

MANEUVER PRE-COMMAND COURSE



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COURSE ADMINISTRATION

Course Reception and Inprocessing:

Transportation. Commercial Van (Groome Transportation) and taxi service is available from Columbus Airport to Fort Benning. The standard taxi rate from the airport to Olson Hall is \$18 to \$20. Van service normally costs \$6 to \$12, depending on destination within Fort Benning. A USAIC NCO is always stationed at the baggage claim in the Columbus Airport terminal to assist you with ground transportation arrangements. Beginning the first morning of classes for the IPCC, a military van will be available to transport you to all course activities.

Billeting. The Course Administrator will coordinate for a block of rooms reserved in Olson Hall, beginning the day prior to the first day of class (03 MAY 09), or based on personal request. Single rooms are \$30, and double rooms are \$32. Please report first to the billeting office at Olson Hall, prepared to pay in full for your lodging. Olson Hall is located at the corner of Pearman and Ingersol streets, and its front desk is open 24 hours a day. Please ensure that you call to confirm your reservation.

Meals. The “Follow Me” Dining Facility, the Fort Benning Officers Club, Burger King, and several other fast food services are located in close proximity to Olson Hall. During the course, time will be allowed for lunch at one of these facilities, or lunch will be provided at the training site.

Uniform. The primary uniform for the course is ACUs. All course functions, except PT are conducted in ACUs. Inclement weather gear is optional. Army standard PT uniform (Army gray t-shirt and shorts, white socks and, seasonably based Army gray jacket and black pants) is required for PT with One Station Unit Training (conducted once during the course), and for PT during post PT hours, 0600-0730.

Materials. The IPCC will provide you with necessary manuals and handouts, but you may find it useful to bring a personal computer and pertinent personal information on Command Philosophy, to facilitate discussion and formulation of your own command philosophy.

***NOTE:** If you need to use a VPN to access information, then you will need to have your DOIM contact Ft. Benning DOIM to see if you will be able to have access. 545-4612/2170

Course Outprocessing:

Departure. Schedule your departure flight for no earlier than 1800 the last day of the course. Thursdays are the last day of the course, but can sometimes run longer than expected. Friday is designed as a travel day.

Checkout. Checkout from Olson Hall is no later than 1200 hours.

Shipping. Coordinate with the Course Administrator for shipment of any manuals, handouts or other course materials.

MPCC CURRICULUM

Course Overview. The Maneuver Pre-Command Course (MPCC) prepares you for command by offering a formal course providing a broad update of Maneuver initiatives, issues, and programs, by introducing future commanders to key leaders at the Maneuver Center of Excellence (and establishing enduring lines of communication), and through providing a forum for future commanders to participate in professional discussions on leadership, battle command, and doctrine with experienced leaders at various levels of command. The Course Overview in this guide briefly describes course activities and electives, and assists you in preparing for your stay at Ft Benning, GA.

Scheduled Training

Doctrine Update. This discussion updates you on current Army doctrine. Subjects include recent doctrinal changes and developments that will impact you as a BN CDR, and the Doctrine Division organization at the MCOE.

MCCC Update and Shared Training. The MCCC Update provides a future BN CDR with an understanding of current course curriculum, and recent trends in new students, as well as MCCC graduates. Shared training permits battalion command designees to interact with an MCCC staff group. When IPCC runs concurrent with a MCCC Battalion Phase, the IPCC student serves as a BN CDR during MDMP, and provides CDRs intent and planning guidance to the staff. If MCCC is not in BN Phase during the MPCC, the MPCC student participates in a panel discussion with a MCCC Small Group Seminar.

Commanding General's Command Philosophy. Normally conducted at the Fort Benning Fight House, during combatives, this open forum permits you and the Commanding General to discuss issues or concerns you may have regarding command, the Infantry, or the Army.

SLC Panel Discussion. Conducted by the Senior Leaders Course at the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, this panel discussion is provided to discuss the NCO education system, your responsibility in the education of NCOs, and NCOES at Fort Benning.

MPCC Social. Typically conducted at the Officer's Club, this interaction is designed to encourage you to initiate and sustain the essential dialogue between you, "the field," and the MCOE by acquainting you with the senior leadership of Fort Benning. All the MSC and battalion commanders and CSM's attend.

OSUT Tour and Physical Training. During the course, you will have an opportunity to participate with OSUT soldiers for physical training. This session is with newly inducted recruits, followed by a briefing conducted by the ITB Brigade Commander.

Office of the Chief of Infantry and Armor, OPMD/EPMD Updates. (Active Component) This briefing provides an overview of current and future Infantry force structure issues, addresses the commander's role in officer/enlisted personnel management, current officer/enlisted trends, and future issues.

Army National Guard Breakouts with SAC-G (Army National Guard). The Special Assistant to the Commandant for the National Guard will provide an update on National Guard initiatives and issues.

BOLC Update. This update informs you of the concept and content of the Infantry and Armor Officer Basic Course so that you can gain an appreciation of what to expect from new lieutenants when they arrive in your unit. An opportunity to observe BOLC training is provided.

HOTEX. Conducted at Red Cloud Range, you will have an opportunity to observe and fire existing Infantry weapons. Weapons on site include small arms, machineguns, anti-armor missiles and rockets, mortars, and Infantry fighting vehicles. The purpose of the firing is to familiarize you with system's capabilities and limitations.

CSM Luncheon. Conducted at the Old PX, the lunch permits you to interact with a panel of command sergeants major, and discuss philosophies on the interaction between CDR and CSM.

75th Ranger Regiment Orientation. This orientation provides you with the latest capabilities brief from the 75th Ranger Regiment, and also explains future assignment opportunities within the Regiment.

VTC with Forward Deployed BDE Commander. This VTC provides the opportunity for candid discussion on the challenges of BN Command with a current forward deployed BDE Commander.

Commandant's Leadership Seminar. This discussion, led by the Infantry and Armor Commandant, focuses on the challenges of command, to include assumption of command, command philosophy, officer management, battle focused training, risk management, the commander's role in the fight, and current Infantry and Armor issues. The seminar provides an opportunity for you to gain and share experiences, techniques, and ideas that will assist you in command.

Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU). This briefing is designed to show what courses are offered by AMU and how they will improve shooting techniques and philosophies. It also showcases their ability to provide specialized weapons training to your units.

Futures Briefing. This briefing explains initiatives and programs of the US Army Infantry, that will be fielded in the next two years (while you are in command). This overview will be followed by unit specific briefs from the TCMs.

TCM Breakout. These briefing updates allow you to focus on your particular area that you will be commanding (IBCT, SBCT, or HBCT). Additionally, TCM Soldier and PBC/CID will give briefings on what you will see during your command timeframe.

Electives. Electives include MCCC Shared Training, RSLC Orientation, 1-29/2-29 IN Orientation, or Warrior Transition Center Orientations. Upon request, the MPCC coordinator will coordinate for additional training opportunities.

Former Battalion Commander Discussion Panel. This discussion provides the opportunity for candid discussion on the challenges of BN Command with current senior BN Commanders.

VTC with NTC/JRTC. This discussion provides the opportunity for candid discussion on current trends at the National Training Center/Joint Readiness Training Center.

Fires Center of Excellence Discussion. This discussion provides the opportunity for candid discussion on current updates and changes to the Fires COE, and recent trends within the Fires community.

RTB Update. This briefing, conducted by the Ranger Training Brigade, is designed to update you on the Ranger Course curriculum and recent trends of its students and graduates.

MI Center of Excellence VTC. This discussion provides the opportunity for candid discussion on current updates and changes to the Intelligence COE, and recent trends within the Intelligence community.

Special Requests. Based on individual requirements, the MPCC Staff will tailor the course to assist you to prepare for command. Please identify any special office calls, information briefings, or special coordination's that will assist you in command. For example, future installation commanders may desire office calls with the Fort Benning Installation Commander, Safety Office, or DEH/DPW. Acquisition Program Managers may want additional time with DCD, DBBL, or system proponents. The earlier you let the MPCC Administrator know of a request, the better the probability of arranging it. To assist coordinating a time, please let us know, in descending priority, which events on the current schedule you are willing to miss to attend a special request.

FORT BENNING COMMUNITY

Fort Benning. Welcome back to Fort Benning, "Home of the Infantry." With the Infantry School as its primary activity, Fort Benning has proven itself as the best Army Post worldwide by earning the coveted Commander In Chief's Award. Fort Benning continues to be one of the world's most influential military centers, producing some of this country's most prominent leaders and innovative combat doctrine.

Post Policies.

PT Hours Speed Limit. During PT hours, 0600 to 0730, MON-FRI, the speed limit on main post is **15 MPH**.

Mandatory Seat Belt Use. You must wear safety belts (lap and shoulder as provided) while operating or riding in government or privately owned vehicles on Fort Benning. Georgia State Traffic Law requires children under the age of four years to be restrained with approved child restraint devices at all times when a vehicle is moving.

Cell Phones. It is against Fort Benning Policy to utilize a cell phone while driving unless a hands-free device is utilized.

Firearms Registration. You must register all privately owned firearms maintained on the installation with the Provost Marshal Vehicle/Firearms Registration Office (building 2367 in Soldier Plaza) within 72 hours of arrival on post or within 72 hours of obtaining the firearm. Personnel temporarily bringing a weapon onto post for the purpose of hunting are not required to register their weapons but must possess a valid Fort Benning hunter's permit. Storing weapons in automobiles or carrying concealed weapons is strictly prohibited on Fort Benning. Weapons will be stored only in family housing or unit arms rooms. Do not transport weapons on Fort Benning with a round in the chamber or with a loaded magazine or clip in the weapon. Do not conceal handguns in glove compartments, under seats, or in any other way. Do not leave weapons unattended in vehicles. Transport authorized handguns, shotguns, rifles, or bows and arrows in the trunk of an automobile to the range or hunting site. In instances when a vehicle does not have a trunk or the storage space is not adequate to accommodate firearms, carry weapons in the vehicle in such a manner that makes them readily observable by law enforcement personnel.

National Infantry Museum. This world-class tribute to Infantrymen past, present and future, is the first of its kind in the United States. Throughout the 190,000-square-foot museum, visitors will take an interactive journey through every war fought by the U.S. over the past two centuries.

The museum tells the heroic story of everyday Infantrymen through an enviable collection of more than 30,000 artifacts. Era galleries trace Infantry history from before the Revolutionary War to action today in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a special gallery recognizing Medal of Honor recipients and one that pays tribute to those who love an Infantryman, and the sacrifices they make supporting him.

Located at 1775 Legacy Way, Columbus, Georgia 31903. Admission to the National Infantry Museum is free and is open to the general public Monday through Friday, 0800 to 1630, and Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 1230 to 1630. For further information, call 706-685-5800, or visit <http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.com/>

Donavan Technical Library. The Donovan Technical Library, located in the Old PX, provides reference, research, inter-library loan, and bibliographic services to students and staff of the Infantry School. The library is open MON-FRI, 0700-1800, and SAT, 1000-1300, (545-3390).

Sayers Memorial Library. Sayers Memorial Library, located across from the Mini-Mall, provides public library services for the recreation and information needs of the Fort Benning community (545-7141).

Religious Services. Complete services for most religions are available at Fort Benning. For specific times and locations please call the Chaplains Office at 545-2288/2608.

Commissary and Exchange Services. The Commissary is located in the Mall at the intersection of I-185 and Marne Road. The Exchange is now located across the street from the Commissary.

Clothing Sales. Clothing sales is located inside the Exchange along with US Cavalry.

Recreation Facilities. Fort Benning has numerous recreation facilities which you may be able to use while at the Pre-Command Course.

Follow Me Golf Course. The club, located on Baltzell Avenue, has two 18-hole courses, and is open to all military, their family members, and Department of the Army Civilians. Also available are a driving range, practice green, snack bar, and pro shop (682-1937).

Bowling Centers. Fort Benning has two bowling centers, one on Main Post at Sightseeing Road and Eckel Street (682-7777) and the other located next to the Commissary and Exchange at the intersection of I-185 and Marne Road (682-7784).

Russ Pond Recreation Area. Located on main post behind the McDaniel Manor on Clark Road, the area offers a picnic pavilion with fireplace, latrine facilities, picnic tables, grills and playground equipment. Reservations for the Russ Pond Recreation Area can be made at the Equipment Rental and Storage Office, (545-7978).

Uchee Creek Recreation Facility. This Army Campground and Marina is located on the Alabama side of Fort Benning, ten miles from main post. The 215-acre recreation area offers fishing boats, canoes, self-contained pop-up trailers, and other camping equipment for a small fee. Additionally, there are 22 log cabins available for rent which sleeps four to six people. Reservations can be made at the Country Store, (545-7238/4053).

USAIC Recreation Area, Destin Florida. The 15.5 acre tract on Choctawatchee Bay has numerous cabins and campsites available at reasonable rates. Reservations can be made through the Information, Ticketing, and Registration office, 545-4155; at the Outdoor Recreation Office, 545-3504; or by calling (800) 642-0466.