



3RD Brigade, 2ND Infantry Regiment

WELCOME PACKET

**Commander: Charles R. Webster JR.
Command Sergeant Major: Samuel G. Murphy**

Congratulations on your upcoming assignment to 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Regiment, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington. We want to personally welcome you and your family.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord is a great place for you to live and serve. Within easy driving distance are the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia and is bounded by the Puget Sound, the Olympic Peninsula and the Cascade Mountains.

We look forward to your joining the first Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT). The SBCT is the key component of Army transformation initiated by GEN Eric Shinseki in 1997. Certification of the brigade provides the Army a lethal, deployable, survivable, and mobile option formed around the 10 variants of our trademark Stryker vehicle. We are an Infantry centric unit that fills operational gaps between the Army's light forces and the heavy forces still fielded with Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

The expectation is that you will arrive at this duty station in top physical condition with the ability to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test and be within the standards of AR 600-9, The Army Weight Control Program.

You will be assigned a sponsor who will contact you after receipt of this packet. Please return via email the DA Form 5434 (attached) to our eSponsorship Program Manager amber.walton@us.army.mil as soon as possible. If you do not hear from your sponsor within one week feel free to contact SPC Walton by email or by phone (253) 966-3313.

When reporting to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, please contact your assigned sponsor.

Single SGTs and below are required to live in the barracks. SGTs will receive a barracks room without a roommate. Single SSGs and above are required to live off post. Other questions about housing for on and off post and BAH can be obtained by typing in your browser window <http://www.lewis-mcchord.army.mil> (**ctrl+click** will **not** open this site).

We look forward to your arrival and wish you safe travel.

AIRPORT:

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEATAC), 17801 International Blvd., Seatac, WA 98158. Estimated time and distance from SEATAC to JBLM is 41 minutes/34.10 miles

LODGING:

JBLM Lodging Contact Information:

Reservation by phone call:

COM (253) 964-0211 or DSN: 357-5051/2815

By Fax: COM (253) 967-2253 or DSN Fax 357-2253

<http://www.lewis.army.mil/lodging/>

If you choose installation lodging, reservations will not be held beyond 1800 hours unless guaranteed with a credit card.

Guaranteed reservations will only be held until 1000 the following morning and at that time the credit card will be billed one night's lodging fee. The remainder of the reservation will be cancelled.

Credit card information is not accepted on-line. Once you receive your reservation confirmation number, you must contact lodging by phone if you desire to guarantee your reservation for late arrival.

Lodging will do their best to provide the type of accommodations requested, i.e. kitchenette rooms; however, actual assignment is based upon availability at time of arrival.

JBLM lodging is a smoke free facility, smoking in not permitted in any of the facilities.

<http://military-hotels.us/washington/fort-lewis-wa.html>

Other Helpful Links:

Lodging <http://www.lewis.army.mil/lodging/>

Visitor's Center <https://sponsor.lewis.army.mil/requests/>

Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC)

<http://www.mamc.amedd.army.mil/mamcinfo.htm>

Church Services <http://www.lewis.army.mil/chapel/chapels.htm>

ACS <http://www.jblmmwr.com/acs>

DRIVING IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NOTE: Effective Thursday, 10 June 2010, Washington State law prohibits drivers from texting or dialing or receiving calls while operating a moving motor vehicle. Such violations will no longer be a secondary offense (meaning that law enforcement can pull you over and cite you \$124 without any other probable cause). This includes all uses of talking on a cell phone up to your ear while operating a motor vehicle, with the exception of emergency calls. Using the phone without it being in your hands is the only legal way to use a cell phone while driving. The Washington State Patrol is also warning drivers that is also illegal to stop their car on the side of the road to chat on the phone.

WEATHER:

WESTERN WASHINGTON – West of the Cascade Mountains, summers are cool and comparatively dry and winters are mild, wet and cloudy. The average number of clear or only partly cloudy days each month varies from four to eight in winter, eight to 15 in spring and fall, and 15 to 20 in summer. The percent of possible sunshine received each month ranges from approximately 25 percent in winter to 60 percent in summer. In the interior valleys, measurable rainfall is recorded on 150 days each year and on 190 days in the mountains and along the coast. Thunderstorms over the lower elevations occur on four to eight days each year and over the mountains on seven to 15 days. Damaging hailstorms rarely, if ever, occur in most localities of western Washington. During July and August, the driest months, it is not unusual for two to four weeks to pass with only a few showers; however, in December and January, the wettest months, precipitation is frequently recorded on 20 to 25 days or more each month. The range in annual precipitation is from approximately 20 inches in an area northeast of the Olympic Mountains to 150 inches along the southwestern slopes of these mountains. Snowfall is light in the lower elevations and heavy in the mountains.

During the wet season, rainfall is usually a light to moderate intensity and continuous over a period of time rather than heavy downpours for brief periods. The latter half of the summer and early fall, the lower valleys are sometimes filled with fog or low clouds until noon, while at the same time, the higher elevations are sunny. The strongest winds are generally from the south or southwest and occur during the late fall and winter. In the interior valleys, wind velocities can be expected to reach 40 to 50 m.p.h. each winter.

DIRECTIONS TO JBLM:

If you take a shuttle from the airport to the rental car agency, the car rental agency can provide you directions to I-5 South.

From SEATAC to JBLM:

Head southwest on Seattle-Tacoma Airport Access 0.4 mi

Turn right at International Blvd/WA-99 3.3 mi

Slight left at S Kent Des Moines Rd/WA-516 0.2 mi

Turn right onto the ramp to I-5 S/Portland 0.2 mi

Merge onto I-5 S 27.6 mi

Take exit 120 toward Fort Lewis 0.7 mi

Merge onto 41st Division Dr 259 ft