



CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

February 2018



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1. AMERICAN RED CROSS

KIMBERLY OKAI, 315-772-6561

- Volunteer opportunities available for casework and administrative positions.
- Critical need for casework volunteers to handle emergency communications and office volunteers.

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Click the hyperlinks

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

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

Email: kimberly.okai@redcross.org

2. ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS)

Catherine Ferran, 315-772-4979

- Submit AFAP Issues year round – usarmy.drum.imcom-fmwrc.mbx-aftb@mail.mil
- Army Family Team Building (AFTB), Leadership Development, Feb 14-15, 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, ACS Bldg. 1780 Restore Hope. – Looking for participants and instructors for both classes. Train to become an instructor!!
- Learn Basic Military Knowledge, February 28, 5-7 pm, BOSS Bldg. Children are welcomed
- Army Family Team Building (AFTB), Military Knowledge, March 14-15, 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, ACS Bldg. 1780 Restore Hope
- Army Family Team Building (AFTB), Personal Growth and Reliance, 28-29 March, 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, ACS Bldg. 1780 Restore Hope
- EFMP Caregiver Support Group, Feb. 15th 5:30-7:00 PM, SFAC Bldg.
- EFMP Play Group, every Wednesday, 10-11:30 am, SFAC Bldg – Playgroup is opened to all
- Bowling Outing, Feb 22nd, 2:00-4:00 pm, Ft. Drum Bowling Center
- Snow Tubing, Feb 23rd, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Dry Hill, call to sign up
- Family Night, Feb 21st & Mar 21st, 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
- Civil Service Employment Seminar, Feb 22nd, 9:30 – 11:30 am, at ACS, 1780 Restore Hope.

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

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Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/army-community-service/

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Drum-Army-Community-Service-](https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Drum-Army-Community-Service-427062594001076/?ref=hl)

Online ACS class registration: 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

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Click the hyperlinks

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 **12:00 pm**. 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?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: paul.s.freeman.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/automotive-skills-cent/

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

- **Every Tuesday in the month of March:** At the Pine Plains Bowling Center, 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.
- **Winter Survival Class:** On **Saturday, 10 March** BOSS will be traveling to Ray Brook, NY in the Adirondack Park for a Life Skills Class. This class will be conducted by New York State Park Rangers and will consist of learning how to survive in the wilderness in cold temperatures. This class is open to single Soldiers only. There are 20 slots available and will be on a first come first serve basis. For more information or to sign up stop by the BOSS Center, Bldg. P-10650, or call 772-7807.
- **Community Service Event:** Join BOSS for a community service event at the Salvation Army in Watertown, NY on **Saturday, 17 March**. Help give back to the community by assisting with food preparation and serving meals to those in need. For more information or to sign up stop by the BOSS Center, Bldg. P-10650, or call 772-7807.

- **BOSS Invades Atkins:** Join BOSS at the Atkins Functional Fitness Facility for a functional fitness challenge on **Thursday, 22 March**. Pre-registration begins at **9 am** and the event begins at **10 am**. This is a free event open to all DoD ID card holders 18 years of age and up. There will be both male and female categories. Pre-register at the Atkins Functional Fitness Facility, P-4325 Conway Road or call 772-3342 or 772-3377.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email Address: : gja.m.gillotte-taylor.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/boss/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fortdrum.boss

7. CHAPEL

CAROL BURKE, 315-772-4451

Catholic

Lenten Retreat 10 February 0930-1300

Ash Wednesday Mass 14 February 1200 & 1730 Main Post Chapel

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent 1800 Main Post Chapel

Holy Thursday 29 March 1800 Main Post Chapel

Good Friday 30 March 1200 Main Post Chapel

Easter Vigil 31 March 2000 Main Post Chapel

Protestant

Protestant Ash Wednesday Service 14 February 1145 Riva Ridge Chapel

Community Easter Service 1 April 1100 Main Post Chapel

Jewish

Purim Seder 28 February 1800 & 1 March 1700 Main Post Chapel

Passover Seder 30 March 1800 Main Post Chapel (Passover is 30 Mar-7 Apr)

*All regular worship services remain. For more info call 772-5591

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

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

Email: carol.a.burke.civ@mail.mil

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

8. CYS SERVICES/OUTREACH

CLAUDIA WHITMIRE 315-772-8672

- **INDOOR PLAYGROUND:** Tuesdays & Thursdays **December 12- March 22, 9:30-11:30 AM**. For ages 18 months -5 years (or not yet in school). Located at the Youth Center, 10788 Chapel Drive. CYS will supply equipment. Parents are required to supervise and participate with their children. Indoor Playground will not be functioning during winter break, **February 19-23**.
- **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.

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: Claudia.f.whitmire.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com

9. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

MATT ROGERS 315- 772-3214

- **MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS:** March is the month for spring high school musicals. Carthage, Immaculate Heart, Indian River, and Watertown all have high school musicals during various times in March. Students do a fantastic job performing in our area, and musicals are a great family friendly event. Dates and times can be located on school district websites.
- **ART IN OUR SCHOOLS:** Art is celebrated in our districts, during the month of March. Information about School and area Art showcases can be found on your child's school district website. Plan a night to view not only your child's work, but the work of many fabulous artists inside our local school districts.
- **PREPARING FOR COLLEGE:** March is the month when college and universities begin sending out acceptance letters to students planning to attend in the following fall. March is also the month when many scholarship applications are due. Keep track of the different due dates for applicable scholarships so that applications can be submitted prior to the deadline.

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: matthew.a.rogers36.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com

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**

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: Jonathan.m.burnard.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/FORT-DRUM-MOUNTAINEER-CYSS-SPORTS/214490878183

11. CYS YOUTH CENTER

STEVE FERGUSON, 315- 772-6717

- **Midnight Sports:** - **Saturday, 10 March, 8:00pm – 12:00am**. This program is open for youth, grades 9-12. Cost of this event is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Teams will be selected by use of a blind draw, tournament participants must be registered and at the center by 7:30pm, to make sure you get on a team. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't want to play in the tournament, there will be other activities available. Refreshments will be served during the event. The Youth Center will open up at 4pm instead of noon on this day.
- **March Madness** - Don't forget to come to the center and fill out your NCAA Tournament Bracket. Brackets will be displayed in the facility and the owner of the bracket with the most wins will received a prize. Brackets must be submitted by **8:00 pm on March 12, 2018** to participate. Program is open to those in grades 6-12.

- **St. Patricks Day Celebration - Saturday, 17 March, 2:00-6:00pm.** Come and celebrate the heritage and culture of Ireland and the Irish people. This **free** event is open to youth in grades 6-12. Various traditional games and activities will be held. Members will have the opportunity to sample authentic Irish foods during the event.
- **Women's History Month Event: Friday, March 23 2018, 4:30 – 6:00 pm.** This **free** event will be hosted at the Youth Center for grades 6-12. Through the use of interactive games, trivia and other activities, members will learn the important contributions of women throughout history.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: steven.a.ferguson.civ@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/categories/cys-services/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-CYSS-YouthProgram/370723860409

12. DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (DES)

MAJ Matt Cain, 315-772-4483

Access Control

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.
- Currently all of the remaining states have been extended to **10 October 2018** The attached link will provide the most current information in reference to compliance: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>
- **IMPORTANT: the address to submit sponsorship applications has changed.** 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

Cooking Fires:

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet.
- Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

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

Law Enforcement

• EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS: dial 911 from any land-line. That call will go directly to the DES Dispatch Center. If you dial 911 from your cell phone, that call will go directly to the Jefferson County Dispatch Center; advise the dispatcher you are calling from Fort Drum and they will redirect your call to the DES dispatch center. Current technology does not allow for the separation of cell phone calls on or off the installation. For non-emergency calls for service:

- Community Policing
 - * Additional walking patrols within the housing areas.
 - * Monthly meet and greet with the Police Chief. Next meeting is 1700, Thursday, 22 Feb at the Adirondack Community Center.
- 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

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: 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

Facebook: 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. New York State licenses are also required for hunting, fishing and trapping. See the web site for more information and passes: www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net.
- **MAPLE DAYS ON FORT DRUM** – Mark your calendars! Maple Days will be celebrated on Fort Drum on Saturday, March 24 and Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm off of 45th Infantry Drive near the water tower. Come out to see how maple sap is collected and made into maple syrup – Have a taste of warm syrup – Bring home some free maple flavored cotton candy – Check out Fort Drum's natural resources displays and activities including a nature trail.
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:** Have household hazardous waste that can't be moved or in need of disposal? Household hazardous waste can be turned in to Fort Drum's Environmental Division at Bldg. P-11144 Bedlam Rd. (behind the Auto Craft Center) Mondays – Friday from 0800-1600. For more information and a list of items accepted: <http://www.fortdrumrecycles.com/hazardous-waste-turn-in/>

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: Raymond.E.Rainbolt.civ@mail.mil

Website: www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net

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 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 APPRECIATION WEEK:** Mountain Community Homes will be celebrating a week of appreciation for our residents on 5 March-9 March. Each day our staff will be offering special treats to say, "Thank you!" To find out what is happening each day, visit our Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/fortdrummch/>
- **NEW CGO HOMES COMING SPRING 2018:** Now pre-leasing new CGO homes in Rhicard Hills for Spring 2018 move in! Contact the leasing team at the Welcome Home Center by calling 315-955-6644 or at welcomhome@fdmch.com for more information. Check out a virtual tour of a CGO home on our website at <http://www.fortdrummch.com/>.

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Click the hyperlinks

Website: www.fortdrummch.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fortdrummch

17. FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP

ETHA SCOTT, 315-772-7189

- The Fort Drum Thrift Shop Inc. is awarding two \$3,000.00 scholarships to two qualified applicants. Scholarship applications are available through the Fort Drum Thrift shop, fdtsvicechairman@gmail.com
- **NEW LOCATION OF THE THRIFT STORE:** P-1454 Fourth St M, 315-772-7189
- **Consignment Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 0930 – 1400 and the 1st Saturday of every month
- **Donations Accepted:** 24/7M

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: 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 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 (2nd 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.

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: hilda.martinez.civ@mail.mil or william.l.bamann.civ@mail.mil

Website: www.housing.army.mil

19. INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM

ALLEN JANSSEN, 315-772-6663

- **SCOTCH DOUBLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** **Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament** will be conducted **3 March at 1 pm** at the Pine Plains Bowling Center. Open to all active duty military assigned/attached to Fort Drum, family members 19 years and older, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians employed on Fort Drum. Sign-up by 12:45 pm the day of the event. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **KICKBALL TOURNAMENT:** **Kickball Tournament** will be conducted on **10 March at 9 am** at Magrath Sports Complex. Open to all active duty military assigned/attached to Fort Drum, family members 19 years and older, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians employed on Fort Drum. Rosters are due by COB 7 March to the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** **Basketball Tournament** will be conducted **24 March at 9 am** at Magrath Sports Complex. Open to all active duty military assigned/attached to Fort Drum, family members 19 years and older, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians employed on Fort Drum. Rosters are due by COB 21 March to the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.

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Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/sports-fitness-and-aquatics-programs/

20. McEWEN LIBRARY

ALLEN GOUDIE, 315-772-9099

- **American Girl Doll Club:** Thursday, 8 March, 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, 28 March, 6:30 pm at the McEwen Library. The club will discuss the book *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.
"Funny, unexpected, horrifying, and altogether convincing, *The Handmaid's Tale* is at once scathing satire, dire warning, and literary tour de force." *Amazon*
- **"Reading By Design" Winter Reading Program** for adults and older teens (16+) continues through Saturday, 24 March 2018. This self-paced (not a "book club") program lets individuals read what books they want when they want (audio books and e-books count as well). Earn incentives and raffle tickets for prizes. The library does ask that all items checked out be from the McEwen Library or e-books from the Army's online *Overdrive* collection, which you can access with your library membership. Registration forms are available at the library's circulation desk. Call 315-772-9099 and ask for Wendy for detailed information.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: allen.r.goudie.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drummwr.com/library.htm

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Robert-C-McEwen-Library/269047099442

Online Card Catalog: <http://mylibraryus.armybiznet.com/search~S24>

Blackberry or iPhone Access: www.mylibraryusmobile.fmw.net/

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. 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.

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Website: www.drum.amedd.army.mil

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/US-Army-Medical-Department-Activity-Fort-Drum-NY/291076844239665

22. NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB (NCSC)

Leah Dunkle, President, 540-352-1622

- Bring a wrapped item to participate in our white elephant "Favorite Things" gift exchange (\$10 limit)
February 28th, 2018
Doors Open: 10:30am
Luncheon Begins: 11:00am
The Commons- Fort Drum

RSVP by February 25th
\$15 Cash/Check
\$16 PayPal
www.northcountryspousesclub.com or ncscreservations@gmail.com

- Now accepting 2018-2019 Executive Board Applications through March 15th, Apply via: <https://www.northcountryspousesclub.com/ncsc-board.html>
- North Country Spouses' Club Scholarship Application Open: Application must be postmarked by March 2nd, 2018. Eligible individuals are as follows:

High School Seniors (Child of a NCSC Member, must be a member by January 1, 2018)
Returning College Applicant (Must have received a High School diploma, attended some College courses and be a NCSC member by January 1, 2018)
North Country Spouses' Club Member (Current NCSC member by January 1, 2018)
Member of the Military with a valid Military ID (Must be able to provide proof that you do not have or will have aide from a GI Bill)

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- **Community Outreach Grant Applications Open:** The North Country Spouses' Club is pleased to be able to provide financial assistance to deserving nonprofit organizations in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the NCSC Community Outreach Committee and our Constitution and By-Laws. Cover Letter and application must be submitted on or before March 30th, 2018. <https://www.northcounterspousesclub.com/grants.html> or NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com

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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

- **ICE FISHING:** March 3rd, 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.
- **SNOWMOBILE CLASSES:** will be held on **March 10th**. 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 **9:00 am** and will conclude at approximately **5:00 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:** **March 17th** 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.

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

25. SAFETY

JOHN DROZD, 315-772-3022

Daylight Saving Time begins every year on the second Sunday in March. Clocks are set forward one hour, except in Hawaii and most of Arizona.

- When you change your clocks, be sure to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries in smoke detectors should be replaced yearly.

- It's also a good time to review your family emergency plan, take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box and update your first aid and home emergency kit.

Getting the Urge to Clean? With the warm weather comes a desire to shine and polish your home. But did you know that 90% of poisonings occur in the home? When warning labels are ignored or chemicals fall into the wrong hands, disaster can occur. To protect you and loved ones, take the following precautions:

- Read and follow all instructions and warnings to preclude poisoning or prolonged exposure.
- Always use original containers (never unmarked) which clearly state what hazards exist and first aid instructions.
- In homes with small children, ensure closets/cabinets containing hazardous materials have a locking device.

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

LORRIE GULER, 315-772-3284

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27. USO

KAREN CLARK, 315-774-0356

- **USO Fort Drum Story Time "The Cat in the Hat!"** Monday **March 12th, 2017 at 1530 & 1800** at USO Fort Drum. USO Fort Drum will be reading "The Cat in the Hat" and have a craft to go along with the book! Join us at USO Fort Drum (Bldg. 10502 Riva Ridge Loop S.) as a guest reader reads the books to the kids! For more information and to reserve your spot, please visit www.facebook.com/USOFortDrum.
- **Unplugged:** Join us on the **third Thursday** of every month for Unplugged! We will have board games, Magic: The Gathering, Catan and more! For more information, visit www.facebook.com/USOFortDrum

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28. VETERINARY SERVICES

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Nothing to Report

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29. VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUND (VSF)

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