

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.

JULY 2026

OVERSEAS BRIEF

July 6 | Korea 10 am | Germany 11 am | Hawaii 1:30 pm | Army Community Service (B2111)

Get essential information before your assignment outside of the continental U.S. To register, please [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

PLAY MORNINGS

July 7 & 21 | 10 am - 12 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Our playgroup offers toys, books, and other materials to help strengthen your child's social-emotional skills, creativity, play and cognitive development. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2412.

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

July 8 | 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.

USAJOBS & FEDERAL RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

July 15 | 9 am - 11 am | Army Community Service (B2111)

Learn how to write a 2-page federal resume and manage the application process on USAJOBS.gov. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-6712.

ALL ABILITIES CRAFT NIGHT

July 16 & August 13 | 4:30 pm - 7 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. Choose from a variety of art projects including sensory crafts, stamping, canvas painting, scrapbooking and more! To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-7262.

The ACS Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.



**TODDLER TUESDAY AT
MALL of AMERICA**

Our Toddler Tuesday at Mall of America is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a stress-free, day of play while connecting with other families in our Community.

JULY 14, 2026

PICK UP & DROP OFF LOCATION: **ACS HEADQUARTERS BLDG 2111**

DEPART ACS	TODDLER TIME	DEPART MoA	ARRIVE at ACS
7:00 AM	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	5:30 PM

TRANSPORTATION IS FREE!

TO REGISTER CALL **502-898-2412 / 3505**
OR EMAIL brittany.r.sonie.civ@army.mil

To report Child abuse call 608-269-8000 or call local law enforcement, 911

Upcoming Events & Trainings

SUMMER SENSORY SERIES

July 17 | 3 pm - 5 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Explore, create, and connect with your family in a fun, supportive atmosphere designed for play! Build with kinetic sand, splash at the water table, stretch & squish gooey slime, chase giant bubbles, and much more! To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-7262.

QUARTERLY BENEFITS BRIEF

July 28 | 10 am - 12 pm | Army Community Service (B2111)

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, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

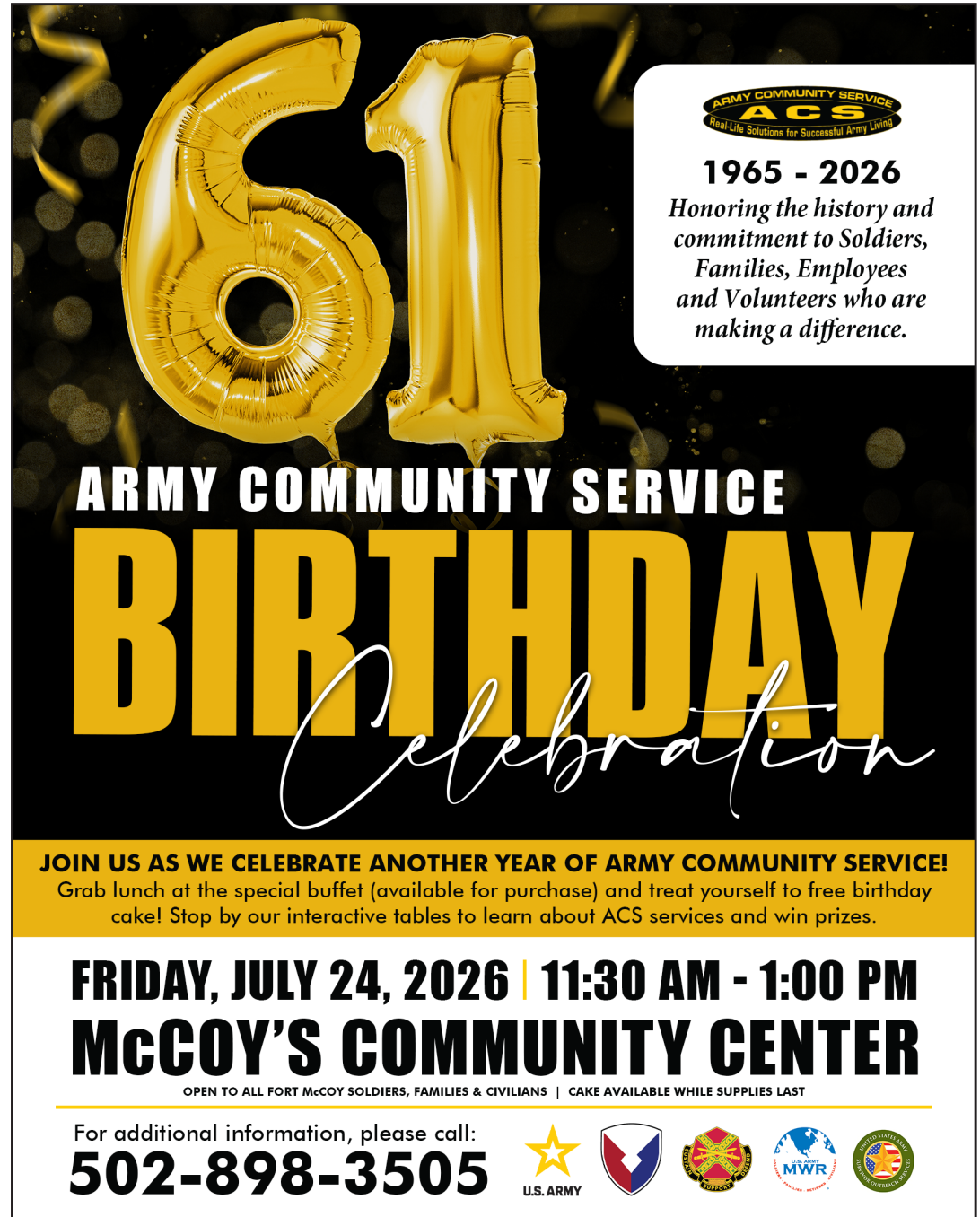
August 19 | 9 am - 10 am | Army Community Service (B2111)

Learn about budgeting, financial records, savings, expenses, long-term goals, credit and debt management, and techniques for how to increase monthly income surplus. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-6507.

KINDNESS KORNER

July is a time to celebrate freedom, community, and the values that bring us together. One of the greatest ways to honor those values is through simple acts of kindness. Whether it's checking in on a neighbor, offering encouragement to a fellow Soldier, helping a new Family settle into the community, or simply sharing a smile, every act of kindness strengthens the bonds that make our military community resilient.

This month, challenge yourself to perform intentional acts of kindness. Small gestures can make a lasting difference, reminding others that they are seen, valued, and supported. Together, we can continue building a community where compassion, respect, and service extend beyond the mission.



The poster features a large, shiny gold foil balloon in the shape of the number '61' against a black background with gold confetti. To the right of the balloon is the Army Community Service (ACS) logo, which includes the text 'ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE', 'ACS', and 'Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living'. Below the logo, it says '1965 - 2026' and 'Honoring the history and commitment to Soldiers, Families, Employees and Volunteers who are making a difference.' Below this, the text 'ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE' is written in white, followed by 'BIRTHDAY' in large, bold, gold letters, and 'Celebration' in a white cursive script. At the bottom, a yellow banner reads 'JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE ANOTHER YEAR OF ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE!' followed by 'Grab lunch at the special buffet (available for purchase) and treat yourself to free birthday cake! Stop by our interactive tables to learn about ACS services and win prizes.' Below the banner, the date and time 'FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM' are listed, followed by 'McCOY'S COMMUNITY CENTER' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says 'OPEN TO ALL FORT McCOY SOLDIERS, FAMILIES & CIVILIANS | CAKE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST'. At the bottom, it says 'For additional information, please call: 502-898-3505' and includes logos for the U.S. Army, Fort McCoy, and other military organizations.

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ACS
Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

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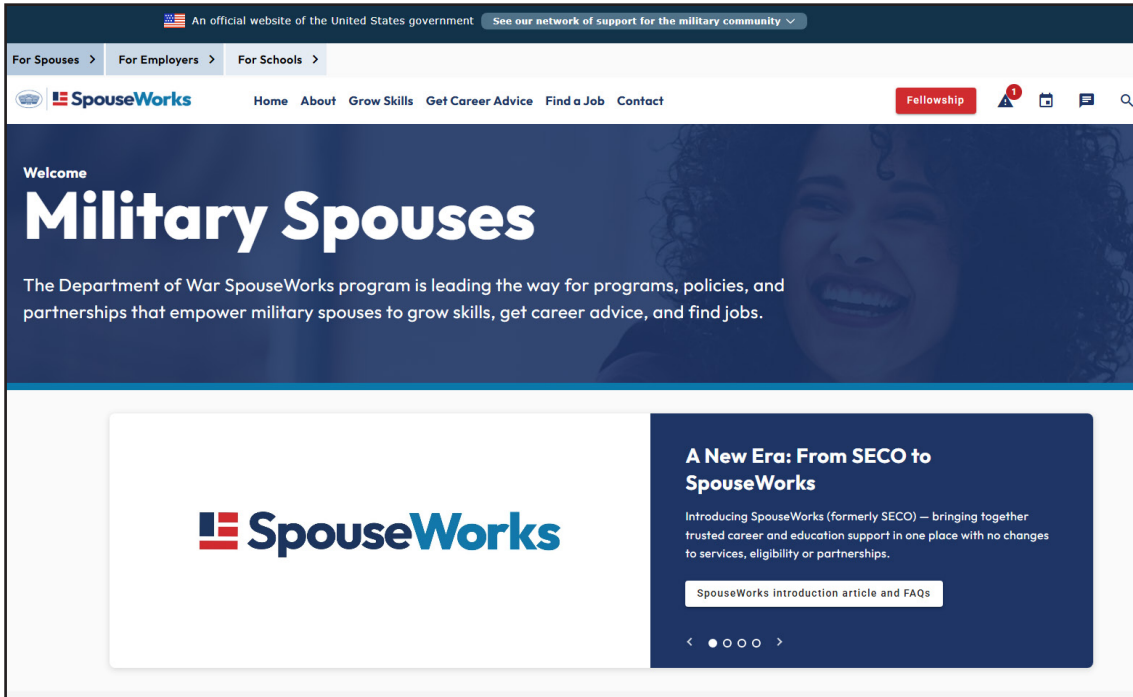
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U.S. ARMY

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

SECO Is Now SpouseWorks

SpouseWorks brings together the same trusted career and education support — now easier to find and use in one place. Visit [SpouseWorks](#)



Did You Know?

Did you know you can receive notices of open positions (local and remote) in your in box? Contact lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil or call 502-898-6712 to find out how.

Free Interviewing Assistance

Free interviewing and networking preparation for military spouses, transitioning service members and veterans. Simply [click here](#) and sign up.

PINE VIEW CAMPGROUND'S

Haunted Trails



Volunteers Needed!

Do you like scaring people?

If so, Outdoor Recreation has a opportunity to volunteer as a Scare Actor at Pine View Campground's Haunted Trails.

Work under the supervision of the event lead or designee. Scare Actors will be tasked to a certain area on the Haunted Trail to ensure patrons get the fright of their life! Scare Actors will be the interactive scarers throughout the duration of the event. Scare actors are responsible for providing their own costumes. Scare actors can jump out, scream, and scare; but scare actors ARE NOT allowed to touch patrons for any reason.

TIME REQUIRED: August 22 from 5 pm - 11 pm

CONTACT: alex.d.karis.naf@army.mil | 502-898-6461



Join us to celebrate the recipes that makes our lives richer

AUG 5, 2026 | OCT 30, 2026

4:00 PM | SOUTH POST COMMUNITY CENTER

Register for our next quarterly event anytime! Call Army Community Service at **502-898-3505** or email jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil

Open to, to Soldiers, Spouses, and DOD Civilians assigned to Fort McCoy.





RELOCATION COMPASS

Summer in Between

There is something different about July feels. Maybe it is the longer days, maybe it's hearing fireworks in the distance or seeing children riding their bikes until the streetlights come on. For many Military Families, July falls right in the middle of everything some have just arrived, while others are finally starting to settle in and catch their breath. Summer gives us something we do not always make time for. A reason to slow down and go somewhere new and end enjoy being together.

Military life does not always let us choose where we move next, but this lifestyle gives us something many people never experience, it gives us the opportunity to discover places we never would have visited, meet people we never would have known, and create memories we never expected to make. Some of the places we remember most were never part of the original plan. They simply became part of the story. Along the way, ACS is here as your compass, helping Soldiers and Families stay connected, supported and moving forward through the process.

More than P.E.A.C.E.

P.E.A.C.E. is about slowing down, exploring your new community, and making the most of the people and the resources around you.

P - Plug into Your Community: Attend Newcomers Orientation, an MWR event, or a community activity. One event can turn strangers into friends and a duty station into a home.

A - Ask for Guidance: Sponsors, ACS staff, and community resources can help answer questions and point Families in the right direction.

E – Expand Your Opportunities: Visit the Education Center and discover classes, certifications, and programs that can help you grow personally and professionally.

A – Ask and Accept Support: Whether you need relocation assistance, someone to talk to, or help navigating military life, resources like ACS, MFLC, Military OneSource, and your Sponsor are here to help.

C – Create Connections: Volunteer, attend an event, or just try to introduce yourself to someone new.

E – Experience Your New Community: Attend a festival, explore a new town, or try something you've never done before.

FINDING WONDER

Timbavati Wildlife Park



Summer has a way of reminding people that a big vacation is not always needed to make a lasting memory. Sometimes it is a short drive, a different view, and an experience that encourages slowing down and enjoying the moment. Timbavati Wildlife Park is one of those places.

From hand feeding giraffes to getting up close to animals not seen every day, it is the kind of experience that brings out a sense of curiosity at any age. There is something refreshing about stepping away from a normal routine for a few hours and enjoying something new.

Before long, this assignment will become another chapter, and these summer days will become memories talked about the most.

Stop by the ACS office at 2111 S 8th Ave to pick up a Discover Wisconsin Scratch-Off Card and uncover hidden gems across the state!

RELOCATION READINESS

THE LINK



Like Family

There is something about summer gatherings that bring people together. A cookout, fireworks, or an evening with friends can turn into an unfamiliar place into one that feels a little more like home.

For many military Families holidays and summers are spent far from parents, siblings, and lifelong friends. Over time, traditions begin to look different, and sometimes the people gathered around the table become the people who make the new place feel a little more like home. Along the way, friendships start to feel like family. Most military spouses can remember a holiday or gathering when someone simply asked them, "Come over." It may not seem like much to the person extended the invitation, but moments like that are remembered for years.

That is Where the Link Shows Up

In the invitation, the extra chair, and the person who remembers what it felt like to be new and makes room for someone else to pull up a seat. As Independence Day reminds us, community is one of the things worth celebrating because sometimes the people who make the place feel like home are the ones who showed up, made room, and became like family.

STAY CONNECTED

Connection doesn't always happen on its own. Sometimes it starts with showing up. Here are few ways to stay connected and find your place.

PLAY MORNINGS

July 7, 14 & 21 | 10 am - 12 pm | ACS Family Building

A casual space for kids to play while you meet other parents and build connections.

ALL ABILITIES CRAFT NIGHT

July 16 | 4:30 pm - 7 pm | ACS Family Building

Relax, create, and connect with others in a laid-back setting where you and your Family members can work on your choice of art projects.

SUMMER SENSORY SERIES

July 17 | 3 - 5 pm | ACS Family Building

An interactive summer experience designed to help Families explore, create, and connect in a supportive atmosphere.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lending Closet

We temporarily loan housekeeping items to incoming or outgoing Fort McCoy personnel while their items are in transit.



ITEMS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- Air Mattresses
- Tables & Chairs
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Coffee Pots
- Dishes
- Microwaves
- Instant Pots
- Electric Griddles

STOP IN TO ACS OR CALL 502-898-2359 TO LEARN MORE





SHARE A *Recipe* SHARE A *Story*

Turning everyday recipes into shared connection,
resilience and readiness for the Fort McCoy community.

SHARE

your family's favorite
recipes and the stories
that make them special.

CONNECT

with your community at
a fun, quarterly food
gatherings.

NOURISH

your family and spiritual
wellness through the simple
joy of sharing.

Monthly Recipe Submissions

Submit your family-tested recipes to ACS by the 15th of each month
by emailing jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil



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

*This recipe was shared by Cathy Malzacher, whose family
discovered that some of the sweetest memories come from
people, places, and traditions.*

ORANGE FLUFF

Prep Time: 10 min plus
chill time

Servings: 10 - 12

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 oz Cottage Cheese
- 3 oz Orange Jello
- 8 oz Mandarin Oranges,
Drained
- 8 oz Cool Whip
- 5 oz Flavored
Marshmallows



DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, sprinkle the orange Jello over the cottage cheese and gently stir until combined
2. Fold in the mandarin oranges, Cool Whip, and flavored marshmallows.
3. Refrigerate for at least one hour before serving.

Variation: Try different Jello flavors and fruit combinations to
create your own family favorite!!!

WHY IT MATTERS:

*Five years ago, an invitation from a family friend led Cathy and
her husband to attend the Chapel at Fort McCoy. What began with
one visit grew into meaningful friendships and a community that
welcomed them like family. Not long after, Cathy came across this
orange Jello Salad recipe which quickly became a family favorite and
a dish they continue to enjoy together.*