

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.

NOVEMBER 2024

Upcoming Events & Trainings

CONNECT THE TOTS

Nov 5, 12 & 19 | 10:00 am - 12:00 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. Our playgroup contains toys, books, and other materials to help strengthen each child's cognitive, physical, and creative selves, and to help promote social-emotional skill building. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2412.

USAJOBS & FEDERAL RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Nov 7 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Army Community Service (B2111)

Learn how to write a federal resume and navigate the application process on USAJOBS.gov. Bring your laptop along. To register by Nov 5, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-7262.

ALL ABILITIES FALL CRAFT NIGHT

Nov 7 | 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Art offers individuals with all abilities a way to communicate. Practicing art has been shown to increase fine motors skills, improve focus, gain self-confidence, strengthen cognitive development and improve mood. Art projects include sensory crafts, seasonal-themed crafts, stamping, watercolors, canvas painting, and much more! To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-7262.

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

Nov 13 | 8:00 am - 1:00 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 highly encouraged to attend. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-6712.

The ACS Office will be closed on Nov 11 for Veterans Day and Nov 28 for Thanksgiving.

ACS BUILDING BONDS WORKSHOP

DECORATE A PALLET TREE



Spending Time Together as a Family Builds Family resilience!

Create Family memories as you make your own yard decoration to display for the holidays!

Single and geographical bachelors welcome!

- All materials and instruction supplied
- One tree per Family
- Class size is limited
- Children must be accompanied by an adult

2024 DATES
Nov 19, Dec 3, 12 or 17 | 4:00 – 6:30 pm
ACS Building Bonds Workshop | B1133

To Register, please call ACS at 502-898-3505
Must be registered one week prior to the class

ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers, unless otherwise stated. For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS, please go to <http://mccoy.armymwr.com> and click on Calendar.



Upcoming Events & Trainings

SECRETS OF USA JOBS

Nov 19 | 12 pm - 2 pm | Microsoft Teams

Want to know more about navigating USAJobs and creating a Federal resume? Join Mr. Rudy Muriel, a veteran who spent over a decade learning to navigate USAJobs to obtain Federal employment after leaving the military. He now works with the Navy and USO to provide training to transitioning service members, civilians, and the public on how to navigate and use USAJobs to obtain Federal employment. [Click here to register.](#)

ESTATE PLANNING

Nov 19 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am | Army Community Service (B2111)
or via Teams

Join Janeen Folgers, AFC Certified Financial Readiness Specialist, for a comprehensive estate planning seminar. Topics discussed include avoiding estate planning pitfalls; powers of attorney; wills & trusts and planning your legacy. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-3540.

COMMON MILITARY TRAININGS

Common Military Trainings are mandatory for all Service Members and are available for those who are coming up on the following milestones in their careers: PCS Moves, Promotions, Marriage, Childbirth, Pre-Deployment & Post-Deployment. Trainings are also provided for life events such as divorce and disabling conditions. Trainings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 9 am via Microsoft Teams or in person in Building 2111. Contact ACS at 502-898-3540 to set up individual, Family or unit trainings.

DO YOU HAVE ORDERS TO PCS TO ANOTHER DUTY LOCATION?

Contact Relocation Readiness at 502-898-6712 to get information on your new duty station. Books, maps, and Military Installation booklets are available.

ALL ABILITIES Winter Craft Night

Dec 19, 2024 | Jan 9, 2025
Feb 4, 2025

All sessions held from 4:30 – 7:00 pm
at the ACS Family Building, 2161 South J St

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. Join us in the joy of art!

ART PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Sensory Crafts
- Seasonal Themed Crafts
- Variety of Painting Mediums
- And much more!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

To register, please call ACS at 502-898-7262 or send an email to lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil



Registration required by Dec 16, Jan 6 or Jan 31, respectively. 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 <http://mccoymilitary.com> and click on Calendar.



SPOTLIGHT

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AWARENESS

The month of November we give thanks to our Veterans that have selflessly served our nation and for all the other blessings we receive daily. We pay tribute to the Military Family that reminds us of the resilience, sacrifice, strength and dedication that supports service members through deployments, relocations and challenges. It is a month to recognize the unique sacrifices these Families make for our country's safety and to show gratitude for their support and courage.

Our ACS Awareness Tree is decorated in fall colors to remind us of nature's beautiful transition and the richness of change as seen in our Military Families. Fall colors remind us of the end of a season and the opportunity to slow down and savor each moment, each Family celebration and tradition, as the year draws closer to an end.

Stop by ACS in November to pick up your Military Family activity bag which contains items to slow down and spend Family time together creating.

Note: Supplies are limited. ACS, located at 2111 South 8th Avenue is open M-F, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, except Federal holidays or unless posted.



Employee Spotlight

JESSE OGUNDU
ACS Specialist
Relocation Readiness

Please welcome our newest member of the Fort McCoy ACS Team - Mr. Jesse Ogundu!

Mr. Ogundu will oversee the Relocation Readiness Program. He will be the primary point of contact ensuring support and assistance for incoming and outgoing military members and their Families.

Jesse recently retired from the Army after a 20-year career. His wife, MAJ Latrice Ogundu, is assigned to the 88th Readiness Division. Jesse and his Family reside in Tomah. They have 2 children: Jessiah (20) and Jayveon (17). They are extremely excited to be a part of the Fort McCoy community and look forward to serving them any way they can.

KINDNESS KORNER

November 11 is Veterans Day. A day set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military, in wartime or peacetime. It is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge their contributions to our national security are appreciated and to remember all those who served have sacrificed and done their duty.



ACS invites you to spread some kindness to veterans this month.

Stop by ACS to pick up a homemade card (thanks to our Volunteer Connection Club) to send to someone you know. Wondering what to say? Here are some ideas to get you started...

- There's no way to thank our veterans for everything they sacrifice for our freedom, but on Veterans Day, we must at least try. So, thank you!
- Thank you for your sacrifice, your bravery and the examples you set for us all.
- God bless you and thank you for your bravery.
- Thank you for bravely doing what you were called to do so we can safely do what we're free to do.
- For your service, your bravery and your hard work, we thank you. Happy Veterans Day!

DID YOU KNOW: DoD to Reimburse Transportation Costs of Child Care

On October 1, 2024, the Defense Department will launch a new pilot program aimed at reducing out-of-pocket expenses for Service Members and their Families on permanent change of station (PCS) orders. Service Members on active duty may designate a child care provider and request reimbursement for the provider's commercial transportation expenses if the military child care development center (CDC) at the Service Member's new permanent duty station (PDS) cannot provide care within 30 days of reporting. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Christmas Tree Lighting Volunteers Needed!

Help begin the holiday season with a Fort McCoy Tradition!

December 5 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

McCoy's Community Center (B1571)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Event setup and take down
- Assist with photos with Santa
- Serve hot cocoa and cider, etc.
- "Whoville" Actors (additional rehearsal time required)

*Volunteers are encouraged to dress up in a festive manner.
Elf costumes available to borrow.*

For additional questions, please contact:
ashley.n.sivert.naf@army.mil | 502-898-2625



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

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

FOR MORE INFO CALL **502-898-6507**

OR EMAIL: michael.d.larsen.civ@army.mil

For additional Ft. McCoy volunteer opportunities, please visit:
<https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/volunteer/opportunities>



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Special Observances



— THIS NOVEMBER WE HONOR —
**NATIONAL VETERANS
& MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH**

**Taking Care of Our
Military Families** | **MILITARY
ONESOURCE**

National Veterans and Military Families Month

NOVEMBER 2024

We're honoring our amazing Military Families and Veterans far and wide. Your dedication and support makes a difference in our lives every single day. Explore resources and support here: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/parenting/Family-life/military-Family-appreciation/>

**CELEBRATING
MILITARY
LIBRARIES WEEK**
Leaders are Readers
November 10-16, 2024

- Pentagon Library
- Army Engineer Research & Development Center Library
- Gorgias Memorial Library
- Naval Base Guam MWR Library
- Air University Library
- Miami Station Library
- U.S. Army Center of Military History Library & Archive

Military Libraries Week

NOVEMBER 10 - 16

As we celebrate Military Libraries Week, we salute our patrons who embrace reading as a pathway to leadership, resilience, and excellence in service.
#militarylibrariesweek