

# NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OVERSEAS BRIEF

**Jan 5 | 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

**Jan 6, 13 & 20 | 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 502-898-7262.

## LET ACS BE YOUR PARTNER IN ACHIEVING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

Whether you're aiming for new career heights, striving for financial wellness, or looking to strengthen your Family bonds, ACS offers a wealth of resources to support your journey. With a wide array of classes, counseling services, and trainings, ACS is dedicated to helping you and your Family thrive in the coming year.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES OFFERED AT ACS:

- Army Family Action Plan
- Army Family Team Building
- Army Volunteer Corps
- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Family Advocacy Program
- New Parent Support Program
- Relocation Readiness Program
- Employment Readiness Program
- Information and Referral
- Financial Readiness Program
- Mobilization, Deployment and Stability Support Operations
- Military and Family Life Counselors

**PLEASE NOTE: The ACS Office will be closed Jan 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Time

**FAMILY WORKSHOP**

## Decorate a Snowman Family

**Jan 6, 15 or 20 | 4:00 - 6:30 pm**  
**ACS Building Bonds Workshop**  
**Bldg 1130**

**Spending Time Together as a Family Builds Family Resilience!**  
 Build Family memories as you customize your Snowman Family yard decoration.



- \* 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. Space is limited.  
 Children must be accompanied by an adult.


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[www.mccoy.armymwr.com](http://www.mccoy.armymwr.com) | 502-898-3505

## USAJOBS & Federal Resume Writing Workshop






**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Register by calling ACS at 502-898-6712**  
 or send an email to [lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil](mailto:lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil)

**Registration required 2 days prior to workshop.**

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For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS please go to <http://mccoy.armymwr.com> and click on Calendar.

## NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

**Jan 14 | 8 am - 1 pm**

**McCoy's Community Center (B1571)**

Start your journey off right with local insights and support to make you feel at home in your new community. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

## SOLDIER & FAMILY READINESS GROUP (SFRG) TRAINING

**Jan 20 | 1 pm - 3 pm**

**Army Community Service (B2111)**

Attendees will define & understand mission essential activities and learn SFRG roles and responsibilities. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-6507.

## FAMILY CALENDAR WORKSHOP

**Jan 17 | 9 am - 12 pm**

**ACS Family Building (B2161)**

Spend time together preserving your Family memories! Create a personalized 2026 calendar with photos, pictures, stories and decorations. All materials are supplied. Bring photos and art you want to add to the calendar or complete at home. One hour early start time for EFMP Families. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-6712.

## FAMILY VALENTINE CARD WORKSHOP

**Feb 7 | 9 am - 12 pm**

**ACS Family Building (B2161)**

Spend time together personalizing your own valentine cards. All materials are supplied. One hour early start time for EFMP Families. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-6712.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**HOME IS WHERE THE ARMY SENDS US**  
FT LEONARD WOOD  
2019 - 2021  
FT MCCOY  
2021 - 2024

**HANDMADE WITH HONOR**  
A MILITARY APPRECIATION WORKSHOP

**JAN 21, 2026 5PM-8PM | JAN 24, 2026 9AM-12PM**  
One hour early start time for EFMP Families

**ACS FAMILY BUILDING**  
BUILDING 2161

**HOME IS WHERE THE ARMY SENDS US**  
Honor your Family's journey with this special workshop! Create a personalized wooden sign featuring all the places you've lived throughout your military career.  
Join us for this fun, relaxing way to connect and celebrate your resilience as a military Family.

To register, call Army Community Service at 502-898-6712/7262 or send an email to [sarah.l.wiedenfeld.civ@army.mil](mailto:sarah.l.wiedenfeld.civ@army.mil)  
Event is FREE! Must be registered by Jan 14, 2026. All materials provided. Space is limited.

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U.S. ARMY ACS EFMP

★★ ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE'S QUARTERLY ★★

# BENEFITS BRIEFING

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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!**

**JAN 27, 2026**  
**10 AM - 12 PM**  
**ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (B2111)**

Monroe County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Briefing: 10 am - 11 am  
Tricare / United Concordia Briefing: 11 am - 12 pm

**TO REGISTER, CALL 502-898-2359 OR EMAIL: [jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil](mailto:jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil)**

SOLDIERS, SPOUSES, RETIREES, AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.  
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ARMY ACS MWR TRICARE UNITED CONCORDIA

# KINDNESS KORNER



At ACS, we know that wellness includes more than physical health—it also includes how we treat ourselves and others. Kindness is a healthy habit that supports emotional well-being, strengthens relationships, and builds a more connected Army community.

## SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE:

- Encouraging a fellow Soldier, Family member, or coworker.
- Showing patience and understanding during stressful moments.
- Offering support or a listening ear.
- Practicing self-kindness by setting healthy boundaries and taking time to recharge.

When kindness becomes part of our daily routine, it contributes to a healthier, more resilient force. This January, ACS invites you to practice healthy habits—starting with kindness!

# RELOCATION COMPASS

## THE WAY FORWARD

January is not just a new month. It is a turning point. New assignments, new routines, and new expectations can arrive all at once, especially during a relocation. When everything feels like it is moving at the same time, knowing where to focus first matters.

ACS is here as your compass, helping you find direction in the middle of change. Whether your next step is getting settled, building connections, or learning what resources are available, support is already in place. That clarity helps you move forward with confidence.

## Face Forward. S.T.A.R.T. Here.

*January often arrives with pressure to reset everything at once. New goals, new routines, and for many, a new assignment. During relocation, progress does not begin with having all the answers. It begins with choosing to start.*

**S.T.A.R.T.** helps you move forward with intention as you settle into your new chapter.

**S – Set Your Focus:** Relocation brings many priorities at once. Decide what will help you feel settled first, whether that is housing, family routines, or learning your new surroundings.

**T – Take Stock:** Pause to notice what is going well and what still feels uncertain. Understanding where you are helps shape goals that fit this season of transition.

**A – Ask for Support:** Your sponsor, ACS, MFLC, and Employment Readiness services are here to help. Reaching out early keeps small challenges from becoming overwhelming.

**R – Reach Your Community:** Attend Newcomers Orientation, benefits briefs, and ACS programs to build connection and confidence in your new environment.

**T – Take One Step:** Progress does not require perfection. One step, one decision, or one goal at a time creates momentum.

**Sometimes the most important goal is simply to start.**

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



## FORWARD, EVEN IN WINTER

Winter does not have to slow you down. At Fort McCoy, Whitetail Ridge Ski Area turns the season into motion with skiing, snowboarding, and tubing that get you outside and moving. Cold air, fast runs, and shared energy on the hill shift winter from something you endure into something you experience.

That same forward movement continues beyond the installation in places like Eagle River, where winter feels active and alive. Snow-covered trails, frozen lakes, and a community built around winter recreation create an atmosphere that keeps people exploring and engaged. Whether close to home or farther out, these experiences reflect the same idea: forward progress does not pause just because it is winter. Stepping into experiences like these reinforces that even during colder months, movement and possibility remain part of the journey.

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.





## FEDERAL RESUME TIP OF THE MONTH

Most Federal job announcements require a 2-page resume (excluding Senior Executive Service (SES)). Developing concise, focused content is more important than ever. Use USAJOBS.gov to save searches, check postings regularly, and tailor your resume to highlight the most relevant experience using keywords from each announcement -while strictly following the stated page limit. Army Community Service Employment Readiness can help you adapt your federal resume to the 2-page format, prioritize impact, and ensure your application meets current requirements. Contact [lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil](mailto:lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil) or call 502-898-6712.

## VIRTUAL CAREER READINESS RESOURCES & SUPPORT



Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) employer Victory Workforce Development Services is hosting a series of monthly virtual training sessions through February 2026. These sessions will focus on various topics that will provide military spouses and veterans with career readiness resources and support. After each training, participants will receive a certificate of completion via email that will include their name, the training title and the completion date to be added to their resume.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).

To register for a new training session, click the Learn More tab next to the training session on the calendar.

WHITETAIL RIDGE SKI AREA



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## SKI & SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTORS

- Fun working environment
- Receive a free guest hill pass with every 10 hours of volunteer time
- Breaks with FREE hot chocolate and/or coffee
- Equipment storage

## SKI PATROL

- Fun working environment
- Receive a free guest hill pass with every 10 hours of volunteer time
- Breaks with FREE hot chocolate and/or coffee
- Equipment storage

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Outdoor Emergency Care Technician
- Outdoor Emergency Care Continuing Education/Refresher requirements
- CPR Certification/Refresher requirements
- Toboggan Handling/Refresher requirements

## DUTIES

Undertake only those activities for which he/she has been specifically trained and assigned. \*National Ski Patrol (NSP) members are required to follow state laws (including any applicable portion of the State Skier Safety Act), the written policies of area management, the NSP program guidelines, and Your Responsibility Code (a behavior standard promulgated by NSAA and endorsed by the NSP) unless explicitly trained and assigned to such tasks by area management.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ALEX KARIS at 502.898.3517 | [alex.d.karis.naf@army.mil](mailto:alex.d.karis.naf@army.mil)

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, apply online on the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS): <https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/volunteer/>

SCAN TO SIGN UP TODAY!



## MAJ. GEN. JAMES URSANO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Applications accepted January 1 to April 1 for following academic year

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is based on applicants' financial needs and was established to assist dependent children of Soldiers in obtaining their first undergraduate degrees.

"I'm so grateful for this opportunity that I've been able to receive all four years; it's definitely been a great help. They have helped me out so much, and I'm so grateful that I want to donate back to Army Emergency Relief."

Aidan Ursano scholarship recipient

Go to [aerhq.org/scholarships/child](http://aerhq.org/scholarships/child) or scan the QR code for more information about this program.



## URSANO SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

### ELIGIBILITY

In the last 16 years, more than 70,000 scholarships totaling over \$137 million have been awarded to Army children.

- ★ Dependent children of active duty, retired or National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on Title 10 Orders for the full academic year.
- ★ Children must be enrolled full-time for the entire academic year and be under the age of 24.
- ★ Recipients may receive scholarship funds for up to four years of full-time enrollment but must reapply each academic year.
- ★ Student must remain unmarried for the entire academic year.

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