



CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

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1. AMERICAN RED CROSS

KIMBERLY OKAI, 315-772-6561

• Emergencies are more common than people may think, and disasters can happen anywhere, anytime—even in your own home. The Red Cross responds to a disaster every 8 minutes. By having an emergency plan and kit, your family can react quickly if a disaster strikes.

- Emergency preparedness - Build a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Informed.
- Take a class: First Aid/ CPR; NYS Citizens Preparedness Course
- Give blood
- Test/ Install smoke alarms

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.

• **Spouses Welcome, every Thursday, 9:30 am at Clark Hall Room B1-11**

• ACS PLAY GROUPS:

➤ EFMP sponsored Playgroup at the SFAC, 10 – 11:30 am every Wednesday

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

- **ACS IS LOCATED IN BLDG. 1780, RESTORE HOPE**
- **THE EMPLOYEE READINESS PROGRAM IS LOCATED AT THE SFAC FACILITY, BLDG. 11042, MT. BELVEDERE BLVD**
- **THE FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM IS LOCATED IN BLDG. 435A MWR DRIVE**

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO COME WITH PARENTS TO ALL ACS CLASSES

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

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

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**Michelle Capone, 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 **Noon**, and Saturdays at **9 am**. 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 **Monday, January 6**, 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, 10650 5th Armored Division Drive. 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/SNOWBOARD TRIPS TO SNOW RIDGE:** Join BOSS for skiing/snowboarding trips to Snow Ridge Ski Resort in Turin, NY every Friday in January beginning **Friday, 10 January**. BOSS will provide transportation to and from Snow Ridge. There is no cost for lift tickets only for Active Duty Military all day on Friday. This event is open to 10 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.

• **MODERN WARFARE TOURNAMENT:** On **Wednesday, January 15**, BOSS will host a Modern Warfare gaming tournament. Play will begin at **6 pm** and will continue until there is a winner who will walk away with a prize. There is no cost to enter the tournament

and it is open to single Soldiers only. Registration is available prior to the event date and on the day of the event at the BOSS Center, 10650 5th Armored Division Drive. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.

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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. RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE

CAROL BURKE, 315-772-5591

2019 Religious Support Office Holiday Service Schedule

Main Post Chapel Bldg. 10785A (unless otherwise noted)

- 28 Nov 0900 Catholic Thanksgiving Mass
- 23 Dec 1730 Chanukah Service
- 24 Dec 1800 Chapel Next Candlelight Service
- 24 Dec 1900 Lessons and Carols Candlelight (RRC)
- 24 Dec 2200 Catholic Midnight Mass
- 25 Dec 0900 Catholic Christmas Day Mass
- 31 Dec 1730 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass
- 31 Dec 2230 Gospel Watch Night (PVC)

RRC Riva Ridge Chapel P10030 N. Riva Ridge Loop / PVC Po Valley Chapel P4405 Po Valley

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

All regular weekend services remain in effect

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.com)

8. CYS SERVICES/OUTREACH

ELENE NEMERGUT, 315-772-3677

- **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.
- **NEW YEARS DAY:** All CYS Facilities will be **closed** on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020**; in observance of New Year's Day.
- **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY:** All CYS Facilities will be **closed** on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**; in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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9. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

MATT ROGERS 315- 772-3214

- **FIRST SEMESTER ENDS IN JANUARY:** Expect report cards and testing as the first half of the 2019-2020 school year ends in the month of January.
- **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) 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: <https://military.tutor.com/home>.

- **REGENTS TESTING IN JANUARY:** There will be New York State High School Regents Examinations occurring from **January 21 – 24, 2020**. Regents exams are required to graduate in New York and are only administered in January, June, and August. Visit your school's website or contact your student's school counselor for exam date and times.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

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Website: www.drum.armymwr.com

10. CYS SPORTS & FITNESS

Brittany Garnsey, 315-772-4102

- **TAEKWONDO CLASSES:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ages 5-17 yrs. **Fees are \$70** per student per month. 45 minute classes. Classes in Taekwondo are continuous. Please call our office for more specific information. Student **MUST** be in first grade to register. Kindergarteners must be evaluated by instructor to be allowed to enroll.
- **GYMNASTICS INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES:** Classes begin September 9th, Ages 18mos-16yrs. Classes in Gymnastics are continuous from September to June and will run 1 day a week/ 4 days a month guaranteed.
- **Parent & Tot: 18mos-3yrs: \$35 per student per month. 30 minute class**
- **Gym Mites: 4-6yrs: \$40 per student per month. 45 minute class**
- **Gymnastics 1: 7-16yrs: \$45 per student per month. 60 minute class**
- **Gymnastics 2: 7-16yrs: \$50 per student per month. 75 minute class**
- **Gymnastics 3: 7-16yrs: \$50 per student per month. 75 minute class**
- **Gymnastics 4: 7-16yrs: \$60 per student per month. 90 minute class**
- **Gymnastics 5: 7-16yrs: \$60 per student per month. 90 minute class**
- **DANCE INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES:** Classes begin **Monday JANUARY 6**, ages 18 mos-16 yrs. Classes in Dance are continuous from January to June, and will run 1 day a week/ 4 days a month guaranteed. **Fees: Dependent on Class.** Please call sports office for more specific information.
- **FITNESS CLASSES:** Registration is currently open, or until classes are full. Functional fitness classes, free weights, Family fitness, and plyometric classes. Open for ages 7-17 years old. **Fees: Free.**
- **SKIING/SNOWBOARDING:** Wednesdays. Ages 7-17yrs. Registration will begin on October 21. **Fees are dependent on package selected and range from \$10/week- 1 time payment of \$150.** CYS Transportation has a separate fee of **\$50 per child**. Season will run from January 8- February 12, 2020. All skiing/snowboarding will take place at Dry Hill Ski Resort located at 18160 Alpine Ridge Rd. Watertown, NY 13601.
- **WRESTLING:** Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ages 5-13yrs. Registration will begin on October 7th. **Fees are \$45** per athlete. Season will run from January 2- March 31, 2020.
- **CO-ED BASKETBALL:** Monday-Saturday. Grades 1st- 6th. Registration will begin on October 7th. **Fees are \$45** per athlete. Season will run from January 6-March 31, 2020.

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Click the hyperlinks

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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

- **Youth of the Year Orientation:** 5 Dec 2019 1730-1830
Youth of the Year is Boys and Girls Club of America's premier youth recognition program. All members can benefit from participation in this program. Come to this informational meeting and discover how your youth can benefit, what the process entails and what opportunities await.
- **Saturday Sideline Cheer Group:** 7 Dec 2019 1530- 1730
Youth will be creating, learning and practicing sideline cheers for the Youth Center MS & HS Sports Nights. They will choreograph and practice cheers, and dances for the tournaments and half time shows. No partner stunts, lifts or gymnastics will be permitted.
- **Sewing Club:** 14 Dec 2019 1530-1800
Come join our sewing club where teens will learn the basics of sewing and make many different projects with our staff. This session we will be making "felt ornaments". All materials and supplies will be provided.

- **Middle School Sports Night:** 21 Dec 2019 1900-2200

Come join us for Middle School Sports Night! 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.

- **Christmas Day-** Center is **CLOSED**

- **Pool Tournament-** 28 Dec 2019 1530-1800

Youth will be learning the regulations and rules of a proper billiards game and compete in a tournament. Brackets will be randomly chosen. Prizes will be awarded.

- **New Year's Eve Party** – 31 Dec 2019 8:00 pm – 1:00 am

This annual event will be held on 31 Dec. The program starts at 8PM and we will ring in the New Year at midnight. Snacks will be served throughout the evening, breakfast is served at midnight, and the event ends at 1AM. The cost of the event is \$10 per person or \$16 per couple. Price includes food, party favors, and fun activities. The center will be open from 8pm-1am only for the New Year's Eve Party

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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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 MATTHEW HAMILTON, 315-772-0565

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

- The Visitor Control Center (VCC) is now open 7 days a week from 0530-2200. All visitors are required to obtain their passes there prior to going to the gates. Personnel arriving when VCC is closed require a sponsor present at Cerjan ACP to be processed unless sponsorship application has been submitted in advance and the passes are present at the gate.
- With the holidays approaching and plans being formalized for family and friends visiting please make sure that all requests for passes are submitted in advance so they can be processed and passes ready for them when they arrive. Requests should be submitted 72 hours prior to arrival to ensure completion.
- Sponsorship applications available at: <https://home.army.mil/drum/index.php/about/visitor-information> . Use IMDR-ES Form 2 for sponsored passes and IMDR-ES Form 3 for the one day, unsponsored, pass. **The address to submit these applications in advance:** usarmy.drum.imcom.mbx.des-acp@mail.mil .
- Personnel wishing to visit Fort Drum for business or leisure may do so providing they present a valid form of identification and receive a favorable NCIC-III check. A Day Access Pass (valid from 0730-2300) will be issued to visitors upon authentication. Reoccurring visits that extend over multiple days require the individual to receive sponsorship and multi-day passes.
- Winter is approaching so please take necessary precautions when approaching the gates. Reduce speed while approaching the guards. Ensure that your vehicle registration and inspection stickers are visible for the guard to see. Also ensure that all snow is removed from the top of vehicles to prevent unnecessary incidents/violations.

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

- **Holiday Home Fire Safety:**
 - Christmas Trees
 - Use a commercial non-combustible tree
 - Live trees should be fresh, green, and regularly watered
 - Use quality UL listed lights (LEDs are the safest)
 - Candles
 - Use with caution!
 - Place them on a non-combustible surface
 - Keep them away from combustibles
 - NEVER leave candles unattended
 - Keep away from children and pets

- Winter Weather:
 - Ensure heating equipment is in proper working order
 - Select and use portable heaters with care
 - Keep all emergency exits clear of snow and ice

Law Enforcement: For questions concerning Law Enforcement, please contact us at either 772-7770, or Chief Julian at 772-4483 email todd.m.julian.civ@mail.mil

- Emergency Contact Numbers: dial 911 from any land-line. That call will go directly to the DES Dispatch Center. Dial 911 from your cell phone, that call will go directly to the Jefferson County Dispatch; advise the dispatcher you are calling from Fort Drum and they will redirect your call to the DES dispatch center. 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 November 2019, 1000 at the Crescent Woods Community Center.

Winter Parking:

- Winter is upon us as are winter parking regulations. There is no parking on the sides of roadways on Fort Drum from November 1st until April 1st and vehicles which are found to be in violation may be ticketed and may be towed at the owner’s expense if impeding snow removal.
- Law Enforcement will conduct a robust messaging campaign in the early winter months. Vehicles may also not be parked across sidewalks or on seeded areas near housing.
- Exceptions to policy for special events (holiday parties etc.) may be requested not less than 14 days in advance through DES Operations (CPT Morgan Cady, morgan.p.cady.civ@mail.mil or CPT Don Manfredi Donald.t.manfredi.civ@mail.mil)

Winter Driving: Winter weather has historically contributed to accidents on Fort Drum New York

- When required to operate a motor vehicle during winter weather conditions ensure you maintain a safe speed. Several incidents occur due to motor vehicle operators driving too fast for conditions often resulting in the vehicle leaving the roadway.
- During the winter, many accidents occur in parking lots due to decreased space and slick conditions created by ice and snow. Stay alert, reduce speed, and use caution when traveling in/through parking lots to prevent unnecessary accidents.

Sobriety: Don’t Drink and Drive – Law Enforcement has increased sobriety checks during holiday months, both off and on post.

Safety Compliance Checkpoints:

- Fort Drum New York will continue Safety Compliance Checkpoints.
- Safety Compliance checkpoints will be conducted in the outbound lane of the access control points and will focus on educating FDNY Soldiers, civilians, and family members on laws and regulations regarding safely operating a motor vehicle in the state of NY.
- Use caution when approaching established checkpoints and follow the direction of law enforcement personnel to ensure the safety of our Law Enforcement personnel.

Community Policing:

- Coffee with the Chief event on 26 November at the Crescent Woods Community Center. An opportunity to have a voice and share concerns within our community.
- We also have a Facebook page (DES-Fort Drum Police) that we maintain about our department and utilize to share information. Check out our site!

<p>NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? Click the hyperlinks</p>	<p>Email: matthew.t.hamilton16.mil@mail.mil Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-Directorate-of-Emergency-Services/885121491518077</p>
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13. EXCHANGE

LORRAINE HASTINGS, 315-773-5631

Nothing reported

<p>NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? Click the hyperlinks</p>	<p>Website: www.shopmyexchange.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/AAFES.BX.PX</p>
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14. FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

RAYMOND RAINBOLT, 315-772-9636

- **FORT DRUM RECREATION PASSES** – Recreational activities including hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, canoeing, etc. are allowed on Fort Drum with a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass. Fort Drum access passes are available on-line for free. New York State licenses are also required for hunting, fishing and trapping. See the Fish & Wildlife Management Program’s web site for more information and passes: www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net.
- **HUNTING SEASON IN THE CANTONMENT AREA CONTINUES** – In an effort to manage the white-tailed deer population in the Cantonment Area as well as provide recreational opportunities, hunting is allowed in designated areas of the Cantonment Area by DoD ID card holders through December 15. To hunt in the Cantonment Area, all hunters must attend a safety/informational briefing. See the web site for more information and a map of designated areas: www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net.
- **LERAY MANSION OPEN FOR TOURS** – Come to LeRay Mansion to see the holiday decorations, have a free tour, and learn about the history of northern New York. The Mansion is open during normal business hours. The Mansion is also available for events and social gatherings. Contact bookleraymansion@gmail.com for more information.
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION** – PCSing and 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) 0800-1600 Monday - Friday. For more information and a list of items accepted, check out the Fort Drum Recycles Facebook page.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

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

Website: www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com//FortDrumNatural Resources](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)

ALLYSSA ROMEO, 315-955-6814

- **ARMY SATISFACTION SURVEY:** The Army is facilitating a fall Satisfaction Survey through CEL Associates for residents of on-post housing starting November 12th through December 12th. Watch out in your email for the opportunity to share your feedback and make positive changes for our communities & neighborhoods.
- **FRIENDS MAKE THE BEST NEIGHBORS:** Refer one of your friends to live on post and you’ll get \$500!* All homes feature garages with automatic openers, 24-hour maintenance service, utilities included, and access to fitness centers, nature trails, sledding hill, splash parks, and dog parks all with the convenience of living on post. Contact the Welcome Home Center at 315-955-6644 or welcomhome@fdmch.com to refer your friends today! *Some restrictions apply.
- **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

Email: Allyssa.romeo@fdmch.com

Website: www.fortdrummch.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fortdrummch

17. FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP

STEPHANIE WOLF, 315-772-7189

- **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

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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

- **BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH):** New BAH rates go into effect each calendar year on 1 January. Those Soldiers who were already signed in at Fort Drum and receiving the previous year's rate, will keep the same rate if higher than the new rate or receive the new rate if higher than the previous year's rate for their pay grade. If your pay grade changes or your marital status changes after 1 January, you will get the new 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 10%; 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. Many apartment complexes are running specials. 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 have availability and some at (lower than BAH) market rates. **Coordinate early for on-post housing** to ensure you get the right home for your Family with minimal delays. Check with Fort Drum's Welcome Home Center at Clark Hall (2nd floor of Clark Hall) for the latest information (315-955-6644).
- **ARMY 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: raymond.g.ganem.civ@mail.mil or william.l.bamann.civ@mail.mil

Website: www.housing.army.mil

19. Sports, Fitness and Aquatics

JON BURNARD, 315-772-6663

- **Swim Lessons:** December and January Tuesdays (0930-1000, 1015-1045, 1530-1600, 1700-1730, 1745-1815, 1830-1900), Thursdays (1530-1600, 1745-1815, 1830-1900), Saturdays (0900-0930, 0945-1015, 1030-1100, 1115-1145)
- **Basketball League:** Will be conducted on 14 January at Magrath sports complex. Sign-up by 3 January. Every Tuesday and Thursday night open to all active duty military assigned/attached to Fort Drum. League ends March 2020. Sign-up at the Intramural Sports Office Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **MLK Basketball Tournament:** Will be conducted 20 January at Magrath Sports Complex. Tournament will start 9am. Rosters are due to Sports office Jan 15, 2020. The events are open to all active duty military assigned/attached to Fort Drum. Sign-up at the Intramural Sports Office Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.
- **Indoor 7v7 Soccer Tournament:** Will be conducted 25 January at Magrath Sports Complex. Tournament will start 9am. Rosters are due to Sports office Jan 15, 2020. The events are open to all active duty military assigned/attached to Fort Drum. Sign-up at the Intramural Sports Office Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.

- **Volleyball League:** Will be conducted on 27 January at Magrath sports complex. Sign-up by 22 January. Every Tuesday and Thursday night open to all active duty military assigned/attached to Fort Drum. League ends March 2020. Sign-up at the Intramural Sports Office Bldg P-10050, 772-6663.

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20. McEWEN LIBRARY

ALLEN GOUDIE, 315-772-9099

- **Movie Matinee at McEwen:** Saturday, January 18, 3:00 pm. Come relax and enjoy a free movie. Popcorn is provided.
- **The Page Turner's Book Club:** starts up for new year Wednesday, January 29, 2020 6:30 pm.
- **E-RESOURCE CLASS:** Learn how to get the most out of the McEwen Library's free e-resources (<http://mylibraryus.armybiznet.com/screens~S24/resources2.html>). Access e-magazines, e-books, audio books and streaming video via Overdrive, databases such as Ancestry.com, Mango Languages, Academic Research Premier, Career Transitions, Tutor.com, etc. Attendees must have an active library account. **Classes are arranged by request.** Contact Brenda Greenwood at 772-8506 or brenda.a.greenwood.naf@mail.mil to schedule a date and time.

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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.fmwr.net/

21. MEDDAC

STEPHANIE MANN, 315-772-4655

- We are looking for TRICARE beneficiaries (active duty, active duty family members, retirees, retiree family members) to volunteer to be council members for our new Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC) All volunteers will be required to complete Fort Drum volunteer training, Annual Privacy Training (HIPPA), and sign a confidentiality agreement. The purpose of the PFPC is to make recommendations that would improve the experience of care to the Military Treatment Facility Commander, COL Robert Heath. If you would like to receive a volunteer application please reach out to the Fort Drum MEDDAC Patient Advocate, Ms. Stephanie Mann at 315-772-4655 and/or Stephanie.m.mann4.civ@mail.mil.
- Joint Outpatient Experience Survey (JOES): If you are seen at a Fort Drum Military Treatment Facility (MTF), you may be randomly selected to fill out a JOES survey. The survey welcomes patients at DoD (MTFs) the opportunity to voice outpatient experiences, to compare and standardize beneficiary visits among all DOD facilities, in order to achieve superior care. The answer to each survey questions directly impacts our monthly patient satisfaction score. This satisfaction score is displayed throughout all Fort Drum MTFs. Fort Drum MTFs receive additional funding from outpatient surveys when beneficiaries answer JOES' overall patient satisfaction question, question 23, that they agree their health care visit was satisfactory. This additional funding can help us improve the patient experience, increase medical resources, improve infrastructure, and introduce new initiatives. Your feedback is important! Point of Contact: Patient Advocate, Stephanie Mann 315-772-4655, Stephanie.m.mann4.civ@mail.mil

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22. NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB (NCSC)

ERIN WRIGHT, PRESIDENT, 540-588-8971

- Please like our Facebook and Instagram page IG: NCSC_Fortdrum FB: North Country Spouses' Club

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23. OFF THE BEATIN' PATH GIFTS (OTBP)

DANIA BANDAS, 315-608-6221

- **Location:** Building 10502 S. Riva Ridge (In the USO Building)
- **Hours:** New hours are 11-2 Tuesday through Friday. We will be open Saturdays from 11-2 starting November 30 through December 21
- The new manager is Rocky Wallace

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24. OUTDOOR RECREATION

KEVIN SMITH, 315-772-4010

- **TITUS MOUNTAIN SKI TRIP:** will be on **January 17th**. Join Outdoor recreation as we travel to Titus Mountain for a fun filled day of downhill skiing. This trip is **\$65 per adult, \$50 per teen (13-19), \$45 per junior (7-12), and \$15 per child (0-6)**. The trip includes lift ticket and transportation. The bus will leave Outdoor Recreation at **7:00 a.m.** Please contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.
- **SNOWMOBILE CLASSES:** **Dates TBD**, weather permitting. This class is a New York State Snowmobile Safety Certification class and will provide students with instruction on safely operating snowmobiles and the rules and regulations that snowmobile operators need to know. The class begins at **9:00 am** and will conclude at approximately **5:00 pm**. The cost for this class is **\$5 per person**. Please contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.
- **ICE FISHING: DATES TBD**, weather permitting. These trips will be **\$40 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 contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.
- **SNOWMOBILE RIDES: DATES TBD**, 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 **\$75 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 contact the Outdoor Recreation Staff at 315-772-8222 for additional information.

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25. SAFETY

JOHN DROZD, 315-772-3022

Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

• **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 Exploration and Planning Track **03 Dec, 0800-1600**
- Career Skills Program Brief **03 Dec, 0900-1600**
- SBA Entrepreneurship, **17 Dec, 0800-1600**

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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 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" December 9th, 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm
- Mail Home a Holiday Card, During Midday Snack, December 9 - 13th

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