



# CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

March 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.**

### 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

- **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- 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), Spring Marathon**, attend all three levels from 16-20 April, 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, ACS Bldg. 1780 Restore Hope. – Looking for participants and instructors. Train to become an instructor!! Children are welcomed
- Family Advocacy Program, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Palooza, 17 April 9 am to Noon at The Commons. Giveaways, information tables. Mini-workshops, and demonstrations. Reserve your “Mini Baby Bundle Gift Bag” by registering online at [fortdrumacs.checkappointments.com](http://fortdrumacs.checkappointments.com)
- Family Advocacy Program, Darkness to Light,, 24 April, 1 pm to 4 pm at the To be held at the Po Valley Family Life and Spiritual Center, 4405 Po Valley Road. A training on child abuse indicators and prevention. Presentations from Watertown Police Dept. and the Child Advocacy Center of Northern NY
- Family Advocacy Program, Scream Free Parenting workshop, 4-5 April, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, The Scream Free way compels you to focus on your reactions to situations. To be held at the Po Valley Family Life and Spiritual Center, 4405 Po Valley Road
- EFMP Caregiver Support Group, 19 April, 5:30-7:00 PM, SFAC Bldg.
- EFMP Play Group, every Wednesday, 10-11:30 am, SFAC Bldg – Playgroup is opened to all
- **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) Deadline for scholarship applications is 1 April.

- **UNDER THE SEA FAMILY NIGHT**, 18 April, 5-7 pm at The Commons. Crafts, photo booth, music, games, face painting, and balloon animals. CID will be present to provide free Child ID Kits.

**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/](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!
- Education Fair-On Wednesday, 18 April 2018, the Fort Drum Education Center will host our Annual Army Education Fair at the Mountain Warfare Simulation Complex, 2300 Nash Blvd, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be approximately 50 college representatives from across the United States waiting to speak with Soldiers, Veterans, Spouses and Family Members, DoD Civilians and Contractors who are interested in attending school. Stop by and check them out! For more information, contact Ms. Tracy Tousant at [tracy.m.tousant.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tracy.m.tousant.civ@mail.mil).
- Fort Drum Graduation Recognition Ceremony and Reception- Friday, 8 June 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Multipurpose Auditorium, Bldg. 10725. All 2017-2018 college graduates may participate. If you attend Jefferson, Empire State, Columbia, or UMUC, you will need to register with them. For more information, contact Ms. Ceara Tapin at [Ceara.e.tapin.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Ceara.e.tapin.civ@mail.mil).

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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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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 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

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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

- **Every Tuesday in the month of April:** 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.
- **BOSS Symposium:** On **Monday-Wednesday, 9-11 April**, BOSS will be holding the Annual BOSS Symposium. The focus for this year's Symposium will be on Nutrition and Health for the Soldier. Each day will present opportunities for the participants to engage in Physical Training, classroom discussion and listen to Subject Matter Experts within the field of Nutrition and Health. The BOSS Symposium will include Soldier representation from Fort Drum at the Brigade, Battalion and Company levels.
- **Spades Tournament:** Grab a partner and join BOSS for an evening of card play with Spades on **Wednesday, 25 April**. This event is open to all DoD card holders 18 years of age and older. Play will begin at **5:30 pm** until complete. Sign up at the BOSS Center, Bldg. P-10650 or call 772-7807.
- **Mud, Sweat and Cheers:** Fort Drum BOSS will be taking a trip to Ithaca, NY to participate in the Annual Mud, Sweat and Cheers 5K Extreme Fitness Challenge on **Saturday, 28 April**. This is a free event with BOSS providing transportation to and from the event. This 5K Challenge is open to all Soldiers and there are 15 slots available. For more information or to sign up visit the BOSS Center, Bldg. P-10650 or call 772-7807.

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## 7. CHAPEL

CAROL BURKE, 315-772-4451

### Catholic

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

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

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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)

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## 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
- To celebrate the **Month of the Military Child** the School Age Center will be hosting its annual Month of the Military Child Carnival on **14 April 2018 from 1200 to 1600** at the **School Age Center, P-10795**. This is a free event for all children that are in grades K-5, registered with CYS, and must have attended an orientation at the School Age Center. There will be a variety of activities, games, face painting, and there will be refreshments, as well as, a snack will be served.

- On **26 April 2018** the School Age Center will be partnering with Family Advocacy Program to host a **Super Hero Walk/Run** for the School Age Children that are enrolled in the program. This will be a fun filled day with face painting music, bounce House, snacks, and static displays with the Fire Department, Military vehicles, Canine Military Police unit's, and a secured area for the children to run and walk. This will be a free event that will occur during the hours of **1300 to 1600**.

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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**9. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)****MATT ROGERS 315- 772-3214**

- **SPRING BREAK:** Local area schools will not be in session from **April 23 – 27**. Classes will resume on **Monday, April 30th**.
- **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Beginning in April, school districts begin allowing parents to register children entering Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. For information on what school building your child will be attending, Kindergarten Registration dates, as well required registration documents, contact the School Liaison or the school district you reside in. Children must turn 5 by December 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year.
- **GRADES 3-8 NYS ELA EXAM:** New York State will be administering statewide English Language Arts Exams for students in grades 3-8. The testing dates are scheduled for **April 11 – 13**.

**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. Kindergarten 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

- **Month of the Military Child TEEN FUN NIGHT: Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm-12:00 am.** Come join us for some fun activities, music, and food, in honor of our Military Teens. The youth Center will be opening from 4:00 pm -7:00 pm for regular Youth Center hours.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS NIGHT: Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm.** Come join us for Middle School Sports Night where we will be playing Soccer. The program is much more than just sports. Regardless of if you plan on participating in the sport, or cheering from the stands; the fun, food, music and excitement of the program should not be missed. This event will cost \$3 for members and \$5 for Non-members. The Youth Center will open at 2:00 PM.
- **HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR REBALL: Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 PM-7:30 PM.** Reball is a fast-paced, action-filled game. This program is only for High schoolers and their peers. It is free for members, and \$5.00 for nonmembers. Please wear long sleeved shirts and pants. A permission slip is required.
- **WOMEN'S OPERATION MEGAPHONE: Friday & Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM-8:00 AM.** Join us at the Teen Center for our Lock-In Event. **Cost is \$15.** We will have tons of food, activities, and plenty of music to keep us going all night long! A permission slip is required, and it is a first come first serves basis.

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-CYSS-YouthProgram/370723860409](https://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, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Highlighted ones are newly added to the list. 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>
- **The address to submit sponsorship applications:** [usarmy.drum.imcom.mbx.des-acp@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.drum.imcom.mbx.des-acp@mail.mil)
- Effective February 24, gate personnel began rendering honors to the flag twice daily. Guards will stop only the in-bound traffic lanes for approximately two minutes in the morning at 0630 for Reveille and again at 1700 for To the Colors and Retreat. Please remain in your vehicle during this time. Guards will continue processing personnel and vehicles as soon as the rendering of honors is complete.

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

### Fire Prevention

**Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns**

#### Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

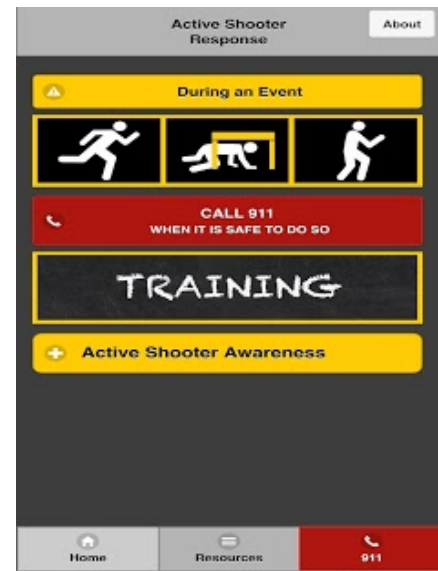
#### How Hoarding Impacts First Responders

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

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

### Law Enforcement

- **Active Shooter Response Application:** Army Training and Doctrine Command developed an active shooter response mobile application for the Army. The application is free to download from Google Play, iTunes and other online stores. This application has the necessary and vital information that will save lives, time, and educate those with little to no training on active shooter response situations. Users are able to simply tap to open the app and tap another button to reach the emergency dialer. Also included in the app is an Active Shooter Preparedness Video, How to Respond When Law Enforcement Arrives, Leadership Responsibilities, Profile of an Active Shooter, and other reference material.
- **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.
- 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)

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## 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. 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](http://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 45<sup>th</sup> 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.



- **TROUT FISHING SEASON TO BEGIN & YOUTH FISHING DERBY AT REMINGTON PARK** – Trout season begins April 1. Trout stocking usually occurs the last week of April or beginning of May. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be Saturday, May 19 at Remington Park. Registration begins at 11:45; the derby will be from noon until 3:45 p.m. and awards will be presented at approximately 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Nothing to report

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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

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

**Alekzandra Huttemann-Kall, 315-955-6817**

- **THE TIMBERS:** One and two bedroom apartments available on post today! 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).

**NOW PRE-LEASING NEW CGO HOMES IN RHICARD HILLS:** Homes are going fast for Spring/Summer 2018! Contact the leasing team at the Welcome Home Center by calling 315-955-6644 or at [welcomhome@fdmch.com](mailto:welcomhome@fdmch.com) for more information on how to secure a brand new CGO home. Check out a virtual tour of a CGO home on our website at <http://www.fortdrummch.com/>.

- **ARMY HOUSING SATISFACTION SURVEY:** Residents are encouraged to take the Army's housing satisfaction survey, which will be sent via email on **19 April** by CEL Associates, the independent company hired by the Army to administer the survey. Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes will raffle great prizes throughout the month of May for anyone who takes the survey. Surveys must be in by the **20 May** closing date to be eligible for the one month FREE RENT grand prize! For more information on the Army Housing Survey, contact your community center or email [programs@fdmch.com](mailto:programs@fdmch.com).

**EARTH DAY:** Residents are invited to join us at the Crescent Woods Community Center on the morning of **21 April, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm** for the **Earth Day Celebration**. Fun games, crafts and a wealth of education on environmental conservation and protection. Residents can learn more about the Earth Day celebration by checking out the company Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/fortdrummch/>.

**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**

- 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month
- **Donations Accepted:** 24/7M

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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.

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**19. INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM****ALLEN JANSSEN, 315-772-6663**

- **INDOOR 4 ON 4 FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Indoor 4 on 4 Flag Football Tournament will be conducted on **14 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 11 April to the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:** Volleyball Tournament will be conducted **21 April 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 18 April to the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **SCOTCH DOUBLES 9-PIN NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** Scotch Doubles 9-Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament will be conducted **21 April 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.

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**20. McEWEN LIBRARY****ALLEN GOUDIE, 315-772-9099**

- **American Girl Doll Club:** Thursday, 12 April, 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, 25 April, 6:30 pm at the McEwen Library. The club will discuss the book *The Martian* by Andy Weir.



Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars.  
Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. Amazon

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

Blackberry or iPhone Access: [www.mylibraryusmobile.fmwr.net/](http://www.mylibraryusmobile.fmwr.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](mailto:lisa.m.williams34.civ@mail.mil). To FRG Leaders, if you would like for our team to meet during you scheduled to 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**

- 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](mailto: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

• **HIKING CLUB BRIEFING:** On **27 April** Outdoor Recreation will host the annual Hiking Club Briefing. During this brief we will discuss the highlights of this years hikes. We will also be discussing proper equipment and safety. Program is for all ages and abilities. The briefing will begin at **5 pm**. Please see our flyer ([Hiking Club Briefing](#)) 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

It looks like winter is finally coming to an end in most parts of the country. If the warmer weather means you'll be getting outside to clear winter debris, and get your home ready for spring, make sure you do it safely.

- Make sure equipment is working properly with all machine guards in place and secure. Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes, and long pants when using lawn mowers and other machinery. Wear gloves to protect from skin irritations, cuts, and contaminants.
- Follow instructions and warning labels on chemical and lawn and garden equipment.
- Protect your hearing when operating machinery. If you have to raise your voice to talk to someone who is an arm's length away, the noise can be potentially harmful to your hearing.
- Use insect repellant containing DEET. Wear light clothes and tuck pants into boots to prevent exposure to ticks. Inspect clothing and skin after yard work and remove ticks safely. Reduce the risk of sunburn and skin cancer by wearing long sleeves, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunshades. Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- Keep an eye on the thermometer and take precautions in the heat. When working in hot weather, remember to drink plenty of liquids, but not those that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar, as they can cause you to lose body fluid. Pay attention to signs of heat-related illness, including high body temperature, headache, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea, confusion, or unconsciousness.

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

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## 27. STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

DWIGHT AUSTIN, 315-772-5261

Develop an important life skill by learning how to prepare your own income tax return. We will provide the resources and instruction you need to gain the confidence and knowledge to file your own tax return. Fort Drum offers three pillars of assistance to help you prepare your tax returns:

- **Unit Tax Advisor:** Your Battalion or Brigade Unit Tax Advisor can help you prepare your own tax return. Unit Tax Advisors received IRS training to give them the tools necessary to teach you how to prepare your own tax return.
- **Tax Preparation Classes:** The Fort Drum Legal Assistance Office offers a free class designed to teach you how to prepare your own tax returns. One class will be enough to help most people learn how to file their own returns.

Class Dates and Times:

Dates: Every Thursday beginning 25 January 2018 and ending on 12 April 2018. No registration required, walk-ins welcome.

Time: 1300 to 1500 and 1800 to 2000

Location: Clark Hall, Room C1-34

- Legal Assistance Office: The Fort Drum Legal Assistance Office can provide additional guidance on more complex tax questions that the Unit Tax Advisors or the tax preparation class may not be able to answer.

## 28. USO

KAREN CLARK, 315-774-0356

- **USO Fort Drum Story Time "The Cat in the Hat!"** Monday **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/USOFortDrum)

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## 29. VETERINARY SERVICES

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Nothing to Report

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## 30. VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUND (VSF)

Cara Fournier, 325-280-5539

Our 27th annual International Food Festival is on April 13 from 4:30-8 pm. Tickets are available through the battalions, online at <http://goo.gl/ct7Jsg>, and we will have them available for presale at the Commons on April 11 from 11-2 and the Commissary on April 7 from 10-12 and April 8 from 12-2. We will have our sparkle t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats available for sale at the Food Festival as well. For any questions, contact Cara Fournier

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