FORT POLK WEEKLY

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NOV. 9-15

NEED TO KNOW

- **Flu Shots:** Flu shots available for all beneficiaries 6 months to 64 years old by appointment (726-780-2175) in the BJACH Immunization Clinic.
- **DPW Work Reception Responsibilities:** Effective Nov. 1, all work reception responsibilities will transition from the Directorate of Public Works to the Base Operations contractor, PRIDE Industries. To report emergency facility issues or emergency demand maintenance orders, call the 24/7 hotline at 726-780-0991. For general questions, work order status inquiries or concerns regarding demand maintenance orders, contact contracting officer's representative Renea' Boutte at 726-780-0627.
- **Updated Dig Permit Procedures:** Effective Nov. 1, all dig permit requests must be submitted directly to Louisiana One Call by dialing 811 or visiting laonecall.com. Requesters are no longer required to submit a demand maintenance order or drop off or pick up physical paperwork at work reception. Upon receiving a locate notification, PRIDE Industries will respond and mark installation utilities in accordance with standard utility locate timelines and guidelines.
- **Friday Night Live:** Come rock with us at the Warrior Center Friday, Nov. 6, from 4:30-6 p.m. Come on out for free food, games, music, prizes and air guitar contest, lip sync battle and a night of fun!
- **Veterans Day:** Veterans Day is Wednesday, Nov. 11. Take time to honor and recognize the courage, service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in the U.S. military.
- **Warrior Information Exchange Slides:** The November WIE slides are now available! Click here.
- **DPW Immediate Service Reductions:** Due to Army-wide budget reductions, the Directorate of Public Works has implemented immediate service reductions. Please review the service level changes outlined in the bullets below:
  - **Priority 1 Emergencies:** Fully operational. Life, health, and safety emergencies will continue to be accepted and dispatched immediately.
  - **Preventive Maintenance:** Fully operational. Scheduled systems maintenance and critical infrastructure servicing remain at full capacity.
  - **Barracks Support:** Fully operational. Standard maintenance and support for barracks facilities will continue without interruption.
- **Priority 2 & 3 Services:** Reduced. Routine and non-emergent vertical/horizontal facility maintenance is suspended except for mission-critical needs.

SAFETY FIRST

- **Unauthorized Drones Prohibited:** Unauthorized drone activity poses a threat to Fort Polk's mission, training and installation security. Drones may not be operated or launched on the installation without proper authorization. If you observe a suspicious drone, note its location, time, direction of travel and description. If possible, take a photo or video, but do not put yourself at risk. **Report immediate threats by calling 911. Suspicious drone activity can also be reported to the Fort Polk Military Police Operations Center at (337) 531-1806.**
- **Holiday & Winter Fire Safety:**
  - Check Alarms: Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries as needed.
  - Heat Safely: Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn and never leave them unattended.
  - Prevent Carbon Monoxide: Never operate generators inside your home, garage or any enclosed space.
  - Decorate Safely: Use UL-approved holiday lights, check for damaged cords and keep live trees well-watered.

ON-POST ACTIVITIES

Monday, Nov. 9

- **11 a.m.** — Garrison Commander's Quarterly Spouses Meeting, USO Center (8403 H. Avenue)
- **6 p.m.** — Open Play Pickleball, Warrior Fitness Center

Tuesday, Nov. 10

- **9 a.m.** — Fort Polk Veterans Day Ceremony Meet and Greet, 1/5 Aviation Hangar (Building 4239)
- **10 a.m.** — Fort Polk Veterans Day Ceremony, 1/5 Aviation Hangar (Building 4239)
- **5:30-7 p.m.** — Family Bingo Night, The Forge Bar & Grill
- **7:30-9 p.m.** — 18+ Bingo Night, The Forge Bar & Grill

Wednesday, Nov. 11

- **BJACH** — All outpatient clinics and ancillary services are closed for the federal holiday. The emergency department and inpatient wards will maintain 24/7 operations.
- **Coins for Veterans** — A limited supply of special coins will be available for veterans at the Main Post Exchange!

Thursday, Nov. 12

- **4-6:20 p.m** — BJACH after hours flu shots. Call 726-780-2175 to schedule an appointment.
- **5 p.m.** — STEAM Education, Allen Memorial Library

Friday, Nov. 13

- **11 a.m.** — St. Mary's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 7600 Utah Avenue, Building 744
- **6:30 p.m.** — Holiday Kinusaiga Craft Night, Arts & Crafts Center

Saturday, Nov. 14

- **9 a.m.-2 p.m.** — Runway Rumble!, Maks Army Airfield
- **5:30 p.m.** — Saturday Summons (gamer nights), Home of Heroes Recreation Center
- **7 p.m.** — BOSS Trivia Night, Anvil Bar

ON-POST RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Tuesday, Nov. 10

- **9:30 a.m.** — PWOC (Protestant Women of the Chapel), Main Post Chapel
- **Noon** — Daily Catholic Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel (Main Post Chapel)

Thursday, Nov. 12

- **9:30 a.m.** — LDS Women's Small Group, Main Post Chapel
- **9:30 a.m.** — Catholic Women of the Chapel, Main Post Chapel
- **Noon** — Daily Catholic Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel (Main Post Chapel)

Sunday, Nov. 15

- **9 a.m.** — Catholic Mass, Main Post Chapel
- **11 a.m.** — Unity Fellowship, Main Post Chapel

OFF-POST ACTIVITIES

- **Louisiana Renaissance Festival (Hammond)**: Nov. 7-Dec. 13, 46468 River Road.
- **Leesville Veterans Day Ceremony (Leesville)**: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.,Veteran's Memorial Park on 3rd Street
- **Anacoco Veterans Day Breakfast and Ceremony (Anacoco)**: Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Memorial Park. Breakfast will be served from 7-9 a.m. and the ceremony will follow.
- **Veterans Day Celebration (Lake Charles)**: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park (900 Lakeshore Drive)
- **Impromptu Players Show (DeRidder)**: Friday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Wooten Theater, 102 E. First St. "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)!" Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for students.
- **Salute to Veterans Event (Leesville)**: Friday, Nov. 13, 6-9 p.m., Polk Outdoor Stage (109 East Texas Street)
- **Fiddle Tunes of the Revolutionary War (DeRidder)**: Saturday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church (811 Shirley Street)
- **Pleasant Hill Fall Fest and Gumbo Cookoff**: Saturday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m., Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (3261 Highway 171)
- **Impromptu Players Dinner and Show (DeRidder)**: Saturday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m., Wooten Theater, 102 E. First St. "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)!" Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for students.

WEATHER, TRAFFIC AND CONSTRUCTION

WEATHER

- **Turn Around, Don't Drown:** Flooding causes more deaths each year than any other thunderstorm-related hazard. More than half of flood-related drownings occur when vehicles enter flooded roads. Just 6 inches of fast-moving water can knock an adult off their feet, while 12 inches can carry away most cars and 2 feet can sweep away SUVs and trucks. Never walk or drive through floodwaters or go around barricades.

TRAFFIC & CONSTRUCTION

- **Texas Avenue:** Construction between Pennsylvania Avenue and Magazine Avenue is expected to continue through November. Texas Avenue will be closed to all traffic, with California Avenue serving as a detour.
- **10th Street:** Milling and paving operations are scheduled to begin Nov. 16. Drainage improvement repairs continue on 10th Street, and motorists are encouraged to use.
- **Timber Harvest:** A timber harvest is occurring from October to December in the 400-acre area north of Louisiana Avenue and west of University Pkwy. This may affect local traffic and access.
- **Entrance Road:** An additional full-depth pavement repair is underway on Entrance Road, with milling and paving operations scheduled to begin as early as Nov. 2. Flagging operations, a single-lane closure and traffic control cones will be in place during construction. Repairs are limited to the segment of Entrance Road between Jean Chapel and the business entrance of Castle Storage. Motorists should anticipate construction impacts in this area for the next two months, followed by additional repairs to Entrance Road.




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BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS
HOLIDAY TOY RUCK
3 MILE RUCK
BRING TOYS TO DONATE TO THE FAMILIES OF FORT POLK
PETS & FAMILIES WELCOME!
COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
BRING TOYS TO DONATE TO THE FAMILIES OF FORT POLK
FRIDAY NOV 20
0600 - 0800
MEET AT ANVIL FIELD
BLDG 1455
FOR MORE INFORMATION
337-378-3236


RUNWAY RUMBLE
DRAG RACING, CAR SHOW & HOT WHEELS SHOWDOWN
PRESENTED BY DFMWR AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CENTER
FEEL THE NEED FOR SPEED AT
MAKS ARMY AIRFIELD
14 NOVEMBER 2026 | 0900–1400
DRAG RACING
TIMED PASSES • MULTIPLE CLASSES
CAR SHOW
ALL MAKES • ALL MODELS • OPEN TO ALL
KIDS HOT WHEELS RACES
1045–1200
BRING THE KIDS & CHEER THEM ON!
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
TIMED DRAG RACING
JUDGED CAR SHOW
KIDS HOT WHEELS RACES
THE FORGE FOOD TRUCK
FOOD & BEVERAGES AVAILABLE
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
DRAG RACING
1/4 MILE DRAG RACE SCHEDULE
0900–1000 Vehicles stage in the pit area
1000–1015 Mandatory drivers meeting
1015–1315 Racing window
1330 Awards presentation
Drag racing open to current and retired DoW ID card holders.
All race vehicles will receive a paint-marker window number.
CAR SHOW
CAR SHOW SCHEDULE
0900–1200 Car show display period
1200 Vehicle judging begins, followed by awards presentation
CAR SHOW CATEGORIES
People's Choice
Muscle
Classic
Import
Modern America
Truck
Motorcycle
Custom
Antique
Car show entries and spectators are open to FPLA and the general public.
KIDS HOT WHEELS RACES
1045–1200
Let the young racers take the spotlight! Bring the kids, bring the excitement, and cheer them on as they race for bragging rights.
DRAG RACE AWARD CATEGORIES
2WD Naturally Aspirated Pure Stock
2WD Factory Boosted (Turbocharged or supercharged)
2WD Modified (Aftermarket upgrades such as superchargers, turbochargers, NOS, and special tuning)
All-Wheel/4WD Pure Stock
All-Wheel/4WD Factory Boosted (Turbocharged or supercharged)
All-Wheel/4WD Modified
All Electric
Classic — 1995 or Older Stock
Classic — 1995 or Older Modified
DRAG RACING REQUIREMENTS
All participants must complete a vehicle pre-inspection at the Auto Skills Center.
Pre-inspection Window: 01 October 2026 – 09 November 2026
During normal Auto Skills Center operating hours.
To receive a track pass, participants must have:
Current vehicle registration
Current proof of insurance
A DoD- or SNELL-approved full-face helmet for track runs.
PLAN AHEAD — VEHICLES MUST BE INSPECTED BEFORE THE EVENT.
ENTRY FEES
Car Show Entry $25 per vehicle
Spectators and racers not entered in the car show $5
Drag Racing Track Pass $10 per pass
5 PASSES FOR $40
AUTO SKILLS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION
Thursday–Monday 11 am – 7 pm
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
726-780-1369
Race it. Show it. Celebrate it.
14 NOVEMBER 2026 | 0900–1400
MAKS ARMY AIRFIELD


SGT JOSEPH A. RICHARD III SHOOTING RANGE
TURKEY SHOOT
DATE
NOV 21
TIME
8 am–8:45 am
(contestant arrival for sign-in)
8:45 AM
(Safety Brief)
9AM
(competition begins)
Precision Shoot
.22 Caliber Rifles Only
$20
Contestant entry fee
CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!
What to bring
Shooting Glasses
Ear Plugs
A Good Attitude
.22 Rifle
LOCATION:
SGT JOSEPH A. RICHARD III SHOOTING RANGE
for more info call
726-780-1456
ARMY OUTDOOR RECREATION


FREE
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 20
4:30 PM
ANNVIL FIELD
Disney · PIXAR
TOY STORY 5


AFWC WALK CLUB
WALK • CONNECT • RECHARGE
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
9:30–10:30 a.m.
Meet outside Building 283 near Parking Lot A at BJACH
Open to active duty, military spouses and GS civilian employees
Stay active, manage stress and connect with your community.
Questions or registration:
726-780-1190
Wear comfortable walking shoes!
GS civilian participation during duty hours requires supervisory approval and applicable policy.

FORT POLK
DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

PEOPLE | READINESS | COMMUNITY | ALWAYS THERE



HOLIDAY CLOSURES
VISITOR CENTER & ACCESS CONTROL POINTS

NORMAL HOURS (Outside Closures)
Visitor Center: Mon – Fri 0800 – 1630
ACP 2 & 5: 0530 – 1800

These closures affect the Fort Polk Visitor Center and designated Access Control Points (ACPs). Plan ahead and use alternative gates during closures.

CHECK IDS EARLY
Ensure your REAL ID or two forms of valid ID for access during VCC closures.

VISITOR CENTER
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

November 11	Veterans Day
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving Day & Day After)
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	VCC Closed (additional holiday closure)

ACP 2 & ACP 5
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

- **November 11** Veterans Day
- **November 25** Thanksgiving Eve
- **November 26 & 27** Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving Day & Day After)
- **December 24 – January 4** Extended Holiday Closure

ACP 1 & ACP 7
IN-LANE PASSES DURING VCC CLOSURES

In-lane passes will be available at **ACP 1 (24/7) and ACP 7 (24/7)** for authorized personnel with a **REAL ID or two forms of valid ID** during VCC closures.



Thank you for your support!

STAY SAFE | PLAN AHEAD | TOGETHER WE KEEP FORT POLK SECURE | AVOID DISTRACTIONS

FORT POLK, LA: NOVEMBER–DECEMBER WEATHER OUTLOOK
Likely pattern during a very strong El Niño

FORT POLK LOUISIANA

NOVEMBER



Seasonably cooler, but often milder than average

Wetter than normal favored

- Normal: High 69°F / Low 45°F
- Normal rainfall: ~5.9 in
- More frequent cold fronts
- Cool mornings, mild afternoons
- Rainy stretches and cloudier periods more likely
- Severe storms can occur with stronger fronts

Transition deeper into fall, but still leaning wet and somewhat mild.

DECEMBER



Cooler overall

Wet pattern can continue

- Normal: High 61°F / Low 38°F
- Normal rainfall: ~6.3 in
- Greater temperature swings behind fronts
- Colder mornings; occasional frost or light freeze possible
- Periods of soaking rain, low clouds, and gusty winds
- Brief severe-weather risk still possible on warmer storm days

Cooler and more winter-like, but not necessarily dry.

Community Preparedness Messaging

- Have multiple ways to receive weather alerts.
- Track severe storm fronts and know your tornado-safe shelter locations.
- Check heaters, flashlights, chargers, medications, and go-kits.
- For holiday or international travel, enroll in the U.S. Department of State STEP program. (PASSPORT · STEP Enroll Now)
- Practice OPSEC: do not post travel dates, unit movements, training locations, or empty-home details online.
- Stay weather-aware through Dec 31 for severe weather and travel disruptions.

★ Bottom Line

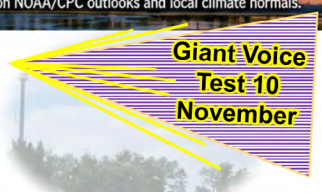
For Fort Polk, November and December are likely to lean **wetter than normal**, with repeated cold fronts, periods of heavy rain, changing travel conditions, and occasional severe-weather potential.

Based on NOAA/CPC outlooks and local climate normals.





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