

FORT POLK, LA TO THE PORT OF BEAUMONT AND PORT ARTHUR, LA

POWER PROJECTION PLATFORM (PPP) ROUTE

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BACKGROUND: Power Projection Platforms (PPPs) are defined as military installations that strategically deploy one or more high-priority active component brigade and/or mobilize and deploy high-priority reserve component units. Increased deployment activity requiring a fast and coordinated response has become the normal operational standard within the continental United States. Routes between PPP installations and their designated Air and Sea Ports of Embarkation (APOEs/ SPOEs) are termed PPP Routes. PPP Routes, a subset of the STRategic Highway NETwork (STRAHNET), are the most critical 5,000 miles of public roadways for supporting the safe, rapid, and efficient movement of DoD personnel and equipment. Highways for National Defense (HND) mission requirements call for ensuring PPP Routes are maintained at a capable design, performance, and condition standard to support national emergency deployments.

INSTALLATION: Fort Polk comprises 198,000 acres in Vernon Parish, Louisiana with 100,000 acres owned by the Department of the Army and the remaining 98,000 acres owned by the U.S. Forest Service. It is located ten miles east of Leesville, Louisiana and 30 miles north of DeRidder, Louisiana. The installation's primary SPOE is the Port of Beaumont and Port Arthur.

Source: <https://home.army.mil/polkl/index.php/about>

ROUTE: The PPP Route between Fort Polk and the Port of Beaumont is approximately 138 miles in length. The route begins at Fort Polk Gate # 7 along SR 469, then continues on SR 28, US 171, I-10, SR 380, and ends along Franklin Street at the Main Gate to the Port of Beaumont. The PPP Route from Fort Polk to Port Arthur is approximately 163 miles in length. The route begins at Fort Polk Gate #7 along SR 469, then continues on SR 28, US 171, I-10, US 287/69/96, SR 73, SR 82, SR 87, Houston Ave, and ends along Lakeshore Drive at the Main Gate to Port Arthur.

Designated PPP Installations

Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), WA	Fort Campbell, KY
Fort Bragg, NC	Fort Drum, NY
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC	Fort Polk, LA
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA	Fort Sill, OK
Fort Stewart, GA	Fort Carson, CO
Fort Benning, GA	Fort Riley, KS
Fort Gordon, GA	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
Fort Hood, TX	Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
Fort Bliss, TX	Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Fort Polk Routes	Miles
Shared PPP Route	
SR 469	2.5
SR 28	6.5
US 171	67.0
I-10	59.0
Port of Beaumont	
SR 380	1.8
Franklin Street	0.7
Total = 137.5	
Port Arthur	
I-10	4.6
US 287/69/96	15.3
SR 73	3.0
SR 82	2.6
SR 87	1.1
Houston Avenue	1.1
Lakeshore Drive	0.3
Total = 163.0	

