



# MWR Employee Newsletter

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## MWR Training Day was a Huge Success!

October 8, 2021 was a huge day for Fort Campbell MWR. Every MWR Facility (except Lozada PFC) was shut down for the day so we could gather every MWR employee together for a fun, informational, and exciting training day!

The day started with employees gathering at Shaw PFC. As people arrived they signed in outside and then proceeded inside to get this year's Team MWR t-shirt and hand sanitizer.

Once everyone found their seats the training day began. First up we met our MCs for the day: Carrie Rattigan-Howell and Floyd Council. They welcomed the large group of employees to Training Day and introduced an address from our current Garrison Commander, Col. Andrew Q. Jordan SF Commanding.

After his inspiring words, the workforce participated in a variety of trainings including: TARP, ASAP/ Personal Readiness (suicide prevention), EEO, and SHARP. Each division also completed OPEX Refresher trainings and Safety Briefs about Winter Safety, presented by division CDSOs.

It wasn't all hard work though! Employees were treated to Swag giveaways from the "Swag Wagons", Door Prize Giveaways, and more fun prizes throughout the event.

Food Trucks were on hand for the lunch break, offering three choices of cuisine as employees took a staggered lunch break that included music, dancing and silliness. There was even an impromptu line dance featuring Ms. Downing that was definitely one of the day's highlights.

After lunch, in addition to completing the final trainings, there were fun games on Kahoot hosted by Ryan Noble, followed by the entire workforce being assembled for an impressive group photo.

Overall the day was a great success and we were able to leave better prepared to help serve our Fort Campbell Soldiers, Families, Retirees, and Civilians!



## Welcome Aboard!



Say hello to our newest MWR team members. Every Thursday we welcome new faces to Team MWR in positions across the garrison. After learning about MWR they get to meet Ms. Downing or Ms. Fagan. Watch for them in real life and say hello as we share their pictures on our Employee Facebook Group!

## **SIMPLY SAFE—TIP OF THE MONTH**



**Did you know  
workplace fires and  
explosions kill 200 and  
injure more than 5,000  
employees each year ?**

**Fire Safety is important! Here is how you can  
help keep you and your team safe:**

- Keep workspace free of clutter
- Check Electrical Cords
  - Replace cracked or damaged cords
  - Ensure cords are not tripping hazards
- Don't Overload Outlets
- Turn off and unplug appliances when not in use
  - Fans/heaters
  - Microwaves
- Keep heat producing equipment away from flammable materials
- Know your team's emergency action plan

## **Holiday \$pending Tips**

By: Brett D. Ives, MBA, AFC - ACS Personal Financial Readiness Specialist

The holiday season is fast approaching, and if you find yourself still paying for last year's presents, we have some tips to help you avoid taking on additional debt in order to spread cheer this year. New for 2021 are the global supply chain disruptions that may lead to inventory shortages at retailers throughout the country, so you may want to start your shopping list and plan to begin buying presents now.

**\*Create a spending plan.** Have a monthly budget and make a plan before you begin your holiday shopping. ACS Financial Readiness can help. Call (270) 798-5518 for an appointment.

**\*Create a list (and check it twice).** A list will help prevent those impulse purchases.

**\*Utilize military discounts.** If a business has decided to offer a discount, graciously accept because you deserve it.

**\*Take advantage of price matching.** The AAFES Exchange often offers layaway specials around the holiday season, and offers price matching year round.\* Other retailers offer price matching as well. For example, Target will match select local and online

competitors, to include Amazon.com. (visit their website for details)

**\*Research items before you buy them.** One way to do this is to scan an item's barcode or use your favorite search engine with your smartphone to price shop instantly by comparing the price to other retailers. Check your phone's app store for a QR/barcode reader if needed.

Begin planning for next year's holiday season right away. Make a plan and save to avoid going in to debt.

Some of the best sales begin the day after Christmas, especially on decorations, so this would be the time to get out to the stores and stock up for next year's holiday season.

**\*Note:** "Exchange Retail and shopmyexchange will not match items related to Black Friday and Cyber Week (Thanksgiving Day through the Friday after Thanksgiving) or one-day special events (i.e., Veterans Day)." For additional and up-to-date information regarding Exchange promotions and policies, visit: [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com)

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## R.F. Sink Memorial Library Celebrated a Highly Anticipated Grand Opening!

Eighteen months after closing down to start renovations, the beautifully refreshed R.F. Sink Memorial Library is back and ready to serve Soldiers and Families.

Employees, Patrons, Senior Leadership and Senior Command joined on September 16 to celebrate the facility's return. Excited patrons took their first look at the new entrance, furniture, carpeting, shelves, compete with a new layout and expanded children's room.

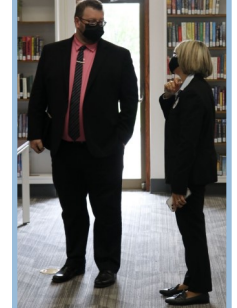
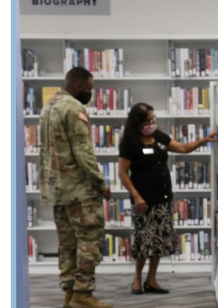
The newly refreshed library is a bright, welcoming library that is up to date in every way. In addition to traditional library offerings of books, media and children's programming, the library will be a place where Soldiers can use both CAC enabled and open source computers, along with 3D printers, study pods, and more.

None of this progress could have been done without the hard work and dedication of our Library Staff. They worked remotely for a majority of the renovations and

were still able to help create a beautiful space. They were assisted greatly by the NSD IT team with all of the technology. The staff was supported and advised throughout the renovation by senior leadership including Stacye Downing, Stacy Fagan, Ryan Noble and Caite Kendrick.

"No matter how they use it, the library is a valuable resource for Soldiers and Families across the installation" said Col. Andrew Q. Jordan, Fort Campbell garrison commander.

"We want to rededicate the library to our Families, to our Soldiers and hope that you find a new home here," Jordan said. "And that you enjoy coming in here and spending time learning, teaching your children how to read, showing them that reading is what's going to get them places in life and just ingrain in them that love for education and lifelong learning."





# Bastogne Teen Center Welcomes Teens

Bastogne Teen Center opened its doors to the public on September 17 with a Grand Opening celebration that included giveaways, VIP visitors, and more.

The move from Taylor Youth Center was no small feat. CYS staff worked tirelessly to create a fun, modern center that would attract our teenage patrons with everything they desired in a teen center.

The former Bastogne SAC is now equipped with a Movie theater, gymnasium, computer lab and gaming room, a tech room, art studio, music room, and a theater space, as well as a homework area and an eating/kitchen area.

“The wide variety of activities available to teens and

the exposure to different potential interests at the facility are an important part of youth development,” said Deputy Garrison Commander David Roudybush, who also had the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the exciting celebration.

In addition to CYS staff there were MWR employees from every division on hand to welcome the new center. Teens added a level of excitement as they proudly showed visitors all of the exciting new facilities that they have at their disposal.

We are so excited to offer this beautiful new space and can’t wait to see our youth thrive in this new location!

