

ABOUT THE BASE

Fort Eisenhower is located just southwest of Augusta, Georgia, in Richmond County, but is only a few hundred yards from Columbia County. The installation is strategically positioned, being 122 miles from Savannah, 138 miles from Charleston, South Carolina, 139 miles from Atlanta, and 211 miles from the beaches of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Covering around 56,500 acres, Fort Eisenhower is a large, multi-mission military installation that supports a wide range of training, operational, and sustainment needs for both Army and Department of Defense missions. The on-post population at Fort Eisenhower exceeds 26,000, including military personnel, their families, and civilians. Additionally, nearly 78,000 military families, civilians, and retirees live off-post in the surrounding areas. Fort Eisenhower contributes over \$2 billion annually to the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA), with an annual budget of \$818 million.



Upon ARRIVAL

When you arrive and your family is settled in, you'll want to check in with your unit. Where you do that will depend on the unit and sometimes your time of arrival, see the link to the right to get specific instructions for your unit.

One of the common sites you'll visit frequently when you arrive is the Soldier Support Center, or Darling Hall. This is where you'll find the Transportation Office, Finance, DEERS, Housing, and many other resources.

WHERE TO REPORT?

Check Here for specific locations and points of contact when reporting

Click Here

SOLDIER SUPPORT

Darling Hall Bldg 33720 307 Chamberlain Ave.



GATE INFO

GATE 1

Gate 1 primarily services traffic from Augusta, Martinez, and parts of Evans. Jimmy Dyess Expressway/Belair Rd. run directly into the gate which is just off of Gordon Highway.

GATE 5

Gate 5 services travelers from Hephzibah. Tobacco Rd. runs into Gate 5 which is just off of Hwy 1/GA540/Deans Bridge Rd.

GATE 6

Gate 6 is the largest gate, servicing traffic from Grovetown, Harlem, and Evans. It is also the home of the Visitor Control Center where you can register guests or get access should you forget your CAC on base...

Effective: February 5, 2024			
	Main Gate (Gate 6)	Gate 5	McKenna Gate (Gate 1)
Hours	24-hours, 7-Days a week	4:45 a.m Midnight 7-Days a week	24-hours, 7-Days a week
DoD ID Card holders	YES	YES	YES
Trusted Traveler	YES	YES	Not during peak travel times*
Passes	YES	YES	Not during peak travel times*
Commercial Vehicles	YES	NO	NO

*Peak Travel times are Monday- Friday, 5 – 9 a.m., excluding holidays.

AUGUSTA 5-25 MINUTE DRIVE

Augusta, the second-largest city in Georgia, is known for its historic charm and vibrant culture. It's home to the prestigious Masters Tournament and offers a mix of urban and suburban living with scenic views of the Savannah River.

GROVETOWN 5-15 MINUTE DRIVE

Just outside Gate 6, Grovetown is a rapidly growing suburb of Augusta, popular among military families due to its proximity to the base. The town offers a family-friendly atmosphere with new residential developments, excellent schools, and various parks. Grovetown balances small-town charm with modern amenities.

HARLEM 10-20 MINUTE DRIVE

Harlem is a small, close-knit town with a rich history and a strong sense of community. Harlem offers a slower pace of life with charming streets, local events, and a welcoming atmosphere. It's an ideal location for those seeking a quiet, rural environment.

NEARBY

CITIES

EVANS 20-35 MINUTE DRIVE

Evans is an upscale suburb that consistently ranks as one of the best places to live in Georgia. Known for its top-rated schools, beautiful neighborhoods, and extensive recreational facilities, Evans is ideal for families seeking a high quality of life.

MARTINEZ 15-35 MINUTE DRIVE

Martinez is a well-established suburb of Augusta, offering a blend of suburban comfort and convenience. The community is known for its highlyrated schools, family-friendly neighborhoods, and easy access to both downtown Augusta and surrounding areas.

HEPHZIBAH 5-25 MINUTE DRIVE

Hephzibah is a rural community located just south outside Gate 5, offering a peaceful, country lifestyle. The town provides affordable housing options and is surrounded by natural beauty, making it attractive to those looking for a quieter, more laid-back environment.



HOUSING OFFICE

Darling Hall Bldg 33720, Rm 129 307 Chamberlain Ave.

CONTACT INFO/HOURS

706-791-5116 or 706-791-9658 M-W&F - 7:30am - 4pm Th - 7:30am - 2pm

TEMPORARY LODGING

IHG Army Hotels 706-790-3676 www.ihg.com/armyhotels

Holiday Inn Express - Griffith Hall 250 Chamberlain Ave.

Candlewood Suites 215 Avenue of the States, Bldg 38300

ON-BASE Housing

Fort Eisenhower provides a variety of onbase housing options to accommodate the needs of military families. The housing communities feature single-family homes, townhouses, and apartments, with access to amenities such as playgrounds, community centers, and fitness facilities. The Fort Eisenhower Housing Office manages the application process, and it's recommended to apply as early as possible due to high demand.

I love meeting people from different parts of the world and I look forward to connecting with you as a host or traveler. I will do my best to make your stay as comfortable as possible!

Thanks so much for choosing us and we hope to welcome you back soon!

HOUSING ALLOWANCE

BAH Rates vary depending on your rank, family status. At Fort Eisenhower, rates range from \$1353 to \$2600+. When living on-base, your entire allowance goes to the housing office.

<u>BAH Rates</u>

OFF-BASE Housing

If you prefer off-base living, Augusta offers a wide range of housing options in surrounding neighborhoods like Evans, Martinez, and Grovetown. These areas are popular among military families due to their excellent schools, family-friendly atmosphere, and proximity to Fort Eisenhower.

The rental market in the Augusta area is diverse, with options ranging from apartments to single-family homes. Average rental prices vary depending on the neighborhood and property size, with singlefamily homes typically costing between \$1,500 and \$2,500 per month. Off-base living allows for more privacy and the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local community.

FUN FACTS

Augusta is the second oldest city in Georgia

James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, was raised in Augusta.

The Girl Scouts motto, "Be Prepared" was adopted from a speech given by the founder in Augusta



RICHMOND COUNTY

Richmond County, home to the city of Augusta, is a hub of economic and cultural activity in the region. Residents enjoy access to a variety of amenities, including historic sites, cultural institutions, and recreational facilities along the Savannah River.



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Columbia County is one of the fastestgrowing counties in Georgia, known for its top-rated schools, safe neighborhoods, and high quality of life. The county offers a blend of suburban and rural living, with excellent recreational facilities, including parks and lakes, that attract outdoor enthusiasts.

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

Education is a top priority for families, and the area offers a variety of options to meet different needs. For younger children, Augusta has numerous daycare centers and preschools, many of which are conveniently located near Fort Eisenhower. The Fort Eisenhower School Liaison Office can assist military families in navigating school enrollment and understanding the local education system.

School Support Services

<u>Website</u>

RICHMOND COUNTY https://www.rcboe.org

The Richmond County School System operates public schools in the area, with several schools known for their academic excellence and extracurricular programs. There are also private and charter schools available, providing alternatives for families seeking specific educational environments.

COLUMBIA COUNTY https://www.ccboe.net

The Columbia County School District is renowned for its commitment to academic excellence and offers a variety of educational opportunities for students. The district includes numerous highly-rated public schools known for their strong academic programs and robust extracurricular activities.



THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

DDEAMC is the primary healthcare facility for military families stationed at Fort Eisenhower. This state-of-the-art medical center provides comprehensive healthcare services, including primary care, specialty care, and emergency services. The DDEAMC is staffed by highly trained military and civilian medical professionals who are dedicated to the well-being of service members and their families. In addition to the main hospital, there are several clinics on base that offer routine care, dental services, and immunizations. Military families can also access mental health services and family counseling through the medical center.

CIVILIAN HEALTHCARE

Augusta is home to several top-rated hospitals, including Augusta University Health (now Wellstar) and Piedmont. These hospitals offer specialized medical services, such as pediatric care, cardiology, and advanced surgical procedures. Augusta's healthcare network includes numerous clinics and urgent care centers, providing convenient access to medical care when needed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

DDEAMC has an emergency room that is equipped to handle most medical emergencies. For situations that occur off base, Augusta's civilian hospitals also provide emergency services, including 24/7 access to trauma care at Augusta University Health. Dialing 911 will connect you to local emergency services, including police, fire, and medical responders.



places to eat and drink

FOOD & DRINK

Breakfast:

- The Brunch House of Augusta
- Ruth's Family Restaurant
- Name of restaurant/bar

Casual Dining:

- Knuckle Sandwich
- Pineapple Ink Tavern
- Name of restaurant/bar

Drinks:

- Savannah River Brewing Co.
- Whiskey Bar Kitchen
- Indian Queen

High-end Dining:

- Frog Hollow Tavern
- Craft & Vine
- Cork & Flame

<u>More Options</u>



Tools to Help You Plan YOUR MOVE



Military OneSource has an outstanding checklist generator based on specifics of your family situation.



The AHRN has an amazing PCS checklist with timelines to help you avoid missing anything in the months leading up to your PCS move.



Welcome to Fort Eisenhower and THANK YOU!

Thank you first and foremost for your service. PCS season is a tough time, and I know the hardship this can cause you and your family. I'm here to help you in any way possible to lessen the stress it brings with it.

I hope this PCS guide helped you as you begin your move to Fort Eisenhower. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Also, if there is anything you would have liked to see in this guide, please send us an email. We want to make sure we're providing all of the information needed when PCSing to Fort Eisenhower.

Contact Us



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