



JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD

Effective January 31, the former Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base will consolidate, creating the joint military installation "Joint Base Lewis-McChord."

Installation support offices will conduct a phased consolidation of operations, with the first organizations (including the Public Affairs Office) consolidating on Feb. 1, 2010.

The consolidation will be completed by fiscal year 2011 (October 1, 2010).

If you have questions, please call the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Public Affairs Office at 253-967-0147 or 0152.



Interstate 5 exit names: Joint Base Lewis-McChord (north to south)

Exit 125: Lakewood—Bridgeport Way is also **JBLM McChord Field- Main Gate**

Exit 124: Lakewood—Gravelly Lake Dr. is also **JBLM McChord Field- Woodbrook Housing Gate**

Exit 123: Lakewood/Tillcum—Thorne Ln. is also **JBLM Main- Logistics Gate**

Exit 122: Lakewood/Tillicum—Berkeley Street & Camp Murray is also **JBLM Main- Madigan Gate**

Exit 120: **JBLM Main Gate and JBLM North Gate** (JBLM Main is also known as the Liberty Gate)

Exit 119: Dupont—Dupont-Steilacoom Rd. is also **JBLM Main- Dupont Gate**

Exit 118: Dupont—Center Dr. is also **JBLM Main- Center Dr. Gate** (* outbound, evening commute only)

Exit 116: Nisqually is also **Eagle's Pride Golf Course at JBLM/ Nisqually Rd. SW**

What will change?

The most visible change outside the gate will be the new name, “Joint Base Lewis-McChord.” But, there are a few other changes journalists should be aware of. We’ve provided the following list to assist you in updating your style guide.

Geography:

- “Fort Lewis” & “McChord Air Force Base” become “**Joint Base Lewis-McChord**”
- “Main Fort Lewis” (or “Main Post”) becomes “**JBLM Main**”
- “North Fort Lewis” (the area north/west of I-5) becomes “**JBLM North**”
- “McChord Air Force Base” becomes “**JBLM McChord Field**”
- “McChord Air Force Base” *flightline* becomes “**McChord Airfield**”
- “Gray Army Airfield” (located on JBLM Main) remains “**Gray Army Airfield**”



Terminology:

- “The post” becomes “**the installation**” or “**the base**”
- “On-post” becomes “**on-base**”
- “**JBLM**” after first reference of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
- Unless we are speaking specifically about Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors or Marines, we will use “**service members**” when referring to a large group of military personnel (*no preferred punctuation, but space/no hyphen is consistent with AP style*).

Under the 2005 BRAC recommendations enacted into law, JBLM is an Army-led organization:

- “U.S. Army Garrison Fort Lewis” & portions of “U.S. Air Force 62th Mission Support Group” consolidate operations to become “**U.S. Army Garrison Joint Base Lewis-McChord**”.
- JBLM will have an Army garrison commander, an Air Force deputy commander, and an Army command sergeant major.

Tenant units and organizations are not affected:

- “**Madigan Army Medical Center**” remains an Army medical center
- “**62nd Airlift Wing**” remains an Air Force organization
- “**I Corps**” remains an Army Corps headquarters, etc.

Other Notes:

- Yakima Training Center, formerly a sub-installation of Fort Lewis, becomes a sub-installation of Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Camp Murray remains a Washington National Guard installation, and will not become part of Joint Base Lewis-McChord