



CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

March 2019



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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.
- **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, 9 April, a class will be held at the SFAC from 10-12 pm and at ACS from 2-4 pm.
 - Volunteer Administrative Training, 10 April, open to all who manage volunteer records, all classes will be held at ACS building, 1780 Restore Hope Avenue, 2-4pm
- **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, 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, Hears 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 Spousal 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 Buisness, 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 Eagle Playgroups 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
 - Caregiver Support Group Meeting, 10 am – 11:30 am

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

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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-](https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Drum-Army-Community-Service-321867727827654/)

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

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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**. This is a mandatory orientation class in order to utilize the Automotive Skills Center. Please contact the Automotive Skills Center Staff at 315-772-7902 for additional information.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: michael.e.graveline.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, 18 April**, BOSS will be hosting a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross from **11:30 am – 4:30 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, 10 & 24 April**, 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, 25 April**. 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.

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

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.

Spring Religious Services are as follows:

Catholic

Ash Wednesday Mass	1200	06 March	Main Post Chapel
Ash Wednesday Mass	1730	06 March	Main Post Chapel
Lenten Retreat	0930	09 March	Main Post Chapel

*Stations of the Cross	1730	Fridays	Main Post Chapel
Penance Service	1730	12 April	Main Post Chapel
Holy Thursday	1730	18 April	Main Post Chapel
Good Friday	1730	19 April	Main Post Chapel
Easter Vigil	2000	20 April	Main Post Chapel
Easter Mass	0900	21 April	Main Post Chapel

Protestant

Community Easter Service	1100	21 April	Main Post Chapel
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Jewish

Purim	1800	20 March	Main Post Chapel
Purim	1700	21 March	Main Post Chapel
Passover Seder	1800	19 April	Main Post Chapel

*Every Friday during Lent (8 March-12 April)

All regular worship services remain.

For more information contact the Main Post Chapel at 315-772-5591

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

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

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

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

8. CYS SERVICES/OUTREACH

TERRI SPENCER, 315-772-1565

- **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.

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Email: terri.l.spencer6.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com

9. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

MATT ROGERS 315- 772-3214

- **SPRING BREAK:** Local area schools will not be in session from **April 15 – 19**. Classes will resume on **Monday, April 22nd** or **Tuesday, April 23rd** depending on your district's calendar.
- **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Beginning in April, school districts begin allowing parents to register children entering Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 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 1st in order to be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **GRADES 3-8 NYS ELA EXAM:** New York State will be administering statewide English Language Arts Exams for all students in grades 3-8. The testing dates are scheduled for **April 2 – 5**.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: matthew.a.rogers36.naf@mail.milWebsite: 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 7th**, 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 7th**, 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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Email: Jonathan.m.burnard.naf@mail.milWebsite: www.drum.armymwr.com/Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/FORT-DRUM-MOUNTAINEER-CYSS-SPORTS/214490878183**11. CYS YOUTH CENTER****STEVE FERGUSON, 315- 772-6717**

- **MMC TEEN FUN NIGHT: Saturday, 6 April 2019, 7:00 pm- 12:00 am.** It's that time again! April is the Month of the Military Child! Saturday 6th April, from 7:00pm-12:00am, we will be having some fun activities, music, and food in honor of our Military Teens. **The Youth Center will be opening at 4:00pm that day.**
- **MAGIC THE GATHERING: Friday, 12 April 2019, 5:00-7:30 PM.** This program teaches the card game of strategy and fantasy. Players are engaged in battles, acting as powerful wizards called planes walkers. Come join us and see how strategic you are!
- **KITCHEN SKILLS: Wednesday & Thursday, 17 & 18 April 2019, 2:00-3:00 PM.** This program serves as an introduction to the kitchen, and basic cooking. The programs focus on: kitchen safety, utensils, terminology, and sanitation, as well as how to read recipes. This course is a prerequisite to any cooking programs at the Youth Center.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Photography program will meet on **Monday nights starting 22 April, for 5 weeks, from 5:00-6:00pm.** Come to the Youth Center and learn the basics of photography. Get your hands on one of our cameras, and test out your skills as a photographer! Teens will learn how to take basic pictures including how to zoom, edit, and use certain programs that will enhance each picture taken!
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS NIGHT: Saturday, 20 April 2019, 7:00-10:00 pm.** The sport being played is TBD. The cost of the program is **\$3.00 for members** and **\$5.00 for nonmembers**. **The center will open at 2:00 pm.** Come join us for Middle School Sports Night! The program is much more than just sports. Regardless of whether 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.
- **YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM: Friday & Saturday, 26 & 27 April, 5:00 – 7:30 pm.** This is an important event that supports the Army Teen's Chain of Communication, and provides opportunities for Teens to develop leadership skills. Participants actively contribute to the overall success of their community, as they enhance the quality of life of their peers. Teen leaders in the community are given an opportunity to raise, discuss, and prioritize issues of concern to them and their peers. Issues with possible solutions are then briefed to the Garrison Commander during the Teen Town Hall Meeting, by the participants of the Youth Leadership Forum. If the issues are of a nature that effects Teens Army-Wide, there is a possibility for those issues and concerns to be briefed to Army Senior Leadership.
- **Operation Megaphone 2019: Friday - Saturday, 26 - 27 of April, 8:00 pm - 8:00 am.** Join us at the Teen Center, for our Lock-In Event. We will have tons of food, activities, and plenty of music to keep you going all night long! **** A permission slip is required for this event and it is a first come first serve basis.**

- **Middle School Indoor Re-Ball: Saturday, 27 April 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 at no extra cost! The cost of 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 long sleeves and pants. All players are required to help setup and take down all the equipment used for this program.

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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.

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

• **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.

Fire Prevention For questions concerning Fire and Emergency Services contact Assistant Chief Michael Marks, 315-772-4702, 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

- 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 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

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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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

- **FISHING & TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS BEGIN** – Trout season begins April 1. Trout stocking usually occurs the last week of April or beginning of May. Northern pike and walleye season begins May 4; bass season begins June 15. Turkey hunting season begins in the Northern Zone (including Fort Drum) on May 1 and runs through the entire month. A special youth-only turkey hunt occurs throughout New York State on April 20-21. 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 and fishing. See the web site for more information and passes:

www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net.

- **MAPLE DAYS ON FORT DRUM** – Mark your calendars! Maple Days will be celebrated on Fort Drum on Saturday, March 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.

- **YOUTH FISHING DERBY AT REMINGTON PARK** – Mark your calendars! The 23rd Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be Saturday, May 18 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.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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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

- **2, 3 & 4 BEDROOM HOMES AVAILABLE ON POST: PRICES START AT \$1095!** 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.
- **COMPANY GRADE OFFICER HOMES AVAILABLE!** Contact the leasing team at the Welcome Home Center by calling 315-955-6644 or at 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/>.
- **ARMY HOUSING SATISFACTION SURVEY:** Residents are encouraged to take the Army's housing satisfaction survey, which will be sent via email on **23 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 **23 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.
- **EARTH DAY:** Residents are invited to join us at the Crescent Woods Community Center on the morning of **27 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?

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: <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 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.

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Click the hyperlinks

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Website: www.housing.army.mil

19. INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM

ALLEN JANSSEN, 315-772-6663

- **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Basketball Tournament will be conducted on **6 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. Sign-up by COB **3 April**. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office at 772-6663.
- **9-PIN NO TAP/SCOTCH DOUBLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** 9-Pin No Tap/Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament will be conducted on **6 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. **Cost is \$5.** Sign-up by **5 April or day of the event**. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **INDOOR 4 ON 4 FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Indoor 4 on 4 Flag Football Tournament will be conducted on **13 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. Sign-up by **10 April**. For more information contact the Intramural Sports Office, Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.

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

20. McEWEN LIBRARY

ALLEN GOUDIE, 315-772-9099

- **Month of the Military Child Story Times:** Tuesdays and Fridays **10 - 11 am** throughout the month of April. Contact library for detailed information.
- **American Girl Doll Club:** Thursday, **11 April, 6:30 pm** at the McEwen Library. Children ages six 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, **24 April, 6:30 pm** at the McEwen Library.
- **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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Email: allen.r.goudie.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drummwr.com/library.htm

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

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

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

21. MEDDAC

Anna Pedron, 315-772-3992

- The Patient Family Advisory Council is opened to all beneficiaries' attached to Fort Drum that would like to offer suggestions in front of a panel of leaders to improve the patient experience. Meeting is informal and is held every 4th Thursday of every month at the Guthrie Clinic, Room 1108/1109 @ 1600-1700. Excluding holidays, post closures, inclement weather. Point of Contact: Patient Advocate, Stephanie Mann 315-772-4655, Stephanie.m.mann4.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, Stephanie Mann 315-772-4655, Stephanie.m.mann4.civ@mail.mil

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Website: www.drum.amedd.army.mil

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

22. NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB (NCSC)

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.northcounterspousesclub.com

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Website: <http://northcounterspousesclub.com/>

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NorthCountrySpousesClub?ref=br_tf

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

24. OUTDOOR RECREATION

KEVIN SMITH, 315-772-6568

- **RECREATIONAL RANGE:** On 1 April Outdoor Recreation will open their Recreational Shooting Range. Please see contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.

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Email: lloyd.k.smith.naf@mail.mil

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/o-recreation/

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

25. SAFETY

JOHN DROZD, 315-772-3022

Time to Change the Clocks

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

It's also a great time to check your smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

Smoke Alarms:

- Three out of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Test your smoke alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year. If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace it immediately.
- Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.
- Smoke alarms can be interconnected wirelessly. That means, when one sounds, they all sound. A Consumer Product Safety Commission survey found this is the best way to notify everyone in a home if there is a fire. Be sure to purchase smoke alarms with the label of a reputable testing agency, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

- Anything that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas that can kill. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them, if possible.

Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of snow or debris.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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

LORRIE GULER, 315-772-3284

Nothing Reported

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/DrumACAP

27. STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

DWIGHT AUSTIN, 315-772-5261

Nothing reported

28. USO

Cheryl Christie, 315-778-0850

- USO Presents Story Time, "How to Catch a Leprechaun," March 11th, 2 Sessions 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Craft, snacks, free book and guest reader. Sponsored by Fort Drum Thrift Shop
- Hula Lessons – Free. USO Fort Drum Multipurpose Room. Every Tuesday Beginning March 12th. 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, 12 years and older. No childcare provided
- American Red Cross Blood Drive at USO Fort Drum. March 5th & 6th, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm

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Website: www.uso.org/fortdrum

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29. VETERINARY SERVICES

CPT DAVID HUTSEBAUT , 315-772-4262

Nothing reported

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/FortDrumVTF

30. VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUND (VSF)

JENNIFER PITARD, 325-280-5539

See associated slides

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Click the hyperlinks

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