

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025



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.



KIDS CONNECT

Join us for this exciting and engaging summer program designed for children of all ages, from curious toddlers to adventurous teens.

Our program aims to provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment where children can connect with others, explore new interests, and develop essential skills. Children under the age of 15 require parental supervision.

EACH SESSION WILL FEATURE A LIFE SKILL ACTIVITY INCLUDING:

-  **Staying Home Alone**
-  **Basic Sewing**
-  **Arts & Crafts**
-  **Money Management**
-  **Cooking**

August 5, 12, 19
10 am - 12 pm
ACS Family Building (B2161)

To register, send an email to:
brittany.r.sonie.civ@army.mil
or call 502-898-2412




NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

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

August 13 | 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
McCoy's Community Center (B1571)

Are you new to Fort McCoy? Join us to learn about all of the programs and services the Fort McCoy community has to offer! Open to all new Military and Civilian personnel; spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Breakfast is provided.

To register, e-mail here or call 502-898-2359.

Upcoming Events & Trainings

A vibrant graphic for 'Craft Night' featuring various art supplies like paintbrushes, pencils, and a palette. The text is centered in a white cloud shape.

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.

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CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF ART PROJECTS INCLUDING:

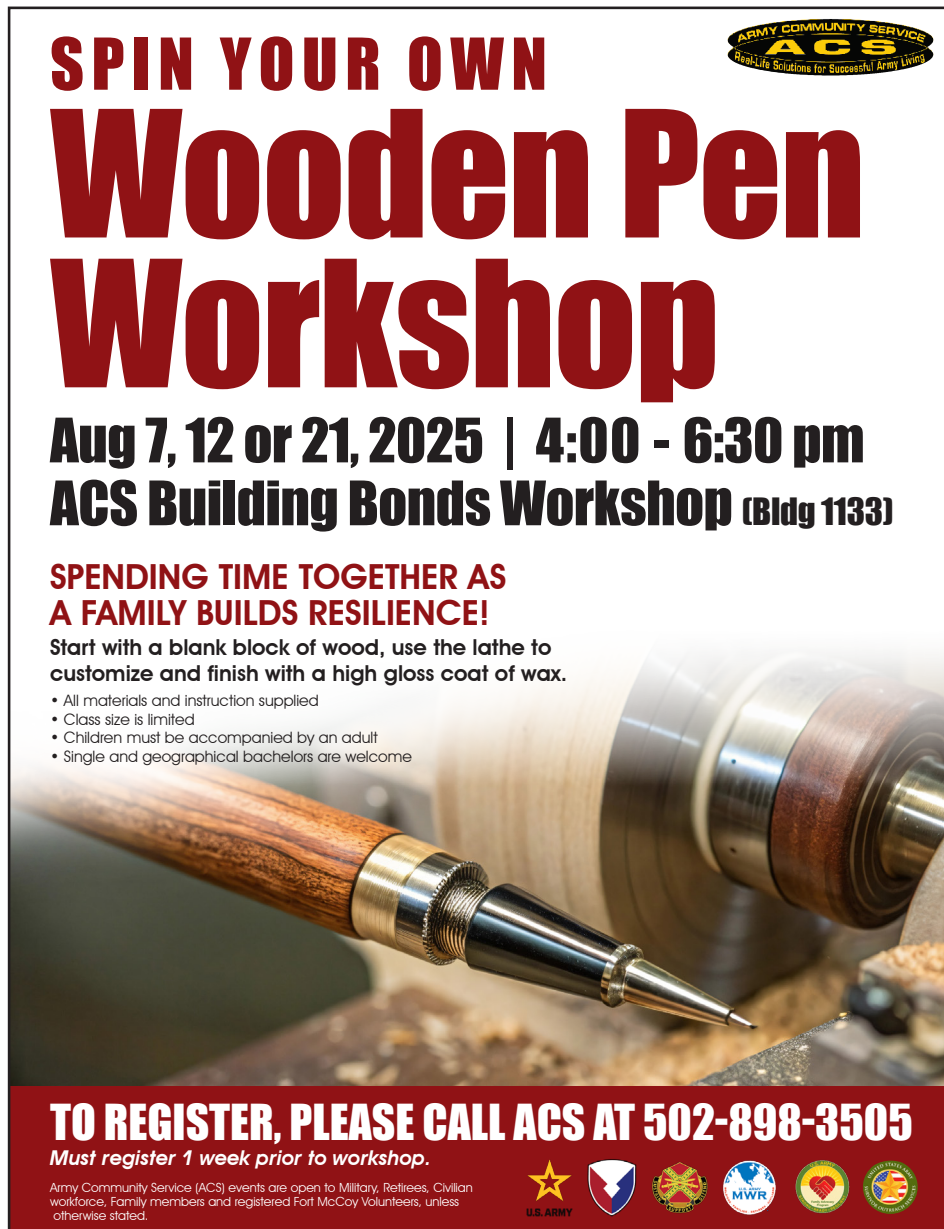
- Sensory Crafts
- Seasonal / Holiday Crafts
- Painting & Coloring
- Scrapbooking & Stamping
- Diamond Art
- And Much More!

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August 5, 2025
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
ACS Family Building (B2161)

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

A graphic for a 'Wooden Pen Workshop' featuring a close-up of a wooden pen being turned on a lathe. The text is in a bold, serif font.

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SPIN YOUR OWN

Wooden Pen Workshop

Aug 7, 12 or 21, 2025 | 4:00 - 6:30 pm
ACS Building Bonds Workshop (Bldg 1133)





SPENDING TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY BUILDS RESILIENCE!

Start with a blank block of wood, use the lathe to customize and finish with a high gloss coat of wax.

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

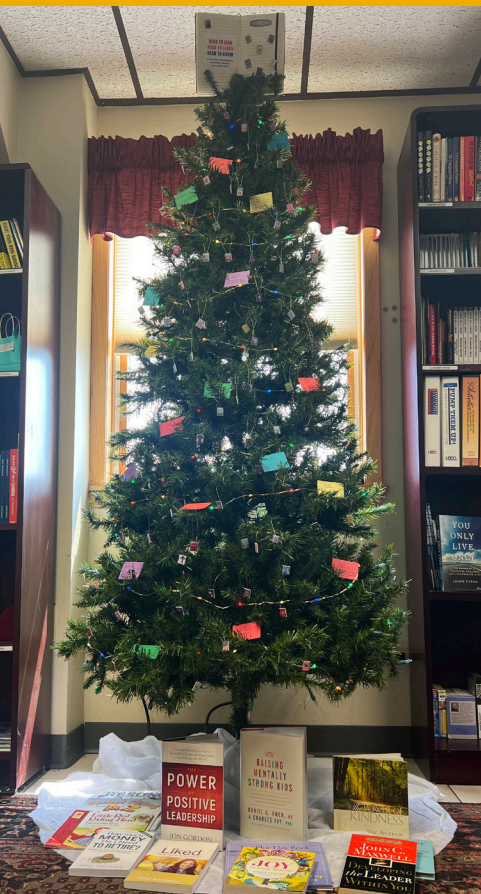
TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL ACS AT 502-898-3505
Must register 1 week prior to workshop.

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To view all upcoming MWR events and activities, visit mccoy.armymwr.com and click on calendar.

SPOTLIGHT on AWARENESS



THE AWARENESS TREE OF STORIES

Celebrating National Book Lover's Day – August 9

With small book covers on every limb,
Stories of wonder, laughter, and whim.
Each one a window, a story, a spark,
A tale that once lit up the dark.

From fantasy lands to mystery plots,
From heartfelt lines to curious thoughts,
These little covers gently sway –
A tribute to books in a joyful display.

It's more than decor—it's meant to inspire,
To rekindle your love, to lift and aspire.
So, take a stroll, have a look,
Step inside and discover your next great read in a book!

Whether you're young, or young at heart,
This is the perfect place to start.
So celebrate stories, both big and small,
In pages where minds and dreams can sprawl.

Our tree stands tall for readers like you - Happy Book Lovers Day, from us to you! To celebrate, stop into ACS throughout the month of August to select a complimentary book of your choice!

Supplies are limited. ACS (B2111) is open Mon - Fre, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, except Federal holidays or unless posted.

KINDNESS KORNER

Kindness and reading go hand in hand—both have the power to connect, uplift, and transform. Sharing a book is a simple yet meaningful act of generosity; it's offering someone a new perspective, a moment of escape, or a spark of inspiration.

Whether it's passing along a beloved novel, donating to a community shelf, or recommending a story that touched your heart, every shared book becomes a ripple of kindness.

In reading, we grow empathy; in sharing, we spread it. A single story can change a day—and sometimes, even a life.



1. Go to www.dodmwrlibraries.org
2. Click the Login button at the top right corner of the page.
3. Enter your DOD ID number and your date of birth in the required fields.
4. Click Submit
5. Once logged in, click on the Find a Resource tab to access available materials.

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

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.

AUGUST 23, 2025 FROM 5 PM - 11 PM

DUTIES: 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.

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
8AM-2 PM

AT THE
**FORT MCCOY
RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE**

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



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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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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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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RELOCATION COMPASS

THE NEXT TURN

August marks a subtle shift in pace. Summer begins to wind down, routines start to form, and your relocation journey turns from arrival to adjustment. Whether you're unpacking your final box or still waiting for your household goods, this month is about creating rhythm and building momentum.

It's not about rushing, it's about recognizing that you've reached the next turn, and now it's time to move forward with purpose. As always, ACS is here to support you every step of the way with tools, connections, and guidance to help you grow into your new space, on your terms.

A.I.M: SETTLE AND SUCCEED

As you adjust to your new surroundings and begin building your daily rhythm, ACS is here to help you A.I.M. your energy in the right direction:

A – Assistance: Whether you're planning for your future or managing everyday challenges, ACS offers practical support you can rely on. Learn more about Army Emergency Relief (AER) scholarships and family support programs that provide meaningful financial assistance and long-term stability.

I – Information: ACS connects you with reliable services and trusted partners to help you feel more informed and empowered. Through our partnership with Western Technical College, we offer referrals for English Language Learning (ELL) opportunities.

M – Momentum: Establishing a rhythm is key to feeling settled. From connecting to community events to accessing local resources, ACS helps you move from uncertainty to routine - one day 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK

Overseas Brief: August 4

Get essential information before your assignment outside of the continental U.S.

Newcomer's Orientation | Aug 13

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*).

PCS Open House | Sep 3

Discover all the tools and local knowledge you need to make your move stress-free with expert advice from Housing, Transportation, CY5, Military Personnel Division, The Personal Property Processing Office, Employment Readiness, EFMP, and ACS Relocation Readiness.

Sponsorship Training | Sep 5

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



STEP INTO STRENGTH AND WONDER: EXPLORE BARABOO

Relocation can feel overwhelming, but true strength grows in moments when you pause and gather yourself. Baraboo invites you to do just that. From the inspiring legacy of the Circus World Museum and the historic Ringling Bros. to the quiet resilience found at the Wisconsin Big Cat Rescue, Baraboo offers a space to reset your pace and reconnect with what matters most.

This isn't about rushing through your journey; it's about stepping into your strength, finding calm, and moving forward with purpose. Whether you're exploring history or marveling at majestic big cats, Baraboo encourages you to embrace resilience and rediscover your sense of wonder.

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.

RELOCATION READINESS

FORT MCCOY ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS)

Sponsorship TRAINING

For Military & Civilian Personnel

ACS Sponsorship Sessions are designed to equip you with strategies and tools to effectively sponsor incoming personnel.

IN THESE SESSIONS, YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO:

ALIGN: Ensure sponsors and newcomers are connected to the right resources.

CARE: Offer guidance to help newcomers settle in smoothly.

SUPPORT: Gain skills needed to assist newcomers during transition.

2025 DATES:
Mar 7, Jun 6, Sep 5, Dec 5
Military: 10 am - 11 am
Civilians: 1 pm - 2 pm
Army Community Service
2111 South 8th Ave

To register, contact Army Community Service at 502-898-2359 or email jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil

Must be registered at least 2 days prior to the training. 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://mccoy.armymwr.com/acs/mccoyprograms/armycommunityservice> and click on ACS Calendar.






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

September 3, 2025
11 am to 1 pm
McCoy's Community Center (B1571)

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



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OVERSEAS BRIEF

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:
 PREPARE, PLAN, AND MOVE WITH CONFIDENCE!



OCONUS Reassignment?
 Before your PCS, you must complete the Overseas Orientation Briefing through the ACS Relocation Readiness Program (RRP). It's an essential step to ensure a smooth and successful overseas move.

BRIEFING SCHEDULE

THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE B2111

KOREA	GERMANY	HAWAII
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:30 PM

Please pre-register 24 hours in advance.

Moving to a different location? Call 502.898.2359 to schedule an appointment!




To register for any of the trainings above, scan the QR code with your phone.

DID YOU KNOW?

The ID Card Office (B2187) has New Hours of Operation

WALK-IN CUSTOMERS: Mon, Wed and Fri. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

APPOINTMENTS ONLY: Tue and Thu from 7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Appointments can be made online at the following URL: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

SUMMER 2025 MSEP VIRTUAL HIRING FAIR

August 6 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Connect with MSEP employers actively hiring for remote and flexible positions. For more information and to register, visit [MSEP Summer 2025 Virtual Hiring Fair Registration](#).

SECO SPOTLIGHT: TRANSLATING YOUR FEDERAL EXPERIENCE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

August 7 | 2:00 pm

Join the SECO Spotlight live event to learn how to make your experience resonate with private sector employers, including formatting tips, civilian-friendly language and resume dos and don'ts.

To access the event on Facebook, visit <https://www.facebook.com/DoDMilSpouse>.

MSEP JOB SEARCH NAVIGATOR SERVICE

is offered to military spouses once they have completed a series of designated career support services with a SECO career coach. The MSEP Job Search Navigator will then identify potential matches between the spouse and MSEP employers based on the spouse's geographic location, education, experience and career goals, and share a list of customized job leads to assist them in their search for employment.

For more information, visit <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/resume-review-and-job-search-navigator>.

USA JOBS TRAINING

August 19 | 12:30 pm

Presented by Rudy Muriel, Talent Acquisition Manager. This training provides an in-depth look at USA Jobs, the federal government's official job portal. Participants will learn how to navigate the platform effectively, optimize their profiles, and tailor applications to improve their chances of success. The session will cover key strategies for resume building, vacancy searches, and understanding the federal hiring process.

[Click Here to Join TEAMS Meeting](#)



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 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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