

25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AT FORT POLK



OPERATIONS GROUP

THE JOINT READINESS
TRAINING CENTER



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Welcome from the Operations Group Command Team



COL David W. Gardner
Commander, OPS GRP
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[Biography](#)

We welcome you and your Families to the Operations Group and congratulate you on your selection to serve as an Observer/Coach/Trainer. We are confident that you will find that your tour at OPS GRP will be professionally and personally rewarding as you help shape the next generation of warfighters in this training environment. You are a valued member of the team, and we look forward to your arrival here to Fort Polk. In the coming weeks, your assigned task force will be reaching out to assist with your transition as needed.

Our mission at OPS GRP is to train Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) in the Decisive Action Training Environment (DATE). Each rotation is unique in its design to maximize the training value for the rotational training unit (RTU), with each rotation helping prepare these formations to deploy, fight, and win in a complex environment. Each calendar year, 10 BCTs complete training at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) – providing OCTs an opportunity to pass along their knowledge while receiving invaluable experience to use as they continue in their Army careers.

Fort Polk is a great place for military Families. The local school system consistently ranks in the top five in the state, and the Army has invested heavily in on-post facilities for Families to enjoy. From youth sports to on-post clubs, there is plenty for our Families to enjoy. Off-post, Louisiana is known for its cuisine, culture, and things to see. The state hosts more than 400 festivals each year with something for everyone.

Again, welcome to the OPS GRP team. We look forward to your arrival as we continue to make JRTC the premiere, joint combat training center.



Getting to Fort Polk



Click here to open main gate location in Google Maps

From Alexandria:

- Take LA Hwy. 28 West for 52 miles and turn left onto US-171 South at the roundabout
- Drive 7 miles on US-171 South, and turn left onto Entrance Road
- Gate 1 (Main Gate) is 2.6 miles ahead on Entrance Road

From Lake Charles:

- From Interstate 10, take Exit 33 for US-171 North
- Drive 63 miles on US-171 N to Entrance Road
- Turn right onto Entrance Road and drive 2.6 miles to Gate 1 (Main Gate)

From Shreveport:

- Take Interstate 49 South for 70 miles, take Exit 138 for LA-6 toward Natchitoches/Many
- Turn right onto LA-6 and drive for 3.7 miles
- Turn left onto LA-117 S for 41.6 miles
- Turn right onto LA-28 W/LA-8 W for 0.4 miles
- Drive 7 miles on US-171 South, and turn left onto Entrance Road
- Gate 1 (Main Gate) is 2.6 miles ahead on Entrance Road

Key Locations on Post

All gray boxes have imbedded hyperlinks that will open Google Maps. Feel free to forward this document to your smart phone to be able to use the interactive features.



Housing Information



Fort Polk on-post housing is privatized and is managed by Corvias Military Housing. There are three neighborhoods within Fort Polk to house Soldiers and their Families: [Dogwood Terrace](#), [Maple Terrace](#), and [Palmetto Terrace](#).

You can access the Corvias website by [clicking here](#), and you can request information from the leasing office by [clicking here](#).



For personnel who wish to seek residence off post, coordination with the Fort Polk Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) office is highly encouraged. These personnel offer valuable feedback on off-post areas. Additionally, if Soldiers have unique circumstances (married to another service member, geographical bachelor/bachelorette, etc.), they should reach out to the RCI office for assistance.

The RCI office is located adjacent to the Corvias Military Leasing Building on South Fort. Additionally, ***this is the location where Soldiers will have their Permissive TDY (PTDY) stamp applied to their DA 31 if approved for PTDY from losing command.***

They can be reached at:
337-531-6000
sarah.j.white.civ@mail.mil

Post Resources



Army Community Service

Phone: 337.531.1941

Fort Polk Family and MWR

Phone: 337.531.1979

Parent and Outreach Services

Phone: 337.531.1955

Outreach Program offers a wide variety of social, educational and recreational classes each month at no cost to the participants.

School Liaison Office

Bldg. 400, Radio Road

Phone: 337.531.9481

Walk-In Hours: Mon. – Fri.: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The primary role of the school liaison officer is to coordinate and assist school-aged children and youth from military families with all the educational opportunities and information necessary to achieve academic success. In addition, the school liaison office works in close partnership with the local schools to provide caring adults to enhance the military child's educational experience.

Relocation Readiness Program

Bldg. 920, Bell Richard Avenue

Phone: 337.531.6923/6952

Hours: Mon. – Fri.: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Provides information, guidance, and assistance to help minimize the impact of families during PCS moves, unit deployments or soldiers who are on unaccompanied overseas tours.

Child Development Center

Bldg. 744, Utah Avenue

Phone: 337.531.2149/1954/2891

Hours: Mon. – Fri.: 5:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The CDC offers a wide variety of programs to meet every parent's needs, from age-appropriate activities to balanced nutrition and preparation for kindergarten. The CDC provides care for children ages six weeks to five years, as well as BEFORE AND AFTER kindergarten care.

School Age Center

Phone: 337.531.2149

Hours: Mon. – Fri.: 5:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

School Age Services (SAS) are available to all school aged children first - fifth grade. Parents electing to enroll a child in the SAS program may choose a program of before and/or after school care, or they may choose care by the hour or day.

Additional Resources:

- www.armyonesource.com
- www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil

In Processing Timelines and Requirements

All personnel arriving to Fort Polk must in process through the centralized in processing facility located near Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital at [250 3rd Street, Fort Polk, LA 71459](#).

For Sergeants Major/Majors/Chief Warrant Officers 4 and Above, the schedule is generally:

- Day 0
 - Desk side DD93
 - Desk side Finance
- Tuesday
 - Height/Weight – 0530 at [Building 220](#)
 - Uniform is Improved Physical Fitness Uniform
- Wednesday
 - Swim Assessment – 0845 at [Post Pool](#)
 - Uniform is OCP/ACU (hand carry full set of PTs and towel)
- Thursday
 - Post Newcomers Brief – 0845-1230
 - [ACS Building 920 Bell Richard Avenue](#)
 - ***Families are invited to attend to receiving helpful information for the installation and local community.***
- Self Report/In Process
 - Tricare ([online](#) or East Region Contractor Humana Military: [1-800-444-5445](#))
 - Dental Clinic (Shira)
 - Medical Records – BJACH – Entrance B (left of information desk) (0800-1600, Monday-Friday)
 - CYS/School
 - Central Issue Facility (CIF) – Virginia & Tennessee Avenue, Building 4374 (1230-1600, Monday-Friday)

Transportation

- Soldiers can call Transportation at 337-531-1216 to see if their household goods have arrived or to schedule delivery.
- If a Soldier completed a personally-procured move (PPM), you will settle that voucher at the Fort Polk Transportation Office ([Building 4374 on Tennessee and Virginia Avenue adjacent to CIF](#)).

Community Information



[Click here to learn more](#)

Leesville, Louisiana – Leesville is the nearest city to Fort Polk, and the community has a strong connection with our Soldiers and their Families. As the parish seat for Vernon Parish, it serves as the hub for surrounding communities. As of the 2010 census, Leesville's population was over 6,000. The city has numerous festivals and cultural events throughout the year, and there are plenty of shops to visit in historic, downtown Leesville.



[Click here to learn more](#)

Alexandria, Louisiana – Alexandria is the nearest mid-size city, and it offers opportunities for more diverse options for dining and shopping. Alexandria is also home to the nearest airport servicing the Fort Polk area. Families will enjoy the Alexandria Zoo and the Tree House Museum



[Click here to learn more](#)

Lake Charles, Louisiana – Lake Charles is a short drive south of Fort Polk with plenty of opportunities for everyone in the family. From the Lake Charles Children's Museum to brewery tours to four premiere casinos, Lake Charles provides an ideal getaway for Soldiers and their families



[Click here to learn more](#)

Shreveport, Louisiana – Two hours north of Fort Polk in the northwest corner of the state, you will find Shreveport-Bossier City. The city has plenty of family fun as well as attractions to fill your day.



[Click here to visit the Louisiana Visitor's Bureau to learn more about the great state of Louisiana.](#)