

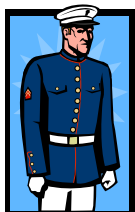


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Salute To Our Armed Forces



Our Own Council's
Badge



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A brief history of Camp LeJeune...

Camp LeJeune was established in September 1941 by the 1st Marine Division. The original camp, known as Marine Barracks New River, NC, consisted of a tobacco barn, farm house, and temporary tent sites. Renamed Camp LeJeune in 1942, the site has since grown into a 246-square mile military training facility that includes 11 miles of beaches. Located between two deep-water ports, Wilmington and Morehead City, its location is ideal for amphibious training and fast deployments. Combined with its satellite facilities and Cherry Point, the Camp LeJeune area makes up the largest concentration of Marines and US Navy Sailors in the world.

A brief history of Fort Bragg...

Camp Bragg came into existence in 1918 when the land was designated by the U.S. government as an Army installation. It was named in honor of Confederate General Braxton Bragg, a former soldier from North Carolina. The Camp was redesignated on September 30, 1922 becoming Fort Bragg, as we know it today. In 1940, there were about 5,400 soldiers at Fort Bragg. By 1942, with the threat of World War 2, that number grew to 67,000. Between 1966-1970 during the Vietnam War, Fort Bragg was the basic combat training site with more than 200,000 soldiers training at Fort Bragg. Today, Fort Bragg is the home to 43,000 active duty army soldiers, 8,200 civilian employees, and nine schools with more than 4,600 students. Fort Bragg is a small self-contained city. There are more than 160,000 acres, 308 miles of paved roads, 193 miles of unpaved roads, and 19 miles of railroad tracks. This "city" has two commissary grocery stores, two PX's (post exchange) retail stores, bowling alley's, an ice skating rink, horse stables, numerous restaurants, laundry facilities, a post office, parks, military housing areas for soldiers and families, and more! Fort Bragg is the home to the Army's airborne combat units and two Special Operations Groups.

A brief history of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point...

Commissioned in 1942 and originally called Cunningham Field, MCAS Cherry Point was renamed for a local post office that sat among cherry trees. During World War 2, its main objective was to train units and individual Marines for service in the Pacific Theater. The air station also

provided a base for anti-submarine operations, sinking a German U-boat just off the North Carolina coast in 1943. Throughout the Korean and Vietnam War efforts as well as Operation Desert Storm, Cherry Point continued to provide trained aviators to forward deployed aviation units. Cherry Point Marines and Sailors both also participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

A brief history of Pope Air Force Base...

Pope Field was officially established by the War Department in 1919. It is one of the oldest Air Fields in the United States. Pope AFB (Air Force Base) was named after 1st Lieutenant Harley H. Pope, the pilot of a JN-4 Jenny aircraft that crashed into the Cape Fear River in January of 1919. Originally, Pope AFB was set up to carry the mail for military installations, do spotting for artillery forest fires for nearby Army posts, and aerial photography for terrain mapping for the military. Through the years, this mission has changed. As the Air Force has become more combat ready and supportive, Pope AFB is now the home to the C130 Hercules aircraft. This aircraft flies people, equipment, and supplies all over the world to support the United States Military obligations and deployments. Pope AFB has also been involved in disaster relief, humanitarian missions, presidential directed combat, and support for Fort Bragg's Airborne and Special Operations soldiers and paratroopers.

A brief history of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base...

Seymour Johnson AFB was established five months after the United States entered World War II, two miles southeast of Goldsboro. Seymour Johnson Field was activated on June 12, 1942 as Headquarters, Technical School, and Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. The base is named in honor of U.S. Navy Lt. Seymour A. Johnson, a native of Goldsboro. Johnson, a test pilot, was killed in an aircraft crash near Norbeck, Md. on March 5, 1941. Seymour Johnson Field was deactivated in May 1946, only to be reopened on April 1, 1956 as Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, a Tactical Air Command base. Since reopening, the base has been home to B-52 bombers, KC-10 and KC-135 tankers from Strategic Air Command, and F-4 and F-16 fighters from the Michigan Air National Guard.

GIRL SCOUTS – NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL PINES
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Salute to Our Armed Forces
Girl Scout Junior Badge

The Armed Forces of the United States is made up of men and women who have chosen to serve our country. There are so many job opportunities available to suit the desires of anyone interested in joining. Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines is home to many Armed Forces soldiers and their families. To complete this badge, you must complete #1 along with 5 other activities.

1. On a map of the United States, locate several military bases. Why do you think we have so many locations? How many miles do you live from the closest base? How many square miles of land does the base cover?
2. There are five branches in the United States Armed Forces. Pick one and find out several facts. How many soldiers in this branch are women? Share what you learned with your troop, family, or friends.
 - Army
 - Navy
 - Air Force
 - Marines
 - Coast Guard
3. Visit a recruiter for one of the five branches of the United States Armed Forces. Find out how to enlist or enter as an officer. What jobs are available to women? What training is provided? What schooling do you need before you can enter?
4. With your troop or family, contact your local USO or Community Service Office of a military base and find out what items troops serving overseas need. Collect these items and assemble care packages for soldiers and their families.
5. There are two United States holidays to honor our military, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Plan an activity with your troop that will educate others on the meaning of these holidays.

6. Read an article in the newspaper, online, or a magazine about current events that our military is involved in overseas. On a map of the world, locate current locations where soldiers are stationed or deployed for the United States Armed Forces. Pick one location and talk with your troop about what conditions these soldiers live in. How do you think they feel about serving their country in this foreign land? How do their families feel? Visit www.worldtimezone.com and find out what time it is in this country. Talk about how a soldier must adjust to this difference and how this affects their families.
7. Visit a museum, monument, memorial, or cemetery in your area that is for United States Service Members. Find out what volunteer opportunities are available for you. Could your troop do a flag ceremony on location?
8. Yellow ribbons are a sign of support for our soldiers during war time. Help make several ribbons that can be displayed outdoors or smaller ribbons for vehicles or to be worn on your clothing. Ask permission, and then place ribbons where others can see your support.
9. Find out if your family has members serving in the Armed Forces. Interview them and find out what job they do or did. Did they serve during a war? What do or did their uniform look like? If your family doesn't have anyone serving, ask your friends or neighbors to share if they do.
10. Check with your local recruiter or military community service office to find a female soldier. Ask her to come to your troop and speak about serving her country. Why did she choose to be a soldier? What is her job? How does the United States Armed Forces help women succeed?

