



E-Welcome to Fort Meade

Military & Family Readiness Center (MFRC)

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301-677-4136/4138

70 ISRW RIGHT START/NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Open to all Air Force and Space Force members assigned to Ft Meade (spouse attendance is acceptable and encouraged). Right Start is currently held every other Wednesday. Contact your CSS to register yourself and your spouse.

HELPFUL RELOCATION WEBSITES

https://dps.move.mil/cust/standard/user/home.xhtml	Official DoD Customer Moving Portal
https://planmymove.militaryonesource.mil/	Plan My Move
https://home.army.mil/meade/index.php	Fort Meade main website / Ft. Meade Facebook
https://meade.armymwr.com/	Fort Meade MWR website

MOVING and MONEY

- **Current BAH rates:** www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm (Ft. Meade zip code is 20755)
- www.annualcreditreport.com
- **M&FRC Financial Readiness Program:** Call 301-677-4136 to schedule an appointment.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

- **Mass Transportation Benefit Program (MTBP):** MTBP is offered to eligible employees and military service members.
- Under this program, participating employees in the National Capital Region (NCR) receive “transit passes” in amounts equal to their personal commuting costs, not to exceed \$300 per month (parking costs not included). To receive this benefit, employees must relinquish any federally subsidized parking permit, and may not be listed as part of a DoD carpool for purposes of qualifying for a parking pass.
- Important: Enrollment Submissions require that your SmarTrip® Card be pre-registered with DC Metro (WMATA) and in your CAC name. Non-registered or incorrectly registered SmarTrip® entries will generate immediate application rejection upon review. Your application review and transit funding are dependent on this SmarTrip® registration.
 - To apply for MTBP Benefits go to:
<https://www.whs.mil/Mass-Transportation-Benefit-Program/Apply-for-MTBP-Benefits/>
- **Maryland Transit Administration (MTA):** MTA does not have a special fare program specifically for servicemembers however servicemembers & family members may still qualify to enroll in the programs MTA currently offers if the individual meets the requirements (e.g. being disabled, a senior, or a student).
 - For information on MTA Special Fare Programs and how to apply go to:
<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/special-fare-programs>

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LODGING

- 1) **On Post:** Candlewood Suites (410-674-7700) Reservations accepted 90 days in advance.
PCS orders have priority. Pets are allowed.
- 2) **Extended Stay Hotels (w/kitchenettes)**
www.extendedstayamerica.com Ask RCI Housing Office for more choices, 301-677-7748.
- 3) **On Post Housing**
https://meade.corvias.com (DoD Civilian availability also)
Corvias Program Office – (410) 305-1258/ (866) 525-HOME.
- 4) **Off Post Housing:**
 - RCI Housing Office: 301-677-7748
 - Automated Housing Referral Network: https://www.ahrn.com

RELEVANT GARRISON SERVICES

- 1) **Children:** CYS Registration (301-677-1149/ 1104)
- 2) **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP):**
If enrolled, please contact AF EFMP before PCS'ing to get connected before you arrive.
301-677- 5734/4136.
- 3) **Employment Readiness Program (Spouse Employment):** 301-677-5590
ERP includes employment counseling, resume writing, job Search Strategies, interviewing skills, and federal employment assistance. PCS'ing Spouses may be eligible for the Military Spouse Preference or Priority Placement Program for federal employment. www.usajobs.gov
www.aacounty.org – Anne Arundel employment
www.maryland.gov - State of MD employment
- 4) **AF Education Center 301-246-2284** (located on 3rd floor at National Business Parkway 306)
College Offices that are on Fort Meade:
Anne Arundel Community College 410-672-2117 www.aacc.edu
University of MD Global Campus 301-621-9882 www.umgc.edu
- 5) **Religious Services:** 301-395-1248
- 6) **Army Volunteer Opportunities:** 301-677-5590
- 7) **MWR (Gyms, Bowling Center, Leisure Office, RV Park and more):** www.meade.armymwr.com
- 8) **Pets:**
 - **Fort Meade Veterinary Treatment Facility,** 301-677-1300. All dogs/cats living in post housing must be micro-chipped.
 - **Ft. Meade Family Pet Care Center:** 301-677- 4059. Offers boarding and doggie daycare.

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- **Pet Friendly Hotels:** www.petswelcome.com. General information on lodging and moving with pets.

MEDICAL CARE

- 1) **TRICARE:** www.tricare.mil . (If you are leaving your Tricare Region, you must re-enroll into your new Tricare Region)
- 2) **Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center (KACC) Ft. Meade** – **No ER** <https://kimbrough.tricare.mil/>
- 3) **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.** – Full Hospital/45-60 minutes commute <https://walterreed.tricare.mil/>
- 4) **Johns Hopkins Medical:** One alternative for Family Members TRICARE. You will not be in the military pharmacy system and must pay a small amount for your prescription drugs by using this option. www.hopkinsmedicine.org/usfhp

GOOD TO KNOW

Main Gate: Mapes Gate/Rt. 175 is the only gate open 24 hours/7 days a week.

Speed Limit: On post, the speed limit is posted and ranges from 15-30 mph. Watch out for deer!

Airports:

- 1) Baltimore Washington International Airport (15 minutes from Fort Meade), www.bwiairport.com
- 2) Ronald Reagan National Airport (60-minute drive depending on traffic), www.flyreagan.com
- 3) Dulles International Airport (60-120 minutes depending on traffic), www.flydulles.com

Tourism:

- 1) **Washington, DC Official Site:** www.washington.org

Tip: Before going into Washington DC, check the websites for parades, marches, festivals, and other events. The DC Metro area (MD/VA/DC) traffic is a reality!

- 2) **Baltimore, Md. Official Site:** www.baltimorecity.gov
- 3) **State of Maryland:** www.maryland.gov
- 4) **Annapolis, Md. Official Site:** www.annapolis.gov

- Fort Meade is located between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore Md.
- Ft. Meade lies 5 miles east of Interstate 95 and one-half mile east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, between Maryland State routes 175 and 198.
- Ft. Meade is located near the communities of Odenton, Hanover, Glen Burnie, Ellicott, Laurel, Columbia, and Jessup.

On-Post Shopping:

- 1) Ft. Meade Commissary: www.commissaries.com
- 2) Main Post Exchange: www.shopmyexchange.com

Thank you for your service to our country!