**Preparing for Fort Bliss and the Academy**

**MEDICAL UPDATES:**

* Ensure permanent profiles are updated in e-profile and specify ACFT events if applicable.
* MEDPROS and PHA status need to be green within 90 days of 1 Aug 2025.
* Obtain a copy of your MEB/PEB retaining your status in the Army if applicable.
* Change Tricare enrollment to Western region through milConnect.
* Ensure DEERS enrollment is up to date for all family members, as well as EFMP takes you through August 2026. Historically, issues with EFMP stopped Soldiers from obtaining orders or leaving Fort Bliss after graduation.
* Check with local schools for vaccination requirements for children.

**HOUSING:**

* Contact [Fort Bliss Housing or Unaccompanied Housing](https://home.army.mil/bliss/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/housing-division) to verify their wait-list requirements. Orders are required before the housing office will offer a home.
* See [Garrison Commander Policy #20](https://home.army.mil/bliss/index.php/about/garrison-commanders-policymemorandums) for privately owned weapon purchases, registration, transportation, and storage for Fort Bliss.

**FORT BLISS:**

The NCOLCoE is a tenant unit on Fort Bliss. Be sure you comply with all Fort Bliss policies (weapons, knives, PT, parking, etc.). Don’t let a lack of understanding put you in a compromising position.

[](https://www.ncoworldwide.army.mil/Portals/76/courses/smc/ref/class-76/1AD%20AND%20FORT%20BLISS%20-%20BLUE%20BOOK%20-%2008%20APR%2024-compressed.pdf?ver=ZoCFisLh_9cCeo7pWy-T5Q%3d%3d)

**S1:**

* Have PRR complete prior to leaving unit. DD93 and SGLV are updated in IPSSA-A and milConnect; complete this by 1 Aug 2025. Send copies of completed documents to SGT Zdenek at Sydnye.d.zdenek.mil@army.mil.
* Travel with your most up to date and accurate DD 1172 (DEERS enrollment of dependents).

**SGM ACADEMY Specifics:**

* DO NOT plagiarize and get to know APA 7. Properly format written assignments. Understand how to properly cite information in your written assignments.
* NCOLCOE leadership (including SGM-A) have an open-door policy. Use your chain to resolve issues but if that is not possible, understand that leadership at the Academy have an open-door policy.
* You are always being assessed. Remember: right place, right time, right uniform, right attitude. You have been selected as the best within your field, and everyone is watching you (both on and off duty). AR 670-1 is applicable and enforced.
* You will have multiple opportunities to provide feedback throughout the course. The NCOLCoE & SGM-A leadership takes this feedback seriously. Please take the time to provide quality feedback.
* Keep difficulties in perspective. There are a lot of other Master Sergeants within the Army who are jealous of the experience you are getting. You were selected, and others were not, don’t waste that selection.
* Get to know some people who are different than you. You will never again have an opportunity to network with such a diverse group of leaders.
* There are opportunities for spouses to participate in the Spouse Leader Development Course. There are multiple schedules during the day, evenings, and Microsoft Teams. Please consider signing up for this course to support your student.