care, force-health protection, and evacuation from a point of injury or illness.

The 72-hour recertification training covered all the basic responsibilities required by the Army.

"We teach them a review of anatomy, physiology, suicide prevention, abdominal injuries, and more," said Sgt. 1st Class Donald Russell, MSTC noncommissioned officer in charge and course coordinator. "Almost every function of the body we cover in this training."

The training included classroom and hands-on instruction. The pa-

tient movement and care class included learning how to load and unload patients on a Blackhawk MedEvac helicopter.

"As part of their duties, they have to know how to pass off a patient to another caretaker, including to another medic on a MedEvac," Russell said. "The (students) not only have to know how to place the patient in the aircraft, but they also need to know how to summarize to the medic on the aircraft what treatment has already been completed. They also have to know basic patient loading and safety."

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**STAFF SGT. RICHARD DARVIAL**  
Medic, 724th Military Police Battalion  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Medic Staff Sgt. Richard Darvial with the 724th Military Police Battalion at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said the training is a good refresher.

"It's good to get back to the basic core skills of the combat medic," Darvial said. "As a combat medic, you don't do a lot of regular medical practice — you basically deal with trauma."

"This is my second time doing this training," Darvial said. "The first time I did it at Fort Dix (N.J.). Being at Fort McCoy is similar, but it's a nice facility. It has all the high-speed mannequins ... and the instructors are

very knowledgeable and professional. They know what they are doing and keep us on track."

Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Charles with the Army Medical Department Professional Management Command at Forest Park, Ga., attended the (See **MEDIC** page 2)

### Pinter to take garrison command March 11

Col. David J. Pinter Sr. will take command of U.S. Army Garrison, Fort McCoy during a ceremony 11 a.m. Friday, March 11, at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

Installation Management Command Central Region Director Joe C. Capps will officiate the event.

Pinter is a 26-year Army veteran.

He is the former division chief for Homeland Defense on the Joint Staff J3 Operations Directorate.

Pinter also served as a force-management staff member of the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve and the Office of the Assistants to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard and Reserve Matters.

Fort McCoy garrison community members may attend the ceremony. For more information, call 608-388-3545.

### 'Spring forward' March 13 for Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13.

Remember to set your clock 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.

### Women's History Month event set for March 17 at McCoy's

Fort McCoy's observance of Women's History Month is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571. This year's theme is "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government."

The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson, the first African-American female two-star general in the Army Reserve.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity adviser at 608-388-6153.

## NEWS

# Fort McCoy receives DA-level award for AT efforts

Fort McCoy's Antiterrorism (AT) Program earned a Department of Army-level award as the Best AT Program in its category for fiscal year (FY) 2015 during recent competition.

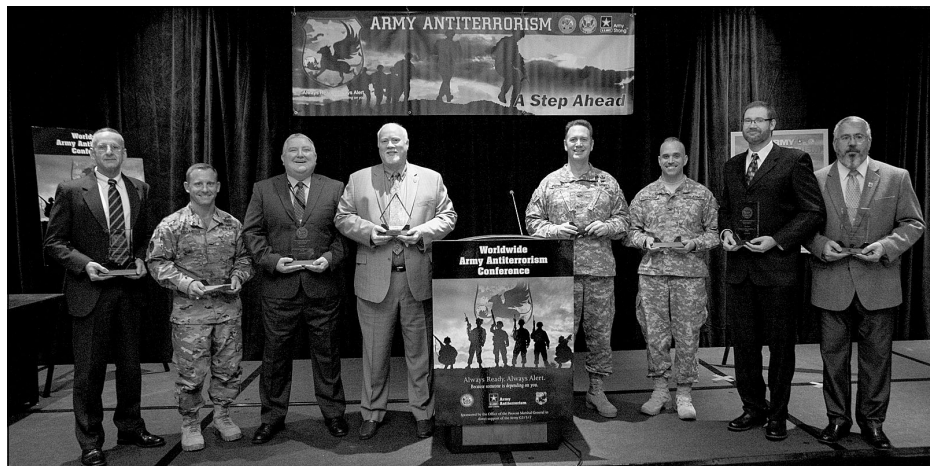
The installation AT program is a community program, managed by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security AT Office, said AT Specialist Joshua May.

"The AT program is intertwined with the larger protection program here, and this (recognizes) an installationwide effort," May said.

AT Program Manager Tom DesJardins and May also were recognized together with 21 others on the Army AT Honor Roll for FY 2015, according to the Army Headquarters awards announcement. The Army AT Awards Program recognizes significant achievements and those behind the scenes who protect Army personnel, family members, facilities, and installations.

"These individuals have worked diligently to heighten awareness of Soldiers, family members, and civilian personnel to the nature and dangers of terrorism, while also deterring and preventing terrorism through aggressive defensive measures," the message states.

The Best AT Program award acknowledged Fort McCoy had several achievements, including improving its practices, procedures, and technology in FY 2015 to better support and equip personnel to prevent terrorist attacks and respond to natural or man-made disasters,



U.S. Army photo

**Fiscal year 2015 award winners are pictured after receiving awards at the 2016 Worldwide Army Antiterrorism Conference. Joshua May, second from right, represented the Fort McCoy Antiterrorism Office.**

DesJardins said.

Other achievements included:

- Fort McCoy's force-protection posture improved as codified during an Installation Management Command (IMCOM) Higher Headquarters Assessment (HHA). During the HHA, the team identified eight "positive observations" in support of Fort McCoy's AT and emergency-management programs.

- Fort McCoy received full-scale exercise

constructive credit for a real-world incident. The incident was the imminent failure of an earthen dam that endangered public safety and could have led to major property and ecological damage. The incident was resolved through the execution of the Installation Emergency Management Plan.

- Fort McCoy's deliberate Strategic Planning Process (Command Five-Year Business Strategy) includes comprehensive integration

of all protection functions, including AT, which results in a command vision with specific goals and objectives, according to DesJardins. This was one of the positive observations by the IMCOM team and is a potential best practice.

- The McCoy AT Program provided mandatory AT Level-I training to 2,411 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, contractors, and family members from April to August 2015, and actively promoted AT Level II training for all Protection Working Group (PWG) members, with all PWG members now AT Level-II certified.

Fort McCoy's AT Program also earned the Best AT Program award at Army level for FY 2012.

"Receiving this award twice in the last several years confirms that Fort McCoy has established one of the best AT Programs in the Department of The Army," DesJardins said.

"It also demonstrates that the (installation) Protection Program has received outstanding support and guidance from the garrison command group and senior executive leaders. It truly shows that protection has been a priority."

For more information about the AT Program at Fort McCoy, call the AT Office at 608-388-4719.

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

## ■ MEDIC

Fort McCoy training for the fourth time.

"I return here for it because of the quality of the training," Charles said. "It's the kind of equipment and the amount of equipment that is here that is tremendously helpful. Also, the quality of the instructors here is (great) because they are all very knowledgeable."

Medic Spc. Darren Smith with the 346th Military Police Company at Fort Riley, Kan., said the instruction on tactical combat-casualty care is key.

"You learn about care under fire and about tactical field care," Smith said. "You also learn about tactical evacuation and getting the patient out (to safety). The most-critical thing for us as medics is knowing how to get our patients out. I like this training, and I try to get as much as I can so I can stay proficient on my job."

During the last days of training, students completed skill-validation lanes to finalize their certification.

"The best part of the course is the trauma lanes," Smith said. "We are not practicing with real patients, I know, but this is the closest you are going to get. That puts a lot of perspective on what we have to do as medics."

The MSTC provides a standardized set of simulation equipment, such as mannequins, moulage, and audio/sound systems that contribute to the training.

"Everything we have here is geared toward successful training," Russell said.

The MSTC, part of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, was established in 2009 at Fort McCoy. Since then, it has provided training for tens of thousands of military personnel.

For more information about the MSTC, call 608-388-1136.



**Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Charles and other medics practice correct lifting techniques while placing a simulated patient into a MedEvac helicopter.**

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## NEWS

# Monroe County holds Economic Development Conference at McCoy

The 2016 Monroe County Economic Development Conference was held Feb. 25 at the Wisconsin Military Academy at Fort McCoy.

The fifth annual event's theme was "Magnifying Our Economic Efforts!"

More than 200 attendees from 14 different counties attended the one-day event. Also, 31 exhibitors took part in the conference.

The conference focused on topics such as workforce recruitment and retention, transportation challenges, spotlights on area businesses, supervision and leadership training, and business strategies for success, according to Monroe County Economic Development Coordinator Steve Peterson.

The event featured panelists and experts who addressed workforce recruitment and retention issues, technical training starting at the high-school level, as well as other hot topics in the business world, Peterson said.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker also attended and provided an update on state efforts for job training and creation.

Walker, along with other state government officials, also presented an award to Garrison Commander Col. Steven W. Nott to thank him for his support of Wisconsin communities as well as his military service.

For more information about the conference or Monroe County economic development efforts, go online to [www.gomonroecountywi.com](http://www.gomonroecountywi.com).



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, state Rep. Nancy VanderMeer, state Sen. Julie Lassa, and state Rep. Lee Nerison applaud Garrison Commander Col. Steven W. Nott after he was presented with an award by the governor during the Monroe County Economic Development Conference Feb. 25 at the Wisconsin Military Academy at Fort McCoy. Nott was recognized for his military service and support of Wisconsin communities.



Conference attendees participate in a panel discussion.



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker speaks to conference attendees.

## NEWS



Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program Manager Blonza Graves talks to attendees at the Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast Feb. 29.

## Post community opens AER campaign with breakfast

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

Public Affairs Staff

Members of the Fort McCoy community helped start the Army Emergency Relief (AER) campaign Feb. 29 during a kick-off breakfast at McCoy's Community Center.

### Army Emergency Relief accepting scholarship applications

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is accepting applications for its Spouse Scholarship Program and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children until May 1.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is a need-based scholarship program established to assist dependent children of Army Soldiers in obtaining a first undergraduate degree. The spouse scholarship also is a need-based scholarship program established to assist spouses of Army Soldiers in obtaining a first undergraduate degree. The entire application package for the 2016-2017 school year must be submitted online by May 1.

Go online to [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) for more information.

The breakfast, organized by Army Community Service (ACS) with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, promoted the importance of AER. "Army Emergency Relief provides a wide variety of help to Soldiers and their Families," said ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager and AER Officer Blonza Graves.

The AER campaign began March 1 and runs through May 15. The 2016 campaign theme is "Never Leave a Soldier in Need."

"The breakfast was an opportunity to inform Fort McCoy leaders that we want to reach out to Soldiers in each unit and let them know how AER can help them," said ACS Director Kevin Herman. "Knowledge is power. We want Soldiers to understand the importance of this program, and that it allows for many levels of support."

According to AER Headquarters, more than \$71 million in assistance was provided to nearly 47,000 Soldiers and Families in 2015. At Fort McCoy, the community raised \$70,601 during the 2015 campaign, \$67,639 of which was dispersed to provide assistance to Soldiers, retired Soldiers, and their Families in 2015.

"With recent changes, there are many more ways AER can help," Graves said. "Every situation is looked at on a case-by-case basis, and AER realizes everyone's needs are different."

In September 2015, AER rules changed to allow all Soldiers,

regardless of rank, direct access to applying for assistance. The only exception is for Soldiers who are in Initial-Entry Training and have less than one year time in service. Direct access without the commander/first sergeant review is limited to two assistance requests (loans or grants) within a 12-month period, regardless of rank.

Retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, president of AER, states the importance of the organization on the AER website, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

"We take great pride in our commitment to be there when we are needed," Reimer said. "Since inception, we have provided over \$1.5 billion in assistance. But our support does not stop there. We continually look at new and innovative ways to improve our policies and programs and expedite the process of providing assistance."

"Our goal will always be to continue maintaining the highest standards of helping the Army take care of its own, which has been the hallmark of Army Emergency Relief for over 68 years," he said.

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

## NEWS

# Concrete recycling helps crush solid-waste costs

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

Hundreds of tons of concrete recycled at Fort McCoy each year find new purpose as material to create a road base or upgrade tank trails.

Water and Wastewater Branch Supervisor Michael Miller with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) said the Army has a standing goal to reduce the amount of waste sent to a landfill by 50 percent.

“The term for not sending waste to a landfill is called diversion,” said Miller, who also oversees recycling efforts at Fort McCoy. “One of the things you can do to divert waste is recycle it.”

Military installations such as Fort McCoy, Miller said, have many types of waste streams. Old concrete is part of the construction and demolition (C&D) waste stream, which also must have a recycle rate of at least 50 percent.

“About 85 to 90 percent of the C&D waste weight is concrete,” Miller said. “So by recycling and re-using that concrete alone, we are surpassing that 50 percent goal. We were close to 99 percent in C&D waste recycling (in 2015).”

Contractor Panacea Group of Seymour, Wis., began work in February with a rock crusher at a Directorate of Public Works (DPW) staging area on North Post, said DPW General Engineer John Adams.

“The rock crusher is set up there for primarily crushing nearly 20,000 tons of old concrete,” Adams said. “During this process, (the contractor) separates metals from the concrete and that also gets recycled.”

Most of the concrete that is crushed and recycled comes from the



**A contractor uses a loader to fill a rock crusher at an area on Fort McCoy's North Post.**

demolition of old buildings and infrastructure within the cantonment area at Fort McCoy.

“It could be old footings or foundations, old stairways, or even parking areas,” Adams said.

“When the demolition is done, the concrete gets hauled up to the holding area on North Post. When

there is a sufficient accumulation of concrete and materials that need to be crushed and recycled, we cut a task order to have a contractor come in and get it done.”

Metals separated from the concrete are sorted in two piles for ferrous and nonferrous materials. Ferrous metals have iron in them, such as rebar. Nonferrous metals include aluminum, brass, copper, nickel, tin, lead, and zinc, as well as precious metals such as gold and silver.

“Once the metals are weighed, they are hauled offsite,” Adams said. “During the process they submit weight tickets of what was separated to DPW.”

The concrete recycling process is not new to Fort McCoy, Miller said.

For years, the crushed concrete gravel has been used for road and trail improvements throughout the installation. The biggest advantage of the concrete recycling, however, is the money saved.

“You first have to look at the cost of sending something to the landfill,” Miller said. “With nearly 100 percent of the concrete being recycled here, that's hundreds of tons of material we are not paying to be sent to a landfill somewhere, which is significant.”

“Then you also have to look at the cost of not having to buy new materials for the road improvements that take place annually at Fort McCoy,” Miller said. “That, again, is the kind of material we would have to buy, but instead we are recycling it and not incurring that cost. It's an all-around economically beneficial process.”

For more information about recycling at Fort McCoy recycling operations, call 608-388-6546.

## Frozen food savings spotlighted in military commissaries during March

FORT LEE, Va. — It's no wonder commissaries are highlighting frozen foods during March, considering the variety, value, and convenience of items including pizza, entrees, breakfast foods, and vegetables.

“Every March is frozen food month at commissaries, and while our stores go all out creating exciting frozen food section displays, customers win with great values,” said Tracie Russ, sales director for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA).

“With other promotions throughout the store, including those with the annual

college basketball championship tournament theme, March is a great time to shop your commissary.”

DeCA's industry partners — vendors, suppliers, and brokers — are collaborating with commissaries in March to offer discounts be-

yond everyday savings.

For more information, go online to [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), stop by the Fort McCoy Commissary in building 1537, or call 608-388-3542.

“Your commissary is chillin' in March with super cool pricing in their frozen food section and slam dunk savings throughout the store for the annual college basketball tournament. Don't miss these savings. It's definitely worth the trip,” Russ said.

(Article provided by the Defense Commissary Agency.)

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**...It's Worth The Trip!**





## TRAINING

# 88th RSC continues to strive for excellence

STORY & PHOTOS BY CATHERINE THREAT

88th RSC Public Affairs

FORT McCOY, Wis. — The 88th Regional Support Command (RSC) conducted an Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) Organizational Assessment Course based on the Baldrige Excellence Framework here in February.

James Foot, senior analyst/strategic planner, Army National Guard Business Transformation Office, instructed more than 25 88th RSC personnel from the headquarters, Reserve Personnel Action Centers, Area Maintenance Support Activities, and Equipment Concentration Sites.

By using criteria established for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award as a framework for performance assessment, the ACOE program helps participating Army installations and organizations focus on providing excellence in facilities and services in support of Soldiers, Families, and civilians.

Baldrige-based performance assessments provide opportunities to identify best practices in installation management and reveal potential opportunities to apply appropriate performance-improvement tools.

“The use of a fact-based criteria such as the Baldrige Framework for Performance Excellence frames the basic business model for the 88th RSC,” Foot said. “It is critically important for all levels of the organization to understand this business model in order to contribute to its continuous improvement.

“Bringing individuals from different levels and different areas serves to connect them and their organizations to the 88th RSC enterprise and to help them understand and hopefully appreciate business decisions that are made at higher levels. It is somewhat like bringing parts of a puzzle together to help them develop a clearer picture of the 88th and how they fit into that picture,” said Foot.

ACOE Awards, which have been presented since 1989, are given annually to the Army installations scoring highest in the ACOE competition.

Thomas Helgeson, 88th RSC Directorate of Public Works deputy director and ACOE program manager, spoke to attendees, pointing out that winning an award wasn't the only goal.

“The point is not to win an award,” Helgeson said. “It is merely a byproduct of what we are trying to achieve.”

Helgeson said everyone could effect change.

“Process improvements don't just affect ACOE results,” Helgeson said. “They can save lives; I've seen it.”

ACOE packets can be submitted every year, but organizations can only win the competition in nonconsecutive years.

The 88th RSC won the ACOE Award in 2011, 2013, and 2015.



The 88th Regional Support Command conducts an Army Communities of Excellence Organizational Assessment Course based on the Baldrige Excellence Framework at Fort McCoy in February.



Thomas Helgeson, 88th Regional Support Command Directorate of Public Works deputy director and Army Communities of Excellence program manager, speaks to course attendees.

“The submission of the packet on ‘off’ years is important for multiple reasons,” Helgeson said.

“First, as the packet is evaluated, we receive valuable feedback on both our Opportunities For Improvement, or OFIs, and our strengths.

“This feedback is provided by the same Baldrige/ACOE criteria-trained evaluators who select the overall winners each year, so we

place a high value on their comments. By incorporating this feedback into our processes, we make ourselves better each year. It has never really been about winning; it's about systematically improving our processes, resulting in our organization remaining the ‘best in class.’

“It also keeps us in tune with the annual changes in the criteria and hones our ability to document our successes in the application. Every year there are subtle changes in what evalu-

ators like to see in our packet, and by annually submitting a packet, we keep our writing skills sharp. Winning the competition is also important because it provides the tangible evidence that we are indeed continuously improving.

“Win or lose, however, I'm really proud to be part of an organization that is focused on being the best provider of (base operations support) services in the Army Reserve,” Helgeson said.

## TRAINING



Photo by Capt. Joe Trovato

### First 'Stryke'

Staff Sgt. Jon Immendorf peers around the M2 .50-caliber machine gun mounted atop one of the new M1135 Nuclear, Biological, Radiological Reconnaissance Vehicles assigned to the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 457th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Company at Fort McCoy during training in February. The 457th conducted weapons familiarization with the new Stryker vehicles as part of a 10-week qualification course for the vehicles, which the unit fielded in late 2015.



Photo by Michelle Bourman

### Prevention training

Soldiers participate in Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) training in building 1344 in late February at Fort McCoy. Unit UPLs conduct drug-testing collections, provide alcohol and other illicit-drug awareness training, and assist their commanders as subject-matter experts in running and maintaining drug-testing and prevention programs. The training is offered through the Fort McCoy Army Substance Abuse Program and 88th Regional Support Command.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jeanne Krueger

### Ammo movers

Students in the 89B Ammunition Specialist Course practice moving simulated ammunition at Fort McCoy in late February. The 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment provides training at Fort McCoy for Soldiers who are reclassifying to the "89 Bravo" military occupational specialty. Soldiers with the 89B specialty are tasked with receiving, storing, and issuing conventional ammunition, guided missiles, large rockets, explosives, and other ammunition.



## ABOUT POST



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

## Meet the press

Garrison Commander Col. Steven W. Nott responds to questions from members of the media during his final press conference March 7 at Fort McCoy. Nott has been garrison commander since Feb. 29, 2012.

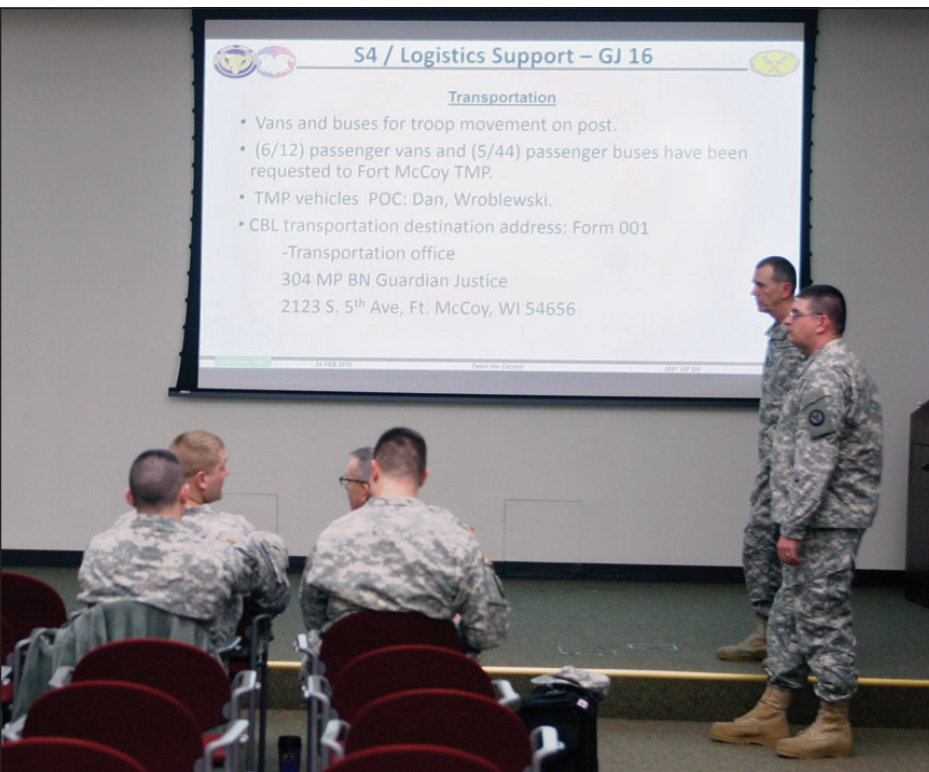


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## Guardian Justice planning

Soldiers discuss issues during a Guardian Justice exercise planning conference Feb. 24 in building 50 at Fort McCoy. Guardian Justice is a 200th Military Police Command exercise that focuses on detainee-operations training and preparing Soldiers for deployment.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

## Cargo movers

A heavy-equipment operator with the Logistics Readiness Center Transportation Division uses a Rough-Terrain Container Handler/Loader to move containers near building 2100 March 4 at Fort McCoy. The container handler/loader is capable of lifting some of the largest shipping containers and load those containers on either trailers or railcars.



## SAFETY

# Risk management essential to preventing accidents

BY DAVID SAN MIGUEL

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

It was 2 a.m., and the Soldiers were fast asleep. Exhausted by the operations tempo of the field-training exercise, they had hastily set up their cots in unmarked positions near the perimeter of the battalion main command post, ready to tear down and move out the next day.

Sgt. Rider arrived to the compound late, about 4 a.m., in a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle. It had been a long day, and he was anxious to park the vehicle so he could sleep a few hours. Approaching the perimeter, he dispatched his assistant to ground guide him through the assembly area.

His ground guide was a young specialist who had joined the unit just in time to participate in the exercise. Still green behind the ears, he knew very little about standing operating procedures (SOPs) in tactical environments, much less about ground guiding in the dark. The specialist's inexperience was evident when only a few minutes later he mistakenly signaled Rider to back the MRAP into the sleeping area, crushing one of the Soldiers.

According to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Izabela Gibson, course manager and instructor, Ground Safety Officer Course, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, this fatality was due to several missteps.

"Accidents like this are tragic and can be prevented if the right supervision takes place," Gibson said. "Each of the Soldiers should have been adequately trained in proper ground guide and tactical operations procedures. Unit SOPs and Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program, are there for a reason. Leaders must conform to those standards and conduct a unit risk assessment even before they leave garrison."

Gibson explained that the five-step risk-management process is easily integrated into the military decision-making process.

"An accurate risk assessment would have identified the hazards of driver fatigue, vehicle movement through sleeping areas, and the need to establish and adequately mark designated sleeping areas with chemlights or engineer tape," she said. "Once those hazards were identified, the unit should have implemented control measures to minimize the risk. The standard for risk management is leadership, and leaders must make informed decisions to control hazards or accept risks."

The Ground Risk Assessment Tool (GRAT), an interactive, automated online system that empowers leaders and Soldiers to reduce accidental loss and injury, can help with those decisions.

GRAT references Army Techniques Publication 5-19, Risk Management, which provides step-by-step instruction on accident and injury avoidance under various scenarios, including field training environments.



Safety Specialist Tim Cumberworth with the Fort McCoy Installation Safety Office leads a supervisor safety class Feb. 24 in building 2187. The training helps supervisors in the Fort McCoy workforce in understand how safety is important in daily operations for all employees.

Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

"According to unit SOP and Army regulation, leaders are required to document deliberate risk management on (Department of Defense) Form 2977, Deliberate Risk Management Worksheet," Gibson said. "More than just a worksheet, this form requires leaders to take into account all mitigating factors or conditions that could result in accident, injury or fatality."

However, she said, identifying those factors is only part of the equation.

"Leaders must then accept and implement the necessary safety control measures to mitigate risks," she added. "They sign and become responsible for implementing those safety control measures."

Gibson encouraged leaders and Soldiers at all levels to leverage GRAT to ensure Soldier safety.

"Safety is a combat multiplier," she said.

"We owe it to ourselves to do what we can to preserve our nation's most precious resource, the American Soldier."

At Fort McCoy, Safety Specialist Don Vender with the Installation Safety Office (ISO) has been working with installation organizations to mitigate safety risks as the height of the 2016 training season approaches. He said it's important to implement strong risk management measures.

"Whether you are a Soldier training at Fort McCoy, a civilian employee working on post, or a Family member living within the installation community, the mission of the (ISO) has been to promote readiness of the force and quality of life for all people through the prevention of accidental injuries and property damage," Vender said. "Managing risk is key to successful mission accomplishment. Getting folks involved in recognizing hazards that

could cause injury or property damage is the first step in managing risk.

"We have been able to achieve this critical first step through safety-awareness campaigns, promoting safety training, and by conducting safety inspections and assistance visits to organizations," Vender said. "The rest of the steps in the risk-management process, built around mitigating the identified risks, have been successfully accomplished by getting leaders and supervisors engaged in managing the process. Our involvement with leaders and management has been to help them create a safe environment, free of hazards if possible, or properly mitigate hazards that cannot be eliminated."

For more information on GRAT, visit <https://safety.army.mil>. For more information about safety and risk management at Fort McCoy, call the Installation Safety Office at 608-388-3403.

## COMMUNITY



Photo by Vanessa Barnes

Members of the Fort McCoy Catholic community participate in a special Mass Feb. 21 at the installation Catholic Chapel.

# Fort McCoy Catholic community named in honor of St. Kateri

BY AIMEE MALONE  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy's Catholic community was named in honor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in a special Mass Feb. 21 at the installation.

St. Kateri, also known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," is the first Native American recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile, and Native Americans.

The Most Rev. William Callahan, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of La Crosse, joined the Fort McCoy Catholic community to celebrate the naming of the community in St. Kateri's honor.

While often a physical church is named after a patron saint, Callahan said naming the community is far more important. "A lot of times when people think about church, they think about the building," Callahan said.

But, he said, the church is far more than the building or the trappings of rituals.

"The people are the important element of what we are in the insight and the witness of almighty God throughout the ages of humanity," Callahan said.

"We're naming the community. We're naming the people of God, which is what the church does."

Callahan said St. Kateri is a "uniquely American" saint,

which made her the perfect patron saint for the community.

"We are proud to be sons and daughters of God," Callahan said, "and we are proud to be men and women who are people of strong belief in the goals and the beauty and the wonder of our country."

In Catholicism, patron saints are regarded as advocates, able to intercede with God on behalf of their communities and those who pray for them.

Patron saints also provide examples of how to overcome challenges through their life stories.

"Throughout our lives, we have examples of holiness," Callahan said. "(Today) we take an example; we take a hero."

St. Kateri's struggles as a Christian provide an example for today's men and women, Callahan said. She converted to Catholicism at the age of 19, taking a vow of chastity. Both her conversion and her refusal to marry led to her tribe shunning her, and she left her home for Kahnawake, a Jesuit mission village south of Montreal.

"It is good that this Catholic community has chosen to name this great saint, this great American, as a hero for this community — as a patron for this community," Callahan said. "To continually keep in mind that the call to follow Jesus is not easy. Kateri is a witness to that."

"She is the pure symbol of a strong and beautiful people, but she is also the symbol of a strong and beautiful Christian people," he said.

The Oneida Singers, of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, ended the Mass with several traditional hymns in their own language.

Afterward, members of the community, representatives of the diocese, and the Oneida Singers met at the Chapel Center for a special brunch.

Garrison Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ike Eweama said St. Kateri was chosen partly because of her connection to the Oneidas, some of whom relocated from the New York area to Wisconsin in the 1800s and established a nation near Green Bay.

"When (St. Kateri) was persecuted for being a Christian, the Oneida tribe, the king of the Oneidas, saved her from her own people and took her across the river to Canada," he said.

The chaplain said the naming of the community is important because it lets people "claim this place as a spiritual home."

"This installation has been in existence for 107 years, and the Catholic community has been in existence as long, but they (didn't) have a name," Eweama said.

Naming the Catholic community strengthens the community by giving members a sense of belonging, Eweama said. While many of the faces in the chapel may change from week to week, given Fort McCoy's nature as a transient training installation, he said it was important to form a place where people can stay and thrive.

For more information about religious services at Fort McCoy, call the Religious Support Office at 608-388-3528.



## NEWS NOTES

### Basketball tournament scheduled for March 15

A three-on-three basketball tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122. Teams must have three to five members. Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams.

The tournament is open to all eligible fitness center patrons. There is no fee.

To register or for more information, call 608-388-2290.

### Easter Eggstravaganza set for March 19

Fort McCoy's annual Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, starting at 9 a.m.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is offered from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Exchange food court, building 1538.

Children and adults can choose either a special French toast breakfast or order from the regular breakfast menu.

The Easter Bunny is available for photos from 9 to 11:20 a.m. Crafts and activities — including face painting, foam crafts, Easter bag and plastic egg decorating, and games — are scheduled from 9:30 to 11:20 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m., a parade will leave the Exchange and make its way to Constitution Park. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 11:30 a.m. There also will be an egg hunt specifically for children with special needs. The event is open to the entire Fort McCoy community. The only cost is for breakfast.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

### Pickleball tournament scheduled for March 24

A pickleball tournament is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, starting 4:30 p.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122.

The tournament is double elimination. Prizes will be awarded to the first-place team.

The tournament is open to all eligible fitness center patrons. There is no fee.

To register or for more information, call 608-388-2290.

### Blood drive planned March 28 at McCoy's

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive Monday, March 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571.

Donors can make appointments in advance or review eligibility requirements by calling 800-733-2767 or going online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

### Bystander intervention class scheduled for teens

Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) and Army Community Service (ACS) are offering a bystander intervention class for teenag-



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

### LRAM range improvements

**A contractor operates a loader with a special grinder attachment to remove stumps and underbrush near Firing Point 412 in early February on Fort McCoy's North Post. The work is coordinated by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Land Rehabilitation and Management (LRAM) program to improve training areas at the installation. LRAM work helps ensure there is long-term maneuver access to the training areas for service members, Range personnel, and others.**

ers Monday, March 28, at 1 p.m. at the CYSS Teen Center, building 1792.

The class will teach teenagers how to stay safe while dating and help their friends stay safe.

The class focuses on teaching respect, what healthy relationships look like, and what to do in real-life situations when words aren't working.

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

Registration is required by Thursday, March 17. For more information or to register, call 608-388-2412/4373.

### Defense Travel System class scheduled for March 30

A Defense Travel System (DTS) Approval Process and Travel Policy class is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Prior completion of the DTS temporary-duty documents class is highly recommended. The class is for reviewing or approving officials. Register by Friday, March 25, at 3 p.m.

Class sizes are limited. The class is open to both military and Department of Defense civilian personnel. To register, email your name, unit, and phone number to [mary.j.richmondstremcha.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mary.j.richmondstremcha.civ@mail.mil).

For more information, call 608-388-6299.

### Taste of Art & Wine set for April 1

The third annual Taste of Art & Wine is scheduled for Friday, April 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area Chalet.

Local artists will exhibit their work, including paintings, sculptures, glasswork, and more. Wine and beer samples, as well as appetizers, will be served. Tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. The event is open to the public. Tickets to this event are limited.

Tickets can be purchased starting Monday, March 14, at McCoy's Community Center, building 1571; Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1122; and Pine View Campground.

For more information, call 608-388-3200.

### April Showers 5k set for April 13

The April Showers 5k Run/Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. in front of Rumpel Fitness Center, building 1121. The race is to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Participants are encouraged to wear blue or teal.

The event is free and open to all authorized Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female runners and the top team. The Commander's Challenge Award will

be given to the organization with the most registered participants.

Registration is required by 2 p.m. April 13. For more information, call 608-388-3200.

### Pine View Campground releases weekend event themes

Pine View Campground has released the themes for its 2016 weekend events, which run every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The themes for 2016 are: Mystery Weekend, May 28; Mud Run, June 4; Hometown Heroes, June 11; Sports Kids, June 18; Mini-Golf Tournament, June 25; Color Run, July 2; Speed Junkies, July 9; Family Fun Days, July 16; Disc Golf Tournament, July 23; Beanbag Tournament, July 30; Haunted Trails, Aug. 6; Paws at Pine View, Aug. 13; Army Concert, Aug. 20; Summer Blow Out, Aug. 27; and Sportsman's Days, Sept. 3.

Each weekend includes crafts, games, wagon rides, and more. All events are open to the public. Some activities may cost a small fee.

Weekend events are subject to change. Call the campground at 800-541-4703 or 608-388-3517 to confirm activities or for details.

### Armed Forces Day Open House set for May 21

The annual Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day Open House event will be held Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This Family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The installation's Commemorative Area will serve as the hub of activity for this event and will showcase the History Center, five World War II-era buildings, the Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Planned activities include guided installation bus tours, a sandbag-filling station, personalized ID tags, camouflage face painting, military equipment displays, and much more.

Guests must enter the installation through Gate 15 off Highway 21 between Sparta and Tomah, Wis.

Adults must be prepared to present photo identification. For more information, call 608-388-2407.

### Legal notice of estate claims

Anyone having claims against the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Carlos M. Bothel, 1-338th Training Support Battalion, 181st Infantry Brigade, or knowing of assets belonging to Bothel should contact Summary Court Martial Officer Capt. Matt Robey at 608-388-4635.

### Next issue of The Real McCoy

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

For more information about submissions to the newspaper, call the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at 608-388-2407/4128.

## 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. For details, 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 Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 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. **Closed 10 a.m. Fri., March 11. Reopens after change-of-command ceremony.** 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:** Closed for the season. Call 608-388-9162/3517.

**Whitetail Ridge Ski Area:** Closed for the season. 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 Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Full menu 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Limited menu 2-10 p.m. Pizza only 10-11 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.-Sat. 6 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.-6 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 608-567-4231.

**Commissary:** Building 1537. Open Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Early bird/self-checkout open Tues.-Sat. 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. 101/4343.

**GNC:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-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).

**Launderette/Dry Cleaning:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and

# facilities services

This schedule is projected through **March 24, 2016**. **Bold, italic typeface** indicates a change since the last publication. **Please call facilities before visiting to verify hours.**

Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 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 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.-Sat. 6 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. Children and youth are provided opportunities to

explore new skills, pursue and nurture personal interests, and interact socially with others. 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](http://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 and meets across the street from the Chapel in building 2675 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study:** Building 2675. Wed. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Children welcome to attend with their mothers. Call or text Amber Bailey at 325-280-9380.

**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. If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266 and the On-Call Duty Chaplain will be contacted for further assistance.

## Organizations

**Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Spartan Chapter:** Meetings monthly. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AGCRASpartan> 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 website [www.mccoysausa.org](http://www.mccoysausa.org).

**Friends and Spouses of Fort McCoy:** Meets every third Thursday. For information, send an email to [fsfomccoy@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ehazlett@usowisconsin.org).

**Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317:** For more information, call 608-388-0576 or 608-388-6500, or email [usawoamccoy@outlook.com](mailto:usawoamccoy@outlook.com).

To report updates, call 608-388-2769.

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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 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 to the following local media outlets (television/radio stations):

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