



# DCC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



While majority of the information is provided in the Welcome Letter, DCC ISAP, DCC SOP, and DCC website, below are questions students have asked in preparation for DCC. Take the time to review the questions as it may provide answers or guidance in preparing for the course.

## **Reporting**

- If students report a day prior, are government quarters (barracks rooms) available or do students have to make hotel reservations? If on-post lodging is unavailable, what are other options?

Government quarters or barracks rooms will not be issued if students arrive prior to their report day. It is the students' responsibility to make lodging/hotel reservations if they arrive early. It is highly recommended that students make reservations in advance at Fort Moore Lodging (Abrams Hall). If rooms are not available, students will need to make a reservation and request the government rate at the following DoD Preferred Commercial Lodging/Hotels below. When reserving under the government rate, students may have to prove they are on official travel by showing their orders to receive the government rate. For lodging per diem rates, visit the Defense Travel Management Office website at:

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Travel-Transportation-Rates/Per-Diem/Per-Diem-Rate-Lookup/>

Hampton Inn Columbus South Fort Moore  
2870 S Lumpkin Rd  
Columbus, GA 31903

Holiday Inn Express Columbus At Northlake  
7336 Bear Ln  
Columbus, GA 31909

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Columbus U Fort  
3901 Victory Dr  
Columbus, GA 31903

Hyatt Place Columbus-North  
2974 Northlake Pkwy  
Columbus, GA 31909

Staybridge Suites Columbus  
1678 Whittlesey Rd  
Columbus, GA 31904

For DoD Preferred Commercial Lodging List updates, visit the Defense Travel Management Office website at:

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Programs/Lodging/DoD-Preferred-Commercial-Lodging/>

- If students have flight delays or issues reporting to Fort Moore, who do they contact?

Students should contact the OCS staff duty desk at (706) 545-9161 and notify the staff duty personnel of the following below and to contact the E Co First Sergeant:

- Rank
- First and Last Name
- Reason for reporting late
- Approximate arrival time
- Phone number

- What is the check-in process on report day?

Students will be seated at the bleachers under the pavilion nearest to building 83 no later than 1200 noon and wait for instructions from cadre. Students will have all their administrative documents from the DCC Administrative List, water source, notebook, pen or pencil, and cell phone while they wait for cadre.

- Where do students leave their privately owned vehicles?

Students will park their privately owned vehicles at the OCS Dining Facility parking lot, free of charge. See Enclosure 6 DCC Map provided in the welcome packet.

- Where do students leave their luggage while they wait for check-in?

Students that arrive via privately owned vehicles may leave their luggage in their vehicles or have them with them at check-in. Students that arrive via taxi from the airport will have their luggage with them at check-in.

- Can students have a car at DCC? Does a student turn in their vehicle keys to DCC cadre?

Students can bring their personally owned vehicles (POVs) to DCC and will maintain their keys on their person or in their barracks room when they are assigned one. POVs will remain parked in a nearby parking lot the entire course. While at DCC, students are not allowed to drive their POVs or leave the DCC footprint unless the commander has approved authorization. At no time during the course will students be allowed to drive off the installation. While on pass, students will be allowed to check on their POVs and turn them on to prevent

battery issues. There are also electric charging stations on the footprint. When on pass, students are allowed to charge their vehicles, but they will be required to notify cadre when doing so.

- The Welcome Letter states that students report in conservative civilian, casual attire. What is appropriate for conservative civilian, casual attire?

Conservative civilian, casual attire does not include sports or athletic clothing, t-shirts, lounge wear, head gear, open-toe shoes, heels, ripped jeans, and mixing of civilian and military clothing. Acceptable clothing includes running/workout shoes, polo shirts, button shirts, jean pants, khakis or black pants, civilian boots, or business casual attire.

- When and who should students inform their dietary restriction(s)?

When in-processing at the company on your report date, notify cadre of any Halal and Kosher requests. Halal and Kosher requests are only for religious accommodations. We are not able to support any dietary restrictions such as gluten free. Students will have vegetarian options at the dining facility, Meals-Ready-To-Eat (MRE), and portable hot meals. Additionally, notify cadre during company in-processing of any food allergies.

### **Physical Fitness**

- Is there an ACFT during the 6 weeks of DCC? Does a previous ACFT scorecard exempt students from taking the ACFT at DCC?

All students will conduct an initial and final diagnostic ACFT at DCC even if the students have previously taken one at their unit. No ACFT scorecards will be collected to be exempt. The two diagnostic ACFT will be administered on week 2 and 6 of the course. Participation of the final diagnostic ACFT will be a graduation requirement.

- Do students have access to the gym while at DCC? If not, what can students use to stay fit? Can students bring their own gym equipment (e.g. foam roller)?

Students will not have gym access until week 5 of the course. Students are encouraged and allowed to bring recovery items like a foam roller or massage gun. Students are not allowed to bring actual workout equipment as there will not be sufficient space in the barracks rooms to secure these items. There is exercise equipment at DCC which will be made available for use after duty hours such as climbing ropes, pull up bars, a running track, and a BeaverFit (small gym-in-a-container) which contains ACFT equipment, barbells, bench, squat bars, landmines, and kettlebells.

- Is there a suggested physical training program students should follow prior to DCC? Aside from the ACFT, is there a recommended distance students should at minimum be able to do in a certain amount of time to ensure we are prepared?

The DCC website has a 12-week workout plan that students can use to prepare for the course. Most students receive injuries from the foot marches. Practice foot marching gradually leading up to 35lbs dry weight for distance and time. DCC requires plus or minus 17:30 min per mile for foot marches. Students will do a 2-mile, 4-mile, and 6-mile foot march at DCC as a company. The 4-mile and 6-mile foot marches are graduation requirements. Also, Fort Moore roads are not flat, so practicing on hills or inclined treadmill will prepare students. Students will also be walking for several miles each day for 4 days at the land navigation course, so it is important to break in boots prior to arrival. There is no running distance requirement, only running drills and intervals with cadre.

- What does PT look like at DCC?

DCC cadre will conduct PT with students which lasts about an hour long. Students will conduct preparatory drills (warm-up), military movement drills, interval running, workout circuits with or without weights, and recovery drills (cool down). Because there are many training events that start early morning, students will not conduct PT every day which is important for students to prepare prior to arriving to the course and use their off-duty hours while at DCC to improve their physical fitness.

- Are students allowed to change their shoes during ACFT for different events (one pair for the deadlift, one pair for the 2 mile run)?

Yes, students are allowed to change their shoes during the ACFT for different events. Shoes must be closed toe, commercial athletic footwear that are safe and suitable for all test events. Five-finger shoes are not authorized. Cleats or shoes that provide an unfair advantage are also not authorized.

- Is there an option to use a lighter hexagonal bar (45lb with narrower grip) for the ACFT Deadlift event?

No, standard ACFT equipment is provided which will be used for all students.

### **Barracks/Lodging**

- When filing a TDY claim or travel voucher, which expenses require a receipt?

Lodging only, regardless of the amount claimed, requires an itemized paid receipt. Receipts are also required for all other miscellaneous expenses of \$75 or more. For more information visit the DFAS website at:

<https://www.dfas.mil/MilitaryMembers/travelpay/Frequently-Asked-Questions/>

- Is there a fridge in the barracks in case students need to store prescribed medication or store ice packs to treat sore muscles?

There is a fridge available in CQ for students to use and a fridge in cadre's office. Students will notify cadre of refrigerated prescribed medication. The fridge in CQ is a privilege and not meant to be misused for personal food items.

- Do we keep personal items in a personal locker, or do we have to turn them in the storage room when at DCC?

Students will maintain all personal belongings and will have a closet or locker to store their belongings. Any prohibited items such as snacks, tobacco, and alcohol will not be allowed storage in the barracks. See the DCC ISAP and SOP for more prohibited items.

### **Uniforms/Appearance**

- What is allowed to wear on the weekends and off-duty?

Students are only authorized to wear OCPs or APFUs on the weekends and off-duty hours during weeks 1 through 4. On week 5 and if privileges are not revoked, students may wear conservative civilian attire while on pass only.

- Do students wear their rank in OCPs during DCC or will students not be wearing any rank? What unit patch should students purchase?

Each student will wear their respective rank of commission. Students will wear the "Follow Me" unit patch which can be ordered beforehand or purchased during week 1 at Clothing and Sales.

- Is the Army Service Uniform (ASU) or Army Green Service Uniform required for DCC?

Service uniforms are not a requirement for DCC. Students who require the service uniform for BOLC-B usually purchase it online or purchase it while on pass at Clothing and Sales. Previously, JAG students have purchased their service uniform online and had them shipped to JAOBC.

- Are electric shavers allowed for male grooming? Will it be permissible in the field?

Electric shavers are allowed. However, there are no electric outlets available in the field, and all male students are expected to always maintain personal hygiene so ensure that electric shavers come with batteries to last several days.

- Do male students need to have haircuts prior to showing up to DCC or will that be part of in-processing?

All male students must be clean shaven and have a haircut within standard when reporting to DCC on the first day. Male haircuts are not included with in-processing as you would normally expect at Basic Training. Week 1 will be a busy week in-processing, and there will not be time to go to an on-post barbershop. Once students report to DCC, they will not be allowed to leave the footprint for a haircut. Students will be in uniform the day after reporting and will need to meet grooming standards. The only opportunity for a haircut is the first Saturday of week 1 where students may be given a pass by the commander if the class has earned the privilege.

- Do students have a specific uniform for sleeping or should students bring clothing items to sleep in?

Students will sleep in the APFU uniform throughout the course. No other sleeping attire is authorized.

- Are hot weather OCP uniforms permitted at DCC?

Yes, summer OCP uniforms are authorized. If waiting to purchase at Fort Moore, Clothing and Sales may limit the number of summer OCP uniforms a student can purchase or they may not be available.

- If students want to purchase a pair of boots to break in before arriving to DCC, are there any guidelines students should be aware of?

Review Army Regulation (AR) 670-1 and Department of the Army Pamphlet (DA PAM) 670-1 which are available online. Search for boots that are AR 670-1 compliant. Many companies will indicate in the description of the boots if they are AR 670-1 compliant.

- What are students expected to wear for the DCC social event?

Students will wear business casual similar to what is required to wear when reporting to DCC on their first day.

### **Administrative**

- To enroll dependents into DEERS, do students need certified copies of dependents' documents or will photocopies be accepted?

The DEERS office only accepts certified copies (notarized with wet ink and seal) or original documents. Photocopies will not be accepted. Failure to bring certified or original documents will result in delayed enrollment and benefits.

- When should students expect to be paid basic pay and/or BAH?

This depends on the day of the finance briefing, whether students provided the proper documentation to finance, and the date finance submitted students' documentation. It could take approximately 30-45 days to receive your first pay, so students should plan accordingly.

- When do dependent benefits begin?

These benefits will begin upon enrollment into DEERS. You will begin this process during week 1 of in-processing. It is important that students bring all the documents listed under their respective component of the Administrative List. Failure to bring these documents will result in delayed benefits for dependents.

- When can students expect to get a common access card (CAC)?

Students will begin this process during week 1 for in-processing and should expect to receive their military ID/CAC between week 2 through 4 of the course.

- Do students receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) while at DCC?

Active duty students without dependents will not receive BAH while at DCC. Active duty students with dependents will receive BAH for the location of their dependents. Reserves and National Guard students with or without dependents will receive BAH for the location of their dependents or permanent residence.

- The welcome letter states that students will not receive Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) because students will receive meals at DCC. Does this also apply to those students with dependents?

Yes, BAS is an entitlement for the Soldier and not an entitlement for dependents. Students will not receive BAS while at DCC regardless of dependent status. If students mistakenly receive BAS, they should expect for the BAS to be recouped, so students should plan accordingly.

- Will students need to submit their birth certificates again if they already provided it to the JAG recruiting office?

Yes, all students are required to bring the required documents from the DCC administrative list. The JAG recruiting office does not upload birth certificates into DEERS.

- If students are dual military and are enrolled in DEERS, do they still need to bring documents listed in the DCC administrative list?

Yes, all students are required to bring the required documents from the DCC administrative list. The DEERS office does not have visibility or ability to pull your documents from the system. To change the students' status from "Dependent" to

“Service member”, DEERS will require the documents listed in the DCC administrative list to order a new military ID (CAC) for the student.

- If students are dual military, do they still need to bring documents listed in the DCC administrative list for finance?

Yes, this will start the students' basic pay and adjust the BAH for both the service member spouse and the student.

- Do Reserve and National Guard students without dependents need to provide bank statements each month they are at DCC to continue receiving BAH?

Finance requires the past 3 bank statements prior to arriving to DCC and a mortgage statement or lease agreement to receive BAH. Once the Finance office receives the required documentation to receive BAH, no further documentation is needed to continue receiving BAH throughout the course.

- Will DEERS and finance keep students' documents, or will they be returned?

DEERS will not keep your documents. They will verify their authenticity, scan them, and return them to students. Finance will keep the photocopies they require.

- If dependents are already enrolled into DEERS, do students still need to bring the documents on the DCC administrative list?

Yes, all students are required to bring the required documents from the DCC administrative list if there is a system error.

- When do students commission?

Commissioning requires signing a DA Form 71 and taking the Oath of Office. Some students sign their DA Form 71 and take the Oath prior to attending DCC. Those students that have not commissioned will sign their DA Form 71 and take the Oath on the day they report. Collectively all students will attend an Oath of Office ceremony during week 1 regardless of whether they have previously taken the Oath.

- Do students earn leave while in training? Are students on a probationary period before they can use leave after training? Does a weekend trip to Atlanta during DCC count towards leave?

Yes, all students will gain 2.5 days of leave every 30 days while on active duty status. While at DCC, students will not use their leave days except for case-by-case family emergencies. Students will also not be allowed to take passes while attending DCC. Reserves and National Guard students will also gain leave days which can only be used after DCC while they are again on active duty status. Active duty students will be able to use their leave days after they leave DCC.



Students will not be authorized off post at any time during the course for leisure purposes.

- Can students receive mail at DCC? If so, what is the mailing address?

Yes, mail can be delivered to students while at DCC. Students need to use the address exactly as written below. All mail will be opened and inspected by cadre for prohibited items. Prohibited items will be collected by cadre and given to students at the end of the course. Barracks rooms have limited space, so large items are not recommended to be ordered while at DCC.

Rank First Last Name  
E Co (DCC)  
Building 76-Shockley Building  
6510 McVeigh Drive  
Fort Moore, GA 31905

- If a student has a parent as a dependent approved and the approval letter is uploaded in iPERMS, do they still need to bring the documents listed in the DCC administrative list?

Yes, all students are required to bring the required documents from the DCC administrative list to include the parent dependent approval letter. Printing at DCC is limited, so students should bring all their documents in hard copy on their person.

- Do prior service students who have a break in service required to bring the documents in the DCC administrative list?

Yes, all students are required to bring the required documents from the DCC administrative list. Prior service students who have a break in service must restart their profiles in the DEERS and finance databases.

- When will students receive their DOD ID number?

When students bring the proper documentation and in-process DEERS, they will receive their DOD ID number.

- If a student is using a family member's vehicle, what form or authorization do they need for the owner of the POV to sign so that they can drive it to DCC?

DCC does not require any form or authorization from students to have a POV. Ensure that you have appropriate permission from owner, drivers license, registration, and insurance.

### **Packing**

- Can students bring the items they have purchased in a suitcase or duffle bag?

Either will be acceptable.

- Do students have to turn in their TA-50 back to their unit to receive all the military gear at Fort Moore or do they bring it to DCC?

Students should bring all their TA-50 listed in the DCC packing list if it is in their OCIE record. Items that are in the DCC packing list that are not in the student's OCIE record will be issued at the Fort Moore CIF.

- How do students get issued their TA-50 gear? How do students contact their unit to cancel a pending TA-50 order?

Fort Moore CIF will review their database and students' OCIE records and issue only what the students don't have listed in their record.

Initial entry Active duty students will automatically receive all the items from CIF.

Some National Guard and Reserves students who in-processed their units prior to arriving to DCC and have not received their military gear will have a TA-50 order pending. These students should contact their S4 Logistics office to inform them to cancel their TA-50 order prior to arriving to DCC. Failure to make the cancellation will delay receiving TA-50 at Fort Moore CIF, and students will not have the necessary equipment for training.

- Are students able to go to a local Army base and purchase some items ahead of time to ensure that they have all that they need before arrival to DCC?

If students do not have a military ID, the installation Clothing and Sales store will not allow them to make a purchase. However, there are websites and off post military retail stores that offer purchase without military ID. It is highly recommended that students purchase items beforehand due to limited availability at Clothing and Sales.

- Can students bring GPS wristwatches for pacing the ACFT 2-mile event? If not, any suggestion on how to pace the run without us knowing our own speed and distance?

GPS enabled wristwatches or smart watches are authorized for the ACFT 2-mile event, but they are not required. All students are still required to purchase a standard digital wristwatch for the land navigation portion of the course regardless of bringing a GPS enabled wristwatch or smartwatch. The digital wristwatch is listed in the packing list. If using the digital wristwatch for the ACFT 2-mile event, it is recommended to purchase one with a timer or stopwatch ability to track the time on the 2-mile event. Cadre will also let the students know their time when they cross the lap mark.

- Will students run the 2-mile on a standard 400-meter track?

No, students will run within the OCS battalion footprint and cadre will inform students the number of laps. The 2-mile route is a flat, concrete surface.

- On the welcome letter it states to bring “TA-50 that you have been issued”. What does this mean?

Some students who attend DCC have been previously given military gear at their unit and have an Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment (OCIE) Record. Active duty students, who are joining the Army for the first time, will not have an OCIE record and will be receiving TA-50 for the first time at DCC. These individuals are not required to acquire TA-50 prior to arrival. Those students who have in-processed their units, mainly National Guard or Reserves, have either received their gear or have a pending order. If you are National Guard or Reserves and do not know whether you have been issued TA-50, visit or contact your unit’s S4 Logistics Office.

- Are students allowed to exchange their TA-50 for new ones at DCC?

No, Fort Moore CIF does not allow students to Direct Exchange (DX) their TA-50.

- Are students allowed to bring civilian clothing for off duty?

Yes, students are allowed to bring civilian clothing for when they are authorized a pass during week 5 and 6.

- Where do we order name tapes?

It is important that students have name tapes prior to the first Friday of week 1. There are many online establishments that make name tapes which can be purchased prior to arrival to DCC. Do not have them shipped to DCC as they may not arrive in time to wear with the uniform. If ordering in person with Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), AAFES personnel will require the student to provide a military ID for pickup. Cadre will not be allowed to pick up name tapes from AAFES for students due to AAFES policy and students will not be permitted to go to AAFES during week 1. If students report without name tapes, they will be offered an opportunity to purchase them via phone or online at a local off-post establishment, and they will be picked up by cadre. Cadre will inform students on day of reporting which off-post establishments are available to order from.

- Will students receive ID tags?

No, students will not receive ID tags while at DCC.

## **Travel**

- Will students be reimbursed travel expenses when traveling to Fort Moore? If so, what is the per diem and what documentation would be needed?

Yes, travel expenses will be reimbursed. Lodging only, regardless of the amount claimed, requires an itemized paid receipt. Receipts are also required for all other miscellaneous expenses of \$75 or more. For per diem rates, visit the Defense Travel Management Office website at:

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Travel-Transportation-Rates/Per-Diem/Per-Diem-Rate-Lookup/>

- Will students file their travel voucher and receive their reimbursement at DCC?

Students will not file their travel vouchers at DCC. For students traveling directly to BOLC-B, they will file their travel voucher at their BOLC-B in-processing. For students returning to their units, they will file their travel vouchers with their unit. Filing travel vouchers is the process in which the student completes to receive their travel reimbursement.

## **Medical**

- As for prescribed medication, do students need to bring actual prescription paper or just the medication with a label attached to the bottle with name and prescription information?

The prescription medication with name on label will suffice. If possible, students should bring enough prescription medication to cover them throughout the course.

- Are transition lenses on eyeglasses allowed?

Yes, you will also be issued Army prescription lenses for wear.

- Will students be provided with glasses or are they able to wear their own glasses or contact lens?

Students will visit the optometrist during week 1 in-process and will be given glasses if deemed necessary. Students should bring with them corrective lenses or glasses to get them through the time it takes to receive the military lenses as it will take up to 14-20 days to receive from Army medical.

## **Training**

- In addition to the ISAP, is there a POI (with day/week breakdown) for DCC that students can have prior to reporting?

There is a class schedule which will be made available upon arrival.

- Will students train with live rounds or on a shooting simulation system?

All training at DCC is conducted in a crawl-walk-run stage. Basic rifle marksmanship will begin with preliminary rifle marksmanship instruction, an electronic skills trainer (EST), and students will be shooting with live rounds at zeroing and grouping, confirmation, prequalification, and qualification.

- What does a typical day look like?

Students will have a schedule provided to them when they arrive. Students will perform extra duties such as setting up the hydration station at every location, perform CQ duty starting in the evening throughout the night until wake up, and some will be given leadership positions. Each morning, students will report to formation for accountability, student leadership will receive the report, and either conduct 0630 physical training (PT), wait for transportation, or conduct field training. Morning reporting times vary depending on whether students are preparing to go to the field or are at the field. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided daily either at the dining facility (DFAC) or at the field with a Meal Ready-To-Eat (MRE) or hot chow. Classroom instruction will end between 1800 and 1900. Field training will vary. Students will use the battle buddy system and travel in pairs of the same gender. When moving as a company, students will march to their location. See the DCC SOP for more information.

## **Graduation**

- Can family attend DCC graduation?

Yes, there will be a DCC graduation ceremony, and family is encouraged to attend. You will be provided details on graduation upon arrival.

- What are the graduation requirements?

Graduation requirements are listed in the DCC ISAP.

- Do students receive a 1059 once they have graduated?

Students will only receive a graduation certificate. DCC does not provide 1059s.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Will students have time during the day to conduct interviews for a civilian position they are applying for?

No, students are expected to take care of their personal matters prior to arriving DCC.

- What if my security clearance isn't complete prior to arriving DCC? Will students be able to conduct security clearance interviews while at DCC?

JAG students should at least have an interim security clearance prior to reporting to DCC. All other branches should have their security clearance complete prior to reporting to DCC. If a security clearance interview is required, the agent should contact the DCC First Sergeant to facilitate a time for the interview.

- Is there anything students can start studying prior to arriving DCC?

Yes, students should study the DCC SOP, Army rank structure, The Soldier's Creed, basic marching movements, uniform standards, Physical Readiness Training drills such as preparatory and recovery drills, and any materials provided in the DCC Google Drive.

- Are students allowed to go to other schools after DCC such as Airborne or Air Assault?

Students can go to another school only if it is listed in their orders or is DTS approved prior to reporting to DCC. Students will also need to complete all their required documentation and medical evaluation prior to arriving DCC. There will be no time to have medical evaluations at DCC. Coordination for any additional schools will not be made through DCC.

- Are students allowed to leave Fort Moore on the weekends during training? Are passes available for the weekends? If so, how far can we travel?

Students will remain on the DCC footprint unless attending religious services on Sunday. Students are not allowed to leave the installation at any point during the course. Family emergencies are on a case-by-case basis. Students may earn privileges which will allow them an on-post pass. On-post pass locations such as fast food locations will be determined by the company commander. The DCC training schedule is from Monday through Saturday of every week.

- How often can students do laundry?

Students are afforded the opportunity to wash laundry after the training day on their own time. There are two laundry rooms available at no charge for students to utilize. Students are required to purchase their own detergent.

- What typically occurs when training is completed for the day?

After the training day ends, students are on their personal time until their CQ shift starts. Students are encouraged to prepare for the next day, study class material, prepare their equipment, and continue improving their physical fitness. This is also the time to wash laundry, speak with family, and conduct hygiene. Students

are not allowed to leave the battalion footprint unless the company commander approved a pass.

- Will students have an opportunity to visit with family or spouses during DCC?

While at DCC, visitors including family and spouses are not allowed to visit. Family can attend DCC graduation. Depending on whether privileges are approved, family may have an opportunity to visit students one day during graduation week.

- Are platoons and squads separated by branch or will all students be mixed with the other branches?

The students attending DCC are from various branches, and all will be required to work together as a team to get through the course.