

Motorcycles

All motorcycles owned by soldiers or family members that are driven on post must be registered at the Safety Office, Bldg 2371, on Beauregard Street.

Seatbelts and Child Restraints

South Carolina has a compulsory seatbelt law which also applies when driving on Fort Jackson. Additionally, children ages 4 and under traveling in a vehicle's front seat must be secured in restraining devices approved by the National Safety Products Council. Children ages 5 and under traveling in the back seat must also be in a restraint. Children 6 years and older traveling in the back seat must wear seatbelts.

South Carolina Driver's License

Military personnel and their family members are not required to obtain South Carolina driver's licenses or license plates as long as they have valid ones from other states. Expiration of a service member's driving license is different depending upon its state of origin.

If you do not have a valid driver's license, you must pass a written examination and a road test within 90 days of your arrival. A learner's permit may be issued at the age of 15 and an unrestricted license at age 16.

Registering Vehicles in South Carolina

South Carolina law requires all vehicles remaining in the state for over thirty days to be registered and licensed by the state. However, if a soldier is not a legal residence of South Carolina and he/she owns a vehicle which is legally registered in another state, he does not have to comply with the requirement to register his vehicle in South Carolina.

Utilities

South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCEG)
800-251-7234

Mid Carolina Electric Co-op
803-749-6555

City of Columbia Water Company
803-545-3300

Telephone/Cable/Internet

Time Warner Cable
800-892-2253

There are several additional telephone, cable and internet providers in the Columbia area. Check with your property manager or realtor to find out which services your area.

Frequently Called Telephone Numbers

American Red Cross – FJ	751-4329
Columbia	540-1200
National Emergency	877-272-7238
Army Community Service/AER	803-751-5256
Child and Youth Programs	751-4865
Commissary	751-5789
Finance Office	
Military Pay	751-6669
Travel Pay	751-7240
Household Goods	
Inbound HHG	751-7694
Outbound HHG	751-5137
Housing Services	751-7566
ID Card Section	751-7731
Moncrief Army Hospital	
Central Appointments	751-2273
Post Exchange (Main)	787-1950
Post Operator	751-1110
School Liaison Officer	751-6150
Transportation Office	751-5128
Vehicle Registration	751-5887
Welcome Center (Reservations)	782-9802 800-276-6984

Spouses are encouraged to enroll in Army Family Team Building (AFTB) by calling 803-751-6315/5256.



If you have an Exceptional Family Member, please call 803-751-5256 to update your registration information.



If you are in need of basic household essentials before your household goods arrive and after they depart, please call 803-751-1124/5256 to get more information about the Lending Closet.



FORT JACKSON NEWCOMER FACTS



Relocation Readiness Program
5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd., Room 223
Fort Jackson, SC 29207
Phone (803) 751-1124/5256 DSN 734
Fax (803) 751-9978
Toll Free – 800-337-3445

For further information visit:
<http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs>

Arrival Information

Airport: Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) – The airport is located approximately 17 miles from Fort Jackson. Transportation to and from the airport include commercial buses, limousines, taxis, and rental cars. An average taxi ride to Fort Jackson costs approximately \$32. The airport's military assistance desk, located in the airport atrium, can provide more information on ground transportation Monday - Friday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. The USO is open daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Computer stations, Wi-Fi access, video gaming systems, large screen TV's, reading material, snacks and more are offered at no cost.

Driving Directions to Fort Jackson Main Gate 2

From Columbia Metropolitan Airport: Take Highway I-26 East to I-77 North exit 116 towards Charlotte. Take the Forest Drive/Fort Jackson exit 12. Make a right onto Forest Drive, which becomes Strom Thurmond Blvd. Gate access is required.

From Spartanburg, SC (I-26): Take I-20 East towards Florence, proceed to I-77 South. Once on I-77 South, proceed to Forest Drive/Fort Jackson exit 12. Make a left onto Forest Drive, which becomes Strom Thurmond Blvd. Gate access is required.

From Florence, SC (I-20): Take I-77 South towards Charleston. Once on I-77 South, proceed to Forest Drive/Fort Jackson exit 12. Make a left onto Forest Drive, which becomes Strom Thurmond Blvd. Gate access is required.

From Charlotte, NC (I-77): Proceed on I-77 South towards Charleston. Take the Forest Drive/Fort Jackson exit 12. Make a left onto Forest Drive, which becomes Strom Thurmond Blvd. Gate access is required.

From Charleston, SC (I-26): Take I-77 North towards Charlotte exit 116. Take the Forest Drive/Fort Jackson exit 12. Make a right onto Forest Drive, which becomes Strom Thurmond Blvd. Gate Access is required.



In-Processing

All personnel, regardless of grade, must report to Bldg Number 5450, Storm Thurmond Blvd, Room 200, during working hours. After 1700 on Friday, report to the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center is located at the intersection of Marion Ave and Benning Road. All Soldiers must in-process through ACS on Tuesdays or Thursdays promptly at 0730. **NOTE: Traffic is very congested on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Wednesday is Family Day and Thursday is BCT Graduation. Please plan accordingly.**

Newcomer's Orientation

Post Newcomer's Orientation/Tour is held the first Wednesday of every month at the Post Conference Room on Jackson Blvd – Bldg 4376, at the corner of Jackson and Gregg (near Post Headquarters). Starting time is 0900hrs with doors open at 0830 hrs. Spouses are encouraged to attend and child care is provided and should be coordinated with the Hood Street Child Development Center. Prior to making child care reservation, attendance at a mandatory orientation and registration with Child & Youth Services are required by calling 751-4865. Once all requirements are met, reservation for child care can be made by calling 751-1972. For further information on the Orientation/Tour, please call ACS at 751-1124/5256.

Permissive TDY

If you have approved Permissive Temporary Duty (PTDY) from your losing unit, you must bring your DA31 and a copy of your orders to the Housing Services Office (HSO) in the Strom Thurmond Building Rm. 241 on the day that your PTDY begins (or next duty day after a holiday or weekend). Failure to do so may result in the time being charged as ordinary leave. Contact the HSO at 803-751-7566/5788/5331 for more information.

Lodging/Hotel information

As soon as you know when you will depart your current duty station and arrive at Fort Jackson, you should make reservations for temporary lodging by calling the Welcome Center at (800) 276-6984 or (803) 782-9802 or you can fax a request DSN 734-6297.

On-Post Housing

Balfour Beatty Communities, in partnership with Fort Jackson, manages and maintains on-post Family housing. Neighborhood amenities include, playgrounds, walking and biking trails. For more information and to start living "Where Heroes Live", call 803-738-8275 or visit their website at www.ftjacksonfamilyhousing.com.

Off-Post Housing

If you are authorized to reside off-post and you decide to do so, it is strongly recommended that you do not enter into a written contract or lease agreement until you have physically seen the property you wish to rent or purchase. Please contact the HSO at (803)751-5788/7566 prior to making any housing arrangements. The office is located inside the Strom Thurmond Building at 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd. Room 241.

Schools

For military living on post at Fort Jackson, there are two DODEA schools for elementary students ages 4 through 6th grade. 7th and 8th grade students living on post will attend Dent Middle School. On-post high school students will attend Richland Northeast.

Children of military personnel living off post are supported by primarily two school districts: Richland District 1 and Richland District 2. A majority of Fort Jackson military children attend Richland District 2 schools, which consist of 15 Elementary Schools, 6 Middle Schools, and 4 High Schools. RD2 offers 15 magnet programs in various schools. Call the School Liaison Officer, 803-751-6150 for further information.

Pets (On-Post)

All pets must be micro chipped and registered with the Post Veterinarian as well as the Community Management Office at the time of Lease signing or within ten (10) business days of move-in or acquiring the pet. All pets *must* be kept current with vaccinations, testing, and/or treatments. All dogs and cats must wear their current rabies vaccination tag on their collar or harness. Only two domestic pets are allowed per home. Residents are responsible for cleaning up after their pet throughout all neighborhoods daily. Abandonment of pets is prohibited.

Pets (Off-Post)

If you own a dog or cat and are a resident of the City of Columbia or Richland County, you are required by law to have your pet licensed every year. Failure to do so can result in a maximum fine of \$200 or 30 days in jail.

Critical Installation Information

It is no longer permissible to use cell phones while driving a car on post. Fort Jackson Post Office does not give P.O. Boxes in advance. Prior to departing, you should request your local post office place a "hold" on your mail. Once arriving Fort Jackson, you may obtain a P.O. Box at the post office

POV Information

All vehicles must be registered by visiting the vehicle registration office at 4394 Strom Thurmond Blvd. For more information, please call 803-751-5887.