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Soldiers and family members had fun at the Corvias Pool Party, held at the Dogwood Community Center July 24. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)



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Hosted by:

Garrison Commander, COL Barlow

Superintendent, Mr. Bartz

Located at Fort Polk's Warrior Center

VERNON PARISH SCHOOLS

TOWNHALL

AUGUST 4TH

5:30PM

Additional attendees:

Parkway Principal, Ms. Peters

Vernon Middle Principal, Ms. Poteat

Leesville Junior High Principal, Ms. Horton

Leesville High Principal, Mr. Maddox

Fort Polk School Liaison Officers

OUTSIDE THE GATES

OFF POST

EVENTS

1 Aug.

Back to School Bash

LEESVILLE, LA.

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1 Aug.

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4 Aug.

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4 Aug.

Leesville National Night Out

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7-8, 14-15 Aug.

Foolish Fishgirls & the Pearl

DERIDDER, LA.

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Col. Robichaux's last flight, 1-5 Aviation Battalion changes command

In a ceremony steeped in Army tradition, Lt. Col. Kenneth G. Williard assumes command of 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment as Col. John F. Robichaux, who led the battalion for the last two years, bids them farewell.



By Karen Sampson

Fort Johnson Garrison Public Affairs Office

FORT POLK, LA. — A change of command for 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment was held July 17 at the battalion's headquarters at Maks Airfield.

Soldiers, families and the community watched as Col. Kenneth G. Williard accepted command and took the battalion's colors as the community bid farewell to current commander Col. John F. Robichaux.

"I'd like to focus and try to describe the immense leadership challenge that comes with commanding 1-5 Aviation Battalion here at Fort Polk," said Col. Adam Barlow, garrison commander. "It's true, the purpose of this organization is to flawlessly provide aviation support for the Joint Readiness Training Center; in fact, that is the reason the unit is here and their decisive purpose for the installation."

Barlow accurately described 1-5 AV Bn. as Jedi Knight-level aviators capable of search and rescue and medical evacuation in the worst conditions and situations.

They are also capable of air assault operations and replicating enemy attacks, which relentlessly wreak necessary havoc on rotational training units at Fort Polk.

"It's amazing that the battalion executes all these tasks flawlessly, without any mission denied," he said.

The battalion not only takes care of aviators, but they also care for smaller units assigned to Fort Polk.

These include the reception company, military police, Military Working Dogs, parachute riggers, garrison staff and staff assigned to JRTC.

"The professionals standing in formation in front of you operate at the highest levels with the highest standards, achieving the highest results," Barlow said.

Robichaux credited his success to his family, the Diamondback Soldiers and the mentorship from JRTC and Fort Polk's command teams.

"The pride I have for this battalion is unmatched," Robichaux said.

Robichaux emphasized some of the fond memories made during his command.

"During training, we stole missions from the Coast Guard, flew the Chief of Staff of the Army, practiced dog attacks on each other, shook and rigged parachutes, deactivated countless explosive threats to the community, arrested a sergeant major and me, and worked tirelessly on weekends flying JRTC's observer-coach trainers to support the war

fighters in the training area," Robichaux said.

"The term, 'no mission denied,' is absolutely on display these past two years and I am proud of you," he said.

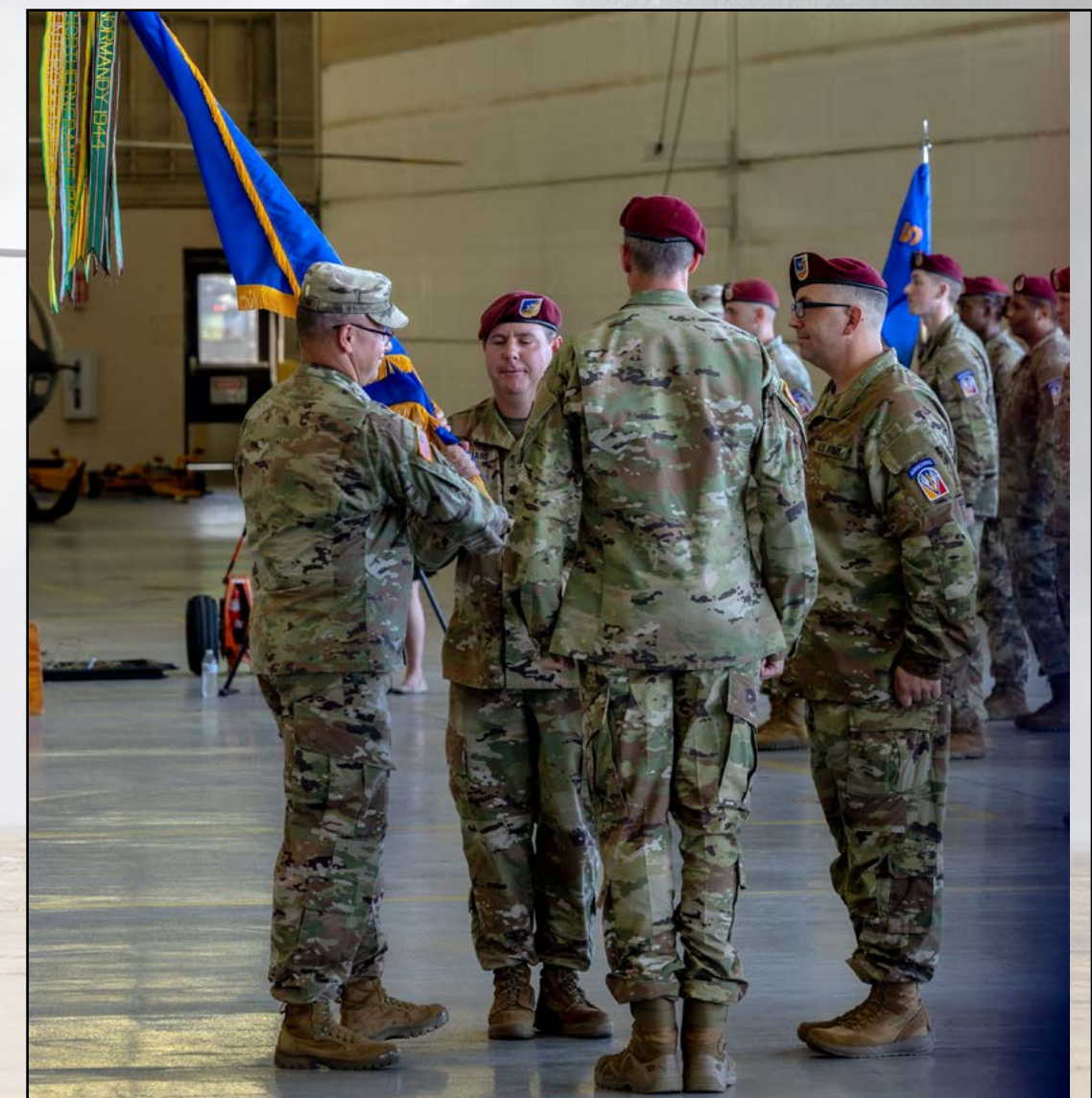
Col. Robichaux and his family will move to Sembach, Germany. Robichaux will serve as Global Health Engagement Officer for the 68th Theater Medical Command.

"Col. Robichaux and Laura, thank you for the exceptional leadership and dedication you have poured into this battalion over the last two years," Williard said. "Your legacy will be missed."

Lt. Col. Williard's history is with the Joint Readiness Training Command Operations Group at Fort Polk.

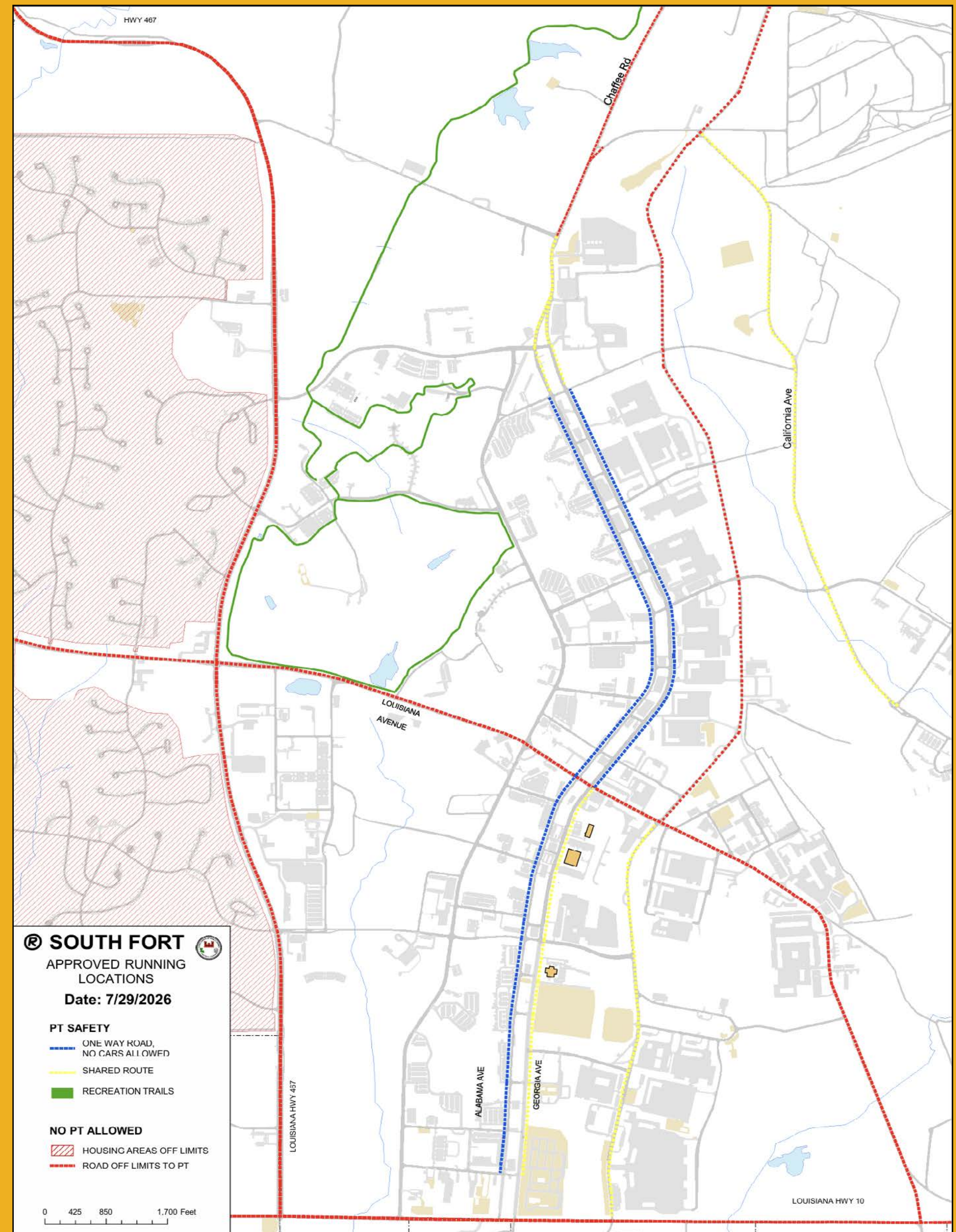
He has worked with Aviation plans, operations and training, as well as serving as the officer in charge of the Aviation and Airspace Group.

"Diamondbacks, you look great in formation today," Williard said. "I've been consistently impressed over the last two years with everything that you guys have been able to accomplish. You're one of the backbones of this organization and help the Joint Readiness Training Center prepare units for the hardest day of ground combat every day. I look forward to writing the next chapter and serving with each and every one of you."



PT SAFETY: KNOW THE ROUTES, STAY ALERT, STAY ALIVE

- **Use approved routes ONLY:** Stick to the designated blue, yellow and green PT routes on the official map.
- **Housing areas are OFF-LIMITS:** Do not conduct physical training in any housing area.
- **Be seen, be safe:** Use reflective belts or vests during hours of limited visibility.
- **Drivers, slow down:** Reduce speed to required posted speed and give a wide berth when passing children, personnel and formations on shared routes.





JRTC, Fort Polk kick off Antiterrorism Awareness Month

By DPTMS

FORT POLK, LA. — The Army has designated August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month, a time for the entire community to focus on training, education and heightened awareness to protect our nation from the persistent threat of terrorism. As we look toward the future, the nature of these threats continues to evolve, demanding a proactive and adaptive approach to our security.

The threat of violent extremism is not confined to a single ideology, political belief or religious affiliation. It is a danger that can emerge from any corner of communities. The rapid evolution of online communication platforms has made extremist ideologies and propaganda more accessible than ever, complicating efforts to identify and intercept individuals on a path toward violence.

To effectively counter these evolving threats in 2026, the Army is introducing a new overarching theme: “Anticipate, Adapt, and Achieve,” which focuses on building a resilient and forward-thinking AT posture. This year’s efforts are guided by four new, interconnected themes designed to strengthen our collective defense:

Creating Depth: This theme emphasizes the importance of a multi-layered security approach. It is not enough to simply protect our installations at the perimeter; we must build resilience from within. This includes fostering a security-conscious mindset in every Soldier, civilian and family member and ensuring that our protective measures are robust and adaptable.

Emergent Thinking: The threats of tomorrow will not look like the threats of today. Emergent

thinking challenges us to anticipate new and unforeseen tactics, techniques and procedures that could be employed by adversaries. By encouraging creative and critical thought, we can develop innovative solutions to stay ahead of the curve and better prepare for future challenges.

AT Posture Review: Continuous improvement is essential to effective antiterrorism. This theme calls for a comprehensive review of our current AT plans, procedures and capabilities. Through rigorous assessments and exercises, we will identify strengths, address vulnerabilities and ensure that our posture is aligned with the current threat environment and ready to meet future demands.

Expanding Terrorism Prevention and Awareness: Prevention is our most powerful weapon against terrorism. This theme focuses on expanding the reach of our awareness campaigns and educational programs. By empowering every member of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk community with the knowledge to recognize and report suspicious activity, the installation’s first line of defense is strengthened. This includes enhancing partnerships with local law enforcement and community leaders to create a united front against extremism.

The iWatch Army program remains a cornerstone of community-based security efforts. The message is simple: if you See Something, Say Something. Every member of the Fort Polk community has a role to play in this critical mission. Many potential tragedies have been averted because an alert individual

noticed something out of place and reported it. Your vigilance protects your family, your neighbors and the nation.

Throughout August, the AT Branch will be actively promoting these themes through various channels, including posters, brochures, and informational briefings. We encourage everyone to engage with these materials and participate in AT Awareness Month activities that will teach the Fort Polk community about terrorist threats and the actions to take, detect and deter terrorists by reporting all suspicious activities.

Many people have noticed something that raised their suspicions and made that simple call to 726-7801-2677.

To those concerned heroes, thank you. It only takes one report to prevent something atrocious. Antiterrorism representatives will be available to answer any questions regarding AT Awareness and iWatch, as well as handing out brochures and other items that remind us to stay vigilant.

Every member of the Army community plays a part in this fight. Preventing terrorism is possible by increasing awareness and vigilance. If every individual recognizes and reports suspicious activities, the Army team will succeed together.

Remember, security is everyone’s responsibility. By working together, everyone can ensure the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk remains safe and secure.

If you have any questions regarding AT Awareness and iWATCH, call 520-692-3478 or email mitchell.smith3.civ@army.mil or Adam Lynn at 520-692-3394, email: adam.t.lynn.civ@army.mil.

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ANTITERRORISM

AWARENESS MONTH

★ AUGUST 2026 ★



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BE VIGILANT
Stay alert to your surroundings and report suspicious activity.



REPORT
Report suspicious behavior, persons, or activities to the proper authorities.



PROTECT
Protect our people, information, and resources.



PARTICIPATE
Participate in training and encourage others to do the same.



READY
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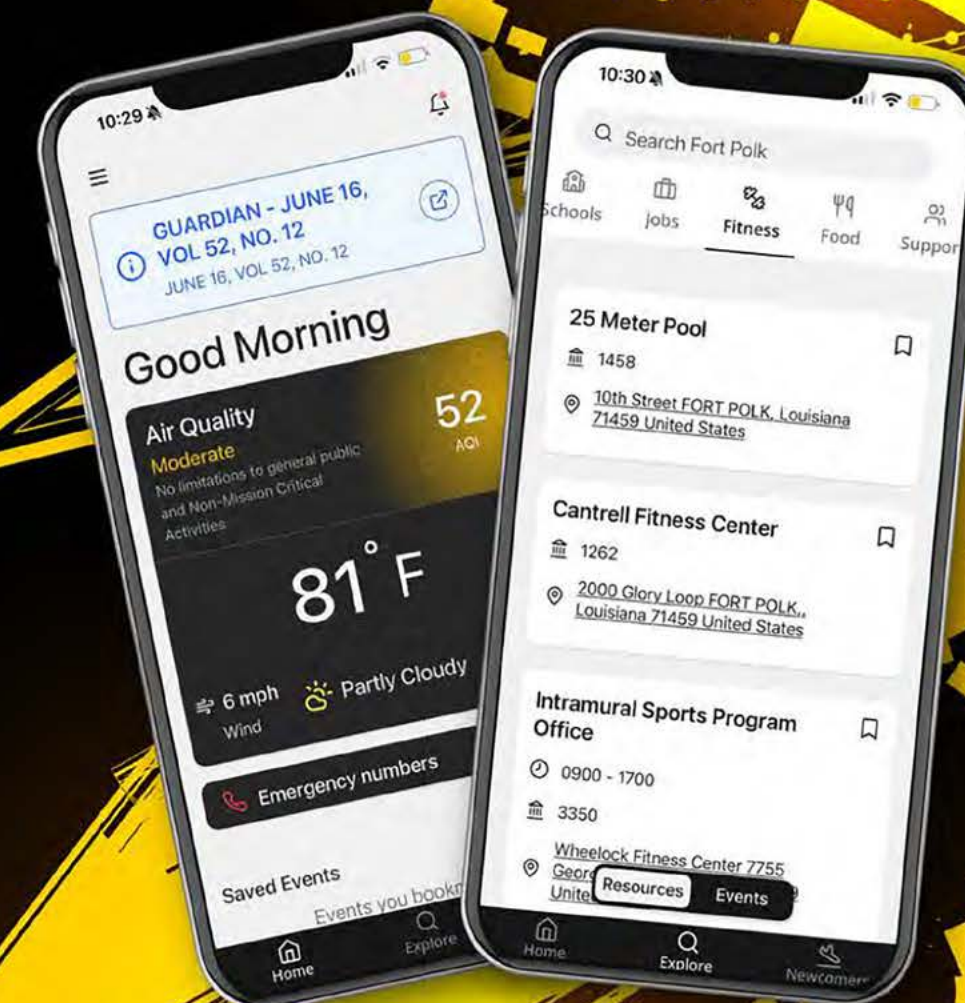
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Tips for Fort Polk back to school safety

Tips for a Safe Ride:

School buses are the safest way for students to travel. Nearly two-thirds of school bus-related fatalities of school-age children occur outside of the school bus. Children need to do their part to stay safe both in and around school buses:

At the Bus Stop:

- Arrive early at the bus stop — at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Supervise young children around the bus.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, do not pick it up; tell the bus driver instead.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus or standing up on the bus.

Bus Riders:

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand six feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians:

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Sharing the Road with School Buses:

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind — or from either direction if you're on an undivided road — if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



SAFETY BRIEF

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

SAFETY MESSAGE: *A SAFE WORKPLACE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.*

Stay alert. Look out for each other. Report all incidents or concerns immediately. Your actions could prevent harm.



THE DANGER

Workplace violence can happen anywhere and can involve anyone. It can lead to injury, trauma, lost productivity, and even death

THE GOOD NEWS

We can all help prevent violence by being aware, speaking up, and working together to create a respectful and professional environment

PREVENTION & CONTROLS

- Treat everyone with respect and professionalism
- Report threatening or concerning behavior
- Do not engage – get help
- Control access to work areas
- Ensure effective communication and training
- Follow policies and procedures

TAKE ACTION

REPORT IT

Notify your supervisor, security, or HR.

REMOVE YOURSELF

Leave the area if it is not safe.

911 GET HELP

Call (726)780-COPS or 911 for emergencies

RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNS

- ⚠ Increased tension or conflicts
- ⚠ Threatening or aggressive language
- ⚠ Bullying, harassment, or intimidation
- ⚠ Destruction of property
- ⚠ Social isolation or withdrawal
- ⚠ Sudden mood swings or agitation



A RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE IS A SAFE WORKPLACE.
TOGETHER, WE CAN PREVENT VIOLENCE.



COMMON EXAMPLES

Threats or intimidating behavior; harassment, bullying, or verbal abuse; physical attacks or assault; disruptive or aggressive behavior; domestic violence

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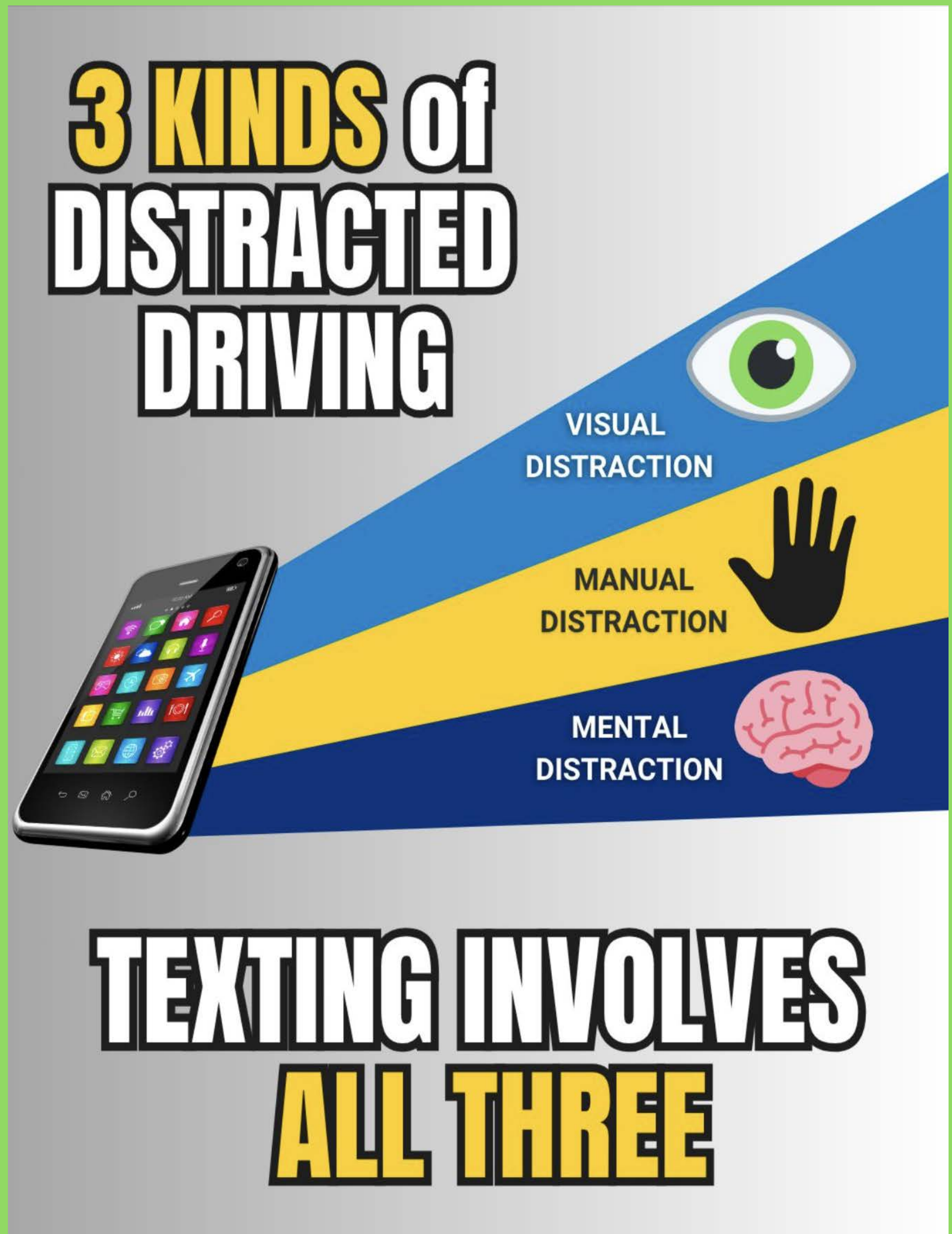
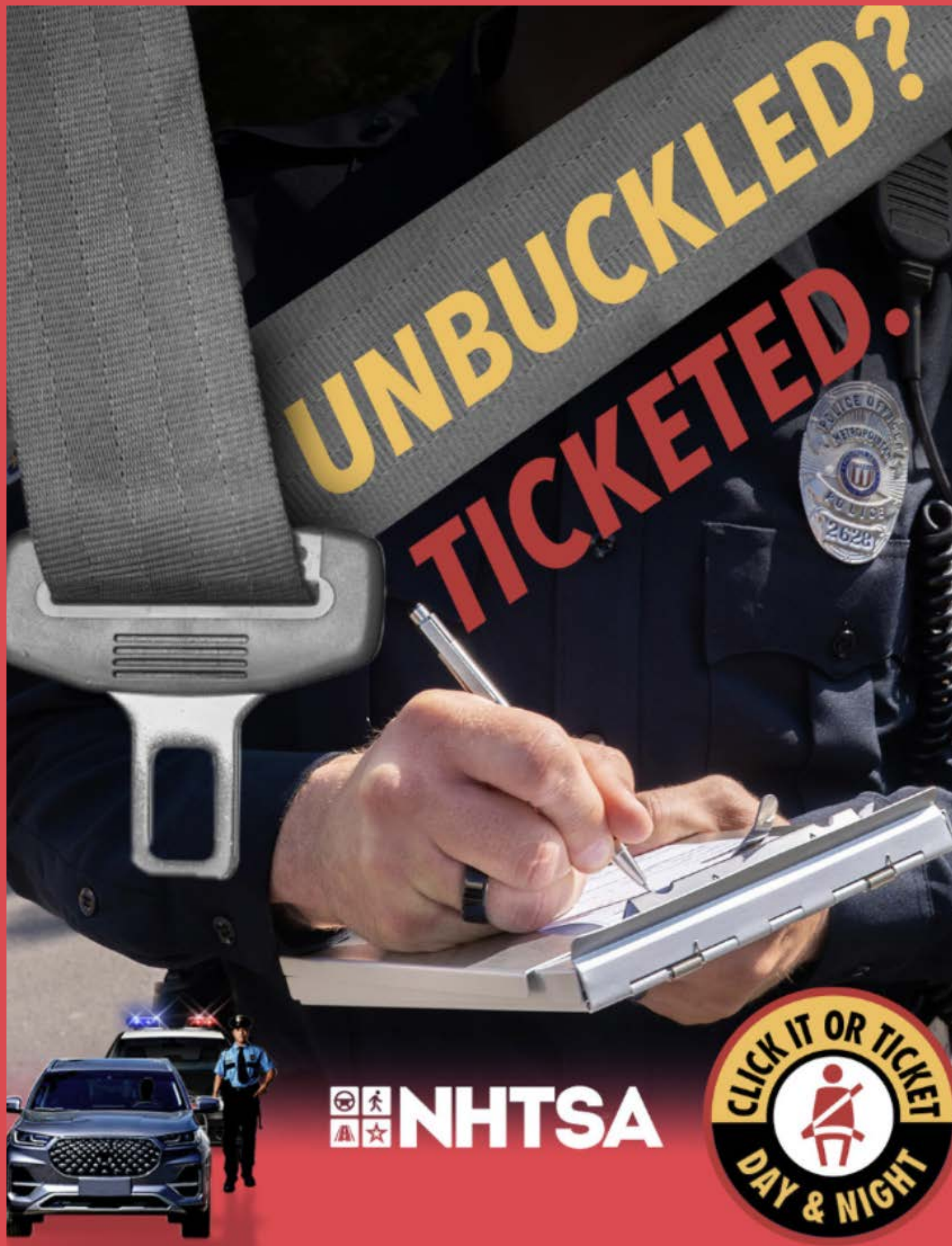
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- KEEPING PASSPORTS, PCS ORDERS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WITH YOU.
- BRINGING ENOUGH ESSENTIALS TO LAST UNTIL YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS ARRIVE.
- TRACKING YOUR SHIPMENT AND STAYING IN CONTACT WITH YOUR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE.

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Corvias Foundation Scholarship:

Military spouses pursuing degrees, certifications, licensure can now apply

By Corvias

WARWICK, RI — The non-profit Corvias Foundation has announced applications are now open for the Corvias Foundation Military Spouse Scholarship, awarding up to a program total of 20,000 to expand opportunities for military spouses while supporting family well-being and military readiness.

Military spouses pursuing higher education, professional licensure, certifications and career advancement opportunities are eligible to apply. The scholarship is available to spouses of active-duty service members stationed at a Corvias-managed military installation.

“Military spouses contribute enormously to their communities, workplaces and families while continuing to invest in their own education and professional growth,” said Julie Allen, executive director of Corvias Foundation. “This scholarship recognizes their commitment to lifelong learning and provides flexible support that can help them pursue the next step in their educational or career journey.”

As Corvias Foundation celebrates its 20th anniversary, the scholarship reflects the organization’s longstanding commitment to helping military families achieve educational and career success.

Since 2006, the Foundation has invested more than \$20 million to support military-connected families on their educational and professional journeys.

Scholarship recipients may use funds for a wide range of expenses, including tuition, technology, certification and licensing fees, professional exams, online program costs and other education-related needs.

According to the Department of War’s 2024



Military spouses stationed at a Corvias-managed installation are invited to apply for a scholarship that may be used for college, professional licensure, certification and more. (Courtesy Corvias)

Active-Duty Spouse Survey, military spouse employment is closely tied to military family financial well-being and overall readiness, while unemployment among military spouses remains approximately 20%.

This year’s scholarship recipients will join more than 500 military-connected families whose educational advancement has been supported by Corvias Foundation during the past two decades. Additional upcoming offerings include the Purple Tassel Vocational Achievement Scholarship, with applications opening on Oct. 12, 2026.

While scholarships remain a cornerstone of

its work, Corvias Foundation has been expanding its impact to strengthen educational and career journeys by driving community-driven partnerships that open pathways to achievement.

Through Opportunity Hubs, the Corvias Foundation connect communities with resources, tools and partners to open pathways for achievement, foster transformative connections, and prepare students for life-enriching college and career decisions.

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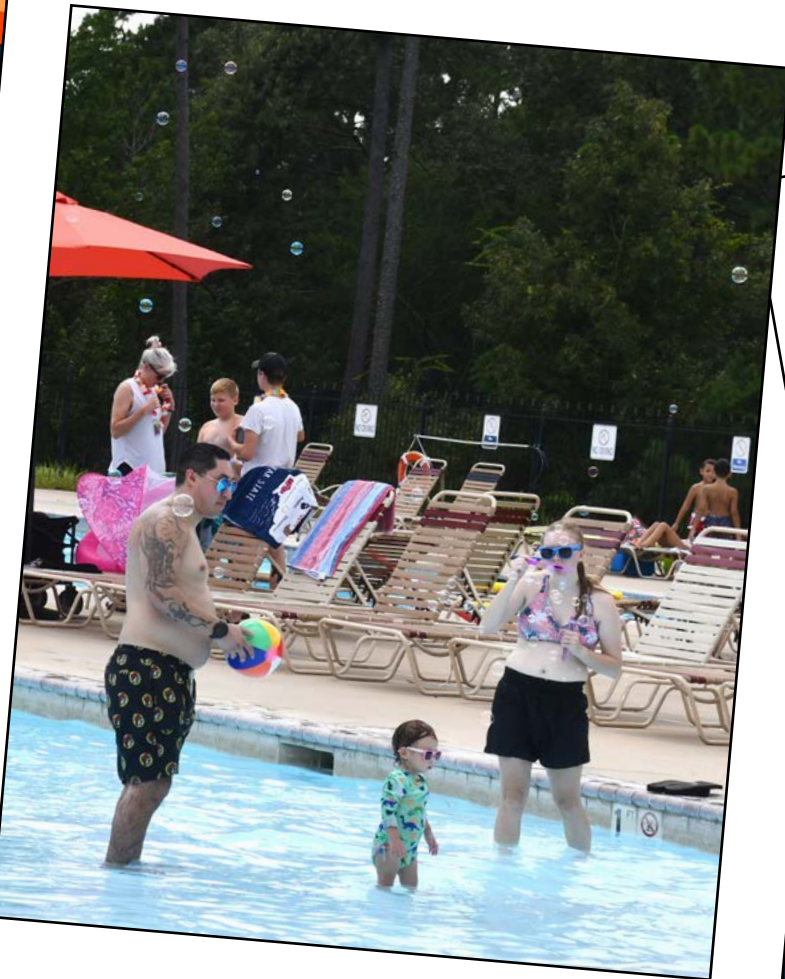
The mission is each other:

- Alcohol does not erase your **DUTY** to **PROTECT**.
- **ACTIVE INTERVENTION** saves lives.
- **SPEAK UP!** Stop harmful behaviors that hurt our profession.
- Consent is **CONTINUOUS** and can be **WITHDRAWN** at any time.

**If They're Too Far Gone to Walk,
Then They're Too Far Gone To
Consent To ANY Sexual Activities.**

JRTC & Fort Johnson SHARP 24/7 Hotline: 337-718-7272

Fort Polk families dive into Corvias annual summer pool party



(U.S. Army photos by Angie Thorne)



**BAYNE-JONES
ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

FOURTH ANNUAL FAMILY HEALTH FAIR



**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8, 2026**



**8 A.M. - NOON
OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS
EVERY 30 MINUTES**



**BJACH
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- LACTATION SUPPORT
- NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
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- WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)
- P3T PROGRAM
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (POSTPARTUM)
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- One dip delivers 3–5 times the amount of nicotine as one cigarette.
- Tobacco kills more than 8 million people each year—including an estimated 1.3 million non-smokers who are exposed to second-hand smoke.
- Tobacco users can and do quit. In fact, today there are more former tobacco users than current users.



TOBACCO PRODUCTS INCLUDE:



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Pipes



Smokeless tobacco
(including chewing tobacco, snuff, chew, dip and snus)



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(including lozenges, orbs, sticks and strips)



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(including vape pens, JUUL, mods, vaporizers, etc.)



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Bring the tick to Environmental Health.

We will send it off to be tested through the MILTICK program.

WHAT TO DO:

1



CAREFULLY REMOVE the tick with tweezers.

2



PLACE THE TICK in a sealed bag or container.

3



BRING IT TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

WHY PARTICIPATE?



Identify possible tick-borne diseases



Protect your health



Support tick surveillance in our community



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New Palmetto Terrace Housing Mayor



Mayor Volunteers
leading
the way for growth
and development.



Ms. Breanne Jones

Who: New Palmetto Terrace
Mayor Volunteer Program (MVP)

What: Newly Elected Housing
Mayor

Where: JRTC & Fort Polk

When: 23 July 2026

Why: The USAG MVP program is
intended to improve
communication through education
and transparency. Each MVP will
service as a voice to help better
understand housing resident's
needs and concerns.



FORT POLK FIRST!

Guidelines on RESPONSIBLE DRINKING

USEFUL INFORMATION

THE BODY CAN PROCESS ONLY **ONE UNIT**
OF ALCOHOL **EACH HOUR**



**ALCOHOL UNITS
PER DRINK TYPE:**
25ML SHOT OF SPIRITS = 1 UNIT
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USEFUL TIPS



EAT BEFORE AND WHILE YOU ARE DRINKING
Eating slows down the absorption of alcohol into your system.



DESIGNATE A NON DRINKING DRIVER
Make sure you have safe transportation home after the party.



KEEP YOURSELF HYDRATED
Drink lots of water in between alcoholic drinks.



TRACK YOUR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION
Determine in advance not to exceed a set number of drinks.



CONSUME ONE UNIT OF ALCOHOL PER HOUR
Alternate non-alcoholic with alcoholic beverages

Lastly

BE RESPONSIBLE, KNOW YOUR LIMITS AND BE SAFE



Commanding General's Excellence Awards

Fort Polk gathered to honor its own at the Commanding General's Excellence Awards July 21. Maj. Gen. Jason Curl acknowledged the Soldiers and civilians who excel at what they do. (U.S. Army photo by Karen Sampson)



Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony

Fort Polk Soldiers and civilians who give their time and effort by volunteering were honored for their actions July 21 at the Volunteer of the Third Quarter Ceremony. (U.S. Army photo by Angie Thorne)

STAY OUT OF FLOODWATERS



Floodwaters hide dangers that can cause sickness, injury or even death.



Animals & insects



Dangerous chemicals



Live wires



Sewage



Harmful bacteria



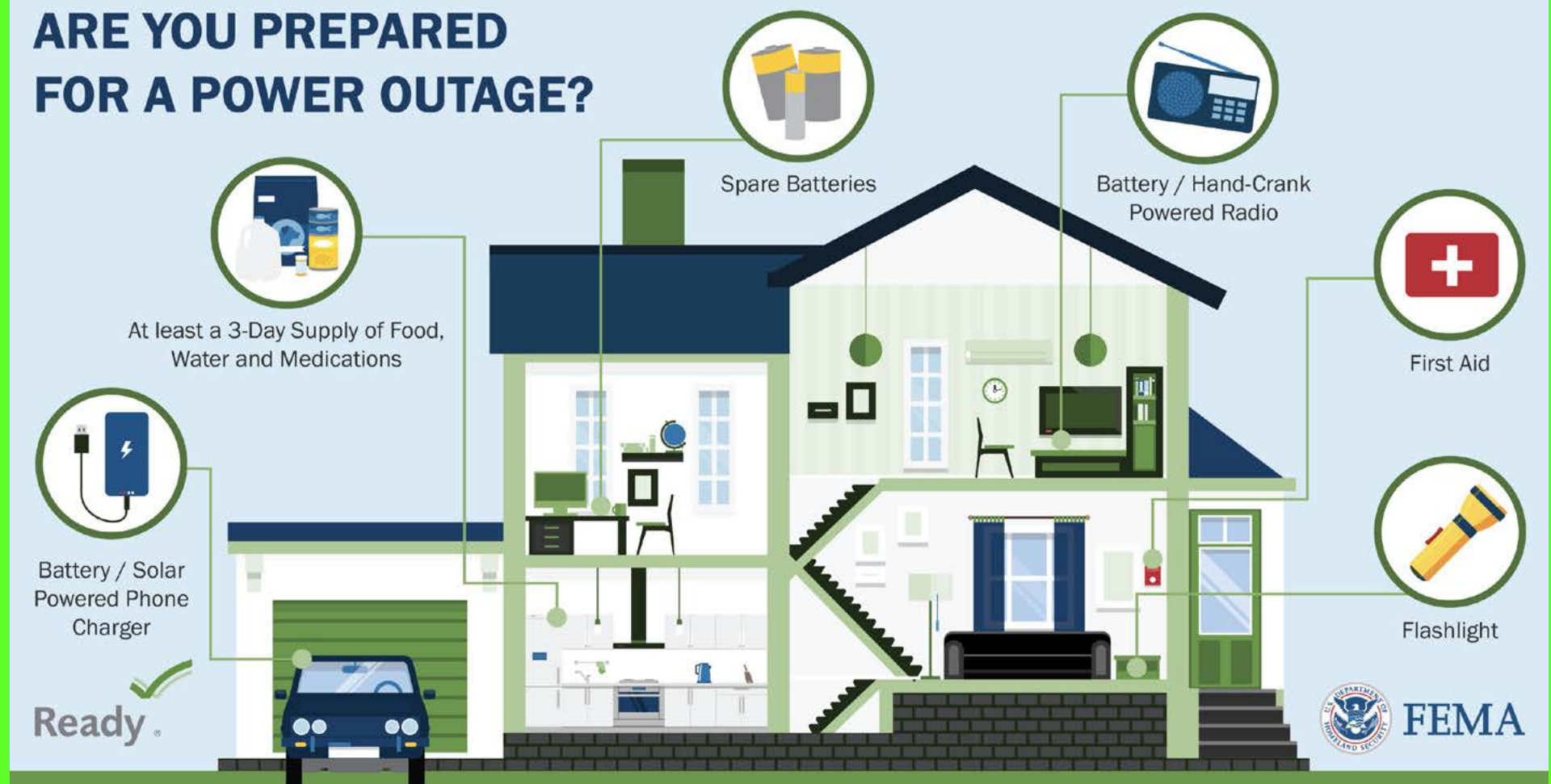
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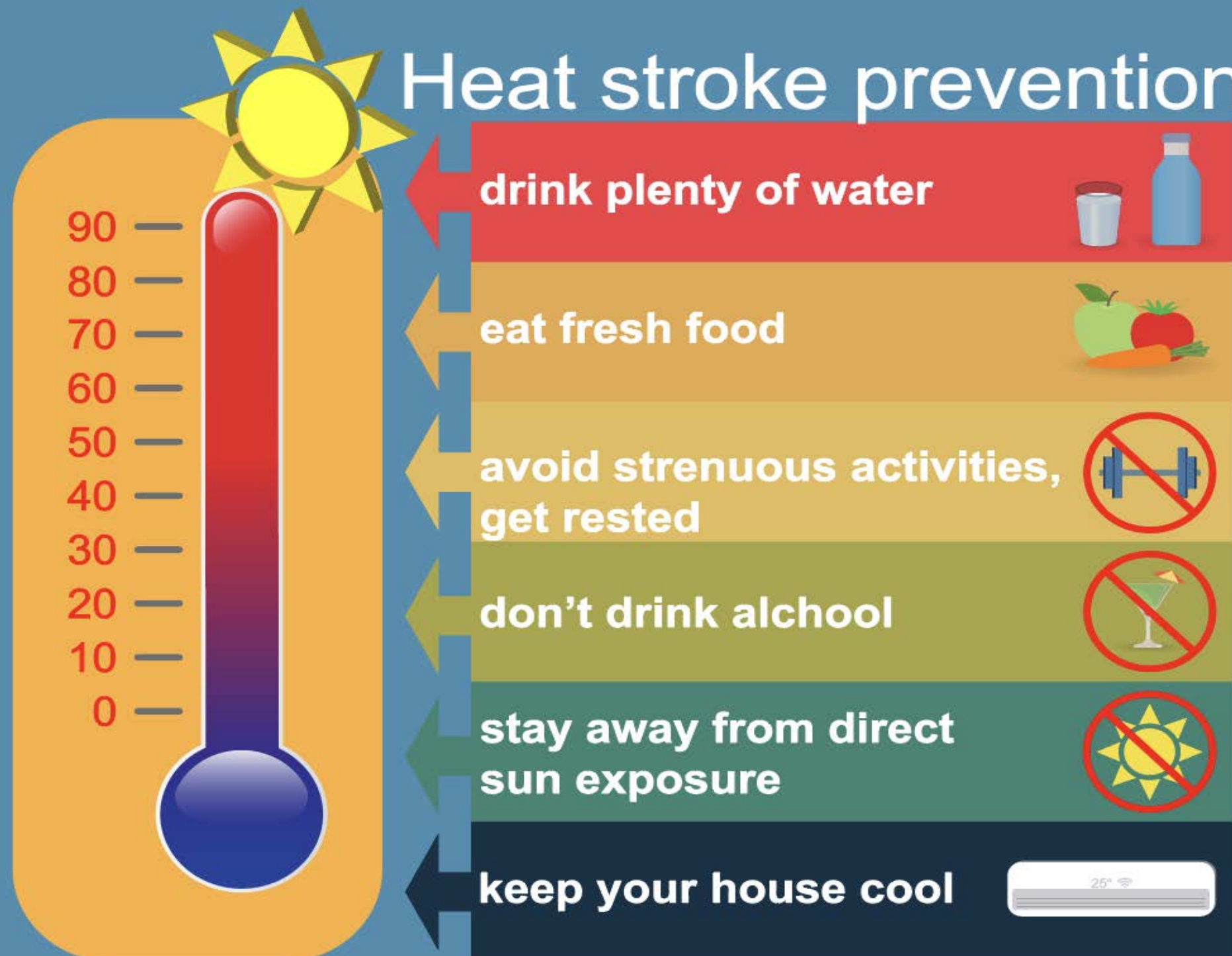


ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A POWER OUTAGE?



Fort Polk: Preparing for every outcome before disaster strikes

Heat stroke prevention



Know Where to Go

When Sheltering from a Tornado



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BE PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE



FEMA V-1006/September 2023

Threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, tornadoes and landslides.

Hurricanes (also called typhoons and cyclones) are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land.

Hurricanes . . .



can happen along any U.S. coast or territory.



can affect areas more than 100 miles inland.



are most active in September.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM A HURRICANE

Know your evacuation zone and consider your personal risk.



Make a plan to evacuate AND be ready to shelter in place.



Monitor communications and follow instructions from local authorities.



Evacuate immediately if told to do so. If not, take shelter from high winds in a designated storm shelter or an interior room.



Turn around, don't drown! Do not walk, swim or drive through floodwaters.



Only use generators outdoors and away from windows.

HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A HURRICANE THREATENS



Know your area's risk of hurricanes and consider your personal risk of experiencing impacts.

Review your insurance policy for hurricane-related hazard coverage. Standard insurance policies do not cover flooding — you may need to purchase additional policies.

Sign up to receive emergency alerts and notifications from your local emergency management office. Learn what common alerts and warnings mean before you are impacted by a hurricane.

Monitor weather reports and updates from the National Hurricane Center. Be on alert for heavy rain.

Practice going to a safe shelter for high winds, such as a FEMA safe room, an International Code Council (ICC) 500 storm shelter or a small, interior windowless room in a sturdy building. Make sure your safe shelter is on the lowest level that will not be affected by floodwater.

Develop an emergency communication plan that you can use to contact family, friends and neighbors during a hurricane. Plan to text or message because you may not be able to make or receive phone calls.

Develop an evacuation plan based on your evacuation zone. Consider where you will evacuate to and how you will get there. Practice your plan using your evacuation route.

Gather enough food, water and emergency supplies to last you several days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.

Keep important documents in a dry, safe place such as a fireproof and waterproof box, and create password-protected digital copies.

Protect your property. Install hurricane shutters or reinforce windows. Declutter drains and gutters. Secure outdoor items and furniture or move them indoors.



Evacuate immediately if ordered to do so. Take critical supplies and documents with you. Follow evacuation routes and directions from local officials. Do not drive around barricades. Drive carefully and be cautious of strong winds and heavy rain.

If you do not evacuate, take shelter indoors and stay away from windows and doors.

- **If there is no flooding, make sure your safe shelter is on the lowest level** that will not be affected by floodwater. Take shelter in a FEMA safe room, an International Code Council (ICC) 500 storm shelter or a small, interior windowless room in a sturdy building.

- **If you experience flooding, go to the highest level of the building** to avoid becoming trapped by rising floodwater but do not climb into a closed attic.

Get inside a safe shelter or a sturdy building as soon as possible if you are outdoors, in a vehicle, in a manufactured or mobile home, or in a temporary structure during a hurricane.

Pay attention to updates from weather stations and news sources to stay informed. Follow advice from local authorities. Take action when advised to do so.

Use a generator, grill or camp stove ONLY outdoors and at least 20 feet away from any building openings like windows, doors or garages to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Turn around, don't drown! Do not walk, swim or drive through floodwaters. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Do not drive during a hurricane. Wind gusts can overturn vehicles and roads and bridges could collapse.

Conserve mobile device batteries for emergency use.



Follow reentry guidance from local authorities and return home from an evacuation only when it is safe to do so.

Have a professional inspect your damaged property before attempting to clean up or repair any damage. Wear protective clothing and use caution during cleanup.

Stay away from floodwater. Floodwater can contain a variety of hazards, including sharp objects, downed power lines, sewage, bacteria, chemicals and wild or stray animals.

Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.

Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company to file an insurance claim. Register with FEMA for additional assistance.

You are the help until help arrives. Be careful when helping people who may be trapped or injured. Floodwaters may contain hazards and buildings may be unstable.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) and use FEMA's **Guide for Alerts and Warnings** to learn more about hurricane watches and warnings. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about how to prepare.



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Fort Polk joined Army & Air Force Exchange Service locations around the world July 24 to celebrate the Exchange's 131st birthday. The celebration brought together home-based businesses, local vendors and community partners for a day of family-friendly fun. Attendees enjoyed bounce houses and face painting for children, free samples, raffle prizes and a variety of food trucks. (U.S. Army photos by Porsha Auzenne)

Faster and Fresher: AAFES grows Express restaurants

By Zach Wright
AAFES Public Affairs

DALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is growing its Express restaurant portfolio, with more than 250 locations serving military communities worldwide.

After opening nearly 25 Express restaurants in 2025 and more than 25 so far in 2026, the Exchange is planning about 40 additional openings this year. The Exchange's Express restaurants include Chopz, Eddie Peppers, Hot Stuff Kitchen, Hunt Brothers Pizza, Paavos and Express Kitchen.

"Growing Express restaurants is about making everyday life a little easier for service members and their families," said Chief Master Sgt. Rich Martinez, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "When a hot, high-quality meal or fresh grab-and-go option is just a short walk or drive from where military shoppers live and work, they have more time to rest, recharge and stay ready, for whatever the mission requires next, while maintaining nutritional readiness."

The restaurant lineup emphasizes fresh, ready-to-eat and grab-and-go meals, making the Express a dependable stop for quick, quality meals on the installation.



Express restaurants, like all Exchange restaurants, offer better-for-you options, alongside comforting favorites, giving military diners more ways to grab a meal that fits their needs.

For even more convenience, all Chopz locations feature a dedicated cooler with additional grab-and-go options, such as sandwiches and salads.

With more than 500 Express locations worldwide, the continued growth of Express restaurants reflects the organization's commitment to supporting the well-being and Quality of Life of service members and their families.

To learn more about how the Exchange supports nutritional readiness, visit <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/Community/exchange-restaurants>.

Army & Air Force Exchange Service launches food hub

By Zach Wright
AAFES Public Affairs

DALLAS — The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is putting more flavor on the front line with a new online Restaurants and Food Hub, a one-stop shop for dining options, better-for-you choices and more for Warfighters and military families.

The hub highlights 1,500 Exchange restaurants, Expresses and 24/7 self-service stores that support nutritional readiness with meals, snacks and beverages.

Visitors can also learn about tax-free savings and promotions on BE FIT-approved snacks, meals and beverages, as well as discounts on restaurant entrees.

"The Exchange's restaurants, self-service stores and Expresses all have one purpose — to keep members of the military community fueled for the next mission," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Rich Martinez, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "This hub pulls those efforts together in one place so it's easier to see where to eat, what's on the menu and how the Exchange supports the nutritional readiness of warfighters every day."

The hub also spotlights the Exchange's school meal program, which serves 3.6 million nutritious breakfast and lunches annually to warfighters' children at Department of War Ed-



ucation Activity schools.

Exchange-operated bakeries in Europe and the Pacific provide whole-grain baked foods that help school meals meet federal nutritional standards.

The military community can also keep up

with the latest food news from the Exchange with recent stories on grand openings, healthier options and other dining initiatives that support the military community. To find out more, visit the hub at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/Community/exchange-restaurants>.



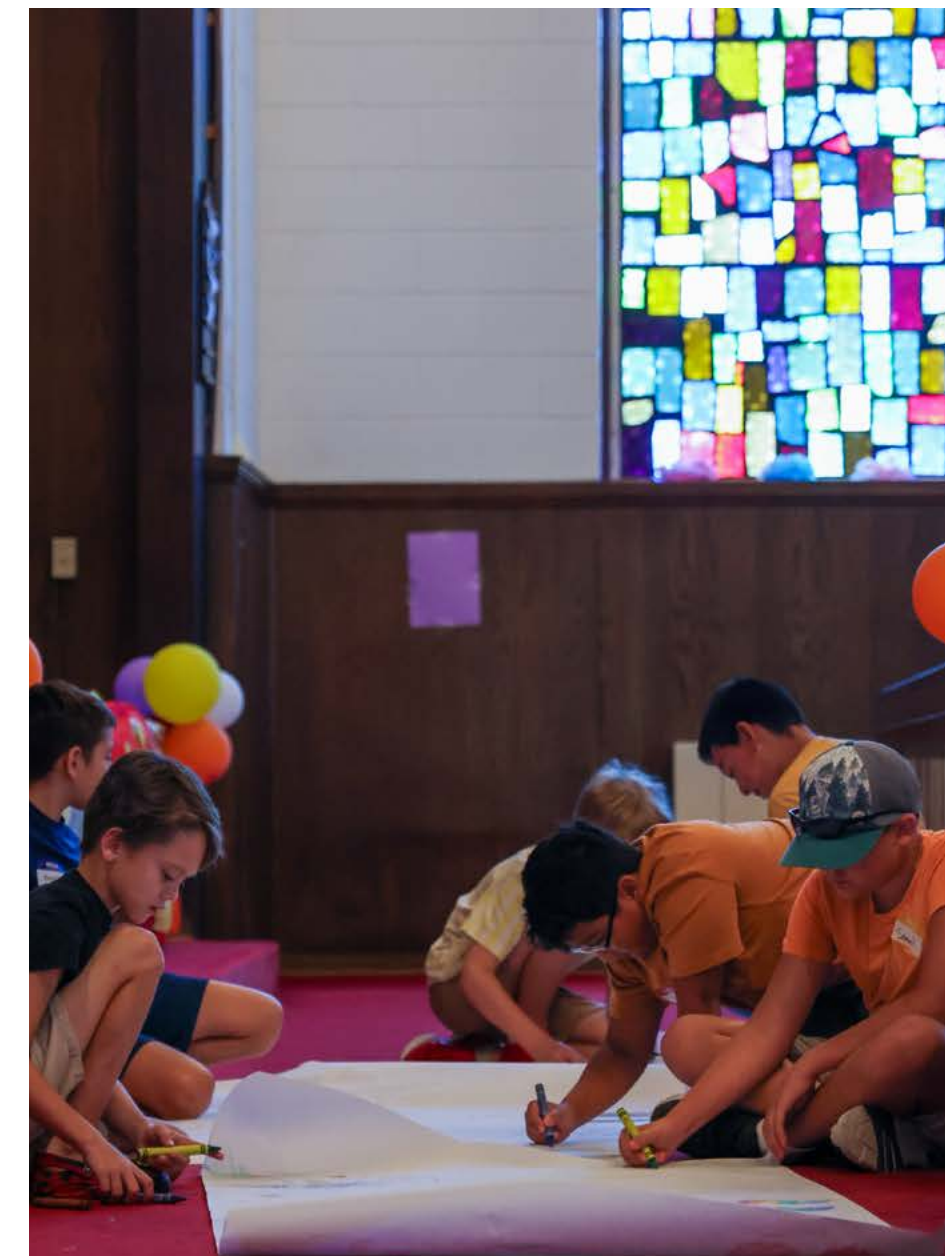
The Fort Polk community may have seen units operating small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) on the installation. These operations are authorized and part of ongoing efforts to enhance training, proficiency and operational readiness.

However, it's important to note that while sUAS will be conducting authorized flights on post, Fort Polk remains a "No Drone Zone" — personal drones are not permitted. Unauthorized drone operations violate the Commanding General's Policy Letter #19, poses safety risks, and can disrupt military activities.

Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Warrior Operations Center, usarmy.polk.imcom.mbx.eoc-ioc@army.mil or 726-780-0410. Thank you for your cooperation.



VACATION-BIBLE-SCHOOL



Fort Polk's Main Post Chapel hosted its annual Vacation Bible School July 27-30, giving military-connected children a fun, faith-filled week designed just for them. Throughout the week, children participated in interactive Bible lessons, hands-on crafts, music and worship, games, science activities, and team-building exercises while building friendships with other military kids. Daily messages focused on God's love and encouragement, helping children navigate unique military life experiences, such as frequent moves, deployments and upcoming PCS transitions. With plenty of snacks, laughter and memorable activities, Vacation Bible School provided a welcoming environment where children could grow in their faith, gain confidence and create lasting memories before the start of the new school year.

(U.S. Army photos by Porsha Auzenne)



The Spiritual Forge: *Carry the fire*

By Chap. (Maj.) Scott Ingram
Fort Polk Religious Support Office

FORT POLK, La. — The moving trucks are still coming through the gates. New families arrive at Fort Polk every week of the year and summer brings them in waves.

Soldiers report to new units. Families learn new roads. The kids get enrolled in new programs and schools, the boxes get emptied and flattened, and somebody figures out which cabinet holds the coffee cups. And somewhere around the third week, a quieter thing happens: the house is unpacked, and it still does not feel like home.

Military life teaches people to move well. It can also teach us to live emotionally packed. A Soldier keeps one eye on the next assignment. A spouse thinks twice about a friendship that will end in another goodbye. Kids who can learn any school's hallways without ever deciding to love one.

Nobody plans to live that way. It accumulates one PCS at a time until a family can spend a whole tour waiting for the next place instead of living in this one.

Holy Scripture has a word for people in exactly that spot and it sits right in front of one of the most quoted verses in the Bible. Many people know Jeremiah 29:11 — the one about God having plans, a hope, and a future for His people. It hangs on walls and is printed on coffee mugs. Far fewer have read the letter it comes from.

Jeremiah wrote it to exiles — people carried to Babylon by an army, to a city they did not choose and would not have picked. They wanted the prophet to tell them how soon they could go home.

Instead, God told them how to live while they stayed. Before he says one word about the future, he tells them to unpack: "Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce."

Marry, raise children, and then the line that turns everything: "Seek the welfare of the city



where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

Babylon's empire may have "cut the orders", but God says the sending was his. That is the difference between being stationed somewhere and being sent there. Orders tell you where.

Sending tells you why. The Army decided your duty station; whether God did the sending is the question worth sitting with because everything changes if He did. Unpacking stops being logistics and becomes obedience. A garden in a rented yard becomes an act of faith. A PCS is not exile — the exiles had it far worse,

seventy years and no report date — and God still would not let them live with their bags packed.

None of this pretends arriving is easy. Some families pull in already tired, carrying separation or grief the movers never packed. The letter does not scold them. It gives them ground to stand on.

So unpack more than the boxes. Learn the neighbor's name before you learn the commute. Find out what this local parish grows; the farmers markets will show you. Find a chapel or worshipping congregation and take a pew while the calendar is still empty. And pray for the city where you have been sent by name —

Fort Polk, Leesville, Vernon Parish — whose people will still be here long after your orders change.

And if you are not new here — if your fire has been burning at Fort Polk for years — the same verse reaches you from the other side. Their welfare is tied to yours too. Somebody unpacking this week needs an invitation and a name to learn.

Many families roll through Fort Polk's gates with coolers in the back seat — not filled with food, but packed with ice.

A July move to Louisiana runs on that ice, sweating through the final hundred miles alongside them. Households once did carry fire. No blacksmith built a fire from nothing each morning. Instead, coals were banked at night to survive till dawn, and a family on the move might bring live embers from the old hearth to kindle the new one.

That is a PCS seen rightly. What God kindled in you at the last place did not stay there — it rode here in the truck or plane, banked and waiting. But banked coals warm no one. Faith cannot live forever on yesterday's congregation and yesterday's friendships.

Sooner or later the ember has to touch something here. You may not be here forever, but you are here now — and now is long enough to become a neighbor.

Ready to thrive: Back-to-school success for students and families

By David Thompson
Family Life Chaplain

FORT POLK, La. — The mother sat quietly across from me, her hands clasped tightly together. It was only two weeks before school started, yet she wasn't worried about backpacks or school supplies.

"I'm worried about my son," she said softly. "Every year he says he's excited to go back, but the closer school gets, the quieter he becomes. He has trouble sleeping. His stomach hurts in the mornings. He tells me he's fine, but I know something isn't."

Her story isn't unique.

I have learned that the beginning of a school year represents far more than the start of new classes. For many children and families, it is a season of transition.

While some students eagerly anticipate reconnecting with friends and teachers, others quietly carry fears about fitting in, making good grades, facing peer pressure, navigating social media, or simply adjusting to change.

Parents often focus on purchasing school supplies, updating wardrobes and organizing schedules.

Those tasks certainly matter, but the most important preparation happens long before the first school bell rings. Preparing children emotionally, physically and mentally lays the foundation for success throughout the school year.

Research consistently demonstrates that students thrive when they experience stable routines, supportive relationships, healthy lifestyles, and emotional security. Academic success is rarely determined by intelligence alone. It is shaped by the environment children experience every day.

Build stability through routine

Children flourish when life feels predictable. Routine creates security, and security reduces anxiety.

One of the simplest ways parents can prepare their children is by establishing consistent daily rhythms before school begins. Gradually adjusting bedtime schedules, planning nutritious breakfasts, preparing backpacks and lunches the night before, and creating calm morning routines all help children begin their day with confidence rather than chaos.

Sleep deserves particular attention. During counseling sessions, I often ask parents about homework, friendships, and discipline — but I also ask about bedtime.

Sleep deprivation affects concentration, emotional regulation, learning, and even behavior. A tired child often appears distracted, anxious, or unmotivated when, in reality, they simply need adequate rest.

Small routines practiced consistently become anchors that help children navigate larger challenges.

Listen before you solve

Children do not always tell us what they are feeling directly. Sometimes anxiety appears as irritability. Sometimes sadness looks like withdrawal. Sometimes fear hides behind silence.

One of the most powerful therapeutic tools available to parents costs nothing: listening. Instead of asking, "How was school?" consider asking:

• "What are you most excited about this year?"

• "Is there anything you're nervous about?"

• "What do you hope your teacher knows about you?"

• "What would make this your best school year yet?"

Questions like these communicate something every child needs to hear: "Your thoughts matter."

When children feel emotionally safe at home,

they become more resilient in the classroom. Parents should also pay attention to warning signs such as persistent sadness, changes in sleep, declining

grades, loss of interest in activities, frequent physical complaints, or social withdrawal. Addressing concerns early often prevents more significant emotional struggles later.

Make technology work for your family

Technology has transformed education in remarkable ways. Students now complete assignments online, collaborate digitally and access information instantly. Yet technology also presents new challenges.

Many families struggle with excessive screen time, social media pressures, cyberbullying and constant digital distractions. These challenges can interfere with sleep, relationships and academic performance.

Rather than viewing technology as the enemy, families should establish healthy boundaries. Consider creating technology-free zones during meals, before bedtime and during family conversations. Encourage children to think critically about what they consume online and discuss responsible digital citizenship openly.

Technology should support learning — not replace human connection.

Healthy bodies support healthy minds

Mental health and physical health are deeply connected.

Children who exercise regularly, eat balanced meals, stay hydrated and sleep well are generally better equipped to manage stress and concentrate in school.

Healthy living doesn't require expensive equipment or elaborate schedules. Walking the dog, riding bicycles, playing catch, visiting

the park, or simply taking an evening family walk provides opportunities for exercise while strengthening family relationships.

Healthy habits developed during childhood often become lifelong patterns.

Character is still the greatest curriculum

Academic achievement opens doors, but character determines what happens after those doors open. Kindness, honesty, perseverance, responsibility, empathy and resilience are qualities that cannot be measured by standardized tests, yet they often determine long-term success. Children learn character by watching adults. They observe how we respond to disappointment, manage stress, treat others and solve problems.

Praise effort as much as achievement. Celebrate persistence as much as performance. Allow children to fail safely, learn from mistakes, and develop confidence through overcoming challenges rather than avoiding them.

The goal is not to raise perfect students; it is to raise resilient adults.

Schools and families are stronger together

One consistent finding in educational research is that children perform better when families remain actively involved in their education.

Parents who communicate with teachers, monitor assignments, attend school activities, and demonstrate interest in learning send a powerful message: Education matters.

Likewise, educators benefit when families and schools work as partners rather than adversaries. Open communication, mutual respect and shared goals create an environment where children are more likely to succeed academically and emotionally.

Success is rarely the result of one influential adult. It grows from a network of caring relationships.

Ready to thrive

Every August represents more than another academic calendar. It offers families a fresh opportunity to reset priorities, establish healthier habits and strengthen relationships.

As a therapist, I have seen children overcome tremendous challenges — not because life became easier, but because they had caring adults who listened, encouraged and believed in them.

This school year, let us prepare our children for more than homework, exams and report cards. Let us prepare them for resilience; for healthy relationships and emotional well-being.

Prepare them for confidence and for life. When children are supported at home, encouraged at school and surrounded by caring adults who believe in them, they don't simply survive another school year. They are ready to thrive.



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(John 4:1-30, 39-42)



08/09 — “On the Roads
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(Luke 10:1-24)



08/16 — “At the Door of
the Sheep”
(John 10:1-18)



08/23 — “In the Streets
of the City”
(Romans 10:5-17)



08/30 — “On the Galilean
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