

ARDENNES/BATAAN NEWSLETTER


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Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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From the desk of Cathy Cameron,

Community Management Director

Welcome home! 

Several of our deployed troops safely returned home in the past month or so. Welcome home and thank you for your service! We continue to keep those who are deployed around the world in our thoughts and prayers.

Looking back at 2011

2011 was another great year for on-post housing and you – our residents!

- We completed the renovation of 300 Corregidor Courts/Bougainville townhomes. As a result, residents now enjoy more square footage, new appliances, and exterior home improvements.
- The Live Army Green program continued to grow on Fort Bragg. Nearly 1,100 homes were enrolled into the Live Army Green program, and the average refund in 2011 was \$32. That is a lot of energy and money saved!
- We replaced 26,224 light bulbs in 2011 with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs as part of Operation Change Out: the Military Challenge.
- When you asked for our help, we came to your assistance! We completed approximately 78,900 work orders this year.

- Our aquatics department was also busy this summer, with a record number of 114,513 visits to our 9 pools! The Hammond Hills and The Clubhouse at Linden Oaks pools were converted into saltwater pools, providing residents with the choice of luxury-style chlorine and saltwater pools.



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 start upgrading in the Ardennes/Bataan Neighborhood in late spring. 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.



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

Fort Bragg Animal Control

If you see a stray dog or cat in your neighborhood, contact Animal Control at (910) 907-4813. Remember, all pets must be registered, vaccinated, and micro-chipped within 30 days of acquisition. Please notify your Picerne Neighborhood Office and the Fort Bragg Veterinary Medical Center of any new pets in the home. For more information about Fort Bragg and on-post housing pet policies, contact your Neighborhood Office. The Fort Bragg Veterinary Medical Center may be reached by calling (910) 396-9120 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Lawn care in January

Throughout the month of January, you may see crews from The Brickman Group, Picerne's lawn care subcontractor, working in your neighborhood's common areas. Brickman will also spray fence lines in January; these lines will help keep a clean and neat appearance throughout 2012. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) has approved the product used to spray the fence lines.



Peep and scoop

Remember, Fort Bragg is a poop and scoop community. It is your responsibility to pick up your pet's waste. Be courteous to your neighbors by removing droppings from neighborhood common areas and yards.



Live Army Green when it comes to your television

Are you eyeing a new television? If so, keep in mind that the power used by your television is determined by its screen size, technology type (i.e., plasma, LCD, or LED), and picture brightness. On average, LED televisions use the least amount of power and are the most energy efficient, followed by LCD televisions. Plasma televisions on average use the most amount of energy – in fact, they consume roughly two to three times more electricity as an LCD screen.

If you bought or received a new television over the holidays, it's not too late to be energy efficient. Check your television's manual for energy saver modes and room lighting sensors. If you have an LCD screen, conserve power by automatically turning the backlight down during dark scenes and up during bright scenes. Reducing the light output of your TV can cut power use by as much as half.



Cardboard box recycling reminder

Follow these easy steps for disposing of cardboard boxes from your holiday gifts and decorations:

- Break down boxes and stack them curbside on your regular recycling day. Boxes should not be used as trash receptacles.
- Remove packing materials, plastic, and tape from boxes. Cardboard is recyclable, but the box's contents may not be.
- Fold boxes inside out. Don't advertise your new purchases!

As a friendly reminder, holiday wrapping paper is not recyclable. Please dispose of it with your regular household trash, not your recyclables.



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

Winter is finally here! As the temperatures continue to drop, 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.

Holiday weight loss starts now

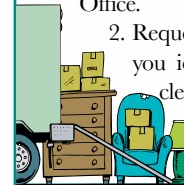
The holidays are a time of cheer and, of course, lots of good food! Lose the holiday pounds now by participating in FMWR’s Biggest Loser Fat Loss Contest! Registration for the contest is available at Pope Fitness Center’s Power Blendz Juice Bar. For more information or to register online, please visit www.nucousa.com. You will receive a free smoothie or shake just for signing up! Everyone who signs up for the contest will also be entered into a drawing to win a FREE personal training package valued at more than \$500! Prizes for winning the contest range from \$250 to \$1,000! The Biggest Loser Fat Loss contest ends on January 20.



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.



Christmas tree disposal

- Please remove all tinsel, lights and ornaments from your tree. Do not leave or place a bag over the tree when placing it curbside for disposal.
- Place your tree curbside on your scheduled bulk trash day. The tree should be placed a few feet away from your regular household trash.
- Trees will be picked up on your scheduled bulk trash day until Friday, January 13.
- Please remove all exterior holiday decorations in a timely manner.

Free Tax Filing Services

The Fort Bragg Tax Center will be open to customers on a first come, first served basis beginning on Tuesday, January 17. The center has moved to a new location; it is now located on the sixth floor of the Soldier Support Center on Normandy Drive.

Tax center hours are:

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| Monday-Friday | 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| Sunday | Closed |
| Federal Holidays | Closed |

Please call ahead at (910) 396-8299 to ensure you have all the appropriate documents. If filing on behalf of a deployed Soldier, Power of Attorney (POA) is required. Other documents that may be needed include: W-2’s, Social Security cards, Military ID cards, any tax forms received in the mail, a cancelled check for a direct deposit refund, and IRS Form 2848 if filing on behalf of someone else.



Service Schedule for your Neighborhood

Please review the below service schedule for your neighborhood.

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

Please note that bulk trash will be collected within 1-2 days of the normal bulk trash day during the week of January 2.

Calendar Events

Sunday, January 8 – Active Duty Appreciation Brunch – Bring your family, and enjoy a great meal together at the Fort Bragg Club! Everyone is welcome. For pricing and reservations of 10 people or more, please call the Fort Bragg Club at (910) 907-2582.

Monday, January 23-Thursday, January 26 – ScreamFree Parenting – This seminar will review how remaining calm and connected with your children can improve your relationships. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Nijmegen/Cherbourg Neighborhood Center. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call the Family Advocacy Program at (910) 396-5521.

Saturday, January 28 – Fort Bragg 5K Walk/Run – This monthly run will begin at Hedrick Stadium at 9 a.m. No registration is required, and participation is free of charge. Strollers and dogs are welcome! For more information, please call FMWR at (910) 396-1217.

Sunday, February 5 – Big Game Party – Looking for a place to watch the Super Bowl? Come to Sports USA! The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. A free buffet will be available at halftime, and there will be giveaways throughout the game. For more information, please call Sports USA at (910) 907-0739.

December 9 - 13: Last week for Christmas tree disposal on your bulk trash day.


JANUARY

New Year's Day
Offices Closed

Offices closed

Active Duty
Appreciation Brunch

Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day
Neighborhood Offices
open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monthly Breast
Self-Exam 

ScreamFree Parenting
Club Beyond

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February

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