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Plan My Move Booklet for Fort Lewis

Overview



Location

Located in the beautiful Pacific Northwest on the Puget Sound, in Washington State, Fort Lewis is adjacent to McChord Air Force Base (near the city of Lakewood) and near Olympia, the state capitol. Fort Lewis is situated in a key location along Interstate 5, allowing easy access to Sea-Tac airport and to the deep water ports of Tacoma and Seattle. The base operator's phone number is 253-967-1110 or DSN 312-357-1110.

History

Named in honor of explorer Meriwether Lewis, leader of the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific Northwest (1804-1806), the post was founded as Camp Lewis in 1917. The fort was designated a permanent Army post in 1927. Brick barracks and office buildings were built to supplement the original World War I structures. During the post's long history, it served as home to 14 Army divisions including 3rd Infantry, 4th Infantry and the 9th Infantry Division (Motorized). Fort Lewis also served as a major training and personnel center for overseas deployment during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. For more information, go to the [Fort Lewis homepage](#).

Mission

To operate a state-of-the-art power projection and sustainment platform for warfighters by providing them with superior training support and infrastructure; support the transformation of I Corps and Fort Lewis; transform the well-being of our soldiers, civilians, retirees, and their families; and to remain a committed Pacific Northwest neighbor.

Population Served

Fort Lewis has more than 25,000 soldiers and civilian workers. The post supports over 120,000 retirees and more than 29,000 family members living both on and off post.

Base Transportation

A shuttle bus runs from Waller Hall to the North Fort SRP Site every hour on the hour, 8am-5pm.

Sponsorship

To request a sponsor prior to arrival go to the Fort Lewis [Sponsorship Gateway](#).

Temporary Quarters

Families may stay in temporary lodging such as the Fort Lewis Lodge while waiting for on post housing or locating housing off post. There are 100 Rooms, 45 with kitchenette, 5 rooms that are handicap accessible with kitchenette, 5 one bedroom cabins designated as pet facilities. If lodging facilities are full, arrangements can be made by the desk clerk for hotels at a reduced rate. Reservations for PCS and TDY personnel can be made by writing Fort Lewis Lodge,

P.O. Box 33085, Fort Lewis, WA 98433-0085, or call commercial 253-964-0211, 967-2815 or DSN 312-357-5051. For information on rates, contact the Fort Lewis Lodge. Reservations desk is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for customer convenience.

Relocation Assistance

Newcomers Orientations are held on the last Tuesday of each month (there is no briefing in November and the December briefing is held on the second Tuesday). The briefing is mandatory and must be attended within 30 days of assignment by Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants First Class and below. Spouses, senior officers, and noncommissioned officers are also encouraged to attend. You can also obtain a 30-day loan of household items from our Loan Closet. You will need a copy of your orders and, if you are unable to come to the Loan Closet, your spouse can pick up the household items with a copy of your orders. You may reach the Relocation Assistance Program at 253-967-3628/3633/3635/3550 or DSN 312-357-3628/3633/3635/3550. You may fax us at 253-967-3607 or DSN FAX 312-357-3607.

Critical Installation Information

Today, Fort Lewis remains relevant and ready as the Army engages in the global war on terrorism. Its unique location in the Puget Sound and proximity to naval and Air Force bases make it a power projection platform from which the Army can rapidly deploy soldiers as elusive terrorist threats arise. Thousands of Fort Lewis Soldiers are currently overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Philippines, challenging all those who seek to destroy Americans' freedoms.

Sponsorship

Settling into your new location and your new unit takes time. [Plan My Move](#) is designed to assist you with information about your new location. Complimenting Plan My Move each of the military Services has a Sponsorship Program which is very helpful in providing new unit information. Sponsors can make your transition smoother. The purpose of the Sponsorship program is to:

- Provides a sense of belonging
- Ease the transition for inbound service members or civilians and their family members
- Increase productivity
- Reduce culture shock
- Help newcomers make informed decisions
- Cultivate new friendships
- Improve morale

A sponsor is someone from your new unit who is assigned to assist you settling into your new location. You can request a sponsor through your unit, or with help from the Relocation Assistance Program or the Family Center at your new installation.

Your Service will appoint your sponsor in writing. He/she will be the same or close to your rank and the same marital status, if at all possible. This person will be knowledgeable about the local community and the installation; available to assist you and your family for at least two weeks post arrival, and be someone who is positive and outgoing.

A sponsor's duties include:

- Contacting you and your family by letter of introduction or e-mail upon learning of your assignment to the installation.
- Following up with a personal phone call after contact has been made.
- Sending information about the installation/area which you may require, or putting you in touch with the resources on the web and at the installation that provide current, complete and up-to-date information such as those provide by the Relocation Program.
- Answering any questions which you or your family may have, or, again, providing the proper resources to answer those questions.
- Confirm transportation and lodging arrangements.
- Assisting with obtaining a Post Office Box for your mail.
- Meeting you and your family upon arrival.
- Accompanying you to your check in point for the unit.
- Introducing you to the Family Center and lending closet
- Providing essential service locations such as commissary, exchange, gas station, bank.
- Being available when you arrive at your installation to meet you, show you around, and help you through in-processing.

If you have not been assigned a sponsor, or have not been contacted as of yet, request one by contacting your gaining command or unit. If after contacting your new command you find difficulties in obtaining a sponsor, contact your Relocation Assistance Personnel for additional help with your move.

Service specific processes for requesting a Sponsor include:

- **Army and Defense Logistics Agency:** AR 600-8-8 outlines procedures for DA Form 5434, Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet. Sponsorship is mandatory for first term Soldiers. All Soldiers, private through colonel (excluding those completing advanced individual training (AIT) and those PCSing to long term schools) and civilian employees through grade 15 may participate in the advance arrival sponsorship program. Reactionary Sponsorship is available for individuals arriving at an installation without a sponsor. Contact the gaining unit to request a sponsor.

- **Air Force:** Gaining Unit Commander Support Staff/Military Personnel Element will assign a sponsor upon receipt of assignment notice. Assigned sponsor will then make contact with the inbound member.
- **Navy:** OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1740.3B prescribes procedures regarding Command Sponsor and Indoctrination Programs. This Program is designed to facilitate the adaptation of Sailors and their families into new working and living environments, to minimize the anxiety associated with a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move, and afford Sailors and their families the greatest opportunity for a successful and productive tour of duty.

Command sponsor and indoctrination responsibilities begin upon receipt of PCS orders and continue until the Sailor has become an integral part of the new command and is fully cognizant of all policies, programs, services, and responsibilities available through the command. Commanding Officers shall establish a Command Indoctrination Program to include the delivery of the Navy Pride and Professionalism training per this instruction. COs should ensure all incoming personnel receive command indoctrination training within 30 days of arrival or within 3 drill weekends.

Enclosures (1) and (2) of OPNAVINST 1740.3B outline responsibilities and provide guidance for these programs. Assistance to local commands regarding the Command Sponsor Program is through the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Relocation Assistance Program staff.

- **Marine Corps:** Gaining Unit Commander will assign a sponsor on request. Overseas commands should assign a sponsor automatically, however if one is not assigned, send a request to the gaining command. A sample request form is available on our website that can be filled out and sent to the gaining command. See the following [website](#).

Sponsors' responsibilities and abilities to be available will vary from installation to installation, depending upon the priority which the installation and unit commanders give to the program; however, the Services are making the Sponsorship program a priority as research has shown the many benefits of good sponsorship to service, family members and youth.

Youth Sponsorship

The Youth Sponsorship Program depends on the availability of youth who volunteer to become sponsors. Contact your Relocation Manager to inquire about a youth sponsor.

Directions to Installation

Directions to Fort Lewis

Traveling by Car, Train or Bus

Fort Lewis is located in the Pacific Northwest. It is 45 miles south of Seattle on Interstate 5. If you are driving, you should have no trouble finding Fort Lewis. Interstate 5 divides the post; Exit 120 will take you to Fort Lewis main gate, which is open 24 hours a day. If you arrive by train, Tacoma is the stop nearest to post. Taxi and bus service are available from the station. Those traveling by bus can make connections directly to Fort Lewis. Report to Waller Hall inprocessing Bldg. 2140.

Air Transportation

If you arrive by commercial airline, information and assistance are available at the USO open 24 hours on the second floor in the Seattle-Tacoma (SEA-TAC) International Airport. There is no airport in Tacoma, it is the SEA/TAC located between the two cities. Shuttle service is available from the airport directly to Waller Hall Welcome Center at Fort Lewis. While awaiting transportation, you and your family may relax in the USO lounge.

Shuttle Service

The Airporter Shuttle Service is available it will bring you to Fort Lewis Mini-Mall North Fort, Waller Hall (Bldg 2140), Lodge (Bldg 2111), Madigan Hospital (Nursing Tower) or McChord AMO Pass Terminal. Reservation is not taken from Sea-Tac. However, round trip ticket holders are boarded first. From Sea-Tac, passengers will be picked up at main terminal baggage level door #00.

The phone number is 1-800-562-7948, leaving Sea-Tac (be at south end baggage level door #00 at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure time) 6:00; 8:30; 11:00 a.m.; 1:30; 4:00; 6:00; 9:00; 11:30 p.m.

Please Note: In Washington, all children age 3 and under are required to use safety seats, with children age 1 and under sitting in rear-facing seats. All seats should be places in the rear seats - unless that is impossible, as in the case with trucks. Under no circumstances, however, should rear-facing seats be used in the front when there are air bags.

Base Access

Fort Lewis is a closed post. In order to gain access to the post, you must have a valid vehicle post sticker. To register vehicles a current drivers license, proof of insurance, and vehicle registration will be needed.

Check-in Procedures

Inprocessing Procedures

You can expect to be with the detachment six days. Once you sign in, you will receive a billeting assignment, bedding and a temporary meal card if you are not on separate rations. If your family arrives with you, the Welcome Center will help make them comfortable while you're inprocessing. To avoid difficulty with obtaining temporary lodging for your family, make reservation at the Fort Lewis Lodge, 253-964-0211/1-800-GO-ARMY-1.

You should have all your records with you: personnel finance, medical and dental. You must be in uniform to inprocess. The duty uniform at Fort Lewis is BDU. Be sure you have enough uniforms with you to begin duties after inprocessing.

Army Community Service (ACS) is located in the Waller Hall, Bldg 2140 the family information and service center can help you and your family get settled in. Please call ACS for more information at 253-967-3550/3633.

Military

All officers and enlisted soldier must report to the 525th Replacement Company. Regardless of unit assignment, upon arrival all officers and enlisted soldiers must report to the 525 Replacement Detachment Waller Hall Welcome Center, Bldg 2140, 12th St & Pendleton Ave Fort Lewis WA. If you are delayed, or requesting a leave extension, call the Welcome Center 253-967-7004 or DSN 312-357-7004.

Civilians

Incoming Department of Army Civilians should report to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) located in Bldg 2015 on corner of Pendleton & North 4th St., next to the main fire station. Be sure to have your most recent SF50 and other personnel records when you report for inprocessing.

Uniform Policy

The duty uniform for Fort Lewis soldiers is the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU), unless otherwise specified by the appropriate commander. You can purchase patches and other items at the Military Clothing Sales Store, which has relocated in the Post Exchange Mini Mall, Bldg 2202, 253-964-3749.

What do do if you get Married Enroute

If you get married before you PCS, you must inform your Commander and follow the procedures exactly as you are given them. The military will not pay for travel and housing of your spouse if you do not follow proper procedures.

Documents to Hand Carry

Many families have important papers and documents that they cannot afford to lose. These papers are difficult to replace. Do not pack these items in your household goods shipment. Hand carry the following list of items: Passports; Immunization records; Official birth, marriage, divorce, adoption or death certificates; Wills; Power of Attorney; Naturalization papers and complete information on citizenship proceedings; Tax records and other documents necessary to file taxes; House and property deeds and associated paperwork; Military records; Bank Books; Savings Bonds and other Securities; Social Security Cards; Car titles and Shipping papers; Sales receipt for household furniture and other high value items and Household shipping inventories. There may be other important papers that you will need to carry.

Relocation Assistance

Programs and Services

While moving is always stressful, your stress can be drastically reduced if you take full advantage of the information, education, and personal assistance provided to you by the Relocation Program. This is the place to find answers and get referral to other installation resources as well as assistance with in-transit emergencies. The most important thing you can do to ensure a smooth move is to start planning early using the many Relocation Assistance program services and tools available.

Individual PCS Planning -- Most relocation programs offer one-on-one consultation for anyone needing assistance. In particular those making their first military move, first overseas move, or those with challenging and complex situations such as special needs family members or financial problems should call the Relocation Program for an appointment.

Military Installations and Plan My Move -- For managing and planning your move, use these two DoD sponsored web-based relocation tools with information on over 250 installations worldwide. You can estimate expenses, find the forms necessary for housing and household goods, keep a calendar of events and take other necessary actions to ensure a successful move.

Loan Closet -- Basic household goods items are available to borrow while waiting for your personal property pre-departure or upon arrival. The typical items in stock include: pots and pans, dishes, silverware, irons, ironing boards, portacribs, high chairs, and infant/toddler car seats. Generally, towels and bed linens are not available, so these should be packed in your hold baggage.

Workshops and Briefings -- The classes offered vary from installation to installation but you can generally find classes on buying, selling and renting smart, budgeting and finance, moving with children, general moving preparation and many other moving related topics.

Pre-departure Briefings -- Sometimes called Smooth Move or PCS Briefings, you and your spouse will want to attend for sure. These briefings provide essential information that can prevent you from making uninformed and costly decisions before your move.

Settling-in Services -- These may include welcome wagon services, local area tours with childcare often provided, or basic household items to use until your goods arrive. Overseas arrival services may include introductory language classes and cultural awareness training.

Deployment Support -- The Family Center assists unit family readiness groups and Ombudsman programs during the entire deployment cycle. Support includes services for special needs, classes on deployment preparation, managing finances, helping children adjust, family separation, return and reunion, and information on resources available locally and on-line.

Foreign Born Spouse Support -- Whether your question concerns immigration and naturalization, learning the English language or how to take local transportation, the Relocation Program provides assistance, classes and referrals.

Emergency Assistance -- From time-to-time emergencies occur while moving, the Relocation Program office has the resources to provide emergency financial assistance and referrals.

Transition Assistance -- This is a mandatory program available to assist personnel and family members when they separate from the military. The Relocation Assistance office will establish your individual transition plan and refer you to all the installation and community resources necessary to complete a successful transition.

Installation Specific Information

The Army Community Service (ACS) Relocation Assistance Center welcomes newly assigned soldiers and family members to Fort Lewis and assists with all aspects of relocating to the new duty assignment. Individual relocation counseling is available for both in and out-bound personnel. Stop by ACS, Bldg 2140, for a copy of the Fort Lewis Welcome Packet.

The center also provides assistance to foreign-born spouses by offering information on English as a Second Language

referrals.

The Relocation Readiness Program (RRP) office also provides the International Spouse Orientation for soldiers and their spouses. To obtain valuable information on jobs, getting a driver's license, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, and much more.

Immigration and Naturalization services are also available; an INS Officer is on site the 1st and 3rd Friday of each Month 8am to 3:30 pm.

You can also obtain a 30-day loan of household items from our Loan Closet. You will need a copy of your orders and, if you are unable to come to the Loan Closet, your spouse can pick-up the household items with a copy of your orders. The RRP provides assistance to military personnel and family members who will be moving to the Fort Lewis/Tacoma community and those relocating to other military installations. Additionally, Worldwide Resources Library, PCS videotapes of various overseas installations, Installation Welcome Packets, and other information are available.

RRP provides Trip mapping services (Automap) within CONUS to and from Fort Lewis, upon request.

Newcomers Orientation -- During your inprocessing period at the 525th Replacement Company you will be registered to attend the Newcomers Orientation. Located at the American Lake Club Bldg. 8085, on North Fort Lewis, where you will be briefed on all the services available within Fort Lewis. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend; free childcare is provided on site. At the end of the briefing there will be a complimentary free lunch and a windshield tour of Fort Lewis.

When outprocessing all soldiers should report to the RRP office located in Waller Hall Bldg 2140, 12th St Pendleton Ave.

All soldiers must attend a 30-day outprocessing briefing in order to receive their clearance packet. Information, referral, and follow-up are the primary objectives in linking the individual in need with the appropriate agency or service that will eliminate or alleviate that need.

Emergency Assistance

Planning for Emergencies

Arrival Delay

No matter how well you have planned your move, emergencies do happen. If you encounter an emergency that will prevent you from being on time for signing-in, call the Replacement Attachment at 253-967-7004.

Army Emergency Relief(AER)

Army Emergency Relief (AER) provides assistance for unexpected financial emergencies in the form of interest-free loans and grants for soldiers and retirees and their families. To apply for AER assistance, come in to the Fort Lewis AER Section located at Army Community Service in Waller Hall. AER is open from 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. If you experience an emergency financial need that cannot wait until normal duty hours, please contact the American Red Cross Emergency Services Center at (toll-free) 1-877-272-7337.

Army Emergency Relief (AER) provides interest-free loans and grants to soldiers who find themselves in a financial emergency, which is both, unexpected and due to conditions beyond their control.

Typical Cases AER Assists

Payment of rent to prevent eviction or foreclosure, non-receipt of pay, lack of basic necessities such as food and utility payments, travel expense for emergency leave due to serious illness or death of a grandparent, funeral expenses, to include expenses for a parent of the soldier or spouse, loss of funds (includes loss of pay or other funds), attributable to theft; (a police report is required), essential POV repairs for safe operation.

Typical Cases AER Does Not Assist

Payment or consolidation of outstanding debts, travel expenses for other than emergency leave, civilian court fees, fines, lawyer's fees, bail and taxes. A purchase of items for convenience or luxury, prolonged illness, fire or other disasters, continuing assistance or education assistance.

AER Educational Assistance

AER's educational assistance program is a secondary mission providing financial assistance to unmarried dependent children of soldiers, in the form of scholarships. They may pursue their education in vocational training, preparation for acceptance by service academies, and undergraduate level college education.

Motor Vehicles

Registration & Licensing Requirements

Washington State law requires you to have sufficient liability insurance and a valid driver's license in order to operate a vehicle. The term "vehicle" generally includes automobiles, motorcycles, vans, trailers and boats regularly parked or garaged overnight. Further, your vehicle must be properly registered. Even though you are in the Military, you may be required to register your vehicle in-state and obtain an in-state license within a few months of moving. Access complete information on insurance, driver's licensing, and where and how to register your vehicle by visiting the [State Department of Motor Vehicles](#) website.

State Laws

You and your passengers must always wear seatbelts while driving, you will be ticketed and issued heavy fines if seatbelts are not secured. State law requires that all children under 45 pounds be properly restrained in child seats. Some states also require younger, smaller children to sit in the back seat.

Motorcycles and their operators are subject to special laws. If you own and operate a motorcycle, you must comply with those laws. Visit the State Department of Motor Vehicles website for more information.

Many States and local jurisdictions have strict laws about the use of cell phones and other digital devices while driving. Research these laws on the State Department of Motor Vehicles website. Tickets will be issued and fines assessed for violating these laws. Play it safe and always use a "hands free" device if you must use a cell phone or other PDA while driving. Hands-free devices must be used while operating a motor vehicle on ALL military installations worldwide.

Registering Vehicles on Base

Vehicles entering Fort Lewis must have an installation decal located on the windshield of their vehicle. To obtain a decal during the hours of 9 am and 4 pm Monday - Friday (excluding holidays), personnel must report to Bldg 2140, Waller Hall to register your vehicle. In order to register your vehicle, you will need to bring the following:

- driver's license
- current vehicle registration
- insurance information
- Military or DOD Civilian ID

Rental Vehicles

If a vehicle is a rental vehicle, the driver can obtain a one-day pass or a pass for the length of the rental. To do this, personnel will need to present their rental agreement, driver's license, insurance information, and DOD identification card (military or civilian).

For more information, you may call 253-967-1914.

Base Regulations

Speed Limit -- The speed limit on Fort Lewis is 25 mph, unless posted otherwise. When passing troops, the speed limit is 10 mph. In family housing areas, the limit is 20 mph.

Seat Belts -- Washington State law and post regulations require the use of seatbelts at all times while riding in a motor vehicle. Car insurance, seat belts and infant car seats are mandatory.

Drinking and Driving -- Washington has some of the toughest drinking and driving laws in the country. The "Implied Consent Law" simply means that your right to drive a motor vehicle in Washington implies consent to submit to breath analysis if you are suspected of drinking and driving.

Your first offense carries a minimum sentence of a day in jail, a maximum fine of \$1,600 and the loss of your license for 90 days. A second conviction carries a minimum sentence of up to a week in jail, a maximum fine of up to \$3,200 and the loss of your license for one year. In addition, you will have to attend a mandatory drug and alcohol course and

mandatory evaluation course.

The blood alcohol limit in Washington State is .08. For an average-sized person, that's equal to drinking four drinks in one hour. On-post police will cite an individual whose driving appears impaired regardless of the individual's blood alcohol level.

Bicycle Regulations

A bicyclist is required to comply with the same safe-driving rules as motorists. In addition, bicyclists must:

- Keep to the extreme side of the roadway.
- Carry no more passengers than there are seats available.
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
- Have headlights and taillights or reflectors.
- Have adequate brakes.
- Never perform stunts on the streets or highways.
- Secure bicycles when not in use.
- Register the bicycle with the Crime Prevention Section

Motorcycle Regulations

Motorcyclists are required to follow the same safe-driving rules as motorists. Motorcycles must be registered through Vehicle Registration with the same requirements as an automobile. You must have a valid motorcycle endorsement on your Washington state or home-of-record driver's license, if required. All motorcycle operators and passengers are required to wear a DOT approved safety helmet and reflective clothing, both on and off post. Motorcycles must have their lights on during all periods of operation, both on and off post.

Other

If the military person claims their home of record in Washington State, his/her vehicle must be titled and licensed in Washington State. A person claiming a home of record outside Washington may license and insure the vehicle in their home state or in Washington.

Vehicles arriving in the United States from a foreign port or place must be cleared through U.S. customs. Vehicles coming into Washington from a foreign jurisdiction (state or country) are required to be inspected by the Washington State Patrol. The \$15 inspection fee will be collected with the registration fees at the time of licensing.

Emission inspection is required in all parts of King, Pierce, and Clark counties. A \$15 (cash only) fee is collected at the inspection station. Since Fort Lewis is located in Pierce County all vehicles registered on post are required to have the emissions test.

A spouse claims residence on his/her own standing. The registration, insurance, and driver's license for one car or driver may involve different states, but at least two must be from the same state. A spouse (non-military member) must comply with state law on their status. Plates are valid from overseas until they expire at which time these emission standards will be required. If registered in home of record, only have to comply with that state.

Loan Closet

Items Available

The Loan Closet is a loan service of basic household items designed to assist active duty, reserve service members, and retired service members until arrival of their own household items or for departing personnel after shipment of household items prior to departure.

Items available include:

- Butcher Knife
- Car Seat
- Can Opener
- Casserole Dish
- Cereal Bowl
- Coffee Maker
- Colander, metal, plastic
- Container, Plastic
- Cookie Sheet
- Coffee Cup
- Cutting Board
- Folding Chair/Folding Table
- Fork
- Fry Pan, Steel, Teflon
- Futon
- Glasses, plastic, glass
- Grater
- High Chair
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Knife
- Ladle, metal, teflon
- Laundry Basket
- Measuring Cup/Measuring Spoon
- Meat Fork
- Mixing Bowl
- Muffin Tin
- Paring Knife
- Pitcher
- Plate
- Pot Soup, Steel, Teflon
- Potato Masher/Potato Peeler
- Port a crib/Playpen
- Pyrex 9X13, round/Pyrex square, rectangle
- Serving Spoon
- Spatula
- Spoon
- Stroller
- Toaster
- Tongs
- Whisk
- Sauce Pan

How to Borrow

Items are loaned out for 60 days for in processing and 30 days for out-processing soldiers. You will need a copy of your orders and ID card. A list of items available can be picked up at ACS in Waller Hall, Bldg 2140. For questions, please call 253-967-3635/3645.

Housing - Overview

Government Housing

The 3801 sets of family units at Fort Lewis are divided into eleven housing areas and broken down by rank and bedroom requirement. The minimum number of bedrooms for the rank of E-1, E-2, E-3 or E-6 is two. Senior NCOs (E6P-E9) is a three bedrooms house. Company grade and field grade officers also will have three bedrooms as a minimum. Fort Lewis does not offer "substandard" or "temporary housing" as is done at other installations.

Application and Eligibility

For those who are eligible and want government housing, here is what we will need to start you on your journey into family quarters. We need a copy of the orders assigning you to Fort Lewis. If you are coming from a dependent restricted tour, we will also need a copy of the orders that assigned you OCONUS. It is possible to receive up to 14 months credit for eligibility when coming from a "short tour". Regrettably, not everyone can be housed immediately upon arrival. If you must reside off post, keep in mind that the estimated waiting times are just estimates and cannot be relied on to know exactly when you will be offered government quarters. Therefore, it is in your best interest to discuss your status with your area counselor on a regular basis, but most certainly before renewing a lease or rental agreement.

Non-government Housing

Housing Referral Office-(HRO) --The HRO is your contact for any problems you may encounter such as discrimination complaints, tenant/landlord disputes, or any questions or problems about off-post housing is the HRO. The HRO will provide you a list of rentals with corresponding locator maps and give you information regarding the communities in which the rentals are located. All renters should carry renters insurance against fire, theft and other damages. The property owner's insurance will cover the property but not the renters personal property.

DoD Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN) -- Visit AHRN.com or ask at your local housing office to learn about this DoD program that is currently available for more than 75 installations. The program allows military members and families to:

- Search listings and pictures of available rentals near military installations
- List their own properties for rent to other military families
- List their homes for sale by owner (FSBO) to other military members
- Contact installation housing offices
- Receive one-on-one real estate counseling and assistance from the AHRN partner, [Military Moving Station](#) on how to buy and sell smart.

AHRN is not currently available at all installations but the phased program is adding new installations every month. Check the AHRN website to see if your next assignment is an AHRN base and check out other features to assist you in your home search.

Temporary Lodging

Families may stay in temporary housing such as the Fort Lewis Lodge (guest house), while waiting for on post housing or locating housing off post. If guesthouse facilities are full, the desk clerk for local hotel reduced rate referrals can make arrangements for you.

Availability--The 149-room lodge is located near the Welcome Center, Post Exchange, Commissary, library, bank, credit union and many other facilities. It has a small playground and plenty of parking. Additional guesthouse facilities, six cabins, are located on Main Post and controlled by the lodge. Writing to the Fort Lewis Lodge information listed below is where you can make reservation for PCS and TDY personnel.

Housing - Temporary

Temporary Lodging Facility

Before checking into a hotel you must go to the Fort Lewis Lodge, call 253-967-1963, 253-964-0211 or DSN 312-357-1963 for further information.

Important Documents to Carry

Many families have important papers and documents that they cannot afford to lose. These papers are difficult, to replace. Do not pack these items in your household goods shipment. Hand carry the following list of items:

Passports; Immunization records; Official birth, marriage, divorce, adoption or death certificates; Wills; Power of Attorney; Naturalization papers and complete information on citizenship proceedings; Tax records and other documents necessary to file taxes; House and property deeds and associated paperwork; Military records; Bank Books; Savings Bonds and other securities; Social Security Cards; Car titles and Shipping papers; Sales receipt for household furniture and other high value items and Household shipping inventories. There may be other important papers that you will need to carry.

Reservations

For information on billeting and reservations worldwide use 1-800-GO-ARMY-1.

Housing - Government

Military Housing

Availability and Eligibility

The 3,801 family housing units at Fort Lewis are divided into eleven housing areas and broken down by rank and bedroom requirement. The minimum number of bedrooms for the rank of E-1, E-2, E-3 or E-6 is two. Senior NCOs (E6P-E9) qualify for a minimum of a three bedroom house. Company grade and field grade officers also will have three bedrooms as a minimum.

Application

You apply for housing upon arrival at Fort Lewis by attending an in-processing appointment. The in-processing appointment covers both on-post and off-post housing. The appointment is from 9-10 am, Monday through Friday. Bring 1 copy of orders assigning you to Fort Lewis, and if you are returning from a dependent restricted tour, bring a copy of orders assigning you to that tour. The number for on-post housing is 253-912-2150.

Household Goods - Overview

Arranging Household Goods Shipments

As soon as you are alerted to your upcoming PCS move, you can start getting your house and family ready. Clean up and get rid of junk. Hold a yard sale or take serviceable items you no longer need to a thrift shop or donate to charity. Get important family records together in one place. You can even estimate the weight of your household goods before you visit your transportation office to set up the move. If you are going overseas, you should begin to plan what items you will take in your hold baggage, in your household goods shipment and what might need to go into storage. Remember for overseas assignments electricity is different and houses are generally much smaller and cannot handle large furniture.

Set up an appointment with your transportation office as soon as you have a copy of your PCS orders. The earlier you call or visit your transportation office, the greater your chances of moving on the date you desire. The counselors will explain all your PCS move entitlements in detail. Your first decision is whether to have the government move you or whether to move yourself. There are pros and cons to each type of move. Your counselor will answer all of your questions. If you choose a government move, they will book your shipment and let you know the exact dates the movers will come. If you choose to move yourself, the counselor can assist with recommendations and tips on how to do a personal move.

Automobile

The government may ship one Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) at their expense to your new overseas location. This is handled through your transportation office. Remember to discuss your POV needs at your initial counseling session. The shipping contractor has established a [website](#) where you can track the location of your POV through the shipping process.

Shipping Pets

Planning for shipment of your pet includes researching airline requirements and quarantine and restriction laws in your new location. You will need to ask the airlines the requirements for size, weight, number of animals, kennel construction, documentation and season of the year limitations. Occasionally, small pets can be shipped on military flights but availability and regulations are always changing as well as fees. Checking the [SDDC website](#) will provide details on shipping pets.

Many international locations have strict importation laws including extended quarantines and restrictions on breeds or types of animals that can be brought into the country. Carefully research these rules as they could impact your moving schedule. Not only do overseas locations have strict rules but many locations have restrictions on dangerous dogs as well.

Delivery of Household Goods Shipments

It is your responsibility to contact the transportation office as soon as you arrive at your new duty station. Let them know how you can be contacted, phone, mobile phone and e-mail. If you already have new quarters, they will help arrange delivery of your personal property shipments. Otherwise they will arrange for temporary storage until you have permanent housing.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Once your personal property is delivered, you'll be asked to [rate the customer service](#) you received from the movers. Make sure you take the time to do this. Your feedback will make the process better for everyone.

Claims

If you have any loss or damage to your personal property you may need to file a claim. Use the front of [DD Form 1840/1840R](#) to notify the mover of any loss or damage you find at the time of delivery. If further loss or damage is discovered after the transportation provider departs, use the reverse side of the form, DD Form 1840R. You must **file DD Form 1840/1840R within 70 days of delivery**. Completing and submitting the DD Form 1840/1840R does not constitute filing a claim. A claim is separate and distinct from these forms. Your local personal property office and claims office will give you complete instructions on where and how to file DD Form 1840/1840R and your claim.

Household Goods - Shipping Pets

Boarding

Following are two local kennels:

- [Pet Ponderosa](#)
- [Green Acres Pet Resort](#)

There is also a brand new Pet Boarding facility on Fort Lewis called The Pet Brigade. The Pet Brigade is a private public venture built in 2008. It is a clean and modern dog boarding facility where your pet can safely and comfortably reside, watched over by an experienced staff, while you are away from home. The entire facility is heated and air conditioned for your pet with a 90% fresh air exchange. The kennel is also the first privately owned boarding facility to be built on a military installation in the United States. Their services include Doggie Day Care Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:30 pm.

Cost for boarding at the Pet Brigade are as follows:

- First Dog Family \$30.00
- Second Dog Family \$25.00
- Additional dogs \$29.00
- Puppy (less than 6 month) \$35.00
- Cost for daycare is \$20.00.

Transportation

Pet Health Certificates are required for interstate or international travel. Please bring a fecal sample from your pet to your appointment. If your pet is traveling by car to another state, you need a health certificate within 30 days of travel. If your pet is traveling by plane to another state, most airlines require a health certificate within 10 days of travel.

Quarantines

There are no quarantines laws for pets.

Vaccinations, Licensing and Registration

Pets must be registered with the base veterinary clinic within 10 calendar days of occupancy of government quarters or when a housing occupant acquires a new pet. To register your animal, bring a copy of a current rabies certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian. Registration is automatic if we provide the rabies vaccination to your pet. Registration is free of charge and will be issued a certificate and a tag. You must re-register your pet whenever new vaccination is due (required once a year)

General idea of services costs:

- Rabies Vaccine \$8.00
- Canine Distemper Combination \$14.00
- Bordatella Vaccine \$16.00
- Feline Leukemia Vaccine \$14.00
- Feline Distemper \$13.00
- Feline Distemper Combination + Leukemia \$25.00

Veterinary Services

There are no Veterinary Services provided on Fort Lewis, services are provided on McChord AFB. McChord AFB Veterinary Services Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. They are closed the last working day of each month for inventory. You may reach them by calling 253-982-3951. For more information visit their [website](#).

All procedures are by appointment only. We have specific policies regarding child and pet safety. Please ask us to explain when you make your appointment.

Education - General Overview

Public School

Most Fort Lewis students are served by the Clover Park School District and the North Thurston School District. Five elementary schools are on post. Children must have reached their fifth birthday by August 31 to enter kindergarten and must be six years old by August 31 to enter first grade.

Senior and junior high school students living on post attend school off-post at Lakes High School, Woodbrook Junior High and Mann Junior High. Bus transportation is provided. If you have questions about areas or policies, call the schools' liaison officer at 253-967-7195/966-3151.

Local School Boards

- [Washington State Board of Education](#)
- [Professional Educator Standards Board](#)

Enrollment Requirements

- Transcripts from the last school
- Shot Records
- Birth Certificate for Kindergarten and First Grade
- IEP (Individual Education Plan)

Students register at the school they attend. For more information about Clover Park District Reception, phone 253-583-5000/583-5042/5041, North Thurston School District, phone 360-493-9000.

Dress Code

The Clover Park School District has no set dress code, other than the obvious, e.g. no barefoot, no midriff shirts or clothing, no hats worn in the building. Each school has a guideline set up a school dress code based on the staff, parents and students of the school. The school district does not endorse school uniforms at this time and if further information is needed, the school district can be accessed by going to their web site listed below.

Extra-curricular Activities

The five elementary schools conduct limited after-school activities due to students that ride the bus to and from school. The Youth Center and School Age Programs provide a variety of opportunities for youth to receive a well-rounded experience. The middle and high schools offer extra-curricular sports programs and most have an activity bus to bring students home immediately after school. Sports are seasonal and if you require information, please check the school district web site for information.

Sports Activities

Lakes High School has a variety of sports opportunities for participation in sports such as football, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls softball, boys and girls soccer, swimming team, track, tennis. Each of these sports is open to all students with passing grades and willing to work. Teams are chosen at various times of the year, and if you are interested in finding out more about the sports programs go to the district web site and link to Lakes High School for more information.

Graduation Requirements for the classes of 2005, 2006 and 2007

Each candidate for high school graduation in the Clover Park School District must have completed the equivalent of a four-year program of educational growth in grades 9-12. Twenty-nine credits are required for graduation, with one credit equaling 180 class hours of instruction. These credits shall consist of the requirements listed below. One-half (0.5) credit is earned in any class that meets every other day (as part of the block schedule) for a semester.

School Credits Needed to Graduate

Subject	Points
English	3.5
Mathematics	2.0
Physical Education	2.0
Social Studies	3.0
History Geography, Social Studies	1.0
Electives	14.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Occupational Education	1.0
Science	2.0
Laboratory	1.5
Science Elective	.05
United States History Government	1.0
Washington State History & Government	.05
Contemporary World Problems	.05

Home Schooling

Families that home school their children must be registered in the school district in which they live. The Clover Park School District and the state of Washington require that all home schools be registered through the local school district.

Education - Training (College/Technical)

Continuing Education

The David L. Stone Education Center, located in Building 6242, offers services and opportunities to assist military and their family members. For more information contact the center by phone, 253-967-7295/7174.

College

No information has been provided by the installation on this topic.

Education - Local Schools

Choosing the right school for their children is a priority for military families. This article describes excellent resources for your use in planning for your child's educational needs. Parents can find current information about public, charter and private schools by using the tools below:

1. How do I choose a good school?

[Choosing a School for Your Child](#) is a U.S. Department of Education publication that will help families identify what is important in selecting a school.

[The School Visit: What to Look For, What to Ask](#) Whether you are choosing a school for the first time, or because you are in transition, this site will provide you with information about what to do and what to ask.

2. What schools are in my area (or in the area where I may move), and how good are they?

Several high quality commercial tools are available to assist in making decisions about which school to choose for your child. Listed below are these website tools along with information on how you access the information and what type of information each site provides.

Both [Great Schools](#) and [School Matters](#) provide a wealth of information for parents:

- School contact information
- Distance from zip code (provide the installation zip code, or the zip code of the area where you will be living)
- Public, private or charter school designation
- Student/teacher ratios
- Free and reduced school lunch program (an estimate of economic disadvantage)
- Great Schools provides a rating of schools and a parent comment section
- Percentage of students meeting or exceeding the state standards in math, reading and language arts
- Teachers - average number of years teaching experience, % of first year teachers on the staff
- Students: Average percentage of students absent from school for more than 15 days
- Ethnic breakdown and percent of students with English as a second language
- School Matters provides college prep scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT test scores)-for high schools only
- Great Schools also provides parents the ability to rate the schools and make comments on the schools.

For both sites, the user must enter the State and zip code to find schools in the area.

[SchoolQuest](#) was developed by the [Military Child Education Coalition](#) to help military families select schools. SchoolQuest also offers an Online Library that provides resources for families in transition. At this time, the SchoolQuest data base covers 99 military installations. The Military Child Education Coalition also provides a [data base of information](#) on each State's educational system.

[The School Report Tool](#) is available from Military OneSource that list names and locations of public, public charter, private, virtual and home schooling choices around major installations. [Charter Schools](#) are nonsectarian public schools of choice that operate with freedom from many of the regulations that apply to traditional public schools. Use this site to find one in your area.

3. How can I help plan for a successful transition in this new school and for my child's school career?

Parents often want to know about the availability of extra curricular activities and sports, or the availability of advanced classes. For these questions, it is best to contact the schools directly. It is important to ask the right questions. The following resources can help with these questions and others.

The [Toolkit for Parents](#) was developed by the Department of Defense, especially for Military Families. This 85 page booklet walks parents through preparing for the move and the first two weeks of school....what to ask, what to take, etc..

The [Military Impacted Association](#) has [checklists](#) available for military kids who are leaving or entering a new school.

The Military Child Education Coalition has a [checklist for transferring students](#) that will be helpful. Additionally, through [SchoolQuest](#), MCEC provides parents with the ability to develop a profile for each of their children, which then will provide them with a report on issues related to transferring to a new school district.

4. Question? What happens if I need help during the school year?

During the school year, there are always questions that parents have, such as "What is the best way to help with homework?" or "What if my child needs to see a counselor because my spouse is deployed?" Military OneSource helps with these questions and has 24/7 access. You can call them at 1-800-342-9647, connect to them at the website [Military OneSource](#), or [e-mail a consultant](#).

Education - Local Schools/Overseas

Overseas Schools -- What You Should Know

Moving your family from one installation to another in the U.S. can be challenging enough; but moving your family overseas presents an even more complex situation. One of the most important challenges can be summed up by this question, "Where are my children going to go to school?"

This article will provide resources to help guide military families through the many questions and decisions regarding local schools abroad.

Where do I start?

Start with the information on your new installation. Visit [Plan My Move](#) and review the installation's Education - Overview article. All of the overseas installations have dedicated a portion of the Education Overview to discussing the education options available in the local community as well as the DoD schools located on the installation, if available. Most installations overseas that allow accompanied family travel have one or more DoD schools.

What is the difference between a DoD school and an international or national school?

[DoDEA](#) is the Department of Defense Education Activity. DoDEA operates DoD schools in 12 foreign countries, Guam and Puerto Rico. All DoDEA schools are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies and maintain high academic standards with well rounded educational programs.

In addition to DoDEA, the [U.S. Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools](#) mission is to promote quality educational opportunities for dependents of American citizens overseas at the elementary and secondary level. If a DoD school is not available on your installation there may be a school in the local community that is an American-Sponsored Elementary and Secondary School.

International schools are English-language schools whereas National schools are schools where courses are taught in the native language. The curriculum and grading system of an International school tends to be similar to the traditional American education system. This is a consideration if your family will be returning to the U.S. prior to your child or children graduating high school. Remember, when choosing a school it is best to try to match the school with your child's needs and expectations.

Where can I find a list of International schools in the country where my family is moving?

The Internet can be an excellent resource for finding International Schools overseas. You can find a complete directory of overseas schools on the [International Schools Services' website](#).

In addition, the [World Wide Schools](#) website is an excellent resource. From the homepage you can select the country. Once you have done this, a list of schools will appear and you can then choose which one you are interested in researching. All of the information appearing on this website is provided by the schools directly. Some of the information you may find on a school includes: a background summary about the school, the school's address, phone number, website, and even the email address of the director of the school. This information should be explored so that you can make comparisons with other International schools in the area to determine the best place for your child/children.

How do I decide what school is best for my child?

This process is much the same as it would be in the U.S. You may not have as many choices but it is important to make a list of possible schools and then begin to ask around. This is a daunting task since it is likely that there will be a language barrier. However, talk to the Relocation Personnel in the Family Center and your sponsor at your new installation who may be able to put you in touch with other families with children around the same age as your child/children. Always contact the school directly and ask for references.

Once you have narrowed down your options, interview the school or schools directly. This is best done in person, if possible. Ask about: attendance, atmosphere, curriculum; grading system, tuition, accreditations, the staff and administration; as well as other practical details such as, does the school provide meals, what types of extra curricular programs are available, is there transportation, holidays and schedule, sports programs, before and after school care programs, and how is the facility maintained.

Now that I have chosen a school, how do I successfully facilitate the transition for my child?

A successful transition should be a priority during planning the move and once the move has been completed. The more knowledge you provide your child with the more confident he/she will feel once he/she arrives at the new school. Allow your child to be a part of the decision making process, if he/she is old enough, and take his/her opinions into account.

MilitaryStudent.org provides several valuable tools to facilitate the transition process. Although many of these tools are not geared specifically to an international move the resources provided do apply to any military student transitioning to a new school in the U.S. or overseas.

Employment - Overview

Spouse Career Advancement Initiative

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Initiative is designed to advance military spouses into portable careers by providing them with education and training in high-growth, high-demand occupations. Career Advancement Accounts, also known as CAAs, are flexible education funding accounts to pay for expenses directly related to post-secondary education and training, including tuition, fees, books, equipment, and credentialing and licensing fees necessary for portable careers. High-growth industries include financial services, education, healthcare, information technology and construction. High-demand occupations can be found in human resources, hospitality, homeland security and business administration.

The Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Defense (DoD) are jointly funding this demonstration in eight states (California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maine, North Carolina, and Washington) targeting 18 military installations. Voluntary Education Centers and One-Stop Career Centers are collaboratively providing career counseling, guidance and assessments to support military spouse career and education choices.

CAAs, are self-managed accounts that must be used with approved local education and training institutions. CAA funds must be used for expenses directly related to career preparation. There is a limited amount of funds available in the CAA demonstration. The maximum amount of the CAA demonstration is \$3,000 for one year. The accounts may be renewed for one additional year, for a total two-year account amount of up to \$6,000 per spouse. Call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647 or visit <http://caa.milspouse.org/> for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Fort Lewis benefits from its location in a balanced economic area which has high technology, agriculture, performing arts and fine arts, state-of-the-art science and medical facilities, service businesses, retail and wholesale businesses, as well as cultural and sports facilities. The area is also recognized as a tourist destination offering a myriad of recreation activities. The varied economic environment enables most job seekers to find employment in the communities which are close to Fort Lewis. You may visit the Pierce County employment [website](#) for information on the area's largest employers.

Employment Opportunities on Base

Job opportunities are available on Fort Lewis and include civil service, appropriated funds position, non-appropriated funds (NAF) positions, contractor and community jobs. Civil service and NAF job openings can be checked by searching the [civilian personnel website](#).

Employment Documentation

When coming to Washington be sure to hand carry all employment records and information, resume, transcripts, licenses, SF-50 and any other employment pertinent documents.

Employment Readiness Service

Soldiers' spouses and adult family members should contact the Employment Readiness Service (ERS) shortly after arrival. The ERS services include job search assistance, job bank, creation of a resume and other job application documents, interviewing skills training, executive portfolio formatting, and personal effectiveness for success on the job and promotional skill building.

New employment client orientations are held on a walk-in basis on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (attend one day) at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (attend one time). Orientation is one hour. ERS can provide direction to many community colleges and universities, and also guidance to tuition assistance. The Employment Readiness Service is located in Waller Hall, Building 2140, in Army Community Service. The telephone numbers are 253-967-3538, 253-966-8325 or DSN 312 -357-3538.

Unemployment Benefits

The new resident can find unemployment benefits and other job security information by telephoning 253-593-7300 and 253-589-7119.

Child Care

Child Development Services (CDS)

Fort Lewis has an excellent child and youth services program, including accredited centers and certified family childcare homes. You can put your child's name on the waiting list by calling 253-967-2492 prior to your arrival at Fort Lewis. Bring shot records to register. Child and Youth Services office hours are 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri.

Child and Youth Services offers a variety of optional child care services to include: On-Sites Child Care for Organizations, Volunteer Child Care in Unit Settings, Parent Education, Resource and Referral for child care services and central registration for all CDS programs.

Registration

Upon arriving at Fort Lewis, we encourage you to make registration appointments to help reduce long lines and waiting. Call 253-967-2494 or DSN 312-357-2494 to make an appointment. The following documents are needed to register your child for any CDS program:

- Your ID Card (Active Duty or Military Family Member ID, DoD Civilian, DoD Government Contractor)
- Each child's up-to-date immunization records
- Three emergency points of contact (individuals other than you and your spouse who easily accessible within the local community)
- Your current end of the month Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and spouse's pay voucher
- Annual registration fee

Child Development Centers (CDC)

Quality child development programs have been awarded accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Comprehensive programs are available for children 6 weeks - 12 years of age. The curriculum, designed to promote social, physical and intellectual growth in children, emphasizes creative, developmentally appropriate activities and experiences.

Centers on Installation /Programs Available

There are three CDC facilities on Fort Lewis:

- Clarkmoor Child Development Center - Located in Building 2095 on Bitar Ave, the center can be reached by calling 253-967-2300. Programs include; a Part-day preschool program for children 3 to 5 years old. This program stresses school readiness through a curriculum designed to promote social, physical and intellectual growth. Full-day and hourly care for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years of age are also provided.
- Madigan Child Development Center: Located in Building 6995 on Jackson Ave, the center can be reached by calling 254-967-2800. Program available is Full-day care for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years.
- Beachwood Child Development Center - Located in Building 8300 on American Lake Ave, the center can be reached at 253-967-2600. Programs available include; Full-day care for children ages 6 weeks-5 years, Part-day preschool for children age 3-5 years old and before and/or after school hours care.

Family Child Care (FCC)

The FCC program offers homes certified for childcare in Fort Lewis military housing. Child care is provided for children ages 4 weeks - 12 years of age. All persons who provide child care in government quarters (over ten child hours per week) are required to be certified through this program. This requirement does not apply to the care given to children in the home of or by the parent or guardian.

School Age Services (SAS)

The SAS program offers Before/After school care for children kindergarten through 5th grade. The programs have been awarded accreditation by the National School Age Care Alliance. Transportation from all on-post schools is provided. The CYS SAS Program is located at the North Fort SAS Complex.

New Parent Support Program (NPSP)

NPSP is a community based parenting program. Home Visitors (HV) provide information and role modeling on a variety of parenting issues. Those eligible for services include expectant or new parents and families with children through the age of 5. Services are free, confidential, voluntary, and are provided by masters' level social workers and bachelor's level nurses. HV see families on post and off post, and in Pierce, Thurston, and South King Counties. Military and civilian agencies serving Army families are encouraged to make referrals to this program at 253-967-7409 DSN 312-357-7409.

The HV meet with families on an as needed basis and will schedule appointments to include the Soldier and spouse. They provide regular home visits at the convenience of clients. They work with families on a wide range of parenting issues or concerns about ages and stages of child development, behavior management and appropriate discipline, infant care skills and nutrition, communication and anger/stress management, and most of all, they are a great resource during deployment. HV make hospital visits to new moms at Madigan, and offer support services for when they return home.

Home Visitors facilitate "Baby Brigade", a support group for moms with babies that meets on Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the Rainbows and Raindrops (Parent/Child Play Center), North Fort Lewis, next to Beachwood CDC. Walk-ins are welcome. NPSP offers "Positive Parenting" classes on Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00pm at the same location. Classes run from Sept through May, with no classes in the summer months. Contact NPSP at 357-967-7409 or DSN 312-357-7409 for further information.

Base Policies*Home Alone*

Children under 12 years old will not be left alone in government quarters. Children will not be left in the care of anyone less than 13 years old. Children will not be supervised by someone under the age of 17 years old for long periods of time.

Curfew

All family members and guests 12 years old and younger will be in their quarters weekdays at 10:00 pm and weekends 11:00 pm, including holidays, unless accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

Youth Services

Youth Services

Fort Lewis Youth Services provides a wide range of activities for Middle School Age youth and teens. These activities include sports, leisure social recreation (youth center), middle school teens only activities, special needs recreation for those with disabilities and a host of activities geared to furthering the developmental needs of youth growing into adulthood.

Eligibility

Fort Lewis on-post youth activities are open to all eligible youth, whether they reside on-post, or off-post. Additionally, all DoD civilians working at Fort Lewis and nearby McChord Air Force Base are welcomed to our youth activities.

Teen Center

The Teen Zone is located in Building 2295 on the corner of 12th and Bitar. We offer social recreational programs and field trips. Instructional classes, such as karate, gymnastics and ballet are available as well. The Teen Zone has partnership programs with 4-H, Red Cross and Boys and Girls Club of America. You may reach the Teen Zone by calling 253-967-4441.

Youth Center

North Fort Youth Center is located in Building 8485 on American Lake Ave. This facility is an 18,500 square foot center which consists of multi-purpose courts, lounge, classrooms and a computer lab. We offer social recreational programs and field trips for Middle School Teens. The youth center has partnership programs with 4-H, Red Cross and Boys and Girls Club of America.

The 1st Friday of each month at the Fort Lewis Lodge is a welcome night for all middle schoolers and teens. A van will be available to transport the middle schoolers and teens to the Youth Center for fun evening of activities. A Youth Center representative will be available to provide program information about all the different social clubs and programs available on Fort Lewis.

The center can be reached by calling 253-966-7166 and the Youth Services Advisory Council can be reached at 253-967-1885.

Youth Sports

It is the goal of this program to offer healthy development of all children and youth. The Sports and Fitness Program's mission is to provide programs that foster the development of leadership, sportsmanship, team work skills and self confidence. This program provides a variety of opportunities for parental and command involvement that promotes positive attitudes in our youth, reinforcing the Army core values.

Parents and other interested adults can support the youths by serving as assistants and instructors, sports coaches, team moms, telephone committees and a variety of other positions on a volunteer basis. The Youth Sports office is located in Building 2166 and can be reached by calling 253-967-2405.

Youth Sponsorship Program

It is important for you to know that approximately 70 percent of Fort Lewis military families reside off-post as on post housing has a waiting list for most ranks. Our staff understands the impact this has upon new arrivals to Fort Lewis and we really hope you will take advantage of our youth sponsorship program. Youth sponsorship enables youth coming to Fort Lewis to meet new friends and visit the youth facilities available on Fort Lewis. Please submit the youth sponsorship form you find in the newcomer package, in advance of your arrival, or call 253-967-4441 for more information on this program.

On Post Amenities Available

Youth Services outdoor facilities include three soccer fields, three baseball fields and joint use facilities of football field, track and numerous on-post school fields. In addition, there are two swimming pools, a bowling center, a roller skating

rink, tennis courts and the golf course available for use by our Fort Lewis youth.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are very active on post, as are 4-H Clubs.

Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance

ACS Financial Readiness Program

For those families experiencing financial difficulty, the Financial Readiness Program is prepared to assist them in establishing a realistic budget. Information and literature on a variety of consumer-related issues, including processing of consumer complaints, are available.

Army Emergency Relief

For those active duty or retired military families who find themselves in unexpected, emergency financial situations, the Army Emergency Relief Program stands ready to assist them with an interest free loan or outright grant. The program also provides assistance to spouses and orphans of deceased service members. Active duty soldiers should apply to Army Emergency Relief through their unit commanders. Overview -- If you are having trouble managing your finances, The Financial Readiness Program will assist you. Individual budget counseling is provided to teach Soldiers how to increase their monthly cash flow. Check Writing and Money Management Classes are provided to educate Soldiers and their Families about savings and investment options to create future financial freedom. This program also screens Families for eligibility for Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA), a program designed to provide additional monies to support Soldier's families with food.

If you need financial assistance for rent, food, utilities, vehicle insurance, and unexpected vehicle repair, contact the Financial Readiness Program at 253-967-3525.

Consumer Affairs Office

The Consumer Affairs Office (CAO) serves as a consumer advocate for Soldiers and their Families. CAO serves as a mediator between Soldiers and business establishments. CAO is a one-stop service for Soldiers and their Families to save money. We maintain a library of consumer materials such as the Fort Lewis ACS Financial DVD. This can assist you in making wise decisions with large purchases and contract reviews. Our office will review contracts prior to signing, assist with price comparison and financing information, discuss warranties, and provide the client with negotiating power to make a purchase. Credit reports via annual creditreport.com , a report that provides a complete history on clients financial fitness, is available free of charge to soldiers making large purchases, or trying to finance a loan.

Cost of Living

There is a COLA entitlement for this area. The local area has a cost of living higher than the average for some major U.S cities.

Temporary Lodging

When you arrived at Fort Lewis with dependents, you are authorized to stay at the [Army Lodging](#). Even though, you can stay for 30 days, you will only get reimbursed for 10 days Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) Bring enough money to cover your 10 days (TLA). The average costs of temporary lodging on-post are around \$55 to \$70 per night . The average costs of off-post temporary lodging are between \$65 to \$105 per night.

Dislocation Allowance (DLA)

DLA is paid to cover the expense of physically relocating your family members and or household. DLA is based on member being with or without dependents and based upon a soldier pay grade. This can be advanced at your current duty station 100% or reimburse at your next duty station.

You must request DLA from the PCS Finance Office. If you don't ask for it, you're not going to get it. The dislocation allowance is not an advanced from your basic pay or a loan. It's money given to service member making a permanent change of station move.

Advanced Pay

Do not request advance pay from basic pay. This is a loan and you will pay the money back. Advanced pay repayment will be automatically withdrawn from your monthly pay. This will reduced your monthly income.

Average Costs for Rentals

- \$490.00 and up for 1 Bedroom
- \$625.00 and up for 2 Bedrooms
- \$875.00 and up for 3 Bedrooms

Average Costs for Home Buying

- \$170,000 and up for 1 Bedroom depending on location
- \$185,000 and up for 2 Bedrooms depending on location
- \$204,000 and up for 3 Bedrooms depending on location

Average Monthly Utilities

- Electric \$80-\$140
- Water \$60-\$80
- Gas \$40-\$60
- Trash Removal \$18-\$23

Legal Assistance

Legal Services

The Legal Assistance office is located in Bldg. 2027A on the corner of Liggett Ave and N. 8th St. The office is closed on Thursday morning. Services are available on a walk-in basis 9 am- 4 pm, Mon, Wed, Fri and Thurs, 1 pm - 2:30 pm.

For more information, call 253-966-7526.

Types of Services

Legal Assistance services include:

- Wills
- Family law issues
- Estate planning
- Financial
- Real estate
- Income tax, (Zaptax Jan - Apr at no charge)

Deployment Support

Family Deployment Support

The Mobilization and Deployment Program (MOB/DEP) provides professional and timely support to active duty, reserve and guard Soldiers and their family members through individual consultations, training programs and services developed to enhance the well-being and self-reliance of the Fort Lewis community. We aid unit commanders by providing pre-deployment briefings and by helping Soldiers and family members overcome the challenges of adapting to military life, develop effective coping skills and sustain mission and family readiness. Assistance is available during all stages of the deployment cycle: before, during, reintegration, and after. MOB/DEP can be reached by telephone at 253-967-9916, 253-966-5393 or by calling the ACS front desk at 253-967-7166.

All soldiers processing through the Fort Lewis Soldier Readiness Center (SRC) are briefed by a MOB/DEP Specialist on support services available to them and their families. The SRC carries a wide variety of resources available to soldiers such as booklets, handouts and lists of website addresses. One-on-one assistance is provided in completing and reviewing Family and Personal Care Plans.

Our MOB/DEP Specialists also go "On the Road" to units with Operation READY (Resources for Educating About Deployment and You), training classes and briefings on a variety of topics that include:

- Pre-deployment and Readiness
- Care Team Training
- Family and Personal Care Plans
- Homecoming and Reunion
- Reunion and Stress-coping Strategies
- Rear Detachment Training
- Family Readiness Group Training
- Spouse Battlemind

Military and Family Life Consultants (MFLC) are Master's Degree or PhD level Licensed Mental Health Professionals who provide situational, problem-solving consultations. No written records are kept and it is free to Soldiers and family members. MFLCs also work hand in hand with existing services and our MOB/DEP to provide consulting, education and training support such as: Combat Stress and Coping Strategies; Emotional Cycle of Deployment and Reintegration; Communication; Relationship Issues and Reestablishing Intimacy; Anger Management/Conflict Resolution; Parenting Skills; and, Children's Reaction to Deployment and Reunion. MFLCs are available on and off-post and can be reached by calling 253-495-8425 (on-post), 253-320-1707 (off-post) and evenings and weekends at 1-800-977-7595. In addition there are MFLCs dedicated to working with Child and Youth Services who can be reached at 253-677-3883.

Military One Source is an excellent resource for information and free counseling dealing with deployments. The program provides six short term problem resolution counseling sessions for couples, individuals and families. Sessions are offered in the local community by civilian counselors at no cost to the military family and are available 24-hours, seven days a week with services available in many languages and can be reached on their [website](#) or by telephone at 1-800-342-9647.

Support Groups associated with our program are:

Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) - The Family Resource Center (FRC) in Building 4274, serves as the center for Family Readiness Group requirements and assists the FRGs with installation support functions. The FRC supports commanders with programs that enhance family readiness by providing resource support, semi-annual training and guides FRG leaders and members in implementing a unit FRG. The facility has meeting spaces for FRG meetings, projects and briefings. There is a self-help automated production center for the development of FRG unit newsletters. Staff is available for technical assistance. The FRC is located on the corner of 9th Division and Idaho Street and can be reached by calling 253-967-9496.

The Virtual Family Readiness Group (VFRG) web system provides all of the functionality of a traditional FRG in an ad-hoc and on-line setting to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and families across all components of the Army. You can reach them on their [website](#).

Waiting Families Support Group (WFSG) - support services are provided to families residing on post or in the surrounding community who are geographically separated from their sponsor due to mission requirements. WFSG meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the ACS, Building 2140, Waller Hall, 1800 to 2000. Information can be found by calling 253-967-3635 or 253-967-3628.

Health Care - Overview

Moving With TRICARE

Your [TRICARE](#) coverage is completely portable—meaning it moves with you. You're covered worldwide—both in transit to your new duty location and once you arrive—but depending on where you go you may use a different TRICARE health plan option. Additionally, you may have different steps depending on which health plan option you are using now.

When Enrolled in a TRICARE Prime Option

The TRICARE Prime options include TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Prime Remote in the United States, and TRICARE Prime Overseas and TRICARE Global Remote Overseas in regions outside of the United States. Follow these simple steps to ensure you have no break in coverage when you move.

1. Do not disenroll from your TRICARE Prime option before you move.
2. Once you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in the [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System \(DEERS\)](#) immediately.
3. Select a new primary care manager (PCM), when moving within the same region or submit a new Prime enrollment form within 30 days if you're moving to a new region.

Where you are moving will determine which Prime option you will enroll in.

Prime Options in the United States

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime is offered in Prime service areas—geographic areas typically located around a military treatment facility—throughout the country.

- North Region [Health Net Federal Services, Inc.](#), 1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874 2273)
- South Region [Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.](#) 1-800444-5445
- West Region [TriWest Healthcare Alliance](#) 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378)

If you move to a new Prime service area, transfer your enrollment by submitting a TRICARE Prime Enrollment and PCM Change Form to your regional contractor. Be sure to include all family members who wish to use Prime on the form.

TRICARE Prime Remote

In non-Prime service areas, TRICARE offers TRICARE Prime Remote. To enroll, submit a TRICARE Prime Enrollment and PCM Change Form to your regional contractor. Any TRICARE-eligible family members living with you in a TRICARE Prime Remote area can enroll in TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members. Be sure to include them on the enrollment form.

Prime Options Outside of the United States

TRICARE Prime Overseas

TRICARE Prime Overseas is offered in overseas areas where there are military treatment facilities or areas in which TRICARE has established a network of qualified host nation providers.

- TRICARE Europe Toll free: 1-888-777-8343; Commercial 011-49-6302-67-7432; DSN 314-496-7432 Fax Numbers: Commercial 011-49-6302-67-6374; DSN 314-496-6374 or [e-mail](#)
- TRICARE Pacific Toll free: 1-888-777-8343; Commercial 011-81-6117-43-2036; DSN: 643-2036; Remote Sites: 011-65-6-338-9277 Fax Numbers: Commercial 011-81-611-743-2037; DSN: 643-2037 or [e-mail](#)
- TRICARE Latin America & Canada (TLAC) Address: TAO-LAC, Bldg 38802, Ft Gordon GA 30905-5650; Toll free 1-888-777-8343; 1-706-787-2424; DSN: 773-2424 Fax Number 1-706-787-3024 or [e-mail](#)

If you move to an area in which TRICARE Prime Overseas is offered, transfer your enrollment by submitting a TRICARE Prime Enrollment Form to the nearest TRICARE Service Center. Command-sponsored family members who reside with you are eligible for TRICARE Prime Overseas. Be sure to include all family members who wish to use TRICARE Prime Overseas on the form.

TRICARE Global Remote Overseas

TRICARE Global Remote Overseas is a Prime option offered in designated remote overseas locations. If you move to an area in which TRICARE Global Remote Overseas is offered, you and any authorized family members living with you may enroll by submitting a TRICARE Prime Enrollment Form to the nearest TRICARE Service Center.

Before you move to another overseas area or to an area within the United States, contact the nearest TRICARE Service Center. Then, when you arrive in your new area, transfer your enrollment.

When Using TRICARE Standard and Extra

TRICARE Standard and Extra are available to family members only. Active duty service members are required to enroll in one of the Prime options described above.

TRICARE Standard and Extra are available throughout the United States and enrollment is not required. Any active duty family member who is registered in DEERS may use these programs by seeing any network or non-network providers that are authorized by TRICARE. In areas outside of the United States, active duty family members who don't want to use a Prime option may use TRICARE Standard Overseas by seeing qualified host nation provider.

If you're already using TRICARE Standard and Extra, moving is easy.

1. Once you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) immediately.
2. Then, find TRICARE-authorized providers in your new area.

Here are a few things to remember about using TRICARE Standard and Extra in a new region

- In the U.S.: Visit your new regional contractor's Web site for a list of providers. Remember, if you see network providers, you'll be using the Extra option and pay lower copayments.
- Outside of the U.S.: Contact your TRICARE Service Center for help locating a qualified host nation provider. The TRICARE Extra option is not available in overseas areas.
- If you move to a new region, you'll have a new claims address for submitting your TRICARE claims.
- Learn your new region's prior authorization requirements because these requirements can differ by region.

When Using TRICARE For Life

TRICARE For Life—TRICARE's coverage for those who are eligible for Medicare—requires no enrollment and you'll have a smooth transition when you move. [TRICARE for Life](#) contact information: WPS TRICARE For Life, P.O. Box 7889, Madison, WI 53707-7889; 1-866-773-0404; TDD 1-866-773-0405

- Once you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) immediately.
- Find Medicare providers in your new area.

If you move overseas, your TRICARE For Life coverage may change depending on where you move. In U.S. Territories such as Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, TRICARE For Life coverage works the same as the stateside program. But, in all other overseas locations, TRICARE For Life Overseas works differently because Medicare does not provide coverage in most overseas locations. Therefore, TRICARE is the primary payer. You can get care from any host nation provider and you will be responsible for TRICARE deductibles and cost shares.

Contact the TRICARE Area Office for the overseas area where you are moving or the nearest American Embassy Health Unit for assistance finding a host nation provider.

Getting Care Along the Way

- Routine Medical and Dental Care—Get it before you go.

Before you move, make sure you've received any routine medical or dental care you think you might need during the time you'll be traveling. Or, delay the care until you get to your new duty location.

- Emergency Care in the United States—Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

TRICARE defines emergency care as medical services provided for a sudden or unexpected medical or psychiatric condition, or the sudden worsening of a chronic (ongoing) condition that is threatening to life, limb, or sight and needs immediate medical treatment, or which has painful symptoms that need immediate relief to stop suffering. If you're traveling near a military treatment facility (MTF), you should go to the MTF or military dental treatment facility for emergency services. If you are hospitalized in a civilian facility for more than 24 hours, contact your regional contractor

- Urgent care in the United States—Coordinate with your PCM and/or regional contractor

TRICARE defines urgent care as medical care for a condition that will not result in disability or death if not treated immediately but should be treated within 24 hours to avoid further complications. If you are in a Prime program, you must coordinate urgent care with your primary care manager and/or regional contractor before receiving care. If you are in TRICARE Standard and Extra or TRICARE For Life, you can receive care as you normally would. You should, however, contact your contractor as soon as possible to coordinate any prior authorizations that are needed.

- Emergency or Urgent care Overseas—Contact closest TRICARE Area Office or TRICARE Global Remote Call Center.

You don't need prior authorization for emergency or urgent care but the TRICARE Area Office or TRICARE Global Remote Call Center will help you find the best care available in the overseas area in which you are traveling.

Filling Prescriptions on the Road

You should have all your prescriptions filled before you leave, but if you need a prescription filled while you're traveling in the United States, you have several options:

- If near an MTF, fill the prescription at the MTF pharmacy.
- Find the closest TRICARE network pharmacy.
- If a network pharmacy is not available, you can visit a non-network pharmacy. In this case, you may have to pay up front for your medications and file a claim with Express Scripts, Inc., for reimbursement. For more details, visit the [TRICARE web site](#)
- The mail-order option is not recommended for a prescription you need right away, but if you'll be traveling for a long time, you can arrange for any regular prescriptions to be filled via the mail-order pharmacy.

Your pharmacy coverage is limited overseas:

- TRICARE network pharmacies are only located in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. You can have prescriptions filled at host-nation pharmacies, if necessary. Host-nation pharmacies are treated the same as non-network pharmacies. If you have prescriptions filled at a host-nation pharmacy, you should expect to pay for the total amount up front and file a claim with Wisconsin Physicians Service for partial reimbursement. To learn more about pharmacy claims, visit the [TRICARE web site](#).
- To use the mail-order pharmacy overseas, the prescription must be from a U.S. licensed provider and you must have an APO or FPO address.

If You Have Questions

Your regional contractors and TRICARE Area Offices are available to answer your questions. These offices are listed above. Find even more information about moving, updating DEERS, the TRICARE regions and much more at the [TRICARE web site](#).

Installation Specific Information*Medical Care*

Madigan Army Medical Center, (MAMC), located just a few minutes north of the Main Post, gives priority medical care to the nearly 21,000 soldiers on Fort Lewis and 6,000 active duty members on McChord Air Force Base. MAMC also provides care to 76,000 retirees and their family members. The medical center, staffed by nearly 3,000 medical, dental, nursing and administrative personnel, examines and treats nearly 800,000 outpatients each year.

The 120-acre site is the largest military hospital on the west coast. Madigan has an average daily inpatient census of about 124. The 9-year-old medical center has 172 beds for inpatients use, and can expand to accommodate 622 patients during medical emergencies. Outpatients are seen in the hospital's medical mall complex.

Madigan's ambulatory patient care service is one of the busiest in the country. Each day, some 32 surgeries are performed, 4,400 laboratory procedures are completed, 3,500 prescriptions are filled, 550 X-rays are made and six babies are delivered.

Madigan also oversees the operation of troop medical clinics and battalion aid stations on Fort Lewis. Madigan carries the regional responsibility for the Medical Activity at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and health clinics at Yakima Training Center, Army Depot in Oregon, and Camp Park in California.

Dental Care

The Fort Lewis Dental Activity consists of five on-post dental clinics and all dental specialties are represented at Fort Lewis. Each clinic has assigned units for which it is responsible.

Health Care - Special Needs

Exceptional Family Member Program

The [Exceptional Family Member Program](#) (EFMP) is mandatory for all family members who have been identified with a special medical or educational need. Enrolling in the EFMP ensures that the family member's medical needs will be considered during the assignment coordination process.

Military Treatment Facility

The clinics and services available at [Military Treatment Facilities](#) vary by location. Before you move, identify the MTF that will serve you, visit the MTF's website to learn about the clinics and services available and to get relevant contact information.

Moving to a New TRICARE Region

If you anticipate a move to another [TRICARE region](#), work with your local TRICARE Service Center (TSC) or case manager before your move to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. On arrival at the new duty location, your sponsor should contact the Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator (BCAC) or TSC to ensure the transition plans are in place and to obtain authorizations for TRICARE [Extended Care Health Option](#) (ECHO) services, if applicable.

Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator (BCAC)

All TRICARE Regional Offices and most MTFs are staffed with [BCACs](#) (formerly known as Health Benefits Advisors.) [BCACs](#) provide information, guidance and assistance on benefit options, TRICARE Prime enrollment, special authorizations, status of claims and eligibility, plus assistance with referrals and appointments. If you or your family member has a more severe medical need, contact your assigned [case manager](#).

Case Management

Case management involves a team of health care professionals who help you and your family to find solutions to complex health problems. It is important to inform your case manager if you are moving as he/she will connect you with the case manager at your new location.

Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)

TRICARE [ECHO](#) provides financial assistance to beneficiaries of active duty service members who qualify based on specific mental or physical disabilities. ECHO offers an integrated set of services and supplies beyond the basic TRICARE program. ECHO is administered by regional contractors in the TRICARE North, South, and West Regions and by TRICARE Regional Offices in overseas locations.

Transporting Medical Equipment

Your [Installation Transportation Office](#) has special procedures to follow for the transportation of medical equipment that is necessary for medical treatment required by the sponsor or family member. Some types of medical equipment may be shipped in the same manner as Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E).

Federal and State Health Care Programs

Medicaid - [Medicaid](#) pays for medical assistance for certain individuals and families with low incomes and resources. State Medicaid programs are usually administered by departments of social service or departments of medical assistance.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - [SSI](#) is a cash assistance program intended to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter for those who are aged, blind or disabled. It provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Families must reapply upon each move to another state.

Title V of the Social Security Act - Many states have services for children with special health care needs that are funded by the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, or [Title V](#). State departments of health web sites and local health departments will provide information on state health benefits for children with special health care needs. The Maternal and Child Health Bureaus' web site has Title V information organized by State that provide you with [Title V points of](#)

[contact](#) and other pertinent information.

Other Important Resources

Debt Collection Assistance Officer (DCAO) - TRICARE has a [DCAO](#) assigned to TRICARE Regional Offices and MTFs worldwide to help beneficiaries understand and get assistance with debt collection problems related to TRICARE. Individuals who have received a notice from a collection agency or a negative credit report because of a medical or dental bill should be referred to the nearest [DCAO](#).

Family Voices - [Family Voices](#) is a national, grassroots clearinghouse for information and education concerning the health care of children with special health needs. Family Voices also has [State points of contacts](#) with useful links to State programs and organizations.

Installation Specific Information

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) provides information and referral services for education, housing, support groups, medical and psychological diagnoses, and community and military issues and services for families with special needs.

For questions or concerns regarding the EFMP, contact one of the following staff at Army Community Service: EFMP-M, at 253-967-9704 or EFMP-C, at 253-967-9705.

Enrollment

Enrollment in EFMP is mandatory and assures the soldier that the Army military personnel office will do its best to match the soldier's grade and specialty with a location where the exceptional family member's needs can be met. EFMP enrollment is not a guarantee that a soldier will not deploy or serve an unaccompanied tour. Enrollment by itself is not grounds for deletions, deferments, or compassionate reassignments, but may be used to help substantiate a soldier's request.

For questions or concerns regarding enrollment, disenrollment, and/or updates, contact one of the following staff at Madigan Army Medical Center EFMP:

- 253-968-0255
- 253-968-1370
- 253-968-0254

ECHO -- For questions or concerns regarding Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) please contact the Medical Special Needs Advisor at 253-968-2314.

Education - Special Education/EIS

Exceptional Family Member Program

The [Exceptional Family Member Program](#) (EFMP) is mandatory for all family members who have been identified with a special medical or educational need. Enrolling in the EFMP ensures that the family member's medical needs will be considered during the assignment coordination process.

Children from Birth to Three Years of Age

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all States and territories to provide [early intervention services](#) to children from birth to age three who are developmentally delayed, or who are at high risk of being developmentally delayed. Early intervention services may be provided by local school districts or health departments. There is no common name across States for the programs, but you may hear them referred to as Part C programs (because Part C is the section of the IDEA that pertains to early intervention).

The [National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center](#) provides a list of State Part C directors and funded programs at their web site. [Military OneSource](#) can identify local early intervention programs for you.

- Parents of children who receive early intervention services should hand-carry a copy of the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) and most current evaluation reports to the new location.

Children from 3 through 21 Years of Age

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all States and Territories to provide [special education services](#) to children who are from 3 through 21 year of age. Each local school district has a special education director, and each school should have a case study committee or school based committee (terms differ) that attends to special education students' needs.

Parents of children receiving special education and related services should hand-carry all pertinent school and medical documents to include their children's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and current testing and evaluation reports to the new school.

The IDEA requires that if a child transfers to a district in the same state, the receiving school must provide comparable services to those in the child's IEP from the sending district's until the new school develops and implements a new IEP. If a child transfers to another State, the receiving district must provide comparable services to those in the child's IEP from the sending district until the receiving district completes an evaluation and creates a new IEP.

Others who can help you:

- **Parent Training and Information Centers** Each state is home to at least one Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). PTIs serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities: physical, cognitive, emotional, and learning. They help families obtain appropriate education and services for their children with disabilities; work to improve education results for all children; train and inform parents and professionals on a variety of topics; resolve problems between families and schools or other agencies; and connect children with disabilities to community resources that address their needs. [The Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers](#) provides addresses and phone number of the centers in your state.
- **STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents)** is a federally funded Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs. The staff of the [STOMP Project](#) are parents of children who have disabilities and have experience in raising their children in military communities and traveling with their spouses to different locations.

6316 So. 12th St.
Tacoma, WA 98465
253-565-2266 (v/tty)
1-800-5-PARENT (v/tty)
Fax: 253-566-8052

[Email](#)

Installation Specific Information

Special Education is instruction that is specially designed to meet the unique needs and abilities of a student with disabilities. It must be provided at no cost to the student or parent.

Every eligible student who has a disability and is in need of special education and related services has the basic right, guaranteed by state and federal law, to a free and appropriate public education designed to meet his or her unique education needs. Services are mandated for all eligible students aged 3 through 21.

Special Education Service Include

- Classroom and itinerant instruction
- Physical education instruction
- Home instruction
- Hospital and institutional instruction and instruction in other settings
- Communication Disorders Services
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and mobility instruction
- Behavioral intervention
- Audiological Services
- Specially Designed Career Development
- Vocational Education

Under Special Related Services means transportation and developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist a student to benefit from special education.

Related Service Include

- Communication disorders services and audiology
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Recreation (including therapeutic recreation)
- Early identification and assessment of disabilities in students
- Counseling Services, including Rehabilitation Counseling
- Medical services for diagnostic or assessment purposes
- Orientation and Mobility Services
- School Health Services
- Social Work services in school
- Parent Counseling and Training
- Classified Staff Services

Children Enrolled in Private Schools by their Parents

Some children with disabilities are enrolled in private schools by their parents. School districts are not required to pay for the cost of education, including special education and related services, of a child with a disability at a private school or facility if the school district made a free appropriate public education available to the child and the parents chose, instead, to place the child in a private school, or facility. However, the school district will include that child in the group of students who may participate as described in "Limitation on Services."

Limitations on Services

Children who enrolled by their parents in private schools may participate in publicly funded special education and related services. Federal law limits the amount that school districts must spend for these services.

Federal law permits special education and related services to provide at the private school to the extent consistent with state law. Washington law prohibits the provision of services, materials, or equipment of any nature to or on the sites of any private school or agency subject to religious control.

Disagreements between a parent and the school district about the availability of any appropriate program and the question of who pays for it may be settled in a due process hearing.

Contact Information

N 12th Street & Pendleton Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-3635 / 253-967-3550 /
253-967-3633
Phone (DSN) 312-357-3635/3550
Fax 253-967-3607

[Email](#)

Adult Education Centers

Stone Education Center
6242 Colorado Avenue
Bldg 6242
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-7174
Phone (DSN) 312-357-7295
[Email](#)
[Website](#)
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Barracks/Single Service Member Housing

525 Replacement Company
2026 Pendleton Street
Bldg 2026
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-7004

Open 24/7

Beauty/Barber Shops

Beauty/Barber Shops
5280 41st Division Drive
Bldg P5280
Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500
Phone 253-964-3252

Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinators

Tricare
9040 Fitzsimmons Drive
Bldg 9040, MAMC
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
[Website](#)
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Chapels

Main Post Chapel
2001 South Liggett and Division Drive
Bldg 2001
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-4849
Phone (DSN) 312-357-4849
[Website](#)
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Child Development Centers

Clarkmoor Child Development Center
2295 Bitar Avenue
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-2300 / 253-967-7561
Phone (DSN) 312-357-2300/7561
[Website](#)
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Child Development Centers

Madigan Child Development Center
6695 Jackson Avenue
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-2800/5800
Phone (DSN) 312-357-2800/5800
[Email](#)
[Website](#)
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Child and Youth Registration and Referral

Family Child Care
2013B N. 3rd Street
Bldg 2013B
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253- 967-2494
Phone (DSN) 312-357-2494
[Email](#)
[Website](#)
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Citizenship and Immigration Services

Relocation Readiness Program (RRP)
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2140, Waller Hall
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-3628 / 253-967-3633 / 253-967-3550
Phone (DSN) 312-357-3628
Fax 253-967-3607
Fax (DSN) 312-357-3607
[Email](#)
[Website](#)
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Civilian Personnel Office

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
2015 Pendleton & N. 4th Street
Bldg 2015

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-2131 / 253-967-2133

Phone (DSN) 312-357-2131/ 2133

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Commissary/Shoppette

Madigan Shoppette w/ Gas
9052 Jackson Avenue
Bldg 9052

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-964-2160

Open 24/7

Commissary/Shoppette

Commissary
5275 Pendleton Road
Bldg 5275

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-5808 / 253-967-5792

Phone (DSN) 312-347-8456

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00

p.m.

Thursday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dental Clinics

Dental
9040 Jackson Avenue
MAMC

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-968-1240

Phone (DSN) 312-782-1240

[Website](#)

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Emergency Relief Services

Army Emergency Relief
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2140 Waller Hall

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-9916 / 253-967-9852

Phone (DSN) 312-357-9916

Fax (DSN) 312-357-3311

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Exceptional Family Member Program/Special Needs

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2140 Waller Hall

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-3451/7166/9704

Fax (DSN) 312-357-3311

[Website](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Exchange(s)

Main PX
5280 41st Division Drive
Bldg P5280

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-964-3161

[Website](#) [Website](#)

Monday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Family Advocacy Program

Family Advocacy Program
2013B N. 3rd Street
Building 2013B

3rd Floor

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-3583 (Sexual Assault Response Coordinator) / 253-966

-7233 (24/7 Hotline) / DSN 312-357-3583 (Sexual Assault Response Coordinator)

Phone (DSN) 312-357-3583 / 312-347-7233 (24/7 Hotline)

Fax 253-967-5936

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Family Center

Army Community Service
Box 339500
Bldg. 2140

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-AFTB

Phone (DSN) 312-357-2382

Fax 253-967-3659

Fax (DSN) 312-357-3659

[Website](#)

Family Child Care/Child Development Homes

Family Child Care
2013B N. 3rd Street
Bldg 2013B

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253- 967-2494

Phone (DSN) 312-357-2494

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Finance Office

9th Finance Battalion/Defense Military Pay Office

2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg. 2140 Waller Hall

Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500

Phone 253-967-4486 / 253-966-0799 /
253-967-3951

Phone (DSN) 312-357-4486/3951/0799

[Website](#)

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00
p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Financial Institutions

America's Credit Union
2201 Pendelton Avenue
Bldg. 2201

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-964-3113

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Gymnasiums/Fitness Centers

Nelson Recreation Center
3168 2nd Division Drive
Bldg 3168

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-2539

[Website](#)

Gymnasiums/Fitness Centers

Sheridan Physical Fitness Center
3759 Stryker Avenue
Bldg 3759

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-7311

[Website](#)

Monday - Thursday 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Household Goods/Transportation Office (inbound)

Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO)

2140 Liggett Avenue
BLDG 2140 Waller Hall

ROOM 500

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-5293 / 1-800-521-9959

Phone (DSN) 312-357-5093

Fax 253-967-9475

Fax (DSN) 312-357-9475

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

and 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Financial Institutions

Armed Forces Bank, N.A.

Fort Lewis - Main Branch
Bldg. 2130

N 12th Pendleton

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-964-9266

[Email](#)

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Golf Courses

Golf Course

1530 Mounts Road
I-5, Exit 116

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-6522

Phone (DSN) 312-357-6522

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Sunday 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Gymnasiums/Fitness Centers

Soldiers Field House Pool
3236 2nd Div and Handrich
Bldg 3236

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-5390

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hospital/Medical Treatment Facility(s)

Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC)

9040 Fitzsimmons Drive
Bldg 9040

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-968-1110 / 253-968-1145

Phone (DSN) 312-782-1110

[Website](#)

24/7 automated phone system

Household Goods/Transportation Office (outbound)

Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO)

2140 Liggett Avenue
Building 2140 Waller Hall

ROOM 500

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-5293 / 1-800-521-9959

Phone (DSN) 312-357-5093

Fax 253-967-9475

Fax (DSN) 312-357-9475

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Housing Office/Government Housing*Housing*

2150 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2150

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-912-2150

[Email](#)

[Website](#) [Website](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ID/CAC Card Processing*ID Card Issuing Facility*

2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg. 2140 Waller Hall

Rm 101

Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500

Phone 253-967-5065

Phone (DSN) 312-357-5065

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legal Services/JAG*Legal Assistance Office*

2027A 8th and Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2027A

Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500

Phone 253-966-7526

Phone (DSN) 312-347-7526

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Loan Closet*Loan Closet*

2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2140, Waller Hall

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-3645 / 253-967-3635

Fax (DSN) 312-357-3607

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Military Clothing Sales*Military Clothing Sales*

2202 Pendleton Avenue
Bldg 2202, Mini Mall

Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500

Phone 253-964-3966 / 253-964-3749

Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Housing Referral Office/Housing Privatization*Housing*

2150 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2150

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-912-2150

[Email](#)

[Website](#) [Website](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Information and Referral Services*Army Community Service (ACS) - Information and Referral*

2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2140, Waller Hall,

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-7166

Phone (DSN) 312-357-7166

Fax (DSN) 312-357-3311

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Library*Library*

2109 Liggett and Pendleton
Bldg 2109

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-7736

Phone (DSN) 312-357-7736

Fax 253-967-3922

Fax (DSN) 312-357-3922

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation)*Morale, Welfare & Recreation*

2013 North 3rd Street
Bldg 2013

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-5200

Phone (DSN) 312-357-5200

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

New Parent Support Program*Family Advocacy Program*

2013B N. 3rd Street
Building 2013B

3rd Floor

Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-3583 (Sexual Assault Response Coordinator) / 253-966

-7233 (24/7 Hotline) / DSN 312-357-3583 (Sexual Assault Response

Coordinator)

Phone (DSN) 312-357-3583 / 312-347-7233 (24/7 Hotline)

Fax 253-967-5936

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) Human Resources

Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF)
2015 Pendleton & 4th Street
Bldg 2015

Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-7776

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Personnel Support Office

Outprocessing
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg. 2140 Waller Hall Welcome Center
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-2975 / 253-967-3940
Phone (DSN) 312-357-2795

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Relocation Assistance Program

Relocation Readiness Program (RRP)
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2140, Waller Hall
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-3628 / 253-967-3633 /
253-967-3550
Phone (DSN) 312-357-3628
Fax 253-967-3607
Fax (DSN) 312-357-3607

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Restaurants/Fast Food

Especially Espresso
2166 12th Division & Liggett
Bldg 2166

Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500
Phone 253-964-8838

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Retirement Services

Retirement Service Office
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg. 2140 Waller Hall
Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500
Phone 253-966-5881 / 253-966-5882
Phone (DSN) 312-347-5881/5882

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Personal Financial Management Services

Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg. 2140 Waller Hall
Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 235-967-7166 / 253-967-3525

Phone (DSN) 312-357-3525

Fax 253-967-3311

Fax (DSN) 312-357-3311

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Personnel Support Office

Inprocessing
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg. 2140 Waller Hall Welcome Center
Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253-967-3995 / 253-967-3967 / 253-967-7438

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Restaurants/Fast Food

Cascade Community Center
2400 Bitar Avenue
Bldg 2400

Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500

Phone 253-967-4986

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (hours may vary)

Restaurants/Fast Food

Russell Landing Cafe
8981 American Lake Avenue
Bldg. 8981

North Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500

Phone 253-966-0400

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

School Age Care

Beachwood School -Age Center
8300 American Lake Drive
Fort Lewis, WA 98433

Phone 253- 967-2600 / 253-967-2084

Phone (DSN) 312-357-2600 /2084

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

School Liaison Office/Community Schools

School Liaison Office
 2140 Liggett Avenue
 Bldg 2140 Waller Hall
 Fort Lewis, WA 98433
 Phone 253-967-7195
 Phone (DSN) 312-357-7195

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Temporary Lodging/Billeting

Fort Lewis Lodge
 2111 Utah Avenue
 Bldg 2111
 Fort Lewis, WA 98433-0085
 Phone 253-964-0211
 Phone (DSN) 312-357-5051/2815

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Open 24/7

Travel Office

Leisure Travel Center
 2166 Liggett Avenue
 Bldg 2166
 Fort Lewis, WA 98433
 Phone 253-967-3085
 Phone (DSN) 312-357-5319

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary Services
 9988 McKinley Avenue
 Bldg 9988
 Stray Animal Facility/Old MAMC
 Fort Lewis, WA 98433
 Phone 253-967-2977

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Spouse Education, Training and Careers

Employment Readiness Program
 2140 Liggett Avenue
 Bldg 2140 Waller Hall
 Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500
 Phone 253-967-3538
 Phone (DSN) 312-357-3538
 Fax 253-967-3311

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program

Army Career & Alumni Program (ACAP)
 2013 North 3rd Street
 Bldg 2013B
 Fort Lewis, WA 98433
 Phone 253-967-3258
 Phone (DSN) 312-357-3258
 Fax 253-967-4416
 Fax (DSN) 312-357-4416

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

VA Facilities

American Lake VA Hospital
 9600 Veterans Drive SW
 Tacoma, WA 98433
 Phone 253-582-8440
[Website](#)
 24/7 automated phone system

Victim Advocate Services

Family Advocacy Program
 2013B N. 3rd Street
 Building 2013B
 3rd Floor
 Fort Lewis, WA 98433
 Phone 253-967-3583 (Sexual Assault Response Coordinator) / 253-966-7233 (24/7 Hotline) / DSN 312-357-3583 (Sexual Assault Response Coordinator)
 Phone (DSN) 312-357-3583 / 312-347-7233 (24/7 Hotline)
 Fax 253-967-5936

[Website](#)

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Welcome/Visitors Center

Waller Hall
2140 Liggett Avenue
Bldg 2140
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-7446
Phone (DSN) 312-357-4873
[Website](#)
Open 24/7

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC & WIC-O)

WIC
9927B East Johnson
Madigan Army Medical Center
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-968-4772 / 253-968-4773
Phone (DSN) 312-357-4772
[Website](#)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. -
4:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Youth Programs/Centers

Main Youth Center/ Sports
2295 12th & Bitar
Bldg 2295
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-967-4441/2905
Phone (DSN) 312-357-4441/2905
[Website](#)
Tuesday - Thursday 2:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Youth Programs/Centers

North Fort Youth Center (Middle School and Teen Center)
8584 American Lake Drive
Bldg. 8584
Fort Lewis, WA 98433
Phone 253-966-7166
Phone (DSN) 312-347-7166
[Website](#)
Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Major Units

42nd Military Police Brigade

Contact Information:

CDR

COM 253-967-3121

DSN: 312-357-3121

64TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-0823

DSN: 312-357-0823

Other Units:

504th Military Police

CDR

COM: 253-967-7300

DSN: 312-357-7300

66th MP Co

CDR

COM 253-966-4418

DSM 312-347-4418

170th MP Co

CDR

COM: 253-967-3603

DSN: 312-357-3603

571st MP Co

CDR

COM 253-966-8236

DSN 312-357-8236

Regional Confinement Facility

Confinement Officer

COM 253-967-8182

DSN 312-357-8182

WESTERN REGION (ROTC) U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-4976

DSN: 312-357-4976

FAX: 253-357-9572

4/6th AIR CAV

Contact Information:

Staff Duty

COM: 253-966-7151

DSN: 312-347-7151

Other Units:

8th Brigade

CDR

COM: 253-955-7572

9th Brigade

CDR

COM: 847-266-3100

10th Brigade

CDR

COM: 573-596-0276

11th Brigade

CDR

COM: 719-526-1743

12th Brigade

CDR

COM: 210-295-2015

13th Brigade

CDR

COM: 253-967-5561

DSN: 312-357-5561

14th Brigade

CDR

COM: 831-242-7689

1 CORPS

Contact Information:

CDR

COM 253-967-0100

DSN 312-357-0100

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-968-1215

DSN: 312-782-1215

NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-2487

DSN: 312-357-2487

1ST SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-8600

DSN: 312-357-8600

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion

COM: 253-968-7167

DSN: 312-782-7167

2D BN (RANGER) 75TH INF

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-7616

DSN: 312-357-7616

6TH MILITARY POLICE GROUP (CID)

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-2252

DSN: 312-357-2252

22D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION (CID)

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-7949

DSN: 312-357-7949

66TH CBT AVN BDE/CAMP MURRAY

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-3400

DSN: 312-357-3400

311TH COSCOM (FWD)

Contact Information:

OIC

COM 253-966-6349

DSN 312-347-6349

44TH MILITARY POLICE DET (CID)

Contact Information:

DET CDR

COM: 253-967-7839

DSN: 312-357-7839

142D SIGNAL BDE (FWD)

Contact Information:

DBCR

COM 253-967-6295

DSN 312-357-6295

Other Units:

29th Signal Battalion

BN CDR

COM: 253-967-3650

DSN: 312-357-3650

3d ORDNANCE BATTALION

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-1971

DSN: 312-357-1971

DIRECTOR OF DENTAL SERVICES

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-968-4035

DSN: 312-782-4035

3RD BDE/2D INF DIV

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-9601

DSN: 312-357-9601

Other Units:

2-3 In Bn, 3d BDE, 2ID

CDR

COM: 253-966-5367

DSN: 312-347-5367

5-20 IN Bn, 3d BDE, 2ID

CDR

COM: 253-967-2376

DSN: 312-357-2376

1-23 In BN, 3d BDE, 2ID

CDR

COM: 253-967-3263

DSN: 312-357-3263

1-14 Cav Bn, 3d BDE, 2ID

CDR

COM: 253-967-5233

DSN: 312-347-5233

1-37 FA BN, 3d BDE, 2ID

CDR

COM: 253-967-6213

DSN: 312-357-6213

209 MI

CDR

COM: 253-967-5714

DSN: 312-357-5714

296th BSB BN, 3d BDE, 2ID

CDR

COM: 253-967-2006

DSN: 312-357-2006

334th SIG Co

CDR

COM: 253-967-2432

DSN: 312-357-2432

18 EN CO

CDR

COM: 253-966-5870

DSN: 312-347-5870

C/52 AT CO

CDR

COM: 253-967-7566

DSN: 312-357-7566

62ND MEDICAL BRIGADE

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-2791

DSN: 312-357-2791

201ST M.I. BDE

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-6235

DSN: 312-357-6235

502d MI BN

Other Units:

CDR

COM: 253-967-4497

DSN: 312-357-4497

47th CSH

CDR

COM: 253-966-0300

DSN: 312-347-0300

227th Med Det

CDR

COM: 253-966-8659

DSN: 312-347-8659

43d Multi-Functional Medical BN

CDR

COM: 253-967-2791

DSN: 312-357-2791

54th Med Det

CDR

COM: 253-966-7931

DSN: 312-347-7931

98th Med Det

CDR

COM 253-966-9117

DSN 312-347-9117

102d Fwd Surg Team

CDR

COM 253-967-4722

DSN 312-357-4722

218th Med Det

CDR

COM 253-966-7341

DSN 312-347-7341

227th Med Det

CDR

COM 253-966-8659

DSN 312-347-8659

250th Fwd Surg Team

CDR

COM 253-966-8200

DSN 312-347-8200

514th Med Co

CDR

COM 253-967-1036

DSN 312-357-1036

520th Fwd Surg Team

CDR

COM 253-967-1149

DSN 312-357-1149

514th Med Co

CDR

COM: 253-967-6515

DSN: 312-357-6515

520th Med Co

CDR

COM: 253-967-5453

DSN: 312-357-5453

547th Med Co

CDR

COM 253-967-1175

DSN 312-357-1175
 551th Med Co
 CDR
 COM 253-967-1258
 DSN 312-357-1258
 673d Med Det
 CDR
 COM 253-966-7336
 DSN 312-347-7336

555TH MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE (PROV)

Contact Information:

CDR
 COM: 253-967-8152
 DSN: 312-357-8152

Other Units:

864th Engr Battalion
 CDR
 COM: 253-966-7051
 DSN: 312-347-7051
 14th Engr Battalion
 CDR
 COM: 253-966-6621
 DSN: 312-347-6621
 555th Engr Bn BDE
 CDR
 COM: 253-967-9749
 DSN: 312-357-9749
 5-5th Air Defense Art
 CDR
 COM: 253-967-2586
 DSN: 312-357-2586
 23d Chem Bn
 CDR
 COM: 253-966-4835
 DSN: 312-347-4835

NCO ACADEMY

Contact Information:

Commandant
 COM: 253-967-6581
 DSN: 312-357-6581

17TH FIRES BRIGADE

Contact Information:

CDR
 COM: 253-967-2069
 DSN: 312-357-2069

<http://www.lewis.army.mil/17FA/Other Units:5/3d FA>
[BNCDRCOM: 253-966-5353](#)[DSN: 312-347-5353](#)[1-377 FA](#)
[BNCDRCOM: 253-967-6762](#)[DSN: 312-357-6762](#)[308th CS](#)
[BSBCDRCOM: 253-967-1921](#)[DSN: 312-357-1921](#)

593RD CORPS SUPPORT GROUP

Contact Information:

CDR
 COM: 253-966-1494
 DSN: 312-347-1494

Other Units:

80th Ordnance Battalion
 CDR
 COM: 253-966-0006
 DSN: 312-347-0006
 57th Transportation Battalion
 CDR
 COM: 253-967-6975
 DSN: 312-357-6975
 9th Finance Battalion
 CDR
 COM: 253-967-5011
 DSN: 312-357-5011
 22d Personnel Service Battalion
 CDR
 COM: 253-968-9089
 DSN: 312-782-9089

Western Regional Veterinary Command

Contact Information:

Veterinary Command
 COM: 253-968-5528
 DSN: 312-782-5528

51ST SIGNAL BATTALION

Contact Information:

CDR
 COM: 253-967-5304
 DSN: 312-357-5304

110TH CHEMICAL BATTALION (TE)

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-8302

DSN: 312-357-8302

5TH BRIGADE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-966-7308

DSN: 312-347-7308

Other Units:

2-1 INF BN

CDR

COM: 253-967-2709

DSN: 312-357-2709

4-23 INF BN

CDR

COM: 253-966-5879

DSN: 312-347-5879

1-17 INF BN

CDR

COM: 253-967-1207

DSN: 312-357-1207

8-1 CAV BN

CDR

COM: 253-966-5139

DSN: 312-347-5139

3-17 FA BN

CDR

COM: 253-967-6390

DSN: 312-357-6390

402nd BSB

CDR

COM: 253-967-1641

DSN: 312-357-1641

A 52 AT

CDR

COM: 253-967-5642

DSN: 312-357-5642

562nd ENG

CDR

COM: 253-966-8375

DSN: 312-347-8375

572nd MICO

CDR

COM: 253-966-5129

DSN: 312-347-5129

21st Signal

CDR

COM: 253-966-8074

DSN: 312-347-8074

191st INFANTRY BRIGADE

Contact Information:

CDR

COM: 253-967-8509

DSN: 312-357-8509

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COM: 253-966-5540

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2-23 INF

CDR

COM: 253-967-5976

DSN: 312-357-5976

1-38 INF

CDR

COM: 253-966-1096

DSN: 312-347-1096

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CDR

COM: 253-967-5106

DSN: 312-357-5106

2-12FA

CDR

COM: 253-967-5438

DSN: 312-357-5438

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