



7th SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)

BRAC INFORMATION BRIEFING

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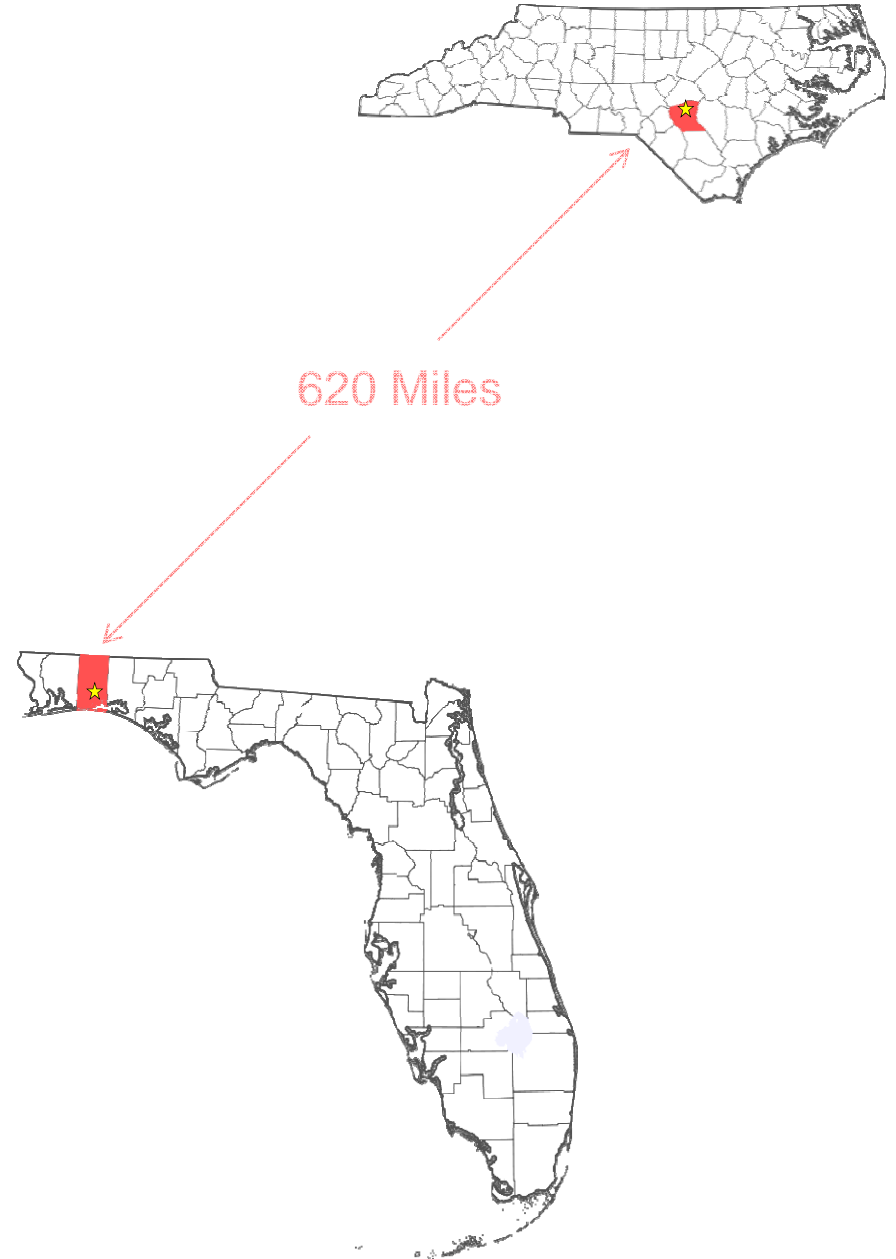
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BRAC

What is BRAC?:

• **"BRAC"** is an acronym for **Base Realignment and Closure**. It is the congressionally mandated process used by the Department of Defense to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently support our forces, and increase operational readiness.

What BRAC says?:

- The 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) will relocate from Fort Bragg, NC to Eglin AFB, FL. by 15 September 2011
- Any modifications or delays beyond 15 September 2011 must be approved by Congress

When will Soldiers of the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) move (according to the present plan)?

- The Group is currently planning a phased move from 1 May 2011 through 15 September 2011 to ensure coverage of operational requirements while allowing ample time for the unit and families to move.

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BRAC (PERSONNEL FACTS)

Becoming “Locked-In” to Group:

- 12 Months before the date of activation at the new location (15 September 10), unit members will be “Stabilized” in the unit and will move with the unit.
- Soldiers identified for Continental United States (CONUS) to CONUS moves must have 12 months retainability, upon arrival, at the new location.

BAH Change:

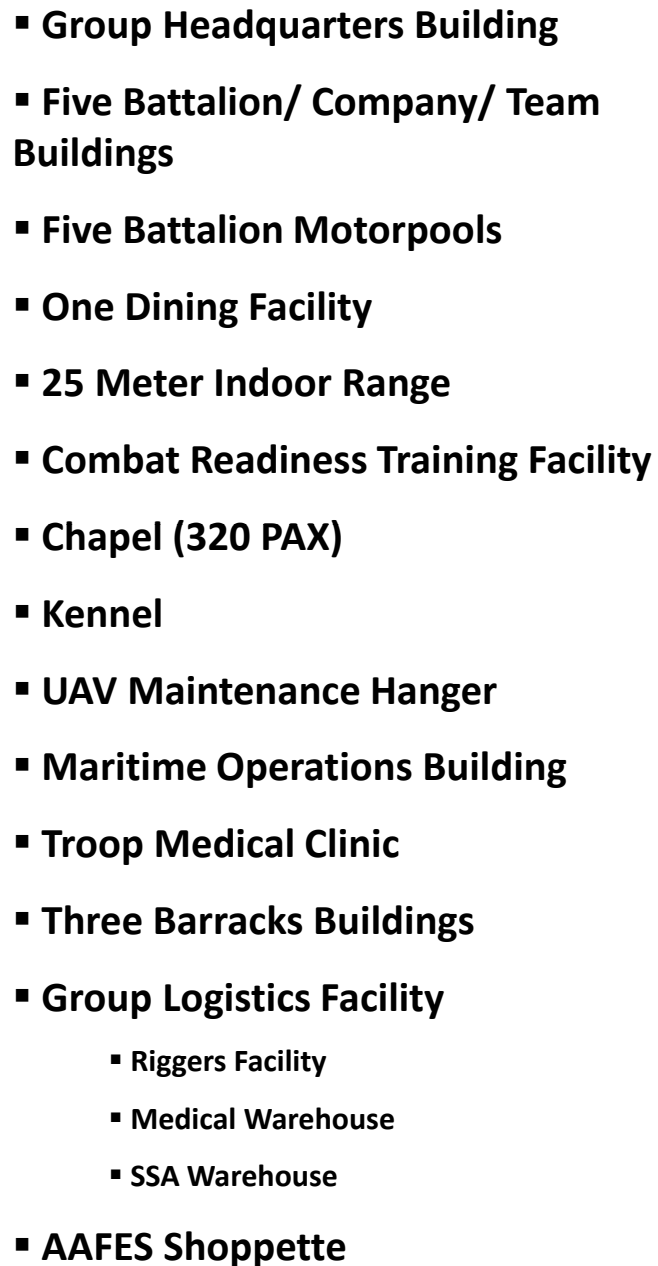
- Average BAH rates increase 9-11%

Tax Benefits:

- Effective October 1st, 2009, military dependents will be able to claim the same state of residence as the spouse and receive the same benefits (Florida has no State Income Tax/ North Carolina has a 6-9% State Income Tax).

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CANTONMENT AREA

- The entire Group will be consolidated in one contiguous area



Other Facilities:

1. Backyard Ranges (4 of them)
2. Eastern Range Complex (5 of 8)
3. Ammunition Magazines (9)
4. Chapel / Kennel/ AAFES PX / IMCOM Blds / Access Control Point / CE Bldg





GROUP HEADQUARTERS

- Entire Group HQ is in one building
- Centrally located on compound
- Parking spot for every Soldier

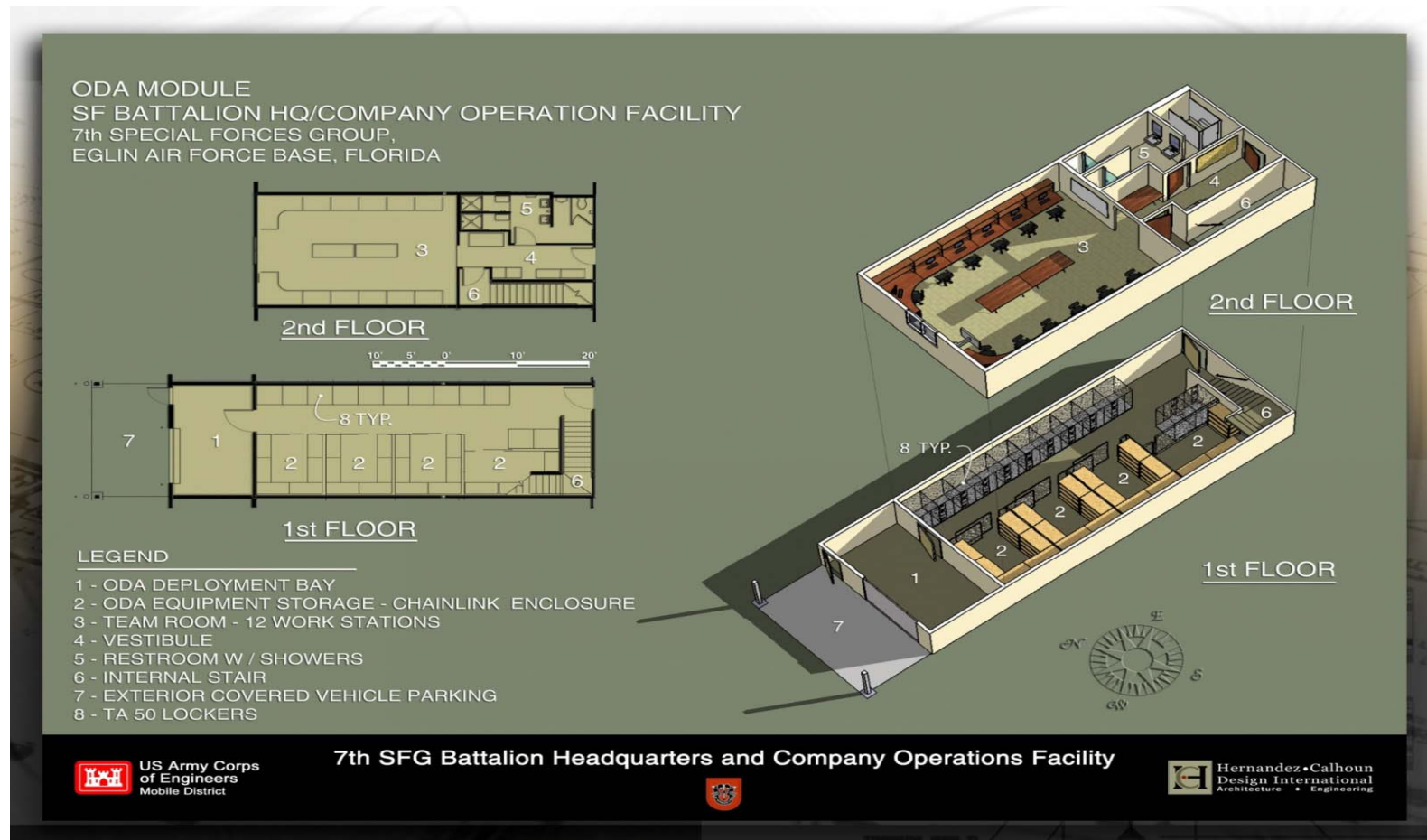


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ODA "TEAM ROOM"

- 1920 Square Feet vs. current 700 Square Feet
 - Garaged-in area which will hold two pallets
- 12 Personnel Storage Cages/ Four MOS Cages
- Latrine with two showers
- Battalion Headquarters co-located with Companies and Teams
- Arms rooms 1200 ft² / Company vs. 1000 ft² / Battalion



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7th GROUP BARRACKS

- Space for 288 Soldiers
- Modular 2 + 1 Configuration
 - Small Kitchenette and Bathroom per every two rooms



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COMBAT READINESS TRAINING FACILITY

- Climbing Wall
- Indoor Track
- Basketball Court
- Combatives Room
- Weight Room
- Physical Therapy Room
- THOR3



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SUMMARY

- The move of 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) to Florida was mandated by Congress and signed into Law by the President of the United States. We will move to Eglin NLT 15 SEP 2011.
- The 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) leadership recognizes the significant impact this move will have on Soldiers and their Families.
- 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) is going to make every attempt to minimize any negative impacts to the 7th Group Family.
- The area of North-West Florida holds a great deal of opportunity and will welcome the Group and its members as its newest residents.
- The 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) facilities will be “State of the Art” and the best the Special Operations Community has to offer; thereby ensuring the readiness, effectiveness, and survivability of 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Soldiers.

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