

Welcome to **FORT CAVAZOS**



"THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR YOUR PCS"



PEOPLE 1ST REALTY GROUP
YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE TEAM

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"HELLO AND WELCOME TO FORT CAVAZOS"!

Within this guide, you will find insightful information that should provide great support before, during and after your move here to Fort Cavazos. Including myself, our team includes individuals who have previously served in the army, as well as being an affiliated spouse. I understand how important resources and education can be, especially when it comes to moving families. I want to provide information and resources to create a smoother transition as you join us here in the Central Texas community. If you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for help during your move, please reach out to me!

WHAT TO DO/KNOW AHEAD OF TIME?

RESIDING ON/OFF POST

1. On Post

- a.** Once you are given an official PCS order to Fort Cavazos, you can apply to be on the waitlist.
- b.** *You will not be activated until the active duty member signs out of the current duty station.

2. Off Post

- a.** Here is a list of local cities that are popular locations to live in: Belton, Copperas Cove, Harker Heights, Killen, Nolanville, Temple

MEDICAL RECORDS

- 1.** Gather all medical and dental records from current (and past) providers to bring with you.



PETS

- 1.** Cats and dogs **MUST** be registered at the installation veterinary services office within 5 days of being assigned to a Fort Cavazos Family Housing residence.
- 2.** All animals must:
 - a.** Be microchipped
 - b.** Wear a current collar (which has a home address) at all times
- 3.** Owners must provide verification of immunization records and pet registration to the Fort Cavazos Family housing at the community office.
- 4.** Residents may have a **TOTAL** of 2 pets (any form of combination).
- 5.** Link for information regarding registering pets and pet restrictions:
 - a.** https://winnmilitary.entrata.com/media_library/12710/60b6a302a1aa0787.pdf

OBTAINING A POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA)

1. A power of attorney is a written document that authorizes an individual to act upon a spouse's behalf when he or she is unavailable.
2. A general power of attorney could be used to sign documentation, set up utilities, etc.

SETTING UP A P.O. BOX

1. Gather all medical and dental records from current (and past) providers to bring with you.

RESERVING A HOTEL

1. Book a reservation ahead of time to ensure you have a place to stay ahead of your arrival. *Be sure to ask for extended stay rates for stays of 30+ days!
 - a. Link:
<https://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/reservation>

FORT CAVAZOS ALERTS

1. Follow the III Corps/Fort Cavazos Facebook page to stay up-to-date on information or for alerts on emergencies:
 - a.
<https://www.facebook.com/IIICorps>





PREPARE FINANCIALLY

- 1.** There can be upfront costs associated with your move (that later on, potentially be reimbursed).
- 2.** The service member will attend a Levy Brief prior to obtaining PCS order where they will go over:
 - a.** Booking travel
 - b.** Pay \$ allowances for travel
 - c.** Shipping households goods (HHG)
 - d.** Schedule the HHG date
 - e.** Information regarding moving with pets and children
 - f.** Filling out required paperwork
- 3.** If an additional credit card is needed, getting preapproved in a timely manner is suggested.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

TERMINOLOGY

1. PTDY (Permissive Temporary Duty) - your soldier gets to help you move
2. TLE (Temporary Lodging Expense) - money allocated for lodging expenses during the move
3. PCS (Permanent Change of Station) - where you will be moving to
4. HHG (Household Goods) - the household belongings being moved to new station

CAN MY SOLDIER HELP ME MOVE?

1. In most cases, soldiers are given permission to help their family move. In some instances, there may be a requirement that does not allow the soldier to provide assistance to the family.

HOW MANY DAYS DO WE GET TO MOVE?

1. PTDY CONUS = 10 days
2. PTDY OCONUS = 15 days
2. *This is always at the discretion of approving supervisors, and soldiers are not always guaranteed a set number of approved days. TDY days do include weekends and holidays.

DOES PTDY COUNT AS LEAVE DAYS?

1. No

DO I NEED TO WAIT FOR THE MOVERS TO ARRIVE?

1. No. A Soldier can designate an assigned individual to sign the paperwork for movers. If you have a trusted family member or friend who is willing to be there the day to sign paperwork, they are allowed as long as the soldier assigns them ahead of time.

WHEN CAN I GO WITH MY SOLDIER?

1. Once you are on the orders, and everything is set up, you and your soldier can travel together. If you move on post or participate in the Spouse PPP, you must arrive within 30 days of the spouse's orders.

CAN MY HHG BE PICKED UP FROM A STORAGE UNIT?

1. Yes, if you have items in a living space and/or storage, the movers can pick them up. Be sure to provide the movers details on all locations for goods.

CAN MY HHG BE PICKED UP FROM A STORAGE UNIT?

1. Your items will be stored up to 90 days at no cost.

HOW DO I SET UP THE MOVERS?

- 1.** You will first need your PCS orders, and a POA (if you are the spouse and attend the levy brief).
- 2.** Organize with the JPPSO (Joint Personal Property Shipping Office) at the post closest to your location.
- 3.** The army will go over the paperwork and assign the moving company for the soldier.
- 4.** Always call and confirm with the moving company the correct paperwork, addresses and approval ahead of time.



UNDERSTANDING THE TYPES OF MOVES



GOVERNMENT MOVE

The army will pack and move ALL belongings and you do not need to prep anything. Everything will be delivered and unpacked as well.

PARTIAL DITY

You will pack items in boxes, movers will come pick up items needed, and it will be shipped/delivered. You are eligible for partial reimbursement depending on how heavy your personal shipment is.

PPM (PERSONALLY PROCURED MOVE)

You pack and move everything yourself. You are eligible for reimbursement up to 100% of the GCC (Government Constructive Cost); an advance allowance can be authorized to assist with out-of-pocket moving expenses

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

Movers will NOT move aerosols, flammable products, living animals, privately owned live ammunition, etc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Website for further PCS travel information:
<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/allcalc.cfm>



Belton, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights, Nolanville, Temple



BELTON

COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

A LIST OF UTILITY PROVIDERS IN YOUR AREA

Congrats on the big move.

To make your move as smooth as possible, I have compiled a list of the utility providers in your area. You can call in advance and schedule your services so everything goes to plan.



ELECTRIC

POWER TO CHOOSE

<http://www.powertochoose.org/>
(866) 797-4839



WATER

CITY OF BELTON

https://www.beltontexas.gov/departments/utility_billing/index.php
254-933-5800



GAS

ATMOS

<https://www.atmosenergy.com/>
(888) 286-6700



WASTE PICKUP

CITY OF BELTON

https://www.beltontexas.gov/departments/public_works/solid_waste_services.php
254-933-5800



SCHOOL DISTRICT

BELTON ISD

<https://www.bisd.net/>
(254) 215-2000



COPPERAS COVE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

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WATER

CITY OF COPPERAS COVE

https://www.copperascovetx.gov/utility_administration/
(254) 547-8718



GAS

ATMOS

<https://www.atmosenergy.com/>
(888) 286-6700



WASTE PICKUP

CITY OF COPPERAS COVE

https://www.copperascovetx.gov/utility_administration/
(254) 547-8718



SCHOOL DISTRICT

COPPERAS COVE ISD

<https://www.ccisd.com/>
(254) 547-1227



HARKER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

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(866) 797-4839



WATER

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS

<https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/new-water-service>
(254) 953-5630



GAS

ATMOS

<https://www.atmosenergy.com/>
(888) 286-6700



WASTE PICKUP

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS

<https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/solid-waste>
(254) 953-5600



SCHOOL DISTRICT

HARKER HEIGHTS (KILLEEN DISTRICT)

<https://www.killeenisd.org/>
(254) 336-0000



KILLEEN COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

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(866) 797-4839



WATER

CITY OF KILLEEN

<https://www.killeentexas.gov/400/Utility-Collections>
254-501-7800



GAS

ATMOS

<https://www.atmosenergy.com/>
(888) 286-6700



WASTE PICKUP

CITY OF KILLEEN

<https://www.killeentexas.gov/400/Utility-Collections>
254-501-7800



SCHOOL DISTRICT

KILLEEN ISD

<https://www.killeenisd.org/>
(254) 336-0000



NOLANVILLE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

A LIST OF UTILITY PROVIDERS IN YOUR AREA

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ELECTRIC

POWER TO CHOOSE

<http://www.powertochoose.org/>
(866) 797-4839



WATER

CITY OF NOLANVILLE

<https://www.nolanvilletx.gov/page/Utilities>
254-698-6885



GAS

ATMOS

<https://www.atmosenergy.com/>
(888) 286-6700



WASTE PICKUP

CITY OF NOLANVILLE

<https://www.nolanvilletx.gov/page/Utilities>
(800) 375-8375



SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOLANVILLE (KILLEEN DISTRICT)

<https://www.killeenisd.org/>
(254) 336-0000



TEMPLE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

A LIST OF UTILITY PROVIDERS IN YOUR AREA

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To make your move as smooth as possible, I have compiled a list of the utility providers in your area. You can call in advance and schedule your services so everything goes to plan.



ELECTRIC

POWER TO CHOOSE

<http://www.powertochoose.org/>
(866) 797-4839



WATER

CITY OF TEMPLE

https://www.templetx.gov/departments/city_departments/utility_business_office/new_service/residential.php
(254) 298-5616



GAS

ATMOS

<https://www.atmosenergy.com/>
(888) 286-6700



WASTE PICKUP

CITY OF TEMPLE

https://www.templetx.gov/departments/city_departments/utility_business_office/new_service/residential.php
(254) 298-5616



SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEMPLE ISD

<https://www.tisd.org/>
254-215-8473



THE VA LOAN

Process and Useful Information

WHAT WAS IT CREATED FOR

The VA Loan was created in 1944 to assist returning soldiers from WWII as they purchased residential properties.

REQUIREMENTS OF LOAN

- Be active duty for 90+ days continuous service
- honorable/general discharge
- For guard/reserve, 6 creditable years of service

GUARANTEED LOAN

- The loan is guaranteed to be paid by the US Government in the event of a default.
- It will alleviate the requirement for mortgage insurance.
- It can be used for 1-4 unit properties intended to live in.

PROS

- No down payment
- No mortgage insurance
- Lower interest rates
- Can be used more than once up to current loan limit
- Potential for house hacking
- No minimum credit score

CONS

- Funding Fee (2.3%) first time, (3.6% for subsequent)
- Lack of full knowledge/education from agents to advise clients with loan types

FIND THE BEST AGENT

Find a real estate agent to guide you and who can work with a good lender. Real estate agents who have built strong relationship and network can connect you to the best.

SAVE MONEY

Depending on the market, you could have to pay for your own closing costs. Different markets have different commands.

LENDERS

- The VA does not have preferred lenders or affiliated lenders with the VA
- You are not required to use a lender preferred by agents
- Choose a lender that you can easily connect with, is accessible, and works in a timely manner

WHAT TO DO NEXT

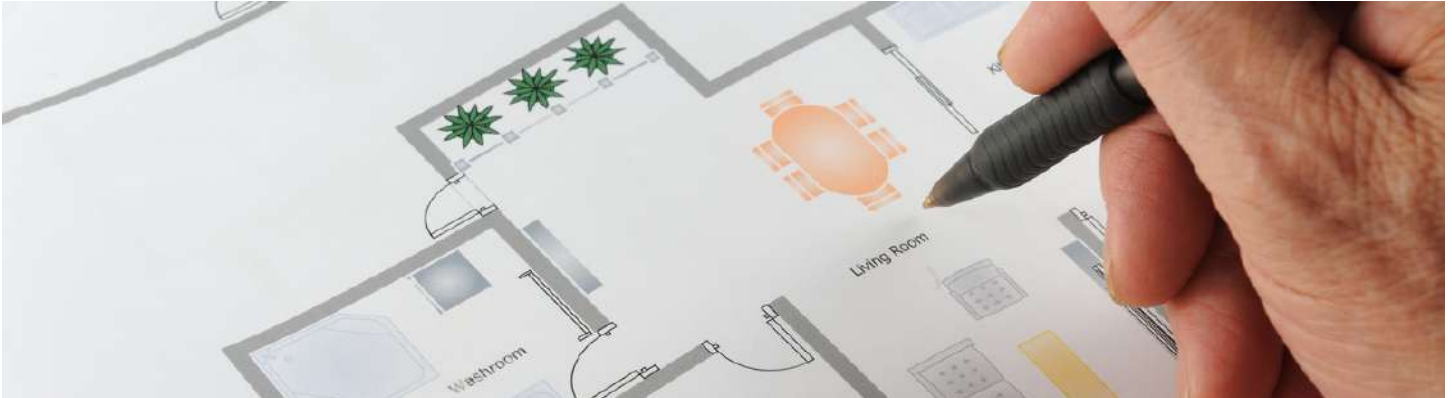
- Provide any necessary paperwork, signatures, information, etc. in a timely manner
- Be patient
- Ask questions

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Do not open new lines of credit (including other loans, credit cards, or big purchases)
- Do not move money around

LIVING – ON POST

“YOU WILL NOT BE ACTIVE ON THE HOUSING WAITLIST UNTIL YOU SIGN OUT OF YOUR CURRENT DUTY STATION/AIT STATION/SCHOOL STATION”



HOW TO APPLY FOR ON-POST HOUSING

https://www.forthoodfh.com/Apartments/module/application_authentication/

- 1.** Apply online.
- 2.** Preview floor plans/housing areas to get a better understanding of what housing looks like.
- 3.** Inform housing of what floorplans/housing areas you would be interested in.
- 4.** Paperwork can be emailed, faxed, or you can hand it in to the office. (This including: copy of driver's licenses, DD1172 form, and official orders).
- 5.** When officially signed out of your CURRENT duty station/AIT/school, provide the housing your DA31 form.

THINGS TO KNOW

- 1.** ALL of your BAH will automatically go to post housing. You will NOT receive BAH to your bank account.
- 2.** Utilities will be covered
- 3.** You must have official orders to apply for the housing waitlist.
- 4.** You must sign out of your current duty stations to be made active on the waitlist.
- 5.** All on-post housing neighborhoods have fences already installed.
- 6.** Wait times are about 1-3 months.
- 7.***Be sure to gather all of pet information (including proof of rabies, vaccines, and microchip ID #). This will be handed in to the on post veterinarian within 10 days of moving on post.

FORT CAVAZOS FAMILY HOUSING INFORMATION

- 1.** Address: 18010 T J Mills Blvd Ste B209, Fort Cavazos, TX 76544
- 2.** Phone: (254) 287-4212
- 3.** Official Website: <https://www.forthoodfh.com/>



WHAT HAPPENS NOW!

moving into your new home

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU'VE FOUND A HOME HERE AT FORT CAVAZOS!

Below are a few suggestions of some things to consider before moving forward as the owner of a new home!

UTILITIES

Make sure you get your utilities set up and check to make sure everything is working. If you need help with that I have provided a list of providers to help you.

CHANGE LOCKS

It's a good idea to change all the locks, garage codes, and security codes before moving into your new home.

KNOW YOUR HOME

Become familiar with your home. In case of emergency, you will need to know where everything is! The water shut-off valve, circuit box, etc.

NEW ADDRESS

Set up your new address. Inform your family, friends, HR department at work, creditors, and post office about your new address.



NOW WHAT?

KEEP IN MIND, YOUR SOLDIER MAY HAVE TO IN-PROCESS WITH THEIR UNIT AND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH A MOVE IN PROCESS.*

REQUIREMENTS

1. Newcomers can find all information relevant to the move directly from department of defense:

a. [Newcomer Resource at Ft. Cavazos](#)

2. Soldiers arriving for in-processing must report to: Copeland Soldiers Services Center (BLDG 18010), (254) 287-3832.

a. 24/7 availability - right off TJ Mills

b. Must wear:

i. During business hours:
Army Combat Uniform (ACU), Class A or B

ii. After duty hours: Civilian clothing

c. Bring: 5 copies of orders, leave form, military personnel file, all medical/dental records, financial paperwork



TEMPORARY LODGING

- **BAH RATE ARMY HOTEL**

- **ON-POST LODGING**

1. Candlewood Suites
2. Holiday Inn Express Keith Ware Hall
3. Link: <https://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/reservation>

- **ADDITIONAL LODGING**

1. AHRN.com
2. Airbnb.com

UPON ARRIVAL

TRICARE

TRICARE WEBSITE


Link: <https://www.tricare.mil/>

TRICARE PLANS

Deciding a plan (if not already enrolled/plan picked):

1. Tricare Prime vs. Tricare Select =

<https://www.tricare.mil/Plans/ComparePlans>

	TRICARE Select	TRICARE Prime
What is the annual deductible?	To compare plan costs, use the TRICARE Compare Cost Tool	No annual deductible unless you are using the point-of-service option . To compare plan costs, use the TRICARE Compare Cost Tool
What is it?	A preferred provider network available to all non-active duty beneficiaries. Most freedom of choice.	A managed care option offering the most affordable and comprehensive coverage.
Will I have to file my own claims?	Network providers will file claims for you. If you get care from a non-network provider, you may have to file your own claims.	Your provider will file claims for you (in most cases).
What are the main features?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment Required• Get care from any TRICARE-authorized provider, network or non-network• Referrals not required, but some care may require prior authorization• You may have to pay for services up front and file your own claims for reimbursement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment required• Enhanced vision coverage and preventive services• Most care received from your primary care manager (PCM)• Time and distance access standards• Fewer out-of-pocket costs• No claims to file (in most cases)
How much do I pay for an outpatient visit?	To compare plan costs, use the TRICARE Compare Cost Tool	To compare plan costs, use the TRICARE Compare Cost Tool
How can I learn more?	Go to the TRICARE Select page to learn more.	Go to the TRICARE Prime page to learn more.
What is the maximum I'll pay out-of-pocket?	To compare plan costs, use the TRICARE Compare Cost Tool	To compare plan costs, use the TRICARE Compare Cost Tool
How do I get care?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get care from any TRICARE-authorized provider, network or non-network.• Referrals not required.• Some services may require prior authorization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get most care from your assigned PCM.• Military or network provider• Refers you to specialists for care he or she can't provide 

2. Cost Comparison Tool = <https://www.tricare.mil/Costs/Compare>

3. Find a doctor = <https://www.tricare.mil/FindDoctor>

NURSE ADVICE LINE

Nurse Advice Line = <https://mhsnurseadvice.com/home>

1. Phone number = 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1.

DENTAL

TRICARE DENTAL WEBSITE

Link: <https://www.tricare.mil/TDP>

DENTAL PROGRAMS

VOLUNTARY PROGRAM - MUST ENROLL!

1. <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. TRICARE Dental Program (United Concordia)
2. CONUS: 844-653-4061
3. OCONUS: 844-653-4060
4. OCONUS Toll: 717-888-7400
5. <https://www.uccitdp.com/>

FINANCES

KEEP RECEIPTS FOR EVERYTHING!

WHAT IF I CANNOT AFFORD THE MOVE?

1. Members can submit requests for advances (Advance Pay, Advance, Travel, PM to the Finance Office during the 30 day briefing). Service Members E-4 and below must have Commanders signature to request an advance pay. The request will be reviewed through finance for any authorization. Payments can be made approximately 10 days prior to the Service Members departure date from the installation or the soldier will be given a government credit card.

AER LOANS

1. Available loan for service members

a. <http://www.aerhq.org/>

b. (254) 288-2862 | (254) 288-6330

REIMBURSEMENT

1. Provide proof of receipts if you are claiming more than \$75 in tolls

2. Provide hotel receipts

3. Per diem categories: meals, lodging, incidental expense

a. Reimburse up to: \$200/day up to 10 days for hotel stay

b. Reimburse: \$0.22/mile when driving

c. Reimburse: \$140/day of travel (when driving by vehicle)

4. *The Army will not pay to ship a vehicle on a CONUS move - only OCONUS.

5. Resource link for reimbursement/per diem:

a. <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

+ EMERGENCY NUMBERS		.	
+ Ambulance / Fire / Police		911	24 hours
+ American Red Cross		287-0400	24 hours
+ Chaplain (Personal Emergencies)		254-289-2531	24 hours
+ Corps & Fort Hood IOC		287-2520	24 hours
+ Emergency Engineer Work Order		287-2113	24 hours
+ Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)		287-2309	24 hours
+ Legal Assistance		287-7901	
+ Military Intelligence		287-2507 or 800-225-5779	24 hours
+ Military Police		288-1024 or 288-1131	24 hours
+ Range Control		287-3321	24 hours

+ SPECIAL ASSISTANCE HOTLINES		.	
+ Alcohol Abuse		287-2892	
+ Anonymous Reporting of Crimes		287-2746	
+ Army Community Service (ACS)		287-4ACS (4227)	
+ Chaplain		254-288-6545	
+ Child or Spouse Abuse (Family Advocacy)		287-CARE (2273)	
+ Computer Help Desk, NEC		1-866-335-ARMY (2769)	
+ Consumer Complaints		287-2489	
+ Equal Opportunity Hotline		254-291-5717	
+ Fraud, Waste and Abuse		287-2111	
+ Game Warden		287-GAME (4263)	
+ Housing Life / Health / Safety Issues		206-1157	
+ Inspector General (III Corps)		287-7209	
+ Recycling		287-2336	
+ Soldier & Family Assistance		288-7570 or 866-836-2751	
+ Volunteer Service Coordinator		288-7570	

AFTER ARRIVAL

+ SERVICES			
+ Administrative Services Branch		254-287-1489	
+ Army Military Pay Office		254-553-3048/3050	
+ Army Substance Abuse Program		254-287-7575	0730 - 1700
+ Casualty Assistance Center (CAC)		254-287-7200	
+ Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC)		254-288-2002	
+ Directorate of Emergency Services		254-287-4001	
+ Directorate of Human Resources		254-287-5103	
+ Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization & Security		254-285-5713 / 285-6990	
+ Directorate of Public Works		254-287-5707	
+ Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division		254-287-6499	
+ Directorate of Public Works Safety Office		254-287-8294	
+ Education Services Division		254-287-4824/4432	
+ Equal Employment Opportunity Program		254-287-1245	
+ Fort Hood Housing Services Office		254-287-4212	
+ Fort Hood Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation		.	
+ Fort Hood Personal Property		1-800-521-9959	0800-1500, Monday-Friday
+ Fort Hood Religious Support (Chaplain's Office)		254-288-6545	
+ ID Card Facility		254- 287-5670 / 287-2518	
+ Installation Reassignment Processing Branch (Levy)		254-287-2910	
+ Logistics Readiness Center		254-287-3312	
+ Military Personnel Division Mission		(254) 285-5738	
+ Military Personnel Center (MPC): Official Passports and Visa		254-553-0947 / 254-553-0041 / 254-288-3879	
+ Military Personnel Center (MPC): Personnel Services Support		254-288-3866	
+ Mission Training Complex Access Control		254-285-5390	0730-1630
+ Mission Training Complex Individual Training Team		254-287-5275	0730-1630
+ Mission Training Complex Mission Command Training Team		254-285-6197	0730-1630
+ Mission Training Complex Scheduling		254-287-5878	0730-1630
+ Public Affairs Office		254-286-5139	
+ Personnel Actions Branch/Out-Processing		254-287-7990	
+ Training Support Center Customer Service		254-287-2488	0730-1630
+ Retirement Services Office		254-287-5210 or 254-287-8761	
+ Safety Office		254-287-3323	
+ Warrior Skills Training Center		254-287-4906	0730-1630
+ Transition Assistance Program (TAP)		254-287-2227 or 254-288-5627	Monday - Friday 0800 - 1700
+ Workforce Development		254-553-3700 or 254-287-0516 or 254-287-7337	

FORT CAVAZOS TRAINING



III ARMORED CORPS FY24 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES



OCTOBER 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

6 – Training Holiday
9 – Columbus Day

NOVEMBER 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

10 – Veterans Day (Observed)
13 – Training Holiday
23 – Thanksgiving Day
24 – Training Holiday

DECEMBER 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

FHTX Holiday Schedule
(23 Dec-7 Jan)**

25 – Christmas
26 – Training Holiday

JANUARY 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1 – New Year's Day
2 – Training Holiday
12 – Training Holiday
15 – MLK Holiday

FEBRUARY 2024

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16 – Training Holiday
19 – President's Day

MARCH 2024

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15 – Training Holiday
11–15 – Central TX Spring Break
29 – Training Holiday
31 – Easter

APRIL 2024

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1 – Training Holiday

MAY 2024

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24 – Training Holiday
27 – Memorial Day

JUNE 2024

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14 – Army Birthday
19 – Juneteenth
21 – Training Holiday

JULY 2024

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4 – Independence Day
5 – Training Holiday

AUGUST 2024

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9 – Training Holiday
12 – Start of School (Presumed)
30 – Training Holiday

SEPTEMBER 2024

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2 – Labor Day

**Senior Commanders are free to establish the Christmas/New Year's holiday period and training holidays in MAR-APR 2024 consistent with local school calendars.

FORT CAVAZOS GATE SCHEDULE

The Main Gate, where you'll find the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, is open 24/7. Hours for the other 14 post entrances are as follows:

- **Clear Creek Gate** – 24/7
- **North Clark Gate** – 24/7
- **South Clark Gate** – 24/7
- **East Gate** – 24/7
- **East Range Road Gate** – 24/7
- **West Range Road Gate** – 24/7
- **10th Street Gate** – 0530-2000 Monday through Friday
- **Copperas Cove North Gate** – 0530-2000 Monday through Friday
- **Copperas Cove South Gate** – 0530-2000 Monday through Friday
- **WS Young Gate** – 0530-0930, 1130-1300 and 1600-1800 Monday through Friday, 0530-0930, 1130-1300 and 1500-2000 Saturday and Sunday
- **Fort Hood Street Gate** – 0530-2000 Monday through Friday
- **Santa Fe Gate** – 0530-2000 Monday through Friday
- **79th Street Gate** – 0530-2000 Monday through Friday
- **Mohawk Gate** – 0530-2000 Monday through Friday



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top 10 TO EXPLORE IN THE **Copperas Cove** AREA.

Copperas Cove, which once was a small rural ranching and farming community, has grown exponentially. From a hill country, to finding an abundance of amenities, the city provides a refreshing area to visit.



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No. 1 farmer's market

Copperas Cove Farmer's Market

Includes in season fruits, vegetables, tasty treats, and more to enjoy every Friday!

<https://copperascove.com/farmers-market/>



No. 2 best coffee shop

The Bloom Coffee Roasters

Excellent coffee takes quality farming, proper roasting, and good brew techniques to excite the palate.

<https://www.thebloomcoffee.com/>



No. 3 brunch favorite

Something in Between

Focusing on breakfast staples such as chicken & waffles, biscuits & gravy, French toast and many more with emphasis on having most items made in-house.

<https://sibcove.com/>

No. 4 local boutiques

Otye & Ann Specialty Boutique

Products are handmade in the store with all-natural ingredients and are completely customizable.

<https://www.otyeann.com>

Cactus Lilly

Trendy quality garments and fashionable accessories

<https://www.shopcactuslillyboutique.com/>





No. 5 brewery

Camp Caylor Wine & Beer Yard

Come relax, sit by the fire, roast s'mores, and play games while enjoying a cool glass of beer or a refreshing glass of wine.

<https://www.campcaylor.com/>

No. 6 golf course

Hills of Cove Golf Course

Enjoy a beautiful day play 18-holes down on the local golf course!

https://www.copperascovetx.gov/golf_course/



No. 7 dinner & drinks

Giovanni's

This beautiful restaurant combines old-world Italian influences with modern convenience. Expect to receive quality service, great food and a lot of smiles.

<https://giovannisitalianrestaurant.com/>



No. 8 library

Copperas Cove Public Library

Catch up with current magazine or newspaper articles, borrow audiobooks on CD, or maybe even check out a book to read. Just relax and enjoy a good book in a comfortable setting.

<https://www.copperascovetx.gov/library/>

No. 9 attractions

Topsey Exotic Ranch & Park

Explore and tour a ranch full of your favorite animals; an adventure of a lifetime.

<http://www.topseyexoticranch.com/>

Copperas Cove City Park

Enjoy several nice play areas, and picnic areas with grills. The park is a great walking area on a nice day.

<https://www.copperascovetx.gov/parks/>



No. 10 dessert shop

Creative Cakes and Snacks LLC

If you have a sweet tooth, we've got just the place for you! Try a variety of treats like apple stuffed cheesecakes!

<https://www.facebook.com/lifeissweet.truth/>



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top 10 TO EXPLORE IN THE **Killeen** AREA.

Killeen served as a railroad junction between the cities of Temple and Lampasas. The city grew drastically after Camp Hood was created in 1942, later known as Fort Cavazos.



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No. 1 farmer's market

Harker Heights Farmers Markets

Includes fruits, vegetables, tasty treats, and more! Located in Harker Heights on Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

<https://harkerheights.gov/index.php/programs/farmers-market-2>



No. 2 best coffee shop

The Bloom Coffee Roasters

Located in both Killeen and Harker Heights, you can find yourself sipping fresh coffee daily. This shop highlights the unique attributes of the various coffee beans to provide a flavorful cup.

<https://www.thebloomcoffee.com/>



No. 4 local boutiques

Southern Grace Salon & Boutique

This unique boutique includes upscale apparel, shoes, and accessories in a full-service salon!

<https://southerngracesalonboutique.com/>

Pink Crush

Looking for formal wear, accessories, or just an everyday piece of attire? Check out this local boutique for all your needs!

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/pink-crush-killeen?osq=womens+boutiques>



No. 3 brunch favorite

Galaxy B&G

Grab a bite to eat from another galaxy. Spend time with your family playing pool, watching movies, and enjoying delicious food!

<https://galaxyburgerkilleentx.com/>





No. 5 brewery

Iron Gauntlet Brauhaus

Enjoy an afternoon or evening with your friends with a happy hour, live music, and a brewery tour!

<https://irongauntlet.beer/>

No. 6 Museum

1st Cavalry Division Museum

The museum educates on historic contributions of the Cavalry Division; from as early as 1855 to now using exhibits and artifacts

https://history.army.mil/museums/fieldMuseums/fortHood_1stCav/index.html



No. 7 restaurant

I Love Sushi

Enjoy a lunch break or evening out with delicious flavored sushi, soups, drinks, and more!

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/i-love-sushi-killeen-2>



No. 8 themed adventure

Great Escape Killeen

Enter a live action adventure game where you must use elements within the room to solve puzzles and riddles to escape the room with a time limit!

<https://www.greatescapectx.com/>

No. 9 parks

Dana Peak

A beautiful park on a lake that offers water sports, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, group pavilions, fishing, camping, and more!

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232570>

Lions Club Community Park

Sporting fields, pavilion rentals, picnic areas, swimming pool, and basketball courts are a few features of this local park!

<https://www.killeentexas.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lions-Club-Park-4>



No. 10 food park

Killeen Food Park

Grab a variety of delicious foods, with the choice of a new flavor or different world cuisine each time!

<https://www.facebook.com/killeenfoodpark/>

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top 10 TO EXPLORE IN THE **Temple** AREA.

Temple, the "Wildflower Capital of Texas", was originally founded as a railroad town. Outside of town attractions, museums, and culture, you can find beautiful lush prairie land as well as Lake Belton.



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No. 1 farmer's market

Temple Farmer's Market

Includes fruits, vegetables, tasty treats, and more! Located in the West Temple Park on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

https://www.templeparks.com/special_events/farmer_s_market.php



No. 2 best coffee shop

Peggy's Coffee House

Pair their hand-crafted originals (including a Harry Potter inspired Butterbeer), espresso, or other exciting beverages with a specialty menu item!

<https://peggyscoffeehouse.com>



No. 3 brunch favorite

Megg's Cafe

This cafe offers fresh-baked bread, modern cuisine, and unique dishes for anyone with an appetite!

<https://www.meggs-cafe.com>

No. 4 local boutiques

Brickwood Boutique

This unique boutique includes upscale apparel, accessories, home decor, gifts, and more!

<https://www.shopbrickwood.com>

The Hub

Wide range of products and merchandise from a variety of vendors! A cafe and ice cream shop is located inside for a refreshing shopping treat!

<https://thehubtemple.com>





No. 5 brewery

Fire Base Brewing Company

Veteran-owned and brewed, this local brewery has a variety of craft beers on tap!

<https://firebasebrewing.com>

No. 6 Museum

Railroad & Heritage Museum

The exhibits display the history of the railroads, including temporary exhibits, education programs, and special events.

<https://www.templeparks.com>



No. 7 dinner & drinks

Cheeves Bros. Steak House

Try out this upscale restaurant known for its steaks, wine, and service in your business casual dress! Perfect for an anniversary dinner or celebratory event!

<https://www.cheeves.com/index.php>



No. 8 library

Temple Public Library

The library offers services for all ages, including online resources, reference services, and community outreach programs!

<https://www.templelibrary.us/>

No. 9 parks

Pepper Creek Hike & Bike Trail

Looking for a scenic path to take? Look no further! These trails offer beautiful views and water features.

<https://www.traillink.com/trail/pepper-creek-hike--bike-trail/>

Frank's Marina

Explore Lake Belton through a variety of rentals, such as boats, kayaks, and more!

<https://franksonthelake.com/>



No. 10 dessert shop

GoGo's Treatery

Grab a tasty treat at GoGo's! They offer a variety of frozen yogurt, cupcakes, gelato, and more!

<http://www.gogostreatery.com>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

I. MILITARY AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

1. Contact Information:

1. 36000 Shoemaker Ln, 2nd Floor, Fort Cavazos TX 76544

2. (254) 287-4227

2. Programs and Services:

1. Deployment Support
2. Relocation assistance
3. Confidential non-medical clinical counseling
4. Personal and family life education
5. Personal financial readiness
6. Employment assistance
7. Information and referral
8. Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)
9. Transition Assistance Program



TRUSTED VENDORS

A LIST OF TRUSTED VENDORS IN YOUR AREA



CONTRACTORS/ HANDYMAN

Pedro

512-712-6639

Daniel's Repair & Remodel

(254) 630-5952

MVP Construction

(254) 245-2830

Salvation Construction

(254) 813-7040

Scott Hernandez

(254) 493-4751

CLEANING COMPANIES

Dana's Cleaning Service

(737) 299-5750

Sparkly Maids - Cleaning Service LLC

(480) 714-4465

ELECTRICIAN

Keith Cutright

(254) 444-6308

Joel Crenshaw

(254) 760-0605

FOUNDATION

Mike Boley, Boley's Foundation

(254) 780-1220

HVAC

The Coolest Air

(254) 285-4156

HOME INSPECTOR

Averson Inspections

(254) 931-7978

Jay Jocqui A Pro

(210) 379.9215

Rick Jansen

(254) 285-4156

Shane Mollohan (Pillar to Post)

(254) 541-2325

Vantage Point

(254) 479-8833

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY

USAA

(800) 531-8722

Progressive

(888) 671-4405

HOME WARRANTY

Achosa - Missy

(254) 727-5527

American Home Shield

(888) 682-1043

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LANDSCAPING

Cade Carlson
(254) 231-9355

Mark Dominguez
(254) 220-9051

LENDER

Aric RGO
(303) 842-7290

Jay Bunte
(817) 907-5555

SWBC - Jimmy Alexander
(254) 634-2822

LOCKSMITH

Pop-A-Lock
Temple: (254) 771-3377
Killeen: (254) 554-9966

MOVING & STORAGE

Samson Professional Movers
(254) 262-0050

PEST CONTROL

Mantis Pest Control
(254) 628-2847

Budget Pest Control
(254) 983-1955

PLUMBING

Center Plumbing
(254) 317-0343

Patriot Plumbing Service
(254) 246-7913

Scott Hernandez
(254) 493-4751

ROOFING

Martinez Roofing
(254) 690-5811

R & R Industries LLC
(254) 220-8478

Sarah Ruzicka
(254) 717-2143

TITLE COMPANY

ALAMO MINDY
(254) 228-0188

Austin Title Reagan SanSom
(512) 817-3838

Montieth
(757) 610-3459

COMMON MISTAKES

AVOID THESE MISTAKES WITH YOUR NEW HOME

1 IGNORING HOME MAINTENANCE

When you move into your new home is it usually in pretty good shape. However, there may be some ongoing maintenance tasks throughout the year to keep your home in good condition. Home maintenance tasks include tasks like cleaning gutters, power washing the house, preparing for winter, and much more. I have included a monthly maintenance list to help you stay up to date with all of this in the later pages of this packet.

2 MAKING MAJOR RENOVATIONS

Before making any major renovations, see how it feels, and then determine if any large renovations are needed. While you may get excited at first and want to get started on many home projects, make sure to give yourself some time to settle into your new home before committing to any major changes.

Small changes will be expected, I suggest waiting to make any major renovations.



3 NOT BUDGETING FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

There are some additional fees that you need to be aware of and keep in mind in addition to your monthly mortgage. A few of the fees to keep in mind are homeowner's insurance, property taxes, utilities, HOA fees, as well as the cost of buying the tools and equipment to care for the landscaping and handle DIY repairs.

YEARLY CHECKLIST

HELPING YOU KEEP YOUR HOME IN TIP-TOP SHAPE

Following a home maintenance checklist is a great way to ensure your property stays in tip-top shape, and dividing your maintenance tasks by season can help spread out costs and keep things more manageable so you don't get overwhelmed.

SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS

- ☐ Check for damage to your roof from winter storms. Get your roof inspected after major storms or hail to check for damage
- ☐ Examine and replace extension cords that have become worn or damaged to avoid electrical fires
- ☐ Make sure your fire extinguisher is accessible and operable
- ☐ Repair cracked, broken or uneven driveways and walkways to prevent trips and falls
- ☐ Uncover and check all exterior faucets for leaks or damage
- ☐ Blow out your sprinkler systems and restart outdoor water sources



SUMMER MAINTENANCE TIPS



- ☐ Inspect your wood deck or concrete patio for deterioration. Reseal your wood deck to extend its life and prevent water damage
- ☐ Check your home for water leaks and/or damage
- ☐ Hire an arborist or tree trimmer to remove damaged or dead trees that might fall on or near your home
- ☐ Check play equipment for damage, and repair if necessary
- ☐ Examine exterior siding for chips or damage, and repair as needed
- ☐ Check window and door locks to ensure they lock properly

YEARLY CHECKLIST

HELPING YOU KEEP YOUR HOME IN TIP-TOP SHAPE

FALL MAINTENANCE TIPS



- ☐ Mow your lawn and winterize your garden. Bring plants in during cold spells to prevent frost damage
- ☐ Rake leaves and aerate your lawn. At the end of the season (and before snow falls) clean the gutters
- ☐ Re-caulk/seal around doors and windows to keep cold air out
- ☐ Repair cracked, broken or uneven driveways and walkways to prevent trips and falls
- ☐ Drain, clean and cover your swimming pool
- ☐ Clean the interior of major kitchen appliances before the holidays

WINTER MAINTENANCE TIPS

- ☐ Ensure all electrical holiday decorations have tight connections and that any exterior decorations are labeled for outdoor use only
- ☐ Check the basement for water leaks during thaws
- ☐ Check your water heater for leaks and pressure issues. Consider installing a leak detector to prevent flooding
- ☐ Clean refrigerator and freezer drip pans, and vacuum the coils
- ☐ Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter of buildup. You'll be using your stove and oven a lot more during the holidays
- ☐ Inspect the roof, gutters and downspouts for damage



KEEP YOUR HOME IN TOP SHAPE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH THESE SEASONAL *maintenance tips*

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HELPFUL HOMEOWNER — TAX INFORMATION —

saving you money

MORTGAGE INTEREST

For most people, the biggest tax break from owning a home comes from deducting mortgage interest. For the tax year prior to 2018, you can deduct interest on up to \$1 million of debt used to acquire or improve your home.

REAL ESTATE TAXES

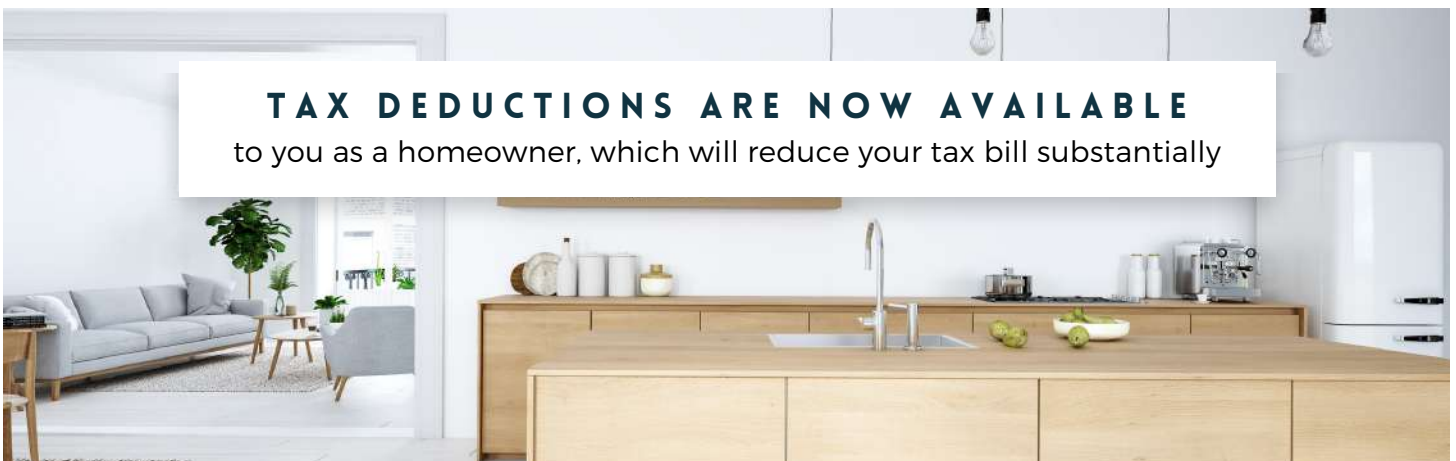
You can deduct the local property taxes you pay each year, too. The amount may be shown on a form you receive from your lender if you pay your taxes through an escrow account. If you pay directly to the municipality, though, check your records or your checkbook registry.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Save receipts and records for all improvements you make to your home, such as landscaping, storm windows, fences, and any additions. You can't deduct these expenses now, but when you sell your home the cost of the improvements is added to the purchase price of your home to determine the cost basis in your home for tax purposes. Keeping track of your basis will help limit the potential tax bill.

ENERGY CREDITS

Some energy-saving home improvements to your principal residence can earn you an additional tax break in the form of an energy tax credit worth up to \$500. A tax credit is more valuable than a tax deduction because a credit reduces your tax bill dollar for dollar.



TAX DEDUCTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
to you as a homeowner, which will reduce your tax bill substantially

THANK YOU!

I HOPE THAT THIS HELPS YOUR PCS TO FORT CAVAZOS!

With my team, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for trusting us to provide you information and resources to ensure you are prepared for your upcoming PCS!

I know, from personal experience, that any move can be emotional, stressful, and can be overwhelming, so we wanted to be sure we gathered the most vital Information for you to put in one place. I hope that this guide brought some insight, peace of mind, and you were able to take away something to make this transition easier for your family.



Please know that I am always available to help and be a resource if you ever have any questions or are looking for more information. If you know of anyone who is currently in the area, or have a friend who ends up PCSing, have them reach out to me as well!

I wish you and your family a joyful future making new memories in this new place called "home", and I look forward to keeping in touch as you settle into your new space!

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