

DID YOU KNOW?

Civilians who are admitted to Beale Air Force Base to attend Yuba College classes are considered guests of the base. As guests, civilian students are required to adhere to the same rules and regulations as the military personnel and the families who live and work on base.

Retreat Ceremony - On Air Force installations, the flag is lowered at the end of each day in a ceremony called "Retreat." Usually, the bugle call "Retreat" is sounded and is followed by the playing of the National Anthem or *To the Colors*. **On Beale AFB the flag is lowered each day about the time that students are arriving for the 4:40 PM class session. The ceremony takes place at the Base Commander's building on the corner of Warren Shingle and C Streets. The National Anthem is sounded on loud speakers and can be heard throughout the base. During the ceremony, you are required to adhere to the following:**

- ❑ If you're outside, you must stop what you're doing and face the flag (if visible) or the music. During the sounding of "Retreat" you stand at parade rest, then, if in uniform, come to attention and salute during the playing of the National Anthem.
- ❑ If in civilian clothes, come to attention, remove your hat (if you're wearing one), and place your right hand over your heart (optional) National Anthem begins to play.
- ❑ Talking during colors or retreat is forbidden and considered disrespectful.
- ❑ If you're driving a vehicle and see a flag ceremony or hear the music, stop and sit at attention until the music ends; your passengers also remain silent.
- ❑ Whether you are driving your vehicle or walking through a military installation, you **should never dash under cover to avoid paying respect to the flag**

Force Protection - The force protection condition (FPCON) is posted at the base gates and building entrances. The current condition is designated as Normal, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie or Delta and as Real World (actual) or Exercise. It's important to not only understand what each force protection condition means, but more so to know what to do and what not to do during each condition.

- ❑ **Normal** - The Normal Force Protection Condition means there is a general threat of possible terrorist activity and requires a routine security posture.
- ❑ **Alpha** - Prepares those affected for a general threat activity where nature and scope of that threat is unknown. "It has become the baseline security posture for most Defense Department installations in the U.S. Members should report suspicious personnel, vehicles, packages and activities to the appropriate security authorities, and **be prepared for random vehicle checks.**
- ❑ **Bravo** - More threat predictability means an upgrade in FPCON to Bravo. In addition to activities implemented in FPCON Alpha, the Bravo condition requires everyone terminate all rumors to avoid confusion, move all vehicles and objects away from potential targets, and expect random identification checks of all base personnel while anticipating delays.
- ❑ **Charlie** - The key word for FPCON Charlie is imminent. When a general terrorist action has occurred or base authorities receive intelligence indicating action will occur, the FPCON rises to Charlie. This increases the peacetime activities of units and personnel.
- ❑ **Delta** - An imminent threat combined with intelligence about a specific location means the condition will be raised to Delta. Only mission-essential movement is authorized.

Shopping - Civilians admitted to Beale for the sole purpose of attending college classes, are not authorized to make purchases at the Base Exchange, Commissary, Shoppettes, Gas Stations, or any other base facility. **The only exception is that students may purchase food items from the Bowling Alley, which is located directly behind the Education Center Building.**

SMOKING – Base regulations prohibit smoking within 50 feet of the Education Center Building.

CELL PHONES – THE USE OF HAND HELD CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING ON BEALE AFB IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.