



## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

### **Welcome to our Team!**

Allow me to extend my personal welcome to you and your Family as you join our team. Regardless of what unit you serve in, this will be one of the most rewarding and satisfying assignments in your career.

We are proud of the large contributions that our exceptional Army post makes to the Nation and its defense. From the latest developments in Afghanistan and the shift to Security Forces Assistance, to the Secretary of Defense's number one priority, the Defense CBRN Response Force, Fort Polk has a unit or units on the tip of the spear. Fort Polk houses a broad array of units to accomplish its missions: JRTC Operations Group; the 162d Infantry Brigade; 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division; 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade; 115th Combat Support Hospital; Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital; and our Dental Command.

Our strength as an installation lies in the diversity of our units and the breadth of support we provide. In addition to the units I already listed, Fort Polk hosts a MEDDAC, a DENTAC, and a dedicated Garrison staff whose combined efforts ensure the highest-quality support to every member of our community. From Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital to our dental clinics to the several technical directorates, our operating motto is, "Service First for Soldiers and Families!" Fort Polk truly is a crown jewel for the Army.

While the Army expects us to provide trained and ready units, this is also an opportunity for you to catch your breath and strengthen your resilience and your relationships. This is a great installation to serve at and raise a Family. You'll see for yourself as you take advantage of our extensive quality-of-life programs – make us your home. I look forward to your arrival, and to working with you to achieve our mission. Congratulations on your assignment to Fort Polk!

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