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Our Military

in Onslow County

JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, IS the county seat of Onslow County and home to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River. The geographically adjacent installations are centrally bordered by the New River and the Atlantic Ocean. Onslow County is about 500 miles north of Jacksonville, Florida, 600 miles south of New York and almost 2,700 miles from Los Angeles.

The Camp Lejeune complex encompasses 156,000 acres, 11 miles of beach suited to amphibious operations, 27 gun positions, seven mortar positions, 47 tactical landing zones, 21 administrative landing zones, 15 parachute drop zones, 40 splash points, six state-of-the-art training facilities for military operations in urban terrain, two airfield seizure facilities, 10 engineer training areas and 98 live fire ranges, including the Greater Sandy Run Training Area.

The base currently has the largest concentration of Marines and Sailors in the world, and it continues to grow. It has won the Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence eight times, most recently in 2017 for its fiscal

year 2016 performance. These Department of Defense awards honor the base and its Marines, Sailors and civilians for their extraordinary performance or innovation across all support functions to benefit tenant commands and resident Marines, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and their families. The base continues to relentlessly strive for excellence in all areas.

Since September 1941, Camp Lejeune has been the home of "Expeditionary Forces in Readiness," and over the years it has become the home base for the II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF), 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Logistics Group and other combat units and support commands.

Several major Marine Corps commands and one Navy command are aboard Camp Lejeune. Tenant commands include U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, II Marine Expeditionary Force, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Logistics Group and the Naval Medical Center, to mention a few. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune owns all the real estate, hosts entry-level and career-level formal schools and

provides support and training for tenant commands; II Marine Expeditionary Force conducts operational planning for Fleet Marine Force commands; 2nd Marine Division is the ground combat element of II MEF; 2nd Marine Logistics Group is the combat service support element of II MEF; and 2nd Marine Air Wing, headquartered at Cherry Point, North Carolina, is the air combat element of II MEF. Additionally, the Naval Medical Center provides primary medical care to service members and their families stationed at Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River.

Today as in the past, Camp Lejeune's mission is to maintain combat-ready units for expeditionary deployment.

Economic Impact

The Marine Corps Installations East (MCIE) region — including MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River — contributes billions of dollars to state and local economies through the operation and development of its installations.

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

MCB CAMP LEJEUNE

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call Directory Assistance at 910-451-1113.

24-hour Check-in Point	910-451-3382/3383	Lodging Office (Inns of the Corps).....	910-451-3041
All Points Travel	910-451-3535	Marine & Family Programs Center	910-451-9381
American Red Cross	910-451-2173/877-272-7337	Marine & Family Services	910-451-2864
Auto Skills Center.....	910-451-1550	MCCS Information & Referral	910-451-7796
Bowling Center.....	910-451-5121	Marine Federal Credit Union.....	910-577-7333
Career Assistance Branch	910-451-3212	Military Clothing Store	910-451-2802
Chaplain Corps.....	910-451-3210	Military Pay	910-451-5701/7760
Child Care (Resource & Referral).....	910-450-0553/0554/0555	Movie Theater	CL 910-449-9344, MWP 910-451-2785
Child Development Centers		Naval Medical Center	
Brewster CDC.....	910-450-8467	Information	910-450-4300
Courthouse Bay CDC.....	910-440-6228	Appointments.....	910-450-4357
Heroes Manor I CDC	910-450-4078	Pharmacy Refills	866-207-1028
Heroes Manor II CDC	910-450-4119	Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.....	910-451-5644
Tarawa Terrace CDC	910-450-1646	Outdoor Adventures.....	910-451-1440
Tarawa Terrace II CDC	910-450-0545	Paradise Point Golf Course	910-451-5445
Civilian Pay	910-451-2209	Personal Services Specialist	910-451-3843
Civilian Personnel Division.....	910-451-2209	Relocation Assistance	910-449-5258
Commissary.....	910-451-5071	Retired Affairs Coordinator	910-451-0287
Education Center.....	910-451-3091	School Liaison Officer.....	910-449-9915
Exceptional Family Member Program	910-451-4394	Sexual Assault Response Program	910-450-5159
Exchange	910-451-5030	Single Marine Program (SMP).....	910-451-4642
Family Advocacy Program	910-449-9563	Substance Abuse Counseling Center.....	910-451-2865
Family Housing Office	910-450-1628	Suicide Prevention Hotline	800-273-8255
First Citizens Bank.....	910-353-3113	Traffic Management Office	910-451-2377
Gottschalk Marina.....	910-451-8307	Veterinary Services	910-451-5143
Health Benefits Advisor/TRICARE	800-444-5445/888-363-2273	Youth Pavilions	
Legal Assistance Office	910-451-1903/7085/9731	Stone Street.....	910-450-8674
Library	910-451-3026	Tarawa Terrace	910-450-1422

MCAS NEW RIVER

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Barbershop	910-449-6538	Marina.....	910-449-6578
Bowling Center.....	910-449-4921	MCMH Branch Clinic	910-449-5064
Car Wash	910-388-8844	Movie Theater	910-449-6528
Child Development Center.....	910-449-6712	Pools	
Command Chaplain.....	910-449-6801	Indoor	910-449-4307
Crime Prevention Hotline	910-449-6639	Outdoor.....	910-449-6231
Commissary.....	910-449-6395	Post Office	910-449-6501
Dental Center	910-449-6515	Relocation Assistance	910-449-5258
Education Center	910-449-5421	School Liaison Officer.....	910-449-9915
Exceptional Family Member Program	910-449-5251	Sexual Assault Response Program	910-449-5243
Exchange	910-449-0539	Skate Park.....	910-449-0294
Family Advocacy Program	910-449-6110	Single Marine Program	910-449-5145
Family Childcare.....	910-449-5636	Substance Abuse Counseling Center.....	910-449-5249
Fitness Center	910-449-4961	Subway	910-449-6987
Health Benefits Advisor/TRICARE	800-444-5445/888-363-2273	Suicide Prevention Hotline	800-273-8255
Legal Assistance Office	910-449-6169	Veterinary Services	910-450-1607
Library	910-449-6715	Victim Advocate	910-449-6110
Lodging.....	910-449-5024		

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The Marine Corps remains a significant business enterprise and employer throughout the region by employing thousands of personnel across a wide range of sections and funding dozens of military construction projects and defense contracts.

MCB Camp Lejeune's total impact on the local economy in fiscal year 2019 totaled approximately \$3.9 billion. At the same time MCAS New River's total economic impact was more than \$408 million.

Population

The bases and their surrounding communities have more than 130,000 active-duty personnel, dependents, retirees and civilian employees.

HISTORY MCB CAMP LEJEUNE

Camp Lejeune and Onslow County have come a long way since September 1941, when the 1st Marine Division set up camp in the middle of a sandy pine forest along the Atlantic Seaboard. A tobacco barn, farm house and temporary tent cities have been transformed into what is now a 156,000-acre premier military training facility, and the strengthening bonds among its Marines, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, family members, military retirees and civilians are helping Onslow County grow at unprecedented rates.

The Camp Lejeune story began in 1940. World War II had been raging in Europe for more than

a year, and military planners were posturing forces for America's imminent entry. The need for an East Coast amphibious training facility was answered by the Department of the Navy's purchase of an initial 110,000-acre tract of land. Close to ports at Wilmington and Morehead City, the area that is now Camp Lejeune was a logistical gem. When planners added remote pine forests and miles of beach, the value of Camp Lejeune as a home training base for Marines was unbeatable.

On May 1, 1941, Lt. Col. William P.T. Hill was ordered by the 17th commandant, Lt. Gen. (then Maj. Gen.) Thomas Holcomb, to establish and assume command of the base, then known as Marine Barracks New River, North Carolina. His headquarters were set up in an old farmhouse at the Tent Camp (now Camp Geiger) but in August 1942 were moved to Building 1 at Hadnot Point, where they remain today.

Near the end of 1942, the base was named Marine Barracks Camp Lejeune in honor of the 13th commandant and commanding general of the 2nd Army Division in World War I, Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune. In 1944, it was renamed Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

This land's value to the Marine Corps has grown throughout the years as men and women have trained here to fight wars in the Pacific Islands, Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq. Camp Lejeune has also proven invaluable for the training and deployment of Marines for such actions as peacekeeping in Lebanon, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel missions, drug interdiction and a host of noncombatant evacuations. The idea of Special Operations Capable Marine Expeditionary Units was born at Camp Lejeune, and in that spirit of innovation Marines here continue to strive to anticipate and meet future demands of warfare by developing skill sets such as urban and vehicle convoy operations, and improvised explosive devices detection and handling, without neglecting longstanding competencies such as amphibious operations, close air support and naval gunfire. Camp Lejeune's expansive acreage includes vitally important areas, historically and operationally, at Camp Johnson, Camp Geiger, Courthouse Bay, Stone Bay and the Greater Sandy Run Training Area.

A tradition of excellence and innovation begun at the base's inception continues today in training facilities and ranges, other facilities and services, making Camp Lejeune stand out as a superior military base. Its reputation for excellence continues with superb safety programs, environmental conservation and installation restoration efforts, landfill and recycling initiatives, water and wastewater treatment,

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE & MCAS NEW RIVER ONLINE

MBC Camp Lejeune Official site: www.lejeune.marines.mil

MCAS New River Official site: www.newriver.marines.mil

Marine Corps Community Services: www.mccslejeune-newriver.com

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MCAS New River: <https://twitter.com/MCASNewRiver>

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

- Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
- Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
- Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

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communications, logistics, law enforcement, emergency services, religious ministries, housing, personal support programs, education and more.

MCAS NEW RIVER

Tucked in amid the tall pines of eastern North Carolina, just minutes away from the white sandy beaches of the Atlantic Coast, Marine Corps Air Station New River has had a tremendous impact on the surrounding community and has played a major role in Marine Corps aviation since its beginning in 1944.

Although 1944 is celebrated as New River's birthday, the Air Station's roots go farther back. During 1941, the federal government purchased land where MCAS New River and the adjacent base are today for approximately \$65,000. The next year, Capt. Barnett Robinson, of Marine Glider Squadron 71, surveyed the area around the New River. His investigation concluded the site would be suitable for land and seaplane operations.

The first squadron, Marine Bombing Squadron 612, arrived during 1943. The light bombers, known as the PBJ, resembled the Army's B-25 Mitchell bomber. VMB-612 remained here until being deployed to the Pacific during World War II. Shortly after their departure, the Air Station was commissioned as Peterfield Point, named after a farmer whose tobacco field made up most of the land. The separation from Camp Lejeune in 1944 marked the Air Station's birth.

After the war, Peterfield Point was reverted to caretaker status until being reopened during



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1951 as Marine Corps Air Facility Peterfield Point and Camp Lejeune. One year later, it was renamed Marine Corps Air Facility New River, after the river that flows along its eastern border.

The first helicopters arrived in 1954 when Marine Aircraft Group 26 transitioned from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. The move began New River's permanent role in the Marine Air-Ground concept.

During 1968, the Air Station changed its name once again to Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River. The change marked the Air Station's development from a small

training base into a major tactical Marine airfield. The "Helicopter" designation was dropped during 1985.

Today, more than 6,000 Marines and Sailors along with more than 200 civilians operate out of the two Marine Aircraft Groups and support squadrons aboard the 3,616-acre Air Station.

ORGANIZATIONS MCB CAMP LEJEUNE

II Marine Expeditionary Force

The II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF), one of three MEFs in the Marine Corps, is a combined arms force of four elements: command, ground, aviation and logistics. It can carry out offensive combat ashore while sustaining itself without outside help for 60 days.

With more than 50,000 Marines and Sailors, II MEF is representative of the largest and most powerful Marine Air-Ground Task Force. II MEF has four basic components: II MEF Information Group, which has the personnel and equipment needed to plan and execute operations effectively; a ground combat element, the 2nd Marine Division; an aviation combat element, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing; and a logistics combat element, the 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

While II MEF is part of the operational force structure of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command and engages in operations and exercises throughout the command's area, it routinely provides operating forces to support other U.S. unified and NATO commands. II MEF is, in fact, available for and prepared to respond to contingency requirements worldwide.



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The MEF can be employed in its entirety or in a Marine Air-Ground Task Force of lesser size, such as a Marine Expeditionary Brigade, a task force built around a regimental landing team and about a third the size of an expeditionary force; or, a Marine Expeditionary Unit, an air-ground task force built around a battalion landing team and about a third the size of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The size and composition of any Marine Air-Ground Task Force depends on its mission; for example, a Marine Expeditionary Brigade could be ordered to plan, deploy and utilize equipment stored aboard maritime prepositioning ships.

The routinely deployed, forward-presence Marine Air-Ground Task Forces, the 22nd, 24th and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units, deploy on a rotating basis as a geographic combatant commanders' forces in readiness. A Marine Expeditionary Unit consists of approximately 2,400 Marines and Sailors, can respond rapidly to many different contingencies, and if the situation requires, can act as the forward element of a larger Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

2d Marine Division

The 2d Marine Division is a multi-role expeditionary ground combat force and the ground combat element (GCE) of II MEF. The 2d Marine Division acts a first wave, being the lead amphibious force to land and clearing the way for a following naval expeditionary force before transitioning to sustained land combat operations. The backbone of the division is the individual Marine infantryman, whose basic mission is to locate, close with and destroy the enemy.

The division is made up of more than 15,000 enlisted Marines and Sailors and 1,000 officers

who form the 2d, 6th and 8th Marine regiments (infantry). The division also contains 10th Marine Regiment (artillery), as well as six specialized "separate battalions": 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion and 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. This division was born when the 2nd Marine Brigade was activated on July 1, 1936, as part of the Fleet Marine Force. A year later the brigade deployed to Shanghai, China, returning in 1938 to San Diego. On Feb. 1, 1941, the unit was re-designated as the 2d Marine Division. Its component regiments, the 2nd, 6th, 8th and 10th Marines, brought with them impressive records of service in Veracruz, Mexico, World War I in France, and the Caribbean.

In World War II, elements of the division served in Iceland, in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor, and in Samoa. The full division deployed to the Pacific for the Guadalcanal campaign, followed by the bloody assault on Tarawa, for which it was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. The division fought valiantly at Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa, and division units began regular deployments to the Mediterranean as landing forces for the U.S. 6th Fleet. Division units also deployed to Korea, during the Korean War, and to the Middle East to evacuate Americans and prevent civil war during times of crisis.

In 1958, elements of the 2nd Marine Division were part of U.S. intervention in the Lebanon crisis. Units of the division helped reinforce Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, and landed in the Dominican Republic in 1965 as part of Operation Power Pack. The division made up part of the multinational

peacekeeping force in Lebanon from August 1982 until February 1984, tragically losing 241 Marines and Sailors during the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing. Toward the end of the 1980s, division Marines participated in Operation Just Cause, the invasion of Panama.

The 1990s began with division elements helping evacuate American and allied civilians from war-torn Liberia in Operation Sharp Edge. This was followed by deployments to Saudi Arabia, to support Operation Desert Shield, and the liberation of Kuwait in Operation Desert Storm. Following the war, elements of the division participated in Operation Provide Comfort.

Elements of the 2d Marine Division deployed to Kuwait in early 2003 to reinforce the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. These units formed a Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Task Force Tarawa, which crossed into Iraq on the first day of the ground war with the initial mission of seizing Jalibah Airfield in southern Iraq. The 2d Marine Division deployed to Camp Fallujah, Iraq, as the II MEF headquarters, in January 2005 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom III to relieve the 1st Marine Division in Al Anbar province. The division deployed for another yearlong tour at Camp Fallujah from 2007 to 2008.

In 2009, elements of the 2d Marine Division deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, and/or were embarked onboard amphibious ships. Most of the division deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and served with the II MEF (FWD) in Anbar Province, Iraq. The division deployed infantry battalions, artillery battalions as provisional military police battalions, artillery batteries, engineer companies, tank companies and assault amphibian companies.

In 2010, elements of the division deployed to Afghanistan aboard amphibious ships, either to support one of three Marine Expeditionary Units or to support Theater Security Cooperation events in Africa and South America. A majority of the combat deployments have been on behalf of Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan or 1st Marine Division (FWD) across Helmand province. Additionally, separate battalions were deployed, either as whole units or as part of task-organized elements, to Regional Command Southwest.

Most recently, the division continues to deploy to Afghanistan, partnering with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and the Afghan government; their goal has been to conduct counterinsurgency operations in order to secure the local population, defeat insurgents and enable the ANSF to take over their own nation's security, with an eye toward increasing stability, development and self-governance, and to turn the fight over to Afghan control.

The 2d Marine Division — the “Follow Me” Division — is an integral, vital part of America’s Force-in-readiness.

2nd Marine Logistics Group

The 2nd Marine Logistics Group provides tactical logistics support above the organic capabilities of supported elements of the Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and provide task organized Logistics Combat Elements in support of MAGTF operations.

2nd MLG conducts general and direct supply support operations and receives, stores, distributes and manages supply material. It also provides the Marine Air-Ground Task Force with health and dental service support.

In addition, the group supports deployed units by transporting their gear by land and by air. It provides engineering support to Marine Expeditionary Forces and intermediate maintenance support for Marine Corps forces, including stocking, storing and accounting for their tactical ordnance, engineering, motors and repairs. The 2nd Marine Logistics Group, made up of more than 8,000 Marines and sailors, includes Combat Logistics Regiment 27, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Medical Battalion and the 2nd Dental Battalion.

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC), is the Marine Corps component of U.S. Special Operations Command. As such, it trains, organizes, equips and, when directed by the commander of the Special Operations Command, deploys worldwide to support combat commanders and other agencies.

In October 2005, the secretary of defense ordered the Marine Corps to form a service component of U.S. Special Operations Command and begin providing forces to the commander. Formally established on Feb. 24, 2006, MARSOC is headquartered at Camp Lejeune and is made up of approximately 3,000 Marines, Sailors and civilian employees. MARSOC includes three subordinate commands: the Marine Raider Regiment consisting of three Marine Raider Battalions (1st MRB at Camp Pendleton, California; and 2nd MRB and 3rd MRB at Camp Lejeune), Marine Raider Support Group and Marine Raider Training Center.

A Marine Corps major general commands MARSOC with a support staff compatible with both USSOCOM and Headquarters Marine Corps. MARSOC headquarters identifies Marine Special Operations requirements; develops MARSOC tactics, techniques, procedures and doctrines; and executes assigned

missions. Since August 2006, MARSOC has provided Marine Special Operations Teams and Special Operations Companies to support geographic combatant commanders. Missions have included combat in Afghanistan, and training foreign special operations forces in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune

Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ) provides services, direction and oversight to six U.S. Marine Corps installations and stations on the East Coast. They include Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Georgia; Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina; Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina; Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina; Camp Lejeune; and Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, Florida. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ implements policies, develops regional strategies and plans, and prioritizes resources to support operating forces, tenant commands and activities. Operations consist of providing substantial support for training exercises aboard Camp Lejeune, throughout the United States and abroad, and for operations conducted by tenant units worldwide. Additionally, Camp Lejeune annually hosts resident occupational specialty qualifying school training for approximately 36,000 Marines, and occupational specialty or similar enhancement training for another 8,000 Marines, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and Department of Defense employees. Enhancement training spans a vast

range including computer use, operational risk management, equal opportunity and leadership.

MCAS NEW RIVER

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron

The nucleus of this community is Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. H&HS provides the operational and logistical support needed to keep the aircraft flying. From the air traffic controllers in the tower to the cooks working in the dining facility, the headquarters team is a crucial link in the New River chain.

Center For Naval Aviation Technical Training

The mission of CNATT Marine Unit New River is to provide the best possible technical training to enlisted personnel in the operation, maintenance and repair of aeronautical equipment and systems in response to operating forces’ requirements. Additionally, they provide mentorship and professional development of Marines, Sailors and Airmen, preparing them for the challenge of leadership and responsibility. The CNATT Marine Unit New River is composed of a headquarters element, two Maintenance Training Units and a Training Support Branch. The CH-53 MTU and the V-22 MTU each provide state-of-the-art, computer-based maintenance instruction in conjunction with hands-on aircraft training. In addition to training enlisted technicians, CNATT develops guides and lesson plans, and provides an opportunity for fleet to conduct refresher and specific systems training. The Training Support Branch



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provides logistics, maintenance, administrative, IT and curriculum development support to each of the MTUs.

Marine Air Control Squadron 2, Det. B

MACS-2 is a unique element that helps make deployed combat air power possible. From air traffic control to command and control communications, the Marines of MACS-2 are a professional unit ready to go in a moment's notice. They aid in the establishment and operation of expeditionary airfields, making it possible to project air power deep into enemy territory. Their radars can sweep the skies to guide aircraft to targets and bring them back to the airfield from which they departed.

Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron

The mission of VMX-22 is to provide operational test planning, execution, reporting, support, tactics development and technical expertise for assigned tiltrotor weapons systems, subsystems and related support devices. It operates under the oversight of the chief of naval operations via Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force.

In the mid-'80s, the Marine Corps identified the need to update current aviation combat capabilities. This led to the development of new technology and the MV-22 Osprey.

The Osprey continues to replace the aging fleet of CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters. The capabilities of this aircraft include twice the speed,

three times the payload and the ability to fly six times farther than the CH-46E helicopters it is replacing.

Additional Support Units

- MAT SS
- 362d Training Squadron
- USAF-58OG

MAG-26

MAG-26 was activated June 16, 1952, and assigned to MCAS New River in July 1954. The Marines and Sailors of MAG-26 have had a challenging and diverse mission throughout the past 50 years, taking part in contingency and training operations around the globe. Helicopter and tiltrotor squadrons of the group have participated in operations including: Operation Provide Promise in the Adriatic Sea; Operation Provide Comfort in northern Iraq and Turkey; Operation Victor Squared in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Operation Deny Flight in the Balkans; Operation Continue Hope in Somalia; Operation Silver Wake in Albania; Operation Allied Force in Kosovo; and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The beginning of 1995 was met with many firsts for MAG-26. In conjunction with USS O'Bannon (DD-987), HMH-461 was the first fleet squadron to perform a hover in-flight refueling mission while hovering over a naval vessel. HML/A-167 was also the first squadron to use the Night Targeting System on the AH-1W Super Cobra. More recently, MAG-26 provided the first Osprey squadrons to Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Jan. 28, 2009, MAG-26 turned over with Marine Aircraft Group 16 and assumed primary command of aviation support in Iraq's Al Anbar Province. This yearlong deployment for the MAG in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom culminated in November when the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing headquarters turned over its mission as the aviation combat element of Multi-National Forces West to MAG-26 (Rein). The final elements of MAG-26 returned from successful operations in Iraq in February 2010. Their success across the world demonstrates the versatility and focus on mission that is the hallmark of MAG-26. During 2010, VMM-162 (Rein) returned from operations with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit while the first MV-22 squadron, VMM-261, returned from Afghanistan. In the past year, MAG-26 was restructured to include all of the Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor squadrons.

Marine Wing Support Squadron 272

This squadron is the muscle on the ground that can build and sustain airfield operations nearly any place in the world.

From heavy equipment operators to water purification experts, the Marines and Sailors of MWSS-272 are equipped and trained to support a warfighting aviation combat element.

MWSS-272 trains on a day-to-day basis with both Marine Aircraft Groups located aboard New River. They deploy around the world on a regular basis to support exercises and operations. More recently, the MAG's squadrons have served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Additional MAG-26 Units

- MALS-26
- VMM-162
- VMM-261
- VMM-263
- VMM-266
- VMM-365
- VMMT-204

MAG-29

MAG-29 was activated May 1, 1972, at New River and within 11 days swelled to include three flying squadrons. During their first operational year, they flew more than 23,500 flight hours. From the mid to late 1980's, MAG-29 supported multiple Marine Amphibious Unit deployments to the Mediterranean and deployments to Norway in support of Exercise Battle Griffin. Throughout 1989 and 1990, MAG-29 participated in numerous exercises and operations, which culminated with all MAG-29 units deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Landing Force, 6th Fleet commitments.



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MAG-29 has been a constant part of the II Marine Expeditionary Force's deployed combat-ready arsenal. From contingency operations through the 1980's to operations in Southwest Asia, the pilots and crews of MAG-29 squadrons have been on the tip of the spear. As innovators, one of their squadrons was the first to use an AH-1W Super Cobra to mark targets for AV-8B Harriers to drop laser-guided bombs.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365 supported Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. In January 2003, MAG-29 (Rein) deployed to become the 3rd Rotary Wing Aircraft Group for 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During its combat deployment, MAG-29 (Rein) squadrons flew more than 111,000 combat flight hours, and supported the tactical movement of 187,000 passengers and the aerial medical evacuation of 4,500 coalition and Iraqi force personnel. In February 2008, MAG-29 was replaced by MAG-16 and redeployed to MCAS New River. The next year, MAG-29 was also restructured to house all Marine Heavy Helicopter and Light Attack Helicopter squadrons assigned to New River. During 2010, HMH-464 returned from Afghanistan as well as a partial unit attached to the 24th MEU.

Additional MAG-29 Squadrons

- MALS-29
- HMH-366
- HMH-461
- HMH-464
- HMLA-167
- HMLA-269
- HMHT-302
- MWSS-274

ARRIVAL DRIVING DIRECTIONS

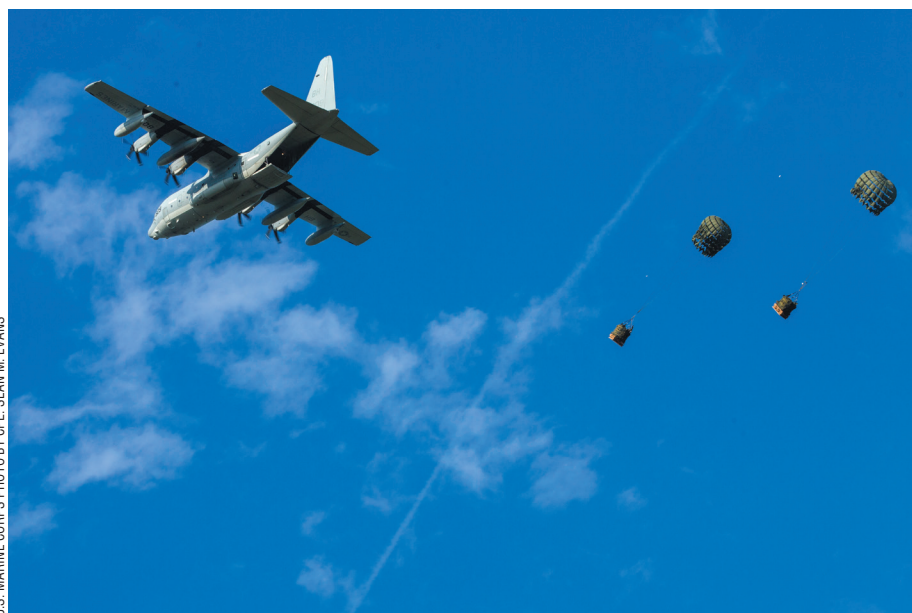
Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations, unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

To MCB Camp Lejeune from Albert J. Ellis Airport

If you drive from the airport, head northeast on Albert J. Ellis Airport Road toward NC-111. Turn right onto NC-111S and follow it until you reach NC-24E/U.S. Highway 258 South. Continue onto NC-24E/U.S. Highway 17 North. From NC-24E, use the right two lanes to take the exit toward Camp Lejeune.

To MCAS New River from Albert J. Ellis Airport

Head northeast on Albert J. Ellis Airport Road toward NC-111. Turn right onto NC-111S and



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follow it until you reach NC-24E/U.S. Highway 258 South. Merge onto US-17 BUS S/Wilmington Highway. Turn left onto Curtis Road for the MCAS New River Main Gate.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

MCB Camp Lejeune

Joseph "Randy" Reichler Reception Center

Bldg. 59/60

Molly Pitcher Road

After hours, JRRRC Duty 910-451-2123

All personnel reporting to Camp Lejeune must report to the Joseph "Randy" Reichler Reception Center (JRRRC). All service members must have their original orders, SRB/OQR, health and dental records, and a valid active-duty ID card. Single or unaccompanied service members will receive billeting assignments in the squad bay.

Personnel who arrive on the weekend or a holiday should have original orders endorsed by the duty officer in Bldg. 59/60, 910-451-2123.

The JRRRC is a one-stop in/out process with 15 agencies that serves active/reserve duty military and their families as well as Civil Service and NAF employees and civilian contractors. For more information and a directory, go to www.lejeune.marines.mil/New-Personnel/Checking-In.

MCAS New River

Installation Personnel Administration Center

Bldg. AS-201..... 910-449-7268

www.newriver.marines.mil/Welcome-Aboard

All permanent personnel Marines reporting into MCAS New River will first check in with the IPAC Inbound Branch (Bldg. AS120) where they will receive a reporting endorsement/stamp.

Marines who report after normal working hours will check-in with and be issued a reporting endorsement/stamp from the MCAS Command Duty Officer (Bldg. AS211, 1st Deck) then be required to check in with the IPAC Inbound Branch no later than 0800 the following business day. The uniform for check in at IPAC is the uniform of the day.

The Service "A" uniform is required when checking in with the CDO and at the gaining command. It is both the individual and command's responsibility to ensure that all Marines ordered to report to MCAS New River physically check into IPAC/Station CDO no later than the date and time specified on their PCS orders, and prior to reporting to their work centers. It is the Marine's responsibility to ensure that the IPAC audit clerk receives all original PCS orders, endorsements, and travel receipts to conduct a proper audit. Travel claims cannot be submitted without required documents.

Other service personal and civilians assigned to MCAS New River do not report to IPAC. The respective S1 will join them into MCTFS via MOL.

The Inbound Branch will process requests for advance pay and Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Own Right (Staff Sergeant's only), and BAH rates at locations other than Permanent Duty Station (PDS) for qualifying newly joined.

The DMR deduction will be started for all who are not authorized to mess separately. If not indicated on a command approval letter signed by the respective unit's Commanding Officer the DMR deduction will be started regardless of MOS/billet until a NAVMC 10522 is received from the gaining command. Ensure NAVMC

10522's are signed respectively in accordance MCO 10110.47.

For further questions call IPAC at 910-449-7835/7724 or contact the respective Command Duty Office listed below:

Marine Air Group-26

(MAG-26) - Bldg. AS-217 910-449-6126

Marine Air Group-29

(MAG-29) - Bldg. AS-4122 910-449-6345

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training

(CNATT) - Contact the Duty at
..... 910-449-6725/910-376-1034

MCAS New River Air Station

(HQ) Bldg AS-211 910-449-5411

TEMPORARY LODGING

Inns of the Corps, Lejeune

Holcomb Boulevard 910-451-3041
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/inns

The award-winning Inns of the Corps, Lejeune, is approximately 4 miles from the main gate on Holcomb Boulevard, just minutes away from numerous eateries, the Main Exchange, MCX Food Court, commissary, and several banks and ATMs. Room types include standard double, executive double, king ADA-accessible, suite and family suite. Nicely appointed pet-friendly rooms are also available. PCS reservations may be made one year in advance. Eligible patrons include active duty, retirees, dependents and DOD employees. Reservations are strongly recommended due to very high demand.

Check the website for current room rates and more information.

MCAS New River Transient Housing

Bldg. AS 705, Flounder Road 910-449-5024
www.newriver.marines.mil/Welcome-Aboard/Visiting-Officers-Quarters

The transient housing facilities operated by the Billeting Fund provide professionally managed, affordable lodging and hospitality services to personnel on temporary duty, to personnel and families executing permanent change of station orders and to other authorized patrons. Reservations for TAD/TDY travelers can be made up to 30 days in advance. Space-available reservations for all authorized patrons can be made up to seven days in advance.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

Naval Medical Center

Camp Lejeune

100 Brewster Blvd.

Information 910-450-4300
Appointment Center 910-450-4357
Pharmacy Refills 866-207-1028
www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhcl/Pages

The Naval Medical Center staff serves the military community with patient and family-centered care, readiness and professional development. The center provides primary and specialty care to more than 35,000 eligible beneficiaries. Primary care and specialty care are provided to active-duty members and their families enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

MCAS New River Medical/Dental Clinic

Branch Clinic

Bldg. AS-100, White Street

Appointments 910-449-6500
<https://bit.ly/2GDxeMK>

MCAS New River Medical/Dental Clinic provides routine appointments/physicals, acute care and some specialty services to active-duty military personnel only. Dependents and retirees may be seen for all appointments and urgent care via Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune.

2nd Dental Battalion

H-1 Branch Clinic 910-451-6122
New River Branch Clinic 910-449-6515
www.2ndmgl.marines.mil/Units/2ndDentalBattalion.aspx

2d Dental Battalion Naval Dental Center Camp Lejeune maintains 11 geographically disbursed dental treatment facilities at New River, Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune. 2d Dental Battalion provides dental services to active duty Marines and Sailors. The Naval Medical Center can provide limited dental care to family members. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program.

More than 40,000 family members in the Camp Lejeune area are enrolled in the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan. This volunteer program, sponsored by United Concordia, covers comprehensive dental care for family members of active-duty personnel. Information about the TRICARE Dental Program can be obtained by calling 844-653-4061 or visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Family Housing Division

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. TT43, Inchon St. 910-450-1628
www.lejeune.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/Family-Housing-Division

The Family Housing Division supports Marines while they are transitioning to a new home and community. Its office provides resources to help you become familiar with the housing options and support services available. Visit the office for information, counseling and guidance before signing a rental or sales contract or a lease for housing.

Family Housing

MCB Camp Lejeune

Atlantic Marine Corps

Communities 888-690-4304
<http://cl.atlanticmcc.com>

Lincoln Military Housing 910-238-3083
<http://lincolnmilitary.com/installations/camp-lejeune-mcb>

At MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to buying or renting housing in the local community, you may now choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Atlantic Marine Corps Communities or Lincoln Military Housing; they own the family housing and are responsible for maintaining, repairing, constructing and managing the communities.



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For comprehensive information about homes and amenities available in Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River privatized housing, visit the Camp Lejeune Family Housing website.

MAIL

Consolidated Post Office

1770 McHugh Blvd. 910-451-5553/1715
www.lejeune.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/Post-Office

The full-service Post Office on base provides window service on weekdays and is open to personnel with base access.

PETS

Camp Lejeune Veterinary Services

Domestic Animal Control

Bldg. TT-2455/L 910-451-5143

Veterinary Treatment Facility

Bldg. TT-2459 910-450-1607

Dogs, cats, tropical fish, hamsters and caged birds are the only pets authorized in family housing. Pets in base housing must be registered within five working days with the Security and Emergency Services Department, Domestic Animal Control, Bldg. 979.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

MCIEAST/MCB Chaplain Corps

Bldg. 67 910-451-3210
<https://bit.ly/36PepW6>

The Chaplain Corps offers various types of counseling and seminars including pre-marital, marital, religious, stress, grief and loss. All counseling sessions are covered by 100% privileged communication making chaplains your first choice when unsure where to go for help.

SERVING YOU DINING

For hours of operation, menus and special event information, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com and click on selections under the "Dining & Lodging" tab.

MCB Camp Lejeune

Berkeley Express

Berkeley Manor Marine Mart 910-451-9073

Domino's

Bldg. 1515, Holcomb Blvd. 910-451-3888

Duffers' Retreat

Bldg. 2015,
 Paradise Point Golf Course 910-451-0148

Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins

1238 Birch St. 910-451-2599

Industrial Grill

Bldg. 1057, Louis Road 910-451-8680

Jimmy John's

Bldg. 257, McHugh Blvd. 910-449-8850

Papa John's

Bldg. 62, Lucy Brewer Road 910-450-7272

Paradise Point Officers' Club & Smedley's Cafe

Bldg. 2615,
 Seth Williams Blvd. 910-451-2465

SNCO Club

Bldg. 825, Stone St. 910-450-9556

Spare Time Sports Grill

Bldg. 89,
 Bonnyman Bowling Center 910-451-5731

Starbucks

Main Exchange,
 Camp Lejeune 910-450-9295

Subway

Bldg. HP-99,
 Wallace Creek Marine Mart 910-450-9295

Taco Bell

Bldg. 1232, Birch St. 910-450-6918

University Cafe

Bldg. 825, John A. Lejeune
 Education Center 910-450-9567

Wendy's

Bldg. 1237, Birch St. 910-450-5479

MCAS New River

Bowling Center Snack Bar

Bldg. AS-205, Curtis Road 910-449-4918

Flightline Grill

Bldg. MWR-1, Campbell St. 910-449-6731

Heavenly Brew Cafe

Bldg. AS-4038, Schmidt St. 910-449-4529

La Casita Loca

Bldg. AS-257, Davis St. 910-449-7669

The Landing at New River

Bldg. AS-710, Flounder Road 910-449-6409

Subway

Bldg. AS-4044, Curtis Road 910-219-1031
 Bldg. AS-4127, White St. 910-449-6987

Wendy's

Bldg. AS-4039, Curtis Road 910-346-6087

EDUCATION

John A. Lejeune Education Center

Bldg. 825 Stone St. 910-451-3091
 Testing Center 910-451-3092

MCAS New River Education Center

Bldg. AS-212 Bancroft St. 910-449-5421
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/edu

The Education Assistance Branch, Personal and Professional Development Program, of the Marine and Family Programs Division, oversees all off-duty education. Its two locations, at the

DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.

John A. Lejeune Education Center aboard MCB Camp Lejeune and the MCAS New River Education Center, offer adult and continuing education to enhance personal growth and career development.

The opportunities offered by Education Assistance include the Military Academic Skills Program, basic academic advising, financial aid information, military transcripts, the U.S. Military Apprenticeship Program, comprehensive military and civilian testing programs, Learning Lab, the GED examination program and high school completion program via Coastal Carolina Community College, and the Personal Financial Management Program. A research and study library is inside the John A. Lejeune Education Center.

There are several universities represented locally — Boston University, Campbell University, Coastal Carolina Community College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, University of North Carolina Wilmington and





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Webster University — offering both undergraduate and graduate programs.

Visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/edu for more information.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Career Assistance and Transition Seminars/Family Member Employment Assistance Program

The Career Assistance Branch, Personal and Professional Development Program, Marine and Family Programs Division provides the necessary tools and information so that all separating service members and their families can transition effectively from military to civilian life. Career Assistance provides Transition Readiness Seminars designed to give Marines and families ownership of their exit from the military and furnish them with resources and opportunities to make informed decisions when transitioning to the civilian sector. They also offer internet access for job hunting, employment-ready workshops and individual career counseling, and coordinate career expos. Transition Readiness advisers are available to meet one-on-one at Camp Lejeune, Bldg. 824, Stone Street, 910-451-3754/3781 or New River AS-912, Longstaff Road, 910-449-4914.

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) helps family members seeking local employment. Services offered consist of computer classes, resume-writing assistance, individualized career counseling and workshops, research materials and resources and local employment listings. The FMEAP center

is in the Tarawa Terrace housing area, Bldg. 2455K, 910-450-1676.

Child Development Centers & School Age Care

Brewster, Bldg. 631..... 910-450-8467
 Courthouse Bay, Bldg. BB-353 .. 910-440-6228
 Heroes Manor I, Bldg. PP100..... 910-450-4078
 Heroes Manor II, Bldg. PP200..... 910-450-4119
 MCAS New River,
 Bldg. AS-1000 910-449-6712
 Tarawa Terrace,
 Bldg. TT-86/TT91 910-450-1646
 Tarawa Terrace II
 Bldg. TT-113 910-450-0545

Stone Street Youth Pavilion

Bldg. 842..... 910-450-8674

Tarawa Terrace Youth Pavilion

Bldg. TT-19..... 910-450-1422
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/cyp/#cdc

The Child Development Centers offer weekly care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old and hourly care on a space-available basis with reservations. The centers provide a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, cognitive, language and physical development of youngsters.

Children of active-duty military personnel, DOD civilian personnel, Reservists on active duty and DOD contractors are eligible. Fees are based on total family income. After requesting full-time care at www.militarychildcare.com, visit the Resource & Referral office (910-450-0553/0554/0555) to register.

Marine Corps Family Team Building

Bldg. 780, Brewster Blvd. 910-451-0176
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/mcftb

The Marine Corps Family Team Building portion of Marine Corps Community Services is geared toward helping unit commanding officers and families maintain readiness. All MCFTB programs are free.

MCFTB includes the following programs: Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program & Support, Volunteer Coordination Program, Readiness and Deployment Support, LifeSkills Training and L.I.N.K.S. (Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills).

Community Counseling Centers

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 799B Brewster Blvd. 910-451-2864

MCAS New River

Bldg. AS-90 Curtis Road 910-449-6110
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/counseling

The Community Counseling Centers provide professional individual, marital and family counseling to military members and their families. Intervention and treatment for domestic violence and victim advocacy services are available through the Family Advocacy Program.

Exceptional Family Member Program

MCB Camp Lejeune

LCH 4014 D & E, Midway Park 910-451-4394

MCAS New River

Bldg. AS-112, Bancroft Street 910-449-5251
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/efmp

This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

New Parent Support Program

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 799, Brewster Blvd..... 910-449-9501
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/npsp

The New Parent Support Program is a professional team of licensed social workers, counselors and registered nurses who provide educational and support services to military families. From the early stages of pregnancy to the development of your child up to age 5, this program can better prepare you for parenthood.

All active-duty personnel and family members who are expecting a child or have at least one child age 5 or under are eligible.

School Liaison Program

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 780, Brewster Blvd. 910-449-9915
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/schools

The school liaison office provides K-12 education information for public, private, homeschool and Department of Defense Education Activity schools on the installation. It also provides

Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River families support during all states of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every possible opportunity for quality education.

Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River have seven Department of Defense Schools for base residents. For school registration information on- or off-base, visit the School Liaison website.

Youth Sports Office

Bldg. 780, Brewster Blvd. 910-449-9915
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/schools

Single Marine Program

MCB Camp Lejeune & MCAS New River
 Bldg. 564 M St. 910-451-4642
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/smp

The Single Marine Program is the voice for single, unaccompanied Marines and any other single active-duty service member when it comes to identifying quality-of-life concerns, developing initiatives to address those concerns, and providing recommendations through advocacy, recreational trips and activities, special events and community involvement. The program accomplishes this through monthly council meetings of unit representatives in six geographical areas of Camp Lejeune. In each of these areas, the SMP runs Recreation Centers that cater primarily to Marines who live on base.

Additionally, the SMP administers Camp Lejeune's volunteer program.

Youth Sports Office

MCB Camp Lejeune
 1985 Stone St. 910-451-2177
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/youthsports

FINANCIAL SERVICES

First Citizens Bank, Camp Lejeune (Main)
 87 Holcomb Blvd. 910-353-3113
www.firstcitizens.com

Marine Federal Credit Union

1231 Birch St., MCB Camp Lejeune
 4052 Curtis Road, MCAS New River
 800-225-3967
www.marinefederal.org

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Bldg. 66..... 910-451-1903/7085
 Legal Assistance at Camp Lejeune is provided on a walk-in basis for new clients. Go online to <https://bit.ly/2Omuk7Y> for more information about hours and services.

At MCAS New River, legal assistance is provided on a walk-in basis for new clients. Visit www.newriver.marines.mil/Staff-Judge-Advocate/Legal-Assistance or call 910-449-6169 for more information about hours and services.

LIBRARIES

Camp Johnson Library 910-450-0844

Harriotte B. Smith Library

MCB Camp Lejeune 910-451-3026

John A. Lejeune Education Center

Research Library 910-450-9845

Station Library

MCAS New River 910-449-6715
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/libraries

The Camp Lejeune Library System includes the Harriotte B. Smith Library on Holcomb Boulevard, the Research Library at the John A. Lejeune Education Center, New River's Station Library and the Camp Johnson Library.

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com.

All Points Travel

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 84, Hadnot Point Plaza..... 910-451-3535

MCAS New River

Bldg. AS-4044, Curtis Road 910-449-6530
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/travel

Whatever travel destinations you seek, the All Points Travel staff can help you plan your trips



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by assisting with airline tickets, hotels, rental cars and even cruises.

Auto Skills Center

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 1250, Birch St. Extension.. 910-451-1550
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/autocenter

The Auto Skills Center has a wide variety of diagnostic and repair equipment and tools, along with a staff of experts to help with all your vehicle care needs. It's also a state vehicle inspection site.

Bowling

Bonnyman Bowling Center

Bldg. 89, Molly Pitcher Road 910-451-5121

New River Bowling Center

Bldg. AS-205, Curtis Road 910-449-4921/22
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/bowling

Strike up some family fun at the bowling centers. Shoe rental, pro shops, snack bars and bowling parties are available.

Fitness Centers

MCB Camp Lejeune

Area 5

Bldg. 500, McHugh Blvd. 910-451-8921

Camp Geiger

Bldg. G930, C St. 910-449-0609

Camp Johnson

Bldg. M-168,
 Main Service Road..... 910-450-1250

Courthouse Bay

Bldg. BB2 off Horn Road 910-440-7447

French Creek

Bldg. FC332, McHugh Boulevard
 & Gonzalez 910-451-5430

H.I.T.T. Center*

Bldg. 401
 across from Field House 910-451-0122

Morgan Bay

Bldg. H14, Hospital Point..... 910-451-1676

Stone Bay

Bldg. RR-136, Stone Bay..... 910-440-2055

Tarawa Terrace

Bldg. TT-2457, Tarawa Terrace... 910-450-1681

Wallace Creek

Bldg. WC1 910-450-7649

MCAS New River

Fitness Center

Bldg. AS-4400, Douglass Road .. 910-449-4961

H.I.T.T. Center

Bldg. AS-4024..... 910-449-5854
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/fitness

The fitness centers provide the latest in fitness and wellness programs. Designed for those who want to develop and maintain the optimum in physical conditioning and health, the centers offer the opportunity to enjoy individualized and group activities. Individual assessment and instruction at all levels is available from highly competent, professional staff. Programs include personal fitness training, weight management, comprehensive group exercise classes, small group training, high-altitude training, endurance challenges, run/walk programs, combat fitness training, strength training and more. The Wallace Creek Fitness Center, on Birch Street, is the newest addition to the base's arsenal of fitness centers. It features all the aforementioned programs, plus an elevated track, rock-climbing wall, juice bar, indoor lap pool, outdoor running tracks and a FEMA shelter.

**Editor's note: At the time of publication, the H.I.T.T. Center was undergoing repairs and some of the center was not accessible. Check the website for updates.*

Marinas

MCB Camp Lejeune

Gottschalk Marina

Bldg. 198, Julian C. Smith Road 910-451-8307

MCAS New River

New River Marina

2800 Perimeter Road..... 910-449-6578
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/marinas

Rent kayaks, stand up paddleboards, canoes and boats. Slips are available to dock your boat as well. Call or visit the website for more information about slip rentals, requirements to rent equipment or more.

Movie Theaters

Camp Lejeune Base Theater

Bldg. 19, McHugh Blvd.

Info..... 910-451-2785

Movie schedule 910-449-9344

Midway Park Theater

Bldg. 4014A

Info..... 910-451-2785

Movie schedule 910-449-9344



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MCAS New River Theater

Bldg. AS-240 Curtis Road

Info 910-449-6528

Movie schedule 910-449-6292

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/movies

Enjoy the latest Hollywood flicks, with special price discounts on Wednesdays and free-movie loyalty cards. All theaters feature Dolby Digital Sound and are ADA-accessible. Call the schedule line or visit the website for current movies and showtimes.

Outdoor Adventures

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 728 910-451-1440

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/outdoor

Outdoor Adventures offers fun on the water with kayaks and canoes. A variety of camps are available for all ages that include rock wall climbing, archery, mountain biking, and archery tag. Units can take advantage of the Unit Tri-Challenge to change up their PT routines.

Paradise Point

Golf Course & Pro Shop

MCB Camp Lejeune

2015 Brewster Blvd. 910-451-5445

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/golf

Paradise Point Golf Course has two 18-hole courses, the 70-par Scarlet and the 72-par Gold, along with driving ranges, a practice field and putting greens and a Pro Shop, all open to the general public. Golf lessons are available.

Pools

Indoor

MCB Camp Lejeune

Area 2, Bldg. 236 910-451-2024

Wallace Creek Fitness Center

(lap swim only) 910-450-7659

MCAS New River

New River AS-4400,

Bldg. AS-4400 910-449-4307

Outdoor

MCB Camp Lejeune

Paradise Pointe Pool,

Officers Club 910-451-1316

Tarawa Terrace, Corner of TT

and Iwo Jima Blvd. 910-450-1610

MCAS New River

MCAS New River Outdoor Pool,

near Bldg. AS-710 910-449-6231

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/pools

Get fit or take a dip in the six pools located throughout MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River. In addition to lap and recreational swimming, pools offer swim lessons, splash camps, instructional classes and more. Camp Lejeune also offers a swim team for children



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age 5 to 18, with competitions in age groups against other youth throughout North Carolina. Call the pools or visit the website for prices and more information.

Recreational Equipment Issue Services

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 1100, West Road 910-451-1638/2360

MCAS New River

Bldg. AS-114, Bancroft St. 910-449-6387

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/recissue

Recreation Equipment Issue has a variety of equipment rentals including lawn & garden tools, sporting equipment, party supplies and games, inflatables, cookers, and trailers. Propane refill and tank exchange is also available.

Recreational Shooting

..... 910-451-3889

McIntyre-Parks Recreational Shooting Complex

R-100 Range Complex (Old Sawmill Road)

Pistol Range

F-11A Piney Green Road

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/shoot

Skate Park

MCAS New River*

Bldg. AS-612, Agan St. 910-449-0294/5844

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/skatepark

The 8,500 square-foot park is open 24/7 to all authorized patrons ages 10 and older. Grinding rails, intermediate jumps, and quarter and half-pipe platforms provide rad challenges for skateboards, inline skates and BMX bikes. Patrons must wear protective equipment and follow posted rules.

**Editor's note: At the time of publication, the skate park was closed for repairs. Check the website for updates.*

Sports

Camp Lejeune Sports Complex

Bldg. 751 Goettge Memorial

Field House 910-451-3762

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/sports

SHOPPING

Commissary

MCB Camp Lejeune

1230 Holcomb Blvd. 910-451-5071

MCAS New River

4055 Curtis Road 910-449-6395

www.commissaries.com

In-store amenities and specialties include an ATM, bakery, custom photo cakes, a deli, fresh lobster, fresh sandwiches to go, hot foods, party cakes, plants, rotisserie chicken, sushi and a butcher shop.

Marine Corps Exchange

MCB Camp Lejeune

Bldg. 1231 910-451-5030

www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/mcx

Marine Corps Exchange New River

Bldg. AS-4040 910-449-0539

www.mymcx.com/index.cfm/locations/new-river

The Marine Corps Exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours for services outside of the Main Exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



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Welcome

to Onslow County

WELCOME TO NORTH CAROLINA! Onslow County's flat, gently rolling terrain covers 763 square miles and is in the southeastern coastal plain of North Carolina, about 120 miles east of Raleigh and 50 miles north of Wilmington. The city of Jacksonville is the county seat, and the areas surrounding the city constitute the county's major population centers and growth areas.

The county is home to more than 197,000 people and includes the incorporated towns of Holly Ridge, Richlands, Swansboro, North Topsail Beach, part of Surf City and unincorporated Sneads Ferry. Camp Lejeune occupies about 156,000 acres with 11 miles of beach on the Atlantic Ocean.

Onslow County offers the ultimate in outdoor recreation and sports with miles of beaches, rivers and ocean teeming with an abundance of marine life, and forests filled with wildlife. The scenic 40-mile-long New River is the only large river in the continental United States with headwaters and mouth in the same county. The White Oak River serves as the eastern county line from its headwaters to Bogue Inlet in Swansboro.

Today, the abundance and beauty found in scenic terrain, shoreline and seascape still define Onslow County, attracting industry, tourism and families to this distinctive community.

HISTORY

Attracted by the waterways and longleaf pine forests, the first European and English settlers arrived in Onslow County in 1713 in what was originally part of the colonial precincts of Carteret and New Hanover. The county, formed in 1734, was named for the Honorable Arthur Onslow, speaker of the British House of Commons. After a devastating hurricane in 1752, the county courthouse was relocated from Town Point to Wantlands Ferry. This settlement was incorporated in 1842 and renamed Jacksonville after President Andrew Jackson, who was born in North Carolina. Largely a collection of sparsely populated agrarian and maritime communities, Onslow County dramatically changed in the early 1940s with the establishment of the Army's Camp Davis near Holly Ridge (now closed) and the creation of Camp Lejeune in 1941.

SAFETY

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

Ready North Carolina is the state's official emergency preparedness campaign managed by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The ReadyNC mobile app is an all-in-one tool to help people get ready for everything from traffic jams to hurricanes and ice storms. The app gives information on real-time traffic and weather conditions, river levels, evacuations and power outages. The website provides information on creating an emergency plan and emergency kit, pet preparedness and disaster preparedness for seniors. For more information about local disaster preparedness, visit <https://readync.org>.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.

**State of North Carolina
Department of Public Safety –
Emergency Management**

Nonemergency 919-825-2500
www.ncdps.gov/ncem

North Carolina Emergency Management works side-by-side with local communities to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate damage from disasters across the state. The agency deploys state resources when needed and coordinates with neighboring states and the federal government to augment staffing and resources as appropriate. The agency is prepared to respond to any crisis with search and rescue teams, emergency response teams and many other resources at their disposal.

Onslow County

Emergency Services Department

Nonemergency 910-347-4270
www.onslowcountync.gov/EmergencyServices

The Emergency Services Department was created to enhance emergency response to, planning for and recovery from major emergencies in Onslow County. The department includes the E-911 Communications Center, Emergency Management Office, Emergency

Medical Services and Fire Rescue Services. The department also coordinates with volunteer rescue squads and volunteer fire departments. These units work together to provide residents of Onslow County with complete, unified emergency services during any major incident, weather emergency or other unforeseen threat to life and property. Visit the office's website for disaster preparedness information.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Onslow County has 215 sunny days on average. The hottest month is July with an average high temperature of 89 degrees, and the coldest is January with an average low of 34. Precipitation is more frequent here than in many other places, but snow is rare. The average yearly rainfall is about 54 inches, but snowfall is only around 2 inches.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

The Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

13775 Highway 50, Suite 101
Surf City, NC 28445 910-329-4446
www.topsailchamber.org

Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce

1099 Gum Branch Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-347-3141
www.jacksonvilleonline.org

Richlands Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 752
Richlands, NC 28574 910-378-9217
www.richlandschamberofcommerce.com

Swansboro Area Chamber of Commerce

203 W. Church St.
Swansboro, NC 28584 910-326-1174
<http://swansborochamber.org>

Government

Official state, county and city websites are valuable resources for newcomers because they provide information on the local government's boards and committees, public safety organizations, community social services and other helpful agencies. They also give up-to-date information on municipal contacts, local events and recreational opportunities.

For more information on your new home, visit:

- **State of North Carolina:**
www.nc.gov
- **Onslow County:**
www.onslowcountync.gov
- **City of Jacksonville:**
www.jacksonvillenc.gov
- **Town of Holly Ridge:**
<http://townofhollyridge.net>
- **Town of North Topsail Beach:**
www.ntbnc.org

• Town of Richlands:

www.richlandsncc.gov

• Town of Swansboro:

<http://swansboro-nc.org>

News and Entertainment

Get a feel for your new community by tapping into its news and entertainment options online. From local news media or social media, you can get a better feel for the vibe of your new town from the comfort of your armchair at home.

Newspapers

- **The Jacksonville Daily News:**
www.jdnews.com

Television stations

- **ABC:**
www.fb.com/wwwaytv3
- **CBS:**
www.wilm-tv.com
- **FOX:**
www.foxwilmington.com
- **NBC:**
www.wect.com
- **PBS:**
www.unctv.org

Radio stations

- **WRNS 95.1 (country):**
<https://wrns.com>
- **WRMR 98.7 (modern rock):**
www.modernrock987.com
- **WILT 103.7 (adult contemporary):**
www.sunny1037.com
- **WXQR 105.5 (rock):**
www.myrock105.com
- **WAZO 107.5 (top 40):**
www.z1075.com

Tourism

Drop in and learn the lay of the land from local experts.

Onslow County Tourism

1099 Gum Branch Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-347-3141
www.onlyinonslow.com



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Getting To & Around

in Onslow County

SITUATED ALONG THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, Onslow County’s rolling terrain is an ideal place to raise a family or just for a relaxing getaway. Many people traveling in the area choose to drive so they can take in the ocean views and the woodlands, bogs and saltwater estuaries of the Croatan National Forest, the only true coastal forest on the East Coast.

For those flying, three airports and numerous air carriers are within approximately a two-hour drive. The closest is about 25 miles away but offers limited service, while a major airport 120 miles distant has numerous options for travelers. Airport transportation can be arranged to or from anywhere in the world through Camp Lejeune’s All Points Travel, 1401 West Road (910-451-3788).

Commercial bus transportation is available at the Base Bus Terminal, 235 G St. No reservations are needed. Scheduled buses depart daily between Camp Lejeune and Jacksonville. Call 910-451-7000 for more information.

Military bus transportation is available from the Base Bus Terminal with stops at base housing areas, the Marine Corps Exchange, the commissary, Stone Bay, Courthouse Bay, Camp Geiger, Onslow Beach, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune and other points.

AIRPORTS
Albert J. Ellis Airport
 264 Albert Ellis Airport Road
 Richlands, NC 28574..... 910-324-1100
www.flyoaj.com

Albert J. Ellis Airport near Jacksonville is about 25 miles from MCB Camp Lejeune-MCAS New River. The airport serves residents in the coastal region in communities such as Morehead City, Surf City and throughout Onslow County and eastern North Carolina. American Airlines and Delta Air Lines offer daily flights to and from Atlanta and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ground transportation includes taxi, hotel shuttles and rental car companies: Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz and National-Alamo.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport
 2400 John Brantley Blvd.
 Morrisville, NC 27560..... 919-840-2123
www.rdu.com

Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) is approximately 120 miles from Camp Lejeune-New River and is served by several major carriers, including Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Virgin America and United Airlines. Travelers can choose from more than 40 nonstop destinations on one of 400 daily flights from RDU.

Ground transportation includes 11 rental car companies, Greyhound, Amtrak, a regional bus service, a number of shared transportation options, and taxi and limo services.

Wilmington International Airport
 1740 Airport Blvd., Suite 12
 Wilmington, NC 28405..... 910-341-4125
www.flyilm.com

Wilmington International Airport is approximately 60 miles from Camp Lejeune-New River

and has two major carriers, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines, with nonstop service to Atlanta, Charlotte, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Ground transportation includes eight rental car services and taxi and limo services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Jacksonville Transit

P.O. Box 128

Jacksonville, NC 28541 910-938-7433

www.jacksonvillenc.gov/Transit

Jacksonville Transit offers riders two local fixed-route services daily throughout the city of Jacksonville with stops downtown, at the Jacksonville Mall and other area shopping centers, colleges, Onslow Memorial Hospital, memorials, various neighborhoods and area military bases. On weekends and holidays, Jacksonville Transit runs an express route to MCB Camp Lejeune, Camp Johnson and Marine Corps Air Station New River. Hours vary.

For more information on times, fares and the system's service area, visit Jacksonville Transit's website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Onslow County is intersected by two U.S. highways and several state routes.

Within Onslow County, two major U.S. highways meet in the city of Jacksonville. U.S. Highway 17, the Coastal Highway, runs north to south through

the county and across the state lines into South Carolina and Virginia. Highway 258 connects Jacksonville with the Inner Banks communities of Kinston, Snow Hill, Farmville, Tarboro and Murfreesboro. In addition to the U.S. highways, numerous state routes in Onslow County link it to neighboring South Carolina and Virginia.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation offers commuter strategies at www.ncdot.gov/travel-maps/traffic-travel.

NCDOT provides free real-time traffic information, work zone maps and commuter options. There are also resources and information encouraging the use of commuting alternatives such as transit, vanpooling/carpooling, walking, biking, telecommuting and alternate work schedules.

North Carolina

Department of Motor Vehicles

299 Wilmington Highway

Jacksonville, NC 28540.....910-347-3613

www.ncdot.gov/dmv

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms and general information at www.ncdot.gov/dmv/downloads.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in North Carolina from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license

from their home state, but in general, all North Carolina residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its North Carolina Driver's Handbook, which can be downloaded at www.ncdot.gov/dmv/help/Pages/handbooks.aspx.

Vehicle Registration

Information associated with vehicle registration is available online at www.ncdot.gov/dmv/title-registration, including DMV forms, requests for driving records and more.

Distracted Driving

The state of North Carolina does not prohibit drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle, though there are two exceptions: All novice drivers under age 18 and all school bus drivers are banned from using handheld wireless telephones while driving, unless they need to call 911 in an emergency.

Texting while driving is prohibited in the state of North Carolina.

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Visit the North Carolina Department of Transportation online (www.ncdot.gov) for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, ferry reservations and to view live traffic cameras.



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Housing & Real Estate

in Onslow County

A LOW COST OF living and pleasant natural surroundings in North Carolina's Onslow County contribute to a quality of life not often found in larger metropolitan areas. In 2018, an estimated 197,000 people called the county home, and the population density was 233 people per square mile, the U.S. Census Bureau says.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune-Marine Corp Air Station New River is more than 37,000 people strong, according to the 2017 Marine Corps Installations East economic impact statement. About 23,000 veterans live in the area, according to the Census.

Housing is available on base, but the county's communities also give newcomers plenty of additional choices for places to live. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help sort through the home options. The North Carolina Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and services. Visit www.ncrealtors.org to find expertise and professional services for those interested in purchasing a new home.

ONSWLOW COUNTY

Onslow County stretches over about 906 square miles of North Carolina with 16 percent of that covered by water; the county's southern margin lies along the Intracoastal Waterway, Onslow Bay, and to the east, the Atlantic Ocean. The county offers rich outdoor coastal recreation and sports with more than 30 miles of beautiful beaches, rivers and saltwater teeming with marine life and forests filled with wildlife. The scenic New River is the only large river in the continental United States with its headwaters and mouth in the same county. Onslow County also remains a force in terms of agriculture, thanks to its rich soil. Today the beauty of the scenic terrain, shoreline and seascape continue to define Onslow County, attracting industries, tourists and families alike. For more information, check out the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce website at www.jacksonvilleonline.org.

Communities in Onslow County near Camp Lejeune-New River include Holly Ridge,

Jacksonville, North Topsail Beach, Richlands and Swansboro.

Holly Ridge

212 N. Dyson St.

Holly Ridge, NC 28445 910-329-7081
<http://townofhollyridge.net>

Holly Ridge is the gateway to Topsail Island beaches, offering abundant sporting and recreational opportunities in a natural coastal area. The town has strong military ties and is the home of historic Camp Davis. Holly Ridge residents enjoy a peaceful, friendly environment for living, working, playing and visiting.

The median household income in the town of 2,598 was higher than that of North Carolina as a whole, \$61,324 compared with \$52,413, according to the U.S. Census' most recent figures. Median rent was \$1,467 in 2017, and the median value of a home in Holly Ridge, according to the census, was about \$178,500. Commutes are slightly longer with mean travel time to work for those living in Holly Ridge being about 30 minutes.

Jacksonville

815 New Bridge St.
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-938-5200
www.jacksonvillenc.gov

Jacksonville is the county seat of Onslow County and home of MCB Camp Lejeune-MCAS New River. In 2014, Forbes magazine ranked Jacksonville as the fifth fastest-growing small city in the United States. Demographically, Jacksonville is one of the younger cities in the United States with an average age of around 23 years old, thanks to the large military presence.

This residential community is 46.51 square miles with a population of 72896. Mean travel time to work for those who live in Jacksonville is 15 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$989, and the median value of a home in Jacksonville is \$152,300, the census says.

North Topsail Beach

2008 Loggerhead Court
North Topsail Beach, NC 28460. 910-328-1349
www.ntbnc.org

North Topsail Beach is a beautiful, natural environment with plentiful outdoor recreation opportunities. Award-winning ocean beaches, fishing and fun-filled boating make North Topsail Beach a great place to raise a family, enjoy retirement or escape for a long weekend or vacation.

The census counts 726 residents of the community, and their mean travel time to work is a little over 29 minutes. Rents are higher in this coastal spot with median rent coming in at \$1,150. The median value of a house was \$273,200.

Richlands

302 S. Wilmington St.
Richlands, NC 28574 910-324-3301
www.richlandsnec.gov

The highest point of the county, Richlands was named for its rich soil, which is celebrated every year on Farmer's Day, an annual festival that has been held on the first Saturday after Labor Day for more than 40 years. Richlands was the first town in Onslow County to have its own library and museum, and its historic district includes many turn-of-the-century homes.

At just 1.2 square miles, Richlands had 2,197 residents in 2018, the U.S. Census estimates. Median rent is \$975 and the median value of a house in the area is \$177,500, the census found. Mean travel time to work is 30 minutes.

Swansboro

601 W. Corbett Ave.
Swansboro, NC 28584 910-326-4428
<http://swansboro-nc.org>

The home of Hammocks Beach State Park and its unspoiled beaches, Swansboro boasts a small harbor adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway and is only 3 miles from coastal recreational facilities in the Croatan National Forest. The village atmosphere in Swansboro's historic downtown combines the community's heritage with an area alive with restaurants, boutiques, gift shops and waterside parks. About 3,210 people live in Swansboro's 1.3 square miles.

Major fun events include the Arts by the Sea Festival, the Mullet Festival, Candlelight Shopping and the Christmas Flotilla. Popular everyday activities in Swansboro and the surrounding area include beach-going, fishing, boating, camping, kayaking, golf, shopping, the arts and amusement parks.

Known for its high-quality ambiance, Swansboro offers many different residential settings — many of them on or near the White Oak River, the Intracoastal Waterway or the numerous coastal creeks that border the town — and an attractive array of business services.

Median rent in Swansboro is \$1,099, and the median value of a house in the area, the census calculates, is \$188,800. Mean travel time to work is 26 minutes.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses.

To determine your best choice, account for all your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

BUYING A HOME

The county's communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The North Carolina Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.ncrealtors.org.

State Programs

North Carolina provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit <http://portal.hud.gov> and select North Carolina from the "State Info" drop-down menu.



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Employment & Economy

in Onslow County

HOME TO MCB CAMP Lejeune, one of the nation's largest Marine installations, Onslow County has a strong and stable economy. Economic impact studies show that the military (MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River) contributes more than \$3 billion annually to the regional economy. The county is also home to education, manufacturing, technology, service, tourism and trade sectors. Given the continuing financial fuel from Marines and sailors stationed at MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River and a great roster of local businesses, the county's prospects remain bright.

Onslow County's population was 197,683 in 2018, and the median household income from 2014 to 2018 was \$49,491, the U.S. Census found. The median age is 27 years old.

The county seat, Jacksonville, works with partners to seek out new employment and economic opportunities for its citizens. Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development is funded in part by the city of Jacksonville and works to attract industry and economic activities, working closely with the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Additionally, JOED works to maintain industries that the area already has and is faithful to military-related issues that affect the economy. Visit www.joednc.com for more information.

Transportation Assets

The businesses in Onslow County enjoy easy access to two separate deep-water ports (Morehead City and Wilmington) and a state-of-the-art airport (Albert J. Ellis). The county's four-lane highways go to both ports, making trucking and transportation simple. The Albert J. Ellis Airport in Richlands, just 10 miles northwest of Jacksonville, has new passenger and executive terminals. And because the county is in Foreign Trade Zone No. 214, it can offer individuals and businesses the opportunity to import foreign goods into a duty-free zone.

MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River

According to the 2017 Marine Corps Installations East economic impact report, North Carolina military bases contribute billions of dollars to state and local economies. The Marine Corps is a significant business enterprise and employer

throughout the region, employing thousands of personnel across a wide range of sectors and funding dozens of military construction projects and defense contracts.

MCB Camp Lejeune is home to more than 100,000 active-duty and civilian personnel, retirees and military family members. The base contributes more than \$3 billion each year to the local economy in payroll, contracts, construction and other services that support training and equipping Marines, sailors and Coast Guard members.

MCAS New River has approximately 16,000 active-duty and civilian personnel, retirees and military family members. The air station has an annual economic impact of more than \$400 million.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as

resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

State of North Carolina

Office of State Human Resources

116 W. Jones St.
Raleigh, NC 27603..... 919-807-4800
www.nc.gov/jobs

Employment opportunities with the state of North Carolina, from the mountains to the coast, are posted on the website. Search current job postings and then apply online.

Onslow County

Human Resources

234 NW Corridor Blvd.
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-347-7600
www.onslowcountync.gov

Onslow County is among the top 10 employers in the area. Jobs are posted online with salary range and benefits information, and applications are available for online submission only.

City of Jacksonville

815 New Bridge St.
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-938-5025
www.jacksonvillenc.gov

From the top menu on the city's website, select "City Services" then "Jobs" to view current job opportunities, apply online and get information about the hiring process.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and

your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at MCB Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River.

NAF Jobs

Marine Corps Community Services' Human Resources Division is in Building 1401 on West Road and offers nonappropriated fund job listings and training. For more information, contact the job information line at 910-451-5627

or visit www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/jobs. All applicants for employment are required to meet certain eligibility requirements including a criminal background check and the provision of appropriate identification documents. Positions are available in areas such as retail sales, food service, maintenance, finance and accounting, recreation, counseling and much more.

Exchange Jobs

For base exchange jobs, visit the MCCC Civilian Careers webpage at www.usmc-mccs.org/careers.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.



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Health Care

in Onslow County

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Onslow County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a full list of community health centers in North Carolina, visit the North Carolina Community Health Center Association website at www.ncchca.org.

DENTAL CARE

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners website, www.ncdentalboard.org, can help you find a dentist with its roster lists. Select "License Verification" from the home page to find or verify a dentist or hygienist. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Oral Health Section of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at <https://publichealth.nc.gov/oralhealth>.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check North Carolina State Medical Board's licensee search at www.ncmedboard.org. You

can browse for a provider by type or by location. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the North Carolina State Medical Board at www.ncmedboard.org/resources-information or call 800-253-9653.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Onslow County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 6 — the Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network, with the nearest major medical center in Fayetteville,

approximately 120 miles from MCB Camp Lejeune. VISN 6 serves more than 390,000 veterans in North Carolina and Virginia with seven Veterans Affairs medical centers and 34 associated sites of care. The closest community outpatient clinic is in Jacksonville.

Fayetteville VA Medical Center

2300 Ramsey St.

Fayetteville, NC 28301 910-488-2120
www.fayettevillenc.va.gov

The Fayetteville VA Medical Center is a general medical, surgical and mental health facility. The center has 58 general medical, surgical and mental health beds. It also maintains a 69-bed long-term care unit. The medical center serves veterans in 19 counties in southeastern North Carolina.

A list of the community-based outpatient clinic and the vet center in Jacksonville follows. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to www.fayettevillenc.va.gov.

Jacksonville Clinic

4006 Henderson Drive

Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-353-6406

Jacksonville Vet Center

110A Branchwood Drive

Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-577-1100

North Carolina Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

413 N. Salisbury St.

Raleigh, NC 27603 844-624-8387

VA Suicide Prevention Lifeline ... 800-273-8255

www.milvets.nc.gov

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for North Carolina's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

It operates one service office in the area:

Onslow County Service Office

234 NW Corridor Blvd., Suite 201

Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-347-3309

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Brynn Marr Hospital

192 Village Drive

Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-577-1900

www.brynnmarr.org



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Onslow Memorial Hospital

317 Western Blvd.

Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-577-2345

www.onslow.org



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Family Resources

in Onslow County

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This key Red Cross service includes

responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men

and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

North Carolina Division of Social Services Onslow County Office

612 College St.
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-455-4145
www.onslowcountync.gov/433/About-Social-Services

The North Carolina Division of Social Services provides guidance and technical assistance to agencies that provide direct services that address issues of poverty, family violence and exploitation. The division promotes self-reliance and self-sufficiency and works to prevent abuse, neglect, dependency and exploitation of vulnerable individuals, children and their families. The department's programs include safe surrender (for newborns' safety); refugee services; Work First, North Carolina's temporary assistance for needy families; and services for adoption, child support enforcement, food and nutrition, foster care, pregnancy and more.

The department's Onslow County office helps residents meet their basic daily living needs through financial, nutritional and medical assistance. Visit the office's website for more information on programs and services.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses. Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars; Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers; USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder. Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings.

Your pet faces many new outside hazards in the area, including snakes and alligators. Venomous rattlesnakes, cottonmouths, coral snakes and copperheads pose real dangers, so keep your dog on a short leash in wooded areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Alligators are the biggest threat to dogs and they live wherever there is water, so don't let your dog walk around or swim in unknown waters, especially at night when alligators are feeding.

Animal Services

Onslow County Animal Services

244 Georgetown Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-455-0182
www.onslowcountync.gov/202/Animal-Services

Onslow County Animal Services provides humane sheltering, care, adoption and

redemption of stray and surrendered animals. It also enforces state and local laws related to animal control and educates the public on responsible pet ownership. For more information on the county's animal shelter and pet adoption, visit the Onslow County Animal Services' website.

Pets for Patriots

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Onslow County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association website at www.ciclt.net/sn/clt/ncvma.



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Education & Academics

in Onslow County

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Onslow County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in a North Carolina school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Aug. 31 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on North Carolina's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's website at www.dpi.state.nc.us or www.immunize.nc.gov/family/immunz_children.htm.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a listing of

charter schools in North Carolina, visit the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's website at www.dpi.state.nc.us/charterschools.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in North Carolina, visit the North Carolina State Board of Education's website at <http://stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov/legal-affairs/resources-1/home-instruction>. Here you will find information on home-school rules and regulations in North Carolina.

North Carolinians for Home Education

4441 Six Forks Road
Suite 106, Box 144
Raleigh, NC 27609..... 844-624-3338
<http://nche.com>

Founded in 1984, North Carolinians for Home Education is a nonprofit, volunteer organization active at the state level, serving homeschooleders in North Carolina and beyond. Visit its website for home education resources and information on local support groups.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in North Carolina, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Camp Lejeune Community Schools

855 Stone St.
Camp Lejeune, NC 28547..... 910-451-2461
www.dodea.edu/Americas/midAtlantic/campLejeune

Camp Lejeune Community Schools has one primary school, three elementary schools, an intermediate school, a middle school and a high school. The schools are managed by the Department of Defense Education Activity's Mid-Atlantic District and serve eligible students living on MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River.

Camp Lejeune Community Schools have a half-day preschool program for children who are 4 years old by Sept. 1. Some 3-year-olds may qualify to attend if they have certain developmental delays. To register children in the DODEA school system, parents or guardians must reside in base housing or have a letter from the base housing office stating they will have base housing within 90 school days. Registration is conducted year-round at the school of attendance.

Onslow County Schools

200 Broadhurst Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-455-2211
www.onslow.k12.nc.us

Onslow County Schools serve more than 26,000 students with an early childhood development center, 20 elementary schools, eight middle schools, eight high schools and one learning center.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Onslow County has plenty of opportunities for continuing education. Education centers at MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River offer adult and continuing education opportunities for personal growth and career development. These centers provide basic academic advising, financial aid information, military and civilian testing programs, information about on-base colleges and universities, and more. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

On-base Education Centers

John A. Lejeune Education Center
Building 825, Stone St.
MCB Camp Lejeune 910-451-3091

MCAS New River Education Center
Building AS-212, Bancroft St.
MCAS New River 910-449-5421
www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/edu

American Military University
North Carolina
military ed manager 757-335-2779
www.amu.apus.edu

Boston University Metropolitan College
Building 825, Stone St.
MCB Camp Lejeune 910-451-5574
Building 4335, C St.
MCAS Cherry Point 252-447-5036
www.bu.edu/military/lejeune-cherry-point

Campbell University
Building 825, Stone St.
MCB Camp Lejeune 910-893-7059
<https://aoe.campbell.edu/camp-lejeune>

Coastal Carolina Community College
444 Western Blvd.
Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-455-1221
Building 825, Stone St.
MCB Camp Lejeune 910-451-2391
Building AS-212, Bancroft St.
MCAS New River 910-449-6926
www.coastalcarolina.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Building 825, Stone St.
MCB Camp Lejeune 910-451-0174
<http://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/camp-lejeune>

Miller-Motte College
1291 Hargett St.
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-778-9304
www.miller-motte.edu/campuses/jacksonville-career-training

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Building AS-212, Bancroft St.
MCAS New River 910-451-5575
<http://siu.edu>

University of Mount Olive
2543 Onslow Drive
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-455-1677
<http://old.umo.edu/jacksonville>

University of North Carolina
Wilmington at Onslow
444 Western Blvd.
Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-938-6737
Building 825, Stone St.
MCB Camp Lejeune 910-451-5266
Building AS-212, Bancroft St.
MCAS New River 910-449-4440
www.uncw.edu/onslow

University of Phoenix
..... 886-766-0766
www.phoenix.edu

Webster University
Building 825, Stone St.
MCB Camp Lejeune 910-451-0951
www.webster.edu/camp-lejeune

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Onslow County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The State Library of North Carolina, <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov>, supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loan and other assistance.

Residents can enjoy and make use of several academic and public libraries in Onslow County. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites. For a full list of libraries in North Carolina, visit the State Library of North Carolina website.

Onslow County Public Library

58 Doris Ave. E
Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-455-7350
www.onslowcountync.gov/150/Library

The Onslow County Public Library has four branches throughout the county. For more information on the programs, services and events at each branch, visit the library system's website.



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Living

in Onslow County

THERE ARE PLENTY OF entertaining activities — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping — to choose from in Onslow County. Take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean at Hammocks Beach State Park, for instance, or tee off at the Scottish-links style 18-hole Castle Bay Golf Course. Don't miss Winterfest, the Onslow County Fair or the fireworks display at the annual Freedom Festival. And be sure to check out the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Onslow County residents can make good memories for themselves and their families at dozens of annual events, festivals and community gatherings all year long.

Freedom Festival

www.onslowcountync.gov/1482/

Freedom-Festival

The Fourth of July Freedom Festival in Onslow Pines Park has been celebrated for more than 30 years with live entertainment, food, crafts, a petting zoo, amusement rides, a car show and activities for the kids, and of course, a fireworks display that lights up the night sky.

Onslow County Fair

www.onslowcountyfair.com

Come one, come all to the midway and wonderful guilty-pleasure fair food at the Onslow County Fair the first week of October at the Jacksonville fairgrounds. The fair is packed with events such as free concerts, the Ms. Onslow Beauty Pageant, games, attractions, swooping carnival rides and livestock shows.

Winterfest

<https://jacksonvillenc.gov/winterfest>

A party too big for just one place, Winterfest happens the first weekend in December at two locations: Saturday in Riverwalk Park, and Friday through Sunday in Jacksonville Commons. In Riverwalk Park, the season is celebrated with children's games; ice sculptures; holiday-themed entertainment; food; pony, hay and train rides; and Santa himself, as well as his workshop for little ones to visit. The holiday arts and crafts show spread throughout Jacksonville Commons gives shoppers a chance to purchase something unique for the season from locals.

ARTS

When it comes to the arts, Onslow County residents can take in theater, music, dance, the visual arts and more.

Arts by the Sea

www.swansborofestivals.com

The annual Arts by the Sea festival in Swansboro is a favorite with visitors and locals alike on the second Saturday in June, when waterfront streets are packed with artisans such as woodcarvers, painters, printers, photographers, jewelry designers, basket weavers, fiber artists, storytellers, wine tastings and great food (and that's just a partial list).

Carolina Ballet

3401-131 Atlantic Ave.

Raleigh, NC 27604..... 919-719-0800

www.carolinaballet.com

Carolina Ballet has garnered critical praise from the national and international media, staged 80 world premiere ballets, and toured internationally in China and Hungary. Its principal venue is the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh.

Wilmington Symphony Orchestra

5032 Randall Pkwy.

Wilmington, NC 28403 910-791-9262

www.wilmingtonsymphony.org

The Wilmington Symphony Orchestra performs numerous concerts annually, providing both performance opportunities and educational programs for Wilmington and Cape Fear-region residents.

MUSEUMS

Learn about North Carolina's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of its local museums.

Carolina Museum of the Marine

907 Lejeune Blvd.

Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-937-0033

www.museumofthemarine.org

The design of the first phase of the Marine Museum of the Carolinas was presented in May 2016, along with the unveiling of the eagle, globe and anchor statue that will adorn the Reflection and Celebration Park grounds at Lejeune Memorial Gardens. Plans for the museum are moving forward after a 17-year delay. Visit the website for updates.

Missiles and More Museum

720 Channel Blvd.

Topsail Beach, NC 28460 910-328-8663

<http://missilesandmoremuseum.org>

The Missiles and More Museum came to life with a group of citizens concerned about the future of the historic Assembly Building. The museum currently houses exhibits focusing on Barrier Island, Camp Davis, Operation Bumblebee, pirates and WASPs (Women Air Force Service Pilots).

USS North Carolina Battleship

1 Battleship Road

Wilmington, NC 28401 910-399-9100

www.battleshipnc.com

The USS North Carolina Battleship, docked across the river from downtown Wilmington, beckons visitors to walk its decks and envision the daily life and fierce combat the crews faced during numerous World War II battles. You will encounter stories about men from all walks of life in their oral histories, photographs and mementos on the ship and through its exhibits.

PARKS

Onslow County is patchworked with parks and recreational areas. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Bicentennial Park

Highway 24

Swansboro, NC 28584 910-326-2600

<https://bit.ly/2vcPK0L>

Bicentennial Park, on the shores of the White Oak River along the Swansboro waterfront, includes areas on both sides of the White Oak River Bridge. This attractive and popular facility has a fishing dock, picnic facilities, brick walkways and a boardwalk, benches, historical information and restrooms.

Hammocks Beach State Park

1572 Hammocks Beach Road

Swansboro, NC 28584 910-326-4881

www.ncparks.gov/hammocks-beach-state-park

Hammocks Beach State Park offers a welcome center with nature exhibits showcasing island wildlife and history, picnic tables and a gazebo, ferry shuttles to and from Bear Island year-round, as well as opportunities for recreation on the island itself.

Jacksonville Commons and Richard Ray All-American Park

100 Recreation Lane

Jacksonville, NC 28546 910-938-5312

<https://jacksonvillenc.gov/parks>

Award-winning ball fields, a skate and BMX park, tennis courts, multiple play areas and an indoor basketball court are just some of the amenities at Jacksonville Commons. Some shelters in the outdoor areas, as well as rooms and the gym at the Commons Recreation Center, can be rented.

Lejeune Memorial Gardens<https://bit.ly/2NMKnf6>

Lejeune Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville is the site of the Beirut Memorial, the Onslow Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial, and the park has acreage reserved for future memorials. The Beirut Memorial is a solemn tribute to the 273 Marines killed in Lebanon and in Grenada on Oct. 23, 1983. The 9/11 Memorial includes a beam from the Twin Towers, while the Vietnam Memorial is one of the largest Vietnam Memorials in the nation and among the few that lists all the names of the fallen.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you're looking for a hot NASCAR race or to cool off with a trip down a natural waterslide, Onslow County's got you covered.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

5555 Concord Parkway S

Concord, NC 28027 800-455-3267

www.charlottemotorspeedway.com

Visitors can attend one-of-a-kind race spectacles such as the Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR

Sprint All-Star Race and Bank of America 500; take behind-the-scenes speedway and race shop tours; and drive an 800-horsepower stock car.

Golf

A variety of public and private courses are available in Onslow County, including the Scottish-links style 18-hole Castle Bay Golf Course where you will find water or wetlands on every hole but no trees; the nine-hole Fletcher's Landing course with plenty of trees, along with miniature golf for the kids; and the 18-hole Rusty Simmons championship-designed Bear Trail Golf at Southwest Plantation. For a full list of public and private courses in North Carolina, visit www.visitnc.com/golf.

Lynnwood Park Zoo

1071 Wells Road

Jacksonville, NC 28540 910-938-5848

www.lynnwoodparkzoo.com

Lynnwood Park Zoo sits on a 10-acre parcel with a half-acre pond next to the picnic area. The only such facility in Onslow County and the Camp Lejeune area, the zoo has more than 80 animal exhibits with many species, ranging from zebras, antelopes, potbellied pigs and skunks to alligators, pythons, box turtles and barn owls.

Sliding Rock

Pisgah Highway

Pisgah Forest, NC 28768 828-877-3265

www.visitnc.com/listing/sliding-rock

Sliding Rock is a natural waterslide where you can take the plunge down a 50-foot slippery cascade into a 7-foot-deep pool. There are two observation platforms and lifeguards on duty during the season. There's a nominal admission charge for sliders, but watching is free.



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Camp Lejeune, NC 28547
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Midway Park Community

4701 Deckard Dr
Midway Park, NC 28544
(910) 219-6380

New River Community

1010 Curtis Dr
Jacksonville, NC 28540
(910) 219-6460

Tarawa Terrace I Community

5671 Tarawa Blvd
Tarawa Terrace, NC 28543
(910) 219-6440

Knox-Tarawa Terrace II Community

7100 Camp Knox Road
Tarawa Terrace, NC 28543
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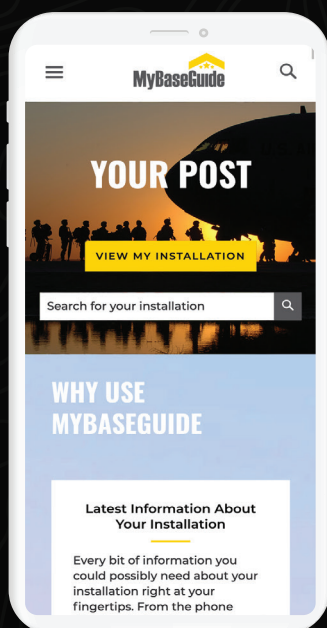


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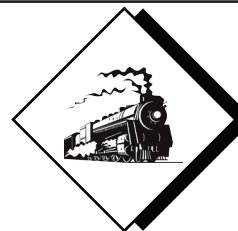


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