



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**229TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION**  
**431 RIFLE RANGE ROAD**  
**PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, CA 93944-5011**

Dear New Team Member:

Congratulations on your assignment and welcome to the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), located at the Presidio of Monterey, California. We are excited you are joining the Griffin Family!

The mission of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion is to facilitate the development of qualified linguists while sustaining our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. We set the conditions to ensure all Soldiers are ready to seamlessly integrate into the operational force. DLIFLC is a unique experience, as well as a Joint environment. Chances are you'll be attending language classes with members of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy.

This assignment is challenging due to the fast paced learning environment – you've got to be ready to dig deep and minimize distractions. Rest assured, you are not alone. We are here to help you and your family get to the finish line. We are committed to ensuring that our team has access to the resources needed to support our mission, family, and individual readiness.

At DLIFLC, it isn't all work and no play. No matter what your interests are, you and your family will be able to enjoy one of the nation's best recreational areas. The Monterey Peninsula has a rich history, and its rugged coastline is known for its natural beauty. We encourage you to get out, decompress, and enjoy your time in Monterey as part of our team and as part of our Family.

Please feel comfortable asking for support for the things you or your family need prior to your arrival, or during your time at DLI. Asking will help us help you integrate more smoothly into the local community, and ensure you are able to focus on the mission. A strong support system is paramount to success in the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion and the DLIFLC. The following links include a variety of newcomer and family support information services: <https://home.army.mil/monterey/index.php/my-fort/newcomers> and <https://home.army.mil/monterey/index.php/units-tenants/229thMI>. Additionally, the attachment to this letter provides some good "quick tips" from Garrison to get ahead of some big questions you might have.

If you need more information, please contact our Battalion S1 at (831) 242-5642 or your Company POCs (contact information at second web page listed above).

Again, welcome to the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, we look forward to serving with you. "Soldiers First, Always!"

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## **Attachment 1: Garrison Quick Tips for Incoming Soldiers and Family Members**

The Presidio of Monterey Garrison team is at your service should you need anything as you transition in. This document should get you pointed in the right direction with your most immediate questions: (1) Where should I live?; (2) Where are my kids going to school?; (3) What about my household goods?; and (4) My spouse is interested in working, where can I get some help?

### **(1) Where should I live?**

For married careerists and IET Soldiers, the choice is yours (IET Soldiers must live with a 30 mile radius of POM). BAH in the area is high. Unfortunately, so is the cost of housing. The Garrison Command team encourages you to get in touch with the Parks of Monterey Bay. They recently changed their policy in order to allow pre-leasing of homes. The Garrison Commander's goal is that incoming families do not have to stay more than a week or so in temporary lodging, and to have an address before even getting to Monterey.

For single Soldiers authorized to live off post, if you do get a statement of non-availability to live off base, the Garrison Command team strongly recommends you talk to the Army Housing Office and The Parks of Monterey Bay – they do rent some of their homes to single service members.

Feel free to contact the Army Housing Office at (831) 242-5702 or (831) 242-7979 or by email at [usarmy.pom.106-sig-bde.mbx.pres-dpw-housing@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.pom.106-sig-bde.mbx.pres-dpw-housing@mail.mil). The Army Housing Office can provide assistance whether you choose to live off post or on post.

If you chose to live on post, the homes are managed by The Parks of Monterey Bay. Their pitch:

- No application fees
- Option to sign your lease digitally
- Offer for housing prior to detachment from previous duty station
- 24-hour emergency maintenance service
- No security or pet deposits
- Pet friendly community (some restrictions apply) with several dog parks and pet waste stations.
- 20+ Playgrounds
- Three leasing offices
- Two gyms with an indoor pool
- Tennis courts/basketball courts/Volleyball courts and soccer fields
- Outdoor Barbecue stations
- Walking trails
- High speed internet service providers
- Floor plans are available on our website [www.parksatmonterey.com](http://www.parksatmonterey.com)
- Contact person: Christina Gomez, Community Manager 831.644.0400 Ext 341 or [cgomez@tmo.com](mailto:cgomez@tmo.com)

Make your own decision. However, we would encourage you to look at the on base option. It is hard to replicate the sense of community that you have living on the Presidio, La Mesa Village, or Ord Military Community.

**(2) Where are my kids going to school?**

Please contact the POM Garrison School Liaison Officer for assistance:

Elaine Vrolyks  
School Liaison Officer  
Building 4260  
General Stilwell Community Center  
4260 Gigling Road, OMC  
USAG Presidio of Monterey, California  
Desk: (831) 242-6904  
[elaine.l.vrolyks.naf@mail.mil](mailto:elaine.l.vrolyks.naf@mail.mil)

**(3) What about my household goods?**

While you can do most everything yourself on line, there are two office to help you out:

NPS Transportation Office:  
Phone: 831-656-2151  
Email: [persprop@nps.edu](mailto:persprop@nps.edu)  
Address: 1281B Leahy Road, La Mesa Village, Monterey, CA 93940

LRC Transportation Office  
Phone: 831-242-6803  
Email: [usarmy.pom.407-afsb.mbx.lrc-pom-pppo@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.pom.407-afsb.mbx.lrc-pom-pppo@mail.mil)  
Address: 1712 Private Bolio Road, Bldg. 517, Rm. B, Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944

**(4) My spouse is interested in working, where can I get some help?**

Army Community Service can provide some support with spousal employment.

Another great resource is USAJOBS. Civil Service employment opportunities exist at the Presidio of Monterey! Family Members may visit [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov) to learn more -- Search Keyword: "Department of the Army" and Location: "93944"; Presidio Contact: (831) 242-5160.

Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact someone on the garrison team. Resources and phone numbers can be found at <https://home.army.mil/monterey/index.php> or on the digital garrison app that can be download at the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.