LOCATION GUIDE

# Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Housing, BAH, schools, gates, contacts and local know-how for the home of the Airborne and Special Operations.

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| Your current duty station | Fort Bragg, NC | Location |
| **BRANCH** | **BAH AREA** | **REPORT TO** |
| Army | Fort Bragg / Pope, NC | Reception Co. |

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WELCOME

# Fort Bragg at a glance

Fort Bragg sits on the northwest edge of Fayetteville in the North Carolina Sandhills. By population it is the Army's largest post, and it's home to the Airborne and Army Special Operations.

| FACT | DETAIL |
|---|---|
| **Location** | Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke and Moore counties, next to Fayetteville |
| **Nearest cities** | Fayetteville (next door), Raleigh (about 1 hr) |
| **Major units** | XVIII Airborne Corps, 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army Special Operations Command |
| **Size** | About 250 square miles; nearly 49,000 Soldiers and 70,000 family members |
| **Founded** | 1918, as Camp Bragg |
| **BAH housing area** | Fort Bragg / Pope, NC |
| **On-post housing** | Corvias |
| **Hospital** | Womack Army Medical Center |

## Getting here

| OPTION | DETAIL |
|---|---|
| **Fayetteville Regional (FAY)** | About 12 miles; the Reception Company has a courtesy phone at the airport |
| **Raleigh-Durham (RDU)** | About 1.25 hours; more flights and fares |
| **By car** | I-95 to I-295 (All American Freeway) into post |

**About the name**

The post was Fort Liberty from 2023 to 2025. In February 2025 it became Fort Bragg again, now honoring Pfc. Roland L. Bragg, a World War II paratrooper. Older signs and papers may still say Fort Liberty.

COUNTDOWN

# Before you arrive

Fort Bragg is huge and busy year-round. Get on the Corvias list, request a sponsor and line up child care as soon as orders arrive.

## As soon as you have orders 90+ DAYS OUT

- [ ] Apply for on-post housing with Corvias
- [ ] Call the School Liaison about districts
- [ ] Look up your BAH for Fort Bragg / Pope
- [ ] Compare Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke and Moore schools
- [ ] Request a sponsor from your gaining unit
- [ ] In EFMP? Call EFMP now: (910) 643-9642
- [ ] 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 orders with all amendments and your DA 31
- [ ] Book a DEERS/ID card appointment if needed
- [ ] Confirm arrival date with your sponsor
- [ ] Set up utilities and internet at the new address

**Hurricane season reaches inland**

June to November, tropical storms bring heavy rain and flooding to the Sandhills. Build a storm kit and know your flood risk before you sign.

DAY ONE

# Arrival and in-processing

Soldiers report to the XVIII Airborne Corps Reception Company, open 24/7. Expect up to five duty days of in-processing. Wear OCPs.

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### XVIII Airborne Corps Reception Company

Building 4-1437, Normandy Drive at Rock Merritt Avenue. Staff duty 24/7: (910) 396-4250.

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### ACS Welcome Brief

Monday to Thursday, 10:45 AM, at the Soldier Support Center (Memorial Hall). Families are encouraged to attend.

## Bring with you

- Orders with all amendments, plus copies
- Dental records and your CAC
- Travel receipts and PPM weight tickets
- Signed leave form (DA Form 31)
- Marriage and birth certificates for dependents
- Lease or mortgage papers, if you have them

## Gates to know

| GATE | NOTES |
|---|---|
| **Gates 1, 2, 4, 10, 11 and 19** | Open 24/7 (Long St, Chicken Rd, Yadkin Rd, Honeycutt, R. Miller, Canopy Ln) |
| **Gate 5 (All American)** | Temporarily closed for bridge work |
| **All American Visitor Center** | Building H-1575; 5 AM to 9 PM daily; (910) 907-5165 |

**Gates change often**

Gate hours and closures change with construction. Check Fort Bragg's visitor information page before you drive in.

WHERE TO LIVE

# On-post and off-post housing

Corvias manages about 6,000 homes in nine neighborhoods, plus Linden Oaks. Most families live off post in Fayetteville and the surrounding counties.

## On post CORVIAS

- Apply as soon as you have orders; waits can run about three months
- DoDEA schools for PreK–8 are on post
- Wait times depend on rank and bedrooms
- Corvias: (910) 495-0878 · Housing Services: (910) 396-1022

## Off post PICK BY COMMUTE

| AREA | FEEL | COMMUTE |
|---|---|---|
| **Fayetteville** | Most homes, shopping and dining | 10–25 min |
| **Spring Lake** | Small town by the north gates | 5–10 min |
| **Hope Mills** | Suburban, south of Fayetteville | 15–20 min |
| **Raeford (Hoke County)** | Quieter, newer homes | 20–30 min |
| **Southern Pines / Aberdeen** | Golf towns, well-liked schools | 30–45 min |
| **Harnett County / Linden Oaks** | Rural, newer construction | Varies by gate |

**Use the Housing Services Office**

The Housing Services Office can review a lease before you sign and help with off-post landlord problems: (910) 396-1022.

THE NUMBERS

# 2026 BAH and rent vs. buy

Fort Bragg BAH is set by the Fort Bragg / Pope, NC housing area. Monthly rates below.

| GRADE | WITH DEPS | WITHOUT |
|---|---|---|
| E-1 to E-4 | $1,722 | $1,341 |
| E-5 | $1,806 | $1,527 |
| E-6 | $2,049 | $1,638 |
| E-7 | $2,094 | $1,722 |
| E-8 | $2,142 | $1,860 |
| E-9 | $2,244 | $1,923 |
| W-1 | $2,067 | $1,707 |
| W-2 | $2,112 | $1,857 |
| W-3 | $2,178 | $1,935 |
| W-4 | $2,271 | $2,052 |

| GRADE | WITH DEPS | WITHOUT |
|---|---|---|
| W-5 | $2,391 | $2,103 |
| O-1 | $1,842 | $1,635 |
| O-2 | $2,046 | $1,782 |
| O-3 | $2,175 | $1,956 |
| O-4 | $2,427 | $2,088 |
| O-5 | $2,610 | $2,109 |
| O-6 | $2,628 | $2,154 |
| O-1E | $2,097 | $1,803 |
| O-2E | $2,166 | $1,908 |
| O-3E | $2,289 | $2,040 |

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?

- Fayetteville rents for a 3-bedroom often fall around $1,300–$1,800
- Many families buy — homes rent easily to the next Soldier when you PCS
- Moore County homes cost more; Hoke and Harnett often cost less
- Check the flood zone on any home near creeks or low ground

KIDS

# Schools and child care

DoDEA runs PreK–8 schools on post. High schoolers attend county schools, and off post your address decides the district.

| DISTRICT OR SCHOOL | SERVES |
|---|---|
| **DoDEA (on post)** | PreK–8 for families living on post |
| **Cumberland County Schools** | Fayetteville, Spring Lake, Hope Mills and on-post high schoolers: (910) 678-2616 |
| **Harnett County Schools** | Linden Oaks and Harnett County |
| **Hoke and Moore County Schools** | Raeford, Southern Pines and Aberdeen |

### School Liaison

Call (910) 396-3338 for district maps, enrollment help and IEP or 504 transitions.

### Military Interstate Compact

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

### Colleges nearby

Fayetteville State, Methodist University and Fayetteville Tech.

## 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 North Carolina rules

## Spouse support

- ACS Employment Readiness helps with job searches and federal applications
- North Carolina offers licensing help for military spouses
- Fayetteville has jobs in health care, education and defense contracting
- MyCAA can fund certificates for eligible spouses

## Family programs

- ACS: (910) 396-8682
- EFMP: (910) 643-9642
- New Parent Support and Family Advocacy through ACS
- Rick's Place: a free family park on post

## North Carolina rules for military families

| TOPIC | WHAT TO KNOW |
|---|---|
| **State income tax** | Nonresident service members aren't taxed by North Carolina on military pay; NC residents are |
| **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 |
| **Storms** | Hurricane season runs June to November; flooding is the biggest risk inland |

OFF DUTY

# Living here

You'll need a car. I-295 and Bragg Boulevard carry most traffic, and PT hours slow the gates.

### Climate

Hot, humid summers, mild winters and occasional tropical storms.

### Shopping

Main PX and two commissaries on post. Skibo Road and Cross Creek Mall in Fayetteville.

### On post

Rick's Place park with zip line and trails, golf, fitness centers and MWR events.

## Day trips

| DESTINATION | DRIVE | WHY GO |
|---|---|---|
| **Airborne & Special Operations Museum** | ~15 min | Free museum in downtown Fayetteville |
| **Raven Rock State Park** | ~45 min | Riverside cliffs and hiking |
| **Pinehurst / Southern Pines** | ~45 min | Golf, shops and village dining |
| **Raleigh** | ~1 hr | Free state museums and the zoo nearby |
| **Wilmington / Wrightsville Beach** | ~1.75 hr | Beaches and the Riverwalk |
| **Myrtle Beach, SC** | ~2 hr | Boardwalk and family beaches |
| **Outer Banks** | ~4 hr | Wright Brothers Memorial and lighthouses |
| **Asheville** | ~4 hr | Blue Ridge Parkway and Biltmore |

KEEP THIS HANDY

# Key contacts

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

| OFFICE | PHONE |
|---|---|
| Reception Company (24/7) | (910) 396-4250 |
| ACS | (910) 396-8682 |
| EFMP | (910) 643-9642 |
| Transportation (HHG/PPM) | (910) 396-2163 |
| School Liaison | (910) 396-3338 |

| OFFICE | PHONE |
|---|---|
| Corvias | (910) 495-0878 |
| Housing Services Office | (910) 396-1022 |
| Womack appointments | (910) 907-2778 |
| Lodging | (910) 396-7700 |
| TRICARE East | (800) 444-5445 |

## Add your own

ID CARD OFFICE

MILITARY POLICE

VET CLINIC

SPONSOR

## Links

Fort Bragg home page · Fort Bragg MWR · Womack Army Medical Center · BAH Rate Lookup · Plan My Move

Sources: Fort Bragg Reception Company and visitor pages; Military OneSource Fort Bragg; Corvias; 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.

**pcslikeapro.org**

hello@pcslikeapro.org

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 |
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## First-week checklist

- [ ] Report to the Reception Company
- [ ] Update DEERS; get dependent IDs
- [ ] Turn in travel and moving paperwork
- [ ] Register with Child and Youth Services
- [ ] Attend the ACS Welcome Brief
- [ ] Enroll in TRICARE at Womack
- [ ] Enroll kids in school
- [ ] Build your storm kit