

ARDENNES/BATAAN NEWSLETTER

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Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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From the desk of Cathy Cameron,
Community Management Director



Utility and infrastructure updates

The Fort Bragg Directorate of Public Works (DPW) and Old North Utility Services, Inc. (ONUS) are in the process of replacing and modernizing water and sewer systems throughout post. They are currently working in Hammond Hills and Casablanca/Anzio Acres Neighborhoods, and will upgrade the Ardennes/Bataan and Pope Neighborhoods. Residents in these areas will be notified by ONUS prior to work beginning.

Additionally, the Directorate of Public Works and Sandhills Utility Services are continuing to move power lines underground in the Normandy Neighborhood.

These needed infrastructure upgrades and modernization projects will improve military families' quality of life for many years to come. Thank you for your patience during this time, especially those residents whose homes, streets and yards may be directly affected.

Do you have enough renter's insurance?

Did you know that \$20,000 of renter's insurance is included as a benefit of living on post? This coverage can help cover the costs of replacing items like clothing, electronics, toys and furnishings after theft, fire, flood or other disaster. However, \$20,000 may not be enough coverage to replace all of your belongings. Picerne recommends purchasing supplemental renter's insurance in an amount sufficient to replace all of your valuable possessions. Policies may be purchased from a variety of insurance providers.

OFFICE CLOSING

All Picerne offices will be closed
Friday, March 2
from
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
for an employee event.

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE

Manager
Sandy Martin

Maintenance Supervisor
Michael Maher

Hours of Operation
M-F 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
SAT 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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(910) 432-0911 or 911

Fort Bragg Crime Stoppers:
(910) 396-3937

90-REACT:
(910) 907-3228

*Work orders may be submitted online at www.braggpicerne.com,
by phone or at your Neighborhood Office.*

Department of Defense launches website for military children

The Department of Defense recently launched a new website for children experiencing the challenges of military



deployments. The interactive website, www.MilitaryKidsConnect.org, helps children of deployed parents cope with the stress, changing responsibilities, and concern for the safety of a parent.

The website has features that will help children, parents, and educators navigate the wide range of practical and emotional challenges military families must live with throughout the deployment cycle. Be sure to check it out!

A friendly reminder about your Christmas decorations

Thank you to everyone who decorated their homes and made the neighborhood look beautiful during the holiday season! Please remember to remove your exterior holiday decorations if you have not yet already done so.

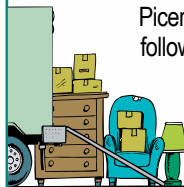
Mildew prevention tips

Mildew prevention is important in every home year-round. Below are a few small pointers that can go a long way in ensuring mildew is minimized in your home:

1. Be sure to keep your doors and windows closed in damp or rainy weather conditions.
2. Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around your sinks, bathtubs, toilets, windows and exterior doors. Use a common household disinfecting cleaner when cleaning these areas.
3. Wipe down and dry areas where moisture often accumulates, including counter-tops, windows, and windowsills.
4. Use your bathroom fan while bathing or showering. Keep the fan on until all excess moisture has left the bathroom area.

Please contact your Neighborhood Office as soon as possible should you notice a water leak, or mildew that cannot be removed by wiping the area with a common household cleaner.

Moving Out Soon?



Picerne Military Housing asks that when you receive orders to PCS, ETS or retire, you should follow these steps:

1. Please provide at least 30 days written notice of your pending move to your Neighborhood Office.
2. Request a pre-move inspection to help you identify damages or items to be cleaned prior to move out. A pre-move inspection will help you to avoid any charges.

Need money for college? \$50,000 scholarship applications due February 16

Our Family for Families First, John G. Picerne's private charitable foundation, was established to support the educational goals of children and spouses of active-duty Service Members. The Foundation offers \$50,000 college scholarships for active-duty Service Members' children, in addition to \$5,000 educational grants for active-duty Service Members' spouses. The Foundation is now accepting applications from children and spouses of active-duty Service Members in any military branch based at these seven installations: Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort Polk, Fort Bragg, Fort Meade, Fort Rucker, Fort Riley, or Fort Sill.

Scholarship and grant applications for 2012 are now available online at www.ourfamilyfoundation.org. All college scholarship applications for children must be submitted by Thursday, February 16. All educational grants for spouses are due no later than May 17. Please review the information located on the website for eligibility requirements and to learn more about the Our Family for Families First Foundation.

Cold weather and your home

Now that winter is in full swing, here are a few reminders that will help keep your home warm in an energy efficient way:

- Set your thermostat fan control to the “auto” position. Setting the fan control to “on” will run the fan motor continuously and use more energy.
- Change your air filters every month. Clean filters will lead to a better operating unit and will help to reduce the amount of dust circulated through your home. Replacement filters are available free of charge at your Neighborhood Office.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home to help prevent pipe bursts and flooding. Your thermostats should be set to a temperature no lower than 55 degrees.



A reminder about your air filter(s)

Regardless of the season, please remember to change your air filter(s) every 30 days. Replacement filters are available at your Neighborhood Office. Replacing your filter will help your home remain comfortable throughout the year.

Fort Bragg Area Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarships

The Fort Bragg Area Officers' Spouses' Club (FBAOSC) offers scholarships for both traditional and continuing education students.

Eligibility requirements, guidelines, and applications are available at the Throckmorton Library, and in the guidance offices of area high schools. For more information, you may also visit FBAOSC's website at fbaosc.org/scholarship_9.html.



Picerne hires pool management company



Beginning this summer, American Pool Enterprises will manage the Neighborhood Center pools at Fort Bragg. American Pool Enterprises services more than 3,000 commercial swimming facilities and more than 7,000 residential pools.

American Pool Enterprises employs more than 5,000 lifeguards throughout the country. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard at one of our Neighborhood Center pools this summer, please visit www.guardforlife.com.

A win for us, is a win for your community!

John G. Picerne's foundation, Our Family for Families First Foundation, has been selected as one of 20 finalists in the Joining Forces Community Challenge. This challenge was a call to action launched by the White House to “recognize citizens and organizations with a demonstrated, genuine, and deep desire to be of service to military families.”

Our Family for Families First Foundation is committed to supporting military family members in the pursuit of higher education and establishing a tradition of community service. For more information, please visit OurFamilyFoundation.org.



**Service Schedule for
your Neighborhood**

*Please review the below
service schedule for your
neighborhood.*

**Trash, Recycling &
Bulk Trash:
Every Tuesday**


Calendar Events

Thursday, February 23 – Cooking on a Budget – This exciting class will be held at the Ardennes/Bataan Neighborhood Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to plan and prepare healthy meals while keeping your budget in mind. In this hands-on class, you will also prepare a nutritious lunch and then enjoy the meal! Pre-registration is required, and spacing is limited. For more information and to reserve your spot, please call Financial Readiness at (910) 907-3670.

Saturday, March 10-Sunday, March 11 – Mother/Daughter Tea and Fashion Show – This great event will take place 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets must be purchased in advance to attend this event. Tickets can be purchased at the ASYMCA, Building 2-2411 Rodney Trail, at the corner of Woodruff and Jackson, next to the Thrift Shop. For more information, please call the ASYMCA at (910) 436-0500.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
		Valentine's Day		\$50,000 scholarship deadline. See inside for details.		Monthly Breast Self-Exam 	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	President's Day			Cooking on a Budget			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
				March	All Picerne Offices and Neighborhood Offices closed 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.		
26	27	28	29	1	2	3	
							Mother/Daughter Tea and Fashion Show
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