

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP (MSEP)

If you are looking for a portable career that can move with your mobile military life, the MSEP a great place to start.

Opportunities await! To learn more, [click here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

OVERSEAS BRIEF

Mar 2 | Korea: 10 am | Germany: 11 am | Hawaii: 1:30 pm

Other locations: Please call to schedule an appointment.

Army Community Service (B2111)

Before your PCS overseas, you must complete this briefing through ACS's Relocation Readiness Program. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

PLAY MORNINGS

Mar 3, 10 & 17 | 10 am - 12 pm

ACS Family Building (B2161)

Do you want to connect with other parents? If you are looking for something to do with your children ages 4 and younger, please join us. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2412.

WELLNESS WEBINARS

Don't miss the opportunity to learn!

Topics Include:

- Decoding the New Federal Resume and Application Process
- Smart Tax Moves: Understanding Tax Returns I, II, and III
- Refresh, Refocus, Relax: Techniques That Work
- The Power of Connection: Tackling Loneliness
- And so much more!

[View Webinars Here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



FORT MCCOY

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE'S RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

Learn about all of the programs and services the Fort McCoy community has to offer!

2025 DATES		
Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10

2026 DATES		
Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 11
Apr 8	May 13	Jun 10
Jul 8	Aug 12	Sep 9

All sessions held from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
McCoy's Community Center
 Open to all new Military and Civilian personnel.
 Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

Breakfast provided by RIA Federal Credit Union
No endorsement implied

ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members, Survivors, and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers unless otherwise stated. Employees must contact their supervisors regarding dismissal from work centers. For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS please go to <http://mccoy.armymwr.com> and click on Calendar.

Return completed registration form to Army Community Service (B211D) or email to: jesse.kogundu.civ@army.mil

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____
 Unit/Directorate: _____ Rank: _____
 Day Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Date Attending: _____

Call ACS at 502-898-2359 for more information

Crafting Your Resilience



Family Time = Fun Time!

Join us... At the workshop we will teach a resilience skill (goal setting, communication, mindfulness, character strengths, etc.) along with a craft. Work on that craft or pick something else from all the other options available!

Crafts Available: Scrapbooking, wood craft, canvas painting, beading, hand stamping, journaling, and so much more!

March 14, 2026 | 9AM - 12PM
 EFMP Families are welcome to come at 8am for an early start

ACS Family Building, 2161 South J St

To Register Call 502-898-6712 or email lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil

Pre-registration required the Wednesday before the workshop. Samples/ideas provided. Bring your own projects to work on if desired. Class sized is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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PCS Open House

PCSing from Fort McCoy? Your next move starts here!

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING AREAS WILL BE ON-SITE:

- ACS Relocation Readiness
- ACS Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
- Personal Property Processing Office (Household Goods Movement)
- LRC Transportation Passenger Movement Section
- DPW Housing Office
- DHR Military Personnel Division
- MWR-CYS School Liaison Officer

Info tables, children's relocation materials, maps, and other relocation items will also be available.

March 18, 2026
September 16, 2026
11 am to 1 pm
McCoy's Community Center (B1571)

Register with ACS to receive tailored information for your upcoming PCS at 502-898-2359

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USAJOBS & Federal Resume Writing Workshop



Register by calling ACS at 502-898-6712 or send an email to lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil

Registration required 2 days prior to workshop.

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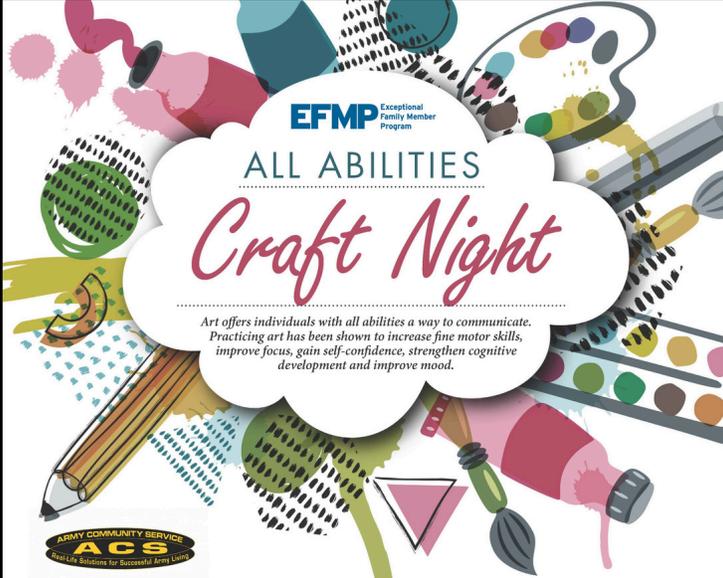
2026 DATES:
Jan 13, Mar 24, May 7, Jul 15, Sep 23, Nov 3
All sessions held from 9 – 11 am at Army Community Service 2111 South 8th Avenue

Learn how to write the new 2-page Federal resume to feature your skills and get the attention of the hiring manager! Laptops helpful but not required.

TOPICS COVERED:

- Foundations of a Federal Resume
- Knowing Your Preference
- Analyzing the Announcement
- Developing a Resume Format
- Applying for the Job
- Steps After Applying
- Tips in USAJOBS

UPCOMING EVENTS



EFMP Exceptional Family Member Program

ALL ABILITIES

Craft Night

Art offers individuals with all abilities a way to communicate. Practicing art has been shown to increase fine motor skills, improve focus, gain self-confidence, strengthen cognitive development and improve mood.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACS
Real Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF ART PROJECTS INCLUDING:

- Sensory Crafts
- Seasonal / Holiday Crafts
- Painting & Coloring
- Scrapbooking & Stamping
- Diamond Art
- And Much More!

UPCOMING DATES

February 18 and March 18, 2026

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

ACS Family Building (B2161)

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL ACS AT 502-898-7262
or send an email to: sarah.l.wiedenfeld.civ@army.mil



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FAMILY WORKSHOP

Build a Bird House

April 7, 9 & 14 | 4:00 - 6:30 pm

ACS Building Bonds Workshop
Bldg 1133

Spending Time Together as a Family Builds Family Resilience!

Step into Spring by creating a bird house or feeder the whole Family can enjoy over the spring and summer months.

Choose a bird house or feeder (based on availability) which you will put together and personalize it by painting or adding decorations to meet your creative ideas.



- * All materials and instruction supplied
- * Class size is limited
- * Children must be accompanied by an adult
- * Single and geographical bachelors are welcome

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL ACS AT 502-898-6507

Must register 1 week prior to workshop.

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TSP FROM A TO Z



Join us for this informative session and build yourself a brighter future!

APRIL 15, 2026
9 - 11 AM
2111 SOUTH 8TH AVE



Kevin Herman, MBA, AFC, will discuss the importance of investing in the Thrift Saving Plan. Whether you are a Department of the Army Civilian supporting our troops, or a Military member protecting our freedoms, this training is for you!

Topics Include:

- TSP contribution rules and limits
- Traditional and Roth contributions
- TSP investment funds
- New Mutual Fund window options
- Withdrawals and early penalties
- Death Benefits

Register by calling Army Community Service at 502-898-6507 or email: michael.d.larsen8.civ@army.mil

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ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE'S QUARTERLY

BENEFITS BRIEFING

Do you have questions or concerns regarding post Military benefits & submitting VA disability claims? Do you have Tricare questions or concerns? Do you have questions about your dental coverage through United Concordia? **If so, these briefings are for you!**

2026 DATES:

Jan 27 Apr 28
Jul 28 Oct 27

10 am - 12 pm

Army Community Service (B2111)



TO REGISTER, CALL 502-898-2359 OR EMAIL: jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil

SOLDIERS, SPOUSES, RETIREES, AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers, unless otherwise stated. Employees must contact their supervisors regarding dismissal from work centers. For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS please go to www.mccoy.armymwr.com/calendar



RELOCATION COMPASS

WHAT CARRIES US THROUGH

March often arrives with momentum. Schedules are full, routines are shifting, and it can feel like you are moving from one thing to another without much of a pause. In seasons like this, it becomes clear that what helps us stay steady isn't luck; it is the small dependable things that carry us through the busy days, new routines, and moments of change.

Along the way, ACS is here as your compass, helping you find your direction and steady footing as routines shift and new seasons take shape.



More than L.U.C.K.

L.U.C.K. isn't about chance it's a simple way to remember the connections and supports that help routines take shape.

L - Learn the Systems: Every installation and community operates a little differently. ACS helps you understand local processes, benefits, and resources so you can move forward with clarity instead of guesswork.

U - Use What's Available: Support doesn't happen by chance. From financial readiness and employment support to relationship and life-skills programs, ACS connects you with tools designed to steady you through change.

C - Connect with Purpose: Strong connections make busy seasons more manageable. ACS helps link you to programs, partners, and services that support stability and well-being.

K - Keep Moving Forward: Progress doesn't have to be perfect. ACS supports forward momentum helping you move from uncertainty to routine, one step at a time.

Visit ACS at 2111 S. 8th Ave or call us to connect with support that helps you feel grounded and confident this season.

Rooted in Resilience: Discover Warrens

Warrens offers a different pace, open space, quieter roads, and a sense of stepping outside of the usual rhythm of the week. The Cranberry Discovery Center sits in a part of the community that invites you to slow down, look around, and take in something that's been part of this area for generations.

This isn't about learning facts or checking off an activity. It's about spending time somewhere that feels steady. For families, it's an easy way to be together without distractions. For anyone settling into a new assignment, it is a reminder to know a place doesn't always mean doing more it often means noticing what is already there.

Moments like this help unfamiliar surroundings feel less temporary. Over time, they become part of a routine that carry you through busy seasons and helps a new place start to feel familiar.

Want to discover more hidden gems? Stop by the ACS office at 2111 S 8th Ave to pick up a Discover Wisconsin Scratch-Off Card.

NEW THIS MONTH!

Flavors of Fort McCoy is where the community shares recipes that carried us through busy seasons.

Cranberry Jalapeño Cream Cheese Dip

Cranberries have long been part of the Fort McCoy area, shaping local traditions and everyday life in the surrounding communities for generations.

Submitted by an Anonymous Fort McCoy Community Member

Prep: 10 minutes | Ready In: 24 hours | Servings: 8-10



INGREDIENTS:

- 12 oz cranberries
- 2 jalapeños, seeded
- 1 green onion
- 2 Tbsp cilantro
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- Salt to taste
- 16 oz whipped cream cheese
- Crackers for serving

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place cranberries, jalapeños, green onion, and cilantro in a food processor and pulse until chopped.
 2. Add sugar and lime juice and pulse briefly.
 3. Refrigerate overnight.
 4. Spread whipped cream cheese on a platter.
 5. Strain cranberry mixture and spoon over cream cheese.
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Share Your Recipes

If you or your family have a recipe that works whether it's a weeknight go to, a slow cooker favorite, or something you relied on during PCS season. We'd like you to share it. Email your recipe to jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil. Selected recipes may be featured in future newsletters and included in the community cookbook.

Ft McCoy AER Campaign

March 1 - June 14, 2026

Last year Ft. McCoy AER assisted 29 clients and disbursed \$112,151.00 in Loans, Grants and Combos. AER Campaign 2025 received \$8,062 in Active-Duty contributions and provided a total of \$45,404.00 in contributions from all sources.

Our annual goal for Ft. McCoy is to attain \$10,000 in Active Duty contributions.

With this QR Code you have the option to make a one-time contribution or a monthly allotment credited to Ft. McCoy.



POC: Mike Larsen, AER Campaign Coordinator

Phone: 502-898-6507

Email: michael.d.larsen8.civ@army.mil



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
March 28 | 9:00 - 11:00 am
McCoy's Community Center

Positions include event setup/take down, assistance with craft booths and photography.

To volunteer or for more details, call 502-898-6507 or email: michael.d.larsen8.civ@army.mil



INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY

KINDNESS KORNER

Happiness is a Force Multiplier

The International Day of Happiness is March 20, 2026. It is a global reminder that well-being is a universal goal. Happiness is not just a feeling; it is a vital component of our resilience, helping us navigate the unique challenges of military and civilian life with a stronger, more positive mindset. Scientific studies consistently show a direct link between kindness and happiness, proving that performing a simple act of goodwill can significantly boost our own sense of joy and purpose. By sharing a smile, offering a helping hand, or simply listening, we create a ripple effect of positivity that strengthens our entire community.

Let's actively build our collective resilience by performing one intentional act of kindness for a fellow service member, family member, or civilian. Together, we can foster a happier and more connected Fort McCoy.