

FORT MCCOY ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Army Community Service (ACS) enhances the well-being and quality of life of Fort McCoy military members, Families and civilians by providing real life solutions for successful Army living.

JUNE 2025

Upcoming Events & Trainings

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

June 6 | Military Personnel: 10 - 11 am | Civilian Personnel: 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Army Community Service (B2111)

Get equipped with the strategies and tools to sponsor incoming personnel. Ensure newcomers are connected with the right resources. Offer guidance to help newcomers settle in smoothly and gain skills to assist newcomers during transition. To register, please [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

KIDS CONNECT

June 10, 17 & 24 | 10 am - 12 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

This program provides a safe, supportive and inclusive environment where children can connect with others, explore new interests and develop essential skills. Each session will feature a life skill activity including staying home alone, basic sewing, arts & crafts, money management, cooking and more. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2412.

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

June 11 | 8 am - 1 pm | McCoy's Community Center (B1571)

Are you new to Fort McCoy? Come and learn what we have to offer. Breakfast is provided. Spouses are encouraged to attend. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

SOLDIER & FAMILY READINESS GROUP (SFRG) TRAINING

June 17 | 1 - 3 pm | Army Community Service (B2111)

All Command Teams, SFRG Liaisons and SFRG volunteers are encouraged to attend. Topics include defining and understanding mission essential activities as outlined in the regulation; understanding SFRG roles and responsibilities; recognizing non-mission essential activities, resources, and professional development opportunities; obtaining mandated certification, IAW Army regulations and policies. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-6507.



FORT MCCOY ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTS:

Gizmo D Robot is the dynamic host of this high-impact, powerful, anti-bullying presentation for grades K-6. When Gizmo talks, students listen and retain what they learn. Gizmo reinforces the lessons your school teaches through a fun, interactive and memorable presentation.

JUNE 25, 2025
5:00 PM
BUILDING 905

A separate presentation will be held at 3:30 pm at Child & Youth Services for enrolled students.

To register, please call ACS
at 502-898-7262 or email:
sarah.l.wiedenfeld.civ@army.mil



Army Community Service (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 mccoy.armymwr.com and click on Calendar.



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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2025 DATES:

Jan 14, Mar 6, May 20, Jul 17,
Sep 18, Nov 4

All sessions held from 9 – 11 am at
Army Community Service
2111 South 8th Avenue

*Learn how to write a Federal resume to feature your
skills and get the attention of the hiring manager!
Bring your laptop along!*

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



Quarterly BENEFITS BRIEFING



July 22, 2025 | 10 am - 12 pm
Army Community Service (B2111)



Do you have questions
regarding post Military
benefits & submitting
VA disability claims?

Do you have Tricare
questions or concerns?

If so, these briefings
are for you!

10 am - 11 am: Monroe County
Veterans Service Officer
(CVSO) Briefing

11 am - 12 pm:
Tricare Briefing

Register no later than the Friday before the event by calling:

502-898-2359

or email: jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil

Soldiers, Spouses, Retirees, and Family Members are highly encouraged to attend.

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FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELING FOR VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES AVAILABLE!

Get answers to all of your financial questions with three counseling sessions with an Accredited Financial Counselor® (AFC®)!

Sign up today to connect with an Accredited Financial Counselor® (AFC®) for FREE!

ACS SPOTLIGHT ON AWARENESS TREE

Honor, Pride and Legacy

This awareness tree stands tall in June as a tribute to the heroes and values that define and unite us – service, resilience, and reflection. Army Day reminds us of the strength, sacrifice, and dedication of those who serve and protect our freedom. We honor all soldiers – past and present – who wear the uniform with courage and commitment.

Flag Day celebrates the enduring symbol of our unity. Each star and stripe tell a story of perseverance and hope, and we proudly display our colors in gratitude for the freedoms we share. Together, these observances remind us of the legacy we inherit and the values we carry forward – of service, loyalty and love. May this tree stand as a symbol of appreciation for the hearts that serve, the hands that guide, and the flag that brings us together.



VISIT THE AWARENESS TREE AT ACS!

Beneath the tree, you'll find materials that encourage reflection and honor the spirit of service and resilience.

Stop by ACS, M-F, 7:30 am – 4 pm, to pick up your items. Supplies vary and are limited.



KINDNESS KORNER



National Smile Power Day is celebrated every year on June 15, and it's all about recognizing the power of a simple smile—a small gesture that can have a big impact. It's a day to encourage kindness, spread joy, and harness the positive energy that a genuine smile can bring. Smiles are universal: they can lighten someone's mood, break down barriers, reduce stress, and even promote physical and emotional health. The message behind Smile Power Day is simple: your smile has power - use it!

- **Smiling is contagious.** When you smile at someone, it often causes them to smile back - creating a chain reaction of positivity.
- **Smiling improves mood.** Smiling releases feel-good neurotransmitters like dopamine, serotonin and endorphins.
- **Smiling supports mental well-being.** Smiling - even when you don't feel like it - can boost your mood and lower stress levels.



RELOCATION COMPASS

NAVIGATING WITH PURPOSE

Relocating isn't just about moving. It's about intentionally shaping your next chapter. As June brings longer days and fresh energy, take a moment to pause beyond unpacking and focus on what comes next. Every step you take, whether exploring your surroundings, making connections, or creating new routines is a purposeful part of building your new life.

SET YOUR COURSE WITH C.A.R.E.

Relocating with purpose means taking thoughtful steps to build the life you want. Use C.A.R.E to guide your journey:

- Choose Intentional Actions: Focus on steps that support your goals, like connecting with schools and career resources.
- Act on Available Support: Take advantage of workshops, language classes, and spouse programs designed for your success.
- Relate and Connect: Build meaningful relationships with neighbors and your new community.
- Establish Your Space: Create routines that help you feel settled and at home.

Relocate with C.A.R.E. because purposeful choices lead to lasting results. Stop by the ACS Office at 2111 S 8th Ave to learn more.

EXPLORE SHEBOYGAN'S FLAVOR!



Purposeful relocation also means making space for joy and discovery. Sheboygan, the Bratwurst Capital of the World, offers a flavorful experience with peaceful lakeside views and local charm. Savor a brat on the boardwalk, relax at Kohler - Andrae State Park, or simply enjoy the fresh lake air. These simple pleasures can refresh your outlook, help you unwind, recharge, and feel more connected.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK

Sponsorship Training | June 6

These sessions will give you the skills to build meaningful connections and sponsor incoming personnel effectively.

Newcomer's Orientation | June 11

Start your journey off right with local insights and the support you need to feel at home in your new community (details on page 1).

Quarterly Benefits Brief | July 22

Gain valuable insights from informational sessions designed to support your relocation needs. Experts from the Monroe County Veterans Service Office and Tricare will provide key updates and resources. To register, call 502-898-2359.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers make a meaningful difference in the lives of Soldiers and their Families every day. Below are some upcoming volunteer opportunities available at Fort McCoy. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, call 502-898-6507 or send an email to: michael.d.larsen8.civ@army.mil



DOWN & DIRTY TRAIL RUN

June 21 | 8 am - 3 pm
Whitetail Ridge Ski Area

Volunteer positions include event setup and tear-down, starting/ finish line operations, obstacle operations, water stations, and runner registration. Volunteers will be able to run the course at 2 pm for free and will receive a medal, towel, and can koozie to show appreciation for their efforts.



TACTICS PAINTBALL

Flexible hours during regular hours of operation

Volunteer positions include tournament referee, field setup and tear-down, equipment check-in/out, planning and coordination of special events and other functions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WORSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

The Religious Support Office is looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday Worship Services as a Worship Team Member.

NEEDED
SUNDAYS

2 HOURS BETWEEN
8 AM - 2 PM

AT THE
**FORT McCOY
RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE**

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

The Fort McCoy Religious Support Office is inviting women to serve as point of contact for Women of the Chapel (WOC); focusing on specific areas of ministry such as welcoming, hospitality, membership, publicity, newsletter, outreach, childcare, community engagement, etc.

OTHER DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Providing input and planning on PWOC ministry as needed
- Leading bible studies
- Helping build and foster social and community connectedness with members of the religious community

DATES & TIMES WILL VARY



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RELIGIOUS PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



The Religious Support Office (RSO) is inviting people to help build and strengthen our religious presence at Ft. McCoy. Lead or assist with various religious events that promote the Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F), Resiliency, Religious Education, and religious events during varying times throughout the entire day.

DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Manning events
 - RSO booth set-up and tear down
- Specific training will be provided

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