



CLIF NOTES FOR THE FORT DRUM COMMUNITY

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1. AMERICAN RED CROSS

Dustin L. Chavez, 315-418-8455

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.
- **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

- Wellness Cooking Class: cook with a culinary professional. Call to inquire!

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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

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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.

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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)

JON BANISTER, (315) 772-7806

- **Cornhole Tournament:** On **10 September 2020** BOSS will host a Cornhole Tournament. Single Soldiers are welcome to participate in this event. Soldiers will practice their ability of eye-hand coordination and spend quality time with their peers. This is open to Single Soldiers only. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807. Tentative due to COVID-19.
- **BOSS Concessions at Auto Auction:** BOSS will partner with Fort Drum Autocraft and their abandoned vehicle auction from September 24-26 2020. We will be selling a variety of different concessions for those coming out to view the vehicles that are for sell.
- **MOUNTAIN MUDDER:** Get ready to crawl through the mud, hurdle obstacles and just have a good time at the Mountain Mudder on **Friday, 18 September 2020**. There are four waves for the event, **6:30 am, 7:30 am, 8:30 am and 9:30 am**. Registration for the Mountain Mudder is at Magrath Sports Complex, Pine Plains Bowling Center or Outdoor Recreation. The cost for the event is \$30 for pre-registration and \$35 the day of the event. This event is open to all DoD card holders 18 years of age and older and to the first 1,200 participants. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807.
- **BOSS BLITZ:** Come out and show us who your favorite football team is with the BOSS Blitz 5K run/walk on **Friday, 6 September**. Dress up in your team's attire for this great event. The 5K walk/run will begin and end at the Magrath Sports Complex, Bldg. P-10050. This is a free event that is open to all DoD ID card holders. Pre-registration is through Eventbrite. Participants can also register the day of the event beginning at **6:30 am** at Magrath Sports Complex with the run/walk starting at **7 am**. For more information contact the BOSS Center at 772-7807. Potentially will be hosted as a virtual challenge.

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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.

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8. CYS SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)**WENDY O'SULLIVAN 315- 772-3214**

- **REGISTER FOR SCHOOL EARLY:** Registration appointments will fill up towards the end of August. To ensure your child can begin school on the first day of classes, if you have the necessary documents, you can begin the registration process with the local school district that you are zoned for. Items needed in order to register for school: Residency Documentation with a Physical Address, Copy of Child's Birth Certificate, SSN, Immunization and Physical Documentation, Information from Previous School, and if applicable, any Special Needs Documentation. Please contact the Fort Drum School Liaison Officer about registering your child in a local area school.
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Many on-post, as well as local agencies, donate school supplies for families. School supply lists will be posted on your child's school district website during the summer. Remember that those list are typically a generic list for their grade and additional supplies may be required by specific teachers. For information about agencies donating school supplies or obtaining your child's school supply list, contact the School Liaison Officer.
- **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:** The 2020-2021 school year will begin for the majority of area students on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**. Information on the status and details of school reopening will be available later in the summer. Please contact your School Liaison Officer (SLO) for information or visit your school district website for updates.

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Click the hyperlinks

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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 May 1st.
- **SOCCER REGISTRATION/SEASON:** Mini Mountaineer Soccer, Mondays, ages 4-5. Fees are \$25 per athlete. Mountaineer soccer, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, ages 6-12. Fees are \$45 per athlete. Season will run from the end of August until Mid-October.
- **T-BALL/ BASEBALL REGISTRATION/SEASON:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ages 4-9. Fees are \$45 per athlete. Season will run from the end of August until Mid-October.
- **FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION/SEASON:** Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday, ages 7-14. Fees are \$45 per athlete. Season will run from the end of August until Mid-October.
- **ARCHERY REGISTRATION/SEASON:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 7-13. Fees are \$50 per athlete. Season will run from the end of August until Mid-October

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10. CYS YOUTH CENTER

STEVE FERGUSON, 315- 772-6717

*****No scheduled events due to new staffing/childcare movements amongst CYS buildings*****

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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

11. DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (DES)

MR. MICHAEL THOMAS, (315) 772-5721

Access Control: For questions concerning Access Control, contact CPT David Mabry at 772-9959 or Mr. Carl Schuck at 772-9921.

- 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 are available at the following web site: <https://home.army.mil/drum/index.php/about/visitor-information> . Those wishing access to the installations must follow all guidelines as specified based on Operation Corona Control updates. Those eligible can fill out the IMDR-ES Form 2 for sponsored passes. Once completed submit **applications in advance to:** usarmy.drum.imcom.mbx.des-acp@mail.mil .

• REAL ID Update:

The final enforcement deadline is September 30, 2021. By this date, not only must all states be issuing Real ID-compliant licenses or IDs, but individuals must also have visited their state's driver's licensing agency and obtained a REAL ID compliant card, or acceptable alternative such as a U.S. passport, if they wish to fly on commercial aircrafts or access federal facilities.

REAL ID-compliant cards will have one of the following markings on the upper top portion of the card. If the card does not have one of these markings, it is not REAL ID-compliant and won't be accepted as proof of identity.



Currently Oregon has extension until August 7, 2020 and Oklahoma extended until September 18, 2020 to become compliant. New Jersey is under review. All other states are compliant and issues REAL ID Licenses with the appropriate markings. Please check your license and if it is not an enhanced or have one the above markings on it then it is not compliant.

- Fort Drum is slated to be fielded Automated Installation Entry (AIE) during the upcoming months. With it will be a change in scanners. All personnel, to include DoD ID cards, will have to be registered within the system. This process should be transparent with minimal inconvenience to individuals. We will provide more information as the system comes online and will provide specifics on what can be expected along with the benefits of the new system.

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

Grilling Safety: There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

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

- **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 30 July 2019, 1000 at the Crescent Woods Community Center.

• Summer Safety Tips

- Lock your doors, *INCLUDING* the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- Ask a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home or have your mail held at the local post office until your return.
- Put lights on timers to give the impression that someone is home.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town, and wait post photos after you return from your trip.
- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car.
- Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave prized possessions in your vehicle keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- Do not leave children or pets left unattended in vehicles. Please note temperatures inside of a vehicle can be considerably warmer than the temperature outside. Excessive heat can cause serious injury or death.
- Don't Drink and Drive – Law Enforcement has increased sobriety checks during summer months, both off and on post.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Click the hyperlinks

Email: michael.r.thomas3.civ@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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Website:

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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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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 <http://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
- **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.
- **OUTDOOR OASIS CONTEST:** Show off your beautiful outdoor living space for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card. For more information, email programs@fdmch.com or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/fortdrummch/events/>

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17. FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP

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 at any time during store hours then start volunteering any time!
- **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

Richard Nuijens, 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.

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19. Sports, Fitness and Aquatics

JON BURNARD, 315-772-6663

• **9-11 remembrance 5K:** DFMWR will host a 5-K on Wednesday September 11 at 0700. This race is open only to Active Duty members. Sign up at the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office inside Magrath Sports Complex by September 8, 2020.

• **Midnight Madness Softball:** DFMWR will host a Midnight Softball tournament on the 25 September

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 22 Sep.

• **Indoor Triathlon Sprint:** DFMWR will host the Triathlon Sprint on 29 September at Magrath. Sign up at Magrath Sports Complex by 25 September. This race is open only to Active Duty members.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/FtDrumSFA

20. McEWEN LIBRARY

ALLEN GOUDIE, 315-772-9099

• **FYI:** Want to check out library material? The Library is now open between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday – Friday. Masks will be worn and social distancing maintained. Please contact us at 315-772-9099 with any questions. We do still have curbside pickup. Contact library at 315-772-9099 for full details.

• **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>: Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, is a program that provides on-demand, online tutoring and homework help at no cost to eligible service members, civilian personnel, and their dependents. With live, expert tutors available 24/7, military-connected students can receive academic help at their moment of need—anywhere they have an internet connection.

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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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Click the hyperlinks

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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Click the hyperlinks

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

24. OUTDOOR RECREATION

JESSICA PENNY, 315-772-4010

- Outdoor Recreation is open Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm, closed for lunch 12-12:30 pm. We are increasing our rental items as we can with the current Covid19 social distancing policies.
- Outdoor Recreation's Recreational Shooting Range is open on Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. For additional information please contact the staff of Outdoor Recreation at 315-772-8222/5169.
- For all current information with new rentals, please follow us on facebook at Fort Drum Outdoor Recreation.

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

25. RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE

CAROL BURKE, 315-772-5591

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School! VBS is scheduled for 10-14 August from 9AM - Noon at the Main Post Chapel. This will be an ecumenical program and all are welcome! It is required that you pre-register your child at <https://fortdrumvbs2020.myanswers.com/mystery-island>. Please call 772-5591 if you have any questions.

Your chaplain is always only a phone call away. 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

September is National Preparedness Month. As this is also the peak of Hurricane season, here are some tips and resources to prepare you and your family to "Be Prepared, Not Scared"

- Be Prepared. Make an emergency plan today & practice it: www.ready.gov/plan#BeReady
- Preparing your family for an emergency is as simple as a conversation over dinner. Get started today: www.ready.gov/plan#PreparedNotScared
- It's important to include kids in the disaster planning process. Review your family emergency plan together so that they know what to do even if you are not there: ready.gov/kids#YouthPrep #BeReady
- Practice your fire escape plan by having a home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the home. #BeReady
- Download a group texting app so your entire circle of family and friends can keep in touch before, during & after an emergency. #PreparedNotScared
- Practice evacuating in the car with your animals, so they're more familiar if you need to evacuate in an emergency. #PrepareNow
- Be prepared. Get the @fema app with weather alerts for up to 5 locations, plus disaster resources and safety tips: www.fema.gov/mobile-app #BeReady
- Contact your water and power companies to get on a "priority reconnection service" list of power-dependent customers if you rely on electrical medical equipment. #PrepareNow
- Learn how to turn off utilities like natural gas in your home. www.ready.gov/safety-skills #PreparedNotScared #BeReady
- Be prepared for a power outage by having enough food, water, & meds to last for at least 72 hours: ready.gov/kit #BeReady

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

Craig McNamara, 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**

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28. SPECIAL EVENTS

AL JANSSEN, 315-772-7864

Mountain Mudder- 18 Sept 2020, The Mountain Mudder is a 5.5 mile Mud Run with approximately 20 obstacles of varying difficulty. Participants do not have to complete each obstacle to finish the run. Social distancing will be enforced along the route and at each obstacle.

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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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/FortDrumVTF

32. VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUND (VSF)

JENNIFER PITARD, 325-280-5539

Nothing reported

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Click the hyperlinks

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