



CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

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1. AMERICAN RED CROSS

KIMBERLY OKAI, 315-772-6561

Nothing Reported

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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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)

- **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**
- **EFMP sponsored playgroup, every Wednesday, 10 – 11:30 am at the SFAC**
- **Army Volunteer Corps, Volunteer of the Year Ceremony, May 27, 5 – 6pm Social Hour, 6 – 8pm Ceremony at The Commons**
- **Army Volunteer Corps. (AVC) (315 772-2899/0470) Please call for April calendar dates and locations for all classes.**
 - Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS 101), Introduction to VMIS and Volunteering on Fort Drum.
 - Volunteer Administrative OPOC Training, open to all who manage volunteer records.
 - ACS Volunteer Orientation, for anyone volunteering at ACS.
 - Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony, May 21, 11 am at The Commons
- **ACS Mobilization & Deployment, (315 772-0470/2848/0509/4-4019) Classes/trainings are designed to support on-going Family readiness. Please call for April calendar dates and locations for all classes.**
 - Key Contact Training
 - SFRG Leader Training
 - Informal Funds
 - CARE Team Training
 - SFRG Basics for Commanders/1SG's

- Soldier & Family Readiness Liaison SFRL Training
- **Relocation Readiness Program (315 772-6553/6566/6902/3241)** Please call for April calendar dates and locations for all classes.
Lending Closet, Monday – Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Immigration and Naturalization Assistance
 - Sewing Class
 - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class
 - Hearts Apart Support Group
 - ACS In-processing Brief, Mon – Fri, 10 – 10:30 am, Clark Hall
 - Overseas PCS Brief
 - Stateside PCS Brief, every Tuesday and Thursday, 3:15 – 4 pm, Clark Hall Rm A2-86
 - Fort Drum Tour, Every other Wednesday (dates subject to change due to weather) please call for confirmation, departs from ACS at 9:30 am
 - International Spousal Support Group
- **Financial Readiness Program (315-772-2919/5059/00505196)**
 - Classes available upon request:
 - Budgeting for Your Goals
 - Power Pay: Improve Your Credit and Eliminate Debt
 - Manage Your Checking Account
 - Car Buying 101
 - Insurance Basics, Consumer Rights and Obligations
 - Prevent Identity Theft and Avoid Scams
 - TSP: Investing in Your Future
- **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) (315-5476/5488/0664)** Please call for April calendar dates and locations for all classes.
- **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ALL ACS CLASSES WITH PARENTAL SUPERVISION**

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Click the hyperlinks

Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/army-community-service/

Facebook: <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!

Family Advocacy Program (FAP) (315) 772-5914, ASAP building, 10250 4th Armored Division Road

- Terrific Toddlers, 4 June , 9-11am, at ASAP
- Taco bout it Tuesday, 5 May, 5:30 pm, at Rhicard Hills Community Center
- Wellness Cooking Class: cook with a culinary professional. Call to inquire!

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Website: <http://www.drum.army.mil/hr/Pages/education.aspx>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Drum-Army-Education-Center-321867727827654/>

4. ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY (AUSA) NNY FORT DRUM

Michelle Capone, 315-486-1538

Nothing reported

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5. AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CENTER

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Nothing reported

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

6. BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS (BOSS)

JON BANISTER, (315) 772-7806

- **BLOOD DRIVE:** On **22 June 2020** 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 donate as space is available. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.
- **SPCA TRIPS:** Every **Thursday** afternoon the BOSS Program will conduct a Community Service at the Jefferson County SPCA in Watertown, NY. We will provide transportation for anyone that is interested in participating. Our vehicles will depart from the BOSS Center at **4 pm** and return around **6:30 pm**. This event is open to all DOD ID Card Holders. To sign up just stop by the BOSS Center and file out a volunteer agreement and statement of understanding. For more information call the BOSS Center at 772-7807. (pending COVID-19 transactions)

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Website: www.drum.armymwr.com/us/drum/programs/boss/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fortdrum.boss

7. 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.
- **SUMMER CHILDCARE:** Parents of any school-aged child, who may be needing care over the summer, should have already placed their child's name on the placement list on MilitaryChildCare.com. Parent Central Services will be offering and enrolling children into open slots for the weeks of summer camps, as spaces become available. Parent Central Services will also start looking at fall placement in Before and After School care at the School Age Center, as well as in our Part-Day programs at Memorial CDC. Again, these programs are filled using the placement lists on MilitaryChildCare.com. Parents with questions are free to call Parent Central Services at (315)772-8675.

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8. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

WENDY O'SULLIVAN 315- 772-3214

- **SPRING BREAK:** Local area schools will not be in session from **April 10 – 17**. Classes will resume on **Monday, April 20th**.
- **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Beginning in April, school districts begin allowing parents to register children entering Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year.
- **GRADES 3-8 NYS MATH EXAM:** New York State will be administering statewide Math Exams for all students in grades 3-8 in April. Dates for the exam vary depending on if the school is administering the exam via computer or paper. Schools traditionally send information about the exam dates home with students. Please ensure your child is attending school during exams dates.

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9. CYS SPORTS & FITNESS

Brittany Garnsey, 315-772-4102

- **TAEKWONDO CLASSES:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ages 5-17. Fees are \$70 per student per month. 45 minute classes. Classes in Taekwondo are continuous. Please call our office for more specific information. Student MUST be in first grade to register. Kindergarteners must be evaluated by instructor to be allowed to enroll.
- **GYMNASTICS SUMMER CAMP:** The camps begin July 6th, Ages 18mos-16yrs. Gymnastics camps are 6 weeks in length. The participant will be guaranteed 1 class per week during the 6 week camp. Registration begins May 1st
 - Parent & Tot: 18mos-3yrs: \$55 per student. 30 minute class
 - Gym Mites: 4-6yrs: \$60 per student. 45 minute class
 - Gymnastics 1: 7-16yrs: \$65 per student. 60 minute class
 - Gymnastics 2: 7-16yrs: \$70 per student. 75 minute class
 - Gymnastics 3: 7-16yrs: \$70 per student. 75 minute class
 - Gymnastics 4: 7-16yrs: \$90 per student. 90 minute class
 - Gymnastics 5: 7-16yrs: \$90 per student. 90 minute class
- **DANCE SUMMER CAMP:** The camps begin July 6th, Ages 18 mos-16 yrs. Dance camps are 6 weeks in length. The participant will be guaranteed 1 class per week, during the 6 week camp. **FEES WILL RANGE FROM \$55-90 PER STUDENT DEPENDING ON CLASS CHOSEN.** Registration begins May 1st.
- **SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS/ACTIVITIES:** Weekly summer camps will be offered for ages 7-13 yrs beginning the week of July 6th. Camps will range in activity and include archery, soccer, fitness, wrestling, basketball, and adventure camp. **FEES WILL BE \$30 PER STUDENT (Adventure camp will be \$125 per student, and is for ages up to 15*).** Registration will begin 1 May 2020 .

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10. CYS YOUTH CENTER

STEVE FERGUSON, 315- 772-6717

- **SEWING BASICS: Monday & Tuesday, 1 - 2 June 4:30-6:00 pm.** Sewing is back! Come join our sewing program where teens will learn the basics of sewing for their everyday life. This is a two day prerequisite course to use the sewing machines, and participate in the week long sewing projects. All materials are provided.
- **KITCHEN SKILLS: Monday & Tuesday, 1 - 2 June 5:30-6:30 pm.** This program serves as introduction to the kitchen and basics of cooking. The programs focuses on kitchen safety, utensils, terminology, and sanitation as well as reading recipes. This course is a prerequisite to other cooking programs at the center.
- **ARMY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Saturday, 13 June @ 4:00 pm.** Come help us celebrate the Army's Birthday with fun and games. We will show our thanks with an Army birthday cake. All teens are welcome.

- **YOUTH SPONSORSHIP CLUB MEETING: Thursday, 19 June @ 5:00 pm.** This program helps ease the fears when youth transition from one installation to another. Members of this club will plan welcoming events for new members and help those that are leaving get information on their new community. Today we will meet to discuss the youth sponsorship program and the steps we need to take to have a successful program.
- **DINNER & A MOVIE: Saturday, 20 June @ 5:00 pm.** tonight, youth will make dinner and enjoy a movie. The dinner prepared will be voted on by the members. The choice will be based on two recipes developed, in part, by the cooking club. Youth are required to participate in the making of the meal. The movie will be selected by the youth from a list of recent DVD releases.
- **SUMMER KICK OFF BLOCK PARTY: Saturday, 27 June @ 4:00 pm.** This event is open for Middle and High School Youth. Come celebrate the beginning of summer and hang out with old friends and make new friends with a music, games and a BBQ. There is no cost for this event.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-CYSS-YouthProgram/370723860409

11. 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.
- 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.
- Effective 17 January 2020 the WSAAF Gate will operate under the following hours: Open: Monday – Friday: 0530-2300. Closed 2300-0530, weekends, and holidays. Personnel wishing to access the airfield when closed must traverse across the Bompato Bridge.

Fire Prevention: For questions concerning Fire and Emergency Services contact Assistant Chief Steve LaRue, 315-772-4702, steven.c.larue.civ@mail.mil

- Cooking is, and has long been, the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries!
- Stay Alert!
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking:
 - Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility
 - Follow manufacturer's 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 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.

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.
- 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)

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

Safety Compliance Checkpoints:

- Fort Drum New York will continue Safety Compliance Checkpoints.
- Safety Compliance checkpoints 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 a safe operation.

Community Policing:

- Coffee with the Chief event on 25 February, 1000 at the Monument Ridge 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 provide updates about our department and utilize to share information. Check out our site!
- See something, say something! Anonymous DES Tips hot-line is 315 774-TIPS (8477)

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: matthew.t.hamilton16.mil@mail.mil

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

12. EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM (ERP)

LEON DONALSON, 315-772-1090

- **Federal Employment Workshop** educates jobseekers on the federal employment system: USAjobs.gov account set up, benefits of working for the federal government, searching and applying for federal jobs, and how to write an effective federal resume. The Federal workshop is provided primarily every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.
- **Resume Start to Finish** covers the development of civilian resumes for private sector careers. The class consists of 45 to 60 minutes of instruction on resume types, formatting, and content as well as cover letter writing and reference sheet tips. Remaining class time is dedicated to creating your resume using our specialized resume software. This class is given every Monday (Except Holidays).
- **Interview & Career Fair Preparation** teaches jobseekers how to best prepare for interviews, career fairs, and other networking events. Topics include career fair strategy, professional introductions, and how to dress for success. There will be six sessions of this seminar given: each session will be prior to the previously scheduled career fairs in order to enhance the individual potential of attaining employment.
- **LinkedIn Seminar** is a monthly course instruction explaining in detail the basics of LinkedIn, the world's largest professional networking platform. This class includes tips and tricks for building and maintaining a LinkedIn profile to expand your professional network and enhance job search efforts.
- **Civil Service Employment Seminar** is offered quarterly for jobseekers interested in securing local or state government jobs. Jobseekers will learn how to prepare for civil service exams and complete applications. Department of Labor representatives provide you up to date information on application requirements, including Veteran services.
- ERP also offers additional resources and services such as:
 - Weekly Job Bank
 - One-on-One Career Counseling
 - Job Search Assistance
 - Interview Preparation & Mock Interviews
 - Resume & Cover Letter Writing Assistance

Computer Lab & Resource Center
Classic Closet (professional attire)

Please follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, & Instagram! We post hot jobs and employment relevant resources daily!

www.facebook.com/fortdrumemployment

Please call or send an email a team member for an appointment or to sign up for any of our scheduled classes:

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13. EXCHANGE

LORRAINE HASTINGS, 315-773-5631

Nothing reported

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Click the hyperlinks

Website: www.shopmyexchange.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AAFES.BX.PX

14. FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

RAYMOND RAINBOLT, 315-772-9636

• **FORT DRUM RECREATION PASSES** – Recreational activities including hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, canoeing, etc. are allowed on Fort Drum with a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass. Fort Drum access passes are available on-line for free. New 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.

• **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.

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Click the hyperlinks

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

Website: www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net

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

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

Gil Persall, 315-489-3633

• The National Association of the 10th Mountain Division will award ten \$5,000 scholarships for Academic Year 2020– 2021. Qualifications, timeline and application can be found at www.10thmtndivassoc.org < Caution-
<http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org/> > beginning 1 Jan 2020.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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

16. FORT DRUM MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HOMES (MCH)

ALLYSSA ROMEO, 315-955-6814

- **CONVENIENT ON POST LIVING:** Two bedroom homes available today at lower than BAH rates*! Enjoy the convenience of living close to work and all of Fort Drum's amenities! 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 *Some restrictions apply.
- **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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17. FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP

CHRISTOPHER WALLACE, 315-772-7189

- **Store Location:** P- 1454 Fourth St M, Fort Drum (behind the Express on Ontario Ave)
- **Donation Hours:** Donation drop off available during store hours or any time at the donation shed located in the PX parking lot. Please check our website and Facebook page for current accepted items.
- **Volunteering:** Simply complete a Volunteer Orientation then start volunteering any time during store hours! Volunteer 3 or more hours a week to receive 50% off Thrift Shop merchandise!
- Store open to DOD and Non DOD card holders!

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Click the hyperlinks

Email: thriftshopfd@hotmail.com

Website: <http://fortdrumthriftshop.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/FortDrumThriftShop>

18. HOUSING

BILL BAMANN, 315-772-7256

- **BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH):** New BAH rates went into effect 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

- **Golf Tournament:** On **5 June** DFMWR will host its first golf tournament of 2020. Location TBD. All DoD ID cardholders 19+ are eligible to compete. Sign-up at Sports, Fitness and Aquatics inside Magrath Sports Complex.
- **Soccer Tournament:** On **13 June** DFMWR will host an outdoor 11v11 soccer tournament on the turf fields at Magrath Sports Complex. All active duty soldiers will be eligible to compete, as well as DoD ID cardholders 19+. Sign up at the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office inside Magrath Sports Complex. Rosters due by **8 June**.
- **Wallyball Tournament:** On **19 June**, DFMWR will host a wallyball tournament on Friday night at Magrath Sports Complex. All active duty soldiers will be eligible to compete, as well as DoD ID cardholders 19+. Sign up at the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office inside Magrath Sports Complex. Rosters due by **15 June**.

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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

- **The Page Turner's Book Club:** though not meeting in-person, the selected title for the month is "Every Breath" by Nicholas Sparks. You can leave your thoughts/comments about the book on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Robert-C-McEwen-Library-269047099442/>
- **E-RESOURCES:** check out the Army Library Program & McEwen Library's **free** e-resources at (<http://mylibraryus.armybiznet.com/screens~S24/resources2.html>). Access e-magazines, e-books, audio-books and streaming video via Overdrive & RB Digital, databases such as Ancestry.com, Mango Languages, Academic Research Premier, or educational assistance through Tutor.com, etc. Use your library patron information to access. If not sure what your logon info is or you are not a library patron, please contact us at 315-772-9099 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday – Friday to establish your account.
- **<https://military.tutor.com/home>:** To help alleviate the academic stress being experienced by DoD-affiliated personnel and their families due to COVID-19 disruptions, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) has temporarily expanded eligibility for **Tutor.com** for U.S. Military Families program. The program provides on-demand, online academic support 24/7 in more than 100 subjects for grades kindergarten through college students.

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Website: www.drummwr.com/library.htm

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

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

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

21. MEDDAC

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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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)

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

Email: ncscpres@gmail.com

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

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

JESSICA PENNY, 315-772-4010

- Outdoor Recreation will soon be opening their Recreational Shooting Range. For additional information please contact the staff of Outdoor Recreation at 315-772-8222/5169.
- For all current information and operating hours please follow us on facebook at Fort Drum Outdoor Recreation.

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

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

25. RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE

CAROL BURKE, 315-772-5591

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is scheduled for 10-14 August at the Main Post Chapel. An online registration will be open as the time approaches.

Catholic Kidz Camp will be held 3-6 August at the Main Post Chapel.

Your chaplain is always only a phone call away. The Religious Support Office receives an average of 6 crisis calls each day. You can reach us by calling 772-5591 during the duty day, or 772-5647 anytime.

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Click the hyperlinks

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

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

Website: [Fort Drum Religious Support](#)

26. SAFETY

JOHN DROZD, 315-772-3022

In these uncertain times, obey all travel restrictions and only make the trip if it is absolutely necessary. Forget about flattening the curve, let's stomp it out and Be Safe!

- June means the start of Summer which means more travel opportunities. Sharing the road means doing so responsibly; do this by maintaining situational awareness, driving defensively, taking frequent breaks and most importantly arriving to your destination safely.
- Construction zones have their own unique hazards. Nationally, four out of five people killed in work zones are drivers and passengers – not highway workers and rear-ended crashes are the most prevalent.
- Do you know when speeding in a construction zone in New York, fines are doubled and range from \$90-\$600 or up to 30 days in jail, or both. In Illinois, the maximum penalty for hitting a worker in a construction zone has increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and possible liability in civil court.
- Many distractions exist while driving, and cell phones are at the top of the list (challenge yourself, concentrate on driving, not on social media, texting etc., put your phone out of sight and pay attention to driving). Almost everyone has seen a driver distracted by using a cell phone, but when you are the one distracted....you don't realize you are the one putting others and yourself at risk.
- New technologies in vehicles (these are for convenience, not safety) are creating more distractions than ever before. Fifty-three percent of drivers believe if manufacturers put "infotainment" dashboards and hands-free technology in vehicles, they must be safe. Some states have laws banning the use of handheld devices, but many drivers honestly believe they are making a safe choice by using these devices vs. hands free. Research has shown these technologies distract our brains even long after we've used them.

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27. 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 Fair **08 Aug (the 07 May career fair is CANCELLED)**
- Career Skills Program Brief **05 May, 0900-1600**
- DOL Vocational Training Workshop **05 May, 0800-1600**
- Boots to Business, **27 May, 0800-1600**

SFL-TAP and affiliated agencies will continue to provide services during the COVID-19 contingency operations. Some agencies will provide limited services via phone and email. Please, monitor SFL-TAP's Facebook page for updated delivery methods of services.

Soldiers registered with SFL-TAP will receive email notification of changes in services. SFL-TAP will provide daily notification to units about status of all services.

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Website: www.sfl-tap.army.mil

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28. SPECIAL EVENTS**AL JANSSEN, 315-772-7864**

• **Virtual Scavenger Hunt:** On **18-22 May** DFMWR will host a virtual scavenger hunt open to all DoD ID Card holders to showcase Family and MWR facilities and programs also to encourage patrons outside. One main prize will be given to the winner, the prize is a \$200 Amazon gift card, free weekend rental of 2 fishing poles and a pontoon boat (must be NY state boater safety certified to operate the boat).

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29. STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE**DWIGHT AUSTIN, 315-772-5261**

Nothing reported

30. USO**CHERYL CHRISTIE, 315-778-0850**

Nothing Reported

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31. VETERINARY SERVICES**CPT BREANNA JOHNSON , 315-772-4262**

Nothing reported

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32. VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUND (VSF)**JENNIFER PITARD, 325-280-5539**

Nothing reported

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Click the hyperlinks

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