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Army Housing Newsflash

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Leadership Corner



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Modernizing our Army begins at the doorstep of every Soldier and Army family. For that reason, housing remains a top priority at our installations. We are absolutely committed to investing in quality,

safe and secure housing on our installations, and we have maintained steady progress with millions of dollars in renovations and construction across the Army, despite the roadblocks that have been put in our way stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investments in on-post housing are investments in Soldier and Family quality of life. We know Soldiers can't give 100% to their jobs if they are worried about the health of their family, the efficiencies of the PCS process or the conditions of the communities they call home.

Leaders at the every level are firmly committed to making every installation a Soldier's and family's first choice to call home. At the direction of the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army, both the Army and our RCI partners are executing a holistic, comprehensive investment strategy that will improve conditions today while ensuring the quality of on-post housing in the long term.

People First - Winning Matters - Army Strong!

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
Army Installation Housing Hotlines
Army Housing Facebook Page

Army-wide Housing News



Update to law helps Soldiers with lease payments

WASHINGTON – A recent amendment to the Service Members Civil Relief Act allows Soldiers to terminate a housing lease agreement without a 30-day notice due to a Defense Department stop-move order. Changes to the SCRA give families an opportunity to request reimbursement for rental payments accrued during March through June stop-move order.



DOD releases tenant bill of rights

WASHINGTON – The DOD's Tenant Bill of Rights ensures servicemembers and their families have access to safe, quality and well-maintained homes and communities on DOD installations. The bill, fully realized this summer, details 15 rights, including the right to reside in a healthy and environmentally safe home and the right to report inadequate housing standards.





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Housing News Around the Garrisons



Three priorities for Baumholder housing

BAUMHOLDER, Germany – The Baumholder Military Community’s family housing master plan includes three priorities for Army approval: garages, balconies and rolladens. The improvements stem from resident feedback in the 2019 housing survey conducted at U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz. Baumholder will be the first Europe Army Housing program to have garage additions.



Resident app, town halls improve experiences

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Soon after Pfc. Sean Tam and his family arrived at Fort Carson for their first Army assignment, they began noticing issues with their home’s flooring and plumbing. Thanks to a streamlined communication process, housing town halls and a Rent Café app to track maintenance issues, the Tam family’s home got the maintenance it needed to be a safe and healthy.



Fort Rucker housing projects improve efficiency

FORT RUCKER, Ala. – Housing improvements at Fort Rucker will increase the energy efficiency of more than 550 homes. Improvements by the installation’s private housing company include replacement of all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in the homes of one neighborhood and full-home renovations in another neighborhood.



Knox Hills begins renovation projects

FORT KNOX, Ky. – A duplex housing unit in a Fort Knox housing community is sporting a new metal roof, windows, doors and siding and a sign planted in the front yard that reads: “Pardon our dust: Exciting new renovations in progress!” The renovations are part of a \$23 million investment to improve housing for Soldiers, civilians and families.



Solar initiatives expand for military housing

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii – Ohana Military Communities to include Wheeler Army Airfield will benefit from the integration of solar rooftop energy systems that will reduce environmental impacts, decrease reliance on non-renewable energy sources, and help to lower electricity costs.

