



Centinel and IHG Army Hotels Celebrate Completion of \$8 Million Renovation of Fort Johnson's Holiday Inn Express Hotels

Modernization of Magnolia House and Cypress Inn reinforce the long-term success and commitment of the U.S. Army's Privatization of Army Lodging program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 2, 2025) – [Centinel Public Partnerships](#) and [IHG® Army Hotels](#) have announced the completion of \$8 million in renovations to the Holiday Inn Express® hotels at Fort Johnson in Vernon Parish, La. The extensive updates to [Magnolia House and Cypress Inn](#) mark the latest milestone in the U.S. Army's Privatization of Army Lodging (PAL) program, which began at Fort Johnson in 2009.

As the first installation with PAL hotels to undergo a full rebranding and renovation into a Holiday Inn Express, Fort Johnson continues to demonstrate the long-term value and impact of the program.

Centinel is the exclusive Army partner for PAL, with the program being the Department of Defense's only lodging privatization project. In partnership, IHG Army Hotels provides on-post accommodation under the trusted Holiday Inn Express, Candlewood Suites and Staybridge Suites brands.

The \$8 million investment included comprehensive interior and exterior renovations to Magnolia House and Cypress Inn, along with updated room configurations designed to better support extended training stays and permanent change of station transitions. The renovations also brought the total room count to 98, expanding capacity to better meet the needs of service members and their families.

This latest investment builds on the PAL program's legacy of success and follows other recent milestones and upgrades, including the delivery of the Candlewood Suites at [Fort Eisenhower](#) and the 16th Candlewood Suites developed through the program at [Aberdeen Proving Ground](#).

"Fort Johnson is where the PAL program began, and this latest development reaffirms our commitment to those who serve," said Matthew Garrett, executive vice president at Centinel. "The PAL program isn't a one-time investment; it's a lasting promise to continuously enhance the lodging experience for service members and their families."

With more than \$1.3 billion in construction spend to date, the PAL program has transformed more than 12,000 hotel rooms across 40 Army installations. By leveraging private-sector funding and commercial hospitality standards, PAL eliminates the need for appropriated Army funds while improving the overall lodging experience through long-term sustainment and dedicated service.

"The PAL program continues to prove its value by delivering consistent, high-quality lodging across Army installations," said Chuck Sourbeer, vice president of Operations at IHG Army Hotels. "Through IHG's

hospitality expertise, we're able to create a modern guest experience that supports the unique needs of military life, from training missions to relocation stays."

To learn more about Centinel and view recent milestones, including media assets from the Fort Johnson renovations, visit CentinelUS.com. For more information about IHG Army Hotels and its developments, please visit www.IHGAmyHotels.com.

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Headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., Centinel Public Partnerships is dedicated to enhancing the lives of U.S. military members and their families through its high-quality housing and lodging communities. With a portfolio of 10 housing communities and over 70 hotels across 26 states and Puerto Rico, Centinel's leadership team brings nearly 25 years of experience to one of the largest military housing privatization portfolios in the United States. Through its established partnerships with WinnResidential Military Housing Services and IHG® Hotels & Resorts, hotel operator and manager of IHG Army Hotels, Centinel provides exceptional communities and lodging experiences for service members and their families. For more information, visit CentinelUS.com.

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With a family of 20 hotel brands and [IHG One Rewards](https://IHGOneRewards.com), one of the world's largest hotel loyalty programmes, with over 145 million members, IHG has more than 6,600 open hotels in over 100 countries, and a development pipeline of over 2,200 properties.

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