LOCATION GUIDE

Fort Gordon, Georgia

Housing, BAH, schools, gates, contacts and Augusta know-how for the Army's Cyber Center of Excellence.

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WELCOME

Fort Gordon at a glance

Fort Gordon sits on the western edge of Augusta, close to the South Carolina line. It's the Army's cyber and signal hub, with a growing job market and two states to choose from.

FACT	DETAIL
Location	Richmond and Columbia counties, GA, on the west side of Augusta
Nearest cities	Augusta (next door), Columbia, SC (about 1.25 hr), Atlanta (about 2.5 hr)
Mission	U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Army Cyber Command headquarters
Other units	NSA/CSS Georgia, signal and military intelligence brigades
Size	About 56,000 acres; about 14,000 active duty
Founded	1941, as Camp Gordon
BAH housing area	Fort Gordon, GA
Hospital	Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center

Getting here

OPTION	DETAIL
Augusta Regional (AGS)	About 20–25 minutes; Gate 5 is closest to the airport
Atlanta (ATL)	About 2.5 hours; the most flights and fares
By car	I-20 Exit 194 to Jimmie Dyess Parkway and Gate 1, open 24 hours

About the name

The post was Fort Eisenhower from 2023 to 2025. In June 2025 it became Fort Gordon again, now honoring Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon, a Medal of Honor recipient from Mogadishu in 1993.

COUNTDOWN

Before you arrive

Cyber growth keeps housing in demand around Augusta. Get on the housing list and request child care the week your orders arrive.

As soon as you have orders 90+ DAYS OUT

- [ ] Apply for on-post housing with Balfour Beatty
- [ ] Call School Support Services about districts
- [ ] Look up your BAH for Fort Gordon
- [ ] Decide: Georgia or South Carolina side
- [ ] Request a sponsor from your gaining unit
- [ ] In EFMP? Call ACS/EFMP now: (706) 791-3579
- [ ] 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
- [ ] Avoid Masters week for house-hunting
- [ ] Reserve on-post lodging (Griffith Hall)
- [ ] Gather school, shot and IEP/504 records

Final prep 30 DAYS OUT

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

Masters week

Every April, the Masters golf tournament fills Augusta. Traffic on Washington Road and I-20 jams and short-term rents spike — plan around it.

DAY ONE

Arrival and in-processing

Permanent-party Soldiers report to Darling Hall. Your room depends on your rank and unit, and after-hours sign-in depends on your unit.

1

Darling Hall

Building 33720, 307 Chamberlain Avenue. Check the MWR "Report" page for your unit's room and after-hours staff duty.

2

Newcomers Orientation

Thursdays at 1 PM in Darling Hall, Room 188 — required: (706) 791-4181.

Bring with you

- Orders and any amendments, with copies
- Your CAC and dependents' IDs
- 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
Gate 1 (McKenna)	Gordon Hwy at Jimmie Dyess Pkwy; 24 hours; DoD ID only 5–9 AM weekdays
Gate 5 (Tobacco Rd)	4:45 AM to 7 PM; closest to the airport
Gate 6 (Gordon Hwy)	4:45 AM to 7 PM; visitors and commercial traffic
Visitor Control Center	At Gate 6; weekdays 6 AM to 5 PM; (706) 791-3071

Beat the gate rush

Gates back up from 7 to 8 AM and 4 to 5 PM. Leave early or use the gate closest to your neighborhood.

WHERE TO LIVE

On-post and off-post housing

Balfour Beatty manages about 1,000 homes on post, many of them older, with new homes opening in 2026. Off post, families pick Columbia County, Augusta or South Carolina.

On post FORT GORDON FAMILY HOMES

- Neighborhoods include Boardman Lake, Gordon Terrace and McNair
- Report maintenance issues in writing from day one
- New Pine Tree Terrace homes began opening in May 2026
- Balfour Beatty: (706) 772-7041

Off post PICK BY COMMUTE

AREA	FEEL	TYPICAL 3BR RENT
Evans, GA	Popular, newer homes, good schools	$1,600–$2,100
Grovetown, GA	New construction near Gate 1	$1,450–$1,900
Martinez, GA	Mix of older and newer; easy I-20	$1,400–$1,800
Augusta	Closer to downtown	Varies by area
North Augusta, SC	More space; SC rules	$1,350–$1,800
Aiken, SC	Horse country, about 40 min	Varies

Use the Housing Services Office

The Housing Services Office can review a lease before you sign and help with off-post landlord problems: (706) 791-5116.

THE NUMBERS

2026 BAH and rent vs. buy

Fort Gordon BAH is set by the Fort Gordon, GA housing area — the same rate whether you live in Georgia or South Carolina. Monthly rates below.

GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT	GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT
E-1 to E-4	$1,809	$1,506	W-5	$2,514	$2,196
E-5	$1,890	$1,644	O-1	$1,929	$1,728
E-6	$2,157	$1,731	O-2	$2,154	$1,866
E-7	$2,190	$1,809	O-3	$2,250	$2,058
E-8	$2,226	$1,947	O-4	$2,559	$2,181
E-9	$2,334	$2,019	O-5	$2,787	$2,199
W-1	$2,175	$1,797	O-6	$2,808	$2,226
W-2	$2,205	$1,944	O-1E	$2,193	$1,887
W-3	$2,253	$2,031	O-2E	$2,241	$2,004
W-4	$2,367	$2,157	O-3E	$2,388	$2,148

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?

- Columbia County homes sell fast — many families buy in Evans or Grovetown
- Homes rent easily to the next cyber family when you PCS
- South Carolina means SC car tags and SC property tax
- Short school tours often fit renting or on-post housing

KIDS

Schools and child care

There are no DoDEA schools at Fort Gordon. Freedom Park School on post (PreK–8) is run by Richmond County. Off post, your address decides the district.

DISTRICT OR SCHOOL	SERVES
Freedom Park School (on post)	PreK–8, Richmond County: (706) 796-8428
Columbia County School District	Evans, Grovetown, Martinez: (706) 541-0650
Richmond County School System	Augusta and on-post high schoolers: (706) 826-1000
Aiken County Public Schools (SC)	North Augusta and Aiken: (803) 641-2428

School Liaison

Call (706) 791-7270 for district maps, enrollment help and IEP or 504 transitions.

Military Interstate Compact

Georgia and South Carolina are members — it helps with placement and graduation rules.

Colleges nearby

Augusta University, Augusta Tech and USC Aiken.

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 Georgia & South Carolina rules

Spouse support

- ACS Employment Readiness helps with job searches and federal applications
- Georgia and South Carolina offer licensing help for military spouses
- Augusta's cyber and medical sectors are hiring
- MyCAA can fund certificates for eligible spouses

Family programs

- ACS and EFMP: (706) 791-3579
- Relocation Readiness: (706) 791-1922
- Thursday newcomers orientation
- New Parent Support and Family Advocacy through ACS

Georgia & South Carolina rules for military families

TOPIC	WHAT TO KNOW
State income tax	Nonresident service members aren't taxed by Georgia or South Carolina on military pay
Georgia residents	Active-duty pay is taxed; Georgia's military retirement exclusion grows in 2026
South Carolina residents	Active-duty pay is taxed; military retirement is fully exempt
Vehicle registration	Nonresident service members can keep home-state registration
Hands-free law	Georgia requires hands-free phone use while driving

OFF DUTY

Living here

You'll need a car. I-20 and Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) loop the area, and the Savannah River splits Georgia from South Carolina.

Climate

Hot, humid summers in the 90s and mild winters.

Shopping

PX and commissary on post. Augusta Mall and Evans Towne Center in town.

On post

Lake Thurmond outdoor recreation area, golf and the Signal Corps Museum.

Day trips

DESTINATION	DRIVE	WHY GO
Augusta Canal and Riverwalk	~20 min	Boat tours, trails and downtown dining
Aiken, SC	~30 min	Horse country and Hitchcock Woods
Lake Thurmond (Clarks Hill)	~45 min	Boating, fishing and camping
Columbia, SC	~1.25 hr	Riverbanks Zoo and Garden
Athens, GA	~1.75 hr	College town and music
Savannah	~2 hr	Historic squares and River Street
Atlanta	~2.5 hr	Aquarium and pro sports
Charleston, SC	~2.5 hr	History and beaches

KEEP THIS HANDY

Key contacts

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

OFFICE	PHONE
ACS and EFMP	(706) 791-3579
Relocation Readiness	(706) 791-1922
Newcomers orientation	(706) 791-4181
Transportation (HHG/PPM)	(706) 791-4184
School Liaison	(706) 791-7270

OFFICE	PHONE
Balfour Beatty (on post)	(706) 772-7041
Housing Services Office	(706) 791-5116
Eisenhower AMC main	(706) 787-5811
Visitor Control Center	(706) 791-3071
Lodging (IHG)	(877) 711-8326

Add your own

EAMC APPOINTMENTS

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Links

Fort Gordon newcomers · Fort Gordon MWR relocation · Eisenhower Army Medical Center · BAH Rate Lookup · Plan My Move

Sources: Army.mil (June 2025 name restorations); Fort Gordon newcomers and visitor pages; Fort Gordon MWR relocation; Military OneSource; 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 Darling Hall
- [ ] Update DEERS; get dependent IDs
- [ ] Turn in travel and moving paperwork
- [ ] Register with Child and Youth Services
- [ ] Attend Thursday newcomers orientation
- [ ] Enroll in TRICARE at Eisenhower
- [ ] Enroll kids in school
- [ ] Learn the gate rush hours