

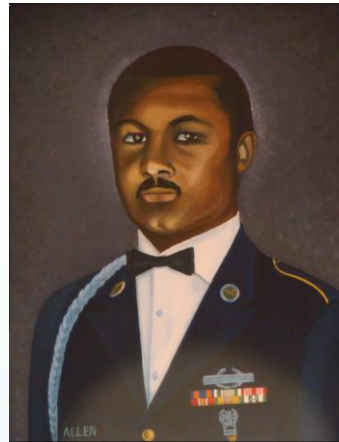
Mission Statement

The Allen Memorial Library's mission is to support the Joint Readiness and Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk by providing a central information source for the community, with effective, professionally-directed library services and materials for active duty military and retired personnel and their families, the Army Reserve and the National Guard, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, and contract employees at Fort Polk, LA.

The Library also supports the Education Center by promoting academic resources to students attending Fort Polk on-post colleges.



Deploying Soldiers can record themselves reading books to their children or making video messages for loved ones. We also offer Paperback Book Kits for deployed and deploying Soldiers.



1SG CHARLES A. ALLEN, JR.

1SG Charles Arthur Allen, Jr. was a distinguished soldier who served with valor and honor. Allen joined the Army in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam. His eighteen-year career was highlighted by numerous awards and medals, including the Bronze Star.

In addition to his overseas service, Allen served at Fort Hood, TX, and Fort Dix, NJ. While assigned to Fort Polk, he served as First Sergeant of Company B 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry and 2nd Brigade 5th Infantry Division. 1SG Allen was recognized as an outstanding leader who was committed to his soldiers and exemplified Army values.

In 1984, 1SG Allen retired from the Army for medical reasons. He died in Key West, FL on 23 March 1985. Thereafter, a portrait of Allen was commissioned and placed in the Fort Polk Library building, then an enlisted club. In July 1988, the club was converted into the Post Library.

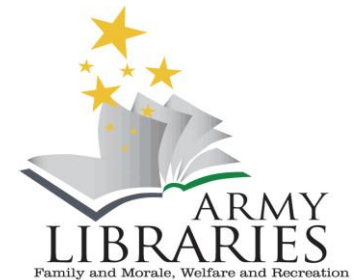
In December 1993, BG Lawson W. Magruder, III, Commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk, decided that the Library should be officially named in Allen's honor. The Fort Polk Library became the Allen Memorial Library on 10 March 1994, denoted by a plaque dedicated in 1SG Allen's memory and in honor of all non-commissioned officers.

The new Allen Memorial Library, which opened on 21 September 2004, proudly displays 1SG Allen's portrait.

Allen Memorial Library

Fort Polk Library and Education Center

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http://fortpolkmwr.com/allen_memorial_library

(337) 531-BOOK (2665)

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Closed on Federal Holidays

Library User Eligibility

Customers authorized to borrow Library materials include:

- Active duty and retired military
- Authorized Family members
- DoD civilians currently employed at Fort Polk
- Contractor employees verified through DFMWR, AAFES, or the Garrison Commander



Check-out Policy

Materials are normally due four (4) weeks from the check-out date.

Exceptions:

- Short-term, two (2) week-loan books, and
- CDs, DVDs, and Videos, due one (1) week from check-out date.

A limit of ten (10) CDs / DVDs / Videos and three (3) Playaway® units may be checked out at one time.

A limit of thirty (30) items may be checked out to a family at one time.

Library Services



This state-of-the-art facility is a gateway to professional and recreational learning activities for Soldiers and their Families.

Library Resources

- Circulating collection of current fiction and non-fiction books
- Current periodicals and academic journals
- Military Science and Professional Reading collections
- Online catalog, virtual books, research databases, and Wi-Fi
- Reference and information assistance
- Interlibrary loan service
- Young Adult and Children's collections; Story Time and Summer Reading Programs
- Video Story Time recording
- Test preparation and career guides
- Computers with access to AKO, the Internet, and Microsoft™ Office applications
- Popular and educational AV materials: audio books, CDs, DVDs, Playaway® units, and electronic game stations

Story Time Tuesdays 11:00 AM

On Story Time Tuesdays, children can enjoy a book being read aloud and interact with other youngsters while participating in a Library program.



Our Children's area features picture, print, and audio books; computers; and beginning readers' magazines. Parents are invited to join their children as they discover the wonders of reading.

