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Our Military

at Joint Base San Antonio

SITUATED IN BEXAR COUNTY, San Antonio is the second-largest city in Texas, and aptly known as “Military City USA” as home to Joint Base San Antonio. The city is about 150 miles southeast of the state’s geographic center, southwest of Dallas and Austin and west of Houston.

JBSA encompasses three separate installations: Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph Air Force Base. These bases were combined under a single organization following 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Round recommendations, forming the largest joint base in the DOD. The joint base has diverse training, flying, medical, cyber, intelligence and installation missions.

The Air Force is the lead agency for JBSA, comprising the three primary bases along with eight other operating locations and more than 200 mission partners. The Air Force established the 502nd Air Base Wing to provide installation support across all JBSA locations, and its Air Force commander also serves as the JBSA commander.

JBSA services more DOD students than any other installation and more active runways than any other installation; houses the DOD’s largest hospital and only level one trauma center; and interfaces with 1,000 civic leaders of San Antonio, 20 smaller communities, four counties and four congressional districts.

Population

With its three separate major installations, JBSA is one of the military’s largest joint bases in terms of population. The Army’s Fort Sam Houston and the Air Force’s Lackland and Randolph bases have nearly 61,000 military personnel and 27,000 civilian personnel. Other personnel include more than 64,000 family members; more than 85,000 Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine retirees; and nearly 216,000 veterans. Together, the base supports more than 450,000 personnel.

HISTORY

With congressional approval and President George W. Bush’s signature, money-saving

recommendations from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission took effect in 2005. The commission consolidated the three major military facilities in San Antonio — the Army’s Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph Air Force Base — into a single joint base, Joint Base San Antonio, to eliminate duplicated support services. JBSA is one of a dozen such U.S. bases created by the law.

Three mission support groups from the Air Force’s 502nd Air Base Wing give installation support to the three entities, which were formally merged on Oct. 1, 2010. The 502nd Air Base Wing commander serves as the commander for the joint base. Each installation, though, maintains its individuality, customs and pride.

AIR FORCE MISSION PARTNERS

- 2nd Air Force
- 12th Flying Training Wing
- 16th Air Force

QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

See JBSA-Fort Sam Houston on Page 10, JBSA-Lackland AFB on Page 19 and JBSA-Randolph AFB on Page 28 for installation-specific numbers. All phone numbers are subject to change.

For more information, visit www.jbsa.mil

American Red Cross	877-272-7337
DOD Safe Helpline	877-995-5247
JBSA Recreation and RV Park at Canyon Lake	830-964-3576
Military OneSource	800-342-9647
Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline (24/7)	210-808-7272
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255

19th Air Force
 37th Training Wing
 39th Flying Training Squadron
 59th Medical Wing
 149th Fighter Wing (ANG)
 340th Flying Training Group
 359th Medical Group
 369th Recruiting Group
 415th Flight Test Flight
 433rd Airlift Wing (AFRES)
 502nd Air Base Wing
 960th Cyberspace Operations Group
 AFOSI San Antonio
 Air Force Audit Agency
 Air Force Basic Training

Air Force Computer Emergency Response Team
 Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center
 Air Force Legal Services/Area Defense Counsel
 Air Force Manpower Analysis Agency
 Air Force Operational Test & Evaluation Center
 Air Force Public Affairs Agency
 Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Southwest Region
 Air Force Security Assistance Training
 Air Force Security Forces Center
 Air Force Trial Judiciary Central Circuit

Civil Air Patrol Lackland
 Civil Air Patrol Randolph
 Cryptologic Systems Group
 Defense Information Systems Agency
 HQ Air Education and Training Command
 HQ Air Force Personnel Center
 HQ Air Force Recruiting Service
 HQ Air Force Services Agency
 Lackland Independent School District
 Randolph Field Independent School District-
 Special Victims' Counsel, Air Force Legal Operations Agency
 U.S. Air Force Band of the West

ARMY MISSION PARTNER

4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command
 5th Recruiting Brigade
 90th Regional Readiness Group
 106th Signal Brigade
 470th Military Intelligence Brigade
 Army Frequency Management Office-Conus (AFMO-CONUS)
 Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM)
 Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDD)
 Army Support Activity
 Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC)/ San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC)
 Installation Management Command Headquarters (IMCOM)
 Installation Management Command



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DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.

Headquarters Central Region
 Institute of Surgical Research
 JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Mission Training Complex
 Medical Information Technology Center
 Medical Readiness & Training Command (MRTC)
 Mission and Installation Contracting Command
 San Antonio Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS)
 Southern Regional Medical Command (SRMC)
 U.S. Army Environmental Command
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
 U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC)
 U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM)
 U.S. Army Network Enterprise Center
 U.S. Army Network Enterprise and Technology Command
 U.S. Army North (ARNORTH)
 U.S. Army South (USARSO)
 Veterinary Command
 Fort Sam Houston ISD

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION MISSION PARTNERS

American Red Cross
 Army & Air Force Exchange Service
 Army Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
 Defense Logistics Agency

DOJ UNICOR
 Defense Automated Printing Service
 Defense Commissary Agency
 Defense Contract Audit Agency
 Defense Finance and Accounting Service
 Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute
 Defense Military Pay Office
 DOD Civilian Personnel Management Service
 Federal Aviation Administration
 Medical Education and Training Campus (METC)
 Office of Complaint Investigations

NAVY MISSION PARTNERS

Department of the Navy, Human Resources Operations Center, San Antonio
 Naval Corrections
 Navy Information Operations Command, Texas (NIOC-TX)
 Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio (NAMRU-SA)
 Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command
 Navy Technical Training Center (NTTC), JBSA-Lackland

MARINE MISSION PARTNERS

4th Reconnaissance Battalion (4th Marine Division)
 Marine Company H, Support Battalion

COAST GUARD MISSION PARTNERS

Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Texas

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around San Antonio and South Texas chapter on Page 48 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at San Antonio International Airport, less than 30 minutes from the JBSA installations. Transportation is not provided to the bases.

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations, unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information before you arrive at JBSA.

Sponsorship is vital to a successful relocation. Don't PCS without talking with your sponsor before departing for JBSA. Your sponsor will answer any questions about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you settle into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit or call the Military & Family Readiness Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston (210-221-2705), JBSA-Lackland (210-671-3722) or JBSA-Randolph (210-652-5321).

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicles don't have to be registered with Joint Base San Antonio but all must be insured and have current license plates. Texas state traffic laws apply on all the installations; see the Getting To & Around San Antonio and South Texas chapter on Page 48 for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving the bases are subject to search.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

See JBSA-Fort Sam Houston on Page 10, JBSA-Lackland AFB on Page 19 and JBSA-Randolph AFB on Page 28 for information on each installation's health care facilities and services.

Dental care services at each installation are dedicated to the oral care of military service members. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

PETS

Veterinary Treatment Facilities

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
2332 Harney Path.....210-808-6101/6104
www.fb.com/FSHVTF

JBSA-Lackland
2330 Hughes Ave.210-671-3631
<https://www.facebook.com/Lackland-AFB-Veterinary-Treatment-Facility-137695329650086/>

JBSA-Randolph
Building 216, B St. W.210-652-3190
<https://phc.amedd.army.mil/organization/Pages/Vtfdetails.aspx?VtfdID=98>

Personnel at the JBSA veterinary treatment facilities provide veterinary care for all government-owned animals as well as pets of military families. Services include wellness exams, vaccinations, heartworm testing and other routine services. Due to limited resources, most veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see

the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

All pets living on JBSA must be registered with a veterinary treatment facility upon arrival. On-base housing limits the number of pets per household and also bans certain breeds; contact the on-base housing offices for more information.

SERVING YOU

The following programs are available on all JBSA installations. See JBSA-Fort Sam Houston on Page 10, JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base on Page 19 and JBSA-Randolph Air Force Base on Page 28 for information on additional programs at each installation.

EDUCATION

Education and Training Centers

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
2408 N. New Braunfels Ave.....210-221-1738
www.goarmy.com/public/facility_pages/Fort_Sam_Houston_Education_Center

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO

Official site: www.jbsa.mil
502nd Force Support Squadron: <https://jbsatoday.com>

DIGITAL GUIDE



<https://mybaseguide.com/installation/joint-base-san-antonio/>



Mobile App
www.mbgapp.com
Download the free MyBaseGuide app to your mobile device and find more information about local health care, education, housing and recreational activities on the Around Town tab for Joint Base San Antonio.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook
www.fb.com/JointBaseSanAntonio



Twitter
www.twitter.com/JBSA_Official

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information that should not be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.

JBSA-Lackland

1550 Wurtsmith St. 210-671-8711

JBSA-Randolph

301 B St. W. 210-652-5964
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Education

The education and training centers provide counseling services on military academic planning, community colleges, tuition assistance, the GI Bill, commissioning programs, certifications, military correspondence courses, vocational training, veteran's educational benefits, testing, professional military education and foreign languages. A test center offers CLEP and DSST exams for college credit and also proctors exams from other universities for a fee.

Service members can take courses and meet with representatives from several colleges and universities at JBSA, including Alamo Colleges, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University, Wayland Baptist University and Webster University. There are several degree plans service members can enroll in at the schools that are based at the education centers, including associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Child Development Program

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Building 2530..... 210-221-5002
 Annex, Building 1720..... 210-221-3835
 Pre-K Before & After School Program,
 Building 1705..... 210-221-4466

JBSA-Lackland

Building 61..... 210-925-5747
 Building 3220..... 210-671-1052
 Building 8206..... 210-671-3675

JBSA-Randolph

Building 1072..... 210-652-4946
 Annex, Building 734..... 210-652-1140/1142
<https://jbsatoday.com/ChildDevelopmentProgram>

The Child Development Program's mission is to support the morale and welfare of service members by offering comprehensive programs that improve and enhance their children's well-being. The program offers developmentally age appropriate programs for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

To request child care at JBSA, eligible patrons must use MilitaryChildCare.com. This secure Department of Defense website provides comprehensive information on military-operated or military-approved child care programs worldwide.

Exceptional Family Member Program

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston..... 210-221-2705
 JBSA-Lackland..... 210-671-3722
 JBSA-Randolph 210-652-5321



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www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Military-Family-Readiness/EFMP

The Exceptional Family Member Program provides services for active-duty families with any member, child or adult, with a physical, emotional, developmental or educational need that requires ongoing special treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling.

Family Child Care

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Building 2530..... 210-221-3820

JBSA-Lackland

Building 8210..... 210-671-3376/4987

JBSA-Randolph

1720 Dodds St. 210-221-3820
<https://jbsatoday.com/FamilyChildCare>

The Family Child Care program organizes care for children 2 weeks to 12 years of age within a home environment with a licensed care provider on base or within a 10-mile radius of each installation. The program offers unique

care in special circumstances beyond traditional day care through the Expanded Child Care Program.

Military & Family Readiness Centers

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Building 2797,
 3060 Stanley Road 210-221-2705/2418

JBSA-Lackland

Building 1249, 2160 Kenly Ave.. 210-671-3722

JBSA-Randolph

Building 693, 555 F St. W. 210-652-5321
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Military-Family-Readiness

JBSA Military & Family Readiness Centers incorporate Airman & Family Readiness, Army Community Service and Fleet & Family Support, providing a full range of programs and services to support mission readiness. The centers link service members and their families with the right resources to meet their specific needs on JBSA or within the local community.

Centers offer a variety of training, workshops and one-on-one consultations to support individuals, families and leadership with programs that strengthen the communities, encourage self-sufficiency, enhance mission readiness and resiliency, and ease adaptation to the military way of life.

Services include financial readiness and assistance, casualty assistance, employment assistance, the Exceptional Family Member Program, information and referral, lending closets, military and family life counselors, mobilization and deployment readiness, relocation readiness, the school liaison office, transition assistance, volunteer resources, voting assistance and much more. Visit the website for a full list of programs and services.

New Parent Support Program

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Building 198,
2270 Stanley Road 210-221-1996

JBSA-Lackland
Building 4554,
1100 Wilford Hall Loop..... 210-292-5967

JBSA-Randolph
221 Third St. W. 210-652-6308
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Resiliency/Family-Advocacy/New-Parent-Support-Program

The New Parent Support Program is a free, voluntary program to help military families with young children adapt to parenthood and thrive as healthy families. Program benefits are available to active-duty military families who are expecting a child or who have a child up to age 3.

Private, in-home support for new parents is the main focus of the program. The program is staffed with nurses who can provide one-on-one support and guidance for expecting and new parents. The program also helps parents cope with the challenges of having a new baby and manage the demands of parenting when a service member is deployed. The program includes access to parenting books, booklets, DVDs and other materials.

School Liaison Offices

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.... 210-221-2214/2256
JBSA-Lackland 210-671-8388
JBSA-Randolph 210-652-3112
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Military-Family-Readiness/School-Liaison-Office

School liaison officers help parents ease the transitions of the mobile military lifestyle for their children before a PCS, upon arrival, while at an installation and when preparing to leave for the next duty station. School liaison officers have current information about the local school systems and community and link military families with surrounding school districts, ensuring

that military children have the best possible educational opportunities for academic success.

Youth Programs

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Building 1630..... 210-221-3502/4492
Youth Sports 210-221-5519

JBSA-Lackland
Building 8420
Open Recreation and
School-Age Care..... 210-671-2388
Teen Programs 210-671-7343

JBSA-Randolph
Buildings 584 and 585 210-652-3298/2088
<https://jbsatoday.com/YouthPrograms>

Youth Programs offers recreation and educational programs for youth designed to promote self-esteem, character development, healthy lifestyles, academic excellence, leadership and fitness. Programs include before- and after-school care, summer and holiday camps, clubs for a variety of interests, sports, teen programs and more. For more information on each installation's specific youth programs, visit the website.

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Offices

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Building 134,
2422 Stanley Road 210-808-0169

JBSA-Lackland
1701 Kenly Ave., Suite 134..... 210-671-3362

JBSA-Randolph
Building 100,
1 Washington Circle 210-652-6781
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Legal

JBSA legal offices provide legal assistance to active-duty military members, reserve and Guard members on active duty, retired military members and dependents of the aforementioned groups. Legal assistance is provided for powers of attorney and in the areas of estate planning, finance, family law, immigration, taxation, voting and more. Legal assistance does not extend to advice about criminal charges or adverse administrative actions. Contact the Area Defense Counsel for assistance with those matters.

The office also operates a free tax clinic from early January to mid-April, preparing and filing federal and state tax returns for eligible persons.

LIBRARIES

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
3011 Harney Path..... 210-221-4387

JBSA-Lackland
1930 George Ave. 210-671-3610

JBSA-Randolph
Fifth Street East..... 210-652-5578
www.jbsalibraries.org

The JBSA libraries' collections include books, movies, CDs, audiobooks, video games and more. The libraries' website features a wealth of online resources and media as well. For a list of each library's events and programs, visit the libraries online.

RECREATION

JBSA Recreation and RV Park at Canyon Lake

698 Jacobs Creek Park Road..... 830-964-3576
<https://jbsatoday.com/taxonomy/term/236>

The JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake provides outdoor recreational activities year-round. The park's 250 acres of beautiful lakefront property with a marina offer many lodging, camping, and equipment and activity options. Reservations for lodging units, RV spaces and pavilions can be made six months in advance by active-duty personnel. All other DOD cardholders may make reservations three months in advance.

SHOPPING

Commissaries

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
2405 Funston Road 210-221-4300

JBSA-Lackland
Building 8400, 2250 Foulois St.... 210-671-2837

JBSA-Randolph
Building 1075, 770 Third St. W.... 210-652-5102
www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary.

Exchanges

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Building 2420,
2503 Funston Road 210-225-5566

JBSA-Lackland
1385 Reese St. 210-674-6465

JBSA-Randolph
Building 1068,
630 Third St. W. 210-658-7471
www.shopmyexchange.com

JBSA exchanges want to be your first choice for shopping. They offer a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours of operation for services outside of the main exchanges vary so call or visit the website for detailed information. See JBSA-Fort Sam Houston on Page 10, JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base on Page 19 and JBSA-Randolph Air Force Base on Page 28 for information on the services at each exchange.



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JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

LOCATED IN THE HEART of San Antonio, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is the birthplace of military aviation and saw the development of the concept of airborne operations. The post evolved into the “Home of Army Medicine” after World War II and into the “Home of Military Medicine.”

The post is home to the 502nd Force Support Group, U.S. Army North and South, U.S. Army Medical Command, the Army Medical Department Center and School, the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute and the San Antonio Military Entrance Processing Station. The post manages the 27,900-acre Camp Bullis Military Training Reservation northwest of San Antonio as well. For a full list of mission partners at JBSA, visit www.jbsa.mil/Mission-Partners.

Fort Sam Houston was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1975 as one of the Army’s oldest installations. The fort boasts the largest collection of historic structures. Careful preservation of these areas allows the

post to live with its history, surrounded by the traditions of excellence established when the first soldier arrived there in 1845.

HISTORY

Soldiers have been the midwives for the birth of San Antonio, starting with the Spanish who set up a fort in 1718 between the San Antonio River and San Pedro Creek in an effort to combat Native Americans, block contraband flowing between French Louisiana and interior Mexico, support five Franciscan missions and keep settlers from killing each other.

When Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1823, Mexican troops replaced the Spanish, to be replaced in turn by Texian forces after Gen. Sam Houston and his ragtag revolutionary Texian army, 900 strong and mostly armed with squirrel rifles and Bowie knives, fell upon Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna’s 1,200 soldiers as they napped and routed them in 18 minutes at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

In turn, with Texas poised for statehood in 1845, three companies of U.S. Army dragoons hotfooted it down from Oklahoma to set up a post that autumn near the Alamo, whose defenders, including Davy Crockett, had been overwhelmed and slaughtered by Santa Anna. The Army established a garrison and regional headquarters in rented buildings and a quartermaster supply depot in the Alamo. If not for the Army, the Alamo might be a parking lot today; an Army quartermaster countermanded another’s order to tear down the battered old shrine and directed that it be repaired and preserved.

In the late 1870s, the Army relocated to what officially became Fort Sam Houston (1890), intended as a permanent post and as home to the San Antonio Quartermaster Depot and a Department of Texas headquarters. The limestone quadrangle was completed in February 1878; its clock tower is the oldest building on post.

Apache leader Geronimo and 32 of his surviving warriors were held for a little over a

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, visit www.jbsa.mil.

Aquatic Center 210-221-4887

Bank, Broadway..... 210-227-7131

Bowling Center 210-221-4740/3683

Child Care

 Child Development Program..... 210-221-5002

 Child Development Program Annex 210-221-3835

 Family Child Care 210-221-3820

 Pre-K Before & After School Program 210-221-4466

Commissary 210-221-4300

Community Center 210-808-6262/6263

Community Theater, The Harlequin..... 210-222-9694

Dining

 Back Swing Cafe (Golf Course) 210-221-5863

 Rocco Dining Facility 210-221-3608

 Sam Houston Lanes Grille (Bowling Center)..... 210-221-5029

 Slagel Dining Facility 210-808-1536/1532

 Student Activity Center Snack Bar 210-466-5047/5049

Education Center 210-221-1738

Equestrian Center 210-224-7207

Exceptional Family Member Program..... 210-221-2705

Exchange 210-225-5566

Fitness Centers

 Central Post Gym 210-221-3593

Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus..... 210-808-5709

 Jimmy Brought Fitness Center 210-221-1234

Golf Club..... 210-221-5863/222-9386

Housing, Military Family..... 210-270-7638

Housing Referral Services..... 210-295-8539/8564/8569/8635

Housing, Unaccompanied

 Brenner Barracks 210-221-0190/2087

 NCO Barracks 210-221-2087

 Okubo Barracks 210-916-1134/1156

Legal Office..... 210-808-0169

Lending Closet 210-221-2705

Library..... 210-221-4387

Medical Center, Brooke Army..... 210-916-7500

 Appointments..... 210-916-9900

 Pharmacy..... 210-916-1536

Military & Family Readiness Center..... 210-221-2705/2418

Outdoor Recreation Center..... 210-221-5224/5225

Park, Salado..... 210-221-5224/5225

Post Office..... 210-226-0089

Religious Services

 After-hours emergency (JBSA Command Post) 210-221-9363

 AMEDD Chapel..... 210-221-3231

 Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel 210-916-1105

 Chaplain’s Office 210-221-5004/5937

 Dodd Field Chapel 210-221-5010

 Main Post Chapel 210-221-2754

RV Park..... 210-221-5502

School Liaison Office..... 210-221-2214/2256

Student Activity Center..... 210-466-5047/5049

Temporary Lodging..... 210-357-2705

Ticket Office..... 210-808-1376/1378

Veterinary Services 210-808-6101/6104

Youth Programs 210-221-3502/4492

Youth Sports..... 210-221-5519



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month in the quadrangle in 1886 while U.S. officials bickered over whether they should be treated as prisoners of war or tried in civilian court, giving rise to the apocryphal tale that the quadrangle was stocked with the deer, peacocks, ducks and bunnies that roam there freely because Geronimo would not eat anything he had not hunted.

Fort Sam Houston's steady expansion brought it new missions. Military aviation — what eventually became the Air Force — began at the fort in 1910 with a single biplane purchased from the Wright brothers in 1909. The plane was dispatched to Fort Sam Houston with a pilot, Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois, who later said his orders were to "take plenty of spare parts and teach yourself to fly."

The first flights at Fort Sam Houston — four, on March 2, 1910 — lasted for 7.5, 10, 21 and 21 minutes, respectively, and the final one might have lasted longer but the plane crashed.

Signal Corps 1, like its sister aircraft, had skids beneath and used rails or a catapult to launch. A pair of Fort Sam Houston aircraft mechanics tinkered with the undercarriage and by August had created a tricycle-style landing gear with wheels. The wheels made it far easier to set the plane down and changed the course of aeronautical engineering.

Removing battle casualties by aircraft was developed at the fort by 1917, and delivering troops by air to battlefields was being tested there as early as 1939. U.S. Border Patrol and Customs agents realized how useful aircraft would be for searching the wild desert between the U.S. and Mexico for smugglers. Denied help by Congress, the agents patched together rickety airplanes seized from smugglers and took to the air. With connivance from Army troops, they stashed their planes in an old hangar at Fort Sam Houston, and their success forced Washington to relent, make their ad hoc operation official and transfer it to the Coast Guard, which had trained pilots and mechanics.

From 1910 until the outbreak of World War II, Fort Sam Houston was the largest Army post in the United States. Medical care has been a post component since its first small dispensary and hospital opened in 1879. Fort Sam Houston now is the largest and most important military medical training facility in the world. It is known as the "Home of Army Medicine" and "Home of the Combat Medic."

The first permanent hospital was built in 1886, and an 84-bed station hospital entered service in 1907. Brig. Gen. Roger Brooke took over the station hospital from 1929 to 1933 and initiated routine chest X-rays in military medicine. A new

418-bed station hospital opened in 1937 and was the first step toward the Army's redirecting Fort Sam Houston from an infantry to a medical post.

Swamped by World War II casualties, the station hospital expanded in 1941. In 1944 it changed its name to Brooke General Hospital to honor the brigadier general, and expanded again in 1944. With World War II's end in 1945, the next year the Army decided to consolidate its medical research and training and chose Fort Sam Houston for the site. Brooke General Hospital was renamed Brooke Army Medical Center.

A replacement hospital dedicated in 1996 was expanded in 2011 and renamed San Antonio Military Medical Center. Brooke Army Medical Center is the umbrella command headquarters for all military medical operations in San Antonio, including SAMMC.

ARRIVAL CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Officers arriving at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston should sign in to register at the headquarters unit or activity to which they've been assigned. Enlisted soldiers should sign in at the orderly room of the organization to which they've been assigned or attached. All soldiers — officers or enlisted — should check with their unit personnel NCO reference security processing.

Permanent-party soldiers will be given an inprocessing appointment after they have signed in at their units. Soldiers report to Building 2263, Room 312, at 7:15 a.m. for inprocessing. They

should bring their Personnel Records Review, PERSTEMPO, assignment memorandum from the company, duty memorandum and leave form (DA-31) signed by the approving authority.

All tech school airmen should report to the Academic Support Building, Building 1467. There, military training leaders will give them the directions and scheduling they need to complete their inprocessing.

Finance, housing, security, vehicle registration and transportation offices in Building 2263 can help with relocation needs. For more assistance, call information at 210-221-9274/9268.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Candlewood Suites

2800 Scott Road..... 210-357-2705

Holiday Inn Expresses

3298 Chambers Pass 210-357-2705

3825 Dickman Road 210-357-2705

IHG Army Hotels

1951 Staff Post Road..... 210-357-2705

3325 William Hardee Road..... 210-357-2705

www.ihg.com/armyhoteles

There are five on-post hotels that provide temporary lodging for incoming JBSA-Fort Sam Houston personnel. Amenities vary at each location, but may include wireless internet, free breakfast, health and fitness centers, pools, area shuttles and more. Pet-friendly units are available.

Arrange for temporary quarters as soon as you receive your PCS. For reservations, current room



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rates and information on check-in locations for each hotel, go to the IHG Army Hotels website.

**GETTING SETTLED
HEALTH CARE**

Brooke Army Medical Center

3551 Roger Brooke Drive

Information 210-916-7500
 Appointments..... 210-916-9900
 Pharmacy..... 210-916-1536
www.bamc.health.mil

Brooke Army Medical Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston provides care to military service members, their families, veterans and civilian emergency patients. As a proud partner within the San Antonio Military Health System, the center’s facilities provide comprehensive care for more than 250,000 military beneficiaries living throughout the area. The center and its Air Force partner, the 59th Medical Wing, including the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, forged the SAMHS to optimize military medical resources in and around JBSA.

As the sole verified Level I trauma center within the Department of Defense, Brooke Army Medical Center provides emergency services during 80,000 emergency department visits annually and serves as the premier medical readiness training platform for both the Army and the Air Force. A verified burn center serves alongside the Level I trauma center to provide emergency services for residents from 22 separate counties in South Texas.

Brooke Army Medical Center facilities include the San Antonio Military Medical

Center, the Center for the Intrepid (an extremity injury rehabilitation center), the Westover Medical Home, the Capt. Jennifer M. Moreno Primary Care Clinic, the McWethy Troop Medical Clinic, the Taylor Burk Clinic at Camp Bullis, the Schertz Medical Home and the Corpus Christi Occupational Health Clinic.

Brooke Army Medical Center’s departments and services include behavioral health, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, optometry, orthopedics, pediatrics, radiology, surgery and more. For more information on the center’s facilities, clinics and services, visit the center’s website.



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HOUSING

Housing Referral Services

3171 Zinn Road..... 210-221-0881
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Joint-Base-San-Antonio

The Fort Sam Houston Housing Referral Services Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Fort Sam Houston, visit the office for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

2250 Engineer St., Suite 7
 Brenner Barracks 210-221-0190/2087
 NCO Barracks 210-221-2087
 Okubo Barracks 210-916-1134/1156
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Joint-Base-San-Antonio

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service and for unaccompanied soldiers in the ranks of E-1 to E-5. Each service member is provided a shared suite with a private sleeping room with the furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Room arrangements may vary depending on location. Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service and unaccompanied soldiers in the rank of E-6 and above will move into housing in the local community.

Permanent-party unaccompanied housing is on the main post and the Medical Center Annex and is centrally managed. Brenner Barracks on

the main post has 288 barracks spaces in a 1+1 configuration with kitchenettes. The new NCO barracks across the street from Brenner Barracks has 96 barracks spaces in a 1+1 configuration with full kitchens. Okubo Barracks on the Medical Center Annex has 296 barracks spaces in a 1+1 configuration with kitchenettes.

Rooms with full kitchens have cooktops and refrigerators, and each room has a microwave. Common areas include laundry rooms, day rooms with 52-inch flat-screen televisions, pool and foosball tables, gaming systems, Wi-Fi access, popcorn and vending machines, full kitchens for holiday parties, recreational areas for barbecues, and basketball and tennis courts.

Smoking and pets are banned from the barracks. During orientation, the unaccompanied housing facility manager will let you know all Army, Air Force and fort-specific policies.

Fort Sam Houston Family Housing

2739 Dickman Road 210-270-7638
<https://lincolnmilitary.com/installations/fort-sam-houston>

Lincoln Military Housing owns the family housing and maintains, repairs and manages the Fort Sam Houston family housing community. Military personnel can opt to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease with Lincoln Military Housing. There are no application or deposit fees and an on-site maintenance team is available around the clock to resolve problems.

The Lincoln Military Housing community is comparable to housing off post but offers many amenities and support services, such as community events that provide residents of all ages with free, fun and educational events and activities. Community features include tot lots, playgrounds, pools, resident centers and more.

Those who choose to live in the community will sign a tenant lease agreement, typically for a one-year term, that includes a military clause and a lease termination clause. You pay your monthly rent by authorizing an allotment of your BAH to be paid directly to the resident center. If you move before the allotment start date, you will pay a prorated amount directly to the center. The tenant lease agreement will spell out the rent payment terms and conditions.

MAIL

Post Office

2492 Stanley Road 210-226-0089
www.usps.com

The installation's full-service post office provides window service on weekdays and Saturday. The lockbox lobby is open 24/7.

If you need to send mail to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston before your arrival, address it to:



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Your Name
 JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Post Office
 General Delivery
 JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

The post office will hold mail for 15 days if incoming from CONUS, 45 days if incoming from OCONUS.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

After-hours Emergency Pastoral Needs

JBSA Command Post..... 210-221-9363
 Chaplain's Office 210-221-5004/5937

Main Post Chapel

2301 Wilson Way 210-221-2754

AMEDD Chapel

3545 Garden Ave. 210-221-3231
 Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
 3551 Roger Brooke Road..... 210-916-1105

Dodd Field Chapel

5584 Dodd Blvd. 210-221-5010
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Chaplain-Services/JBSA-Fort-Sam-Houston-Chaplain

Fort Sam Houston chapels support the religious needs of all post members. The chapels offer

many programs, including Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Islamic, Latter-day Saints and Protestant services. Chaplains also offer marriage, family and individual counseling and therapy. Services include individual and family counseling, marital and premarital counseling and assessment, and predeployment and post-deployment assistance. Areas addressed include blended families, conflict resolution, divorce recovery, trauma, anger, anxiety and stress, depression and spiritual issues. All services are free and confidential.

If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, contact the chaplain's office. For current service times, visit the chaplain website.

SERVING YOU

DINING

Back Swing Cafe (Golf Course)

1050 Harry Wurzbach Road..... 210-221-5863

Rocco Dining Facility

Building 2745, Schofield Road... 210-221-3608

Sam Houston Lanes Grille (Bowling Center)

Building 2521..... 210-221-5029

Slagel Dining Facility

Building 1287, Harney Path
 210-808-1536/1532

Student Activity Center Snack Bar

Building 1477.....210-466-5047/5049
 For hours, menus and special event information, visit <https://jbsatoday.com/Dining%20Facilities> and <https://www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Dining-Facility/>

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Broadway Bank

2302 Stanley Road 210-227-7131
 3600 George C. Beach Ave. (Brooke Army Medical Center) 210-227-7131
<https://broadway.bank>

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, visit the 502nd Force Support Squadron online at <https://jbsatoday.com>.

Aquatic Center

Building 3300..... 210-221-4887
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Aquatic-Center>

The aquatic center has a 50-meter Olympic-size pool, three water slides, lap lanes and more. Lifeguard classes and individual and group swimming lessons are available, and pool managers often host special events such as triathlons, dive-in movies and Dog Day at the Pool.

Bowling Center

Building 2521.....210-221-4740
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Bowling-Center>

The bowling center has 24 lanes, a computerized scoring system, a snack bar, locker rentals, tournaments and leagues. Lanes can be reserved for private parties and unit training.

Community Center

Building 1395.....210-808-6262/6263
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Community-Center>

The Sam Houston Community Center features the ticket office, free Wi-Fi, a game room with pool tables and flat-screen televisions with cable. The center's catering service and relaxing atmosphere are ideal for conferences and events.

Community Theater

Building 2652.....210-222-9694
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Harlequin-Theater>

As one of the few performing arts theaters in the military, the Harlequin produces a variety of theatrical productions throughout the year, from musicals and mysteries to Shakespeare and Simon with the help of volunteer performers.

Equestrian Center

Building 3550.....210-224-7207
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Equestrian-Center>

The equestrian center provides boarding opportunities for privately owned horses as well as private and group riding lessons, pony and trail rides, and youth horsemanship camps. The center also hosts special events and programs for Warriors in Transition.

Fitness Centers

Central Post Gym

Building 961.....210-221-3593

Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus

Building 1369.....210-808-5709

Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

Building 320..... 210-221-1234
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Fitness>

The Central Post Gym features cardio equipment, a half court for basketball, a free weight room, functional fitness workouts and locker rooms. Built in 1945, the newly remodeled gym does not have central air or TVs. All you have to lose is a few pounds of sweat!

The fitness center on the Medical Education and Training Campus features cardio equipment with personalized TV monitors, a gymnasium, an indoor track and more.

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center has areas for cardio, aerobics, weight lifting and leisure sports. The center features basketball and racquetball courts as well.

Golf Club

1050 Harry Wurzbach Road
210-221-5863/222-9386
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Golf-Course>

The Fort Sam Houston Golf Club has two 18-hole championship golf courses, La Loma Grande and Salado Del Rio, which have hosted the All-Army Championship and the Texas Open. Members and nonmembers alike can take advantage of practice chipping and pitching greens, a lighted driving range, rental carts and clubs, private cart storage, pull carts and more. Beginners and seasoned players have access to lessons and clinics from PGA professionals. Golfers and their guests can enjoy food and drinks from the full-service grill at Back Swing Cafe.

Outdoor Recreation Center

Building 3538..... 210-221-5224/5225
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Outdoor-Rec>

The Outdoor Recreation Center has everything you need for an outdoor adventure, fishing trip or family reunion, from tents and trailers to boats and bikes. The center also issues passes for the RV storage lot and permits for the used car display lot.

Recreational Vehicle Park

Building 3514..... 210-221-5502
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-RV-Park>

The RV park has pull-through, full-hookup RV sites. Sites consist of a concrete pad with a patio, picnic table and grill. Restrooms, showers, a coin-operated laundry facility, a playground, a small convenience store and a lounge are on site.

Salado Park

Building 3538, W.W. White Road
 210-221-5224/5225
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Outdoor-Rec>

The 13-acre Salado Park, along the banks of Salado Creek, has picnic areas, a volleyball

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LincolnMilitary.com
(866) 939-2066



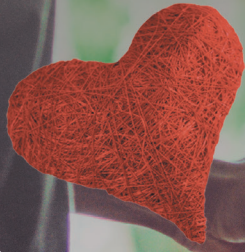
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court, a playground, fishing in the naturally limestone-floored creek and a nature walk as well as many large oak and pecan trees for a canopy of natural shade. Reservations for picnic areas in the park may be made through the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Ticket Office

Building 1395.....210-808-1376/1378
<https://jbsatoday.com/FSH-Ticket-Office>

The Information and Ticket Office has discount tickets for local amusement parks and attractions, as well as theme parks such as Disney World, Universal Studios and the San Diego Zoo.

Student Activity Center

Building 1477.....210-466-5047/5049
<https://jbsatoday.com/node/276>

The three-story Student Activity Center, in the heart of the Medical Education and Training Campus, has seating areas where enlisted students enrolled in medical education can sit and visit, study or relax during lunch or after class. The center has Wi-Fi access throughout as well as a coffee bar, snack bar, mini theater, music department, roof garden, student business hub and game zone. The center's lower level features a club with a dance floor, karaoke, pool tables, dart boards and more.

SHOPPING

Exchange

Building 2420, 2503 Funston Road
210-225-5566
www.shopmyexchange.com

Food Court

American Eatery 210-224-4694, ext. 328
 Anthony's Pizza 210-224-4694, ext. 329
 Baskin-Robbins..... 210-224-4694, ext. 326
 Charleys Philly Steaksno phone
 Seattle's Best Coffeeno phone
 Subway.....210-225-4694

Services

Barbershop210-224-4360
 Beauty Shop.....210-212-8410
 Firestone Auto Care210-224-0209
 Floral Shop.....210-222-1601
 GameStop.....210-595-8762
 GNC210-225-7995
 Jewelry and Watch Repair.....210-223-2275
 Mobile Center210-225-9541
 The Rug Shop210-419-5577
 T-Shirt Shop210-277-1881
 US Patriot Tactical210-640-1961

Building 372

Enterprise Car Rental.....210-222-8251
 Optical Center210-226-1362
 Optometrist210-223-1104
 The Spa210-223-9337
 UPS Store.....210-223-0011

Building 2735

Domino's.....210-510-1555
 Jimmy John's210-564-9337
 UPS Store.....210-227-4092

Building 4188

Alterations.....210-222-0508
 Military Clothing Store
210-221-3794/4656/5111/4873
 Sport & Embroidery.....210-299-1988

Army Medical Department Facilities

Building 2841

Barbershop210-225-1118
 Book Store210-225-4757
 Starbucks.....210-225-7717

Camp Bullis Facilities

Building 5184

Barbershop210-698-2476
 Burger King.....210-698-1121
 Retail.....210-698-1183

Expresses and Class Sixes

Building 331.....210-225-0216
 Building 890.....210-225-3589
 Building 2400.....210-221-2728
 Building 2610.....210-221-3301

Mini Exchange and Home and Garden

Building 350.....210-225-4785
210-228-9848/9428

Mini-Mall and Facilities

Building 1387

Barbershop210-225-2357
 Burger King.....210-221-3615
 Domino's.....210-507-5656
 Laundry, Dry Cleaner, Alterations
210-229-1488
 Retail Store.....210-221-4612
 Subway.....210-221-3615
 Tactical Shop.....210-223-1776
 Taco Bell210-221-3615
 Wing Zone.....210-221-3615

Restaurants

Burger King.....726-999-2335 ext 1
 Einstein Bros. Bagels
 Building 1179.....210-223-1300
 Building 2261210-271-3496
 Popeyes726-999-2335 ext 2
 Subway
 Building 2261210-271-3495
 Building 2841210-225-7717

San Antonio Military Medical Center Facilities

Building 3600

Barbershop210-227-7280
 Burger King.....210-229-9112
 Floral Shop.....210-222-8184
 Retail.....210-229-9117



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JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base

ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Lackland Air Force Base was created from a portion of Kelly Field in 1942. It was named for Brig. Gen. Frank Lackland. As a consequence of the Korean War, training populations at Lackland soared. Temporary facilities, including the “I” dormitories, were hastily erected as a quick fix to house the new recruits. During Vietnam, resourceful leaders split training shifts, increased flight sizes and compressed training from 30 to 24 days to satisfy the urgency for military readiness. Training requirements also grew to include teaching English to allied military members from foreign countries. Today, the base continues to prepare new airmen with the knowledge and skills they need to go on as successful, contributing military specialists.

JBSA-Lackland is under the jurisdiction of the 502nd Installation Support Group. It provides communications, logistics readiness, airfield operations, trainer development and legal support. Lackland also lays claim to Kelly Field,

the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, the Defense Language Institute English Language Center and Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, the Department of Defense’s largest outpatient ambulatory surgical center. Other major units include the 37th Training Wing and 24th Air Force. For a full list of mission partners at JBSA, visit www.jbsa.mil/Mission-Partners.

HISTORY

The nation’s mobilization after the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor swamped U.S. military installations with inductees. The next summer, the War Department took the advice of its Brig. Gen. Frank Lackland and peeled off Kelly Field’s west side for what became the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. Lackland had believed, correctly, it turns out, that consistent aircrew training in one spot would produce higher-quality aircrew graduates faster.

The military already had a cadet training center on Kelly’s Security Hill, and with the U.S. suddenly in a shooting war, the Air Corps

replacement training center there became a processing and preflight school for thousands of cadets. Kelly Field’s mission, though, was to meet the nation’s urgent demand for bomber pilots, and the numbers and needs of so many green cadets next door tested that mission. In June 1942, the adjutant general separated Security Hill from Kelly Field and made it an independent Army military installation, the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

The Gulf Coast Army Air Forces Training Center shifted its classification center, preflight school, station hospital, several other units and even an Army Air Force band to the new center, which activated on Independence Day 1942. Ultimately, 90,000 candidates for flight training passed through the preflight school; early on they mostly lived in tents because there hadn’t been time to build accommodations.

Missions for the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center were adjusted or added throughout WWII. As the war ended in 1945, the center

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, visit www.jbsa.mil.

Aquatic Centers

- Skylark Aquatic Center 210-671-3780
- Warhawk Pool 210-671-3445

Auto Hobby Shop 210-671-3549

Bank of America 210-674-6266

Bowling Center, Skylark 210-671-1234

Credit Unions

- Air Force Federal Credit Union 210-673-5610
- Security Service Federal Credit Union 800-527-7328

Child Care

- Child Development Program
 - Building 61 210-925-5747
 - Building 3220 210-671-1052
 - Building 8206 210-671-3675
- Family Child Care 210-671-3376/4987

Commissary 210-671-2837

Community Centers

- Arnold Hall Community Center 210-671-2619
- Skylark Community Center 210-671-3191

Dining

- Amigo Inn 210-671-5112/5113
- Bistro 171 210-923-3677
- Flight Kitchen 210-925-8350/1488
- Gateway Club 210-645-7034
- Greenside Grill (Golf Course) 210-671-2006
- Lackland Training Annex Dining Facility 210-671-4818/4819
- Li'l Mary's (Bowling Center) 210-671-1224
- Live Oak Inn 210-671-4827/4720/4721
- Mesquite Inn 210-671-1939/4940
- North Lounge 210-923-3677
- Rickenbacker's 210-923-3677

Education and Training Center 210-671-8711

Exceptional Family Member Program 210-671-3722

Exchange 210-674-6465

FamCamp 210-671-5179

Fitness Centers

- Chaparral Fitness Center 210-671-2401/2361

Chapman Fitness Center 210-671-4477

Gateway Fitness Center 210-671-1348/2565

Gillum Fitness Center 210-977-2353

Kelly Fitness Center 210-925-4848

Warhawk Fitness Center 210-671-2016

Frame Shop 210-671-5503

Golf Course, Gateway Hills 210-671-3466/2517

Housing Management Office 210-671-1840

Housing, Military Family 866-517-4413

Housing, Unaccompanied 210-671-5008

Legal Office 210-671-3362

Library 210-671-3610

Medical Wing, 59th 210-292-7412

Appointments 210-916-9900

Dental Appointments 210-292-8850

Military & Family Readiness Center 210-671-3722

New Parent Support Program 210-292-5967

Outdoor Adventure Center 210-925-5532/5533

Paintball Park 210-925-2998

Post Office 210-671-0952

Religious Services

After-hours emergency (JBSA Command Post) 210-221-9363

Airmen Memorial Chapel 210-671-2911

Freedom Chapel 210-671-4208

Gateway Chapel 210-671-2911

Global Ministry Center 210-221-5007

Saddle Club 210-925-5532/5533

School Liaison Office 210-671-8388

Temporary Lodging 210-924-7201

Travel

Information, Tickets & Travel 210-671-3059

JBSA Travel 210-671-7111

Veterinary Treatment Facility 210-671-3631

Youth Programs

Open Recreation and School-Age Care 210-671-2388

Teen Programs 210-671-7343





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began taking in returning U.S. overseas fighters and either reassigning or separating them from service. In early 1946, the Army decided to use the center for all its Army Air Force basic training and for its officer candidate school as well, which was transferred from Maxwell Field in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1993, that school, by then known as Officer Training School, was returned to Maxwell Field.

Numerous designation tweaks over the years had reflected the facility's changing uses, but on July 11, 1947, the War Department named it for Brig. Gen. Lackland, whose vision created it. Two months later, President Harry Truman signed the National Security Act to make the U.S. Air Force, formerly part of the Army, an independent service equal to the Army and U.S. Navy; thus Lackland Air Force Base got its final christening.

The base is known, justifiably, as "Gateway to the Air Force." Except for three limited occasions, since 1946 all enlisted airmen have begun their Air Force careers at Lackland.

The decades since have been marked by constant infrastructure upgrades and replacements of the 1,400 buildings hastily thrown together during World War II, as well as wholesale

repairs and replacements to crumbling roads, water mains, sewers and sewage treatment plants.

Starting in 1953, Lackland AFB began teaching English to military personnel from foreign countries, a program that became the USAF Language School in 1960 and the Defense Language Institute English Language Center in 1976.

In 1956, Lackland was given charge of all Air Police training. A year later, training in cryptographic equipment maintenance came to the base. The same year, a new, nine-story, 500-bed hospital, Wilford Hall Medical Center (now Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center), opened.

The U.S. Air Force Marksmanship Center arrived in 1958, as did the Sentry Dog Handler School, now the U.S. Military Working Dogs Training School, which trains drug- and bomb-detection dogs, patrol dogs, dogs skilled at finding land mines, specialized search dogs and dogs that protect visiting dignitaries. Breeds favored for their intelligence, temperament and athleticism are the German shepherd, Dutch shepherd and Belgian Malinois, and after their careers (usually 10 to 12 years) most are adopted as pets.

Lackland's parent and neighbor, Kelly Air Force Base, closed in 2001. Lackland, along with the city of San Antonio, inherited the 2-mile-long runway between them as a joint-use facility — Kelly Field — which supports flying operations for the Air Force Reserve's 433rd Airlift Wing and the Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Wing. The civilian side of the former Kelly AFB is now known as Port San Antonio and run by the Greater Kelly Development Authority, a state entity. It is occupied by more than 70 tenants in the fields of professional services, transportation, warehousing and aerospace, among them defense contractors Boeing and Lockheed Martin, though the Air Force has leased back 200 acres for Air Force agencies.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, cybersecurity received new emphasis at Lackland, which hosts the 24th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber), a military consolidation of cyberspace combat and support forces.

The National Security Agency uses the Texas Cryptologic Center at Lackland's Medina Annex as a satellite campus. The NSA also set up a data-mining complex at a former San Antonio Sony microchip plant; both are intended to identify and quash threats to national security, and most information about either is classified.

Lackland's heritage is celebrated by dozens of historic aircraft like the B-17 Flying Fortress and the P-82 Twin Mustang on display around the base, and visitors and military personnel alike will enjoy the Airman Heritage Museum and Enlisted Character Development Center.

For more than seven decades, Lackland has responded to the nation's changing needs, but its primary responsibility has remained preparing new airmen with the knowledge and skills they need to go on as successful, contributing military specialists.

ARRIVAL DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From San Antonio International Airport

If you drive from the airport, take Loop 410 west to the Valley Hi/Lackland AFB exit. Turn left on Valley Hi Drive and continue straight to the Airman's Gate.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Once arriving at Lackland, report to your commander's support staff to sign in. There you will receive a schedule of required in-processing appointments, including the date you are to attend the Newcomers Orientation briefing. Important documents to hand carry include at least 15 copies of your orders; copies of all insurance policies; immunization records for all children and pets; school records for children and high school and college transcripts for adults; certified copies of birth certificates, adoption



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papers, marriage licenses, divorce papers, etc.; Social Security cards; purchase agreements for your vehicles, showing state sales tax paid; vehicle registrations and titles; and current driver's licenses.

Newcomers Orientation

The Newcomers Orientation briefing is mandatory (except for first term airmen). During the orientation, you will turn in your medical and

dental records. A number of mandatory briefings will be completed that day.

First Term Airmen

All first-term airmen must attend the First Term Airman Center for five days of orientations and briefings. They are not required to attend Newcomers Orientation. Each first-term airman should wear the uniform of the day and bring at least five copies of orders.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Gateway Inn

1750 Femoyer St. 210-673-6930
<https://af.dodlodging.net/property/s/JBSA---Lackland>

The Gateway Inn provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for incoming personnel and their families who are being assigned to JBSA-Lackland. Amenities include cable TV, coffee makers, microwaves and refrigerators. Pet-friendly units are available. For current rates and booking information, visit the DOD lodging website.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

59th Medical Wing 210-292-7412
Appointments 210-916-9900
Dental Appointments 210-292-8850
www.59mdw.af.mil

The 59th Medical Wing provides a full spectrum of health care services to more than 240,000 beneficiaries in the San Antonio

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metropolitan area. It serves as the Air Force functional medical command for JBSA.

The wing's new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is the DOD's largest outpatient ambulatory surgical center. It features four wings, on four floors, and houses more than 25 outpatient clinics and clinical services. For a full list of clinic addresses, visit the wing's website.

The 59th Medical Wing's En-Route Patient Staging Facility is the Midwest regional aeromedical evacuation hub for wounded, ill and injured service members from around the world. The wing is also home to the Critical Care Air Transport Team Pilot Unit, which has executive management over 118 active-duty, Guard and reserve teams. The wing also has the Defense Department's largest blood donor center, a Warfighter Refractive Surgery Center and extracorporeal life support capability. Extracorporeal life support offers the only global transport option that provides partial heart-lung bypass to eligible adults, infants and children suffering from severe cardiopulmonary failure.

HOUSING

Housing Management Office

Building 1524, 2525 Fairchild St.

.....210-671-1840

www.housing.af.mil/Units/Joint-Base-San-Antonio

San-Antonio

The Lackland Housing Management Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become

familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at JBSA-Lackland, visit the office for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

Building 1524, 2525 Fairchild St.

.....210-671-5008

www.housing.af.mil/Units/Joint-Base-San-Antonio

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each service member is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Room arrangements may vary depending on location. Unaccompanied members in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service will move into housing in the local community.

Permanent-party unaccompanied housing consists of 2+2 corridor-style rooms. Amenities include free basic cable TV, free Wi-Fi, theater leather chairs in day rooms, and washers and dryers. Restrictions include a no-pets policy except for goldfish in a 30-gallon tank or smaller.

Lackland Family Homes

2254 Brian McElroy Drive.....210-674-9366

www.lacklandfamilyhomes.com

Lackland Family Homes, professionally managed by Balfour Beatty Communities, owns the family housing and maintains, repairs and manages the community. An on-site maintenance

team is available around the clock to resolve problems. Military personnel can opt to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease with Lackland Family Homes, though they may also rent or purchase housing in the local community.

Rental homes are available in two, three, four and five-bedroom floor plans featuring updated finishes, garages and fully-equipped kitchens. Lackland Family Homes residents enjoy the very walkable community's many amenities, including pools, playgrounds, picnic areas and sport courts, as well as easy access to all of the Lackland AFB facilities.

There are no application or deposit fees, and most utilities are included. Those who choose to live in the community will sign a tenant lease agreement, typically for a one-year term, that includes a military clause and a lease termination clause. You pay your monthly rent by authorizing an allotment of your BAH to be paid directly to the Community Management Office. If you move before the allotment start date, you will pay a prorated amount directly to the office. The tenant lease agreement will spell out the rent payment terms and conditions.

MAIL

Post Office

2261 Hughes Ave.210-671-0952

www.usps.com

The full-service post office on base provides window service on weekdays and Saturday.



There are two temporary mail facilities on Lackland. Permanent-party military assigned to Lackland should send their mail to:

Your Name and Rank
 PSC 3
 1320 Truemper St., Unit 369401
 JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236
 Pick up mail at Building 9122 (210-671-9476/9477) near the intersection of Carswell and Truemper avenues.

Members assigned to Security Hill or any of its associated tenants should address their mail to:

Your Name and Rank
 PSC 6
 2261 Hughes Ave., Unit 623201
 JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236

To pick up your mail from PSC 6, go to Building 2017 at 105 Hall Blvd. (210-977-2820). All incoming mail will be held as general delivery; newcomers are assigned temporary box numbers when they pick up their mail the first time. Anything that comes in after that date as general delivery mail will automatically be placed in the assigned box.

If it will be more than 30 days before you arrive, ask your sponsor to take a copy of your orders to the appropriate location.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

After-hours Emergency Pastoral Needs
 JBSA Command Post..... 210-221-9363

Airmen Memorial Chapel
 Building 5432, Barnes Avenue.... 210-671-2911

Freedom Chapel
 Building 1528, 2200 Truemper St.
 210-671-4208

Gateway Chapel
 Building 6300..... 210-671-2911

Global Ministry Center
 Building 7452, 2235 Andrews Ave.
 210-671-2927
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Chaplain-Services/JBSA-Lackland-Chaplain

The U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps is dedicated to preserving your right to worship. It provides, or finds a way to provide, for a broad spectrum of worshipers. If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, it will do its best to assist you.

The Lackland chaplain offers various types of counseling and seminars covering premarital, marital, religious, stress, grief and loss issues. All counseling sessions are covered by privileged communication.

SERVING YOU DINING

Amigo Inn
 Building 7532..... 210-671-5112/5113

Flight Kitchen
 Building 1650, Kelly Field Annex
 210-925-8350/1488

Gateway Club
 Building 2490..... 210-645-7034

Greenside Grill (Golf Course)
 1800 Dimsted Place 210-671-2006

Lackland Training Annex Dining Facility
 Building 124..... 210-671-4818/4819

Li'l Mary's (Bowling Center)
 Building 6476..... 210-671-1224

Live Oak Inn
 Building 10810..... 210-671-4827/4720/4721

Mesquite Inn
 Building 10175..... 210-671-1939/4940

Port San Antonio Dining
 3515 S. General McMullen Drive
 Bistro 171 210-923-3677
 North Lounge 210-923-3677
 Rickenbacker's 210-923-3677

For hours, menus and special event information, visit <https://jbsatoday.com/Dining%20Facilities> and www.jbsa.mil/Resources/DiningFacility.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Air Force Federal Credit Union
 Building 1298, 2250 Kenly Ave.. 210-673-5610
<https://goaffcu.com>

Bank of America
 Building 1285, 2180 Reese St. ... 210-674-6266
www.bankofamerica.com



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Security Service Federal Credit Union

Building 2066, Security Hill..... 800-527-7328
www.ssfcu.org

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at JBSA-Lackland, visit the 502nd Force Support Squadron at <https://jbsatoday.com>.

Aquatic Centers

Skylark Aquatic Center

Building 6482..... 210-671-3780

Warhawk Pool

Building 2502..... 210-671-3445
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Aquatic-Centers>

Lackland has two pools: the indoor, year-round Skylark Aquatic Center and the seasonal Warhawk Pool. For information on recreational swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, life-guard training and the youth swim team, visit the centers' website.

Auto Hobby Shop

Building 7245..... 210-671-3549
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Auto-Hobby-Shop>

The Auto Hobby Shop features a full-service station and self-help area. A number of services are offered such as tune-ups, charging and starting system tests, oil changes, CV axles, struts, clutches and state inspections to ensure your vehicle is running efficiently and safe.

Bowling Center

Building 6476..... 210-671-1234
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Bowling-Center>

Bowlers can enjoy 32 lanes and the latest automatic scoring technology at the renovated Skylark Bowling Center, which also features cosmic bowling, bands, bowling events and guest DJ entertainment. League and open bowlers alike are welcomed. The pro shop has top brands of balls, bags and shoes for purchase. The center's silver- and bronze-level certified coaches can give your game an edge. Li'l Mary's Kitchen is open for lunch or dinner, and after a hard day's work, Primo's Lounge is a great place to unwind.

Community Centers

Arnold Hall Community Center

Building 5506..... 210-671-2619

Skylark Community Center

Building 6576..... 210-671-3191
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Community-Centers>

The community centers are places to eat, drink and have fun. Activities include escape rooms, karaoke nights, dancing, tournaments, concerts and theater performances.

Fitness Centers

Chaparral Fitness Center

Building 7346..... 210-671-2401/2361

Chapman Fitness Center

Building 199..... 210-671-4477

Gateway Fitness Center

Building 10330..... 210-671-1348/2565

Gillum Fitness Center

Building 2086..... 210-977-2353

Kelly Fitness Center

Building 210, Port San Antonio.. 210-925-4848

Warhawk Fitness Center

Building 2418..... 210-671-2016
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Fitness>

Lackland has six fitness centers to meet your needs. The centers offer strength and cardio equipment, aerobics rooms, group exercise classes, personal trainers, locker rooms, saunas and more. There are also basketball, racquetball, tennis, volleyball and wallyball courts, sports fields, and running trails and tracks. Amenities vary by location. Visit the fitness website for more information on each center.

Frame Shop

Building 7245..... 210-671-5503
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Frame-Shop>

The Frame Shop can build many different sizes and designs of frames as well as custom flag boxes for retirements and 3D memorabilia boxes for keepsakes such as swords or guns. The shop also offers minor restoration and preservation services to maintain the quality and life of your item. Select from among more than a thousand different moldings, acid-free and specialty

mats, and a selection of glass. Bring in your artwork for a free quote.

Golf Course

1800 Dimsted Place 210-671-3466/2517
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Golf-Course>

Laid out on 200 acres with extreme elevation changes, the Gateway Hills Golf Course overlooks San Antonio. It has a driving range, bunker, green, lob wedge practice green and two practice putting greens. The course also features the Greenside Grill and a pro shop. For information on pricing, lessons and events, visit the course's website.

Outdoor Recreation

FamCamp

Building 2804..... 210-671-5179

Outdoor Adventure Center

Building 871..... 210-925-5532/5533

Paintball Park

Building 871..... 210-925-2998
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Outdoor-Rec>

The Outdoor Adventure Center schedules off-base trips such as motorcycle rides, skydiving, fishing trips and zip lining. The center offers rental equipment like camping gear, party items and boats. It also takes park and pavilion reservations and handles administrative paperwork for the auto resale lot, the RV storage lot, Fam-Camp and the horse stable. The grounds surrounding the center are laced with more than 5 kilometers of walking and running trails and include a paintball course.

Saddle Club

Building 2954..... 210-925-5532/5533
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-Saddle-Club>

The Saddle Club is a self-care boarding stable that offers quality accommodations and amenities for your horse at a fraction of the cost you would pay to board off base. The 24-hour facility has stalls with outside runs, mare and gelding pastures, tack and feed rooms, two lighted riding arenas, a round pen, a hot walker and access to trails.

Travel Resources

Information, Tickets & Travel

Building 5506..... 210-671-3059
<https://jbsatoday.com/LAK-ITT>

JBSA Travel

Building 5506..... 210-671-7111
www.jbsatravel.com

Information, Tickets & Travel is the place to get discounted tickets to major theme parks, water parks, sporting events, festivals and theater. JBSA Travel serves the military community with discounts and specials on cruises and

vacation packages, airline tickets, rental cars and hotels.

SHOPPING

Exchange

1385 Reese St. 210-674-6465
www.shopmyexchange.com

Food Court

Anthony's Pizza 210-674-6465
 Arby's..... 210-674-6465
 Charleys Philly Steaks 210-674-6465
 Manchu Wok 210-674-6465
 Qdoba..... 210-674-6465
 Starbucks 210-674-6465
 Subway 210-674-6465

Services

Barbershop 210-673-5252
 Beauty Salon 210-674-1341
 Claire's Boutique 210-675-9404
 Enterprise Car Rental 210-670-1104
 Eyebrow Threading..... no phone
 GameStop..... 210-645-6051
 GNC 210-675-0079
 Laundry and Dry Cleaners 210-674-8943
 Mobile Center 210-645-9820
 Nail Salon..... 210-645-1571
 Optical Center 210-673-8601
 Tactical Gear 726-444-8124
 UPS Store..... 210-675-3230
 Wandering Cowboy..... 210-675-3342

Building 2306

Express with Class Six..... 210-674-0848
 Firestone Auto Care 210-645-1837/1843
 Popeyes 210-674-1427

BMT Mini-Mall Facilities

Building 7025
 Alterations..... 210-673-8819
 Arby's..... 210-670-9136

Barbershop 210-673-2110
 Domino's..... 210-599-6060
 Jershan Tactical 210-673-9423
 Mini-mall 210-670-8093
 Popeyes 210-670-9136
 Subway 210-670-9136
 T-Shirt Shop 210-670-8541

Security Hill Express Facilities

Building 2017
 Barbershop 210-923-9405
 Cynthia's Corner 210-924-7711
 Express 210-924-7654
 Subway 210-927-4462

Troop Mall North Facilities

Building 10345
 Anthony's Pizza 210-645-1229
 Barbershop 210-673-4018
 Baskin-Robbins 210-645-1229
 Beauty Salon 210-670-9956
 Burger King..... 210-645-1229
 Custom Military Rings..... 210-675-2490
 Mobile Center 210-670-4849
 Shoe Shine 210-673-9264
 Subway 210-645-1229
 T-Shirt Shop 210-670-8541
 Tactical Gear 210-276-0758
 Troop Mall Retail and Gas..... 210-645-1264

Wilford Hall Ambulatory

Surgical Center Facilities

Building 4550
 Barbershop 210-292-4763
 Branch Store..... 210-674-8942
 Starbucks..... 210-292-7727
 Subway 210-292-7727

Other Facilities

Burger King, Building 1286..... 210-670-2766
 Military Clothing Store, Building 7037
 210-674-0190



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JBSA-Randolph Air Force Base

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, in San Antonio's northeast quadrant just to the southeast of Universal City, houses several headquarters, including the 12th Flying Training Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center and Air Force Recruiting Service. It is also home to the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group. For a full list of mission partners at JBSA, visit www.jbsa.mil/Mission-Partners.

JBSA-Randolph is known as the "Showplace of the Air Force" because of the consistent Spanish Colonial Revival architecture style in which all structures, including hangars, were built. With its distinctive architecture, the wing's headquarters has come to be known throughout the Air Force as "the Taj Mahal" or simply "The Taj."

Construction of Randolph AFB began in November 1927. Randolph Field, a historic district located within Randolph AFB, was declared a National Historic Landmark in 2001.

Today, JBSA-Randolph trains pilots on the T-6A Texan II, T-38C Talon and T-1A Jayhawk.

HISTORY

The need for an additional aviation training field became evident soon after 1926's congressional passage of the Air Corps Act, which changed the name of the Army Air Service to the Army Air Corps. Gen. Frank P. Lahm, placed in charge of all aviation training, set up an Air Corps Training Center with headquarters at Duncan Field, next to Kelly Field in San Antonio, but soon realized that even those two fields could not handle the increasing demands. In 1927, the city of San Antonio bought a 2,300-acre tract preferred by Lahm and gave it to the Air Corps. Randolph's construction began there, and the facility was dedicated on June 20, 1930, as a flying training base. It continues this mission today.

The field bears the name of Capt. William M. Randolph, adjutant of Kelly Field's Advanced Flying School and a member of the naming

committee for its new sister operation, though he did not survive to see its completion. He died in the takeoff crash of his AT-4 at Gorman Field, Texas, on a return flight to Kelly. In his memory, the other committee members gave his name to the new field, which was dedicated as Randolph Field on June 20, 1930. The Air Corps Training Center moved its headquarters from Duncan Field to Randolph on Oct. 1, 1931, and began a training regime so exacting that it became known as the "West Point of the Air." After the Air Force became a separate service Sept. 18, 1947, Randolph Field was officially renamed Randolph Air Force Base on Jan. 14, 1948.

In 2001, Randolph Field was named a National Historic Landmark and makes up a historic district within JBSA-Randolph.

In 2010, under orders from the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, installation support functions at Fort Sam Houston, Randolph AFB and Lackland AFB were combined under

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, visit www.jbsa.mil.

Aquatics

- Center Pool 210-652-2060
- South Pool 210-652-2053

Bank, Broadway 210-283-6500

Bowling Center 210-652-6271

Child Care

- Child Development Program 210-652-4946
- Child Development Program Annex 210-652-1140/1142
- Family Child Care 210-221-3820

Commissary 210-652-5102

Community Services Mall 210-652-5142

Credit Union, Randolph-Brooks Federal 210-945-3300

Dining

- Air City Bar & Grill (Parr Club) 210-652-4864/658-7445
- Gil's Pub (Kendrick Club) 210-652-3056
- Mulligan's Grill (Golf Course) 210-652-4653
- Spartime Grill (Bowling Center) 210-652-6271
- Wingman Cafe 210-652-5533

Education and Training Center 210-652-5964

Exceptional Family Member Program 210-652-5321

Exchange 210-658-7471

Fitness Center, Rambler 210-652-7263

Framing Shop 210-652-5142

Golf Course, Randolph Oaks 210-652-4653

Housing Management Office 210-652-1840

Housing, Military Family 888-310-6942

Housing, Unaccompanied 210-652-3600

Information, Tickets and Travel 210-652-5142

Legal Office 210-652-6781

Library 210-652-5578

Medical Group, 359th 210-652-6403

 Appointments 210-916-9900

Military & Family Readiness Center 210-652-5321

New Parent Support Program 210-652-6308

Post Office 210-652-2606

Religious Services

- After-hours emergency (JBSA Command Post) 210-221-9363
- Chapel 1 and Religious Activity Center 210-652-6121

School Liaison Office 210-652-3112

Temporary Lodging 210-652-1844

Veterinary Treatment Facility 210-652-3190

Youth Programs 210-652-3298/2088



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a single organization to form Joint Base San Antonio, the largest joint base in the Department of Defense.

ARRIVAL DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From San Antonio International Airport

Take Loop 410 east to Interstate 35 north (toward Austin). Exit Pat Booker Road, which runs directly to the front gate of Randolph.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Once you arrive at Randolph AFB, report to your commander support staff with your sealed records. Upon signing in with your unit, you will be scheduled for required inprocessing appointments.

If you or a family member needs a CAC or ID card, that will be handled through the military personnel flight. Military members can and are encouraged to make appointments for ID cards.

If you arrive to JBSA-Randolph after 4:30 p.m. or on a weekend or holiday, go to Randolph's 24-hour arrival point, the Randolph lodging office, in Building 112. Report to your commander support staff the next duty day.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Randolph Inn

Building 112, 415 B St. E 210-652-1844
<https://af.dodlodging.net/property/s/JBSA---Randolph->

The Randolph Inn provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for incoming personnel and their families who are being assigned

to JBSA-Randolph. Amenities include cable TV, coffee makers, microwaves and refrigerators. Pet-friendly units are available. For current rates and booking information, visit the DOD dodging website.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

359th Medical Group

221 Third St. W 210-652-6403
 Appointments 210-916-9900
<https://bit.ly/3g6R5cG>

The 359th Medical Group provides comprehensive medical and dental care, physiological training, health promotion and occupational public health support to JBSA-Randolph units and a beneficiary population of nearly 24,000. The group is part of the 59th Medical Wing headquartered at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center on JBSA-Lackland. The 359th Medical Group's staff of 370 personnel provides care in eight facilities, including the JBSA-Randolph Clinic.

HOUSING

Housing Management Office

610 Harmon Drive 210-652-1840
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Joint-Base-San-Antonio

The Randolph Housing Management Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Randolph, visit the office for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

525 C St. E 210-652-3600
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Joint-Base-San-Antonio

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each service member is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Room arrangements may vary depending on location. Unaccompanied members in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service will move into housing in the local community.

Permanent-party unaccompanied housing consists of 84 private bedrooms with 230 square feet of living space. Amenities include a theater room, a game room, recreational sports rooms, two common area kitchens, three laundry rooms, four barbecue pits and a pavilion. There are another 50 rooms in Building 861 (the technical training dorm) that are permanently assigned for JBSA-Randolph personnel. These rooms are a 1+1 configuration with 145 square feet of living space. Amenities include a common area kitchenette, a day room, an entertainment room and a laundry room.

No pets or smoking are allowed in the dormitory rooms.

Randolph Family Housing

205 New B St. E 888-310-6942
www.randolphfamilyhousing.com

Hunt Companies owns the family housing and maintains, repairs and manages the Randolph family housing community. Military personnel can opt to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease with Hunt, though they may also rent or purchase housing in the local community. There are no application or deposit fees and an on-site maintenance team is available around the clock to resolve problems.

The Hunt Military Community is comparable to housing off base but offers many amenities and support services, such as community events that provide residents of all ages with free, fun and educational events and activities. Community features include a community center, a fitness center, a pool and playgrounds.

Those who choose to live in the community will sign a tenant lease agreement, typically for a one-year term, that includes a military clause and a lease termination clause. You pay your monthly rent by authorizing an allotment of your BAH to pay the housing office. If you move before the allotment start date, you will pay a prorated amount directly to the office. The tenant lease agreement will spell out the rent payment terms and conditions.

MAIL

Post Office

355 B St. W, Suite 3 210-652-2606
www.usps.com

The full-service post office on base provides window service weekdays, and the lockbox lobby is open 24/7.

If you need a forwarding address for your mail, you may use the Postal Service Center. Your sponsor may deliver or you may fax a copy of your PCS or TDY orders to 210-652-5429. You must follow up with a phone call at 210-652-3569. Then, you may forward your mail to:

Your Name
 1985 First St. W, No. 2000
 JBSA-Randolph, TX 78150

Upon your arrival, you may pick up your mail at the Postal Service Center in Building 860. If you have questions, call 210-652-3569.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

After-hours Emergency

Pastoral Needs

JBSA Command Post..... 210-221-9363

Chapel 1

Building 102, 2 Washington Circle
 210-652-6121

Religious Activity Center

Building 975, on H Street behind AETC

Headquarters
www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Chaplain-Services/JBSA-Randolph-Chaplain

The JBSA-Randolph chapel and Religious Activity Center offer religious education and various types of counseling and seminars covering premarital, marital, religious, stress, grief and loss issues. All counseling sessions are covered by privileged communication.

SERVING YOU

DINING

Air City Bar & Grill (Parr Club)

Building 500.....210-652-4864/658-7445

Gil's Pub (Kendrick Club)

Building 1039..... 210-652-3056

Mulligan's Grill (Golf Course)

Building 1300..... 210-652-4653

Sparetime Grill (Bowling Center)

Building 870..... 210-652-6271

Wingman Cafe

Building 860..... 210-652-5533

For hours, menus and special event information, visit <https://jbsatoday.com/Dining%20Facilities> and www.jbsa.mil/Resources/DiningFacility.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Broadway Bank

629 Third St. W 210-283-6500
<https://broadway.bank>

Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union

Building 290, 701 Harmon Drive
 210-945-3300
www.rbfcu.org

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at JBSA-Randolph, visit the 502nd Force Support Squadron at <https://jbsatoday.com>.

Aquatics

Center Pool

Building 502..... 210-652-2060

South Pool

Building 980..... 210-652-2053
<https://jbsatoday.com/RND-Aquatic-Centers>

JBSA-Randolph features two outdoor swimming pools with recreational swim, instructional lessons and lap swim. The pools can also be reserved for parties.

Bowling Center

Building 870..... 210-652-6271
<https://jbsatoday.com/RND-Bowling-Center>

The bowling center offers traditional, league and cosmic bowling on 24 lanes. The center has a pro shop and snack bar as well.

Community Services Mall

Building 895..... 210-652-5142
<https://jbsatoday.com/RND-Community-Services-Mall>

The Community Services Mall is where patrons can check out rental equipment, make reservations for Eberle Park, fill out paperwork for the car resale lot or reserve a spot at the RV storage lot. The mall is also home to the frame shop and the ITT office.

Fitness Center

Building 999..... 210-652-7263
<https://jbsatoday.com/RND-Rambler-Fitness-Center>

In addition to circuit training, cardio and weight equipment, the Rambler Fitness Center has sports programs, fitness classes and specialty services to help members maintain good physical fitness and lifestyles. The center also features basketball, racquetball and tennis courts, sports fields, indoor and outdoor running tracks, exercise rooms, intramural sports, dry saunas, massage therapy and aqua massage beds, and a juice bar.

Framing Shop

Building 895..... 210-652-5142
<https://jbsatoday.com/RND-Framing>

The framing shop crafts custom frames, retirement boxes and more.

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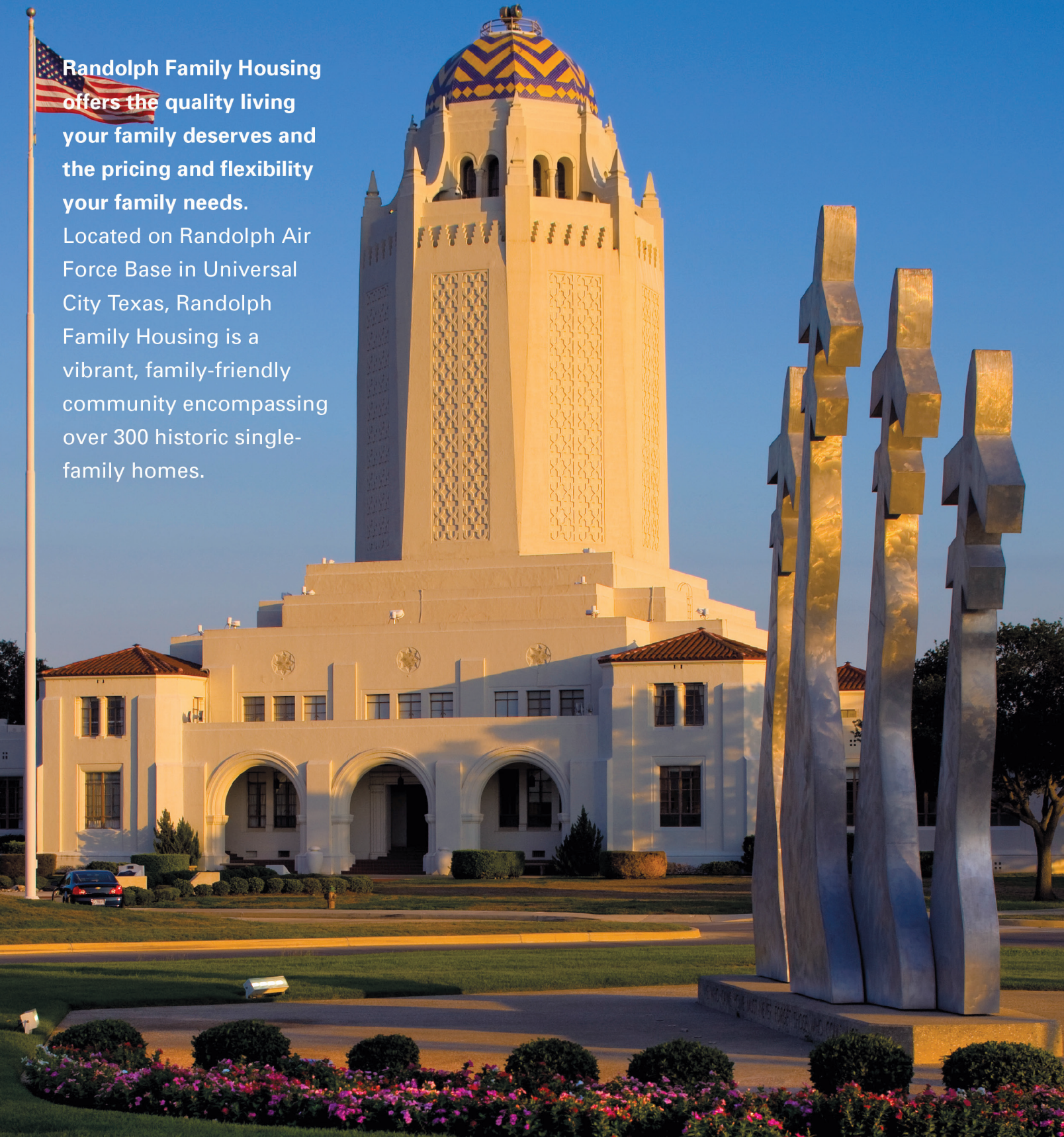
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- Post office
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Information, Tickets and Travel

Building 895..... 210-652-5142

<https://jbsatoday.com/RND-ITT>

ITT offers discounted tickets for admission to local sporting events, shows and attractions like SeaWorld and Six Flags Fiesta Texas. The office also has discounted tickets for popular national attractions like Disney and Universal Studios.

Golf Course

Building 1300..... 210-652-4653

<https://jbsatoday.com/RND-Randolph-Oaks-Golf-Course>

Randolph Oaks Golf Course is an 18-hole championship golf course with a lighted driving range and putting green for practice. Gear up at the pro shop, or grab a bite and a beverage at Mulligan's Grill. The golf course is open to the public.

SHOPPING

Exchange

Building 1068, 630 Third St. W.. 210-658-7471

www.shopmyexchange.com

Food Court

Charleys 210-566-8169

Popeyes 210-566-8169

Starbucks..... 210-566-8040

Subway..... 210-566-8169

Services

Barbershop 210-659-1595

Beauty Salon 210-566-1182

GNC 210-566-4366

Mil Memorabilia 210-566-3688

Military Clothing 210-652-5643/2663/2840

Mobile Center 210-566-6561

Nail Spot 210-566-1985

Optical Center 210-659-7322

UPS Store..... 210-658-5400

Air Force Personnel Center

Building 499

Einstein Bros. Bagels 210-566-3267

Taqueria La Pasadita (food truck)..... no phone

Building 1038

Burger King..... 210-659-8729

Express with Class Six..... 210-566-6872/6881

Home and Garden 210-566-6881

Building 1070

Firestone Auto Care 210-659-6955

Gas Kiosk..... 210-658-1859

Other Facilities

Java Nook, Building 1040..... no phone

Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Building 1071

..... 210-659-0212



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Our Military

at Laughlin Air Force Base

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE lies 8 miles east of Del Rio, Texas, the county seat of Val Verde County. The base is just a heartbeat from the international Amistad Reservoir, shared with Mexico, and the Amistad National Recreation Area. Del Rio (“of the river”) connects with its neighbor, Ciudad Acuna in Coahuila, Mexico, by two border crossings: the Del Rio-Ciudad Acuna International Bridge and the Lake Amistad Dam International Crossing.

Laughlin AFB is the Air Force’s largest pilot training base and has one of the Air Force’s busiest airfields. It is home to the 47th Flying Training Wing, which graduates military pilots, deploys mission-ready warriors, and develops professional and confident leaders.

Population

Laughlin AFB has approximately 1,380 active-duty and reserve military personnel, 1,165 active-duty military dependents and more than 1,000 civilian personnel who live and work on and around the base.

HISTORY

Originally known as Laughlin Army Air Field in March 1943, Laughlin Air Force Base honors Jack T. Laughlin, the first World War II casualty from Del Rio. Laughlin was a B-17E pilot whose Flying Fortress was shot down and lost at sea off Borneo in January 1942 during a bombing run against Japanese warships and transports. It had been his first mission.

The facility, renamed Laughlin Field in November 1943, later became an Army Air Force auxiliary field. During World War II, its primary mission was to train B-26 bomber pilots and aircrews, but the war’s end in September 1945 ended its purpose and it shut down the next month.

Its subsequent use by local ranchers to graze sheep lasted seven years. As tensions built between the Soviet Union and the West, and North Korea invaded South Korea, the military reopened Laughlin AFB on May 1, 1952. In October, the Air Training Command transferred the base to the Crew Training Air Force

and activated the 3645th Flying Training Wing (Fighter) to teach bombing and gunnery skills to replacement air combat pilots and crews headed for the Korean War. Initially, planes used were the F-80 Shooting Star, the Air Force’s first operational jet fighter; the F-84 Thunderjet fighter bomber, the war’s primary strike aircraft; and the T-33 jet fighter. Within a short time crews used only the T-33 because its two-cockpit configuration made it more suitable for training.

In September 1955, Laughlin swapped missions with Williams AFB, Arizona, to undertake single-engine pilot training, still using the T-33 under control of the Flying Training Air Force.

The Air Force transferred jurisdiction of the base to Strategic Air Command in April 1957, and the 4080th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (Light) moved there from Turner AFB, Georgia. After graduating its last class in March 1957, the Air Training Command inactivated the 3645th Flying Training Wing.

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, visit www.laughlin.af.mil.

Air Force Aid Society	830-298-5620	Frame Shop	830-298-5153
Airman & Family Readiness Center	830-298-5620	Golf Course, Leaning Pine	830-298-5451
American Red Cross	877-272-7337	Horse Stables and Saddle Club	830-298-5830
Auto Craft Center	830-298-5844	Housing Management Office	830-298-5732/5733
Bowling Center, Cactus Lanes	830-298-5526	Housing, Military Family	830-298-1701
Career Development Center	830-298-4393	Housing, Unaccompanied	830-298-5213
Chapel	830-298-5111	Information, Tickets & Travel	830-298-5562
Child Care		Legal Office	830-298-5172
Child Development Center	830-298-5419	Library	830-298-5119
Family Child Care	830-298-5031/5419	Mail Center, Official	830-298-4310
Commissary	830-298-5822	Marina, Southwinds	830-775-7800
Community Commons	830-298-5562	Medical Group, 47th	
Credit Union, Border Federal	830-774-2328	Appointments	830-298-6333
Dining		Pharmacy	830-298-6451/6453/6234
Cactus Lanes Bowling Center	830-298-5526	Military OneSource	800-342-9647
Club XL	830-298-5139	Military Personnel Section	830-298-5276
The Fit Bar (Fitness Center)	830-298-4640	Outdoor Recreation	830-298-5830
Silver Wings	830-298-5661	Pass & Registration	830-298-5349
Stripes	830-298-5295	Public Affairs	830-298-5988
DOD Safe Helpline	877-995-5247	School Liaison Office	830-298-5620
Education Center	830-298-5520	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	830-298-4545
Exceptional Family Member Program	830-298-6571	Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Exchange	830-298-2111	Temporary Lodging	830-298-5741
Finance	830-298-5215	Youth Center	830-298-5343
Fitness Center, Losano	830-298-5251		

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The 4080th Wing provided high-altitude reconnaissance and air sampling for radiation with the highly classified Lockheed U-2A, the “Dragon Lady,” and the RB-57D Canberra, though existence of the U-2 and the CIA’s monitoring program burst into public awareness when the Soviet Union shot down a U-2 on May 1, 1960, and captured and imprisoned its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

On June 15, 1960, the 4080th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing was redesignated the 4080th Strategic Wing. Its RB-57 mission was phased out, though the U-2s remained. In fact, U-2s from Laughlin were among the first to photograph Soviet missile installations in Cuba in 1962, triggering the Cuban missile crisis and a U.S. Navy blockade of the island. Photos from 4080th’s Maj. Richard S. Heyser’s U-2 and that of Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr. showed the world the Soviet military buildup just 90 miles from the Florida coast. President John F. Kennedy addressed the nation on the danger, the United Nations got involved and the Soviets removed their missiles, though not before one was launched at Anderson’s U-2 and killed him. He was the sole known fatality from enemy action during the crisis.

In 1961, the Air Force expanded Laughlin’s mission to include an Air Training Command undergraduate pilot training program. Plans called to transfer in about half the students from Laredo AFB, Texas. Air Training Command reactivated the 3645th Pilot Training Wing (later redesignated the 3646th Pilot Training Wing) at Laughlin in October 1961 to prepare for the students and their T-37 Tweet and T-33 Shooting Star trainers. The 4080th Strategic Wing continued at Laughlin as a tenant organization until 1963.

Laughlin’s mission has remained the same since 1962: training top-quality military pilots, contributing significantly to the nation’s aeronautical progress and national security.

Today, aircraft flown at Laughlin include the T-6A Texan II, a single-engine turboprop; the T-38C Talon, the first supersonic trainer; and the T-1A Jayhawk, a twin-engine jet for advanced pilot training. Fifteen classes of 20 to 25 pilots graduate annually.

ORGANIZATIONS

47TH FLYING TRAINING WING

The 47th Flying Training Wing conducts specialized undergraduate pilot training for the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and allied nation’s air forces. The wing flies T-6, T-38 and T-1A aircraft.

The wing is comprised of a missions support group, a medical group, an operations group and a maintenance directorate.

The 47th Mission Support Group is the focal point for all base support activities, including military and civilian personnel management, administrative services, security and resource protection, disaster preparedness, recreational activities, family and transient housing, and airmen dormitory and dining facilities. Other responsibilities include the upkeep of all base buildings, facilities and infrastructures, environment protection, energy conservation and base communications.

The 47th Medical Group provides health care services to Laughlin AFB’s military personnel and DOD beneficiaries.

The 47th Operations Group is responsible for training U.S. Air Force and allied nations pilots under the specialized undergraduate pilot training program. The group provides management, control, and standardization and evaluations of all aspects of flying training operations, aircraft maintenance and airfield management at Laughlin AFB.

The maintenance directorate is responsible for furnishing quality aircraft, support and services to its customers. The directorate’s seven divisions provide organizational functions as well as intermediate-level aircraft maintenance.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around San Antonio and South Texas chapter on Page 48 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at San Antonio International Airport, about 156 miles from the base. Transportation is not provided to the base.

SPONSORSHIP

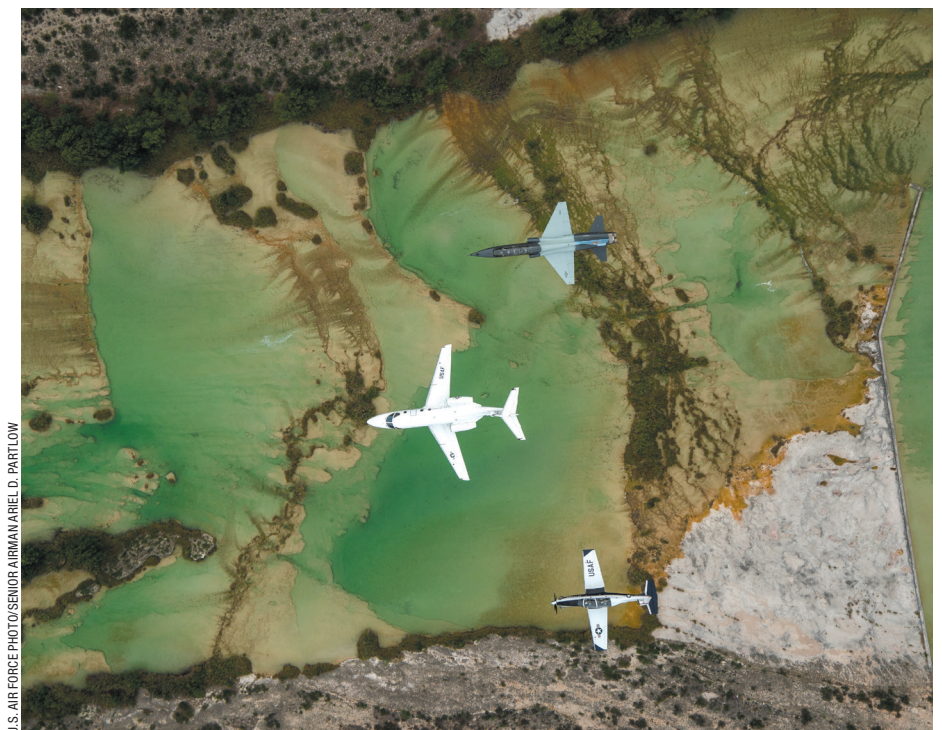
Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at Laughlin AFB.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don’t PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Laughlin AFB. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit or call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 830-298-5620.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations, unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.



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Bus Service from San Antonio

Bus service is available from San Antonio (downtown bus station) to the Del Rio bus terminal. Travel time is about three and a half hours. Call Greyhound at 210-270-5868 or Kerrville Bus Co. at 800-256-2757 for schedules and costs, or coordinate travel arrangements with your sponsor.

Driving from Central Texas

For the route through central Texas, take U.S. Highway 277 southwest from San Angelo to Del Rio, then U.S. Highway 90 east to the base. Laughlin is 8 miles east of Del Rio. The front gate on U.S. 90 is open 24/7.

Driving from the West

The best route from the west is Interstate 10 east through El Paso to Van Horn, then drop southeast on U.S. Highway 90 from Van Horn to Laughlin AFB. The front gate on U.S. 90 is open 24/7.

From San Antonio International Airport

Laughlin AFB is 156 miles west of San Antonio via U.S. Highway 90. The front gate on U.S. 90 is open 24/7.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Military Personnel Section

Building 246, 427 Liberty Drive... 830-298-5276
www.laughlinfss.com/military-personnel

When you arrive at the base, you must inprocess with Military Personnel Section customer service office. Bring all personnel, medical and financial records with you. When you inprocess with the Military Personnel Section, you will be given an appointment to attend the Newcomers

Orientation. If you arrive during nonduty hours, on a weekend or holiday and need assistance, go to the 24-hour arrival point at Laughlin Manor in Building 454.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training or Awaiting Pilot Training students, as well as reserve, Guard and foreign exchange student pilots must take their inprocessing documents to the transition office before inprocessing at the Military Personnel Section. This is to ensure student inprocessing has been completed before Laughlin inprocessing. The transition office is in Building 320, Room A133. Call 830-298-5211 for more information.

Newcomers Orientation

The Newcomers Orientation ensures new personnel and their spouses obtain personal assistance through welcome and relocation services. The orientation provides inprocessing briefings and information about the base and community. The event is mandatory for military members; spouses and new civilian employees are also encouraged to attend.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Laughlin Manor

Building 454, Fourth Street and Arnold Boulevard..... 830-298-5741
<http://af.dodlodging.net/properties/Laughlin-AFB>

Laughlin Manor provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for incoming personnel and their families who are being assigned to Laughlin AFB. Amenities include cable TV, coffee makers, microwaves and refrigerators. Pet-friendly units are available. For current

rates and booking information, visit the DOD lodging website.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

47th Medical Group

Building 375, 590 Mitchell Blvd.
 Appointments..... 830-298-6333
 Pharmacy..... 830-298-6451/6453/6234
www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/MTF/Laughlin

The 47th Medical Group provides medical, dental and aeromedical services in support of Laughlin's specialized undergraduate pilot training mission and ensures medical readiness for wartime and other worldwide contingencies. The group is also responsible for the health care of more than 3,300 DOD beneficiaries. To that end, the group provides a wealth of medical services that include aerospace physiology, family health, flight medicine, immunizations, lab testing, mental health care, optometry, pediatrics and radiology.

Dental care services are dedicated to the oral care of military service members. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Housing Management Office

8550 Edwards St. 830-298-5732/5733
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Laughlin

The Laughlin AFB Housing Management Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Laughlin AFB, visit the office for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

419 Fourth St. 830-298-5213
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Laughlin

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each airman is provided with a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Room arrangements may vary depending on location. Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service will move into housing in the local community.

Permanent-party unaccompanied housing consists of 1+1 room configurations. Rooms are furnished with a queen-sized bed, desk with chair, five-drawer chest, end table, refrigerator and



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microwave. Dorm amenities include dayrooms, game or theater rooms, laundry rooms and more.

Laughlin Family Housing

8550 Edwards St. 830-298-1701
www.laughlinfamilyhousing.com

Hunt Companies owns the family housing and maintains, repairs and manages the Laughlin AFB family housing community. Military personnel can opt to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease with Hunt, though they may also rent or purchase housing in the local community. There are no application or deposit fees and an on-site maintenance team is available around the clock to resolve problems.

The Hunt Military Community is comparable to housing off base but offers many amenities and support services, such as community events that provide residents of all ages with free, fun and educational events and activities. Community features include clubhouses, playgrounds, a soccer field, tennis courts, picnic areas, a self-help facility, and miles of walking and jogging paths.

Those who choose to live in the community will sign a tenant lease agreement, typically for a one-year term, that includes a military clause and a lease termination clause. You pay your monthly rent by authorizing an allotment of your BAH to pay the housing office. If you move before the allotment start date, you will pay a prorated amount directly to the office. The tenant lease agreement will spell out the rent payment terms and conditions.

MAIL

Official Mail Center

Building 257, 477 Fourth St. 830-298-4310

The official mail center on base provides mail services to base agencies, processes administrative communication for on-base distribution and off-base transmission, and delivers personal mail to enlisted dorm residents.

If you plan to live in the dormitory permanently, ask your sponsor about requesting a mailbox in advance or use the general delivery address:

- Your name and rank
- General Delivery
- Mail Room
- Laughlin AFB, TX 78843

Postal drop boxes are situated throughout Laughlin AFB for mail with prepaid shipping. If you need shipping labels or certified or insured mail services, visit the local post office. To find the post office nearest you, visit www.usps.com.

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE

Official site: www.laughlin.af.mil
 47th Force Support Squadron: www.laughlinservices.com

DIGITAL GUIDE



<https://mybaseguide.com/installation/laughlin-afb/>



Mobile App

www.mbgapp.com

Download the free MyBaseGuide app to your mobile device and find more information about local health care, education, housing and recreational activities on the Around Town tab for Laughlin Air Force Base.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook

www.fb.com/LaughlinAirForceBase



Twitter

www.twitter.com/LaughlinAFB

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information that should not be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Base Chapel

583 Fifth St. 830-298-5111
www.fb.com/47chaplaincorps

The U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps is dedicated to preserving your right to worship. Chapel staff and faith community leaders work hard to provide a comprehensive spiritual and religious program for the base community. If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, they will do their best to assist you.

Chaplains offer various types of counseling and seminars covering premarital, marital, religious, stress, grief and loss issues. All counseling sessions are covered by privileged communication.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicles must be registered at the Security Forces pass and ID section in Building 139, 355 Colorado Drive. You will need your state vehicle registration, driver's license, proof of insurance and a government ID card.

Texas state traffic laws apply on base; see the Getting To & Around San Antonio and South Texas chapter on Page 48 for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving base are subject to search.

SERVING YOU DINING

Cactus Lanes Bowling Center

Building 357, Fifth Street 830-298-5526

Club XL

Building 472, Seventh Street 830-298-5139

The Fit Bar (Fitness Center)

Building 362, Mitchell Boulevard
 830-298-4640

Silver Wings

Building 308, Barnes Street 830-298-5661

Stripes

Building 253, Fourth Street..... 830-298-5295

For hours, menus and special event information, visit www.laughlinfss.com.

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205 New B Street East Universal City, TX 78148



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EDUCATION

Education Center

Building 221, 201 Mitchell Boulevard
 830-298-5520
www.laughlinfss.com/education-center

The Education Center provides educational opportunities and counseling services to members of the Laughlin AFB community. The office has information and resources for military tuition assistance, CLEP and DSST exams, the Community College of the Air Force, professional military education, enlisted commissioning programs and more. On-base college programs include Embry-Riddle University (<http://erau.edu>) and Park University (www.park.edu).

FAMILY SUPPORT

Airman & Family Readiness Center

Building 362, Mitchell Boulevard
 830-298-5620
www.laughlinfss.com/airman-and-family-readiness-center

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is a one-stop information and referral center and the cornerstone of the Laughlin family support system that helps airmen and their families improve their readiness and quality of life.

Programs and services include information and referral resources, personal and work life resources, mobilization and deployment readiness, employment and career support, economic

readiness and support, disaster response, Air Force Wounded Warrior resources and the school liaison office.

The center serves active-duty military, Guard and reserve members, retired military, civilian employees and their family members. All services are free.

Child Development Center

Building 476, Lee Street 830-298-5419
<https://www.laughlinfss.com/child-development-center>

The Child Development Center offers quality care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. Programs include full-time weekly care, hourly care and a part-day enrichment program for children 3 to 5 years of age. The center provides a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, cognitive, language and physical development of youngsters. The center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 375, 590 Mitchell Blvd.
 830-298-6571

The EFMP program helps eligible military families who have exceptional medical or educational needs to obtain the services they require and makes sure those services can continue if the families are reassigned. The goals are to increase family self-sufficiency and improve each family's ability to advocate for itself. The

program provides information and referral services and is mandatory for those eligible for enrollment.

Family Child Care

..... 830-298-5031/5419
www.laughlinfss.com

Family Child Care in individual homes provides an alternative to Child Development Center care for families that need evening or weekend care; care during swing and midnight shifts; or care for children with special needs, infants or school-age children.

The program is an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for their own children as well.

Family Child Care providers are well-trained, certified and undergo a thorough background check. Their homes are inspected for fire safety, health, safety and other requirements.

School Liaison Office

Building 362, Mitchell Boulevard
 830-298-5620
www.laughlinfss.com/airman-and-family-readiness-center

The school liaison office links Laughlin AFB families with public and private schools. Parental deployments, frequent moves, returns, departures and uncertainties place unusual stresses on the military child, and the school liaison office provides support during all stages of transition to ensure that children receive every opportunity for quality education.

Youth Center

Building 390, 652 Mitchell Blvd.
 830-298-5343
www.laughlinfss.com/youth-center

Youth Programs provide activities for school-age youth. The youth center offers a wide range of educationally enhanced programs, classes and events, providing a safe and fun environment supervised by caring and well-trained staff. Programs include school-age care, a youth sponsorship program for incoming youth, summer camps, sports tournaments, and social events like dances and movie nights.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Border Federal Credit Union

Building 341, 583 Liberty Drive .. 830-774-2328
www.borderfcu.com

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Building 338, 561 Liberty Drive
 830-298-5172

Legal assistance is available for a range of civil legal issues such as family law, consumer



or financial matters, wills and estates, powers of attorney and immigration. Visit the Air Force Legal Assistance website at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil> to review basic information on legal assistance topics that commonly affect military members and to fill out online legal worksheets prior to a visit to the legal office for expedited service.

LIBRARY

Building 223, 201 Mitchell Blvd.
 830-298-5119
www.laughlinfss.com/library

The library is a peaceful place on base where you can escape to read, research or meditate. Its collection consists of internet-connected computers; Wi-Fi access; adult, young adult and children's books; DVDs; CDs; audiobooks; downloadable e-books, e-audiobooks and digital magazines; periodicals and newspapers; and research databases. Interlibrary loan is also available. Library programs include story time for babies and children, game nights, reading programs and more. Visit the website for information on upcoming events.

RECREATION

For detailed information about the recreational programs at Laughlin AFB, visit the 47th Force Support Squadron online at www.laughlinfss.com.

Auto Craft Center

Building 525, Arnold Boulevard ... 830-298-5844
www.laughlinfss.com/auto-craft-center

The Auto Craft Center has all the tools you need for do-it-yourself auto maintenance. If you'd rather leave it to the pros, the center's mechanics can help with tire balancing and mounting, transmission flushes, oil changes and brake inspections. If you want to sell your car on base, the center has information on the used car resale lot. A car wash can be found behind the center, as well.

Bowling Center

Building 357, Fifth Street..... 830-298-5526
www.laughlinfss.com/cactus-lanes-bowling-center-2

Strike up family fun at the Cactus Lanes Bowling Center. The center offers breakfast,

lunch and dinner menus as well as bowling leagues and specials all year.

Community Commons

Building 362, Mitchell Boulevard
 830-298-5562
www.laughlinfss.com/outdoor-recreation

The Community Commons is home to the ITT office, Junior Flyer's Club and community center. Children age 5 and younger can enjoy play fixtures and interactive games at the Junior Flyer's Club. The community center hosts fun events and has board games, game consoles and video games, and other electronics that you can check out for free.

Fitness Center

Building 362, Mitchell Boulevard
 830-298-5251
www.laughlinfss.com/fitness-center

The Losano Fitness Center features cardio and weight lifting equipment, aerobics classes, saunas, a family fitness room and an indoor pool. There are also basketball and racquetball courts, sports fields, indoor and outdoor running tracks, and sports equipment rentals. Base personnel can sign up for 24-hour access at the center.



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Frame Shop

Building 540, Liberty Avenue 830-298-5153
www.laughlinfss.com/frame-shop

The frame shop can provide expertise, frames, mats, prints and posters, and arts and crafts resources as well as classes, engraving, self-help framing, gifts and awards.

Golf Course

Building 494, Arnold Boulevard. 830-298-5451
www.laughlinfss.com/golf-course

The nine-hole Leaning Pine Golf Course has two sets of tees, a driving range, a putting green, a locker room, golf carts, pull carts, beverages, snacks and a pro shop for all your golfing needs.

Tee times for weekends and holidays can be reserved on Wednesday for active-duty military and on Thursday for others. All other play is first come, first served during the week. Visit the course's website for information on tournaments and golf specials.

Horse Stables and Saddle Club

Off Kelly Drive, across from Stillman Park
 830-298-5830
www.laughlinfss.com/outdoor-recreation

The Laughlin Saddle Club and horse stables offer boarding for privately owned horses of active-duty military members, retirees and DOD civilians. The facilities are for English, Western, jumping and Gymkhana and have stalls, tack and feed rooms, an outdoor arena, a round pen, a quarantine area and parking for horse trailers.

Visit the stables website for more information on fees and requirements.

Information, Tickets & Travel

Building 362, Mitchell Boulevard
 830-298-5830
www.laughlinfss.com/outdoor-recreation

ITT offers discounted tickets for admission to local sporting events, shows and attractions like SeaWorld and Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

The office also has discounted tickets for popular national attractions like Disney and Universal Studios.

Outdoor Recreation

Building 540, Liberty Drive 830-298-5830
www.laughlinfss.com/outdoor-recreation

Outdoor Recreation's multitude of services and adventures includes local area trips, bike tire treatment, a bouldering wall, a disc golf course, a trap and skeet range, horse stables, a boat and trailer storage lot, FamCamp, water recreation courses and UPS shipping. The center also rents equipment for camping, sports and parties, as well as inflatables, holiday costumes and trailers. Visit the website for downloadable brochures on what's available and about hunting on base.

Southwinds Marina

1522 Marina Access Road
 Del Rio, TX 78840 830-775-7800
www.laughlinfss.com/marina

Southwinds Marina on Lake Amistad, about 30 miles northwest of the base, offers water

activities and trips and rents marine equipment from tubes to ski boats. Lodging is available and includes tent sites, RV trailers and campsites, and cabins.

SHOPPING

Commissary

Building 352, 574 Fifth St. 830-298-5822
www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary.

Exchange

www.shopmyexchange.com

The Laughlin AFB exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. Its price-match program guarantees you the lowest prices in town. Hours of operation for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.

Main Exchange

Building 540, Arnold Boulevard
 830-298-2111

Food Court

Subway no phone

Services

Barbershop 830-298-0870
 Beauty Salon 830-298-0390
 Military Clothing 830-298-2111

Other Facilities

Express with Service Station, Building 115
 830-298-3867



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Welcome

to San Antonio and South Texas

NAMED FOR SAINT ANTHONY of Padua, San Antonio is the seat of Bexar County in south Texas. It is about 75 miles southwest of Austin, Texas' capital; 190 miles west of Houston; and 250 miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in the U.S. It encompasses more than 460 square miles, and more than 1.5 million people call the city home. Often called "Military City USA," San Antonio has one of the nation's largest active and retired military populations. Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is one of the Army's oldest installations and is home to many historic buildings.

The Alamo, San Antonio's first mission, served as a way station between east Texas and Mexico for a century before it fell in the Battle of the Alamo. Fiesta, San Antonio's signature event, is 11 days long in April. It originally commemorated the victory over the Mexican army in the Texas Revolution but has since grown to be inclusive of the diverse local cultures. Today, the Alamo is the Shrine of Texas Liberty — often

considered a must-see for most visitors and newcomers. But the Alamo is only one of five historic missions in San Antonio.

At San Antonio Missions National Historic Park, south of downtown, visitors can catch a glimpse of colonial days and the Spanish influence in the early 1700s at one of the four other missions Spanish explorers established along the San Antonio River. Parishes within the missions remain active with church services, weddings and funerals connecting the past and the present.

With more than 300 days of sunshine annually, San Antonio boasts a mild climate year-round. Nearly 50 miles of developed greenway trails that connect parks along the Salado and Leon creeks and the San Antonio and Medina rivers offer residents a slew of outdoor recreation options. San Pedro Springs Park, the second-oldest municipal park in the nation, features the McFarlin Tennis Center and a pool surrounded by overhanging Cypress trees that provide ample shade. San Antonians play a lot of golf — there are more than 50 golf courses in the city.

San Antonio is on the southern edge of the Texas Hill Country. Many of the nearby towns were settled by German and Eastern European immigrants when Texas was freshly independent from Mexico. The Hill Country today has a unique culture that blends traditions, cuisine and architecture — from the old-world charm of New Braunfels to "Cowboy Capital of the World" Bandera.

From missions to museums, the local history, art, architecture, music and outdoor spaces display a blend of Mexican-American traditions, Spanish heritage and Texas pride that converge in modern San Antonio.

HISTORY

Before the establishment of the Spanish missions, Native American tribes had long been associated with the San Antonio area. Coahuiltecas were hunters and gathers ranging throughout south Texas and northeastern Mexico, following the seasonal availability of food. Conflicts between the Coahuiltecas and

Spaniards are documented beginning in the 16th century. For the Spaniards, the acculturation of Native Americans was a major means for securing their claim to vast lands in North America. With few soldiers or settlers, Spain's claim to these areas in the face of encroachment by France and England depended on the success of the missions. Presidios, a system of frontier military outposts, were established near the missions to protect Spain's expanding territory.

San Antonio de Bexar under Spain and Mexico

Spanish expeditions in 1691 and 1709 explored the area and named the San Antonio River and San Pedro Creek. Beginning in 1718, five Spanish missions were established near the head of the river to evangelize the Native Americans of the region. In 1718, San Antonio de Bexar Presidio was founded. Early the next year, the king of Spain approved the Marques de San Miguel de Aguayo's proposal to transport families from the Canary Islands to populate the province of Texas. By March 1731, 15 families arrived and the villa of San Fernando de Bexar was founded between the San Antonio River and San Pedro Creek, east of the presidio. It was the first chartered civilian settlement in Texas and served as the provincial capital from 1773 to 1824.

Native Americans were relatively willing recruits for the missionaries as their population had been decimated by European diseases and they faced an ongoing struggle against encroaching nomadic tribes from the north and south. The natives found food and refuge in the missions in exchange for a strictly regulated mission life that included their labor and their submission to religious conversion.

Increasing hostility from the mission natives' traditional enemies, the Apache, and later the Comanche, coupled with inadequate military support caused the communities to retreat behind walls. In 1792, all missions were closed by order of the Spanish government, and in 1793 the abandoned Mission San Antonio de Valero, later called the Alamo, became a barracks for Spanish soldiers from Alamo de Parras, Mexico.

From 1811 through the mid-1830s, political and military upheavals hindered growth in San Fernando, and when hostilities between Texas and the Mexican government erupted in 1835, it became a base of operations and battlegrounds in the siege of Bexar in December and the battle of the Alamo in March 1836.

Era of Texas Independence and Early Statehood

From 1836 to 1845 the city was a part of the Republic of Texas until Texas was annexed into

the Union. In 1837, San Fernando was renamed San Antonio and became the seat of Bexar County. The Mexican War (1845 to 1848) led to Mexico ceding Texas, California, New Mexico and most of Arizona to the United States for \$18.25 million. After Texas entered the union in 1845, San Antonio grew as a servicing and distribution center for the western movement of the United States.

San Antonio During the Civil War and Reconstruction

Texas had been a part of the United States for 15 years before Texas formally seceded March 2, 1861, and like the rest of the country, it was divided with conflict and controversy. Some Texans supported the Union — Gov. Sam Houston refused to declare loyalty to the Confederacy. He was removed from office by the Texas secession convention.

In 1861, a local militia forced the surrender of the federal arsenal at San Antonio even before the state seceded. San Antonio then served as a Confederate depot, and several Confederate units were formed.

San Antonio Becomes a Modern City

After the Civil War, San Antonio was the southern hub and supplier for the cattle trail drives. It was the starting point for the Chisholm



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LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chamber's online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

602 E. Commerce St.
San Antonio, TX 78205.....210-229-2100
www.sachamber.org

Trail, a cattle route from Texas to Kansas. The cattlemen who drove the longhorns north to Kansas railheads launched the legend of the American cowboy. The city prospered, serving the border region and the Southwest as a center for distribution, merchants and the military. In 1873, John Dobbin was appointed marshal and transformed the police force from a frontier, cowboy-type group into an organized, uniformed police department.

When barbed wire was introduced to San Antonio in 1876, its widespread use led to "fence cutting" and range wars. Fort Sam Houston was established in 1876. Railroad service reached the city in 1877, and street car operations began too. Two years later, Western Union brought telephone service to San Antonio, and in 1883, electricity was extended to the city center. Automobiles began to arrive in San Antonio by 1899. The Gunter Hotel in San Antonio served as headquarters in Texas for the construction of the southern transcontinental highway named Old Spanish Trail during the 1920s.

The 20th century brought more military bases to greater San Antonio, with a strong Air Force presence. San Antonio celebrated its 250th birthday in 1968 when it held the World's Fair, HemisFair '68. The Tower of the Americas was the theme structure of the fair, and today it is among the tallest observation towers in the U.S. with a lounge and revolving restaurant at the top.

DEL RIO

Lying 156 miles west of San Antonio along U.S. Highway 90 is Del Rio, Texas, home of Laughlin Air Force Base. Del Rio is the county seat of Val Verde County and just a heartbeat from the international Amistad Reservoir, shared with Mexico, and the Amistad National Recreation Area. Del Rio connects

with its neighbor, Ciudad Acuna in Coahuila, Mexico, by two border crossings: the Del Rio-Ciudad Acuna International Bridge and the Lake Amistad Dam International Crossing. Del Rio lies in the Gulf Coastal Plains of Texas, a remote region near the Rio Grande.

The Del Rio region is semiarid, with a mix of desert shrub and steppe vegetation, depending on soil type, with several acacias, cacti and grama grasses as the dominant flora. Summers are long, hot and frequently humid, when daytime temperatures typically reach into the upper 90s or higher.

What began as Laughlin Army Air Field in March 1943 was renamed Laughlin Air Force Base in 1952. Today, it is an Air Education and Training Command installation and the U.S. Air Force's biggest pilot training base. The base has 1,387 active-duty military, 1,032 civilians, 1,268 family members, 72 reservists, 32 foreign student pilots and 267 contractors who live and work on and around the base.

SAFETY

State of Texas

Division of Emergency Management

.....512-424-2208
<https://tdem.texas.gov>

The Texas Division of Emergency Management coordinates the state emergency management program, which ensures the state and its local governments respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters and implement plans and programs to help prevent or lessen the impact of emergencies and disasters. The division manages programs to increase public awareness about threats and hazards, coordinates emergency planning, provides an extensive array of specialized training for emergency responders and local officials, and administers disaster recovery and hazard mitigation programs in the State of Texas.

Visit the division's website for information about drought, wildfires, hurricanes, floods and other preparedness education.

City of San Antonio

Office of Emergency Management

.....210-206-8580
www.saoemprepare.com

San Antonio's emergency management office coordinates activities of the city departments responsible for continued operations during disasters, coordinates agreements for the use of resources, coordinates agreements for the use of resources, communicates with state and federal agencies, and provides education and training to citizens and municipal employees.

Visit the office's web site at www.saoemprepare.com/BeInformed for more information about natural disasters, pandemics, terrorist hazards, recovering from disasters and more.

Bexar County

Office of Emergency Management

.....210-206-8760
www.bexar.org/672/Office-of-Emergency-Management

The county's emergency management team manages partnerships of local government, emergency services, private sector and volunteer agencies to save lives, protect property and reduce the effects of disasters through preparedness, prevention, planning, response and recovery activities.

Visit the office's web site at www.bexar.org/678/Preparedness for educational information, such as how to build an emergency supply kit and actions residents can take when facing severe weather, pandemics, technological hazards and other emergencies.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The area's main climate influences are tropical and desert; it lies near the western edge of the humid subtropical climate zone. The temperature has mild fluctuations from summer to winter, and humidity varies depending on the winds. The average annual temperature is 69 degrees. July and August are usually the warmest months of the year with an average maximum temperature of 95 degrees. Most precipitation falls in the late spring or early fall. During the winter, the area experiences a few subfreezing nights but snow is rare.

Local Hazards

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

The city of San Antonio and Bexar County work with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to strengthen local and national security. Go to www.readysouthtexas.gov to learn about potential threats and how to prepare for the unexpected. Explore www.saoemprepare.com to learn about the local hazards and what to do before, during and after an emergency.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.





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Getting To & Around

San Antonio and South Texas

FOR THOSE FLYING, SAN Antonio is served by one of the largest airports in the state and its major carriers. San Antonio is also served by ample public transportation with an extensive metro-area bus line.

The metropolitan area is connected to other parts of Texas by several interstates and highways. Most people traveling in the region choose to use automobiles, and in-state day trips to Austin, Dallas and beyond are easy to plan.

Though served by several U.S. highways, Del Rio lies in a remote region of Texas near the Rio Grande. The city is 156 miles from San Antonio on U.S. Highway 90.

AIRPORT

San Antonio International Airport

9800 Airport Blvd.

San Antonio, TX 78216210-207-3433

www.sanantonio.gov/sat

San Antonio International Airport sits just northeast of downtown San Antonio, less than 30 minutes from the Joint Base San Antonio

installations. Owned and operated by the city of San Antonio, it is the fifth-largest airport in the state, serving more than 8 million passengers annually. Major carriers include Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines.

Ground transportation includes city buses, taxis, shuttles, rental cars, limousines and more. Shuttles provide transportation to the rental car center in Terminal A, where there are 13 rental car companies to choose from.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

VIA Metropolitan Transit

1021 San Pedro

San Antonio, TX 78212210-362-2020

www.viainfo.net

The VIA Metropolitan Transit system provides bus service throughout the San Antonio metro area from 4 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. There are 6,896 bus stops along 92 bus routes, which are divided into five service categories: frequent, metro, express, skip and downtown circulator.

The VIA's service area is 1,213 square miles, which is 98 percent of Bexar County, providing nearly 36.1 million passenger trips in 2019.

For information on fares, route maps and the system's service area, visit the VIA website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

San Antonio is a hub of several major interstates and highways, connecting to cities large and small across the state and nation.

Interstate 10 runs east and west, its arteries routing drivers to Phoenix and Los Angeles as well as to Houston and New Orleans.

Two major interstates run north and south, with Interstate 35 linking northward to Dallas and Oklahoma City and Interstate 37 heading south to Corpus Christi on the Gulf of Mexico.

Interstate 410, commonly called Loop 410, does just that: provides a 53-mile beltway around the city.

Major freeways include U.S. Highway 87, east-west U.S. Highway 90, U.S. Highway 281, State Highway 151 and the outer State Loop 1604.

The Texas Department of Transportation has a wealth of resources concerning roadways and inclement weather; sharing the road with motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians; traffic cams; carpools; driver education and safety; and much more. Go online to www.txdot.gov and choose your topic.

The department's San Antonio District offers information about area construction projects, traffic jam coalitions and more at 210-615-1110 and online at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/san-antonio.html.

Texas Department of Public Safety

7410 Huebner Road
 Leon Valley, TX 78240 210-531-1000
 1258 Babcock Road
 San Antonio, TX 78201 210-737-1911
 1803 S. General McMullen
 San Antonio, TX 78226 210-436-6611
 6502 S. New Braunfels Ave.
 San Antonio, TX 78223 210-531-2241
 1633 Pat Booker Road
 Universal City, TX 78148 210-945-1900
www.dps.texas.gov

The Texas Department of Public Safety issues driver's licenses and identification cards and provides other driving-related services. Schedule an appointment at its nearest office and find many of the required forms and general information at www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense.

Driver's Licenses

Active-duty military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Texas from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all Texas residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its Texas Driver Handbook, which can be downloaded at www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/dl-7.pdf.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are handled by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Find information, including DMV forms, requests for driving records and more specifically geared toward

members of the military at www.txdmv.gov/motorists/for-our-troops.

Distracted Driving

San Antonio law prohibits any motorists from holding cellphones to make calls, text, use email, access the internet, play games, as well as other uses of the device. The law also bars drivers from using smartphones and similar devices while temporarily stopped in traffic, as in at a red light.

Texas places no restrictions on adult drivers' use of personal electronics but does bar drivers under age 18 from using wireless communication devices.

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

4000 Jackson Ave.
 Austin, TX 78731 888-368-4689
www.txdmv.gov

Texas Department of Transportation

www.txdot.gov
 Visit the Texas Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, and to view live traffic cameras.



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Housing & Real Estate

in San Antonio and South Texas

NESTLED IN THE HEART of south-central Texas, San Antonio has gone from the sleepy Spanish mission whose fall galvanized Texican revolutionaries to the seventh-biggest U.S. city, an international mix of heady glitz and down-home hospitality. The influences of Native Americans, Old Mexico, Germans, the Wild West, African-Americans and the Deep South can be seen and felt in the city's rich history and bright future.

The second-largest metropolis in Texas — only Houston has more people — the Alamo city is a bustling hive of business, culture, sports, transportation and media. A high quality of life paired with a relatively low cost of living makes San Antonio attractive both to go-getters and retirees.

In 2010, under orders from the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, the Army's Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph Air Force Base consolidated into Joint Base San Antonio. Supporting almost 400,000 people, JBSA is the largest single

DOD installation, and just under 108,000 veterans live in the community. Approximately 150 miles away, Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio supports several thousand active-duty service members, civilians, family members, contractors and veterans in the area.

Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Texas Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and services. Visit www.texasrealestate.com to find expert and professional services for those who'd like to buy their new home.

SAN ANTONIO

In 2019, the city had an estimated 1.5 million residents, according to the U.S. Census, with a total of 2.4 million people calling the extended metropolitan area home. Between 2014 and 2015, the city added almost 30,000 people, making it the fourth-fastest-growing

U.S. metropolis. Population density in San Antonio was 2,473 per square mile in 2010,

the census found. The city sits on about 460 square miles of land and enjoys a humid subtropical climate, with mild winters and hot, muggy summers. The year's coldest month usually is January (average low 38.6 degrees), the warmest, July or August (average high just under 95 degrees), and the annual average temperature is just a shade over 69 degrees. The city is 74 miles southwest of Austin, the Texas capital. Area elevation is 772 feet, the highest point being Mount Smith at 1,892 feet, where the Edwards Plateau lifts the northeast part of Bexar County.

The city is divided into 10 council districts and organized by a council-manager form of government. Each district elects a representative to the council, with the mayor chosen in a citywide vote. The council functions as the city's legislative body and hires the city manager, who oversees day-to-day operations and executes council ordinances.

For everyday recreation, the city's Parks and Recreation Department maintains 235 public

parks and other facilities, including a sunken garden theater, a wilderness park known for rare birds and terrestrial orchids, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, gymnasiums, historic cemeteries, sports facilities, recreation centers, the Japanese Tea Garden, and a botanical garden and conservatory. More than 15,338 acres of parkland are laced with 150-plus miles of walking, hiking and biking trails. Learn more about the city's network of facilities and find those close to you at www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec.

For information about city services, go to its website, www.sanantonio.gov.

San Antonio gives newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. The median gross rent was \$958 and median selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage were \$1,351 in 2019, the census calculated. Mean travel time to work in 2019 was about 24 minutes.

Following are some of San Antonio's better-known neighborhoods.

Downtown

The heart of the city, San Antonio's downtown is a popular destination for tourists and locals visiting the Alamo; the Tower of the Americas; the River Walk; the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and Rivercenter Mall; La Villita Historic Arts District; the San Antonio Public Library, called "Mexican Modernist" by historians and "Enchilada Red" by locals; and HemisFair Park, site of 1968's World's Fair. Downtown, the 1929 landmark Majestic Empire Theater with its extravagant design and canopy of twinkling stars hosts national touring acts, musical theater and dance companies all year long.

Midtown

Midtown's neighborhoods range from working-class Beacon Hill (Victorian) to hustling Five Points to upper-middle-class Monte Vista (French Eclectic, Neoclassical and Italian Renaissance), and divide Downtown from Alamo Heights. The old Pearl Brewery is here, now reincarnated as a multi-use property of apartments, restaurants, retailers and businesses and a twice-weekly farmers market, as are Trinity University and historic Temple Beth-El.

Alamo Heights

Bordered by Olmos Basin Park and its path-lined creek, this section of San Antonio is in the north-central corridor, 4.5 miles north of downtown. Highlights include the McNay Art Museum, first modern art museum in Texas; the Witte Museum; Brackenridge Park and the San Antonio Zoo; the Botanical Gardens; the San

Antonio Country Club and Quarry Golf Club; and the Japanese Tea Garden.

South Side

This art-heavy area just south of downtown embraces the King William Historic District atop old irrigated farmland that once fed the Mission San Antonio de Valero — better known as the Alamo — to the north. By the late 1800s, prosperous German families were moving in, building imposing homes in Greek Revival, Italianate and Victorian styles. Restoration began in earnest in the 1950s, and now the whole area is on the National Register of Historic Places. Many residents enjoy the trails and picnic spots of the Medina River Recreation Area.

Northeast Side

The suburban Northeast Side is the region closest to Randolph Air Force Base and comprises the suburbs of Schertz, Converse, Universal City, Selma, Kirby, Windcrest and Live Oak. School districts serving this side of the city include Judson, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City and North East. Northeast Side also houses The Forum, one of the state's largest shopping centers with almost 70 stores, and Rolling Oaks Mall.

Northwest Side

Northwest Side holds neighborhoods, suburbs, businesses and institutions, among them the main campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Also in Northwest is the Medical Center District, with its South Texas Medical Center hospital and research district. Smaller divisions include the Bluemel Road, Oak Hills, Mockingbird Hill and Cinnamon Creek neighborhoods, along with notable parks such as Denman Estate Park and the jogging path through the San Antonio Medical Center District, the San Antonio Medical Foundation Trail.

Inner West Side and Far West Side

Inner West Side was one of the first neighborhoods within the city's original 36 miles and has a mix of modest mostly two- and three-bedroom homes dating from the early 1900s and post-WWII. The historic Our Lady of the Lake University with its soaring spires, St. Mary's University and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower are landmarks.

Much of Far West Side lies beyond San Antonio's city limits but is served by Bexar County, and with homes starting in the low- to



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mid-\$100,000s and proximity to JBSA-Lackland, it has increasingly drawn middle-class families and first-time home buyers to make it one of the fastest-growing areas in the metropolis. Christus Santa Rosa Hospital & Westover Hills serves the area.

DEL RIO

The pretty, pleasant city of Del Rio is in what is historically one of the most colorful parts of Texas.

Arid Val Verde County, with its broken ground so suited for ambushes, proximity to the Mexican border, solitary ranches and isolated springs bubbling up from the Edwards-Trinity aquifer, had the U.S. military already taking an interest by 1846, just as the Republic of Texas became a state. By 1852, the Army maintained a string of posts and forts from Fort Brown (now Brownsville, Texas) northwest to Fort Clark at Las Moras Springs east of Del Rio, where the government's southern route to the California gold rush, the El Paso Road, crossed a Comanche raiding trail.

In 1868, settlers established a community, San Felipe Del Rio, on San Felipe Creek near the Fort Clark garrison. The post office for what was now "Del Rio" opened in 1872, the first

school started with 15 students in 1874, and the Episcopal diocese built the first church there in 1884, though a tornado blew it away almost immediately.

In 1883, the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway came, and with easy access, so did more settlers. Sheep and cattle ranching were and remain important, though Angora goats also thrive on the rugged land, and the oldest stand-alone bull-riding event in the world, George Paul Memorial Bullriding, pays tribute to the region's Western heritage.

Two lakes from dammed-up waters of the Devils River, built in the 1920s for power and recreation, were submerged by the 89,000-acre Amistad Reservoir and Dam slung across the Rio Grande 12 miles northwest of Del Rio in 1969. Today, Amistad Reservoir, jointly owned by the United States and Mexico, draws boating, fishing, swimming, scuba diving and water-skiing enthusiasts year-round.

The county seat of Val Verde County, Del Rio — just across the Rio Grande from its sister city, Ciudad Acuña, Mexico — had a little less than 36,000 residents in 2019. Of those, 2,262 were veterans, the census says. The 20.2 square miles occupied by the city lie on the northwestern fringes of the South Texas brush country, semiarid

in moisture, with hot and humid summers. Winter snow or freezing rain are surprising enough to raise comment. July and August are the hottest months (average high 97 degrees), December and January the coldest (average low 41 degrees) and the average annual temperature is 70.5 degrees. Population density in 2010 was 1,766 people per square mile.

Median household income, 2014 to 2018, was \$44,486. Major employers, in addition to Laughlin AFB, include federal agencies, the San Felipe Del Rio School District and Val Verde Regional Medical Center. It doesn't take long to get to work; mean travel time, the census says, is about 18 minutes. On the whole, it's cheaper to live in Del Rio than in much of the rest of the U.S.

Median gross rent was \$648, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage were \$1,184 in 2016, the census said.

The website www.cityofdelrio.com is a good place to start for general information about the city.

Following are some of Del Rio's notable neighborhoods.

San Felipe and South Del Rio

Settlers drawn to limpid San Felipe Creek and its crystalline springs created Del Rio's oldest neighborhoods, where adobe or frame cottages nestle beneath lofty native pecans, oaks and sycamores. This area bounded by the creek is one of the most popular places in the city to live.

Chihuahua

The Chihuahua barrio, another popular place, is also on the south side of town. St. Joseph Church is the heart of the community, with UCO Park another local landmark.

Buena Vista

This neighborhood includes several subdivisions, and the developer nodded to the region's history with a Native American theme. Streets have names like Medicine Bow, Peacepipe, Arrowhead and Tomahawk.

Ceniza Hills

Del Rio's newest subdivision lies on the city's northern rim and is named after ceniza, or Texas purple sage, a silver-leafed plant that bursts into bloom when it's going to rain.

Eastside

Val Verde Regional Medical Center and Star Park both are in Eastside, which got its neighborhood name from East Side Elementary School.

Westside

Westside lies in the northwest part of the city, and its principal feature is Del Rio International Airport, a general aviation airport favored by Air Force student pilots.



PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your



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job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

Find information on tenant's rights, renters insurance, disaster preparedness and more at the Texas Apartment Association's website at www.taa.org/renters.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. Texas Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise

and professional services they need at www.texasrealestate.com.

State Incentive Programs

Texas provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit <http://portal.hud.gov> and select Texas from the "State Info" drop-down menu.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

www.tdhca.state.tx.us

Resources include a first-time home buyer's program, the My First Texas Home Program and the Texas Bootstrap Loan Program. Call 800-792-1119 for home buyer's assistance or 800-525-0657 for general information.

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

www.tsahc.org

In 1994, the Texas Legislature created the nonprofit Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation as a self-sustaining, statewide affordable housing provider. It serves low-income families and other underserved populations without access to conventional financial resources with initiatives such as first-time home buyer grants and other down-payment assistance. Call toll free at 877-508-4611 for home buyer questions or toll free at 888-638-3555 for general questions.



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Employment & Economy

in San Antonio and South Texas

TEXAS HAS NEITHER STATE nor corporate income taxes, is a right-to-work state and prides itself on its business-friendly climate. San Antonio's business culture flourishes in a pro-growth environment (abundant land, energy and tax incentives), a pro-business government that welcomes new business and a large, educated workforce.

Along with Dallas and Houston, San Antonio is part of the region dubbed the "Texas Triangle," with high-tech powerhouse Austin just inside a line drawn between Dallas and San Antonio. According to Texas A&M University's Real Estate Center, the triangle's 60,000 square miles are the state's economic heart where roughly 68 percent of the state's jobs earn 73 percent of its income for 75 percent of the Texas population, or 17 million people.

San Antonio's economy is diversified. It is among the nation's leading centers for cyber-security. In the past 25 years, the local aerospace industry has grown nearly 400 percent

according to the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation.

San Antonio's ability to support solar energy year-round (an average of 220 sunny days per year) and its potential for wind power (on Dec. 20, 2015, winds from a low pressure system supplied 45 percent of the state's electricity needs) make it attractive for the alternative energy industry.

Joint Base San Antonio also is a major employer, encompassing as it does three geographically separated installations. JBSA, the single largest base/enterprise in the Department of Defense, had more than 80,000 employees in 2016.

Tourism and conventions are big business in San Antonio. The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center reopened Jan 26, 2016, after a whopping \$325 million expansion and now has 514,000 square feet of space for exhibits, 86,500 square feet of column-free multipurpose space, 70 meeting rooms, two ballrooms — one of them the largest in Texas — and the Lila Cockrell

Theatre for the performing arts. Conventions bring in millions of dollars in tourism revenues, and the center is expected to rank among the top convention centers in the U.S., with associated employment opportunities. Established tourist draws include, of course, the Alamo Mission (www.thealamo.org), which nearly 3 million visitors tour every year; the San Antonio River Walk (www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com), downtown's meandering path of shops, restaurants, bars and theater; SeaWorld San Antonio (<https://seaworld.com/san-antonio>), a watery theme park that is one of the city's top attractions; and the Six Flags Fiesta Texas (www.sixflags.com/fiestatexas) amusement park.

Ranching and agriculture, the military, retail, the railroad and government entities have been economic drivers in Val Verde County and Del Rio, the county seat, from the beginning, though tourism and manufacturing, or maquiladoras, also are important, given Del Rio's Mexican sister city, Ciudad Acuna, right across the Rio Grande. The mammoth Amistad Reservoir that

divides Mexico and the U.S., and the Amistad National Recreation Area on the U.S. side, also have drawn increasing numbers of vacationers since the Lake Amistad Dam across the Rio Grande was completed in 1969.

Two international crossings carry goods and people between the two nations: the Lake Amistad Dam International Crossing and the Del Rio-Ciudad Acuna International Bridge.

Laughlin Air Force Base is the largest employer in the region; the U.S. Border Patrol also is significant, with two stations and sector headquarters that secure 210 miles along the Rio Grande between the U.S. and Mexico to block passage of drugs and prevent illegal immigration into the U.S. The agents cover Amistad Reservoir and the rugged country surrounding it on the U.S. side and 59,541 square miles of Texas that stretch 300 miles into the interior. The 41 counties in the sector are sparsely populated, dotted with isolated ranches and farms, and the sector is a favored corridor for drug and illegal immigrant smuggling.

Del Rio is one of five U.S. cities with an FBI regional headquarters office, and there is a federal courthouse as well.

The Val Verde Correctional Facility in Del Rio, another major employer, completed its latest expansion in 2007 to 303,543 square feet. The medium security prison can house 1,407 inmates. Its clients are Val Verde County, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Marshals Service, the federal Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Homeland Security — Border Protection.

Other likely regional employment areas are in production, transportation or material moving; construction, extraction and maintenance and repair; management, business and finance; and education.

Del Rio has a geographical advantage over inland cities, what with Ciudad Acuna right across an international bridge that gives access to some 50 factories, or maquiladoras, on the Mexico side. Officials from both cities work together to improve their mutual business environment, and almost 3,000 Del Rio residents cross the bridge daily to jobs in Acuna. Many of these factories operate as twin plants with manufacturing in Ciudad Acuna and offices and shipping operations in Del Rio. Manufacturers include Alcoa, Bendix, Caterpillar, Kimberly-Clark, Toter Inc. and W.E.T. Automotive. Traffic between the two cities has become so intense that leaders from both sides are pushing for another international bridge and a railway spur.

Those dreaming of starting a business or strengthening an existing one can find help at the Sul Ross Rio Grande College Small



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Business Development Center in Del Rio. Part of the South-West Texas Border Small Business Development Center Network, it provides counseling for new business start-ups, loan assistance, pre-venture information, business plans, capital source suggestions, and information on required permits and licenses, filing reports and record keeping. Established businesses can fine-tune operations by using the center's counselors on accounting and records, labor and tax planning, manufacturing, expansions and acquisitions, marketing and sales, international trade, export and import advice, inventory control, debt restructuring and cost management. Call 830-703-4811 for more information.

San Antonio and South Texas are rich in groups dedicated to helping entrepreneurs and small and newly formed businesses succeed. Resources include:

- Center for Global Entrepreneurship (<https://business.utsa.edu/center-global-entrepreneurship>)
- City of Del Rio Economic Development Department (www.cityofdelrio.com/government/departments/economic-development)
- San Antonio Small Business Development Center (<http://sasbdc.org>)
- San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (www.sanantoniodef.com)
- San Antonio Economic Development Department (www.sanantonio.gov/edd)
- San Antonio Minority Business Development Agency Center (www.sanantoniombdacenter.com)
- San Antonio Entrepreneur Center (www.facebook.com/satxec)

In early 2016, San Antonio's Economic Development Department released a list of recent

MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN SAN ANTONIO

Company	Industry	No. of Employees
JBSA-Lackland	Federal Government	37,000
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston	Federal Government	32,000
H.E.B. Grocery	Super Market Chain	20,000
USAA Financial Services	Insurance	18,305
JBSA-Randolph	Federal Government	11,000
Methodist Healthcare System	Healthcare	9,620
City of San Antonio	City Government	9,145
Wells Fargo	Financial Services	5,073
Harland Clarke	Managed Services	5,000
JP Morgan Chase	Financial Services	5,000

— Source: 2017 Book of Lists, The San Antonio Business Journal



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rankings for the city: It was No. 10 on Forbes' Top 10 list of fastest growing cities; No. 10 on Milken Institute's list for top job growth; No. 2 on Milken Institute's cities with the most economic momentum, right behind Austin; and in first place for Forbes' millennial population growth — the 20- to 29-year-old population grew 9.2 percent from 2010 through 2013, a jump of 28,600 people.

The median age in San Antonio is nearly 33 years old and Del Rio is 32 years old, meaning the workforce skews younger. Median household income in San Antonio was \$50,980 and \$44,486 in Del Rio, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The sales tax is 8.25 percent.

Highway, Air and Rail Access – and a Port

San Antonio's location makes it a natural connector between the East and West coasts, Canada and Mexico, and Central and South America. Its highways, especially north-south Interstate 35 and east-west Interstate 10, carry goods and people to other Texas population centers, border crossings into Mexico at Del Rio, Laredo and Eagle Pass, and the ports at Houston and Corpus Christi and beyond. More than half the goods traveling between the U.S. and Mexico pass through San Antonio, the

San Antonio Economic Development Foundation reports, and many of these northbound goods come from the maquiladora industries in northern Mexico.

The local transit system, VIA, has one of the most comprehensive public transportation systems in the country with 7,080 stops along 91 bus lines, in addition to Bus Rapid Transit service. Multiple motor freight carriers take advantage of the city's location, distribution and storage centers and business-friendly ways; many specialize in particular types of cargo.

Master planning has converted the former Kelly Air Force Base into Port San Antonio, a 1,900-acre aerospace and industrial complex and an international logistics platform. It splits the difference between the East and West coasts, is on the NAFTA Corridor between Mexico and Canada and has been designated a Foreign Trade Zone. Transportation includes an airport with an 11,500-foot runway; two railroads, Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe; and three interstate highways: I-35, I-10 and I-37.

Five major seaports lie within a three-day drive: Houston and Corpus Christi in the U.S. and Manzanillo, Veracruz and Lazaro

Cardenas in Mexico. More than 90 million potential customers are within a two-day drive.

From a duty and tax standpoint, San Antonio benefits as a Foreign Trade Zone, with 11 separate sites where businesses can take advantage of duty reduction or elimination, duty deferral or direct delivery, cutting their costs.

San Antonio's Aviation Department operates San Antonio International Airport, plus the second-oldest general-aviation airport in the country, Stinson Municipal Airport, both open 24/7. San Antonio International Airport is about 8 miles north of downtown; U.S. 281 and Loop 410 provide direct access. Airlines including Aeromexico, Alaska Airlines, American, Delta, Frontier, Interjet, Southwest, United and Volaris provide service across the United States and into Mexico.

Del Rio is on long-established trade routes between San Antonio to the east and El Paso to the west, and between Mexico and points north in the United States. The city figures in the nation's planned transportation infrastructure as part of future Interstate 27 from Laredo, Texas, to the Oklahoma Panhandle. Texas State Highway Loop 79 opened its four lanes in 2012 and ties together U.S. 90, U.S. 277 and U.S. 377; it is part of the Ports to Plains Corridor and a component of the hoped-for southern and northern extensions of Interstate 27, which currently runs from Amarillo to Lubbock. The Texas Department of Transportation is studying the feasibility of these north-south extensions to that interstate, which would encourage trade with Mexico. At present east-west U.S. 90 connects San Antonio to El Paso by way of Del Rio. North-south U.S. Route 277 goes north to San Angelo and southeast to Carrizo Springs, where it links to U.S. Route 83 to Laredo. U.S. Route 377 spans West Texas north to Fort Worth.

Natural Resources

Fertile soil, moderate weather and pure water from rivers, springs and artesian wells lured small-tract farmers and ranchers to Bexar County from the 1700s, though by the late 19th century, massive cattle drives made big ranches more profitable, and the cotton culture that flourished prior to the Great Depression further consolidated land holdings into fewer hands. By the end of World War II, livestock supplied more than half the county's agricultural income, though wool and mohair also were major exports. However, as San Antonio has grown, farm and ranch production has shrunk. In 1982, Bexar County ranked 53rd among the state's counties in agricultural

receipts; in 2012, 20 years later, the county had fallen to No. 85. In 2007, there were nearly 426,000 acres of farmland in Bexar County, but within five years, that had declined 19 percent, to 342,882 acres.

The Census of Agriculture showed the top five crop areas in value in 2012 to be nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod products; cattle and calves; grains, oilseeds, dry beans and dry peas; other crops and hay; and lastly, vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes.

In 1889, oil was discovered, and oil and gas production remain important economic forces. Other mineral resources, to a lesser extent, include limestone, kaolin, clay, fuller's earth, greensand, lignite and sulfur springs.

Val Verde County's arid scrub country turned out to be just what goats and sheep like best, and the 2012 Census of Agriculture count ranked the county No. 3 in the state in sheep, goat, wool, mohair and milk production and No. 12 in the nation. There were 41,840 sheep and lambs and 31,273 goats then, a total of 73,113, and sheep and goats outnumbered the 48,879 human residents by 24,234.

One of the more unlikely but flourishing enterprises has been the Val Verde Winery, which will celebrate its 135th year in 2018. Milanese winemaker Frank Qualia was among settlers arriving in 1883, and he realized the potential of the Lenoir, or Black Spanish grape, that made its way from the Carolinas to Southwest Texas. In 1900, 191,000 pounds of grapes were produced in the county and turned into 5,372 gallons of wine. The oldest bonded winery in Texas — some say the nation — the Val Verde Winery in downtown Del Rio now has eight wines and an award-winning tawny port under its label, and is still run by the Qualia family, which in 2007 expanded into olive oil by planting 500 Arbequina olive trees. Their first crop in 2012 produced enough of the buttery, fragrant oil for 65 cases. Go to www.valverdewinery.com for more information.

Increasing numbers of tourists are being drawn to Lake Amistad and the Amistad National Recreation Area for the reservoir's pristine waters, water-based recreation, camping, hiking, rock-art viewing, bird-watching, hunting and fishing — ESPN gives it a No. 1 ranking for bass. Its shoreline of rolling grassy banks and limestone cliffs measures 851 miles, over twice as long as the whole Texas coastline of 367 miles, and the lake's clear water and underwater rock formations attract scuba divers. At 65,000 surface acres of water,

Amistad is the second-largest lake in Texas, behind only Toledo Bend, and lies at the confluence of the Rio Grande, the Devils River and the Pecos River. Park rangers lead visitors on hikes to view prehistoric pictographs in Seminole Canyon and Panther Cave, and millions of spectacular Monarch butterflies make the park a rest stop during their annual migrations.

Joint Base San Antonio and Laughlin Air Force Base

Joint Base San Antonio is far and away the biggest employer in San Antonio, with more than 64,000 direct employees at JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Randolph as of 2017 according to Joint Base San Antonio. The most recent Military Economic Impact Statement, for fiscal 2017, determined JBSA's total economic impact on the community to be over \$13 billion.

Total forces at the three bases numbered 295,907, the Department of Defense calculated: 161,971 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 117,994 at JBSA-Lackland and 15,942 at JBSA-Randolph. In addition, there were 81,228 Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine retirees living in the area, and 206,910 veterans.

In fiscal 2017, activities at JBSA created an estimated 47,456 new jobs, each drawing an

average annual salary of \$45,210; their estimated annual value was \$2.1 billion.

Laughlin Air Force Base is the largest employer in Val Verde County with 1,387 active-duty military, 1,032 civilians, 1,268 family members, 72 reservists, 32 foreign student pilots and 267 contractors, according to the most recent figures from the base. In fiscal 2018, the base created 3,654 direct jobs and 845 indirect jobs and the total impact on the local economy was \$177 million.

In addition to 165 buildings, three runways and 4,500 acres of land, Laughlin has the busiest Air Force airfield in the world, and the base's 47th Flying Training Wing produces more than one-third of the service's new pilots every year. For more information, go to www.laughlin.af.mil.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth



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of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

Texas Workforce Commission
www.twc.state.tx.us/programs

The Texas Workforce Commission's Employment Service provides the largest free job-matching network in the state at www.workintexas.com. It also offers programs such as skills development, child care services, apprenticeships and veterans' services. For detailed program information, visit the commission online. For more information, visit the website or one of the local offices:

- 1927 Bedell Ave.
Del Rio, TX 78840..... 830-774-4741
- 4535 E. Houston St.
San Antonio, TX 78220 210-581-0190
- 6723 S. Flores St., Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78221 210-928-3985
- 1499 Hillcrest Drive
San Antonio, TX 78338 210-438-0581
- 4615 Walzem Road, Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78218 210-822-7640
- 7008 Marbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78227 210-436-0670

Bexar County

Human Resources
100 Dolorosa
San Antonio, TX 78204 210-335-2545
<http://home.bexar.org/hr>
<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/bexarcountytx>

Bexar County jobs are posted online along with benefits information. Those seeking jobs must create an account to apply online.

City of Del Rio

Human Resources Department
109 W. Broadway St.
Del Rio, TX 78840..... 830-774-8792
www.cityofdelrio.com/government/departments/human-resources

Del Rio's Human Resources Department administers hiring and benefits for city employees. A web page for available jobs spells out their requirements, salaries and benefits: www.cityofdelrio.com/government/departments/human-resources/job-opportunities.

City of San Antonio

Human Resources
111 Soledad St., Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78205 210-207-8705
www.sanantonio.gov/HR/CareerCenter

Visit the city's online career center to view job openings. Jobs listed under the main job vacancies use online applications only; other positions may require additional information or documentation, so read all instructions carefully.

Val Verde County

Human Resources Department
400 Pecan St., Third Floor
Del Rio, TX 78840..... 830-774-7501
<http://valverdecountry.texas.gov/174/Employment-Information>

County hires and workforce improvements involve the Val Verde County Human Resources Department.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the

quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Joint Base San Antonio or Laughlin Air Force Base.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings in lodging, marina, recreation areas and other nonappropriated fund positions, go to www.nafjobs.org/viewjobs.aspx and search for Joint Base San Antonio or Laughlin Air Force Base.

Exchange and Commissary Jobs

For exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://odin.aafes.com/employment>. For commissary jobs, search www.commissaries.com.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

San Antonio Small Business Development Center

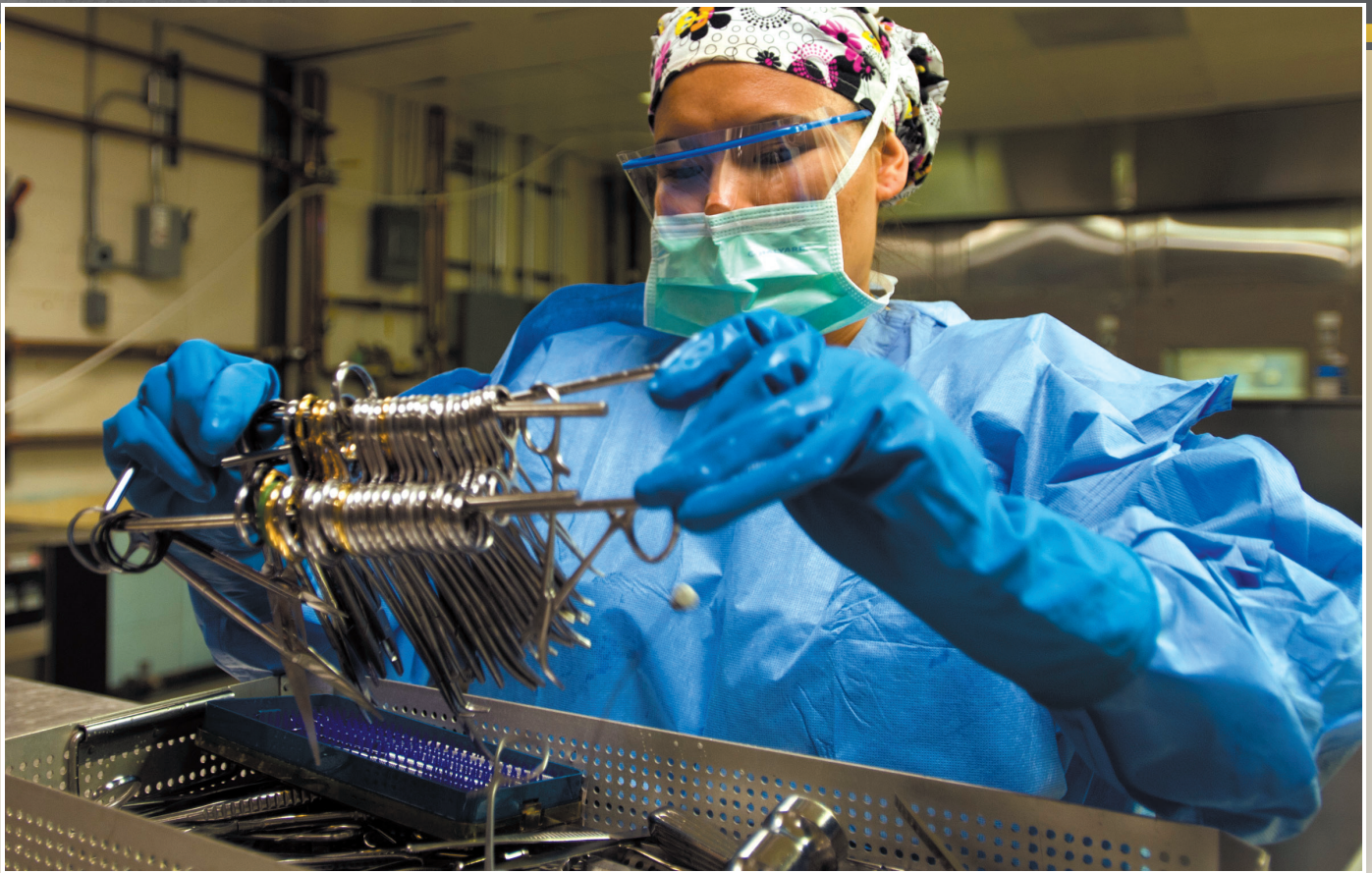
501 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. ... 210-458-2460
<http://sasbdc.org>

The San Antonio Small Business Development Center offers confidential advice, workshops and training on subjects such as developing a business plan, networking and use of social media; referrals; research sources; and potential lifelong business partners.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.



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Health Care

in San Antonio and South Texas

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in San Antonio and Del Rio for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the national Affordable Care Act has changed some insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for more information on open enrollment for health care coverage.

The San Antonio Public Library's Affordable Care website, <http://guides.mysapl.org/health/aca>, contains a wealth of information on the Affordable Care Act, from links to the official sites of Medicare and Medicaid coverage to side-by-side comparisons of what insurance companies are offering.

See the Advertiser Directory in this guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers in San Antonio and Del Rio.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have

no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

There are 28 full-service community health centers in San Antonio and four in Del Rio. Go to the Texas Association of Community Health Centers' website at www.tachc.org/Online/Directories/Find-a-Community-Health-Center.aspx to search for centers by address, county, name and more.

DENTAL CARE

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners website, www.tsbde.texas.gov, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist. Select "Resources" from the home page, then the "Licensee Lists." Ways to sort them include "By City" and "By ZIP code" to verify a dentist, hygienist or

dental assistant. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Oral Health Program of the Texas Department of State Health Services can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before arriving at your new assignment, check the Texas State Medical Board's online directory at www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/look-up-a-license. You can browse for a provider by type or by location. That should give you an idea of local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the

doctor, visit the Texas Medical Board at www.tmb.state.tx.us or call 512-305-7030.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in San Antonio are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 17 through the VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network and the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio. The South Texas Veterans Health Care System provides health care services for 80,000 veterans at two inpatient campuses: the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital in San Antonio and the Kerrville VA Hospital in Kerrville, about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio. There are also 14 community clinics in the greater San Antonio metro region. For a list of community clinics, visit www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/index.asp.

Veterans in the Del Rio area generally receive care at San Antonio's Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital or the Kerrville VA Hospital in Kerrville, though physicians at either VA hospital can refer Del Rio veterans to local medical care through the Choice Program.

Del Rio is served by the Val Verde County Veterans Service Office (830-774-7548 or 830-774-7549).

Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, STVHCS
7400 Merton Minter
San Antonio, TX 78229 210-617-5300
www.southtexas.va.gov

The Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital is a quaternary care facility affiliated with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Comprehensive health care is provided through acute medical, surgical, mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, geriatric and primary care services. Quaternary services include bone marrow transplantation, open-heart surgery, magnetic resonance imaging and positron emission tomography. As a Level II research facility, the hospital participates in projects for aging, cardiac surgery, cancer, diabetes and HIV. The facility is also one of three National Institutes of Health-sponsored clinical research centers in the VA.

Kerrville VA Hospital, STVHCS
3600 Memorial Blvd.
Kerrville, TX 78028 866-487-1653
www.southtexas.va.gov/index.asp

The Kerrville VA Hospital, 65 miles northwest of San Antonio and 153 miles northeast of Del Rio, provides primary care, some specialty care, geriatric evaluation and management, palliative care and long-term care services with a Community Living Center. Outpatient clinics offer primary care and some specialty care while sharing resources with each other and their respective communities. When necessary, veterans are referred to Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital for specialty care.

Texas Veterans Commission
Stephen F. Austin Building, Suite 800
Austin, TX 78701 512-463-6564
VA Suicide Lifeline 800-273-8255
www.tvc.texas.gov

The Texas Veterans Commission improves the quality of life for Texas' veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

San Antonio
Children's Hospital of San Antonio
333 N. Santa Rosa St.
San Antonio, TX 78207 210-704-2011
www.chofsa.org

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital — Westover Hills
11212 State Highway 151
San Antonio, TX 78251 210-703-8000
www.christussantarosa.org/WestoverHills

Methodist Healthcare System
8109 Fredericksburg Road
San Antonio, TX 78229 210-575-0355
www.sahealth.com

Methodist Hospital
7700 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229 210-575-4000
www.sahealth.com/locations/methodist-hospital

Metropolitan Methodist Hospital
1310 McCullough Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212 210-757-2200
www.sahealth.com/locations/metropolitan-methodist-hospital

St. Luke's Baptist Hospital
7930 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229 210-297-5000
www.baptisthealthsystem.com/locations/detail/st-lukes-baptist-hospital

University Hospital
4502 Medical Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229 210-358-4000
www.universityhealthsystem.com/university-hospital

Del Rio
Val Verde Regional Medical Center
801 N. Bedell Ave.
Del Rio, TX 78840 830-775-8566
www.vvrmc.org



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Family Resources

in San Antonio and South Texas

Picking up from one place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community

resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Ys and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce

back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative. Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware

www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information



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for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include a child care budgeting calculator and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

701 W. 51st St.
Austin, TX 78751 512-438-4800
www.dfps.state.tx.us

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services works to protect children, the elderly and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation. The department's services include those for child and adult protective services, for adoption and foster care, for child care licensing and more.

Child Care Licensing Division

P.O. Box 23990
San Antonio, TX 78223 210-270-4000
www.txchildcaresearch.org

Don't be in the dark about child care. Use the CCL website to find regulated care near you and check its inspection record before placing your child there. The website also provides details about each licensed child care operation and tips to help you choose a care provider that is the right fit for your family. Call the statewide child-care information hotline at 800-862-5252.

San Antonio Department of Human Services

106 S. St. Mary's, Seventh Floor
San Antonio, TX 78205 210-207-8198
www.sanantonio.gov/humanservices

DHS provides comprehensive services for early education and child care assistance, education, financial and emergency assistance, homeless assistance and senior services. Find a listing of senior centers at www.sanantonio.gov/humanservices/SeniorServices/SeniorCenters.

DHS operates two community centers that serve as central facilities for private, federal, state and city agencies to deliver a comprehensive program of recreational activities and social services.

Texas Health and Human Services

173 Wildcat Drive
Del Rio, TX 78840 830-774-3661
<https://hhs.texas.gov>

Texas Health and Human Services oversees five systems: the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Department of State Health Services, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, and the Department of Family and Protective Services. In addition, the commission's office at 712 E. Gibbs St. distributes federal food stamps in the government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil
Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or

search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org
Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses. Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org
Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder. Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you

keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

In Texas, your pet faces many outside dangers, among them venomous snakes, coyotes, bobcats, ticks, spiders, insects, poisonous plants and more. Keep your dog on a short leash in wilderness areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Another hazard to pets is Texas' extreme weather. If you must keep your dog outside in the summer with no doggy door to an air-conditioned home, make sure to provide plenty of water in a shady area. Never leave a dog inside a parked vehicle. Have a waterproof covered shelter that a dog may retreat to in the event of a rainstorm. The shelter should be large enough for the dog to stand in without their head touching the top and should be long enough to allow the dog to lie down comfortably. It also should be raised an inch or two off the ground so it does not sit in water.

Animal Services in San Antonio and Del Rio Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744..... 512-389-4800
<https://tpwd.texas.gov>

The Wildlife Division's mission is to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. To accomplish this mission, Division personnel annually conduct about 4,000 wildlife population surveys; provide recommendations concerning the management of about 1,200 vertebrate wildlife species; conduct about a dozen wildlife research studies; manage 50 wildlife management areas totaling 744,000 acres; hold public hunts on more than 230 tracts of land totaling more than 1.4 million acres; provide landowner incentives to manage for rare species; and inform the public about wildlife in general.

City of San Antonio Animal Care Services
4710 State Highway 151
San Antonio, TX 78227 210-207-4738
www.sanantonio.gov/AnimalCare

Animal Care Services provides care for pets at its adoption facility. Other services include animal control, spay and neuter programs, microchipping, low-cost vaccinations and other resources for pet owners. Detailed information

on licensing, permits and fees as well as local ordinances is available on the ACS website.

San Antonio Humane Society
4804 Fredericksburg Road
San Antonio, TX 78229..... 210-226-7461
<http://sahumane.org>

The Human Society provides adoption, low-cost spay/neuter services, microchipping, dog-training classes and a wellness clinic.

Del Rio Animal Care and Control
109 W. Broadway
Del Rio, TX 78840..... 830-774-8500
<https://bit.ly/3nSZANd>

Healthy, unaggressive animals whose owners fail to reclaim them are put up for adoption. The city limits each household in Del Rio to four domestic pets.

A Pets Wish Rescue
P.O. Box 421551
Del Rio, TX 78842..... 830-313-8799
www.facebook.com/apetswish

A Pets Wish Rescue is dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned animals, primarily dogs and cats, from high-kill shelters and owners who can no longer care for them. By working with volunteers, foster homes, local veterinarians and boarding facilities, the non-profit is able to rescue hundreds of animals every year, provide them with loving temporary care

and find them well-matched, carefully screened forever homes.

Veterinary Services
Veterinary services in San Antonio are plentiful; see the Advertiser Directory in this guide to connect with local providers. Another source to find a veterinarian, clinic or hospital is the Veterinary Medical Association of Bexar County's website, www.vmbc.org/search-quick.php. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Texas Veterinary Medical Association website at <https://tvma.azurewebsites.net>.

Del Rio has three veterinary clinics, though some residents take their pets across the border for treatment in Del Rio's sister city of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

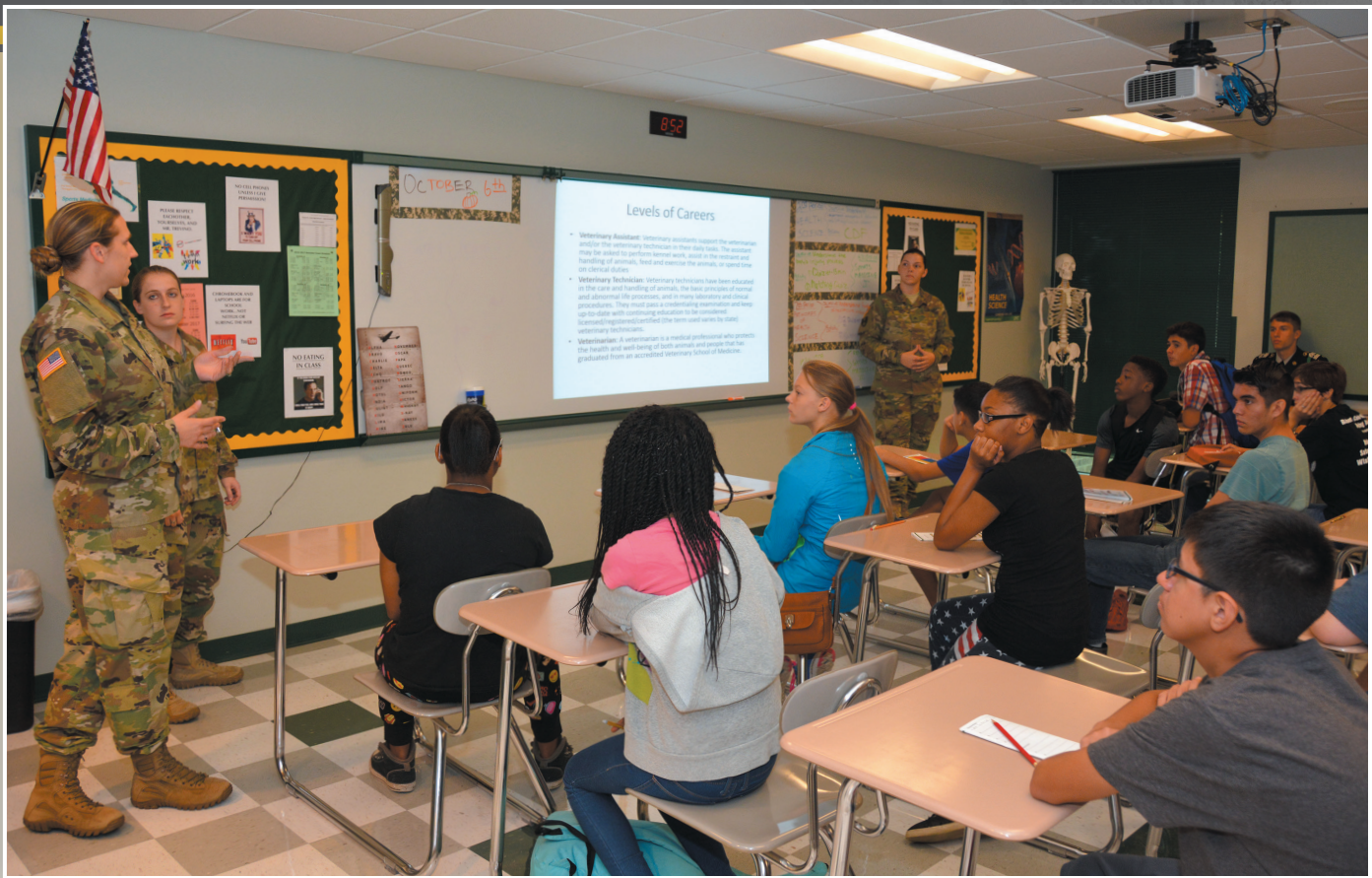
Pets for Patriots
<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.



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Education & Academics

in San Antonio and South Texas

FOR THOSE MOVING TO a new location, it's important to know what educational options are available. This chapter outlines the public schools systems in San Antonio and Del Rio, along with information about local libraries and higher education. There are private schools, charter schools and home schooling available to children as well.

To be enrolled in a Texas school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should take the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, the child's previous school records and immunizations records. Check with the school for additional requirements. Minimum required immunizations for a child enrolling in kindergarten are: four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; three doses of polio; two doses of measles, mumps and rubella; three doses of hepatitis B; two doses of varicella; and two doses of Hepatitis A. One dose of meningococcal is required for seventh through 12th

grades. For more details on Texas minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the Texas Education Agency's website at www.tea.texas.gov.

Texas is one of only a handful of states to reject Common Core education standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students in the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity. Instead, the Texas Legislature requires public schools to use a state standard, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, to establish what children should know and be able to do, and when. Go to <http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=6148> for more information.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk

to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. San Antonio's most recent count shows 73 campuses, and Del Rio has two. Such schools may be for college prep, dropout recovery, pre-K and elementary, RTC and JDC residential, or devoted to a specialized mission

such as culture immersion, the arts or science. For more information or a listing of charter schools in Texas, visit the Texas Charter Schools Association website at www.txcharterschools.org and the Texas Education Agency's website at www.tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/Charter_Schools.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in Texas, visit the Texas Education Agency's website at <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/general-information/finding-a-school-for-your-child/home-schooling>. You will find information on home-school rules and regulations, testing information, home-school curriculum providers and more.

The Texas Education Agency does not regulate, monitor, approve or accredit programs available to parents who elect to home school, nor does it regulate home schools, though parents must teach their children good citizenship. Home-schooled students may transfer into the public school system at any time, but most districts will evaluate their mastery of subject matter before placing them in classes. The state does not award diplomas to home-schooled students.

Home School Legal Defense Association

P.O. Box 3000
Purcellville, VA 20134 540-338-5600
www.hsllda.org

Since 1983, the nonprofit HSLDA has been defending parents' constitutional right to direct their children's education and protecting family freedoms by advocating for home-school-friendly laws, encouraging and supporting home-schoolers and providing free legal advice and representation to more than 84,000 member families.

Texas Home School Coalition

P.O. Box 6747
Lubbock, TX 79493 806-744-4441
www.thsc.org

The Texas Home School Coalition is a faith-based group devoted to defending parental rights and home schooling. Its purpose is to serve the home-school community of Texas and promote greater knowledge, understanding and acceptance of home education.

San Antonio Home Education

www.homeedsa.com
This comprehensive website on home schooling in the San Antonio area lists more than 30 home-school support groups and their areas of emphasis, resources such as museums, articles written about home-schooling concerns

like portfolios and transcripts, Texas-related aids including parks and public sites, announcements, a calendar and a FAQ section.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Texas, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch>. Search by location, religious affiliation, school type and other categories such as enrollment numbers and programs.

Texas Private School Accreditation Commission

3801 N. Capital of Texas Highway,
Suite E-240, PMB 173
Austin, TX 78746 512-499-8377
www.tepsac.org

The Texas Private School Accreditation Commission helps ensure quality in private schools by monitoring and approving organizations that accredit the nonpublic elementary and secondary educational institutions in Texas. Search the site to see if the school you're considering is accredited.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The San Antonio metropolitan area, including Bexar County, has about 450 schools within 17 school districts, each independently administered and accredited by the Texas Education Agency. Every independent school district has

a school board and a superintendent. Funding is by state and federal funds and by local property taxes levied by each school district.

Val Verde County's two school districts include the San Felipe-Del Rio CISD's 15 schools (three upper-level, two middle, nine elementary and one juvenile detention center) and the Comstock ISD's one school 32 miles northwest of Del Rio.

To research schools closest to your neighborhood, go the TEA website at www.tea.texas.gov. It has an A-Z index that will allow parents to check out districts, schools, test scores, rankings, policies and more.

In San Antonio, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph are each considered independent school districts with their own elementary, middle and high schools sensitive to military children's needs.

Fort Sam Houston ISD

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
4351 Nursery Road
San Antonio, TX 78234 210-368-8800
<http://fshslem.fshisd.net>

Robert G. Cole Middle School
4051 Winans Road
San Antonio, TX 78234 210-368-8729
<http://colems.fshisd.net>

Robert G. Cole High School
4001 Winans Road
San Antonio, TX 78234 210-368-8730
<http://colehs.fshisd.net>



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PARENT LINK

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **Texas Education Agency:**

www.tea.texas.gov

- **Texas PTA:**

www.txpta.org

- **Reading is Fundamental:**

www.rif.org

- **U.S. Department of Education:**

www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.



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Lackland ISD

Lackland Elementary School
Building 8265, 2460 Kenly Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78236 210-357-5053
<http://les.lacklandisd.net>

Virginia Allred Stacey Junior-Senior High School
Building 8265, 2460 Kenly Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78236 210-357-5100
<http://stacey.lacklandisd.net>

Randolph Field ISD

www.rfisd.net

Randolph Elementary School
P.O. Box 2217
Building 146, Harmon Drive
Universal City, TX 78148 210-357-2345

Randolph Middle School
P.O. Box 2217
Building 1225, Perimeter Road
Universal City, Texas 78148 210-357-2430

Randolph High School
P.O. Box 2217
Universal City, TX 78148 210-357-2400

Laughlin Schools

Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio has no on-base schools, and most of its military children attend classes in the San Felipe-Del Rio Independent School District.

Special Education

Military School Districts' Cooperative Department of Special Education
3921 Bowley Road
San Antonio, TX 78234 210-368-8771
<http://coop.fshisd.net>

Children with special needs at Joint Base San Antonio are served through the Military School Districts' Cooperative Department of Special Education.

UNIVERSITIES/HIGHER EDUCATION

San Antonio and South Texas offer many opportunities for continuing education. More than 30 higher education institutions serve over 100,000 students in the area, and several maintain ancillary units at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Randolph and Laughlin AFB.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Alamo Colleges
Building 2248, Room 204
2408 N. New Braunfels Ave.
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
..... 210-212-5309
www.alamo.edu/spc

Wayland Baptist University
Building 2248, Room 202,
2408 N. New Braunfels Ave.
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
..... 210-590-5680
www.wbu.edu/campuses/san-antonio/teaching-locations/ft-sam-houston.htm

Webster University
2408 N. New Braunfels Ave., Suite 30
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
..... 210-226-3373
www.webster.edu/locations/sanantonio-metro.php

JBSA-Lackland

Alamo Colleges
Building 5725, Room 210,
1550 Wurtsmith St.
San Antonio, TX 78236 210-486-7224
www.alamo.edu/spc

Wayland Baptist University
Building 5725, Room 154,
1550 Wurtsmith St.
JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236 210-590-5683
www.wbu.edu/campuses/san-antonio/teaching-locations/lackland-afb.htm

Webster University
Building 5725, Room 156,
1550 Wurtsmith St.
JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236 210-674-0014
www.webster.edu/locations/lackland-afb.php

JBSA-Randolph

Alamo Colleges
Building 208, Room 10,
301 B St. W
JBSA-Randolph, TX 78150 210-486-2901
www.alamo.edu/spc

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
301 B St. W
JBSA-Randolph, TX 78150 210-659-0801
<http://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/san-antonio>

Wayland Baptist University
Building 208, Room 11,
301 B St. W
JBSA-Randolph, TX 78150 210-590-5681
www.wbu.edu/campuses/san-antonio/teaching-locations/randolph-afb.htm

Webster University
Building 208
301 B St. W
JBSA-Randolph, TX 78150 210-658-0707
www.webster.edu/locations/randolph-afb.php

San Antonio

Alamo Colleges

201 W. Sheridan St.
San Antonio, TX 78204 210-485-0000
www.alamo.edu

Our Lady of the Lake University

411 SW 24th St.
San Antonio, TX 78207 210-434-6711
www.ollusa.edu

Southwest School of Art

300 Augusta St.
San Antonio, TX 78205 210-200-8200
www.swschool.org

St. Mary's University

1 Camino Santa Maria
San Antonio, TX 78228 210-436-3011
www.stmarytx.edu

Texas A&M University – San Antonio

1 University Way
San Antonio, TX 78224 210-784-1000
www.tamusa.edu

Trinity University

1 Trinity Place
San Antonio, TX 78212 800-874-6489
<https://new.trinity.edu>

University of Texas at San Antonio

1 UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249 210-458-4011
www.utsa.edu

University of Texas Health

Science Center at San Antonio
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229 210-567-7000
www.uthscsa.edu

University of the Incarnate Word

4301 Broadway St., CPO No. 285
San Antonio, TX 78209 210-829-6000
www.uiv.edu

Wayland Baptist University

11550 Interstate 35 N
San Antonio, TX 78233 210-826-7595
www.wbu.edu/campuses/san-antonio

Webster University – Metro

11 NW Loop 410, Suite 600
San Antonio, TX 78213 210-348-8816
www.webster.edu/catalog/current/graduate-catalog/campus-locations.html

Laughlin Air Force Base

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
201 Mitchell Blvd., Building 221
Laughlin AFB, TX 78843 830-422-2957
<https://worldwide.erau.edu>

Park University

Mitchell Boulevard
Laughlin AFB, TX 78843 830-298-3061
www.park.edu

Del Rio

Rio Grande College, Sul Ross State University

205 Wildcat Drive
Del Rio, TX 78840 830-703-4808
www.sulross.edu/rgc

Southwest Texas Junior College

207 Wildcat Drive
Del Rio, TX 78840 830-278-4401
www.swtjc.edu

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in San Antonio and South Texas offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users, all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and have internet access and additional resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission, at www.tsl.texas.gov, supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loan and other assistance such as Little Free Libraries.

San Antonio

Residents can make use of 30 branches of the San Antonio Public Library. Get information at www.mysapl.org about services, hours and events by visiting branch websites. The following public library branches are near Joint Base San Antonio operations. To find the branch closest to you, visit the library's list of locations and hours at www.mysapl.org/locations.aspx.

San Antonio Library — Central Library

600 Soledad St.
San Antonio, TX 78205 210-207-2500
<http://mysapl.org/Visit/Locations/Central-Library>

Johnston Branch Library

6307 Sun Valley Drive
San Antonio, TX 78227 210-207-9240
<http://mysapl.org/Visit/Locations/Johnston-Library>

Molly Pruitt Branch Library at

Roosevelt High School
5110 Walzem Road
San Antonio, TX 78218 210-650-1122
<http://mysapl.org/Visit/Locations/Pruitt-Library>

Semmes Branch Library

15060 Judson Road
San Antonio, TX 78247 210-207-9110
<http://mysapl.org/Visit/Locations/Semmes-Library>

Thousand Oaks Branch Library

4618 Thousand Oaks
San Antonio, TX 78233 210-207-9190
<http://mysapl.org/Visit/Locations/Thousand-Oaks-Library>

Del Rio

Val Verde County Library

300 Spring St.
Del Rio, TX 78840 830-774-7595
<https://valverde.bibliionix.com/catalog>

The Val Verde County Library in Del Rio gets heavy use with 119,691 visits every year. A dozen public computers with internet access are available, as are four student resource computers, two bilingual children's computers, a fax machine, two copiers, a public courtesy phone, more than 69,000 materials in print, 2,540 audio books, 1,252 videos, and 176 newspaper and magazine subscriptions.



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Living

in San Antonio and South Texas

RICH CULTURE COMES ALIVE through history, art, architecture, music and beautiful outdoor spaces that showcase a blend of Mexican-American folklore, Spanish heritage and Texas pride. San Antonio's abundant art scene, sports, shopping, cultural attractions and festivals provide plenty of entertainment opportunities. Take a ride on a River Walk boat taxi, or thrill at a fast break and dunk during a San Antonio Spurs professional basketball game. Don't miss Ballet San Antonio's annual performance of "The Nutcracker," then shine your cowboy boots for the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. And remember to check out the Alamo.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of San Antonio enjoy a variety of annual events, festivals and community gatherings.

Fiesta San Antonio
www.fiesta-sa.org

One of the largest festivals in the United States, Fiesta San Antonio takes place every

April in honor of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. Fiesta San Antonio is full of music, parades, exhibits, pageants, food and so much more.

Luminaria
www.luminarias.org

Held every fall for two nights, Luminaria has become a platform for international and local artists to show off their pieces that highlight the heritage of San Antonio.

Native American Indian Championship Pow Wow
www.tradersvillage.com/san-antonio/events

Dozens of tribes from across the United States gather to celebrate and share their culture. Witness the vibrant tribal dance contest, the arts and crafts show and authentic Native American food.

Poteet Strawberry Festival
www.fb.com/pg/PoteetStrawberryFestival
 Just 25 miles from San Antonio, the Poteet Strawberry Festival every spring features local strawberry growers and their prized yet now

endangered produce: strawberries. The festival boasts more than strawberries though, with a rodeo, musical performances, carnival rides and more.

ARTS

San Antonio residents enjoy a wealth of artistic endeavors from theaters to music to dance and more.

Aztec Theatre
 104 N. St. Marys St., Suite 200
 San Antonio, TX 78205 210-812-4355
www.theaztectheatre.com

Built in 1926, the Aztec Theatre is the oldest theater in San Antonio and yet new to being a venue for live performances. Located in downtown San Antonio, this beautifully restored theater features live music performances ranging from rock to blues and Latino. Check the website for upcoming performances and information on renting the venue for private or corporate events.

Ballet San Antonio

115 Auditorium Circle, Suite 20
 San Antonio, TX 78205210-404-9641
www.balletsanantonio.org

Ballet San Antonio is a professional ballet company that resides at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. Its goal is to enrich and expose the community to the arts by putting on performances in collaboration with the San Antonio Symphony. It has also partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio. Visit the website for information about tickets, performances and more.

Magik Theatre

420 S. Alamo St.
 San Antonio, TX 78205210-227-2751
www.magiktheatre.org

The Magik Theatre is where a child’s imagination can run wild. San Antonio’s only professional children’s theater brings books to life from the classic to contemporary literature. Check the website for performance schedules, ticket info and more.

Majestic Theatre

224 E. Houston St.
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www.majesticempire.com

In the heart of downtown San Antonio, this 1929 theater lives up to its name with 2,264 seats and a truly majestic Spanish-Mediterranean style. This historic landmark is home to the San Antonio Symphony and showcases plays, concerts and a wide variety of other performing arts attractions.

Opera San Antonio

P.O. Box 2641
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www.operasa.org

This newly launched company represents a rebirth for opera in the city after the dissolution of the San Antonio Opera in 2012. In its inaugural 2014-15 season, Opera San Antonio presented several productions, including the new “Fantastic Mr. Fox” and the classic “Salome.” The company is a founding resident of the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. Check the opera’s website for season schedules, ticket prices and more.

San Antonio Symphony

115 Auditorium Circle
 San Antonio, TX 78205210-223-8624
www.sasymphony.org

For more than 75 years, this full-time professional symphony has delighted local music enthusiasts with classics and world premieres. Performances include a subscription program, pops concerts, young people’s concerts, a

Baroque concert series and much more. The symphony’s new home is the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts downtown.

MUSEUMS

Learn about San Antonio’s long and legendary history as well as its cultural contributions by visiting any of its many museums.

The Alamo

300 Alamo Plaza
 San Antonio, TX 78205210-225-1391
www.thealamo.org

Perhaps the most famous historical site in all of Texas, the Alamo is world-renowned as a symbol of heroic courage in the face of death and the struggle against oppression. Before it was launched into its current place in history, it was a simple Spanish mission run by missionaries and visited by many significant people throughout its time. Thousands of people each year visit the landmark where 189 defenders, including Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett, held out for 13 days against 4,000 troops in the centralist army of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Since this famous battle, it has not only become a symbol of Texas but also a symbol of American independence and fortitude. The chapel, one of the most photographed facades in the nation, and the Long Barracks are all that remain of the original fort. Walking tours of the site are available.

Briscoe Western Art Museum

210 W. Market St.
 San Antonio, TX 78205210-299-4499
www.briscoemuseum.org

The Briscoe Western Art Museum is San Antonio’s newest museum and aims to preserve and interpret the art, history and culture of the

American West. Located along the San Antonio River Walk, the three-level museum holds nine galleries. Highlights include Pancho Villa’s saddle and an authentic chuck wagon.

The DoSeum

2800 Broadway St.
 San Antonio, TX 78209210-212-4453
www.thedoseum.org

This attraction, formerly the San Antonio Children’s Museum, is an interactive experience for all ages. With its new facility in 2015, the attraction boasts three two-story exhibit halls totaling 65,000 square feet. Children will learn 21st century problem-solving skills and creativity — two important cultural and educational concepts. Envisioned as a museum set in a park, the building is surrounded by meandering pathways that offer a sense of surprise, beautiful gardens that captivate the senses and shady places for families to relax or for school groups to unwind. Check the museum’s website for more details about its hours and admission.

Holocaust Memorial

Museum of San Antonio
 12500 N.W. Military Highway
 San Antonio, TX 78231210-302-6807
www.hmmsa.org

The goal of the Holocaust Memorial Museum is to not only honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust; it aims to educate the community on the perils of prejudice and hatred. Guided tours are available to the public as well as school, community and church groups. The museum also holds an impressive collection of books and films. Call ahead or visit the website for holiday closures or to schedule a tour.



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McNay Art Museum

6000 N. Braunfels Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78209 210-824-5368
www.mcnayart.org

The McNay Art Museum, about 5 miles from downtown San Antonio, opened its doors as Texas' first museum of modern art in 1954. The museum boasts nearly 20,000 works that span from paintings and sculptures to photographs and include such artists as Vincent Van Gogh, Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keefe, Pablo Picasso and Jackson Pollock.

San Antonio Fire Museum

801 E. Houston St.
San Antonio, TX 78205 210-390-7236
www.sanantoniofiremuseum.org

Minutes away from the Alamo, the San Antonio Fire Museum is in what was the old Central Fire Headquarters, Fire Station No. 1, built in 1938. This museum showcases antique fire apparatus, artifacts and photos that date to the mid-1800s. Kids will also enjoy a 1953 fire-truck they can climb on and being able to dress up in replica firefighters' gear.

San Antonio Museum of Art

200 W. Jones Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78215 210-978-8100
www.samuseum.org

Located on the Museum Reach of the River Walk, the San Antonio Museum of Art embodies history and cultures from around the globe. Not only does the San Antonio Museum of Art hold collections of Latin American, Asian and ancient Mediterranean art, it holds a noteworthy

collection of contemporary art. Check the museum website for more details.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial of San Antonio

451 Jefferson St.
San Antonio, TX 78205 830-303-6858
www.vietnamveteransmemorialofsanantonio.com

Centrally located in the city of San Antonio, the Veterans Memorial Plaza was designed to be a place where all could honor and pay tribute to veterans and fallen service members. The centerpiece of the plaza is a massive bronze sculpture, "Hill-881 South," which portrays a Marine Corps radio operator helping a fallen comrade during the Khe Sanh hill fights of April-May 1967 during the Vietnam War. The memorial was made possible by the contributions privately given by more than 130,000 people.

The Witte Museum

3801 Broadway St.
San Antonio, TX 78209 210-357-1900
www.witemuseum.org

The Witte Museum is one of San Antonio's most popular and was named a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate in 2014. Although it primarily focuses on history, culture and natural science, the museum boasts an amazing children's exhibit, travel exhibit and early Texas art collection.

PARKS

San Antonio's parks provide a welcome oasis from Texas' sometimes hot and humid weather. Check your community's parks and recreation

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listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Brackenridge Park

3700 N. St. Marys
San Antonio, TX 78212 210-207-7275
www.brackenridgepark.org

Brackenridge is a hub for recreational activities for visitors, ranging from bird watching and jogging along the many trails to golf at the Brackenridge Golf Course. Brackenridge Park is also the home of the San Antonio Zoo, The Witte Museum and the Japanese Tea Garden.

Natural Bridge Caverns

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San Antonio Botanical Garden

555 Funston Place
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SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Market Square – El Mercado

514 W. Commerce St.
San Antonio, TX 78207 210-207-8600
www.getcreativesanantonio.com/Explore-San-Antonio/Market-Square



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Market Square, or “El Mercado,” is the largest Mexican market in the United States where you’ll find restaurants, shops and produce stands. Stroll the three-block plaza and enjoy the sights and sounds of Mexican culture with mariachi music and dancing.

San Antonio River Walk

849 E. Commerce St.
San Antonio, TX 78205 210-227-4262
www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com

Also known as the Paseo del Rio, this popular tourist destination is a public park open 365 days a year and lined with restaurants, hotels, attractions and more. One level down from street traffic, this pedestrian route connects many of downtown’s other famous attractions. Or take a riverboat taxi along the winding path and enjoy the sights as you float by.

Shops at Rivercenter

849 E. Commerce St.
San Antonio, TX 78205 210-225-0000
www.shoprivercenter.com

Set along the famous San Antonio River Walk, this downtown shopping center features department stores, an IMAX theater and a 1,000-room Marriott hotel. After you’re done perusing some of the more than 100 retailers, you can sit and relax with food and beverages on the waterfront at one of the mall’s six restaurants.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you’re looking to take in a game or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, San Antonio offers a variety of recreational opportunities.

Aquatica, SeaWorld’s Waterpark

10500 SeaWorld Drive
San Antonio, TX 78251 800-700-7786
<https://aquaticabyseaworld.com/en/sanantonio>

San Antonio visitors can complete their vacation experience by visiting Aquatica, SeaWorld’s Waterpark, a water park with up-close animal experiences; high-speed thrills; and relaxing, sandy beaches. Aquatica is a South Seas-inspired oasis with all the luxury and amenities of an island resort and also includes features such as thrilling water slides, rivers, lagoons, more than 42,000 square feet of beach area and more than 500 stingrays and tropical fish. Want to get wet? Escape for a while on the fast and furious river rapids adventure Rio Loco, or lose yourself in the tropical pleasure of Aquatica

— a one-of-a-kind water park the whole family can enjoy.

San Antonio Zoo

3903 N. St. Marys St.
San Antonio, TX 78212 210-734-7184
www.sazoo.org

Ranked as one of the top zoos in the nation, more than 750 species and 9,000 animals call this zoo their home. The zoo spans 56 acres and features exhibits such as the Hixon Bird House, Amazonia and Gibbon Forest. Seasonal shows and educational programs are also offered throughout the year.

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

3201 E. Houston St.
San Antonio, TX 78219 210-225-5851
www.sarodeo.com

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is one of the largest livestock shows and rodeos in the country. Started in 1950, the annual event takes place over three weeks in February. It is one of the top five Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeos in the nation. In 2003, it received special recognition by the PRCA Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame. After the rodeo events, there is a concert by popular artists, mostly country-western musicians.

Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort

305 W. Austin St.
New Braunfels, TX 78130 830-625-2351
www.schlitterbahn.com/new-braunfels

This water park offers more than 3 miles of tubing adventures, seven children’s water playgrounds, 17 water slides and two uphill water coasters. While the water park is only open seasonally, families can take advantage of the resort year-round. The resort includes fully equipped



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vacation homes with access to pools, hot tubs, playgrounds and volleyball courts. The water park and resort are in New Braunfels (just north of San Antonio), a historic German town filled with great restaurants, museums and attractions for the whole family.

SeaWorld San Antonio

10500 SeaWorld Drive
 San Antonio, TX 78251 800-700-7786
www.seaworld.com

SeaWorld San Antonio, the world's largest marine life adventure park and family entertainment showplace, presents a splashy lineup of sensational shows, thrilling rides, animal attractions and educational experiences for all ages. Where else can you touch and feed dolphins and sea lions, count the teeth on a shark and watch penguins play around in a sub-Antarctic environment? Test your courage on the weightless dives of the Steel Eel or the twists and corkscrews of The Great White, Texas' first inverted steel roller coaster. SeaWorld's operating days and closing times vary seasonally. For a park operating schedule or park information, visit its website.



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Six Flags Fiesta Texas

17000 Interstate 10 W
 San Antonio, TX 78257 210-697-5050
www.sixflags.com/fiestatexas

Six Flags Fiesta Texas is a theme and water park designed to reflect the heritage and culture of its Southwestern roots. This 200-acre park features numerous adult and children's rides including Tornado, an extreme tubing experience; Superman Krypton Coaster, the largest floorless coaster in the Southwest; and the Lone Star Lagoon, a wave pool in the shape of the state of Texas. Families can enjoy a variety of shows, shops and restaurants in addition to the breathtaking rides. For more information, call its office or visit its website.



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Splashtown San Antonio

3600 N. Interstate 35
 San Antonio, TX 78219 210-227-1400
www.splashtownsa.com

Splashtown San Antonio boasts a 500,000-gallon wave pool, a quarter-mile-long lazy river, 40 water slides and tube rides, an activity pool with lily pads and balance logs, water and beach volleyball and basketball. Splashtown also features a large Kids Cove with 16 slides just for their smaller guests. It is located just minutes north of downtown San Antonio with free parking and is open seasonally.

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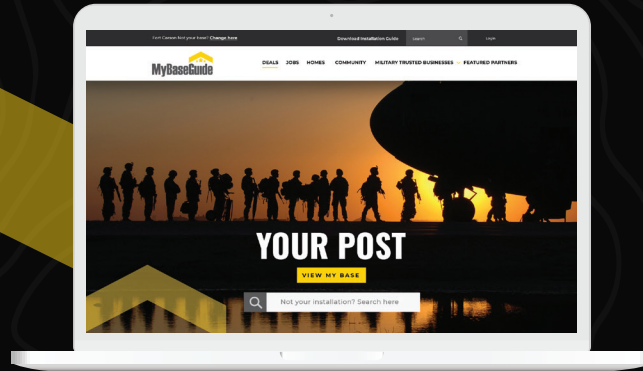
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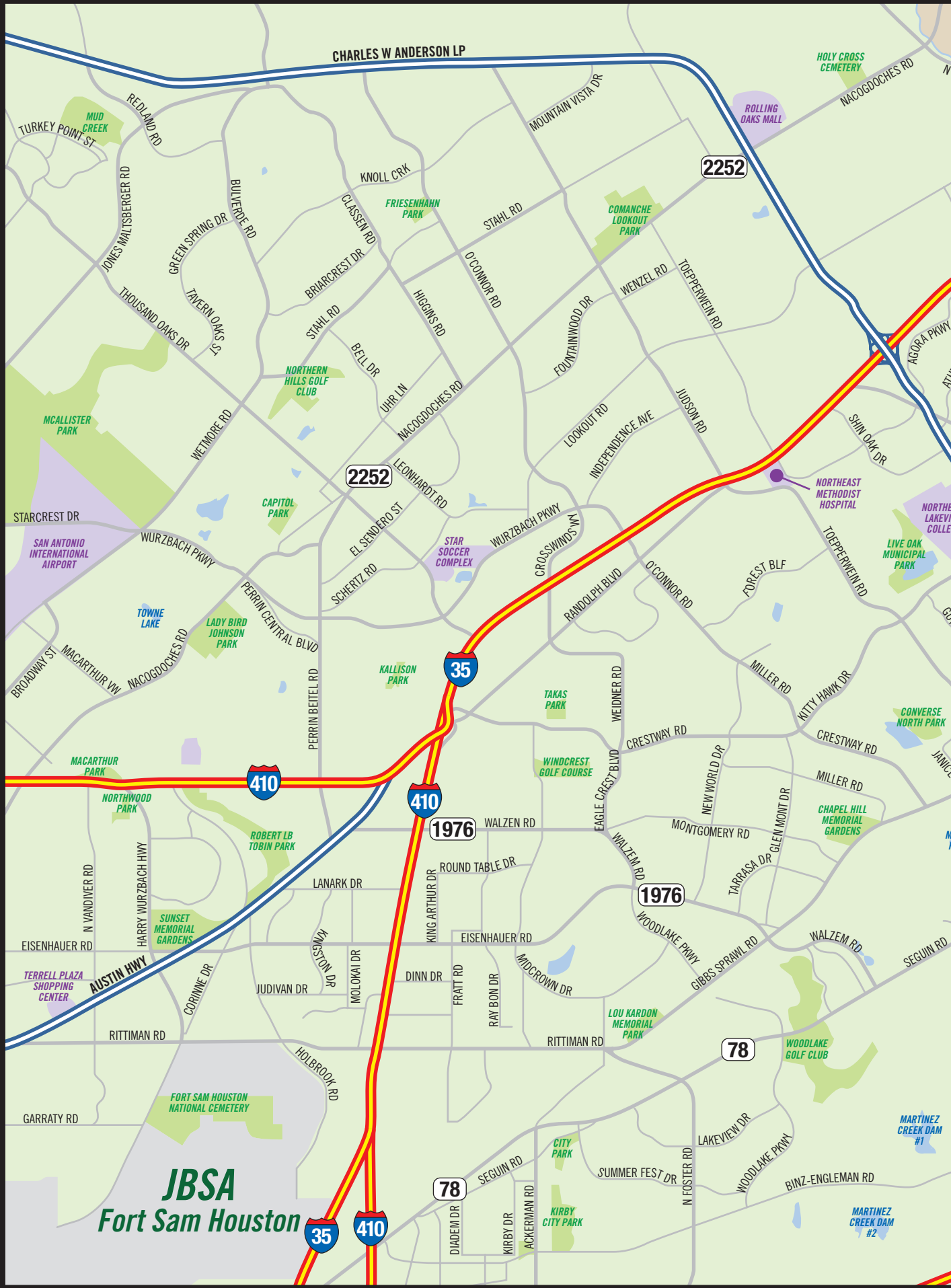
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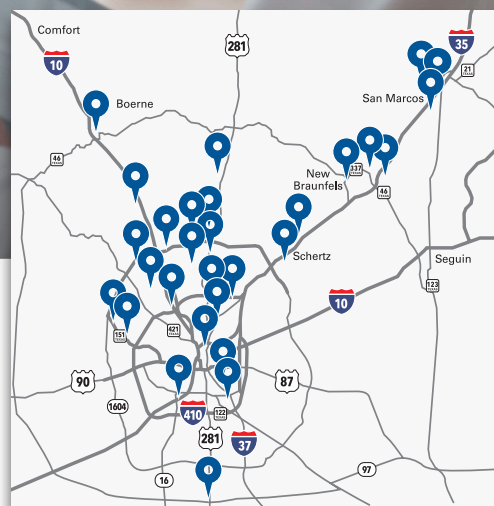
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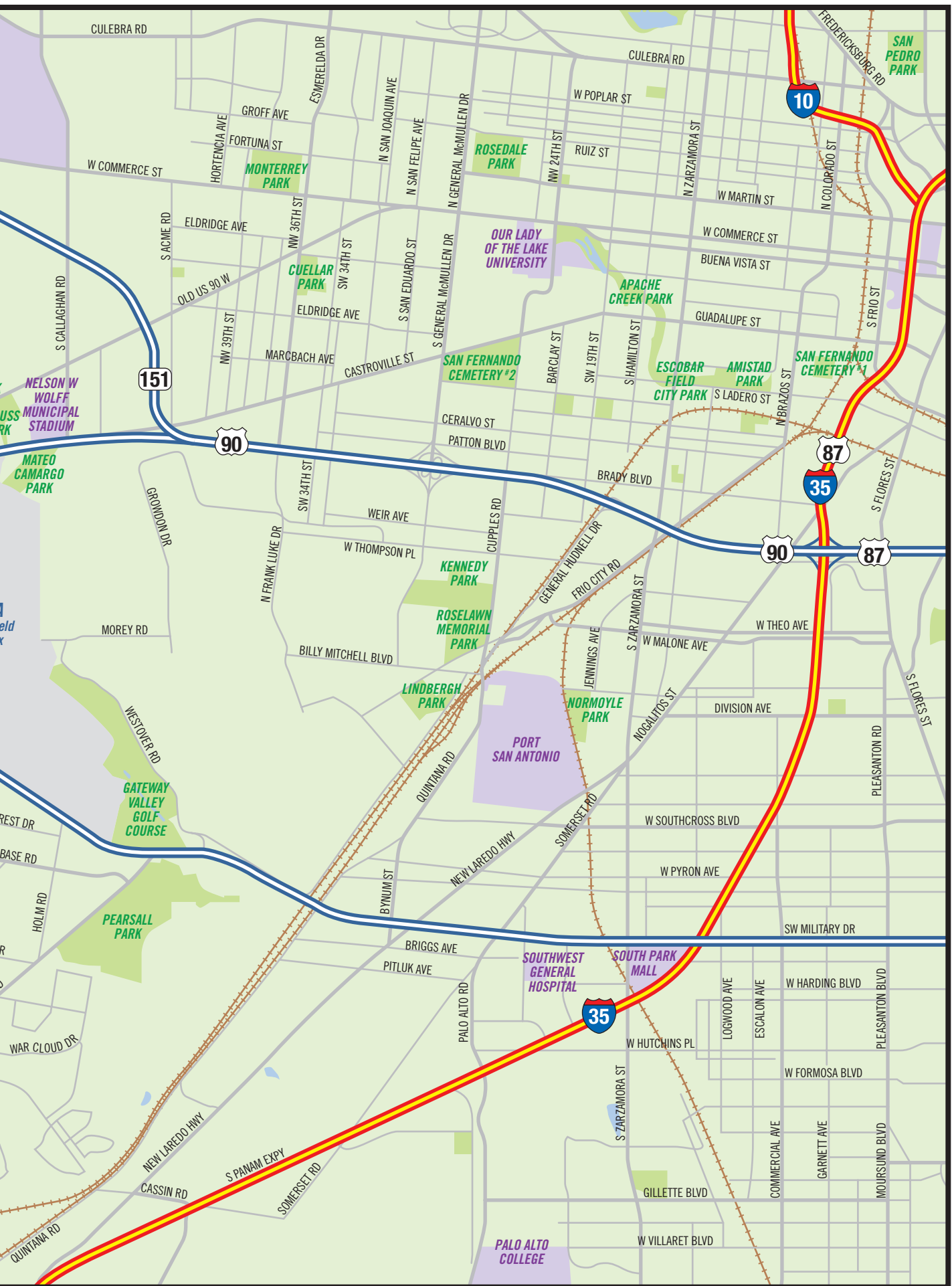


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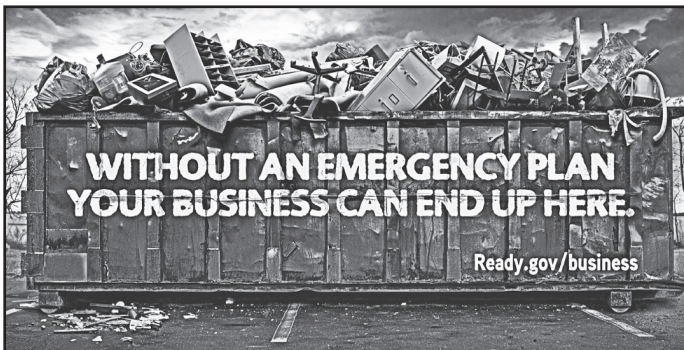
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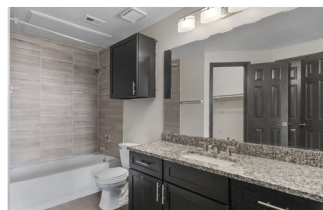

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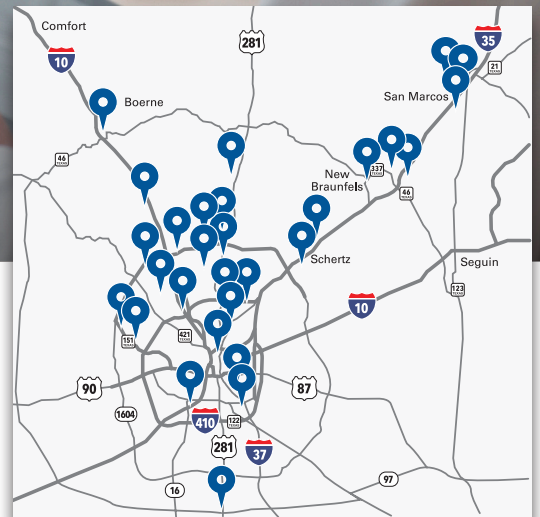


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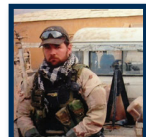
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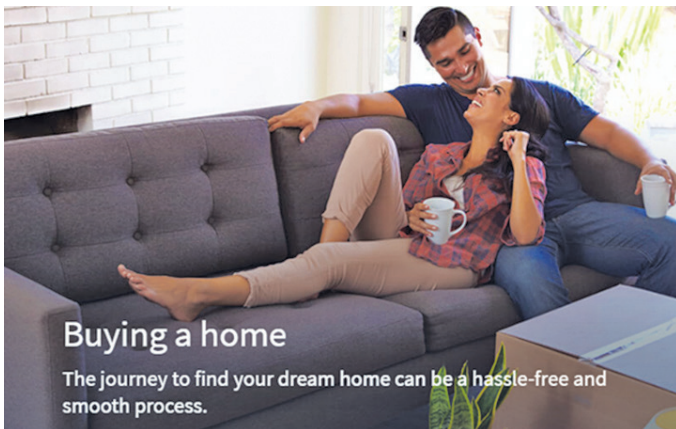
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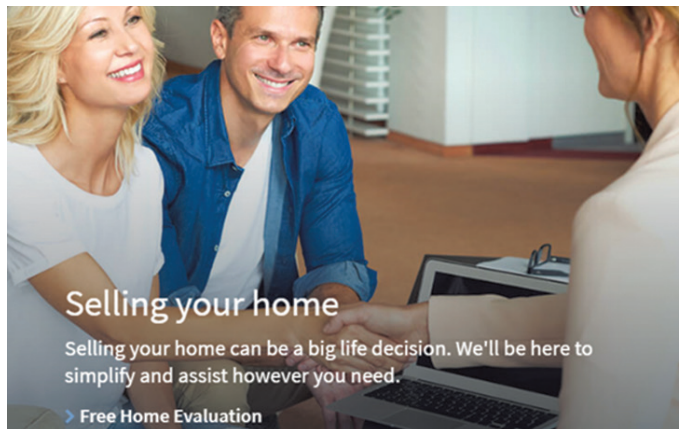
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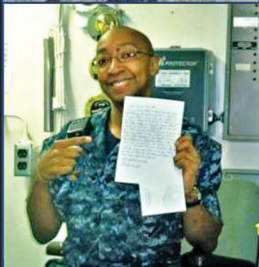
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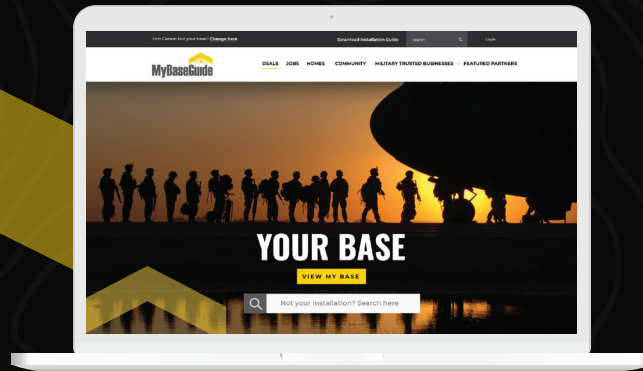


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