



CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

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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

2. ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS)

Catherine Ferran, 315-772-4979

- Submit AFAP Issues year round – usarmy.drum.imcom-fmwrc.mbx-aftb@mail.mil AFAP provides Active and Reserve Component Soldiers, Army Civilians, Family members, Survivors, and Retirees a voice in shaping their standards of living by identifying issues and concerns for Army Senior Leadership resolution.
- ACS Mobilization & Deployment, (315 772-0470/2848/0509/4019) Classes/trainings are designed to support on-going Family readiness, all classes will be held at ACS building,
- Relocation Readiness Program (315 772-6553/6556) all classes will be held at ACS building, 1780 Restore Hope Avenue
 - Every Monday join the sewing class, 0900-1200
 - Every Tuesday and Thursday, English as a Second Language (ESL) class, 0900-1230
- ACS PLAY GROUPS:
 - Connect the Tots Playgroup at the SFAC, 1000-1130, every Tuesday
 - EFMP sponsored Playgroup at the SFAC, 1000-1130, every Wednesday
 - Little Eagle Playgroups at Eagle Ridge, 1000-1130, every Thursday

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

ACS HAS MOVED:

ACS HAS A NEW LOCATION!!! BLDG. 1780, RESTORE HOPE THE EMPLOYEE READINESS PROGRAM MOVED TO THE SFAC FACILITY BLDG. 11042, MT. BELVEDERE BLVD, THE FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM IS LOCATED IN BLDG. 435A MWR DRIVE

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

[427062594001076/?ref=hl](https://www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/army-community-service/427062594001076/?ref=hl)

Website: 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

3. DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

MARK HINCHCLIFFE, 315-772-3193

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 reported

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

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

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

5. AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CENTER

MIKE GRAVELINE, 315-772-5785

• **AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CENTER:** Automotive Skills Center offers their Orientation Class every Wednesday and Friday at 12 pm and Saturdays at 0900 am. This is a mandatory orientation class in order to utilize the Automotive Skills Center Facility. Please see our flyer ([Orientation Class](#)) or contact the Automotive Skills Center 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

• **BLOOD DRIVE:** On Thursday, 7 February, BOSS will be hosting a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross from 1:30 am – 6:30 pm. Come out and support those in need by donating blood. This event is open to all DoD card holders 18 years of age and older. To sign up for an appointment time visit the American Red Cross website or stop by the BOSS Center, Bldg. P-10650. Participants may also walk-in to make a donation as space is available. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.

• **DAY SKI TRIPS TO SNOW RIDGE:** Join BOSS for a skiing trip to Snow Ridge Ski Resort in Turin, NY every Friday in February. BOSS will provide transportation to and from Snow Ridge. There is no cost for lift tickets for Active Duty Military all day on Friday. This

event is open to 13 single Soldiers and spots will be on a first come first served basis. Sign up at the BOSS Center, 10650 5th Armored Division Drive. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.

- **ROCK CLIMBING TRIP:** Take a trip with BOSS to Central Rock Gym in Syracuse, NY for an indoor rock climbing experience on Saturday, 23 February. BOSS will provide transportation to and from the facility. This event is open to 10 single Soldiers and spots are available on a first come first served basis. The cost is \$15 per person for the use of the facility and equipment. Sign up at the BOSS Center, 10650 5th Armored Division Drive. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email Address: gia.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

- Faith and Family Night at the Chapel is in full swing, but you can still join! We meet every Wednesday evening at 1800 for a light dinner, then break into small group studies. Some of the studies we offer are: Financial Peace University, Navigator, Truth Project, Glorious Companion, and One-on-One Discipleship. Watch-care is available.

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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

- **CYS Staff Development Day-** All CYS Facilities will be closed **Friday, February 15, 2019.**
- **PRESIDENT'S DAY:** All CYS Facilities will be closed **Monday, February 18, 2019**, in observance of President's Day.
- **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 315-772-1700, or pauline.i.beck.naf@mail.mil, for more information.
- **BECOME A 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 315-772-1700, pauline.i.beck.naf@mail.mil for more information.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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

- **FEBRUARY BREAK:** School will not be in session the week of **February 18–22**. Classes will resume on **Monday, February 25th**.
- **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: <http://www.tutor.com/military>.
- **PAYING FOR COLLEGE:** There are many avenues available to children of active duty military help pay for college. To receive a specifically customized list of scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities available, fill out the questionnaire at <http://www.search.militaryscholar.org/>.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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 5-17. **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:** Registration will continue for the upcoming school year programs, ages 18 months -16. Fees are \$30-45 per student per month. Programs will start first week of September. Classes are continuous. Please call our office for specific information.
- **FITNESS CLASSES:** Registration is currently 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. **Cost: FREE.**
- **SPRING SPORTS SEASON:** Registration starts **Jan 7th**, or until teams are full. Soccer & Baseball are for ages 4-12, Flag Football is for ages 7-12, Track is for ages 7-12, and Archery is for ages 7-15. Fees range from **\$45-50**. Season runs from **May 7-June 22, 2019**. Please call for specifics.
- **BASKETBALL:** Registration through **5th January**, or until teams are full. Basketball is for children grades 1-5. **Fee is \$45**. Season runs from **9 Jan-3 April, 2019**.
- **WRESTLING:** Registration through **5th January**, or until teams are full. Wrestling is for children ages 5-13 years old. **Fee is \$45**. Season runs from **9 Jan- 3 April, 2019**.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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

- **Stay SMART:** Mondays, February 2019, 5:30-6:30 PM. This is a continuing program that began in January but will continue through March. Stay SMART teaches youth a broad spectrum of social and personal competence skills and to help identify and resist peer pressure. This program is for youth of all ages and genders. A parent/guardian permission slip is required for this program.
- **Cooking Club (African American Cuisine):** Friday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 8th, 13th, 14th 2019, from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. come join us and cook authentic African American Cuisine for our Celebration of African American History month. Kitchen Skills is a prerequisite for this event.
- **African American History Event:** Thursday, 14 February 2019, from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. Join us in celebrating African American History Month. We have authentic cuisine to sample, music, arts & much more.
- **Staff Development Day:** Friday, 15 February 2019. The center will be closed for our staff development day.
- **Middle School Sports Night:** Saturday, 16 February 2019, 7:00-10:00 PM come join us for Middle School Sports Night. We will be playing basketball. The program is much more than just sports. Regardless of if you plan on participating in the sport, or cheer 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 Center will open at 2:00 PM.
- **Garrison Teen Council Meeting:** Tuesday, 19 February 2019, from 5:00-6:00 PM. Do you have a good idea that would benefit our post here at Fort Drum? Do you think you have what it takes to be a leader within the Youth center or within our community? The Garrison Teen Council is the first step in the Army's Teen Chain of Communication. If you're a teen leader and want to lead the way to improve the quality of life for your peers then this program is for you. Council members will be appointed by the Garrison Command and serve for twelve months.
- **Thinker's Lab:** Thursday and Friday, 21-22 February 2019, from 12:00-6:00 PM. The Youth Center has received a grant to help deliver resiliency skills and trainings to teens. These skills are delivered in a combination of interactive classroom instruction, outdoor adventure programming and field trips. This field trip will be to Destiny USA to the Escape Room. Teens will use their critical thinking skills and 'escape' a room! A permission slip is required and there is limited space available.
- **Middle School Indoor Re-Ball:** Saturday, 23 February 2019, 2:30-7:30pm. Re-Ball is the paint-less variation of the popular sport of paintball played indoors with the same equipment but with reusable rubber balls. There is no mess and since the balls are reusable, you can shoot all you want with no extra cost! The cost if this activity is FREE for members and \$5.00 for Non-members. We provide all the equipment for this program you just have to have a signed permission slip and come to the program wearing longs sleeves and pants. All players are required to help setup and take down all the equipment used for this program.
- **Parent Advisory Board Meeting:** Tuesday, 26 February 2019, from 5:00 -6:00 PM at the Youth Center. To provide quality programs and activities to teens, we need the help and support of parents! The Youth Program Parents Advisory Board is a very

important tool that help make sure we are providing the programs, adult supervision, and maintains program standards that meets community expectations. We are looking for Parents willing to give a couple of hours a month to improve the programs, activities and administrative procedures of the Youth Center. Members of the board will have the opportunity to improve the quality of life of teens in the area and brief the Garrison Commander twice a year.

• **Passport to Manhood:** Wednesday, 27 February 2019, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. This program represents a targeted effort to engage young boys in discussions and activities that reinforce character, leadership and positive behavior. This 10-week program uses interactive activities to focus on a specific aspect of character and manhood. A parent/guardian permission slip is required for this program.

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 James Rajchel, 315-772-4483

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

REAL ID Update:

- Only the state that issued the resident's license/ID must be either compliant or have been granted an extension in order for that resident to use that license/ID for accessing Federal facilities. The license/ID itself does not have to be REAL ID compliant until "card-based" enforcement begins on October 1, 2020. All states are currently compliant. However, the following states only have extensions until: January 10, 2019: California, and Guam; April 1, 2019: Virgin Islands; May 1, 2019: Rhode Island; June 1, 2019: Alaska, Illinois, and North Marianas Islands; August 1, 2019: Kentucky, Missouri, and Pennsylvania; October 10, 2019: America Samoa, Maine, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Oregon.
- 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
- **Use of drones on Fort Drum.** Commercial and/or recreational use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS/drones) within Fort Drum is prohibited without prior approval from the senior commander or Garrison Commander. The senior commander may authorize use of UAS for recreational purposes on a case-by-case basis. Each authorization will specify the scope of the recreational use to include designated locations and times approved for flying. Operators will abide by FAA requirements found at www.faa.gov/uas and register at DPTM-S. At a minimum, registration will include the pilot's contact information and FAA UAS registration number. The use of surveillance cameras in civilian/personal Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and model aircraft (RC planes/AC) is strictly prohibited.
- Now that the overpass to WSAAF is open please take advantage of the time saving experience as you do not have to process through two ACPs, however please use caution with the traffic round-about as people are adjusting to it.
- For questions concerning Access Control, contact CPT David Mabry at 772-9959 or Mr. Charlie Childs at 772-3105.

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

Fire Safety during Winter Storms:

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

Law Enforcement For questions concerning Law Enforcement, please contact us either 772-5156/5157/7771, or Chief Julian at 772-4483 email todd.m.julian.civ@mail.mil

- Winter Parking Restrictions went into effect 1 NOV 2018 – 1 APR 2019. In accordance with Fort Drum Regulation 190-2, Parking is not permitted along the shoulder area of any roadway or highway on Fort Drum, to include housing areas, from 01 November through 01 April, except in paved marked parking areas. If you have a planned house party during the holidays, and need to make arrangements regarding parking, contact CPT James Gaereminck at 315 772-1057 or see us on Face Book at DES Fort Drum Police!
- 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: Dial (315) 772-5156.
- Coffee with the Chief: Meet with your local law enforcement and discuss issues/concerns within your community. Next event is 29 January 2019, 1000 at the Crescent Woods Community Center.

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

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: matthew.e.cain2.mil@mail.mil

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

13. EXCHANGE

Lorraine Hastings, 315-773-5631

Nothing reported

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 permits are available for the 2019 calendar year. New York State licenses are also required for hunting, fishing and trapping. See www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net for more information and to obtain passes.
- **SAVE THE DATE -- MAPLE DAYS ON FORT DRUM** – Mark your calendars! Maple Days will be celebrated on Fort Drum on Saturday, March 23 and Saturday, March 30 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. Taste fresh maple syrup! 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, download the app ("Fort Drum Recycling") for your Android or iPhone.

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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

Nothing reported

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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

Click the hyperlinks

16. FORT DRUM MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HOMES (MCH)

Alekzandra Huttemann-Kall, 315-955-6817

- **CONVENIENT ON POST HOUSING:** Enjoy the convenience of living close to work! Apply today to secure your next home with Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes! All homes feature garages with automatic openers, 24-hour maintenance service, utilities included, access to fitness centers, nature trails, sledding hill, splash parks, and dog parks all with the convenience of living on post. Interested? Contact the leasing team at the Welcome Home Center by calling 315-955-6644 or via email at welcomhome@fdmch.com
- **THE TIMBERS:** One and two bedroom apartments on post at lower-than-BAH rates! 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

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Click the hyperlinks

Website: www.fortdrummch.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fortdrummch

17. FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP

Stephanie Wolf, 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 0930 - 1400
- **Donations Accepted:** 24/7M
- Storytime at the USO the second Monday of every month. There is a reading at 3:30 pm and a second reading at 6:00 pm. The first 30 kids registered at each time slot receive a free copy of the book to take home (one per family). We also have snacks and drinks for the kids as well as a fun craft.
- This year we will be awarding a total of \$9,000 in scholarships to 6 qualified applicants. Scholarship applications are available at the Fort Drum Thrift Shop and are available on our website at <https://www.fortdrumthriftshop.com>
- We are looking for a new Publicity Coordinator. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would be a great fit please contact fdtschairman@gmail.com

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: thriftshopfd@hotmail.com

Website: <http://fortdrumthriftshop.com>

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

18. HOUSING

BILL BAMANN, 315-772-7256

- **NEW BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) RATES FOR 2019:** New BAH rates went into effect on 1 Jan 2019. Those Soldiers who were already signed in at Fort Drum and receiving the 2018 rate, will keep the same rate if higher than the 2019 rate or receive the 2019 rate if higher than the 2018 rate for their pay grade. If your pay grade changes or your marital status changes after 1 Jan 19, you will get the 2019 rate. Refer to the Department of Defense BAH website for more information: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm>
- **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. Click on Drum on the Select your Installation drop down menu on the upper right side of the webpage. 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 in Clark Hall. The overall rental housing market vacancy rate is about 5 to 7%; 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, there are plenty of rentals available and all rents are generally within the BAH rates and therefore affordable. **On-post Family Housing and the Timbers has some availability and some at (lower than BAH)**

market rates for some ranks. 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 HOUSING SERVICES OFFICE CAN HELP:** The Army Housing Services 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 Housing Services 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 Housing Services 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?

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

• **INDOOR FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Indoor Flag Football Tournament will be conducted on 2 February 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. Sign-up by COB 31 January. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office at 772-6663.

• **9-PIN NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** 9-Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament will be conducted on 16 February 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 15 February or day of the event. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.

• **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Basketball Tournament will be conducted on 23 February 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. Sign-up by 20 February. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: allen.v.janssen.naf@mail.mil or Diane.m.sykes.civ@mail.mil

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, 14 February, 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 once a month during this school year (every second Thursday). There will be readings, games, snacks, and crafts. Space is limited so please sign up in advance by calling (315)772-9099.

• **The Page Turner's Book Club:** Wednesday, 27 February, 6:30 pm at the McEwen Library.

• **Adult Winter Reading Program ("Reading Takes You Everywhere"):** now through 23 March, . Join McEwen Library for their annual Winter Reading Program for adults and teens ages 16 and up. Read whatever books you want and earn incentives! Get more details at the library – contact 315-772-9099.

• **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 772-4661 or brenda.a.greenwood.naf@mail.mil to schedule a date and time.

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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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22. NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB (NCSC)

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23. OFF THE BEATIN' PATH GIFTS (OTBP)

DANIA BANDAS, 315-583-5736

- **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 CLASS:** Class will be held 9 February. 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:** Ride with Outdoor Recreation staff on 1 February, 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.
- **ICE FISHING TRIPS:** Go ice fishing with the Outdoor Recreation staff on 2 February, 8 February, and 23 February, 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****Carbon Monoxide: The Invisible Killer**

More than 400 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 others are hospitalized.

Where Does Carbon Monoxide Come From?

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that often goes undetected, striking victims caught off guard or in their sleep. This "silent killer" is produced by burning fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, portable generators or furnaces. When the gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it can be poisoned. Ventilation does not guarantee safety. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says about 170 people in the United States die every year from carbon monoxide produced by non-automotive consumer products, such as room heaters. So as the weather turns colder, it's important to take extra precautions.

Who is at Risk?

Exposure to carbon monoxide can result in permanent neurological damage or death, and anyone can be at risk. The CDC says infants, the elderly, and people with chronic heart disease, anemia or breathing problems are more prone to illness or death, but carbon monoxide doesn't discriminate - especially if certain conditions are present.

How Can I Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in My Home?

The National Safety Council recommends you install a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector in your home near the bedrooms. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. The CDC offers these additional tips:

- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent; fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year, and make sure your fireplace damper is open before lighting a fire and well after the fire is extinguished
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly
- Never use a gas oven for heating your home
- Never let a car idle in the garage
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning

Steps to Take When Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounds

The CPSC says never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm, and do not try to find the source of the gas. Instead, follow these steps:

- Immediately move outside to fresh air
- Call emergency services, fire department or 911
- Do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for
- Do not reenter the premises until emergency responders have given you permission to do so

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Low to moderate carbon monoxide poisoning is characterized by:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

High level carbon monoxide poisoning results in:

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Loss of consciousness
- Death

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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. Pre-registration is not required for the career fairs. Family members are encouraged to attend these events. The following seminars and events are scheduled:

- Career Skills Program Brief **05 February, 0900-1600**
- VA Disability Claims Preparation Class **14, 21, 28 February, 1100-1200**
- Career Fair **07 February, 0900-1300**
- Entrepreneurial Track Workshop **26 February, 0800-1600**

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29. VETERINARY SERVICES

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