



# CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

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## 1. AMERICAN RED CROSS

KIMBERLY OKAI, 315-772-6561

- Blood Dive 9, 10, and 11 January, 1130 – 1630 at the USO
- **Volunteer opportunities** available for casework and administrative positions.
- **Critical need for casework volunteers to handle emergency communications and office volunteers.**

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Emergency Communications Call Ctr (24/7): 1-877-272-7337

Facebook: [American Red Cross Fort Drum](#)

Email: [kimberly.okai@redcross.org](mailto:kimberly.okai@redcross.org)

## 2. ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS)

Catherine Ferran, 315-772-4979

- **ACS MOVE WILL TAKE PLACE 11-15 DECEMBER.**
- **ACS WILL BE MOVING TO THEIR NEW LOCATION!!! BLDG. 1780, RESTORE HOPE**
- **THE EMPLOYEE READINESS PROGRAM WILL BE MOVING TO THE SFAC FACILITY,**
- **BLDG. 11042, MT. BELVEDERE BLVD**
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- Submit AFAP Issues year round – [usarmy.drum.imcom-fmwrc.mbx-aftb@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.drum.imcom-fmwrc.mbx-aftb@mail.mil)
- Army Family Team Building (AFTB), Personal Growth and Resiliency, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, ACS Bldg. – Looking for participants and instructors for both classes. Train to become an instructor!!
- Autism Caregiver Support Group, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:30 am, SFAC Bldg.
- Autism Caregiver Support Group, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:30 am, SFAC Bldg.
- EFMP Play Group, every Wednesday, 10-11:30 am, SFAC Bldg – Playgroup is opened to all
- Bowling Outing, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, Ft. Drum Bowling Center
- Family Night, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, at The Commons
- **AER** has increased assistance thresholds: Command Referral limit has been raised from \$1500 to \$2000 and Self-Referral level one from \$2500 to \$3000.
- Assistance categories have been expanded to include up to \$5000 for emergency minor home repairs.
- **AER** online scholarships applications for spouses (of active duty Soldier's) and children (of Active duty and Retired Soldier's) becomes available January 2018, for more information and to apply please go to: [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org)
- Sci-Tech Center Tour, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 10-11, meet at ACS

- Winter Fun Events, an outing to Millers Meat Market, Lowville, NY. Transportation provided, 12 Jan, 0930.
- FRAGO 2 to OPORD 19-001 (Fort Drum Volunteer of the Year and Man/Woman of the Mountain Ceremony) has been published. This is a note for a reminder to submit your allotted nomination(s) for the Volunteer of the Year Ceremony to the Installation Volunteer Coordinator NLT 15 February 2018. The Volunteer of the Year and Man/Woman of the Mountain Award ceremony will be held at the Commons on 19 April 2018, social hour will be from 1700-1800, with the ceremony immediately following from 1800-2000. Dani Reed can be reached at 315-772-2899 or daniel.j.reed3.civ@mail.mil for your nominations or questions you might have regarding the process.

**ACS MONTHLY CALENDAR** of classes and events can be found at: <http://drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/army-community-service/>

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

Click the hyperlinks  
[427062594001076/?ref=hl](http://427062594001076/?ref=hl)

Website: [www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/army-community-service/](http://www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/army-community-service/)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Drum-Army-Community-Service->

Online ACS class registration: [fortdrumacs.checkappointments.com](http://fortdrumacs.checkappointments.com)

### 3. DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

**Joseph A. Agresti, 315-772-0343**

**In processing:**

- Fort Drum provides in processing briefings and services (Mountain Reception and Integration Program) each business day of the year excluding DONSA's and Federal Holidays. You or your family does not need to be within your first few days at the Installation to attend a briefing. A schedule of briefings is attached, with the day of the week they occur, and the room number in Clark Hall where they occur. Updates can be obtained by calling 772-3043, the Fort Drum Welcome Center Desk. Further venues to provide opportunity to provide Families Welcome and Integration information will be forthcoming and announced in these notes. Welcome to the Climb!

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

Click the hyperlinks

Website: <http://www.drum.army.mil/hr/Pages/education.aspx>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Drum-Army-Education-Center-321867727827654/>

### 4. ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY (AUSA) NNY FORT DRUM

**MARK DECILLES, 315-486-1538**

**Nothing to Report**

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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Website: <http://www.oneausa.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Northern-New-York-Fort-Drum-AUSA-288823557227/>

### 5. AUTO CRAFTS

**MIKE GRAVELINE, 315-772-5785**

- **AUTO CRAFT CENTER:** Auto Craft offers their Orientation Class every Tuesday and Thursday at **Noon**. This is a mandatory orientation class in order to utilize the Auto Craft Facility. Please see our flyer ([Orientation Class](#)) or contact the Auto Craft Staff at 315-772-7902 for additional information

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-Recreation/546416075378830?ref=hl>

## 6. BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS (BOSS)

GIA GILLOTTE-TAYLOR , (315) 772-7807

- **BOSS bowling in the month of January:** At the Pine Plains Bowling Center, every Tuesday, Fort Drum BOSS will be hosting a FREE bowling party for single Soldiers starting at **5 – 9 pm**. Come out and enjoy free bowling with DJ entertainment. Meet up with friends and make new ones! Food and beverages are available for purchase.
- **BOSS trip to Monster Jam:** BOSS will be taking a trip to the Times Union Center in Albany, NY to see Monster Jam on **Saturday, 13 January 2018**. This event is open to all single Soldiers. There are 30 slots available and are on a first come first serve basis. Sign-up by COB **2 January 2018** at the BOSS Center, Bldg P-10650. Please call 772-7807 for more information.

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fortdrum.boss](https://www.facebook.com/fortdrum.boss)

## 7. CHAPEL

CAROL BURKE, 315-772-4451

Now that life has settled down a bit and the kiddos are back in school, take some time for YOU. You need to care for yourself not only physically, but also mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Why not sign up for a winter bible study?

- The Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) meet Tuesdays from 0930-1200 at the Main Post Chapel and Tuesday evenings at 1830 at Po Valley Chapel
- The Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) meet Thursdays at 0900 at the Main Post Chapel
- Single Soldiers Ministry (SALT) meets on Thursdays 1830 at The USO
- Latter Day Saints meet on Thursdays at 1900 at Riva Ridge Chapel

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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**On Duty Chaplain 772-5591; After Duty Hours Chaplain 772-5647**

Email: [carol.a.burke.civ@mail.mil](mailto:carol.a.burke.civ@mail.mil)

Website: [Fort Drum Religious Support](http://FortDrumReligiousSupport)

## 8. CYS SERVICES/OUTREACH

CLAUDIA WHITMIRE 315-772-8672

- **FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC) 10 HOUR LIMIT:** Any Family member living in government quarters providing child care for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be certified as a FCC Provider. Please contact the Child and Youth Services FCC office at 315-772 -2250 for more information.
- **BECOME AN FCC PROVIDER:** An opportunity for military spouses living on Fort Drum, to have a career from home with flexibility and room for growth. Program offers full and part time care, hourly care, and extended care. Please contact the Child and Youth Services FCC office at 315-772-2250 for more information.

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Website: [www.drum.armymwr.com](http://www.drum.armymwr.com)

## 9. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

MATT ROGERS 315- 772-3214

- **FIRST SEMESTER ENDS IN JANUARY:** Expect report cards and testing, as the first half of the 2017-2018 school year ends in the month of January.
- **TUTOR.COM:** Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, is a program that allows eligible students (grades K-12) and service members in U.S. military families, to connect to a live tutor online at any time for one-to-one help with homework, studying, test prep, proofreading and more, at no cost. To learn more about this resource or to register, please visit: [www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military).
- **REGENTS TESTING IN JANUARY:** There will be New York State High School Regents Examinations occurring from **January 24 – 27, 2018**. Regents Exams are required to graduate in New York, and are only administered in January, June, and August. Visit your school's website or contact your student's school counselor for exam date and times.

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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**10. CYS SPORTS & FITNESS****JON BURNARD, 315-772-4102**

- **TAEKWONDO CLASSES:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ages 5-19. Fees are \$70 per student per month. 45 minute classes. Classes in Taekwondo are continuous. Please call our office for more specific information. Students MUST be in first grade to register. Kindergarteners must be evaluated by Instructor to be allowed to enroll.
- **GYMNASTICS/DANCE:** Registration will continue for the upcoming school year programs, ages 18 months -16. Fees are \$30-40 per student per month. Programs will start first week of September. Classes are continuous. Please call our office for specific information.
- **MUSIC:** Registration will continue for the upcoming school year programs, ages 5-17 years old. Fees are \$50-60 for private and group lessons per month. Classes are continuous. Please call our office for specific days, times, and additional information.
- **SPRING SOCCER:** Registration runs from **January 8- April 20**, or until teams are full. Soccer is for children 4-12 years old; fee is \$20 for ages 4-5, and \$45 for ages 6-12. Season runs from **May 7- June 20, 2018**.
- **SPRING BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:** Registration runs from **January 8- April 20**, or until teams are full. Baseball is for children 4-12 years old; fee is \$45. Softball is for children under 13; fee is \$45. Seasons run from **May 8- June 21, 2018**.
- **FLAG FOOTBALL:** Registration runs from **January 8- April 20**, or until teams are full. Flag Football is for children 7-14 years old, fee is \$35. Season runs from **May 11- June 22, 2018**.
- **TRACK:** Registration runs from **January 8- April 20**, or until teams are full. Track is for children 7-12 years old; fee is \$45. Season runs from **May 10-June 21, 2018**.
- **FITNESS CLASSES:** Registration open, or until classes are full. Functional fitness classes, free weights, Friday family day fitness, and plyometric classes. Open for ages 7-16 years old. Please call the Sports building for specific days and times of classes. **Cost: FREE**

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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**11. CYS YOUTH CENTER****STEVE FERGUSON, 315- 772-6717**

- **MLK Trivia:** Monday, **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, 5:00-6:00pm**. We will be holding a Martin Luther King JR. trivia day in remembrance of MLK JR. If you have what it takes, please come by and join us in this fun event!
- **Midnight Sports:** Saturday, **January 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, 4:00pm-12:00am**. This is a very popular program, where teens participate in friendly competition as they enjoy the food, music, and fun of the evening. This Saturday, we will be holding a 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade choice of tournament. Regardless if you plan on participating in the sport, or if you are on the side lines cheering, the food, fun, and music should not be missed.
- **Coding:** Tuesdays, **January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm-6:00pm**. If you enjoy seeing how computer software is made or you enjoy making websites you are in the right place. Coding is what makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps, & websites. We are holding this program every Tuesday in January, so come check it out.

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Website: [www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/categories/cys-services/](http://www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/categories/cys-services/)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-CYSS-YouthProgram/370723860409](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-CYSS-YouthProgram/370723860409)

### Access Control

- The Gate on Main Street is open **ONLY** for construction vehicles working for Mountain Community Homes. Please do not attempt to enter or exit the installation through the gate as you will be turned away.
- Message boards have been installed at the four 24 hour gates to keep everyone informed of changes which may impact traffic flow and procedures at the gates, they are not intended to be community bulletin boards.
- With the re-deployment of the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade we know there will be numerous welcome home ceremonies to bring our family members and friends back. Please remember that there is a regulatory requirement for all personnel that do not have a DoD ID card to be sponsored and vetted prior to access being given. If you have family coming for extended stay they will need to be sponsored, vetted and issued a temporary pass so please plan ahead to ensure there are no issues and delays. Personnel that show up without proper sponsorship or vetting will not be allowed access until those requirements are met. We are coordinating all requirements with the Brigade Headquarters Rear Detachment.
- REAL ID Update:
  - The following states/territories are complaint: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, DC, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, S. Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.
  - All other states/territories have an extension for REAL ID enforcement, allowing Federal agencies to accept driver's licenses and identification cards at Federal facilities and nuclear power plants through October 10, 2017. The attached link will provide the most current information in reference to compliance: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>
- **IMPORTANT: The web address to submit sponsorship applications is: [usarmy.drum.imcom.mbx.des-acp@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.drum.imcom.mbx.des-acp@mail.mil)**

For questions concerning Access Control, contact CPT David Mabry at 772-9959 or Mr. Charlie Childs at 772-3105.

### Fire Prevention

#### **Winter Home Safety: Heating**

- Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries. December, January and February are the peak months for heating fires. Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires, figuring in two of every five fires (40%).
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels do not burn properly.
- Carbon Monoxide incidents are more common during the winter months, and in residential properties
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires; the top four days for home candle fires are New Year's Day, Christmas, New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve.
- Each year between 2009 and 2013, an average of 25 home candle fires were reported each day.

#### **Christmas Trees**

- Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire, so look for a tree with vibrant green needles that are hard to pluck and don't break easily from its branches. The tree shouldn't be shedding its needles readily.
- Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and keep the tree base filled with water to avoid a dry out.
- Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested in a lab by the UL or ETL/ITSNA for safety, and throw out any damaged lights.
- Any lights you use outdoors must be labeled suitable for exterior placement, and be sure to plug them into a ground-fault circuit interrupter protected receptacle.
- Keep all your holiday candles away from your Christmas tree, surrounding furniture and décor.

#### **Wood Stoves**

- Wood stoves cause over 4,000 residential fires every year. Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions.
- Check for cracks and inspect legs, hinges and door seals for smooth joints and seams.
- Use only seasoned wood for fuel, not green wood, artificial logs, or trash.
- Inspect and clean your pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions.
- Be sure to keep combustible objects at least three feet away from your wood stove.

For questions concerning Fire and Emergency Services contact Assistant Chief Michael Marks, 315-772-4702, michael.j.marks.civ@mail.mil

#### **Law Enforcement**

- **Be involved and remain vigilant within your community!**
  - Requires situational awareness of your community.
  - Requires *you* to identify suspicious activity and report it to Police for further investigation, *off-Post too!*
  - When in doubt, report it. Better to be safe than sorry!
  - Anonymous tip line: 774-TIPS (8477).
  - DES (non-emergency): 772-5156/5157.
  - Emergencies dial 911!

For questions concerning Law Enforcement, contact Police @ 772-5156/5157/7771 or Police Chief 772-4483 email [todd.m.julian.civ@mail.mil](mailto:todd.m.julian.civ@mail.mil)

#### **NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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Email: [james.r.stampfer.mil@mail.mil](mailto:james.r.stampfer.mil@mail.mil)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-Directorate-of-Emergency-Services/885121491518077>

### **13. EXCHANGE**

**James Osborne, 315-773-5631**

#### **Nothing to Report**

#### **NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

*Click the hyperlinks*

Website: [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AAFES.BX.PX](https://www.facebook.com/AAFES.BX.PX)

### **14. FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**RAYMOND RAINBOLT, 315-772-9636**

- **FORT DRUM RECREATION PASSES** – Recreational activities including hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, canoeing, etc. are allowed on Fort Drum with a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass. Fort Drum access passes are available on-line for free. Current passes expire December 31. New York State licenses are also required for hunting, fishing and trapping. See the Fish & Wildlife Management Program's web site for more information and passes: [www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net](http://www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net).
- **HUNTING SEASON IN THE CANTONMENT AREA WILL CONCLUDE DECEMBER 10** – In an effort to manage the white-tailed deer population in the Cantonment Area as well as provide recreational opportunities, hunting with a bow or crossbow is allowed only in designated areas of the Cantonment Area by DoD ID card holders through December 11. To hunt in the Cantonment Area, all hunters must first show their shooting proficiency and qualify with a bow and/or crossbow. Qualifications occur near Bldg. S-2509 by calling 772-9303 and making an appointment. See the Fish & Wildlife Management Program's web site for more information and a map of designated areas: [www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net](http://www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net).
- **DEER ON CAMERA?** – Anyone with trail camera photos of tagged deer are encouraged to share their photos with location information as part of the Fort Drum Deer Project. Go to <http://fortdrumdeer.org/photosubmission/> to upload your photos and learn more about the project.

#### **NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FortDrumNaturalResources>

### **15. FORT DRUM CHAPTER NATIONAL ASSOC. 10TH MT. DIV.**

**MICHAEL PLUMMER, 315-782-4178**

- The National Association of the 10th Mountain Division will award ten \$5,000 scholarships for Academic Year 2018 – 2019. Qualifications, timeline and application can be found at [www.10thmtndivassoc.org](http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org) beginning 1 Jan 2018.

#### **NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

Email: <http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org/>



## 16. FORT DRUM MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HOMES (MCH)

Alekzandra Huttemann-Kall, 315-955-6817

- **RESIDENT BABY SHOWER:** Mountain Community Homes will be hosting a baby shower for expecting Residents on 26 January at the Monument Ridge Community Center from 1pm-2:30pm. Various vendors and information will be available to expectant moms. Refreshments will be served. Door prizes and games will also be featured. RSVP's will be taken beginning in December. The baby shower is open to Residents of Mountain Community Homes only. Expectant moms may bring one guest. More information will be available in early January on the company website at- <http://www.fortdrummch.com/resident-resources>.
- **TOUR THE TIMBERS TODAY:** One and two bedroom apartments available now! Single or unaccompanied Soldiers (E5p and above) can enjoy conveniently located modern apartments with spacious floor plans and ample storage. Timbers residents also have exclusive access to the Timbers Lodge, equipped with a theater room, full kitchen, outdoor wood-burning fireplace, gas grills, WiFi, state-of-the-art sound system and more! Interested? Contact the Timbers Leasing office at 315.777.8000 or email: [thetimbers@fdmch.com](mailto:thetimbers@fdmch.com).

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Website: [www.fortdrummch.com](http://www.fortdrummch.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fortdrummch](https://www.facebook.com/fortdrummch)

## 17. FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP

ETHA SCOTT, 315-772-7189

- An evening at the Thrift Shop our final Fri late opening for the year. Dec 15th from 4-7pm
- The store will close as of Dec 15th for the rest of the year and reopen with normal hours Jan 6, 2018.
- **NEW LOCATION OF THE THRIFT STORE:** P-1454 Fourth St M, 315-772-7189
- **Consignment Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 0930 – 1400 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month
- **Donations Accepted:** 24/7M

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Email: [thriftshopfd@hotmail.com](mailto:thriftshopfd@hotmail.com)

Website: <http://thriftshopinc.webs.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-Thrift-Shop/283730534983453>

## 18. HOUSING

BILL BAMANN, 315-772-7256

- **APPROVED ADEQUATE RENTAL HOUSING:** The Army Housing Online Users Services (AHOUS) at [www.housing.army.mil](http://www.housing.army.mil) is the Army's one-stop site for all housing information, on and off-post, at any Army installation. This website contains information and links for information on barracks, on-post family housing and off-post housing. Current listings, updated weekly, of available off-post rentals at approved apartment complexes are available at the Welcome Home Center. The overall rental housing market vacancy rate is about 5%. Further from post has greater vacancies and typically lower rents, while closer to post and newer rentals typically have fewer vacancies and slightly higher rents. However, all rents are generally within the BAH rates and therefore affordable. There's plenty of choices available for most categories of rental housing with competitive rates. **On-post Family Housing and the Timbers has some availability and a few at (lower than BAH) market rates.** Coordinate early for on-post housing to ensure you get the right home for your Family with minimal delays. Check with Fort Drum's Welcome Home Center at Clark Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Clark Hall) for the latest information (315-955-6644).
- **ARMY COMMUNITY HOUSING OFFICE CAN HELP:** The Army Community Housing Office at Clark Hall (Rm A2-54) is always available to assist Soldiers with any off-post housing issue, from finding the right housing and rental inspections to resolving landlord-tenant disputes. Never enter into a lease without checking first with the Army Community Housing Office to see if the rental you are contemplating has been inspected by us for basic safety and habitability criteria. Always get your lease reviewed by Legal Assistance or the Army Community Housing Office prior to signing to be sure all your rights are safeguarded and you're not entering into a situation that could turn bad for you after you move in. Stop in or call 772-9397 or 772-8751 to speak to a counselor.

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Website: [www.housing.army.mil](http://www.housing.army.mil)

## 19. INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM

ALLEN JANSSEN, 315-772-6663

- **MARTIN LUTHER KING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** will be conducted **13 January** at **9 am**. The tournament will be conducted at the Magrath Sports Complex. Open to all active duty military, family members, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. Sign-up by COB **10 January** at the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **DODGEBALL & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT:** will be conducted **20 January** at **9 am**. The tournament will be conducted at the Magrath Sports Complex. Open to all active duty military, family members, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. Sign-up by COB **17 January** at the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **SINGLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** will be conducted **27 January** at **9 am**. The tournament will be conducted at the Pine Plains Bowling Center. Open to all active duty military, family members, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. Sign-up one-half hour before shift time. Contact the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.

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## 20. McEWEN LIBRARY

ALLEN GOUDIE, 315-772-9099

- **American Girl Doll Club:** **Thursday, 11 January, 6:30 pm** at the McEwen Library. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to the American Girl Doll Club at the McEwen Library. The club is held every second Thursday of the month. There will be readings, games, snacks, and crafts. Come share your love of American Girl Dolls! Space is limited so please sign up in advance by calling (315) 772-9099.
- **THE PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB:** **Wednesday, 24 January, 6:30 pm** at the McEwen Library. We will discuss the new book from Caitlin Doughty titled, *From Here to Eternity: Traveling the World to Find the Good Death*. Quoted from Amazon: "Fascinated by our pervasive fear of dead bodies, mortician Caitlin Doughty set out to discover how other cultures care for the dead. *From Here to Eternity* is an immersive global journey that introduces compelling, powerful rituals almost entirely unknown in America."
- **E-RESOURCE CLASS:** Learn how to get the most out of the McEwen Library's e-resources. Access e-magazines, e-books, audio books and streaming video via Overdrive, databases such as Ancestry.com, Rosetta Stone Languages, Academic Elite Plus, Military & Government, etc. These resources are FREE. Attendees must have an active library account. **Classes arranged by request.** Contact Brenda Greenwood at 772-8506 or [brenda.a.greenwood.naf@mail.mil](mailto:brenda.a.greenwood.naf@mail.mil) to schedule a date and time.

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## 21. MEDDAC

Anna Pedron, 315-772-3992

- The Patient Family Advisory Council is opened to all beneficiaries' attached to Fort Drum that would like to offer suggestions in front of a panel of leaders to improve the patient experience. Meeting is informal and is held every 4th Thursday of every month at the Guthrie Clinic, Room 1108/1109 @ 1600-1700. Excluding holidays, post closures, inclement weather. Point of Contact: Patient Advocate, Lisa Williams 315-772-4655, [lisa.m.williams34.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lisa.m.williams34.civ@mail.mil). To FRG Leaders, if you would like for our team to meet during your scheduled meetings, we are very willing to join your group to discuss your ideas and suggestions. **\*\*We apologize, but we do not offer daycare services at the Guthrie Clinic during this meeting.**
- Joint Outpatient Experience Survey (JOES): If you are seen at the Guthrie Clinic, you may have been randomly selected to fill out our JOES survey. We'd like to know your experience with the services provided at our clinic, so please take time to complete the survey. The survey does offer a QR Code to complete online for fast and convenience. Need more information? Point of Contact: Patient Advocate, Lisa Williams 315-772-4655, [lisa.m.williams34.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lisa.m.williams34.civ@mail.mil).

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## 22. NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB (NCSC)

Leah Dunkle, President, 540-352-1622

Please join us for an evening of giving November 17, 2017. Guests will enjoy live bidding on festive trees and wreaths donated by citizens and businesses in the local Fort Drum/Watertown community. Opportunities to win raffle prizes will be available as well.

- All proceeds from the event benefit scholarships and community outreach.
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served.
- Donations of festive trees/wreaths and packages are welcomed! Commitment forms are due November 1. Please contact [ncscfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ncscfundraising@gmail.com) for more information.

### RSVP today!

[www.northcounterspousesclub.com/upcoming-eventsluncheons.html](http://www.northcounterspousesclub.com/upcoming-eventsluncheons.html)

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## 23. OFF THE BEATIN' PATH GIFTS (OTBP)

SHERRI NAUMANN, 315-608-6162

- **Location:** Building 10502 S. Riva Ridge (In the USO Building)
- **Hours:** Monday – Closed, Tuesday 11:00-2:00, Wednesday 3:00-6:00, Thursday & Friday 11:00-2:00, Closed on DONSA's and Federal Holidays

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## 24. OUTDOOR RECREATION

PAUL FREEMAN, 315-772-6568

- **SNOWMOBILE CLASSES:** will be held **January 6<sup>th</sup>** and **January 20<sup>th</sup>**. This class is a New York State Snowmobile Safety Certification class and will provide students with instruction on safely operating snowmobiles and the rules and regulations that snowmobile operators need to know. The class begins at **9 am** and will conclude at approximately **5 pm**. The cost for this class is **\$5 per person**. Please see our flyer ([Snowmobile Safety Class](#)) or contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.
- **SNOWMOBILE RIDES:** **January 18<sup>th</sup>** weather permitting. These will be guided rides with the Experienced Outdoor Recreation Staff. We will go to various different snowmobile trails and ride for the day. These trips will be **\$50 per snowmobile**. Drivers must have the New York State Snowmobile Safety Certification in order to operate snowmobiles. Drivers must be over the age of 18. Please see our flyer ([Snowmobile Ride](#)) or contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.
- **NRA HANDGUN CLASS:** On **January 20<sup>th</sup>** Outdoor Recreation will be hosting a NRA Handgun class. This is the first step in obtaining a New York State Pistol Permit. The class will run from **8 am** until **4 pm**. Please bring your pistol permit application with you for the class. The registration fee for this class will be **\$30**. Please see our flyer ([NRA Handgun Class](#)) or contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.
- **ICE FISHING:** **January 27<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. These trips will be **\$30 per person** and include all ice fishing gear and bait. This is a great way to experience ice fishing for the first time with our experienced Outdoor Recreation Staff. Please see our flyer ([Ice Fishing](#)) or contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.

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## 25. SAFETY

JOHN DROZD, 315-772-3022

- Winter is just around the corner and one of the leading causes of fatalities and injuries are slips, trips and falls. To prevent giving the ground a "hug", follow these winter walking tips:

- There is no fashion during winter. Wear sturdy, slip resistant, over the ankle boots.
- Use extra caution when exiting your car in snowy parking lots. Make sure both feet are firmly planted before starting to walk.
- Shuffle your feet on icy surfaces.
- If carrying packages, walk your route prior to carrying items. Keep them centered and held closely at mid-body. Don't attempt "blind carries" (packages stacked in a way that obscures your vision or affects your balance). If necessary, make multiple trips.

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## 26. SOLDIER FOR LIFE - TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SFL-TAP)

LORRIE GULER, 315-772-3284

• **SFL-TAP SEMINARS:** Call the SFL-TAP Center at 772-3434/3286 to reserve a seat in seminars. The following seminars are scheduled:

- Entrepreneurship Track Workshop **5-6 December, 0800-1600**
- Career Technical Training **4-5 December, 0800-1600**
- Accessing Higher Education **6-7,13-14,20-21 December, 0800-1500**
- Advanced Resume Writing **11 December, 0900-1000**
- Federal Resume Writing **11 December, 1000-1100**
- Interview Techniques & Salary Negotiation **11 December, 1100-1200**
- NYS Dept of Corrections **12 December, 0900-1200 & 1300-1500**

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## 27. USO

KAREN CLARK, 315-774-0356

- **Football Playoff Games:** USO Fort Drum will be open for playoff games leading up to the Super Bowl! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information, available when playoff game dates and times are confirmed. [www.facebook.com/USOFortDrum](https://www.facebook.com/USOFortDrum).
- **USO Pathfinder:** USO Pathfinder is here to help connect transitioning service members to the best career and education resources available! Contact us today at (315) 777-8711.
- **Volunteer Today:** Is your resolution to give back to the Fort Drum community? USO Fort Drum is always seeking volunteers to help in the center and special events! For information on volunteer orientation dates and times, register at [volunteers.uso.org](http://volunteers.uso.org).

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## 28. VETERINARY SERVICES

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