



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Spring Marathon**, 15-19 April, 0900-1600. Take all three levels of AFTB Classes during the week of 15 April. The classes will include Military Knowledge, Personal Growth and Resiliency, and Leadership Development.
- **Army Volunteer Corps. (AVC) (315 772-2899/0470)**
  - Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) 101- Introduction to VMIS and volunteering on Fort Drum, class held at the SFAC from 10-12 pm and at ACS from 2-4 pm, 9 April.
  - Volunteer Administrative Training - open to all who manage volunteer records. All classes will be held at ACS building, 1780 Restore Hope Avenue, 2-4pm, 10 April
- **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, 1780 Restore Hope Avenue
  - Key Contact Training, 3 April, 10 – 11:30am and 2 – 3:30pm
  - FRG Leader Training, 10 April, 9 am – 12 pm
  - Family Readiness Liaison (FRL) Training, 17 April, 10 am -12 pm
- **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, 9 am -1230
- First Friday of every month, Hearts Apart Support Group, call for time and location
- Third Thursday of each month, Overseas Orientation, 9 am
- Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, Fort Drum Tour
- Every Tuesday and Thursday, Pre-Departure Briefing, follows the Levy Brief at Clark Hall
- Third Friday of each month, International Spouse Support Group, call for times and location
- **Employee Readiness Program: (315-772-9611/1090/2737/7987)**
  - Every Monday, Resume Start to Finish, 9:00 am-1200 pm, April at the SFAC
  - Federal Employment, 4 April, 9:30 am-11:30 am at the ACS, building,
  - Federal Employment, 18 April, 9:00 am-11:30 am at the SFAC
  - Career Fair Preparation & Interviewing, 16 April, 9:30 am – 11:30 pm, at the SFAC
  - Build Your Own Business, 11 April, 9:30 am-11:30 am, at the SFAC
- **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 Eagles Playgroup at Eagle Ridge, 1000-1130, every Thursday
- **Financial Readiness Program (315-772-2919/5059/00505196)** all classes will be held at the ACS Annex, 435A MWR Drive, South Post
  - Budgeting for Your Goals, 10 am – 11am, 11 April
  - Managing Your Checking Accounts, 11 am – 12 pm, 11 April
- **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) (315)-5476/5488/0664:** all classes will be held at ACS building, 1780 Restore Hope Avenue
  - Parent Workshops & Trainings, 10 am -11:30 am, second Thursday of the month
  - Caregiver Support Group Meeting, 10 am – 11:30 am, second Friday of the month

**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  
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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**

**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

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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. AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CENTER

MIKE GRAVELINE, 315-772-5785

- **AUTO SKILLS CENTER:** Auto Skills Center offers their Orientation Class every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at **Noon**, and **Saturdays** at **9 am**. This is a mandatory orientation class in order to utilize the Auto Craft Facility. Please contact the Auto Skills Center Staff at 315-772-7902 for additional information.

##### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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

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

GIA GILLOTTE-TAYLOR, (315) 772-7807

- **BLOOD DRIVE:** On **Thursday, 7 March**, BOSS will be hosting a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross from **1:30 – 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.
- **FACING THE BOARD:** On **Wednesday, 13 & 27 March**, BOSS will be providing a program designed to help soldiers prepare for the Promotion Board. This program will consist of instruction, study time, best practices as well as mock boards. This program is open to all Soldiers and will take place from **6 – 9 pm** at the BOSS Center. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.
- **TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT:** Join us at the BOSS Center for an evening of fun and games with a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on **Thursday, 28 March**. This event is open to all Soldiers. Play will begin at **6 pm** until complete. Sign up at the BOSS Center, Bldg. P-10650. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.

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

#### 7. CHAPEL

CAROL BURKE, 315-772-4451

- The Religious Support Office is pleased to announce local Christian band UNDEFEATED is coming to the chapel! This is a YOUTH EVENT intended for middle school and high school youth. It will be held 23 March at the Main Post Chapel at 1900. Please call Mrs. Marcie Kazarovich at 315-772-2423 for more info.

##### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

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

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

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

## 8. CYS SERVICES/OUTREACH

CLAUDIA WHITMIRE 315-772-8672

- **FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC) 10 HOUR LIMIT:** Any Family member living in government quarters providing child care for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be certified as a FCC Provider. Please contact the Child and Youth Services FCC office at 315-772-1700, 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 315-772-2250, pauline.i.beck.naf@mail.mil for more information.

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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## 9. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

MATT ROGERS 315- 772-3214

- **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:** Please be aware of the application deadlines for scholarships, which your soon-to-be High School graduate is applying for. Many have March deadlines. For a list of up-to-date local and national military connected scholarships, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/militaryconnectedscholarships/home>
- **MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS:** March is the month for spring high school musicals. Carthage, Indian River, and Watertown all have high school musicals throughout 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.

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Email: [matthew.a.rogers36.naf@mail.mil](mailto:matthew.a.rogers36.naf@mail.mil)

Website: [www.drum.armymwr.com](http://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:** 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 7<sup>th</sup>**, or until teams are full. Soccer & Baseball are for ages 4-12, Flag Football is for ages 7-12, and Track is for ages 7-12. Fees range from **\$45-50**. Season runs from **May 7-June 22, 2019**. Please call for specifics.
- **ARCHERY LEAGUE:** Registration starts **Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**, or until teams are full. Archery is for ages ranging from 7-16. Fee: **\$50**. Season runs from **May 7-June 20, 2019**. Please call for specifics.

### NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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## 11. CYS YOUTH CENTER

STEVE FERGUSON, 315- 772-6717

- **STAY SMART: Mondays, March 2019, 5:30-6:30 PM.** This is a continuous program that began in January, but will continue through March. Stay SMART teaches youth a broad spectrum of social and personal competence skills, and helps them identify and resist peer pressure. This program is for youth of all ages and genders. A parent/guardian permission slip is required.
- **PASSPORT TO MANHOOD: Wednesdays, March 2019, 5:30-6:30 PM.** This program began in February, but will be a continuous 10-week program through May. This program represents a targeted effort to engage young boys in discussions and activities that reinforce: character, leadership, and positive behavior. A parent/guardian permission slip is required.
- **SMART GIRLS: Thursdays, March 2019, 5:30-6:30 PM.** This program began in February, but will be a continuous 10-week program through May. SMART Girls is a small-group, health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program, designed to meet the developmental needs of girls. Through dynamic sessions and mentoring opportunities with adult women, girls explore their own personal and societal attitudes and values, as they build skills for: eating right, staying physically fit, getting proper health care, and developing positive relationships with peers and adults. A parent/guardian permission slip is required.
- **SEWING: Fridays, March 2019, from 5:00-6:00 PM.** Sewing is back! Come join our sewing program, where teens will learn the basics of sewing, and make many different projects with our staff.
- **HIGH SCHOOL MIDNIGHT SPORTS: Saturday, 9 March 2019 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am.** The sport being played is basketball. The cost of the program is **\$5.00 for members** and **\$7.00 for nonmembers**. The center will open at 4:00 pm. All participants intending to play in the tournament must be there no later than 7:30 pm, in order to be put on a team. This program is much more than just the sport being played. Regardless of whether you plan on participating in the sport, cheering from the stands, or taking part in a different program within the facility; the fun, food, music and excitement of the program should not be missed!

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

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

## 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.

Access Control

REAL ID Update:

- States 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: American 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](mailto: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](http://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 WSAF 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.

**Fire Prevention** For questions concerning Fire and Emergency Services contact Assistant Chief Michael Marks, 315-772-4702, [michael.j.marks.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.j.marks.civ@mail.mil)

### 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

**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](mailto: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 Gaeremink 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 26 February 2019, 1000 at the Monument Ridge 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](mailto:todd.m.julian.civ@mail.mil)

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### 13. EXCHANGE

Lorraine Hastings, 315-773-5631

Nothing reported

#### 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 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](http://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 45<sup>th</sup> 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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Website: [www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net](http://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/>

**16. FORT DRUM MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HOMES (MCH)****Alekzandra Huttemann-Kall, 315-955-6817**

- **2, 3 & 4 BEDROOM HOMES AVAILABLE ON POST: ASK ABOUT OUR LOWER-THAN-BAH SPECIALS!** 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, 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](mailto:welcomhome@fdmch.com).
- **COMPANY GRADE OFFICER HOMES AVAILABLE!** 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 apply. Check out a virtual tour of one of these homes on our website at <http://www.fortdrummch.com/>.
- **RESIDENT APPRECIATION WEEK:** Mountain Community Homes will be celebrating a week of appreciation for our residents on **11 March-15 March**. Each day Residents can enjoy special treats at the community centers. To find out what is happening each day, visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fortdrummch/>.

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fortdrummch](http://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](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 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](mailto:fdtschairman@gmail.com)

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Website: <http://fortdrumthriftshop.com>

Facebook: <http://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](http://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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## 19. INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM

ALLEN JANSSEN, 315-772-6663

• **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Basketball Tournament** will be conducted on **2 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. Sign-up by **COB 27 February**. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office at 772-6663.

• **SCOTCH DOUBLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT: Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament** will be conducted on **9 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. **Cost is \$5.** Sign-up by **8 March 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 **16 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. Sign-up by **13 March**. 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, 14 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 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 March, 6:30 pm** at the McEwen Library.

• **Adult Winter Reading Program ("Reading Takes You Everywhere"):** now through **23 March 2019**. 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](mailto:brenda.a.greenwood.naf@mail.mil) to schedule a date and time.

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

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## 21. MEDDAC

Anna Pedron, 315-772-3992

- The Patient Family Advisory Council is opened to all beneficiaries' attached to Fort Drum that would like to offer suggestions in front of a panel of leaders to improve the patient experience. Meeting is informal and is held every 4th Thursday of every month at the Guthrie Clinic, Room 1108/1109 @ 1600-1700. Excluding holidays, post closures, inclement weather. Point of Contact: Patient Advocate, Lisa Williams 315-772-4655, [lisa.m.williams34.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lisa.m.williams34.civ@mail.mil). To FRG Leaders, if you would like for our team to meet during 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)

Marla Bautista, President, 720-325-0943

- Scholarship and grant applications are now open and available on our website. Please make note of application requirements and deadlines to submit.
- Anyone interested in joining the Spouses' Club can do so any time. We welcome new members. Visit our website for more information.
- Stop by Off the Beatin' Path Gift Shop for all your unit gifts and Pando gear. Check out our Facebook page for the latest deals, newest inventory, and hours of operation.
- [www.northcountryspousesclub.com](http://www.northcountryspousesclub.com)

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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

KEVIN SMITH, 315-772-4010

- **SNOWMOBILE CLASSE:** will be held **2 March**. 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:** **9 and 23 March** 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:** **16 March**, 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

- March usually means the start of "Spring Cleaning" It's a great way to air out and clean up homes that have been shuttered against harsh "North Country" winters; however, the products we use can pose health risks; especially to our little ones. Most of us live with dangerous poisons lurking in kitchen cabinets, hallway closets, basements or garages. When warning labels are ignored or chemicals fall into the wrong hands, disaster can occur.
- More than 300 children are treated in the U.S. every day and two die as a result of poisoning, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC recommends keeping toxic products such as cleaning solutions in their original packaging, out of sight and out of reach of curious children. The Environmental Protection Agency defines a toxic substance as any chemical or mixture that may be harmful to the environment and to human health if inhaled, swallowed or absorbed through the skin.
- Children are more vulnerable than adults to the adverse effects of chemical pollutants. Their bodies are developing rapidly and their hand-to-mouth activities make them more susceptible to toxic exposure, according to the Children's Environmental Health Network.

### Experts recommend scrutinizing all household products, including:

- .Laundry packets
  - .Floor and furniture polish
  - .Cosmetics
  - .Paints
  - .Markers
  - .Glue
  - .Drain and toilet cleaners
  - .Oven cleaners
  - .Glass, wood and metal cleaners
- 
- What Can You Do to Reduce Risk?
  - Make informed decisions about the type of products you bring into your home. Before you buy, read the label to make sure you know exactly what you're purchasing. Also, understand terms and definitions found on product labels: "Caution" indicates the lowest level of potential harm. "Warning" indicates a higher level of potential harm, meaning you could become seriously ill or injured. "Danger" indicates the highest level of potential harm: tissue damage to skin, blindness, death or damage to the mouth, throat or stomach if swallowed
  - The National Safety Council (NSC) recommends periodically cleaning out storage cabinets and carefully following disposal instructions indicated on product labels.
  - Living with chemicals is a reality. Understanding risk and limiting exposure are paramount to keeping your family safe.

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

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Nothing Reported

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## 27. STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

DWIGHT AUSTIN, 315-772-5261

Nothing reported

## 28. USO

Cheryl Christie, 315-778-0850

- USO Fort Drum Story Time "Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink...", February 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm

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## 29. VETERINARY SERVICES

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## 30. VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUND (VSF)

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Nothing reported

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