



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery
31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA 98433

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Congratulations on your assignment to the 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery! We would like to welcome you and your Family to one of the best assignments you will ever have. Our vision is to build and train a cohesive team which Soldiers and Families want to be members of, committed to being the best battalion in the United States Army. Everything we do is directed towards that effort.

You are joining a proud unit with a great reputation. Our Battalion is a team comprised of many people: Soldiers, Families, civilians, and veterans. All are vital to our success. Although we come from different backgrounds, we are drawn together by shared values, experiences, and selfless service to our Country. As members of the 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, we understand that we serve something greater than ourselves and are tied to a proud lineage of heroes. You are joining us at a good time. Our Battalion redeployed from Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn in January 2011, and more recently from a month-long Weapons Tactics and Instructor Course FTX rotation in Yuma, AZ, September – October 2012. We now look ahead to converting from an Avenger to an Indirect Fire Protection Capability MTOE.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord is located in a beautiful area with numerous Family activities, including everything from hiking, skiing, and fishing to sightseeing. Puget Sound is less than 5 miles to the west of our battalion, and Mount Rainier can be seen in the distance. There is something here for everyone to enjoy.

Your sponsor will contact you to assist with your movement to JBLM. Moving and periods of transition are difficult and challenging enough for you and your Family. We want to make sure our leaders help minimize the difficulties, and you are integrated into our Family. Do not hesitate to contact us if you need assistance.

You can visit the Battalion's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/5th-Battalion-5th-Air-Defense-Artillery-Regiment/173362599415940>

Or the JBLM homepage at: <http://www.lewis-mcchord.army.mil/jblm/>

Other helpful numbers:

Staff Duty: (253) 967-2954/DSN: 312-357-2954

In/Out Processing: (253) 967-7004


Family Housing: (253) 912-2150


Housing Referral: (253) 967-3581

Transportation (Inbound): (253) 967-5093/(800) 521-9959

Fort Lewis Lodging: (253) 964-0211

We look forward to you and your Family joining this great team!


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