LOCATION GUIDE

Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Housing, BAH, schools, gates, contacts and local know-how for the home of the Field Artillery.

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FROM
Your current duty station

TO
Fort Sill, OK

GUIDE
Location

BRANCH
Army

BAH AREA
Fort Sill / Lawton

WELCOME CENTER
Bldg 4700

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WELCOME

Fort Sill at a glance

Fort Sill sits next to Lawton in southwest Oklahoma, at the edge of the Wichita Mountains. It's the Army's Fires Center of Excellence, with one of the lowest costs of living in the Army.

FACT	DETAIL
Location	Lawton, OK (Comanche County), about 90 miles southwest of Oklahoma City
Nearest towns	Lawton (next door), Cache, Elgin and Medicine Park
Mission	Fires Center of Excellence: Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery schools
Training	One of the Army's four Basic Combat Training sites
Size	About 93,800 acres; about 13,000 active duty and 6,000 civilians
Founded	1869
BAH housing area	Fort Sill / Lawton, OK
Health care	Reynolds Army Health Clinic

Getting here

OPTION	DETAIL
Lawton-Fort Sill Regional (LAW)	Small airport minutes from post
Oklahoma City (OKC)	About 1.5 hours northeast; more flights
By car	I-44 (H.E. Bailey Turnpike) runs along post to Lawton

Basic training families

Visiting for a basic training graduation? Check the post's graduation page for gate access and schedules — they change often.

COUNTDOWN

Before you arrive

Fort Sill is easy on the budget, but on-post housing waits can run several months. Apply early and line up a backup rental.

As soon as you have orders 90+ DAYS OUT

- [ ] Apply for on-post housing
- [ ] Call the School Liaison Officer about districts
- [ ] Look up your BAH for Fort Sill / Lawton
- [ ] Compare Lawton, Elgin and Cache schools
- [ ] Request a sponsor from your gaining unit
- [ ] In EFMP? Contact EFMP through ACS now
- [ ] Request child care on MilitaryChildCare.com
- [ ] Join local military spouse groups

Book the move 60 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Schedule household goods or plan your PPM
- [ ] Start the off-post rental or home search
- [ ] Check pet rules for on-post housing
- [ ] Reserve on-post lodging
- [ ] Gather school, shot and IEP/504 records

Final prep 30 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Print copies of orders and family records
- [ ] Book a DEERS/ID card appointment if needed
- [ ] Confirm arrival date with your sponsor
- [ ] Set up utilities and internet at the new address

Tornado alley

Southwest Oklahoma sees severe storms every spring. Learn the siren system and choose a shelter spot as soon as you move in.

DAY ONE

Arrival and in-processing

Newcomers report to the Lee R. Hartell Welcome Center. Formal in-processing runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday and usually takes about two days.

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Lee R. Hartell Welcome Center

Building 4700, Mow-Way Road. Weekdays 7 AM to 4:30 PM at the main desk, ground floor.

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After hours

Use the east entrance of Building 4700 — staff duty is on hand 24 hours, including weekends and holidays.

Bring with you

- PCS orders and any amendments
- Marriage and birth certificates for dependents
- Travel receipts and PPM weight tickets
- Your military ID and CAC
- Recent LES and leave form
- Lease or mortgage papers, if you have them

Gates to know

GATE	NOTES
Key Gate (east and west)	Main access from Lawton
Scott, Apache, Bentley and 52nd Street gates	Hours vary — check before you go
Visitor Welcome Center	Building 6701, NW Sheridan Road; daily 6 AM to 5 PM

Visitor passes

Visitors need a REAL ID-compliant ID and a pass. Family can pre-register online to save time.

WHERE TO LIVE

On-post and off-post housing

About 1,800 family homes are on post, with waits of roughly four to six months. Most off-post families live in Lawton, with Elgin and Cache as popular alternatives.

On post CORVIAS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Apply as soon as you have orders; waits can run 4–6 months
- Pets allowed with limits and breed restrictions
- Learn about Corvias and apply for housing at sill.corviaspm.com
- BAH covers rent, and most utilities are included
- Fort Sill has privatized housing through Corvias Property Management
- Corvias Resident Relations Office: 580-215-5543

Off post PICK BY COMMUTE

TOWN	FEEL	COMMUTE
Lawton	Most homes, shopping and dining	10–20 min
Elgin	Newer construction and well-liked schools	15–20 min
Cache	Rural and quieter, west of post	15–20 min
Medicine Park	Historic cobblestone resort town	About 30 min

Use the Housing Services Office

The Housing Services Office can review a lease before you sign and help with off-post landlord problems.

THE NUMBERS

2026 BAH and rent vs. buy

Fort Sill BAH is set by the Fort Sill / Lawton, OK housing area. Monthly rates below.

GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT
E-1 to E-4	$1,203	$969
E-5	$1,233	$1,092
E-6	$1,494	$1,170
E-7	$1,587	$1,209
E-8	$1,692	$1,290
E-9	$1,842	$1,383
W-1	$1,509	$1,206
W-2	$1,632	$1,287
W-3	$1,761	$1,386
W-4	$1,872	$1,509

GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT
W-5	$2,013	$1,611
O-1	$1,272	$1,167
O-2	$1,491	$1,227
O-3	$1,758	$1,395
O-4	$2,055	$1,587
O-5	$2,271	$1,704
O-6	$2,286	$1,740
O-1E	$1,605	$1,230
O-2E	$1,740	$1,344
O-3E	$1,893	$1,482

Source: DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc

Double-check your rate before you budget — BAH changes every January: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Basic-Allowance-for-Housing/BAH-Rate-Lookup/

Some high-cost areas also pay CONUS COLA: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/CONUS-Cost-of-Living-Allowance/

Rent or buy?

- Lawton has some of the lowest housing costs of any Army post
- Many families buy — homes are affordable and rent well to incoming Soldiers
- Short school tours often fit renting or on-post housing better
- Oklahoma exempts 100% disabled veterans from property tax

Look for a storm shelter

Many Oklahoma homes have an in-ground or safe-room shelter. Ask about it — and check hail damage history on the roof.

KIDS

Schools and child care

Lawton Public Schools serves most military families, including schools near post. Off post, your address decides the district.

DISTRICT OR SCHOOL	SERVES
Lawton Public Schools	Lawton and most post housing
Elgin Public Schools	Elgin, northeast of post
Cache Public Schools	Cache, west of post
Other options	Private and charter schools in Lawton

School Liaison Officer

Call (580) 442-4266 for enrollment help, district maps and IEP or 504 transitions.

Military Interstate Compact

Oklahoma is a member — it helps with placement and graduation rules.

Cameron University

In Lawton, with degree programs for spouses and teens.

Child care

- Request Child Development Center care on MilitaryChildCare.com as soon as you have orders
- Youth programs run before and after school and in summer
- Family Child Care homes on post fill gaps
- Fee assistance can help with off-post care

FAMILY LIFE

Spouse, family and Oklahoma rules

Spouse support

- ACS Employment Readiness helps with job searches and federal applications
- Oklahoma offers licensing help for military spouses
- Cameron University and Great Plains Technology Center are in Lawton
- MyCAA can fund certificates for eligible spouses

Family programs

- ACS Relocation Readiness: (580) 442-4916
- ACS Lending Closet: (580) 574-4668
- EFMP through ACS — register before you arrive
- New Parent Support and Family Advocacy through ACS

Oklahoma rules for military families

TOPIC	WHAT TO KNOW
State income tax	Oklahoma exempts military pay and military retirement pay
Spouse income	Spouses who keep another legal residence may be exempt under MSRRA
Driver's license	Service members and dependents with a valid home-state license can keep it
Vehicle registration	Nonresident service members can keep home-state registration
Disabled veterans	100% disabled veterans are exempt from property tax

OFF DUTY

Living here

You'll need a car. I-44 links Lawton to Oklahoma City, and the Wichita Mountains are just outside the north gates.

Climate

Hot, windy summers, mild winters with occasional ice, and stormy springs.

Shopping

Commissary and PX on post. Cache Road in Lawton has most of the retail.

On post

Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum, golf, bowling and the Buffalo Soldier Acres dog park.

Day trips

DESTINATION	DRIVE	WHY GO
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge	~20 min	Bison, longhorns, hiking and climbing
Medicine Park	~30 min	Cobblestone town, swimming holes and shops
Mount Scott	~25 min	Drive to the top for big views
Lake Lawtonka	~25 min	Boating, fishing and camping
Museum of the Great Plains	~15 min	Regional history in Lawton
Oklahoma City	~1.5 hr	Bricktown, Thunder games and the National Memorial
Wichita Falls, TX	~1 hr	Shopping and the falls
Dallas–Fort Worth	~2.5–3 hr	Pro sports and big-city weekends

KEEP THIS HANDY

Key contacts

Phone numbers change — call ahead to confirm hours before you drive over.

OFFICE	PHONE
School Liaison Officer	(580) 442-4266
ACS Relocation Readiness	(580) 442-4916
ACS Lending Closet	(580) 574-4668
Corvias Resident Relations	580-215-5543

OFFICE	PHONE
Reynolds Army Health Clinic	(580) 558-2000
TRICARE West	(888) 874-9378
Nurse advice line	1-800-874-2273

Add your own

HOUSING OFFICE

EFMP

ID CARD OFFICE

LODGING

VISITOR CENTER

MILITARY POLICE

VET CLINIC

SPONSOR

Links

Fort Sill home page · Corvias Fort Sill housing · Fort Sill MWR · Reynolds Army Health Clinic · BAH Rate Lookup · Plan My Move

Sources: MyBaseGuide Fort Sill; DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc.

READY FOR THE FULL PLAYBOOK?

Go step by step with the kits.

Worksheets, trackers and a complete binder setup for every stage of your move.

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WORKSHEET

Plan your landing

My housing budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
My monthly BAH	$
Rent or mortgage	$
Utilities (estimate)	$
Renter's or homeowner's insurance	$
Left over (BAH minus costs)	$

Neighborhood comparison

AREA / ADDRESS	RENT OR PRICE	COMMUTE TO GATE	SCHOOL DISTRICT	NOTES

First-week checklist

- [ ] Report to the Welcome Center
- [ ] Update DEERS; get dependent IDs
- [ ] Turn in travel and moving paperwork
- [ ] Register with Child and Youth Services
- [ ] Complete in-processing
- [ ] Enroll in TRICARE at Reynolds
- [ ] Enroll kids in school
- [ ] Visit the ACS Lending Closet