

Gold Star Family Installation Access Card

The Department of the Army has developed and is implementing a Gold Star Installation Access Card which is provided to you with the utmost gratitude for your sacrifice and that of your loved one who died in the service of our Nation. If you do not have a Department of Defense Identification Card, the use of this Gold Star Installation Access Card should make it much easier to gain entrance to Army Installations by eliminating the requirement to obtain a visitor/temporary vehicle pass whenever you come on post.

The Gold Star Installation Access Card will be issued to Family Members who are entitled to receive the Gold Star Lapel Button or the Gold Star Next Of Kin Lapel Button.

Currently the Department of Defense (DoD) Physical Access Control Policy requires everyone seeking entrance to a military Installation to stop at the gate and present a government issued photo identification. Your Gold Star Installation Access Card will serve as your local access credential in accordance with DoD Security Standards. It is intended solely for recognition and access purposes - it does not grant additional entitlements or privileges (such as Post Exchange or Commissary) that you are not already authorized. The card also cannot be used for the Trusted Traveler Program. The Gold Star Installation Access Card is for use on Army Installations and may not be accepted at Navy, Marine, or Air Force bases.

The Department of Defense uses Force Protection Conditions (FPCONS) to identify and recommend preventive actions and responses to threats against personnel and facilities. For your safety, if the FPCON is elevated to a higher threat level for any reason, you will not be allowed onto the Installation.

Your Installation Access Card is valid for two years from the date of issue. Upon expiration, you may reapply for the Installation Access Card by completing a new application and background check. You will need to call and schedule an appointment with the Survivor Outreach Services staff to come in and complete the Access Card application process, which also includes a background check. Once this is completed the card will be issued. We are located in building 10043 Battalion Ave, Fort Hood, Texas. You will need to bring a valid Driver's License or pictured State ID.

Please feel free to contact us at (254) 288-3655, if you are interested in obtaining your Access Card, to make an appointment or just want your questions answered.