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## **COMMUNITY NOTICE: Training for Low-flying aircraft and 500-pound training munitions scheduled on Fort Benning tonight**

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – As part of a joint training collaboration with the Air Force, quarterly proficiency training of close air support operations will take place in the Northeast quadrant of post July 9. Low-flying aircraft will use 500-pound class training munitions during this timeframe.

Community members should expect to hear noise from the fast-moving, low-flying aircraft and the use of 500-pound class bombs this evening between 6 and 10 p.m. In addition, citizens may see flare signatures over the course of the training.

The 500-pound bombs are training munitions that sound similar to the artillery fire that typically occurs on post. Flares are a type of pyrotechnic that produces a brilliant light or intense heat without an explosion. They are used for signaling, illumination or defensive countermeasures.

These operations are used to produce the invaluable and un-simulated training that Fort Benning's tenant units need to keep their highly honed combat skills sharp.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office. You may also visit the Smoke and Sound website at: <https://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/smokeandsound/> for maps and other information on training.

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