

WELCOME PACKET

63D EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL BATTALION-ENHANCED



“From the Beginning”

(As of JUNE 2024)

63d ESB-E History

The history of the 63d Signal Battalion began when it was constituted in the Regular Army on July 1, 1940, and later activated on June 1, 1941 at Camp Claiborne, LA. The battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 63rd Signal Operations Battalion March 1, 1945, while in Europe.

The 63d Signal Battalion went through multiple activation and deactivation cycles between the years of 1950 and 1989 before being activated for a final time at the start of Operations in the Middle East.

During Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield, 63d Signal Battalion installed, operated and maintained a significant portion of what was, at that time, the largest, most technically complex Echelons above Corps communication network ever developed.

After serving in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the re-stationing of the 63d Signal Battalion from the 7th Signal Brigade in Europe to a new home station at Fort Gordon, Georgia, was announced on 12 November 1991. The battalion was assigned to the 11th Signal Brigade, effective March 16, 1992. The 63d deployed companies to Somalia in 1992 and 1993 in support of U.S. humanitarian and peace keeping operations.

The resolve of 63d Signal Battalion was challenged once again when it was called into action for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in Southwest Asia on February 16, 2003. Some of the many sites the 63d supported were Camp Arifjan, Camp Virginia, Camp Victory, Cedar I and II, Tallil Air Base, LSA Bushmaster, LSA Resolute, Camp Bucca Theater Internment Facility, Basra International Airport, Baghdad International Airport, and two former Iraqi Presidential Palaces. After successfully deploying and accomplishing the mission, the 63d brought every Soldier home to Fort Gordon, Georgia on February 19, 2004. In March 2007, the 63d Expeditionary Signal Battalion realigned under the 35th Tactical Theater Signal Brigade.

The 63d Signal Battalion deployed again in January 2005 in support of the Combined Forces Land Component Commander (CFLCC) during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM III. The battalion provided all communications support for Kuwait and provided CFLCC on call contingency communications capabilities. The battalion served as Kuwait Directorate of Information Management (DOIM), the Area Support Group Kuwait (ASG Kuwait) S6, and the Systems Control (SYSCON) for Kuwait and Southern Iraq. The battalion provided communications to over 40,000 permanent subscribers in Kuwait and to 150,000 subscribers during the 2005 surge operations. The 63d served as the force provider headquarters for all signal infrastructure projects across Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan providing the command and control of an additional seven signal companies to meet these requirements. After successfully completing the mission, the Soldiers of the 63d once again safely redeployed home to Fort Gordon, Georgia on January 19, 2006.

In March 2010, the 63d Signal Battalion deployed for a 12-month rotation to Afghanistan, with the companies being dispersed throughout FOB Shank, FOB Ghazni, FOB Sharana and Bagram Airfield.

In December 2012, Soldiers from the 63d Signal Battalion deployed to Iraq, to support main backbone communications with their troposphere communications platforms. They spent 9 months providing service and returned home in September 2013. In the summer of 2015, the 63d Signal Battalion began moving from Fort Gordon, Georgia to Fort Stewart, Georgia. A year later the 63d Expeditionary Signal Battalion assumed the “Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Force” (DCRF) mission and supported response efforts for Puerto Rico and Texas in the Fall of 2017 and border support missions in 2018. The battalion then provided support to COVID-19 Pandemic Response efforts across the country from 2020-2021.

From 2022 to 2024 the battalion supported Joint Special Operations task Force – Somalia in support of Counter Terrorism EXORD – AFRICOM with a Signal Detachment consisting of two twelve-month deployments.

In May 2023, Soldiers across the 63d Signal Battalion were assembled for Task Force Spur to deploy in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve. For nine months they served as the lone expeditionary signal company that provided signal support to units in Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and Kuwait. The Soldiers returned home to Fort Stewart in February 2024 and immediately began preparing for the Expeditionary Signal Battalion-Enhanced (ESB-E) conversion with an effective date of 17 June 2024.

The redesignation of the 63d ESB to and ESB-E officially marks the beginning of a new chapter in the battalion’s storied history. As of 17 June 2024, the battalion has been fielded and trained on a new fleet of equipment that provides more agile, diverse, and flexible signal support options for military forces. The battalion also underwent a significant MTOE restructure that significantly reduced the assigned personnel while increasing the number of points of presence from 30 to 48. The battalion is preparing to deploy an ESC in Fall 2024, again in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve and the remainder of the ESB will deploy in Winter 2024 in support of Task Force-Operation Spartan Shield.

Crest History

The unit crest was originally approved for the 63d Signal Operations Battalion on the 23rd of January 1952. The colors, orange and white, are the traditional colors of the Signal Corps. The four bandlets represent the four battle honors awarded to the organization during World War II. The silhouette of the mosque is taken from the shoulder sleeve insignia of the Fifth Army and represents the units service in North Africa. The green boot represents its subsequent wartime service in Italy. The battalion motto “AB INITIO” translates to “FROM THE BEGINNING,” which is a reference to the 63d’s participation in the United States Army’s initial campaign in World War II.

Battalion Commander

LTC Brian S. Laney



Lieutenant Colonel Brian Laney enlisted in the US Army in 2002 from Fort Wayne, IN, and completed basic training at Fort Benning, GA (known as Fort Moore as of 2023) as an Infantryman. In 2004, he commissioned as an Armor Officer through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA (known as Fort Moore as of 2023). He was assigned as a Scout Platoon Leader with 7-10 Cav, 4ID and completed a 12-month deployment to Taji, Iraq during OIF III/IV. Following deployment, LTC Laney served in several capacities to include: Battle Captain, Assistant Battalion S3/Plans Officer, Brigade Training Officer and ROTC Assistant Professor of Military Science.

In 2008, he transferred to the Signal Branch and served in key leadership and staff positions including: Battalion Signal Officer 2-14 CAV and Company Commander 556th Signal Company, both in 2-25ID at Schofield Barracks, HI and included a 12-month deployment to Iraq as a part of OIF VI and Operation New Dawn. LTC Laney served as the Battalion S6 OC/T and Signal Company Senior OC/T at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Ft. Polk, LA (known as Fort Johnson as of 2023), Battalion Operations Officer, and Battalion Executive Officer for the 25th Strategic Signal Battalion at Bagram, Afghanistan. He also served as the Chief of Plans and Exercises for the USAREUR-AF G6, Wiesbaden, Germany and as the Oversight Branch Chief for the Department of the Army Inspector General - Records, Screening and Oversight Division, Pentagon.

His military and civilian education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Signal Captains Career Course, Airborne School, AFIT Cyber 200 Course, Command

and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Inspector General Course, and he has earned a master's degree in information technology management from Webster University.

His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals with four and one Campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NATO Medal, and Parachutist Badge. He is also a recipient of the Signal Corps Bronze Order of Mercury.

Battalion Command Sergeant Major

CSM Lawrence A. Allen



Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Lawrence A. Allen is a Native American from Shiprock, New Mexico and he enlisted in the United States Army in August of 1996 as a Signal Support Systems Specialist 25U.

CSM Allen graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Gordon, Georgia as a 25U Signal Support Systems Specialist.

CSM Allen's operational experiences include tours to Sinai, Egypt in support of Multinational Force and Observers Mission, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

CSM Allen's duty assignments include Eighth Army (USAG Humphreys, South Korea), 7th Infantry Division (Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington), 1st Theater Tactical Signal Brigade (USAG Humphreys, South Korea), 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, C CO 52nd Engineer Brigade, C CO 4-4th Special Troops Battalion (Fort Carson, Colorado), Headquarter and Headquarters Company [HHC], Ranger Special Troops Battalion [RSTB], Ranger Communications Company [RCC], 75th Ranger Regiment (Fort Benning, Georgia), 21st Theatre Support Command (Kaiserslautern, Germany), 269th Signal Company (Fort Huachuca, Arizona), 1-32nd Infantry Regiment (Fort Drum, New York).

CSM Allen has served as Key Leader Billet Command Select List (CSL) Eighth Army G6 Sergeant Major, Division G6 Sergeant Major. Additionally, he has held the

following positions: Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, First Sergeant, Brigade S6 NCOIC, Battalion Signal NCOIC, Section Chief, Signal Support Systems Specialist Supervisor, Signal Support Systems Specialist, Retransmission NCO, and Operations NCO.

CSM Allen is a 2018, Class 68, graduate of the resident United States Army Sergeants Majors Course (USASMC). All levels of Professional Military Education (PME), Pre-Command Course (PCC), Company Commander and First Sergeant Course, Jump Master Course, Ranger Course, Ranger Assessment and Selection Program Two, Airborne Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Air Assault Course.

CSM Allen's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Good Conduct Medal (9 Knots), the National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Bronze Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Number 5), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (Number 3), the NATOISAF Medal, the Multinational Force and Observers Medal, the Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Navy Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Escuela Fuerzaz Especiales Parachutist Badge, the Ejercito De Chile Parachutist Badge, the British Military Parachute Wings

CSM Allen has a daughter, Carley Allen (21)

Welcome Letter

To our newest member,

CSM Allen and I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family. We are excited to add you to the 63d Expeditionary Signal Battalion-Enhanced (ESB-E) Team.

The 63d ESB was constituted in July 1940. It was redesignated as an ESB-E on June 17, 2024. Our mission is on order, 63d ESB-E rapidly deploys to Engineer, Install, Operate, Maintain, and Defend (EIOMD) the Unified Network to provide expeditionary signal capabilities for Army and Joint Forces in support of XVIII Airborne Corps and enable decision dominance for commanders in support of Large-Scale Combat Operations (LSCO).

We are within the footprint of the 3rd Infantry Division, "Rock of the Marne", at Fort Stewart, GA. The base is geographically set in a premier location that offers you a multitude of activities for single Soldiers and Families alike. Within a radius of three hours, you can tour the surrounding areas of Savannah, GA, Jacksonville, FL, Charleston, SC, and beautiful Hilton Head, SC.

Our motto, AB INITIO, means "From the Beginning!" marking the battalion's participation at the start of US operations during World War II. Your Sponsor will be appointed and available to assist with your arrival. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact us at (912) 435-2183/2155 (FT Stewart Battalion Staff Duty NCO).

Again, welcome to the Battalion and we look forward to you joining Team 63!

Warm Regards,

BRIAN S. LANEY
63d ESB-E Commander

LAWRENCE A. ALLEN
63d ESB-E Command Sergeant Major



**Battalion In-processing Checklist
63d Signal Battalion (Expeditionary)
"FROM THE BEGINNING"**



Please complete in-processing the unit by utilizing the following checklist. **MUST BE RETURNED TO S1 NLT FIVE DUTY DAYS**
****MOWER SRP SHEET MUST BE ATTACHED TO IN-PROCESSING**
ALL IN-PROCESSING WILL BE AT BLDG 3017 (EXCEPT BARRACKS
MANAGER)

Rank _____ Full Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ MOS: _____

Outlook E-mail: _____ Sponsor Name: _____ Arrival Date: _____

Assigned CO: _____ Duty Position: _____ Are You Promotable? Y / N

Date: _____

S1: 1st Floor

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| ___ Arrival Complete in IPPS-A | ___ Personnel Record Review | ___ SFPA w/ documents |
| ___ Slot in Company | ___ DD93/SGLV | ___ Sign-in on DA Form 647/647-1 |
| ___ Copy of PCS Orders | ___ Bonus Documents (S-1 Memo) | ___ Meal Card/MEM |
| ___ Copy of PCS Absence | ___ Sponsorship Survey/ Assigned Sponsor | ___ ADPAAS Update |
| ___ Add to PERSTAT | ___ Complete Change of Address Card (DA | ___ DA Form 5960 (if applicable) |
| ___ Personal Data Sheet | 3955) | ___ Copy of complete DA5434 (Survey) |
| ___ Create SMIF File | ___ Added to NCOER tracker | |

S2/ S3: 2nd Floor

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| ___ Copy of PCS Orders | ___ S2 Questionnaire | ___ BN Master Driver |
| ___ NDA | ___ Clearance Verification | ___ Safety Officer Brief |
| ___ Reporting Obligations | ___ DTMS | ___ DTS (Pull into Hierarchy) |

S4:2nd Floor

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| ___ eFLIPL Account | ___ Government Travel Credit Card (GTCC) |
| ___ DTS Account | ___ GTCC Hierarchy Transfer |

Career Counselor: 1st Floor Next to Staff Duty

___ Re-enlistment / Retention Control Point

Company/ Barracks Manager: BLDG 4547

___ Barracks Room ___ Orderly Room Tasks ___ Training Room Tasks ___ MTOE Position

S6: 2nd Floor

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| ___ Request E-mail Access | ___ Update GAL Info (milConnect) | ___ Move ATCTS Account |
| ___ Cyber Awareness/IT UA | ___ NIPR SAAR | ___ Fort Stewart AUP |

Chaplain:

___ Interview

___ Religious Preference

___ Value of Life (VoL) Brief

BN CSM: Command Suite

___ All SSG and above will conduct an office call with the BN CSM

NOTES:



350-1 MANDATORY TRAINING

ALMS (Army Learning Management System)

- TARP**: Search (Threat Awareness and Reporting Program) Click on U.S. Army Threat Awareness Program (TARP) Course (Version A)
- OPSEC**: Search (OPSEC) Click on: Army OPSEC Level 1 (Newcomers and Refresher)
- Information Security Program-Refresher (INFOSEC)**: Search (Information Security Program) Click on: Information Security Program Training

-JKO (Joint Knowledge Online)

- SHARP (Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response)**: Search: (Course# USN-RTC3.03)
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention/ Personal Readiness**: Search: (Course# JS-US006M)
- Antiterrorism Awareness Training Level 1**: Search (Course# JS-US007)
- Equal Opportunity Policy Basic Training**: Search:(Course# JS-US013)

Cyber Security Training Center

- DoD Cyber Awareness Challenge: <https://cs.signal.army.mil> (Be sure to complete Cyber Awareness and Mandated Army IT User Agreement)

Derivative Training

- <https://www.cdse.edu/step/>: Click on: STEPP Login (on second page create new account) for the Program box just click (other), once in the STEPP site search: (Derivative Classification) and a hyperlink will populate. Click the hyperlink to start the training.

GOV Travel Card

- Travel Card 101: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/passport>

CRM (Composite Risk Management)

- First: go to <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>. Click on: Individual Training Records, search (Course# 2G-F97_DL). Register, Login with CAC, submit Application. (You **CANNOT** register for course from home).
- Next: Go to ALMS, Click on Active Learning, Click on Click on Course Title and finally click on Web Based Training to take course

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- <https://armyfit.army.mil/>

Resilience

- Conducted face-to-face



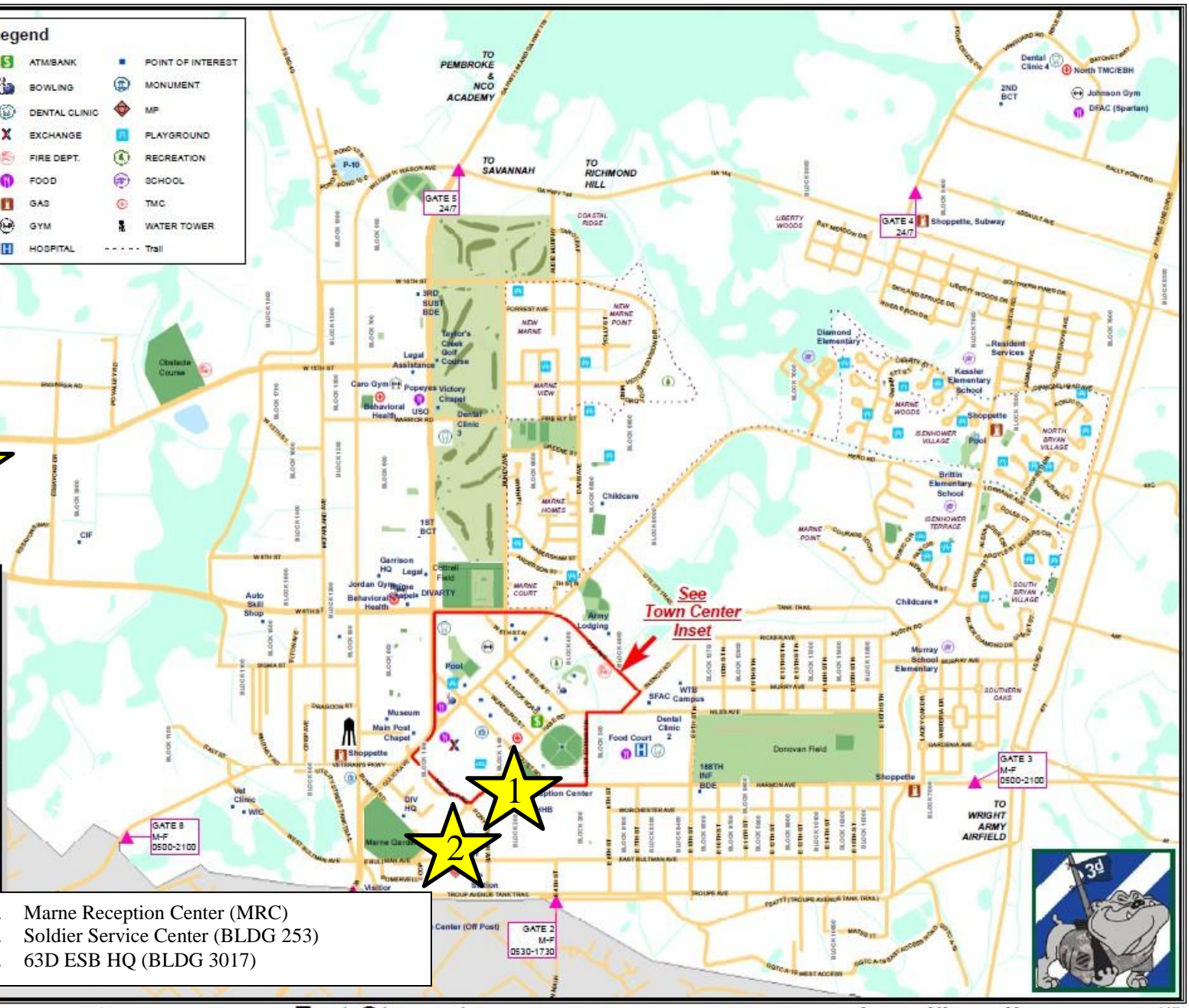
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HOLBROOK POND RECREATION



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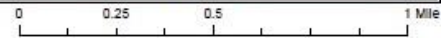
1. Marne Reception Center (MRC)
2. Soldier Service Center (BLDG 253)
3. 63D ESB HQ (BLDG 3017)



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Fort Stewart

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63D ESB
Motorpool

83rd CBRN Motor Pool

5-7 Cav Motor Pool

Network
Enterprise Center

HHC COF

EOD Shop

92nd Engineer Battalion

Alpha, Bravo,
Charlie COF

63D ESB
HQ

Central Issue Facility

Barracks

Subway Restaurants

Thunder Cafe DFAC

Google

Helpful Links and Apps

1. Fort Stewart Mobile App

- Search “Digital Garrison” on the Apple App store or Google Play Store and download the app to gain access to phone numbers, building locations, and websites all in one place.

2. Fort Stewart Post Information:

- <https://home.army.mil/stewart/my-fort/newcomers-1>

3. Fort Stewart Newcomers Guide

- https://home.army.mil/stewart/application/files/9315/4143/7687/Newcomers_Guide_5Nov2018.pdf

4. Marne Standard (Blue Book)

- https://home.army.mil/stewart/application/files/7117/0792/2100/FINAL_Marne_Blue_Book_Version_2cao9FEB24.pdf

5. 63d ESB-E Website

- <https://home.army.mil/stewart/units/tenant-units/63rdSignal>