

# **Army Housing Newsflash**

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### Housing allowance increase reflects market conditions

Basic Allowance for Housing rates will increase an average of 12.1% in 2023, with the new rates taking effect Jan. 1. An estimated \$26.8 billion will be paid to about one million service members. The significant increase in average BAH rates is reflective of the unique market conditions experienced across many locations nationwide over the past vear.

The temporary automatic BAH rate increases DoD authorized effective October 1, 2022 for 28 military housing areas across the country expire at the end of 2022 and will be replaced by the increased 2023 BAH rates.

DoD collects rental housing cost data annually from 300 military housing areas in the U.S. The BAH rate-setting process relies on data sources to include: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, commercial subscription rental cost databases, industry-leading online rental listing websites and military installation housing offices.

DoD is committed to the preservation of a compensation and benefit structure that provides service members with an adequate standard of living to sustain a trained, experienced and ready force now and in the future. For more BAH information, check out: https://www.defense.gov/News/ Releases/Release/Article/3246410/dod-releases-2023-basic-allowance-for-housing-rates/.

## Army-Wide Housing



Real estate tool to offer numerous benefits for garrisons JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – A new online real estate tool could help Army garrisons identify available space and lease-consolidation opportunities to save on construction costs, attract new missions, and improve the lives of Soldiers and their families. The Real Property Space Availability tool is a proof of concept that received funding in FY21 and FY22, and is expected in FY23.



REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. - Senior installation leaders are conducting walk-through inspections of all real property to identify requirements for prioritization at the Facility Investment Plan wargame in San Antonio in January 2023. "These walk-throughs will allow us to authoritatively validate requirements through first-hand knowledge and provide a comprehensive understanding of the condition of facilities to guide our investments," said Army Materiel Command Commander Gen. Ed Daly.

#### Resources

**Housing Environmental** Health Response Registry (24/7): 1-800-984-8523 Overseas: DSN (312) 421-3700 Stateside: DSN 421-3700 **Stateside Commercial:** 210-295-3700

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Army leaders inspecting facilities for investment planning



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## Housing News Around the Garrisons



Readiness: Army awards \$590 million to renovate barracks FORT HOOD, Texas – The Army recently awarded a \$59 million contract to renovate three barracks buildings at Fort Hood. The renovations will involve a complete gut and rebuild of the facilities. After interior demolition, the Army will build the barracks back to a "1+1" configuration, where each Soldier has a private room with walk-in closet, and two Soldiers will share a kitchenette and bathroom.



Sustainment: Army improves barracks for Marines, Soldiers
JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, Va. – Secretary of the Army Christine
Wormuth recently pledged to boost the Army's annual barracks budget at Joint
Base Myer-Henderson Hall. In collaboration with Army Materiel Command and
Installation Management Command, Army leaders are allocating \$150 million as a
part of the Facility Investment Plan.



**Training: Fort Sill celebrates \$210 million improvement project** FORT SILL, Okla. – Fort Sill and Corvias celebrated the delivery of a newly renovated five-bedroom home with a ribbon cutting ceremony, a key milestone in a project to renovate and convert a series of multi-family duplex homes into modern, 2,500 square foot, five-bedroom, single family homes. The new renovation is one of 879 homes that are a part of a \$210 million project.



**Europe: Setting a vision for Army communities in Europe** SEMBACH, Germany – With 7,355 Army-owned housing units and 4,712 Army-leased housing units, Installation Management Command-Europe manages over 70% of the Army's traditional housing inventory. IMCOM uses Housing area development plans to set a housing vision for the next 10 to 20 years that includes: safe and secure communities; quality of life and efficient use of space.



Pacific: Senior enlisted advisor tours USAG Daegu barracks
CAMP WALKER, Republic of Korea – U.S. Army Installation Management
Command-Pacific senior leaders visited Camp Carroll, Camp Henry and Camp
Walker during installation tours. It was IMCOM Pacific Command Sgt. Maj. Jon
Williams', first tour of USAG Daegu facilities with a significant portion of his visit
interacting with Soldiers in their living spaces.



Quality of Life: Work begins on Fort Bragg barracks
FORT BRAGG, N.C. – DoD awarded two contracts totaling over \$36 million for renovations, repairs and revitalizations to barracks on Fort Bragg. These contracts are part of the accelerated approved funding and will focus on the volar-style barracks, built in the 1970s, that were identified as unsustainable. At that time, Soldiers were moved from the Smoke Bomb Hill Barracks.

