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... For the Warfighter

2021 BASE GUIDE
# Quick Reference

**Dial 911 for EMERGENCIES**

From a cellular phone: 661-277-3340

Emergency Control Center: 661-277-3340

Edwards DSN Prefixes are:
- 527 for 277 and 525 for 275

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| Civilian Personnel Office | 661-277-3840 |
| Command Post | 661-277-3040 |
| Commissary | 661-277-9175 |
| Communications Focal Point and Help Desk | 661-277-3444 |
| Community Support Coordinator | 661-275-4543 |
| Conference Center | 661-277-0723 |
| Dry Cleaners and Laundry | 661-258-4606 |
| Education & Training Center | 661-277-2113 |
| Edwards Federal Credit Union | 877-256-3300 |
| Employee Assistance Program | 661-277-1183 |
| Equal Opportunity Office | 661-277-7985 |
| Express (Class Six, Gasoline, Shoppette) | 661-258-0008 |
| Fitness & Sports Center | 661-275-GYM1 (4961) |
| FOIA and Privacy Act Office | 661-277-3015/8370 |
| Flower Shop, Petals Blooms | 209-259-9253 |
| Gates | North: 661-277-4407  
South: 661-275-0588  
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| Golf Course, Muroc Lake | 661-275-PUTT (7888) |
| Household Goods and Housing | Inbound: 661-277-9363  
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| Corvias Community Office | 661-385-6060 |
| Housing Management Office | 661-277-4506 |
| Information, Tickets & Travel | 661-277-TRIP (8747) |
| Inspector General | 661-277-4888 |
| Legal Assistance | 661-277-4310 |
| Library | 661-275-BOOK (2665) |
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Welcome to Edwards Air Force Base!
Whether you are here for a short visit or being assigned for a tour of duty, we hope that your stay is enjoyable.

Edwards is where tomorrow’s Air Force is tested, and all of us who live and work here are extremely proud of this installation, its rich history and its role in the advancement of military air power and state-of-the-art of aviation in general. Thanks to our wide-open spaces, both land and sky, and our lakebed runways, Edwards is the perfect place to safely test America’s aerospace systems.

Within the pages of this guidebook, you’ll be able to learn more about our mission and the groups that make up the 412th Test Wing, which is the host wing for Edwards — the second-largest base in the U.S.

While you’re assigned here, make sure that you take the time to explore the surrounding Antelope Valley, also known to many as “Aerospace Valley,” which offers a wide range of off-base activities. Beyond the High Desert is the Santa Clarita Valley and the Los Angeles basin to the south, as well as exciting destinations toward the north.

Again, a hearty welcome and best wishes from all of us for a most enjoyable stay!
MISSION

412TH TEST WING

The 412th Test Wing plans, conducts and analyzes test missions and reports on flight and ground testing of aircraft, weapons systems, software, components, modeling and simulation for the U.S. Air Force. There are three core components for this mission: engineering, maintenance and flight operations.

The 412th Test Engineering Group and the 412th Electronic Warfare Groups provides the central elements for conducting the test and evaluation mission. They provide the tools, talent and equipment for the core disciplines of aircraft structures, propulsion, avionics and electronic warfare evaluation of the latest weapon system technologies. They also host the core facilities that enable flight test and ground test: the range division, Benefield Anechoic Facility, Integrated Flight Avionics Systems Test Facility and Air Force Electronic Warfare Evaluation Simulator. The project and resource management divisions provide the foundation for the successful program management of test missions.

The 412th Maintenance Group provides flight line, back shop and modification support and conducts logistics test and evaluation on aircraft, aircraft subsystems, weapons, support equipment and technical orders. To execute this mission, the group’s 1,800 maintenance personnel support over 90 highly modified, uniquely configured test and test support aircraft. This fleet boasts 17 different mission design series aircraft operating 15 different propulsion systems, making it the most diverse maintenance unit in the Air Force.

The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, also part of the 412th Test Wing, is where the Air Force’s top pilots, navigators and engineers learn how to conduct flight tests and generate the data needed to carry out test missions. Test pilot school graduates become the backbone of the Air Force test force at Edwards and at other test units across the country.

The 412th Test Wing oversees day-to-day operations at Edwards, which covers 482 square miles. The 412th Test Wing provides support to more than 11,000 personnel assigned to the wing, Air Force Plant 42, Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate, NASA’s Armstrong Flight Research Center and 54 tenant units. The wing is responsible for Edwards’ entire infrastructure to include 29,000 feet of concrete runways, 59 miles of lakebed runways, 573 miles of road, 270 miles of electrical lines, some 8,800 structures and 9.5 million square feet of facility space. The 412th Test Wing provides all the support services to take care of the people who live or work on the installation, including security, fire, medical, housing, transportation, communications, chapel and environmental services.

AIR FORCE TEST CENTER

The Air Force Test Center is headquartered at Edwards AFB. Their mission is to develop, test and evaluate air, space and cyberspace systems to deliver war-winning capabilities. It leads the Air Force test and evaluation mission and acquisition process with an annual budget of $2.5 billion and $31 billion in infrastructure. AFTC is comprised of the Arnold Engineering Development Complex at Arnold AFB, Tennessee; the 96th Test Wing at Eglin AFB, Florida; the 412th Test Wing at Edwards; and multiple operating locations across the country. Those units have common characteristics and cultures that unite them under the T&E mission and three enduring principles of World-Class Risk Management, Adaptive Test Solutions, and Relentless Focus on the Warfighter. Together they work toward the vision of Warfighter’s First Choice — Forging our Nation’s Sword and Shield.
Air Force Plant 42 is a government-owned, contractor-operated industrial plant located in the Antelope Valley approximately 60 miles northeast of Los Angeles with proximity to both the concentration of aerospace industry in Los Angeles and the high-speed corridors and resources on Edwards. The U.S. Air Force has been using this site for aircraft testing and manufacturing purposes since 1935. Air Force Plant 42 supports an estimated 10,000 contractors and government employees, occupying more than 3.5 million square feet of plant space spanning over 5,700 acres with a replacement cost of $1.8 billion. The facility is uniquely situated to fully support the nation’s newest and most advanced commercial and military aerospace systems. Air Force Plant 42 is one of four Air Force plants throughout the United States managed by the Acquisition Environmental & Industrial Facilities Division at Wright-Patterson AFB. Plant 42 is unique in that it has a government-operated airfield complex and hosts three major defense contractors: Boeing, Lockheed-Martin, and Northrop Grumman. The mission of Production Flight Test Installation, Air Force Plant 42, is to provide industrial facilities for the production, modification, depot maintenance and flight test of U.S. aerospace systems. Some of the world’s most advanced aircraft were engineered, fabricated, assembled and tested at Air Force Plant 42, such as the B-1 Lancer and B-2 Spirit bombers, SR-71 Blackbird, F-117A Nighthawk, Global Hawk and other unmanned aircraft. Air Force Plant 42 is composed of the following military units, as well as the three previously mentioned Department of Defense contractors.

Operating Location Air Force Plant 42 is part of the 412th Test Wing at Edwards. The Operating Location Air Force Plant 42 provides command and control of the Air Force Plant 42 airfield complex (including two 12,000-foot-long runways) and personnel that provide daily support to the industrial facilities used for production, modification, depot maintenance and flight test of U.S. aerospace systems. The organization provides security, airfield management, fire protection, crash and rescue, recovery and safety for all of Air Force Plant 42, and engineering, environmental, logistics, information technology support, information management and contract management for the Operating Location.

Located at Air Force Plant 42, Detachment 4, a unit of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Detachment 4 is responsible for test and evaluation of electronic warfare capabilities including electronic attack, defensive countermeasures and low observable air vehicles in a contested environment. The group’s 772nd Test Squadron operates and maintains national ground test facilities, including the Benefield Anechoic Facility, also known as the BAF, the world’s largest anechoic chamber for installed systems tests in a virtual battle space, to ensure weapons system survivability and effectiveness for the
DOD and U.S. allies. The group also operates and maintains high-fidelity, man-in-the-loop aircraft simulators, hardware-in-the-loop laboratories and digital integrated air defense modeling and simulation capabilities. The group’s 771st Test Squadron supports electronic warfare open-air range test and evaluation and provides electronic warfare subject-matter expertise to all Edwards combined test forces to assess system performance, military utility, suitability and mission effectiveness.

The primary mission of the 412 MXG is to provide flight line, back shop and modification support for Air Force, DOD and contractor aircraft and munitions undergoing test and evaluation at Edwards. The 412 MXG also conducts logistics test and evaluation on aircraft, aircraft subsystems, weapons, support equipment and technical orders for system program offices, combined test forces, the USAF Test Pilot School, NASA, foreign government programs and commercial contractors. To carry out this mission, the group consists of 1,800 maintenance personnel supporting over 70 highly modified, uniquely configured test and test-support aircraft. Its fleet boasts an impressive 17 different Mission Design Series aircraft operating 15 different propulsion systems, making it the most diverse maintenance unit in the Air Force.

The 412th Mission Support Group also serves as the base liaison to the local school district, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency.

The 412th Operations Group is the Air Force’s largest and most diverse operations group consisting of eight flight test squadrons, one combined test force, one detachment and an operations support squadron. The group is home to 13 types of aircraft, including the F-35 Lightning II and the new KC-46 Pegasus. The group leads the way in developmental flight test and is a central component in the development of warfighting capabilities for the Air Force. The group’s mission is to inform U.S. Air Force and DOD decision-makers by safely and effectively planning, executing and reporting on ground and flight tests.

The 412th Test Engineering Group provides world-class test and evaluation expertise, instrumentation and range capabilities to deliver relevant, decision-quality information to our customers.
412TH MEDICAL GROUP
661-277-7118
The 412th Medical Group is a patient-centered medical home clinic with a group of providers that deliver primary, special and preventive care to a 7,500 enrolled beneficiary population in a culture of trusted care. The 412th Medical Group is comprised of two outstanding squadrons: Health Care Operations (HCOS) and Operational Medical Readiness Squadron (OMRS). The clinic provides medical support to the Air Force Test Center, the 412th Test Wing, the Air Force Research Laboratory, NASA, NATO, Plant 42 and associate units.

USAF TEST PILOT SCHOOL
661-277-3000
The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School is the world’s premier institution for flight test education, training and research. This is where the Air Force’s top pilots, combat systems officers and engineers learn how to lead and conduct full-spectrum test and evaluation of aerospace weapons systems. Human lives and millions of dollars depend upon how carefully a test mission is planned and flown.

The comprehensive curriculum of the Test Pilot School is fundamental to the success of the Air Force’s test and evaluation mission to deliver and support agile war-winning capabilities. Graduates of the school earn a Master of Science degree in flight test engineering.

TENANTS & SELECT CONTRACTORS (NOT INCLUSIVE)

31ST TEST AND EVALUATION SQUADRON
190 S. Wolfe Ave.
661-277-2366 or DSN 527-2366
The 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron, established in 1917, is an Air Combat Command unit at Edwards. The 31 TES is subordinate to the 53d Test and Evaluation Group, located at Nellis AFB, Nevada, and the 53rd Wing located at Eglin AFB, Florida. The 31st represents the warfighter during early operational testing to ensure the combat Air Force receives the world’s most lethal systems. Selective manning of operations, maintenance and engineering professionals results in premier test planning and execution on the Air Force’s top priority programs. Unit personnel integrate into Operational Test on the B-21, B-2, B-52, RQ-4, MQ-9, E-3 and DCGS programs.

AIR FORCE AUDIT AGENCY
10 S. Seller Ave.
661-277-2899 or DSN 527-2899
801-775-4357 or DSN 775-4357
The Air Force Audit Agency provides Edwards, including Air Force Plant 42, and the AFRL’s Aerospace Systems Directorate independent, objective and quality audit services. These audit services promote the economy and efficiency of operations, evaluate programs and activities to assist management in achieving desired results, and assess fiduciary stewardship and accuracy of financial reporting.

AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, DETACHMENT 111
115 E. Yeager Blvd.
661-277-2208 or DSN 527-2208
Anonymous Crime Tips:
- Text “AFOSI” plus your crime tip information to CRIMES (274637)
- Via website: https://www.tip411.com/tips/new?alert_group_id=21111

AFOSI Detachment 111 provides special investigative services for the protection of Air Force and DOD personnel, operations and material at Edwards. The unit identifies, exploits and neutralizes criminal, terrorist and intelligence threats to Edwards, the Air Force, the DOD and the U.S. government by identifying and resolving crime that threatens Air Force readiness or good order and discipline, threats to information systems and technologies and fraud in the acquisition of U.S. Air Force prioritized weapons systems.

AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER, DETACHMENT 1
187 N. Flight Line Road, Bldg. 1806
661-277-5469
AFOTEC Det. 1 is the lead organization for the Joint Strike Fighter Operational Test Team, comprising of over 800 personnel, including U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.K. Royal Air Force, Australian Air Force and Royal Air Force of the Netherlands. Det. 1 is responsible for assessing the operational effectiveness,
suitability and mission capability of the F-35 Lightning II Air System to conduct sustained air-to-surface and air-to-air missions in a network-centric operationally representative environment. As the lead operational test agency for the Joint Strike Fighter Operational Test Team, AFOTEC Det. 1 is responsible for accomplishing initial operational test and evaluation of the F-35 Lightning II with the efforts of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, United Kingdom Ministry of Defense, Royal Netherlands Air Force and Royal Australian Air Force.

**AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER, DETACHMENT 5**

190 S. Wolfe Ave., Bldg. 1260
661-277-3666 or DSN 527-3666

Detachment 5 is a component of the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center headquartered at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. Detachment 5 personnel are responsible for conducting the operational test and evaluation for the Air Force’s current and future bomber, mobility, C2ISR, training, and special operations aircraft and combat systems. Operational testing is the final, definitive phase of the Air Force test and evaluation process and is required in advance of full-rate production and combat testing. Detachment 5 personnel are integrated into the test center’s combined test forces from concept development through system employment. They provide a critical operational perspective during developmental testing to help prepare systems for their final operational test and evaluation. During the final dedicated operational test, AFOTEC tests production-representative systems, in an operationally representative environment, to ensure our nation’s warfighters have the right tools to accomplish the mission effectively.

**AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY, AEROSPACE SYSTEMS DIRECTORATE, ROCKET LABORATORY**

661-275-5620
www.wpafri.af.mil/AFRL

The Air Force Research Laboratory’s Rocket Propulsion Division, with full mission support from Detachment 7 and the Site Support Division, are responsible for the development of rocket propulsion technologies for current and future Air Force space and missile systems. The lab is the development center for all Air Force rocket and missile propulsion technologies, including propellants, combustion, characterization of exhaust plumes, and the materials and structures unique to rocket propulsion. Nearly every U.S. rocket-propelled system used today for tactical operations, ballistic launch, space launch and space operations can trace its technology back to this site.

The site’s unique, state-of-the-art research environment, to ensure our nation's warfighters have the right tools to accomplish the mission effectively.

The Air Force Research Laboratory, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, encompasses all Air Force research and development with directorates and facilities throughout the United States.

AFRL’s Rocket Propulsion Division has devoted its efforts to the discovery, development and application of scientific and engineering principles to national defense rocket propulsion needs for more than 50 years. Over 250 military scientists, engineers, technicians and support staff advance this technology area. They are assisted by additional on-site contractors and base support organizations. The lab is the development center for all Air Force rocket and missile propulsion technologies, including propellants, combustion, characterization of exhaust plumes, and the materials and structures unique to rocket propulsion. Nearly every U.S. rocket-propelled system used today for tactical operations, ballistic launch, space launch and space operations can trace its technology back to this site.

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**AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL**

65 Wolfe Ave., Bldg. 3920, Second Floor
661-277-2809 or DSN 527-2809

The Area Defense Counsel represents Air Force members who are accused of military crimes or receive adverse administrative actions. For example, the ADC assists clients with demotions, non-judicial punishments (Article 15s), involuntary discharges and courts-martial. The ADC works directly for each client and their chain of command runs completely independent from Edwards. There is no cost for the assistance of the ADC and, once retained as counsel, any conversations are confidential and protected by attorney-client privilege.

**ARMY/AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE**

240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-1078

Ensuring improved quality of life at Edwards, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service provides the community with services, products and retail facilities from the main store complex to an Express with 24-hour credit card reader gas dispensers. Located in the 73,000-square-foot exchange complex are the beauty and barbershops, a florist, the Optical Shop, Lock and Leave Storage Center, GNC and Enterprise Car Rental.
Meetings are 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday.

For further shopping convenience, AAFES features a dry cleaner, laundromat and a concession furniture store.

CIVIL AIR PATROL, EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE COMPOSITE, SQUADRON 84
Bldg. 1850, 1518 Forbes Ave.
661-277-9306
http://sq84.cawgcap.org
www.facebook.com/CAPSQ84

The Civil Air Patrol is a professional, volunteer, nonprofit organization with over 61,000 members and is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. CAP has three primary missions: operating a first-rate cadet program that includes leadership training, teamwork and discipline, aerospace education, physical fitness and character development; fostering an understanding of aeronautics through aerospace education, and supporting emergency services through disaster relief efforts, humanitarian assistance and inland search-and-rescue missions as directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Membership in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program begins at age 12 and lasts through age 21, while adults over the age of 18 may join as senior members. For more information on CAP programs and membership benefits, including scholarships, military grade advancement and military service academy appointment statistics, go to www.gocivilairpatrol.com. Meetings are 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday.

DEFENSE COMMISSARY
312 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-277-9175 or DSN 527-9175
www.commissaries.com
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The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Commissaries provide a military benefit, saving authorized patrons thousands of dollars annually on their purchases compared to similar products at commercial retailers. The discounted prices include a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America’s military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country. Please visit our store page on www.commissaries.com for up-to-date information.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION JOSHUA CONTROL
100 S. Sparks Drive, Bldg. 2580
661-258-6300 or DSN 527-2023

The FAA’s Joshua Control Facility, radio call sign Joshua Approach, provides mission-related air traffic control services to Department of Defense and DOD-sponsored aircraft within the R-2508 complex airspace. The R-2508 complex encompasses nearly 20,000 square miles of special-use airspace. Joshua Control Facility is part of the Department of Transportation and employs civilian personnel to provide air traffic control services within and outside the special-use airspace.

NASA’S ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER
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https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/6632647

The Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards is NASA’s premier installation for airborne flight research, chartered to research and test advanced aeronautics, space and related technologies and to transfer those technologies to industry and other government agencies.

NASA Armstrong supports NASA’s Earth science mission by performing atmospheric research with a fleet of specialized aircraft. Armstrong is also involved in NASA’s astrophysics work conducting flight operations of the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), a Boeing 747SP carrying the largest telescope to date.

Formerly named the Dryden Flight Research Center, the center was renamed in early 2014 in honor of famed NASA astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, the first person to set foot on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969 and a former research test pilot at the center prior to his astronaut career. The name of Hugh L. Dryden, an aeronautical scientist who served as director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, NASA’s predecessor organization, and later as the first deputy administrator of NASA, lives on as the namesake of the center’s aeronautical test range.

The center’s history dates to late 1946, when the first 13 engineers arrived at what is now Edwards Air Force Base from the NACA Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory (renamed Langley Research Center) in Virginia to support the first supersonic research flights by the X-1 rocket plane in a joint NACA, Army Air Forces and Bell Aircraft program.

Since the days of the X-1, the center has been associated with many important milestones in aviation and space research: supersonic and hypersonic flight, wingless
The Ikohana became the first aircraft to obtain a No Chase Certificate of Waiver Authorization (COA) from the FAA.

Current UAS-NAS research activities taking place at the center is Flight Test Six, or FT6, to support the development of DAA standards for medium-sized UAS. FT6 will collect data to inform the development of minimum operational performance standards (MOPS) for DAA alerting guidance, and for small, lightweight and low power radar.

The center supports data collection for the earth science community with a small fleet of specialized aircraft, including a DC-8 airborne laboratory, a Gulfstream C-20A (G-III) with a sophisticated synthetic aperture radar, B-200 King Air and two high-altitude ER-2s, which are civil variants of the U-2 reconnaissance aircraft. These aircraft conduct atmospheric sampling, environmental imaging and satellite sensor validation missions around the globe.

SOFIA was developed and is operated under a NASA-German Aerospace Center partnership. NASA Armstrong manages and conducts flight operations of the 747SP aircraft that carries a 17-metric ton, 2.5-meter, German-built infrared telescope. Many of the Earth science aircraft and the SOFIA flying observatory are based at NASA Armstrong’s building 703 in Palmdale, California.

Along with research and support aircraft, Armstrong’s assets include simulation laboratories, a high-temperature and flight loads-calibration laboratory, aircraft flight test instrumentation capability, a data analysis facility to process flight research data and expertise in remotely operated aircraft flight research.

In addition, Armstrong’s Research Aircraft Integration Facility can simultaneously check aircraft flight controls, avionics, electronics and other systems. The only one of its type in NASA, the facility is designed to speed up and enhance systems integration and preflight checks on research aircraft.

From a handful of engineers who established the center in the late 1940s, the Armstrong Flight Research Center now employs about 1,150 people, including both civilian service and contractor staff, at its two campuses.

U.S. ARMY VETERINARY SERVICE
900 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7207
661-275-2177 or DSN 525-2177
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; no appointments Thursday due to training. Appointments are available as the vet’s schedule allows.

Note: All service members’ pets should be registered with the VTF within 72 hours of arrival on base.

The U.S. Army Veterinary Service provides comprehensive veterinary care to all government-owned animals, such as the 412th Security Forces Squadron’s military working dogs, and to service members’ privately owned animals through the Veterinary Treatment Facility. The VTF offers appointments for wellness exams, sick call, and routine surgery or dental procedures. It is highly recommended that pet owners maintain a relationship with an off-base vet as a backup for those times when the military veterinarian is not available. The Veterinary Corps also supports public health and force protection initiatives across the DOD, ranging from food safety missions at Naval Air Station China Lake and Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow to commercial sanitation inspections of all food establishments that sell products to the Defense Commissary Agency.

FACT: All the food in the commissary is inspected by Veterinary Corps personnel before becoming an approved source to be sold to you in the commissaries.

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NEWCOMERS

EMERGENCY SERVICES
For emergencies, dial 911.
For nonemergencies, call:
Emergency Control Center
105 E. Yeager Blvd., Bldg. 2860
661-277-3340 or DSN 527-3340

From a landline base telephone, emergencies can be reported by calling 911.
If using a cellphone, dialing 911 is not recommended, as the call will be relayed to the location of the cellphone service provider.
Emergency cellphone calls should be made to the base fire department’s communication center at 661-277-4540/4541. The Emergency Control Center is open 24 hours a day.

Paramedic treatment and ambulance service is provided by a network of five fire stations located across the base:
• Fire Station 1 provides service to the northern portion of the base.
• Fire Station 2 provides service to the base housing area.
• Fire Station 3 provides service to the southern portion of the base.
• Fire Station 4 provides service to the Air Force Research Laboratory, Propulsion Directorate.
• Fire Station 5 provides service to the flight line.

Fire prevention training is available by calling 661-277-3643/4621 or DSN 527-3643/4621.

Counseling is available by the chaplain staff 24 hours a day. During duty hours, the chaplain can be reached at 661-277-2110 or DSN 527-2110. After duty hours, the on-call chaplain can be reached through Command Post at 661-277-3040 or DSN 527-3040.

ARRIVAL
Incoming civilian employees should report during the duty day, as instructed by Civilian Personnel, to the Consolidated Support Facility in Bldg. 3000, 5 N. Seller Ave. If you need directions or information upon arrival at Edwards, a 412th Security Forces Squadron gate guard will be happy to assist you.
Incoming active-duty military should report, in uniform, to their gaining unit during the duty day. After hours, your first stop should be the 24-hour arrival point at the Edwards’ High Desert Inn lodging office. It is in Bldg. 5602, 602 Honts Drive, just off Manzanita Way in the base housing area.

All active-duty military are required to attend the Newcomers’ Orientation, which provides vital information regarding base resources and services, policies and procedures, background and more. Times and locations vary; you must call to register. Call the Airman & Family Readiness Center, 90 Farrell Drive, Bldg. 5620, at 661-277-4709/0723. Spouses are encouraged to attend, and advanced registration is also required.

In the event of an emergency while en route to Edwards, travelers should call their new unit or assignment. If that information is unknown, call the intro manager at 661-277-4281 or DSN 527-4281 during the day or the 24-hour arrival point at 661-277-3302/3394/4101 or DSN 527-3302/3394/4101 at any hour.

COMMUTING
There are the two primary commuting routes to Edwards’ main base. California State Highway 58 is the main route to reach the base and the Air Force Research Laboratory. Speed limits along these roads are in the 65 to 70-mph range, making it practical to live relatively far from base. Traffic is rare; however, backups at the gates during periods of increased security do occur.

Public transportation serving Edwards is available via the Antelope Valley Transit Authority. For more information regarding schedules, special fares and services, visit their website at www.avta.com.

Carpooling is encouraged. A minimum commute to base is roughly 30 minutes.

CHILD CARE
Child Development Center
1305 Fitzgerald Blvd., Bldg. 6457
661-275-TOTS (8687) or DSN 525-8687
Hours: 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; the center is closed for all AFMC family days and federal holidays.

The Child Development Center, in the housing area, provides developmental care for children 6 weeks to 6 years old, as well as children attending kindergarten. Hourly care and part-day enrichment programs are available. The center participates in the Give Parents a Break program for deployed spouses, as well as families needing a break. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks are served daily. All menus are in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines.

Eligibility
Eligibility and priority are established through AFI 34-144. Active-duty members, DOD civilians, dual-employed families, single families, dual-military couples and those attending school full-time are given priority. Requests for care are done through registration at MilitaryChildCare.com (MCC).
Philosophy

The practices of Air Force Child Development Programs are based on current knowledge of child development and early childhood education. The centers support the development of the whole child, meaning all areas of development are considered interrelated and equally important. The program acknowledges that children learn through active, hands-on involvement with their environment, peers and caring adults. The program respects each child’s unique interests, experiences, abilities and needs, thus allowing it to be responsive to and appropriate for each child. Children are valued as individuals, as well as part of a group. Likewise, the program respects and supports the ideals, cultures and values of families in their task of nurturing children. The center advocates for children, families and the early childhood professionals within their programs.

Early Learning Matters (ELM) Curriculum

The ELM curriculum created by Purdue University, has been adopted and supported by DOD-USDA Partnership for Military Families. The ELM curriculum provides the teachers with sequenced activities that are aligned with children’s developmental paths and a learning-focused environment with age-appropriate materials. It will sensitively build on children’s knowledge, skills and interests. It provides a range of developmentally appropriate strategies to promote meaningful learning throughout the day by respectfully recognizing family cultures in all practices. The foundation skills for our 3- to 5-year-olds are:

- Creative Expression
- Language/Literacy
- Mathematics
- Physical/Health
- Science
- Self Regulation
- Social-Emotional
- Social Studies

Free Child Care for Newcomers

A maximum of 20 hours of free child care per child is available through the Air Force Aid Society to parents of all ranks who are making a permanent change of station to or from Edwards. The child care is available within 60 days of arrival or departure and is provided by Family Child Care program providers. Parents may apply for child care by bringing a copy of their orders and a valid ID to the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Call the center at 661-277-0723 or DSN 527-0723.

Teen Center

1100 Kinechloe Ave., Bldg. 7211
661-275-TEEN (8336) or DSN 525-8336
Hours: 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed on federal holidays.

The Teen Center is conveniently located just around the corner from Desert Junior-Senior High School. It is a great place for teens to go after school offering fun activities and events for teens, ages 13 to 18 that are still in high school. The teen center provides a relaxed atmosphere for students to do their homework, socialize and play video games, pool, ping pong and much more.

The Teen Center has an affordable snack bar that offers teens a well-deserved snack after school.

The Teen Center is affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America and 4-H offering many BGCA, 4-H and Air Force programs, such as lock-ins, cooking club, drama club, photography club, art club, robotics, fashion design, music lessons (School of Music), just to name a few.

The Keystone Club, a Boys & Girls Club of America sponsored program, provides teens age 14 to 18 leadership opportunities within the base community. The club has four primary focus areas: community service, career preparation, academic success and teen outreach. The club also participates in many fundraising activities to support its participation in an annual national conference in the early summer months.

The Youth of the Year Program is another BGCA initiative that recognizes teens age 14 to 18 for overall excellence. Each teen selected will represent their individual club in state, regional and national competitions. BGCA award winners may receive up to $100,000 in scholarships for their college plans.

Teen Sponsorship, run in coordination with the Airman & Family Readiness Center, helps teens moving to Edwards more quickly adjust. Incoming teens are matched to an Edwards’ teen to receive information on base life from a peer’s perspective before arriving.

The Congressional Award is the United
States Congress’ award for young Americans. The program is open to all 14- to 23-year-olds. Participants earn bronze, silver and gold Congressional Award certificates and bronze, silver and gold Congressional Award medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas:

- Volunteer public service
- Personal development
- Physical fitness
- Expedition and exploration

The Teen Center’s School of Music offers lessons in piano, drums, guitar, bass guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and voice. Other instruments are available too, at all levels (beginner, intermediate and advanced).

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Youth Main Center**

24 Lathrop Drive

661-275-KIDS (5437) or DSN 525-5437

Office Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Open Recreation Hours: 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed on federal holidays.

Youth Programs is the focal point for all youth activities at Edwards. A wide range of supervised programs is available to youth age 9 to 18. Youths age 13 and older may find additional programs available through the Teen Center. Youth Programs offers an array of youth, preteen and teen activities, including dances, holiday and family events and trips. Professional instructional classes are available through the center for classes such as ballet, dance and music. The center relies on both youth and parents to take an active role in shaping the programs. The main center is affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America and 4-H and offers many BGCA, 4-H and Air Force programs, such as Power Hour and homework help, tutoring, cooking club, art club, STEM club and photography club just to name a few. The Torch Club, a Boys & Girls Club of America sponsored program, provides youth age 9 to 12 leadership opportunities within the base community. To learn more about current services, visit https://edwardsfss.com.

The center also facilitates the Youth Sports and Fitness Program for children age 5 to 14 and a Start Smart program for age 3 and 4. The program offers a wide range of sports activities throughout the year and provides children a chance to compete and gain instruction and confidence in such sports as basketball, baseball, softball, track, volleyball, soccer and the new Swim Club.

**School Age Annex**

1208 W. Fitzgerald Blvd., Bldg. 6459

661-275-PLAY (7529) or DSN 525-7529

The School Age Care (SAC) Program serves military and civilian employees by providing a caring, positive environment for their children. We offer before- and after-school child care, as well as full-day camps during summer and holiday weeks for youth from kindergarten to 12 years old. The SAC program provides programming for students that develops physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities, and offers experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment, friendship and recognition. Programming focuses on education and career; health and life skills; character and leadership; the arts; and sports, fitness and recreation. It also offers 4-H programming and Boys & Girls Club of America community service and STEM activities. Meals, snacks and transportation to and from the base schools are provided. Students must be enrolled in kindergarten to register for programs.

**Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts**

Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops on base promote character, social skill development, citizenship training, sportsmanship, physical and mental fitness, and pride in a growing mind and body for boys and girls in first through 12th grade.

To find a Cub Scout Pack or a Boy Scout Troop, visit www.scouting.org. To find a Girl Scout troop, from Daisy to Ambassador, go to: www.girlscoutsla.org.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Muroc Joint Unified School District

17100 Foothill Ave.

North Edwards, CA 93523

760-769-4821 or 661-258-4178

The Edwards community boasts an elementary school (K-6) and a junior-senior high school (7-12). On-base public schools fall under the jurisdiction of California’s Muroc Joint Unified School District.

Branch Elementary School

1595 Bailey Ave.

661-258-4418

Kindergarten through sixth grade

Desert Junior-Senior High School

1575 Payne Ave.

661-258-4411

Seventh through 12th grade

**California School Age Attendance Requirements**

California Education Code 48200 requires school attendance for all children between the ages of 6 and 18. Kindergarten is considered part of the regular school program. A child must be 5 years of age or older on or before Sept. 1 to attend kindergarten and must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 to attend first grade. Any child who will have their fifth birthday between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2 will be offered a transitional kindergarten program.

Parents are required to accompany students during registration and must provide the following for each student being registered: the student’s birth certificate, the student’s current or transfer report card accompanied by a withdrawal form from the most recent previous school, a current physical for the student with a doctor’s signature on the school’s physical form (or proof of a physical in the previous school’s records), immunization and shot records, and proof of residency for each student.

Registration is held most weekdays from 1 to 3 p.m. throughout the school year. You can also access the registration requirements at the school website at http://muroc.k12.ca.us. Forms are available at each school’s webpage.

High school students who arrive on
base prior to the beginning of the school year have an opportunity to plan their schedules. Counseling sessions begin in August. Honors, advanced placement, college preparatory and laboratory science classes complement a wide range of extracurricular clubs and activities, from drama and yearbook to volleyball and wrestling and Junior ROTC. With about 500 students, Desert Junior-Senior High School offers a variety of opportunities for all students to be involved with their school.

Students arriving after the school year has begun should register at the counseling office as soon as possible after arrival.

Parents can also access school registration requirements on the Edwards AFB school liaison website: https://edwardsfss.com/family/school-liaison-office, or call 661-277-2456.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER
School Liaison Office • 5 Seller Drive 661-277-2456
When to connect with your School Liaison Officer
Once orders to Edwards are received, you have a choice of either contacting the SLO at your current base or contacting the Edwards SLO via phone, email or website. Provide the SLO with the age or grade of your children, the location of residence, type of school or program desired (private, public, gifted, special needs, STEM) and any other information you feel is important in your children’s education. Once received, the SLO will be able to provide you with local school information both on and off base. The schools on Edwards Air Force Base belong to Muroc Joint Unified School District (public) and as such the SLO cannot enroll your children. This can only be completed by the parent.

Resources available for comparing schools:
• www.cde.ca.gov/ds
• www.greatschools.org

When transitioning from one base to another, you can also contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Relocation Program and Housing Office for information on Edwards and the surrounding communities. They will provide you with a welcome packet and Newcomers Orientation information.

Quick Checklist for School Moves
Contact the Edwards school liaison officer. More helpful information is available at www.militarychild.org.

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• Birth certificate, passport or I.D. card.
• Custody or guardianship papers and any other court documents (if applicable).
• Proof of residency.
• Inter-District Attendance or Residency Based on Employment application (if applicable).
• Individual Education Plan or 504 Plan (if applicable).
• Student’s health record (immunization, etc.). The California State Health Department requires kindergarteners and first-graders to have a physical examination and dental screening for school enrollment.

• Immunization requirements:
  • Polio: three doses, if the last one was given after the fourth birthday.
  • DTP: four doses, if the last one was received before the fourth birthday, an additional dose is required.
  • MMR: two doses.
  • Hepatitis B: three-dose series.
  • Varicella (chicken pox) or medical proof of having had the chickenpox.
  • Tdap: one dose (seventh grade).
  • MMR: two doses (seventh grade).
  • School Records:
    • Copy of cumulative folder (only the copy mailed between schools is considered official).
    • Most recent class schedule and course descriptions.
    • Report cards and test scores (standardized or special program testing, etc.).
  • Withdrawal grades or progress reports.

Frequently Asked Questions
1. If I live off base, how can I find out which school my child will attend and how can I research local schools?
Children are assigned to the district in which they live, making it important to research schools before making a housing decision. Within a 100-mile radius of Edwards, there are over 12 school districts in the Antelope Valley. The Muroc Joint Unified School District is the district that oversees the schools on base. Each school district has a webpage where parents can research test scores, school safety, the teacher-pupil ratio and boundary maps. The School Liaison Specialist has information about the local schools.

2. Can I choose which school district my child will attend?
Yes, you have some choice about which school your child attends within California’s public school system. California also recognizes residency based on employment.

3. At what age can my child start school in California?
Students must be 5 years by Sept. 1 in order to start kindergarten. If they turn 5 between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, they are eligible for transitional kindergarten if it is offered.

STARBASE Edwards
STARBASE Edwards is a joint program of the DOD, educators, area industry and nonprofit organizations, committed to raising the interest and improving the knowledge and skills of its participants in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (S.T.E.M.) subject areas. STARBASE uses a student-centered curriculum to actively investigate applications of program content and provide positive interaction with role models found within the community and on military bases and installations. The program lessons and activities rely heavily on experiential learning, applied technology, embedded and stand-alone math concepts and applications, and service learning projects to connect the content with community needs and to encourage the development of life skills necessary for future success.

Parent Organizations
Parents have the opportunity to support and advise Edwards’ schools through the Parent Teacher Association and the Parents’ Advisory Council. More information on joining the PTA or PAC is available through the schools.
4. What are the course requirements for high school graduation?
To receive a high-school diploma, students must fulfill state and district graduation requirements. State-mandated graduation course requirements follow:
- Three years of English
- Two years of mathematics including Algebra I. Students who successfully complete Algebra I in middle school must still complete a minimum of two years of mathematics in high school.
- Three years of social studies including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics
- Two years of science including biology and physical science
- Two years of physical education
- One year of foreign language (American Sign Language is considered a foreign language), visual and performing arts or career technical education

Recognizing that these 13 years of preparation are state minimum requirements, local school boards often set local graduation requirements that exceed the state-mandated requirements. Students must pass the California High School Exit Examination to receive a high-school diploma. Please see your school administration for any additional requirements.

5. If my child is only going to attend local or on-base schools for just a few years, how can I ensure that my child is prepared to transfer to another state school with higher standards or overseas DOD/DEA schools?
With the help of the academic school counselors, an academic plan can be mapped out that can assist in making smooth transitions from one school to the next.

7. Where can I find information on the process for transitioning a special needs child?
Contact the school to make an appointment for registration. Let the school know that your child has an active Individual Education Plan or an Individual Accommodation 504 Plan gifted program description, English as a second language or bilingual education, at-risk or other action plans for classroom modifications. Take a copy of your child’s IEP and psychoeducational report along with all other required documents to the school for your appointment. If you have any questions prior to arrival, please see the school site, the special education office or the school liaison officer for assistance.

8. What are the state requirements and procedures for home schooling my child?
There are four legal alternatives for home schooling that are acceptable in California:
1) Home educators may establish a private school, based in their home, and file a private school affidavit with the Superintendent of Public Instruction of California (normally between Oct. 1 and 15 every school year).
2) Home-schooling parents may enroll their children in a private school PSP (private school satellite program) that has filed a private school affidavit with the Superintendent of Public Instruction of California, which has the same legal exemption and requirements as No. 1 above. A private school satellite program may be composed entirely of home educators or may be an extension program of a campus-based private school. Families enrolled in out-of-state schools and programs are required by state law to be enrolled in a California private school (single home-based or PSP) with a California physical address for its location.
3) A child being taught by a home-schooling parent, who has a valid California teacher’s credential for the grades and subjects taught, is exempted from attendance in a public school under the tutorial exemption (E.C. §48224).
4) The home-schooled pupil may enroll in a public school independent study program (E.C. §§51745-51747) or a charter school offering home study (E.C. §47600 et al.) if available in your school district or county. In these two programs, the home schooling family is under the authority of the public schools.

Home Schooling websites:
- K-12 Home Schooling: www.k12.com
- California Department of Education: www.cde.ca.gov
- Homeschool Association of California: www.hsc.org
- California Homeschool Network: www.californiahomeschool.net
- Kaplan Online Schools: www.kaplan.com
- The Khan Academy: www.khanacademy.org
- Online Tutoring: www.tutor.com

9. What schooling choices are available for my child?
Depending on where you are interested in living, there are many public, private and charter schools that are available to families. Please see your base school liaison officer for additional assistance.

HOUSING
Military Housing Office (MHO)
Mojave Sky Community Center
1365 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-277-4506 or DSN 527-4506
Fax: 661-277-0453 or DSN 527-0453
412TW.CE.Housing.Questions@us.af.mil
Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contact the Military Housing Office as soon as you know you are moving to Edwards. Upon arrival, whether planning to live on or off base, all members (per PCS orders) are required to visit the MHO before entering into any lease, rental agreement or sales contract for housing, to include renting privatized housing on base. The MHO is ready to support you in the transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with housing options and support services available to you.

Edwards military family housing is privatized. Corvias Military Living owns the homes and is responsible for maintaining, repairing, constructing and managing the homes and housing community. The HMO staff works alongside the Corvias staff and acts as a liaison and representative for military residents. Corvias offers several programs to enhance the on-base living experience, including complete yard maintenance as part of the rental package. For comprehensive information about the housing community at

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Breaking Barriers Since 1947
Pets in Family Housing

A maximum of two dogs and/or cats per household are allowed while residing in family housing on Edwards. All dogs and cats must be licensed and microchipped; a pet deposit of $200 per dog or cat will be required. Residents may not have any breed of dog, including mixed breeds, which are deemed “aggressive or potentially aggressive.” These breeds are defined as pit bull (American Staffordshire bull terrier or English Staffordshire bull terrier), Rottweiler, Doberman pinscher, chow chow and wolf-hybrids. Farm, ranch, wild and exotic animals are also prohibited. All dogs and cats must be registered within 10 working days of arrival by presenting a current rabies certificate or scheduling vaccinations at the Edwards Veterinary Treatment Facility. An Edwards’ rabies and identification tag will be issued upon proper proof of immunization. Owners will confine pets at their residence or exercise them under the owner’s immediate control on a leash at all times, unless within the fenced area of the dog park. No pets will be left unattended in motor vehicles. Breeding or abandoning animals on Edwards is prohibited.

Note: All service members’ pets should be registered with the VTF within 72 hours of arrival on base.

Corvias Community Office
Mojave Sky Community Center
1365 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-385-6060
edwards.leasing@corvias.com
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Welcome to Corvias at Edwards. Corvias expertly manages 741 on-base homes in seven communities at Edwards. Each neighborhood has parks and recreational facilities and is within walking distance to nearby schools.

The Mojave Sky Community Center provides residents with a multimedia room, fitness center, computer lab, multipurpose room and swimming pool. All on-base residents are authorized free trash removal, lawn care and 24-hour emergency maintenance. Corvias maintains a small, tight-knit community. For photographs, floor plans and more information, visit: http://airforce.corviasmilitaryliving.com/edwards.

Call Corvias or stop by the office to speak with a team member and learn more about the benefits of living on base.

Unaccompanied Housing Consolidated Dormitory Management Office
210 Spiro Ave., Bldg. 2423
661-277-6783 or DSN 527-6783
Fax: 661-277-0540 or DSN 527-0540
Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All unaccompanied service members in the grades of E-1 through E-4 with less than three years of service are required to reside on base. Dormitory rooms are assigned in accordance with AFI 32-6005, Unaccompanied Housing Management, based upon grade and assigned unit. Most dormitories are centrally located within walking distance of the dining facility, the Oasis Community Center, the Aerobic and Aquatics Center, and the Rosburg Fitness and Sports Center. Pets require prior written authorization from the Consolidated Dormitory Management Office. Dogs, cats, reptiles and exotic pets are not allowed. For more information, contact the CDMO. For dormitory photographs, floor plans and other information, visit www.housing.af.mil/Units/Edwards.

On-base housing is not available for unaccompanied service members in or above the grade of E-4 with three years or more of service. They should plan to reside off base in a local community (see Off-base Housing). Members with extenuating circumstances may be housed in dormitories on a case-by-case basis. Contact the CDMO for details on requesting an exception to policy.

Off-base Housing

Members assigned to Edwards may choose to reside in one of two metropolitan areas, Lancaster or Palmdale, 35 to 45 minutes away, or in other small communities near the installation but with fewer services. These areas include Boron, California City, Mojave, North Edwards, Rosamond and Tehachapi. Housing referral personnel at the MHO are ready to assist customers with personalized listings of rentals and real estate as well as information regarding living in off-base communities. For more information, please call the MHO at 661 277-4506, or email 412TW.ce.housing.questions@edwards.af.mil, or visit www.housing.af.mil/Units/Edwards.

Adopt-a-Pet at Edwards Team Rescue
615 S. Forbes Ave.
661-258-9525
apetrescue342@gmail.com
www.petfinder.com/shelters/CA913.html
www.facebook.com/APETRescue

APET Rescue is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) all-volunteer organization that has been rescuing and finding loving homes for unwanted and unclaimed pets since 2002. In addition, the rescue works hard to educate the public on the importance of spaying and neutering, microchipping and overall animal care to improve the lives of their pets and reduce the over-population of unwanted animals in the area.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
5 N. Seller Ave., Bldg. 3000
661-277-3840

The Civilian Personnel Officer executes Title V administration on behalf of the Installation Commander Serviced population for nearly 4,900 AF employees and 244 NAF employees.

• Advisor to 412 TW/CC and all supervisors for civilian personnel programs, civilian resource management and over hire management.

• New employee in-processing; schedule physicals, drug testing, suitability and equip security application.

• Provides strategic human capital planning, recruitment advice, hiring plan OPR, labor market assessments.
• Advise/process adverse/disciplinary actions, labor relations, workers comp.
• Provide guidance regarding employee policies such as leave, absence, hours of work, workers compensation, drug/alcohol abuse, etc.

Administers 412 FSS NAF human resource program (244 employees).

**NAF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**
5 N. Seller Ave., Bldg. 3000, First Floor
661-275-9675 or DSN 525-9675

Information about nonappropriated funds employment is available at www.edwardsfss.com. NAF employment is open to off-duty military members, veterans, NAF employees, family members and civilians. The 412th Force Support HRO employs more than 252 people and offers opportunities from entry-level laborers to technical and mid-level management positions. Eligible benefits include 401(k) accounts; pensions; medical, vision, dental and group life insurance; flexible spending accounts; and the Affordable Care Act (eligibility requirement). Applications are accepted on a continuous basis online.

**FINANCE 412 COMPTROLLER SQUADRON**

**Financial Operations Flight – Finance**
5 North Seller Ave., Bldg. 3000
Customer Service: 661-277-4550
Lobby Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday
Disbursing Office and Cashier Cage: Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only
Email: Finance-Edwards AFB Customer Service – s533487@us.af.mil
Civilian Pay-Edwards AFB – s531546@us.af.mil
Disbursing Office-Edwards AFB – s53e68@us.af.mil

**Financial Analysis Flight**
5 North Seller Ave., Bldg. 3000
Accounting Liaison: 661-277-8449
Email: 412 CPTS/FMAS ALO – 412CPTS.FMAS.FundsCertification@us.af.mil
Budget Operations: 661-277-8440

The 412th Comptroller Squadron provides financial management services to personnel, programs, support missions, associates and external customers. The services include financial management advisory service, financial services, budget operations, cost analysis, quality assurance, non-appropriated fund oversight, commander support staff and resource management systems.


**412TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON**

Base Access Sponsorship
West Gate: Bldg. 1001, 661-277-6582 or DSN 527-6582, Open 24/7
South Gate: Bldg. 1000, 661-275-0588 or DSN 525-0588, Open 24/7
North Gate: Bldg. 4000A, 661-277-4407 or DSN 527-4407, Open 24/7
Visitor Control Center: Bldg. 1004 (West Gate, Rosamond Boulevard Entrance), 661-277-0822 or DSN 527-0882, Open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please note that telephonic sponsorship for base access is no longer authorized due to Air Force PII requirements.

In order to sponsor visitors, please utilize the Edwards Visitor Control Center SharePoint site (CAC required): https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/22001/vcc/default.aspx. All visitors must be vetted prior to entry. If the VCC is closed, the sponsor must physically come to the gate for visitors who have not been pre-vetted. Pre-vetted visitors may enter from any installation entry control point (West, North or South Gate). Visitor passes issued at installation entry control points will be issued for a maximum of 72 hours. When sponsoring
visitors or contractors for more than three days, individuals must pick up DBIDS passes or cards at the VCC.
To have your visitors pre-vetted, please submit your SharePoint request at least three duty days prior to their arrival. This also allows for sponsorship after the VCC has closed without requiring the sponsor’s presence at the respective gate.

Drivers and passengers are required to have a REAL ID Act-compliant state-issued driver’s license or identification card and the current vehicle registration and proof of insurance.
For a single event with more than 10 visitors, please submit a Visitor Authorization List at least three duty days in advance. Please do not submit sponsorships more than seven days out.

Sponsorship requires the following information: visitor’s first and last name, date of birth, driver’s license number, state of issue, destination, arrival date and departure date. Sponsors will be required to provide their first and last name, a contact number and one of the following: EDI, DOD ID number or SSAN. For more base access information, please contact the Edwards Visitor Control Center.
412 SFS Police Services
661-277-4335/6901
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661-277-4335/6901

The 412th SFS police services section specializes in crime prevention, community policing, community outreach and base event coordination to name a few services. This office functions as the official liaison between the 412th Security Forces Squadron and the Edwards populace as a whole. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like general information regarding Security Forces or anything law enforcement related.

FIREARMS
Registration, Storage, and Transport
125 Methusa Ave., Bldg. 2415
661-277-3526 or DSN 527-3526

Anyone carrying, transporting or storing a privately owned firearm (or any other type of dangerous weapon) on Edwards must have the weapon registered with the 412th Security Forces Squadron. Personnel carrying or transporting weapons must declare weapons and show proof of registration at the installation entry control point or Visitor Control Center when entering the installation, and upon contact with law enforcement. If a weapon is not registered with 412 SFS, personnel must declare the weapon and immediately report to the security forces armory to register it. All privately owned firearms being transported on the installation will be secured in the trunk, gun rack or an out-of-reach compartment/container behind the seat within the vehicle. Weapons will be transported with the safety on (as applicable) and unloaded (with magazine and ammunition separated from the firearm). Weapons may only be transported directly to and from authorized locations and may not be stored in vehicles for convenience. Weapons are not allowed in dormitories or lodging facilities. The security forces armory can support courtesy storage of privately owned weapons as needed.
Base housing residents storing weapons in their homes must submit an AF Form 1314, Firearms Registration Authorization and DD Form 2760, Qualification to Possess Firearms and Ammunition to the security forces armory within five duty days of in-processing and accomplish a Corvias firearms memorandum during lease signing. Please contact the 412th Security Forces Squadron Armory for more information.

HELPING RESOURCES
Airmans’s Attic
1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7211
661-277-2246 or DSN 527-2246
Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, retirees and all base personnel welcome to shop 2:30 to 5 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

The Airmans’s Attic is managed by the Edwards Top 3 and offers free items to our military and their dependents, to include the ranks of O-3 and below. Several different sections are available, some of which include military uniforms and accouterments, fitness gear and accessories, furniture, household decorations, kitchen goods and appliances, baby supplies, clothing for all ages, electronics, media, books and more. All branches of the military are welcome. If you are interested in donating to a good cause, please bring items that are clean and of decent quality. The Airmans’s Attic is always accepting volunteers.

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER
90 Farrell Drive, Bldg. 5620
661-277-0723 or DSN 527-0723

The Airman & Family Readiness Center supports the Air Force mission by supporting the Air Force family. The A&FRC serves as a one-stop information and referral center for single and married members, active-duty members, Guard members, Reserves members, civilians who work on base and retired members as well as their families. The A&FRC provides individual consultations, workshops and a variety of services to help people remain mission-ready and enjoy a high quality of life.

One of its major functions is linkage — ensuring Team Edwards personnel and their families are connected with the appropriate services on and off base. To learn more about current services, follow the center on Facebook, see the calendar of events in the SABRE magazine or visit www.edwardsfss.com. Plus, you can call or stop by the A&FRC for assistance anytime you have a question and do not know where to find the answer.
Key services include:
Air Force Aid Society: Military members and their families faced with financial emergencies can receive assistance from the Air Force Aid Society. AFAS provides interest-free loans for emergency needs such as basic living expenses, car repairs, emergency travel and
other personal emergencies. Any active-duty military installation can provide assistance if you are not near an Air Force base.

Casualty Assistance: This program’s mission is to provide prompt reporting, dignified and humane notification, and efficient, thorough and compassionate service to the Edwards and surrounding military community. Casualty Assistance is here to service active-duty members, retirees and dependents in the areas of casualty benefits and the Survivor Benefit Program.

Discovery Resource Center: The family-friendly DRC provides information and resources supporting relocation, employment and self-help among many other topics. Computers with internet access and printing capabilities are available for use.

Employment: This program is designed to help military and DOD civilian spouses prepare to find employment and improve marketability skills. Employment services are offered through information, classes, one-on-one assistance and job-skills training to enhance employment.

Exceptional Family Member Program: EFMP provides information and resources to assist military family members with special needs.

Military and Family Life Consultants:
Consultants provide nonmedical, short-term, situational, problem-solving counseling to service members and their families. They work with families, individuals, couples and children to provide problem identification and counseling services. MFLCs address relationships, stress management, grief after loss, occupational and other issues, providing crisis intervention when needed. For an appointment or more information, call 661-483-0946.

Personal and Family Readiness: The Airman & Family Readiness Center promotes family preparedness through education and participation in readiness support. Families are also provided assistance during extended absences of the military member, emergencies and natural disasters. Services include the Hearts Apart Program, free oil changes and Give Parents a Break, etc.

Personal Financial Readiness: The Personal Financial Readiness Program offers information and referral, educational programs and counseling on financial planning, money management, financial assessment, CSB and Redux, consumer protection and credit management. After evaluating your overall financial situation, the A&FRC staff assists in exploring ways to increase your income, better manage your current income, or save for the future. The program offers several classes as well as specialized one-on-one assistance to address your needs. Whether you need assistance with managing your money or want to learn how to invest, they are here to assist.

Personal Work Life: This program promotes community wellness and assists with the readiness and resiliency of the force across the life cycle through various classes and programs.

Relocation Services: New to the Edwards area or getting ready to PCS? A&FRC Relocation Assistance is available to assist you. Attendance at the Newcomers Orientation held monthly is required for active-duty military and newly hired DOD civilians. The orientation provides vital information regarding base resources and services, policies and procedures, background and more. Spouses are encouraged to attend the Newcomers Spouses Orientation, designed specifically for spouses, which provides valuable information regarding available services, schools, employment and volunteer opportunities, recreation, shopping and more. Stop by and check out a variety of information on your new community.

Survivor Benefit Program: This program provides peace of mind knowing the election cannot be canceled because of declining health or advanced age. It provides tax savings to the member (SBP premiums are not taxed). It provides coverage with the government sharing in the cost of the plan (subsidized). It provides members’ beneficiaries a guaranteed steady source of income after the member’s death with regularly adjustments for inflation, and can NEVER run out. The retiree’s pay stops on the date of their death, and SBP is the only means to provide a portion of the retiree’s income to the surviving spouse and children.

Transition Assistance Program: The Transition Assistance Program equips separating and retiring military members with the skills and knowledge for the next chapter of their career — re-entry into the civilian workforce. Transition assistance services provide the tools needed to conduct a successful self-directed job search. The program consists of briefings, a variety of workshops, individual assistance and numerous resources.

Volunteer Program: This program provides airmen and family members with opportunities to volunteer on base and in the local community, enabling them to enhance their skill set, build their resume and better the community.

SPONSOR PROGRAM
Newcomers to Edwards are encouraged to take advantage of the sponsor program within their respective organizations. If you have orders to Edwards and do not yet have a sponsor, call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 661-277-0230/0723 or DSN 527-0230/0723. Helpful relocation information can also be accessed online at www.militaryonesource.mil.

AMERICAN RED CROSS
2715 E. Avenue P/Rancho Vista Parkway
Palmdale, CA 93550
Monday through Friday, during business hours: 661-267-0650
After business hours, Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 661-277-3040

Emergency services are available on a 24-hour basis 365 days a year. American Red Cross services include, but are not limited to, emergency communication, financial assistance, counseling and guidance, referrals and information regarding veteran benefits, first aid, youth programs, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, water safety training, blood donation programs, disaster preparedness relief and community outreach.

Military personnel on temporary duty or unaccompanied tours are encouraged to instruct family members to contact their local American Red Cross when a family emergency
CHAPAEL COMMUNITY AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Chapel 1, 15 W. Popson Ave., 661-277-2110
  (Located on the main base)
Chapel 2, 10 Chamberlin Loop, 661-277-2110
  (Located in the family housing area)
Main Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  Monday through Friday.

The chapel provides a Sunday Protestant community worship service (10 a.m., Chapel 1), two Catholic Sunday Masses (9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Chapel 2), daily Catholic Mass (11:30 a.m., Monday and Tuesday at Chapel 1/ Wednesday and Thursday at Chapel 2), Islamic prayer (weekdays, Chapel 1) and monthly Buddhist gatherings (Chapel 2).

Additionally, the chapel offers confidential pastoral counseling, Catholic and Protestant religious education, women’s and men's groups, Bible studies, RCIA, Bible clubs featuring AWANA curriculum, Protestant Teen program and family retreats. The chapel also hosts yoga classes and supports homeschool groups (ECHO & Classical Conversations) and others specialized groups such as MOPS, Little Learners and “My Baby & Me.” Please call the main office for event times and locations.

CHURCHES

Nearly all faiths and denominations are represented in the Antelope Valley area. Local chambers of commerce listed on the previous pages can provide detailed information. Additionally, the Edwards Chapel can provide information about area churches.

The on-call duty chaplain may be reached for after-hour emergencies by calling the Command Post at 661-277-3040.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT COORDINATOR

15 S. Muroc Drive, Bldg. 2430, Room 8
661-275-4543

The Community Support Coordinator serves as the Resilience Program specialist for the installation. Responsibilities include holding the positions of Community Action Board executive director, Community Action Team chair and Resiliency Program coordinator. The CSC analyzes and evaluates issues relating to individual, family and community resilience and individual preparedness. The CSC guides and integrates recommended solutions in cooperation with all appropriate functional agencies.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

220 N. Rosamond Blvd., Bldg. 3760
661-277-7985 or DSN 527-7985

The goal of the EO program is to improve mission effectiveness that can often be affected when difficult/disruptive situations connected to alleged unlawful discrimination, and elements of conflict are introduced into the workplace.

To achieve this goal, it is Air Force policy (AFI 36-2706) that no Airman (military or civilian), shall be discriminated against, harassed (including sexual harassment), unlawfully intimidated or threaten another Airman or civilian employee on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, reprisal or genetic information.

The EO office provides for the timely processing of EO complaints, workplace mediation services, human relations education, general conflict resolution education/training and subject matter expertise as required by AFI 36-2706 for specific EO situations. The EO/ADR staff also ensures individual EO complaints are fairly processed in the informal stage, coordinates EO services for complaints in the formal stage (investigation stage), and all EO case information is kept confidential to the maximum extent possible.

In both military and civilian dispute processes the use of alternative dispute resolution (mediation and facilitation) is often the forum that is used to address the situation at the lowest level, and to bring about an early resolution of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination.

Some of the services offered by the EO/ADR office include mediation and facilitation services, conflict management training as it relates to human interaction, formal and informal equal opportunity case processing, complaint inquiries, unit climate assessments and the opportunity for early conflict resolution.

The Air Force Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Hotline is available 24 hours a day by calling 888-231-4058. If you have questions, contact the EO office at 661-277-7985 or DSN 527-7985.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SHIPMENTS

120 N. Rosamond Blvd.,
Bldg. 3735, Room 116
661-277-7888 or DSN 527-7888

The Traffic Management Office Household Goods Section prepares and processes paperwork for the movement of personal property and other effects for both arrival to and departure from Edwards and surrounding areas. All documentation is forwarded to JPPSO, CO for final processing. The primary mission of the household goods element is to provide entitlement counseling to military and civilian members, quality assurance inspection of shipments, and other detailed assistance that pertains to the shipping and storage of personal property and passenger travel.

Staff Judge Advocate

General

1 S. Rosamond Blvd., Bldg. 1, First Floor
661-277-4310 or DSN 527-4310

NOTARY SERVICES:

The Legal Office can prepare general and special powers of attorney and provides notary services. These services are available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9
a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday. To save time and expedite the power of the attorney process, you can visit the Air Force Legal Assistance website, complete the online worksheet, record the ticket number and then walk-in with the ticket number in hand. Please bring your valid government issued ID card when visiting the Legal Office.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE & WILLS:

The Legal Office provides free, confidential legal assistance on personal, civil legal matters to eligible clients of the 412 TW and GSUs, including active duty or retired military members and their dependents. Examples of personal, civil legal matters include wills, powers of attorney, immigration, domestic relations and Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) matters.

Legal Assistance attorneys can prepare wills and advance medical directives, including living wills and medical powers of attorney. If you wish to have an attorney prepare a will for you, please go to the Air Force Legal Assistance website, complete the online worksheet, record the ticket number and call our office to schedule an appointment or if you prefer, a hard copy can be picked up at the legal office. Open Monday through Thursday by appointment only.

CLAIMS:

The Legal Office processes claims both for and against the Air Force arising from incidents occurring on Edwards. Assistance is also available for filing claims. If you believe you should get compensation for an injury or destruction of property, you can file a Standard Form 95. With this form, please provide any additional information regarding the incident. A claims inspection will be done, and a determination will be made as to whether or not the government is responsible. To file a claim with our office, please call 661-277-4310.

For Household Goods claims, please contact the carrier first. If they do not respond in a timely manner, please contact the Air Force Claims Service Center at https://claims.jag.af.mil/index.php?JA=930057.

RE-ENLISTMENT:

Article 137 Briefings: Third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m., walk-in basis with reenlistment worksheet.

LODGING

High Desert Inn
5602 Honts Drive, Bldg. 5602
661-275-ROOM (7666) or DSN 525-7666
www.dodlodging.net
Hours: Open 24/7.

The Edwards High Desert Inn has various lodging accommodations for military members, their families, authorized DOD civilians and contract personnel. For families awaiting permanent housing, there are two-bedroom and three-bedroom temporary lodging facilities with all the comforts of home. The units have kitchens, laundry facilities, two bathrooms and garages. The two-bedroom units feature one queen-size bed, two twin-size beds and a couch that converts into a full-size bed. Three-bedroom units have an additional queen or twin bed in the third bedroom. For families with pets, there are 17 designated pet units, which have an additional fee per night. Call or check online for rates. Reservations can be made 24 hours a day via phone or online.

U.S. ARMY VETERINARY SERVICE

900 Kinebeloe Ave., Bldg. 7207
661-275-2177 or DSN 525-2177
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; no appointments Thursday due to training. Appointments are available as the vet’s schedule allows.

NOTE: All service members’ pets should be registered with the VTF within 72 hours of arrival on base.

The U.S. Army Veterinary Service provides comprehensive veterinary care to all government-owned animals, such as the 412th Security Forces Squadron’s military working dogs, and to service members’ privately owned animals through the Veterinary Treatment Facility. The VTF offers appointments for wellness exams, sick call and routine surgery or dental procedures. It is highly recommended that pet owners maintain a relationship with an off-base vet as a backup for those times when the military veterinarian is not available.

The Veterinary Corps also supports public health and force protection initiatives across the DOD, ranging from food safety missions at Naval Air Station China Lake and Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow to commercial sanitation inspections of all food establishments that sell products to the Defense Commissary Agency. FACT: All the food in the commissary is inspected by Veterinary Corps personnel before becoming an approved source to be sold to you in the commissaries.
MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE
412th Medical Group
30 Nightingale Road, Bldg. 5525
661-277-7118 or DSN 527-7118

Primary, specialty and preventive care services are provided. Current services include: aerospace medicine, paramedic ambulance service, dental and oral surgery, family advocacy services, assessment and treatment for substance use disorders, outpatient mental health services, force health management, bioenvironmental services, family health services, immunizations and allergy services, laboratory services, health and wellness services, nutritional counseling, optometry, pediatrics, pharmacy services, physical therapy, physiological support and radiology. Prevention programs focus on women’s health issues, public health, new parent support, substance misuse, suicide prevention and resilience. General nutritional counseling is offered in a class setting.
Medical support is also provided to the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center and AFRL communities.

Appointments
All beneficiaries empaneled to the Edwards Clinic may schedule an appointment by calling central appointments at 661-277-7118 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For professional advice on acute medical issues and after-hours care, call the Nurse Advice Line at 800-TRICARE (874-2273), then select Option 1, or 661-277-7118, then select Option 2. The Nurse Advice Line consists of a team of registered nurses who can help patients decide whether self-care is the best option or if it is better to see a health care provider. Emergency care involving life, limb or eyesight can be accessed by dialing 911. If on base, emergency services can also be accessed via the Emergency Control Center at 661-277-4541. The base paramedic ambulance service is available 24/7 and will respond to all on-base 911 calls. They will provide on-scene and in-transit advanced life support and deliver the patient to the nearest available community emergency room for definitive care.

MiCare secure messaging allows patients to communicate with their provider team. Never worry about missed calls and interrupted meals again because MiCare is here. Look up or receive test results, request children’s immunization records, even ask the team for a routine appointment. The clinic will answer messages within one business day. Remember, both the sponsor and spouse should have a MiCare account. Talk to your clinic staff about registering for MiCare.

Edwards Clinic Operating Hours
Primary Care Clinic: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Pharmacy: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Ancillary Services (lab and X-ray): 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Immunization Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Flight and Operational Medicine Clinic:
7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
The first and third Thursday of the month the clinic holds a training day. Clinic services close at 1 p.m. with the exception of the pharmacy. Starting Oct. 1, training will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at noon, offering services in the afternoon.

Mental Health Flight
30 Nightingale Road, Bldg. 5513
661-277-5291 or DSN 527-5291
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Mental Health Flight consists of the Mental Health Outpatient Clinic, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Treatment (ADAPT) Program and the Family Advocacy Program. The Outpatient Clinic provides various services to include individual therapy, couples counseling, groups and classes (as needed), medication management, crisis intervention and special-duty clearances. ADAPT services include substance abuse evaluations and outpatient substance abuse treatment. Family Advocacy services include assessment and supportive services for families experiencing spouse or child abuse and neglect, and support and education to first-time parents via the New Parent Support Program. All programs across the flight provide outreach and prevention services as well as consultative services to leadership as needed (e.g., substance misuse, stress and anger management, disaster mental health response services). Contact the Mental Health Flight to schedule appointments.

Physical Therapy Clinic
30 Nightingale Road, Bldg. 5521
661-277-7118

Hours: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Physical Therapy Clinic evaluates and treats musculoskeletal and neuromuscular disorders. It is available for all active-duty members and offers variable access to dependents and retirees. In many instances, active-duty patients can access the clinic directly (without seeing their PCM) by calling the central appointment line at 661-277-7118. For patients referred by an on-base or off-base provider, appointments can be scheduled through the appointment line or in-person at the Referral Management Center.
The Dental Clinic provides comprehensive dental care for active-duty members, including a periodic dental examination and cleaning, as well as after-hours, emergency dental care. The TRICARE Dental Program, administered by United Concordia, has been established to ensure family members have access to affordable dental care through off-base providers. To enroll in the program, visit Military Personnel Flight customer service.

**Flight and Operational Medicine**

**Flight Line Annex**
55 N. Wolfe Ave.
661-277-7118 or DSN 527-7118
Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Flight and Operational Medicine appointments are made by calling 661-277-7118.

The Flight and Operational Medicine Office provides medical care for military members and Department of Defense civilians on flying or special operational duty status. The Flight and Operational Medicine Office also serves other active-duty members, including those assigned to various flying squadrons and center staff agencies. The unit conducts specialty physicals for Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Reserve service members, as well as occupational physicals for specific career fields, and provides support for NASA operations. Aerospace and Occupational Medicine also serves all federal civilian employees on Edwards AFB; the medical staff evaluates, treats and follows up with occupational injuries and illnesses and addresses Occupational Safety and Health Administration-related health standards on base. The Public Health Flight and Bio-Engineering Flight are also at the Aerospace Medicine Facility. Additionally, the Optometry Clinic is with Flight and Operational Medicine and offers a full range of optometric services. For optometry appointments, call 661-277-7118.

**MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT**

5 N. Seller Ave., Bldg. 3000, First Floor
661-277-4281 or DSN 527-4281

The Military Personnel Flight is the central information and referral point for personnel matters and consists of three elements: customer support, career development and force management. The customer support staff provides identification cards for service members, family members and retirees and updates the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, or DEERS. Additionally, the customer support element offers assistance with actions such as SGLI and initial enlistment bonuses. The career development element offers assistance with actions such as assignments, promotions, retirements and separations, and re-enlistments. The force management element provides assistance with evaluations, adverse actions and updating duty information.

If you have any questions or require assistance with any of these areas, contact the Military Personnel Flight and select options for support, information and referral. The unit conducts specialty physicals for Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Reserve service members, as well as occupational physicals for specific career fields, and provides support for NASA operations. Aerospace and Occupational Medicine also serves all federal civilian employees on Edwards AFB; the medical staff evaluates, treats and follows up with occupational injuries and illnesses and addresses Occupational Safety and Health Administration-related health standards on base. The Public Health Flight and Bio-Engineering Flight are also at the Aerospace Medicine Facility. Additionally, the Optometry Clinic is with Flight and Operational Medicine and offers a full range of optometric services. For optometry appointments, call 661-277-7118.

**PHONE INFORMATION**
Base Operator and Information:
661-277-1110 or DSN 527-1110

The area code for Edwards and the surrounding area — Rosamond, Lancaster, Palmdale, Mojave, Bakersfield and Gorman — is 661. For California City and Boron it’s 760. Phone prefixes for Edwards include 277 and 275 for work centers, 276 for NASA Armstrong and 258 for the housing areas and dormitories. The Defense Switched Network, or DSN, prefix is 527 for commercial 277 numbers and 525 for commercial 275 numbers. When dialing from base phones established with a 277 or 275 prefix, you can dial 7 or 5 digits (i.e., 275 or 5, 277 or 7) and the last four digits of the destination number.

**RETIREE ACTIVITY OFFICE**
5 N. Seller Ave., Bldg. 3000, First Floor
661-277-4931/0237

The Edwards Retiree Activity Office provides information and resources to area retirees of all branches of the military. Information includes, but is not limited to, health care, ID cards, legal resources, pay system, Veterans Affairs and more.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR**
35 N. Wolfe Ave.
661-277-SARC (7272)
24/7 Cell: 661-209-0115

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is the point of contact for all Edwards sexual assaults involving military members, their family members over the age of 18 and Air Force civilians, both appropriated and non-appropriated; minors are referred to Family Advocacy. The coordinator assigns a victim advocate and provides crisis intervention, support, information and referral for both unrestricted and restricted reports. Only the SARC and victim advocates receive restricted (privileged) reports, which are not reported to law enforcement or Command (no investigation). Unrestricted reports are reported to law enforcement and Command. The SARC also provides sexual assault prevention and response training.
SPONSOR PROGRAM

Newcomers to Edwards are encouraged to take advantage of the sponsor program within their respective organizations. If you have orders to Edwards and do not yet have a sponsor, call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 661-277-0230/0723 or DSN 527-0230/0723. Helpful relocation information can also be accessed online at www.militaryonesource.mil.

TAX ASSISTANCE

661-275-ETAX (3829)

The Edwards Military Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provides free assistance in completing and filing federal and state income tax returns annually. The program is coordinated through the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and involves training local volunteers through the IRS and the California Franchise Tax Board. Please contact the Tax Center at 661-275-ETAX (3829) to confirm eligibility, although services may be limited due to manpower shortages.

TRANSPORTATION

There are three major commercial airports within 100 miles of Edwards. Los Angeles International, located west of Interstate 405, one hour and 45 minutes south of Edwards (about 90 miles), is one of the world’s busiest airports, and traffic congestion in the vicinity is often a factor to consider. The Hollywood Burbank Airport, in Burbank, is an hour and a half (about 90 miles) south of the base along State Highway 14 and Interstate 5. Ontario International Airport, about two hours south (about 110 miles) in San Bernardino County off Interstate 15, is a less congested means of connecting to air travel. Newcomers arriving by air, rail or bus should ask for assistance from their sponsor. Late-night arrival by commercial means is not advised.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Main Post Office
1000 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7211
661-258-7150
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Official base postal services are handled by the Military Postal Service Center Office, with the exception of delivery to family housing areas, the maintenance of post office boxes and retail mailing services, all of which are handled by the U.S. Postal Service. Newcomers can forward mail to the general delivery address managed by the Military PSC Office until they find permanent housing. The address is: General Delivery, PSC Box 1998, Edwards AFB, CA 93524.

Lobby areas for both post office and PSC boxes are open 24 hours a day.

UPS services are available at Outdoor Recreation, 1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7211, and can be reached at 661-277-3546 or DSN 527-3546.

WEATHER

Sun and wind, not heat, are the primary year-round characteristics of Edwards’ weather. Skies above Edwards are sunny approximately 350 days per year. Winds usually pick up in the afternoon from the southwest to the west and can become strong at times, particularly in the spring. Edwards’ clear skies, desert climate and 2,310-foot elevation can result in a 30- to 40-degree difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures, mainly during the spring and fall. Mild evening temperatures and low humidity make the hot summer months surprisingly comfortable. Precipitation is rare between April and October and only accumulates approximately 5 inches per year. Snow flurries occasionally fall but rarely stick to the ground.

Sonic Booms

A distinguishing characteristic of Edwards is the frequent loud “booms” first heard here in 1947. Those booms are known as sonic booms. A sonic boom sounds similar to thunder and is caused by an object moving faster than sound (about 750 mph at sea level). An aircraft traveling through the atmosphere continuously produces air pressure waves similar to the water waves produced by a ship’s bow. When an aircraft exceeds the speed of sound, these pressure waves combine and form shock waves, which travel forward from the generation or “release” point.

As an aircraft flies at supersonic speeds, it is continually generating shock waves, dropping sonic booms along its flight path, similar to someone dropping objects from a moving vehicle. The sound heard on the ground as a sonic boom is the sudden onset and release of pressure after the buildup by the shock wave or “peak overpressure.” Duration of a sonic boom is brief and is less than a second — 100 milliseconds — for most fighter-sized aircraft.
ON BASE

ATTRACTIONS

Air Force Flight Test Museum
405 S. Rosamond Blvd.
661-277-8050
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The museum features exhibits, displays and videos depicting the history of flight test at Edwards, including aircraft static displays, models, biographies and aviation memorabilia. The museum also has a gift shop with a large selection of aircraft desktop models, aviation T-shirts, books and collectibles.

Blackbird Airpark
2503 E. Avenue P
Palmdale, CA 93550
661-274-0884 (weekends only)
Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Blackbird Airpark, an annex of the Air Force Flight Test Museum, has the world’s only display of a Lockheed SR-71A together with its predecessor, the first A-12 (Article 121), along with the once ultra-secret D-21 drone and the only remaining U-2 D model in the world. The airpark is open to the public and is free.

NASA’s Armstrong Flight Research Center
4800 Lilly Drive
661-276-3449
www.nasa.gov/centers/armstrong

NASA’s Armstrong Flight Research Center has an educational visitor center and gift shop, for those with base access, on-site and several retired research aircraft on display including the forward-swept wing X-29, the HL-10 lifting body, two modified F-8s, the subscale Highly Maneuverable HiMAT remotely piloted aircraft, the first supersonic yaw-vectoring F-15 ACTIVE and the last SR-71 ever flown.

DINING

ACAI Bowl
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-1078
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Offers fresh and healthy fruit bowls in the Exchange Food Court.

Arby’s
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-1078, ext. 301
Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Offers fast-food items in the Exchange Food Court.

Burger King
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-5987
Hours: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Offers breakfast, lunch and dinner fast-food items.

Charley’s Grilled Subs
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-1078, ext. 302
Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Offers fresh and healthy grilled subs in the Exchange Food Court.

Club Muroc
275 Doolittle Parkway
661-277-2830
For hours of operation and menu, visit edwardsfss.com

Club Muroc is open to everyone at Edwards Air Force Base. It features the Dining room and Fogelman’s Lounge for everyday meals. Also for private meetings, functions or events the Alliance ballroom, the Runway room and two smaller meeting rooms are available. Banquet and catering services are available and reservations may be made by calling or visiting the catering office.

Domino’s Pizza
1100 Kincheloe Ave.
661-258-4907
Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Offers pizza delivery, carryout or dine-in.

Joshua Tree Dining Facility
130 W. Popson Ave., Bldg. 2412
661-275-3662

Breakfast: 5:30 to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday

Brunch: 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Lunch: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday

Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Midnight Meal: 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily

The dining facility is open to enlisted military members and those authorized by the installation commander.

Mary’s Place
Bldg. 1600
661-258-5215

Monday through Friday: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Offers breakfast, lunch and dinner menus as well as daily lunch and dinner specials.

NASA Flightline Eatery
Anthony’s Pizza, Robin Hood and American Eatery
Bldg. 4825 (adjacent to the NASA Visitor’s Center)
661-276-3191/3639

American Eatery Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Offers breakfast and lunch menus, salads, sandwiches and pizza.
Panda Express  
Bldg. 2500  
205 W. Popson Ave.  
661-258-0755  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday  
Offers a variety of Asian-inspired cuisine in the Oasis Community Center.

Popeye’s  
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-258-1078, ext. 301  
Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.  
Offers fast-food chicken meals with an assortment of side dishes in the Exchange Food Court.

Sandbagger Grill  
111 Crossfield Drive  
661-275-SAND (7263)  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.  
Offers breakfast and lunch menus, hot entrees, grilled items, sandwiches and salads at the Muroc Lake Golf Course. Reservations and catering are available by phone.

South Base Snack Bar  
120 E. Jones Road  
661-275-0213  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch specials, grill items and sandwiches in the Birk Flight Test Facility.

Starbucks  
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-258-4510  
Hours: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Strike Zone Snack Bar  
205 Fitzgerald Blvd., Bldg. 5214  
661-275-BOWL (2695)  
For hours of operation, visit www.edwardsfss.com.  
Serves hamburgers, hot dogs, wings, salads, wraps and pizza inside High Desert Lanes Bowling Center.

Subway  
**Main Base Area**  
10 Wolfe Ave.  
661-258-7623  
Hours: 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Housing Area**  
1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7210  
661-258-9856  
Hours: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.  
Offers a variety of sandwiches and salads at both locations.

Taco Bell  
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-258-1078, ext. 301  
Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.  
Offers Mexican fast-food items in the Exchange Food Court.

Wing Stop  
10 Wolfe Ave.  
661-258-4200  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.

EDUCATION & TRAINING  
412 FSS/FSDE  
140 Methusa Ave., Bldg. 2453  
661-277-2713/1462  

The Education and Training Center section provides a variety of educational programs offering associate through master’s degrees, educational guidance, counseling services, military tuition assistance, and civilian academic degree and certificate training programs. Academic Degree and Certification Training Part-Time (ADCT-PT) and Long-Term Full-Time (LTFT) programs are also available.

Two colleges, Cerro Coso College and Embry-Riddle University, have offices on base and offer classes and degree programs to the Edwards community. The University of Phoenix operates our National Test Center for CLEPS and DANTES examinations.

**Military/Civilian Education & Training**  
661-277-6072  

The training section provides a variety of services for Edwards’ military and civilian members to obtain mission-related training. The training section is the focal point for the Acquisition Professional Development Program and tracks and report training requirements. The section manages the certification and training for the acquisition and non-acquisition-coded workforce ensuring established standards for certification, acquisition, leadership and occupational competencies are met. The section also supports the continuous learning programs. The training section develops the Annual Installation Training Plan and publishes the Installation Training Guide. The guide can be found on the Edwards SharePoint site.

Additionally, the section manages, tracks and reports stats for all ancillary training, mandatory supervisory training and other pop-up training requirements. The section also supports the Air Force civilian development education, leadership training and the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence (PACE) training.

The training section staff assists management in assessing needs, creating and maintaining individual development plans, and determining optimum delivery methods to support base training requirements. The section manages Priority 1 and Priority 2 training requirements for the test wing units as well as the Long-Term Full-Time and Academic Degree and Certification Training Part-Time. The LTFT program offers civilian employees opportunities to receive full-time training for
120 days, maintains training to give Edwards a leading edge in technology and encourages maximum development of Edwards employees to keep skills and expertise up-to-date to benefit the Air Force test wing. ADCT-PT is locally developed and is a competitive academic degree program that provides Air Force Test Center and the 412th Test Wing appropriated funds for civilians to have the opportunity to receive tuition support for approved bachelor’s or master’s degrees. The 412th Test Wing Civilian Advisory Board for Career Development approves the ADCT-PT programs.

**Formal Training**

661-277-1462

The Formal Training Office works with commanders, first sergeants and unit training managers to arrange for military members and eligible civilian service employees to attend Professional Military Education and other formal training courses. This section receives training notifications and distributes them to the respective units. The formal training office confirms all training line numbers and routes TDY-to-School funding and coordinates specialized training requirements needed for members to meet mission changes with Air Force Career Field Managers.

**Base Training**

661-277-2050

The Base Education and Training Manager (BETM) ensures programs are in place to manage upgrade, qualifications, in-garrison and ancillary training for military personnel. The section provides status-of-training reports for the test wing commander and command chief, and ensures reports are forwarded to the MAJCOM. Base Training can provide staff assistance visits to units to ensure they manage the base training program effectively. Training for all unit training managers or additional duty training managers is provided by the BETM on a quarterly basis or one-on-one if needed.

**Military Testing**

661-277-2713

The military testing section administers the Weighted Airman Promotion System (WAPS) exams, as well as the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, Air Force Classification Test, Test of Basic Aviation Skills, Defense Language Aptitude Test and Defense Language Aptitude Battery, Electronic Data Processing Test (EDPT), Air Traffic Scenario Test (ATST), Tailored Adaption Personal Assessment (TAPAS), Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and the Enlisted Pilot Qualifying Test (EPQT).

**Voluntary Education Program**

661-277-2713/0056/1462

The Voluntary Education Program supports force development by maintaining a highly educated workforce. The program supports off-duty voluntary education goals for regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen. Voluntary education is comprised of four core functions that are essential in accomplishing the mission and reaching the vision. The program provides academic counseling and testing services as well as professional military education testing, military tuition assistance and program management.

**Base Library**

5 W. Yeager Blvd., Bldg. 2665
661-275-BOOK (2665)

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and closed federal holidays.

The base library stocks an assortment of learning materials, including books, periodicals, movies on DVD and Blu-ray, books on CD and MP3, and music CDs. The STEM Discovery Center for children K-12 includes a 3-D printer. The online catalog is available from the library’s website at http://edwardsfss.com/wordpress/library. Computers with internet access, Wi-Fi, and copy and fax machines are available for public use. The library also offers interlibrary loan service and access to online services such as Language Learning, Overdrive, Universal Class and several databases. The library has a dedicated children’s room that houses a collection of children’s materials, hosts reading programs and provides services for children up to 12 years of age. The library also maintains an off-site book collection at the Teen Center.

**Audio-Visual and Test Support**

661-277-4710

The audio-visual and test support section is responsible for providing audio-visual support to the installation and documenting developmental tests for the flight test community.

**History Office**

305 E. Popson Ave., Bldg. 1405
661-277-3871

The History Office supports the Air Force Test Center mission by producing periodic history reports to cover key test and support mission activities with supporting documentation. It maintains a collection of historical documents, photographs and test films to answer historical queries from leadership, staff, other agencies and military services, and the public. Historians write papers, studies, heritage pamphlets, and books on significant AFTC and 412th Test Wing topics, and advise on emblems, historical exhibits and displays.

**Public Affairs Office**

305 E. Popson Ave., Bldg. 1405
661-277-3510/3511

The 412th Test Wing Public Affairs Office is responsible for the dissemination of information to both internal and external audiences. The office is comprised of the following sections: audio-visual and test support, digital engagement and innovation, graphics, operations and plans and community engagement. These sections work together to disseminate information about Edwards and advise leadership on the use of these to tell the Edwards’ story.
Digital Engagement and Innovation
661-277-4118

The digital engagement and innovation section maintains the Edwards AFB mobile app and provides the latest news and information, as well as historical accounts, about Edwards Air Force Base via social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. Additionally, Edwards Straight Talk Line (661-277-2345) is updated by this office. The section is also responsible for communication innovation and implementing the latest public communication. Electronic Data Processing Test (EDPT), Air Traffic Scenario Test (ATST), Tailored Adaptation Personal Assessment (TAPAS), Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and the Enlisted Pilot Qualifying Test (EPQT).

Graphics
661-277-2783
412.TW.PA.Graphics@us.af.mil

The graphics section provides page design and layout services and mission support print services for the 412th Test Wing, the Air Force Test Center and tenant units. Check with the graphics shop before you begin your project for superior results in a timely manner.

Operations and Plans
661-277-3510/3511
Team Edwards: Anyone affiliated with Edwards who is contacted by media should refer them to Public Affairs at 661-277-3510/3511.

Media: Members of the media seeking information from personnel or family members at Edwards must contact the Public Affairs media operations and plans office for access to members of Team Edwards.

This section coordinates requests from documentary and entertainment media for Air Force-approved projects. Operations and plans also handles media training for commanders or other unit representatives who could be interviewed by print or broadcast media.

External and Command Information: This section writes and produces news and feature stories as well as other content for the Edwards AFB public website — www.edwards.af.mil. All Edward AFB’s community members are encouraged to submit items of interest for story coverage on the website. Also, burgeoning writers are encouraged to submit news articles through their units or to contact the PA Operations staff via email at newsroom@edwards.af.mil. For more information about the external and command information program, call 661-277-3510. The Edwards Base Guide, a must for all newcomers, and specialized video creations are also produced by this office.

Security and Policy Review: All those at Edwards who plan to provide information to the public involving their work at Edwards, in any form, must have that information or product cleared for release through the base’s security and policy review process. This includes writing a paper or an article, publishing or posting video or photographs, giving a public presentation or otherwise providing information to the public about their job at the base. All papers, articles, presentations, etc., MUST be cleared for public release before being released to the public.

Environmental Public Affairs: Many environmentally related actions taken by the base have associated documents that require public review and comment. Periodically, public meetings are held to discuss those issues. Additionally, both Edwards and Plant 42 have restoration advisory boards that meet separately twice a year to share environmental cleanup information at each facility with the members of each board and the public.

Community Engagement: Base Tours and Outreach

The 412 Test Wing Public Affairs Office conducts large group and educational tours throughout the year. These free tours require reservations and fill up many months in advance — sometimes up to a year. The tours include the Air Force Flight Test Museum and a windshield tour of the main base and some of the flight line areas under the following guidelines:

- Groups must have at least 10 attendees and are limited to no more than 40.
- Tours are scheduled Tuesday through Friday during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). No tours will be offered on the weekends or holidays.
- Tour requests must be submitted at least 30 days in advance, but no earlier than 90 days.
- Tour planning will begin no earlier than 30 days from a request date, and only one tour per calendar week will be approved.
- All guests must be high school age or older. A special pass is required for all non-DOD ID card holders.
- Please notify us if any tour guests are not U.S. citizens.
- Groups are responsible for their own transportation to Edwards AFB and making all other arrangements outside the formal tour (e.g., if tour includes a lunch stop).
- A maximum of one bus per tour.
- Please make Public Affairs aware of any tour guests who are officers in the grade of O-6 or above as well as any distinguished persons, award winners, POWs, etc., who will be accompanying your tour.
- All tours are subject to change or cancellation based on mission/operational requirements.

For tour dates visit the base’s public website, www.edwards.af.mil. Near the top of the splash page is a box labeled “Contact Us.” Click on the box and select “Community Engagement and Tours” for the tour information and registration page. Foreign national visitors are allowed, but reservation information must be received at least 30 days in advance to approve base access. Tour start times and lengths can be tailored to meet the needs of the group. Also, if you are interested in being a volunteer base tour guide, please contact us.

For more information or to make a reservation, email 412TW.com-rel@edwards.af.mil or call 661-277-3824/3510.
Cadet/Scouting Support
We are happy to support Air Force ROTC, JROTC and CAP tours as well as scouting organizations. Please call 661-277-3824/3510 for more information.

Speakers Bureau
Due to the unique mission of Edwards AFB, we often provide speakers for community events, seminars, banquets etc. If you are interested in volunteering as a subject matter expert in your field for appropriate speaking engagements, please send an email to 412TW.com-rel@edwards.af.mil, or call 661-277-3824/3510.

If you would like to request a speaker for an event, please complete the Speaker Request form which can be found on our public website under the “Contact Us/Community Engagement” tab at the top of the page. This ensures Public Affairs can coordinate the activity to appropriately represent Edwards AFB and the USAF.

PARKS & RECREATION
Aero Club
South Base, 320 Jones Road, Bldg. 320 661-275-AERO (2376)
The Aero Club at Edwards provides services to active-duty, reserve and retired military members; their spouses and dependents; DOD civilian personnel and contractors; and Civil Air Patrol members. The Aero Club offers primary flight training and advanced training through the FAA-certificated flight school (61). The club has about 100 members and a modern fleet of seven airplanes — three Cessna 172 S models with Garmin GTN650 GPS, two G1000 Cessna 172 S Glass Cockpit airplanes and two Cessna 182 RGs for travel and complex ratings. The club uses the South Base runway for easy access to clear, blue California skies. Since all club aircraft are registered with the Air Force, they are authorized to land at nearly all U.S. military bases and can be used for temporary duty travel. The club offers a variety of courses such as flying companion seminars for passengers, an FAA-approved Private Pilot Ground School course, practical Garmin G1000 Glass Cockpit introductory classes and instrument currency refresher classes.

Arnold Park
Arnold Park, at the end of Coliseum Drive, features playground equipment, covered picnic areas, a stage and restrooms. The park often hosts community gatherings in the spring and summer months and is available for rent through Outdoor Recreation.

Arts & Crafts Center
200 Methusa Road, Bldg. 2440 661-275-ARTS (2787)
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Arts & Crafts maintains an experienced and passionate team of professionals with deep expertise in all phases of design, planning and production. The art team is able to deliver innovative solutions to a variety of client projects offering embroidery, screen printing, framing, laser engraving, etching, dye-sublimation, vinyl cutting, premade gifts and awards. In addition to having a fully functional woodshop, we offer a variety of crafting classes held throughout the year for both adults and children.

Auto Hobby
200 Methusa Road, Bldg. 2440 661-275-AUTO (2886)
For hours of operation, visit www.edwardsfss.com.
The Auto Hobby Shop offers equipment, tools, supplies and working space for self-help maintenance and repair of automobiles and other vehicles. More than 10 stalls are available for major and minor auto repairs, as well as all the standard equipment necessary for auto repair work. Long pants are required in the work area, and children are not permitted access for safety reasons. Services offered at the center include brake drum and rotor turning, computerized wheel balancing and air conditioning maintenance. California smog certificate and repair are also available.

Branch Memorial Park
Near the South Gate, off Lancaster Boulevard
Branch Memorial Park features picnic areas, as well as Branch Pond. Branch Pond is open for fishing to individuals with valid base fishing licenses. There is no potable water at Branch Park. For more information and to obtain the proper fishing license, visit https://edwards.isportsman.net.

FamCamp
5217 Lathrop Drive 661-275-CAMP (2267)
FamCamp features 36 full-hookup slots for recreational vehicles, a dayroom with exercise equipment and cable TV, a laundry room, and shower and restroom facilities. Twenty-two overflow slots, without hookups, are also available. Payments for use of the camp are made at FamCamp or Outdoor Recreation. FamCamp is also equipped with Wi-Fi for all fee-paying customers.

Rosburg Fitness and Sports Center
210 W. Popson Ave. 661-275-GYM1 (4961) 24/7 access available.
See www.edwardsfss.com for full hours of operation.
The fitness and sports center offers everything you need to get and stay in shape: cardio machines, resistance weights, the “Fitness on Request” aerobics kiosk, intramural sports, two racquetball courts, an outside track, basketball courts and a 6,000-square-foot, high-intensity and free-weight workout facility.

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center
High Desert Lanes Bowling Center is a
Muroc Lake Golf Course
111 Crossfield Drive, Bldg. 5611
661-275-PUTT (7888)

Edwards’ Muroc Lake Golf Course offers a championship 185-acre, 18-hole, par-72 golf course. The facility includes a pro shop with the latest equipment; a driving range; and chipping, pitching and putting practice greens. Base intramural league matches, holiday tournaments, monthly tournaments and an active men’s golf association are available for interested players. Golf lessons are available for men, women and juniors, along with group lessons by appointment. Sandbagger Grill provides short-order breakfast and lunch.

Oasis Aquatics Center
205 W. Popson Ave., Bldg. 2501
661-275-SWIM (7946)

For hours of operation, visit edwardsfss.com.

The Oasis Pool is an indoor, 25-meter pool open to all Edwards’ personnel and their families. It is staffed by qualified lifeguards at all times. The center offers American Red Cross water safety instruction and swimming lessons for all levels based on staffing availability.

The base also has two outdoor pools (Muroc Pool at 275 Doolittle Parkway and the Sonic Splash Pool at 24 Lathrop Drive) that are open seasonally. Visit www.edwardsfss.com for operating hours.

Oasis Community Center
205 W. Popson Ave., Bldg. 2500
661-275-CNTR (2687)

For hours of operation, visit edwardsfss.com.

The Oasis Community Center features a variety of leisure-time activities and programs for the base community. The facility offers a game room with billiards, ping-pong tables, foosball and video games; lounge areas and a separate conference room with audio-video capabilities. The Oasis Community Center also offers single Airman and family programming such as board game nights and family bingo.

Off-Road Vehicle Areas

Edwards has three authorized off-road vehicle areas for base personnel and guests to enjoy recreational activities, two of which allow motorized vehicles. The Desert Wheels Motorcycle Club operates ORV Area 1, and you must be a member to ride in that area. ORV Area 3 is limited to mountain biking, hiking and running, while ORV Area 2 is open for all types of activities including horsepower riding. Before using any of the ORV areas, you must take a desert tortoise briefing provided by Environmental Management. Motor vehicle operators must also complete the approved SVIA safety training course. For more information about the ORV areas, please visit https://edwards.isportsman.net or contact Environmental Management at 661-277-1401.

Outdoor Recreation
Bldg. 2500
205 W. Popson Ave
661-275-CAMP (2267)

For hours of operation, visit edwardsfss.com.

Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of information, equipment and outings for those looking for excitement outdoors. The Outdoor Adventure Program (OAP) includes anything from ocean to mountain, sea kayaking to land sailing, rock climbing to snow skiing. Custom trips such as backwoods nature hikes are also available.

Equipment Rental provides a complete line of gear to include bouncy castles, snow-cone machines, tents, sleeping bags, skiing and snowboarding equipment, campers, trailers and more. Outdoor Recreation is a UPS drop-off point, bike maintenance shop and a fully operational ski and snowboard shop. It also offers key-cutting services.

Piute Ponds

Piute Ponds is a freshwater marsh in the southwest corner of Edwards, accessible by using Shuttle Road, east of the Edwards sign on Rosamond Boulevard. The marsh is within the Pacific Flyway, a major North American migratory bird route, 269 species have been recorded there. The area can be used for bird watching, photography, hiking, scenic driving and waterfowl hunting. Hunting season is open October through January, and licenses are required. Contact Environmental Management at 661-277-1401 for site conditions. An access letter is required prior to visiting the ponds. Please visit www.piuteponds.org to learn more about Piute Ponds and how to obtain access. To obtain a hunting license, visit https://edwards.isportsman.net.

Private Organizations

There are many private organizations at Edwards that are self-supporting and raise funds to enhance the quality of life for many Team Edwards members. For more information, visit https://edwardsfss.com/getinvolved/private-organizations.
Recreational Vehicle Storage
At the intersection of Fitzgerald Boulevard (behind the fire station) and Forbes Avenue (near the intersection of Gregorius) 661-275-CAMP (2267)

RV Storage Lots have 362 spaces from 15 to 50 feet in size with monthly fees from $20 to $35. Recreational vehicle storage is essential to Edwards because parking an RV in military family housing on Edwards AFB is prohibited. The purpose of RV storage is to ensure that active-duty members living on base have access to park their RV in compliance with the housing rules. To fulfill that purpose, the assignment of spaces may be done on a priority system if spaces are full. Contact Outdoor Recreation for more information.

Resale Lot
Edwards Resale lot is available to any patron with base access. The lot is used for vehicle resale and costs are dependent on the item for listing. Paperwork and payment can be completed at Outdoor Recreation. Call 661-275-CAMP, or stop by 1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7200 for more information.

Skeet and Trap Activity
210 Adam’s Way, Bldg. 210
661-275-TRAP (8727)

The Skeet and Trap Activity, located adjacent to the small arms range south of Rosamond Boulevard, offers outdoor sporting fun, including archery, skeet, sporting clays, and rifle and pistol shooting. Competitive shooting and social events are held regularly, and the facility can be reserved for group functions such as squadron shoots or parties. Gun Safety classes are conducted monthly.

Scorpions Nest Paintball Field
661-275-CAMP (2267)

The Scorpions Nest fields are just down the road from the Skeet and Trap Activity on the left. Equipment for rent is available on site. The field can be reserved for parties and squadron events. Call Outdoor Recreation for more information.

Skate Park
Coliseum Drive (near Wings Field) 661-275-CAMP (2267)

Open to youth and adults, the skate park offers facilities for skateboard and roller skate use only. The rules are posted at the park. Hours vary depending on the season. All park users are required to wear appropriate safety gear.

Stables
101 Landfill Road 661-275-CAMP (2267)

The Edwards Riding Stables have 52 stalls for private boarding of horses, complete with feed and tack storage rooms. Stables are open daily to those boarding horses. The cost to board a horse begins at $55 for the first horse and $30 for each additional horse per month with an $80 deposit. These fees help maintain the stable facilities. Horse owners are responsible for feeding their horses and cleaning their stalls.

Other facilities include a lighted main riding arena, jumping arena, trail arena and four large exercise pens. Horses stabled at the Edwards Riding Stables must undergo quarantine until cleared by a vet. Horses must have a current Coggins test as well as other immunizations.

Call the Outdoor Recreation office at 661-275-CAMP (2267) or DSN 525-2267 before bringing a horse to the base.

SERVICES AND SHOPPING

412th Force Support Squadron
5 N. Seller Ave., Bldg. 3000
Administration: 661-277-4240
Human Resources Office: 661-275-WORK (9675)
Marketing: 661-275-3826
Private Organizations: 661-277-5644
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BANKS

Armed Forces Bank
240 Fitzgerald Blvd. (Exchange) 661-230-3010
Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Armed Forces Bank specializes in military banking serving active-duty members, retirees and civilians since 1907. Clients can bank worldwide by phone, internet, mail and ATM.

Armed Forces Bank provides a 24-hour account information telephone line in addition to mobile and online banking to assist its clients. Services offered include access checking, elite checking, premier money market accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposit accounts, loans, credit card accounts, mobile deposit and a fee-free ATM network. The bank also specializes in VA mortgage loans.

Edwards Federal Credit Union
10 S. Muroc Drive, Bldg. 2680
661-952-5945
44288 10th St. W
Lancaster, CA 93523
661-945-6626
Toll Free: 877-256-3300
www.edwardsfcu.org

Founded in 1962 by base service personnel, today Edwards Federal Credit Union offers members a full range of financial services including low-rate auto, home, Visa credit cards and personal loans for just about anything. We offer free checking accounts, competitive savings options, free online...
banking and bill pay services and membership at Edwards FCU is open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in the Antelope Valley community. Members enjoy three on-base ATMs, and a branch on the base and in Lancaster.

Barbershop  
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-277-2946  
Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.  
The barbershop is operated by Exchange Services. The barbershop offers men, women and children hair-cutting services.

Beauty Shop  
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-585-0519  
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Friday, appointment only on Saturday  
The Beauty Shop is operated by Exchange Services and offers men, women and children hair-cutting and styling services. A variety of hair care products are also available.

Car Wash  
Fitzgerald Boulevard (near the intersection with Lancaster Boulevard), Bldg. 2114  
The car wash has three do-it-yourself, high-pressure wash bays and one automatic bay offering three choices of service: deluxe, super and basic wash. Additionally, four vacuum stations are available. A change machine is at the front of the facility. For equipment failure, please call 661-275-2886.

Commissary  
312 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-277-9175  
www.commissaries.com  
www.facebook.com/YourCommissary  
www.twitter.com/YourCommissary  
Hours: noon to 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Closed Columbus Day, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, but open Veterans Day.

Located next to the exchange, the commissary offers all the conveniences of a mid-sized modern supermarket. Early-bird shopping for disabled customers is a half-hour before scheduled opening times.

Edwards Dry Cleaners  
1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7211  
661-258-4606  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Edwards Photography Studio  
1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7210  
Hours: Apointments only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Enterprise Rent-a-Car  
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-258-1586  
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Offers car rentals in the Exchange Food Court.

Express  
395 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-258-0008  
Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

The Express is centrally located between main base and housing. The center offers retail and gasoline service islands that operate 24 hours a day when using a credit card. Cash and checks can also be used during manned operating hours. The Class Six, located inside, offers a variety of alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages for sale. Alcoholic beverages are sold only to those of legal drinking age.

Firestone  
395 Fitzgerald Blvd.  
661-258-7110  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
General Nutrition Center (GNC)
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-1923
Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

High Desert Inn
5602 Honts Drive, Bldg. 5602
661-275-ROOM (7666) or DSN 525-7666
www.dodlodging.net
Hours: Open 24/7.

The Edwards High Desert Inn has various lodging accommodations for military members, their families, authorized DOD civilians and contract personnel. For families awaiting permanent housing, there are two-bedroom and three-bedroom temporary lodging facilities with all the comforts of home. The units have kitchens, laundry facilities, two bathrooms and garages. The two-bedroom units feature one queen-size bed, two twin-size beds and a couch that converts into a full-size bed. Three-bedroom units have an additional queen or twin bed in the third bedroom. For families with pets, there are 17 designated pet units, which have an additional fee per night. Call or check online for rates. Reservations can be made 24 hours a day via phone or online.

Laundromat
1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7210
661-258-1078
Hours: Open 24/7.
Coin-operated large washers and dryers are available for use.

Lock & Leave Storage
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-7107
Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Military Clothing Sales
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-1078, ext. 501
Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Military Clothing Sales carries a full line of Air Force uniforms and miscellaneous items for Army and Marine service members.

Optical Center
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-7273
Fax: 661-258-7031
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Petals and Blooms Flower Shop
240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
209-259-9253
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, by appointment only Saturday.

Specialty Shop
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stripes Alterations
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
661-258-1001
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thrift Store
1100 Kincheloe Ave., Bldg. 7211
661-277-4294
Hours vary depending on the season.

The Thrift Store is near the post office and Outdoor Recreation. Come and see what new and exciting items are waiting at the Thrift Store.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

Child Development Center
1305 W. Fitzgerald Blvd., Bldg. 6457
661-275-TOTS (8687) or DSN 525-8687
Hours: 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed for AFMC family days and federal holidays.

Family Child Care
90 Farrell Drive
661-275-9647
Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Please refer to the Newcomers section of this guide for detailed information about the Child Development Center and Family Child Care on Page 12.

School Age Annex
1208 W. Fitzgerald Blvd., Bldg. 6459
661-275-PLAY (7529) or DSN 525-7529
Hours: 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Please refer to the Child Care section of this guide for detailed information about the School Age Care Program.
EDWARDS EVENTS

WINTER EVENTS

Winterfest
Winterfest is presented annually in December by the 412th Force Support Squadron and held at the community tree on Fitzgerald Boulevard (by Burger King and Starbucks). The entire Edwards community is invited to celebrate the holiday season with real snow, holiday music, free family activities and a visit with Santa.

SPRING EVENTS

Easter Egg-stravaganza
A full day of Easter fun for the whole family hosted by the 412th Force Support Squadron beginning with Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Bowling Center and followed by a huge Easter Egg Hunt on the Youth Soccer Field. Last year over 70 pounds of candy in 8,000 eggs were collected by children of all ages.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony
This annual event, sponsored by the Airman & Family Readiness Center, pays tribute to the numerous volunteers at Edwards and is usually held in April.

Retiree Recognition Day
This annual event, typically held in May of each year, provides information and resources to retired military of all branches.

SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Bash
Presented every July 4 by the 412th Force Support Squadron at Wings and Roberts fields near Arnold Park. Activities include live musical entertainment, carnival rides and a fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day.
HISTORY

THE NATURAL SETTING

The northwestern Mojave Desert is a dry wilderness home to coyotes and jack rabbits, greasewood-creosote bush and Joshua trees; it is a harsh land of stunning contrasts.

Until the Southern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1876, the desert was populated mostly by occasional prospectors seeking elusive mineral wealth. In 1882, the Santa Fe Railroad ran a line westward out of Barstow toward Mojave and built a water stop at the edge of an immense dry lake bed, roughly 20 miles southeast of Mojave. The lonely water stop was known simply as “Rod,” and the lakebed was then called Rodriguez Dry Lake.

By the early 1900s, “Rodriguez” had been Anglicized into “Rodgers,” which was then shortened to “Rogers.” Featuring an extremely flat, smooth and concrete-like surface, Rogers Dry Lakebed is a playa — or pluvial lake — that spreads out over about 44 square miles, making it the largest such geological formation in the world. Its parched clay and silt surface undergoes a timeless cycle of renewal each year, as water from winter rains is swept back and forth by desert winds, smoothing it out to an almost glass-like flatness.

THE HOMESTEADERS

In 1910, the Corum family settled at the edge of this lake bed. In addition to raising alfalfa and turkeys, they located other homesteaders to the area. As the other settlers moved in, the Corum brothers earned contracts for drilling water wells and clearing land. They also opened a general store and post office. Their request to have the post office stop named “Corum” was disallowed because there was already a Coram, California. So they simply reversed the spelling of their name and named it “Muroc.” Small, isolated homesteads dotted the land for the next 20 years.

THE AIRMEN ARRIVE

A visionary Airman commanding March Field, Lt. Col. Henry “Hap” Arnold, saw Rogers Dry Lakebed as a one-of-a-kind “natural aerodrome” — one that could be acquired at virtually no cost to the taxpayer.

In September 1933, he established Muroc Bombing and Gunnery Range. This remote training site served the Army Air Corps’ bombers and fighters for several years.

In World War II, a permanent base sprang up for the training of combat flight crews. In July 1942, it was activated as a separate post and designated Muroc Army Air Base. Throughout the war years, B-24s thundered through the Muroc skies, and P-38s strafed the targets on the range as bomber crews and fighter pilots prepared for combat deployments overseas.

STRANGE SHAPES IN THE SKY

In the meantime, wartime development of military aviation overwhelmed Wright Field in Ohio with flight test activity. It was necessary to find a remote location with good flying weather where a new top-secret airplane could safely undergo tests.

In the spring of 1942, a site was chosen alongside the north shore of Rogers Dry Lakebed, about 6 miles away from the training base at Muroc. A wooden hangar and rudimentary facilities were built, and on Oct. 1, 1942, Bell test pilot Bob Stanley lifted the wheels of the jet-powered Bell XP 59A Airacomet off the enormous, flat surface of the dry lake bed. The turbojet revolution had arrived.

During the postwar years, all of America’s first generation of jets — both Air Force and Navy — underwent testing at Muroc, and the great lake bed served as a haven to countless pilots in distress.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF FLIGHT TEST

The decades of the 1940s and 1950s were a remarkable period in the history of aviation, and there is no better evidence of this than what transpired at Edwards Air Force Base. If a new concept seemed feasible, the Air Force evaluated it in the skies above the sprawling 308,000-acre base.

The experimental rocket planes, for example, continued to expand the boundaries of the high-speed and stratospheric frontiers. The success of these programs attracted a new type of research activity to the base in late 1946. The rocket-powered Bell X-1 was the first in a long series of experimental airplanes designed to prove or disprove aeronautical concepts.
— to probe the most challenging unknowns of flight and solve its mysteries. On Oct. 14, 1947, Capt. Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager flew the small, bullet-shaped airplane to become the first human to exceed the speed of sound.

In December 1949, Muroc was renamed Edwards Air Force Base in honor of Capt. Glen W. Edwards, who was killed a year earlier in the crash of the YB-49 Flying Wing.

By that time, the base had already become the center of Air Force flight research, and on June 25, 1951, this fact was officially recognized when its test community was designated the U.S. Air Force Flight Test Center, or AFFTC. That same year, the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School moved to Edwards from Wright Field, Ohio.

Its curriculum focused on the traditional field of performance testing and the relatively new field of stability and control, which had suddenly assumed critical importance with the dramatic increases in speed offered by the new turbojets.

On Nov. 20, 1951, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics’ Scott Crossfield became the first man to reach Mach 2 as he piloted the Skyrocket to a speed of Mach 2.005 (1,291 mph).

Meanwhile, the turbojet revolution had reached a high plateau at Edwards AFB, as aircraft such as the famed “Century Series” of fighters — the F-100 Super Sabre, F-102 Delta Dagger, Mach 2 F-104 Starfighter, F-105 Thunderchief and F-106 Delta Dart — made supersonic flight seem almost commonplace, defining the basic speed and altitude envelopes for fighters still in effect to this day.

THE SPACE AGE

The 1960s ushered in a new emphasis on space flight. The Test Pilot School, for example, was redesignated the Aerospace Research Pilot School as it began to train future astronauts.

High above the flight line, the X-15 was beginning to explore hypersonic and exoatmospheric flight. In July 1962, the X-15 became the first airplane to fly in near space as it soared above 314,000 feet, winning astronaut wings for its pilot, Maj. Robert M. White. With Maj. William J. “Pete” Knight at the controls on Oct. 3, 1967, the highly modified X-15A-2 ultimately reached a top speed of Mach 6.72 (4,520 mph).

While space-related activities captured the public’s imagination, test pilots at Edwards were also continuing to expand the frontiers of atmospheric flight in air-breathing, jet-powered aircraft such as the XB-70 Valkyrie and SR-71 Blackbird.

The late 1980s also witnessed the arrival of the first giant flying wing to soar over the base in nearly 40 years. The thin silhouette, compound curves and other low-observable characteristics of the B-2 Spirit bomber represented third-generation stealth technology, following the SR-71 and F-117.

WHERE WE STAND TODAY

The new bomber was soon followed in the early ‘90s by the arrival of the YF-22A and the YF-23A, prototype fighters for the F-22 Raptor, the first aircraft to blend stealth with agility, high speed and supersonic cruise capability.

A new group of research projects came to Edwards in the 1990s. Global Hawk, an

1970s: the F-15 Eagle with its advanced engine and fire-control system; the single-engine F-16 Fighting Falcon with its revolutionary “fly-by-wire” flight control system; and the B-1 Lancer with its multitude of highly sophisticated offensive and defensive systems. These planes demonstrated the importance of systems testing and integration.

At a remote location in 1978 and 1979, an AFFTC test pilot and a pair of flight test engineers were engaged in proof-of-concept testing with Lockheed’s “low-observable” technology demonstrator, dubbed “Have Blue.” The successful conduct of these tests led immediately to the development of a new subsonic attack aircraft designated the F-117A Nighthawk.

The 1980s opened with one of the most dramatic episodes in all of Edwards’ history. At 10:20 a.m. April 14, 1981, the wheels of the Space Shuttle Columbia touched down on Rogers Dry Lakebed. Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen had successfully landed the first orbiting space vehicle ever to leave the Earth under rocket power and return on the wings of an aircraft.

New aircraft types arrived in the
unmanned aerial vehicle that has been used extensively in Afghanistan and Iraq, made its first flight at Edwards in February 1998 and has gone on to fill a critical role in America’s war on terrorism. Followed by Predator and Reaper counterparts tested at Edwards, these systems proved effective in combat against terrorist groups.

The new millennium brought new projects with worldwide impact. The X-35A and X-32A, competing prototypes for the Joint Strike Fighter Program, made their first flights in September and October 2000. The resulting F-35 Lightning II was built in three versions for the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, as well as multiple foreign military partners, and is currently the largest test program at Edwards.

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**NATURAL & MAN-MADE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

510 N. Rosamond Blvd., Bldg. 4965
661-277-4433

**Types of Emergencies Found in Our Area**

Earthquakes are the most common natural disaster to occur in Antelope Valley (AV) due to our proximity to two major fault lines; however, they are not our only threats of disaster. Other types of potential disasters await us in the form of fires, wind, snowstorms, flash floods, extended electrical outages, train derailments and chemical spills. These disasters can strike at any time, in any place and without any warning. The first 72 hours after an emergency you and your family may need to survive alone until help can arrive.

Numerous major disasters have occurred nearby within recent history. In 1994, the Northridge earthquake rattled through the AV and collapsed the Highway 14 and Interstate 5 overpass, eliminating our major transportation connection between the AV and Los Angeles.

Two devastating wildfires occurred in 2009 and 2010; first, the Station Fire raged in the Angeles National Forest and later, the Crown Fire swept through the region from Agua Dulce to Quartz Hill. More recently, two large fires scorched over 38,000 acres each. The Sand Fire prompted 10,000 homes to be evacuated in Santa Clarita Valley mountain areas as it moved toward Acton, and the Blue Cut Fire destroyed close to 100 homes in the Wrightwood area.

High winds in October 2007 created dust storms, reducing visibility to zero, resulting in a multi-fatality pileup on Highway 14 at Avenue D. A daylong blizzard in December 2008 left thousands of commuters stranded on each side of the Soledad Pass between the Antelope and Santa Clarita valleys.

Furthermore, we have experienced incidents of flash flooding from heavy rains following periods of drought; extended power outages from earthquakes, wind, fires, and summer and winter storms; train derailments along the Union Pacific lines; and chemical spills on our roadways. As recent as October 2015, we experienced heavy downpours, which caused a mudflow on State Route 58 west of Mojave. It covered the road with mud and debris up to 6-feet high and left nearly 200 vehicles stranded overnight.

**Good News**

The good news is that if you prepare for one of these potential disasters, you are prepared for any of them. Since planning ahead is the key to success, the Office of Emergency Management recommends you and your family take the following preparatory steps to survive the first three days after an emergency occurs.

**DEVELOP A FAMILY PLAN**

Decide now how each family member will contact each other if separated when disaster strikes; know phone numbers including out-of-state numbers.

- Know each other’s schedules and have a rally point.
- Watch and listen for official instructions on television, radio or other communication devices.
• Create a shelter-in-place plan; consider pre-cutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and vents in the event of badly contaminated air.
• Create a get-away plan; choose several destinations in different directions and take your emergency supply kit.
• Know your school and work emergency plans; how will they communicate during emergencies?

DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Create a paper copy of the contact information for your family and other important people/offices, such as medical facilities, doctors, schools or service providers. Make sure everyone carries a copy in his or her backpack, purse or wallet. If you complete your Family Emergency Communication Plan online at ready.gov/make-a-plan, you can print it onto a wallet-sized card. You should also post a copy in a central location in your home, such as your refrigerator or family bulletin board. Have regular household meetings to review and practice your plan. Your plan should include actions to take in preparation for your pets too. Talk to neighbors about how you can help one another. Go to www.ready.gov or www.bereday.af.mil for helpful advice. Practice your plan! Practice your plan! Practice your plan!

Household Information

Write down phone numbers and email addresses for everyone in your household. Having this important information written down will help you reconnect with others in case you don’t have your mobile device or computer with you or if the battery runs down. If you have a household member who is deaf or hard of hearing, or who has a speech disability and uses traditional or video relay service (VRS), include information on how to connect through relay services on a landline phone, mobile device or computer.

School, childcare, caregiver and workplace emergency plans

Because a disaster can strike during school or work hours, you need to know their emergency response plans and how to stay informed. Discuss these plans with children and let them know who could pick them up in an emergency. Make sure your household members with phones are signed up for alerts and warnings from their school, workplace and local government. For children without mobile phones, make sure they know to follow instructions from a responsible adult, such as a teacher or principal.

Out-of-town contact

It is also important to identify someone outside of your community or state who can act as a central point of contact to help your household reconnect. In a disaster, it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town because local phone lines can be jammed.

EMERGENCY MEETING PLACES

Decide on safe, familiar places where your family can go for protection or to reunite. Make sure these locations are accessible for household members with disabilities or access and functional needs. If you have pets or service animals, think about animal-friendly locations.

Identify the following places:

**Indoor:** If you live in an area where tornadoes, hurricanes or other high-wind storms can happen, make sure everyone knows where to go for protection. This could be a small, interior, windowless room, such as a closet or bathroom, on the lowest level of a sturdy building, or a tornado safe room or storm shelter.

**In your neighborhood:** This is a place in your neighborhood where your household members will meet if there is a fire or other emergency and you need to leave your home. The meeting place could be a big tree, a mailbox at the end of the driveway or a neighbor’s house.

**Outside of your neighborhood:** This is a place where your family will meet if a disaster happens when you’re not at home and you can’t get back to your home. This could be a library, community center, house of worship or family friend’s home.

**Outside of your town or city:** Having an out-of-town meeting place can help you reunite if a disaster happens and you cannot get home or to your out-of-neighborhood meeting place; or your family is not together and your community is instructed to evacuate the area. This meeting place could be the home of a relative or family friend. Make sure everyone knows the address of the meeting place and discuss ways you would get there.

CREATE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Recommended items to include in your basic emergency supply kit:

• Water: 1 gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
• Food: at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food.
• Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries.
• Flashlight and extra batteries.
• First aid kit.
• Whistle to signal for help.
• Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place.
• Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
• Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
• Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food).
• Local maps.
• Additional items to consider adding to an emergency supply kit.
**Actions to Consider Before an Earthquake**

Fasten shelves securely to walls. Store breakable items (bottled food, glass, china, etc.) in low, closed cabinets with latches. Hang heavy items (pictures, mirrors, etc.) away from beds, couches and anywhere people sit. Brace overhead light fixtures. Install flexible pipe fittings to minimize breakage of gas and water lines. Secure your water heater by strapping it to the wall studs and bolting it to the floor. Store flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches on the bottom shelves. Choose a safe place in every room (e.g., under a sturdy table or against an inside wall) where nothing can fall on you.

**Actions to Consider During an Earthquake**

- Indoors: Drop, cover and hold on. Move only a few steps to a nearby safe place. Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. If you are in a high-rise building, do not use the elevators. Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture. If you are in bed, stay there. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow. If there is a heavy light fixture that could fall on you, move to the nearest safe place. Use a doorway for shelter only if it is strongly supported and load-bearing.
- Outdoors: Move into the open, away from buildings, streetlights and utility wires. Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. If in a Vehicle: Stop as quickly and safely as possible and then remain in your vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses and utility wires. Proceed cautiously. Beware of objects that can fall onto your vehicle. Keep both hands on the wheel. Keep a safe distance from cars in adjacent lanes, as strong gusts could push a car outside its lane of travel. Take extra care in high-profile vehicles, such as trucks, vans and SUVs, or when towing a trailer, as they are more prone to being pushed or flipped by high wind gusts. Watch for objects blowing across the roadway and into your path. If winds are severe enough to prevent safe driving, pull over into a safe parking area (the shoulder of a busy roadway is not safe) and stop, making sure you are away from trees, power lines or other tall objects that could fall onto your vehicle.

**Actions to Consider After an Earthquake**

Provide first aid and CPR if trained to do so. Aftershocks can occur in the first hours, days, weeks or even months after the quake. They can cause further damage to weakened buildings so proceed with caution. Be aware that some earthquakes are foreshocks — a large earthquake might occur. Open cabinets cautiously. Beware of objects that can fall off shelves. Pets’ behavior may change dramatically after an earthquake. Normally quiet and friendly cats and dogs may become aggressive or defensive. Leash dogs and place them in a fenced yard.

**HIGH WINDS**

Stiff breezes and high winds are the norm at Edwards, and for those not used to living and working in a windy environment, there are often-overlooked dangers to keep in mind and be prepared for.

**Vehicle Safety in Windy Conditions**

- It is a good idea to hold on to your vehicle door when opening it because a quick gust of wind can catch the door and cause extensive damage.
- In dust or sandstorm situations, slow your speed to a safe driving speed and turn on headlights to make your vehicle more visible.
- Keep both hands on the wheel.
- Keep a safe distance from cars in adjacent lanes, as strong gusts could push a car outside its lane of travel.
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**KEY TO SUCCESSFUL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Planning ahead improves your chances of successfully surviving a natural or man-made disaster and minimizing stress to you and your family. The Emergency Management Branch is here to help you develop you and your family’s emergency preparedness plans. Please contact the branch if it can be of any assistance.
SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

Edwards is committed to conducting its national security mission of research, development, test and evaluation of aerospace systems from concept to combat in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources and the environment. It is our objective to ensure the progressive improvement of Environmental Management System aspects and impacts in all operations, facilities and daily activities. Our goal is to provide the best possible environment to sustain the mission, life and health of everyone living and working on Edwards and the surrounding communities through programs dedicated to continual improvement. In keeping with this commitment, we are dedicated to continued improvement of our processes to prevent pollution and minimize waste. Significant environmental impacts are identified and objectives are set forth for improvement. We will comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. We have in the past, and will continue to into the future, pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship to simultaneously sustain our mission and the environment.

Air Emissions in the Workplace

Edwards manages nearly 200 permitted air emissions sources and must comply with the rules from three local air districts plus, state and federal regulations. Personnel operating these sources must follow permit requirements including record keeping and maintenance. Construction of new emission source require an Authority to Construct (ATC) permit prior to installation. Call 661-277-1401 for more information.

Bonfires, Fireplaces and Barbecues

Many residents like to use woodstoves and fireplaces to heat their homes in the winter. While the use of woodstoves and fireplaces for residential heating is not currently restricted in Kern County (all Edwards base housing is in Kern County), surrounding areas do have restrictions when fireplaces can be used for non-essential heating. However, there are restrictions on what items can be burned in your fireplace, bonfire or barbeque. Only clean, dry seasoned wood or charcoal is approved for burning in your fireplace or barbeque. Bonfires are not allowed unless a burn permit is obtained from the local air district and fire department. Bonfires may burn seasoned tree trimmings and brush only on allowed burn days with a burn permit. Check with the fire department and Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (www.kernair.org or 661-862-5250) on daily burning restrictions. Household waste, tires, plastics and other hazardous materials are not to be burned and must be disposed of properly through the Edwards AFB Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste program.

Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials are common, both in the workplace and at home. All hazardous materials used in the workplace on Edwards are authorized and tracked IAW with applicable regulations and Air Force instructions. While consumer use of commercially available chemicals in the residences are exempt from most of these requirements, use of industrial chemicals for home-based businesses requires base approval. Contact the Housing Management Office at 661-277-1468 for questions on home-based businesses.

Hazardous and Universal Waste

To protect the environment and human safety, residents and workers must properly dispose of hazardous and universal waste. Examples of hazardous waste include automotive maintenance fluids and filters, painting supplies, fertilizers, cleaners and poisons. Do not place these wastes in regular trash or recycling bins. Do not pour these wastes in sinks, floor drains, oil-water separators or storm drains. Workers should receive guidance in their workplace on their hazardous waste management. Examples of universal waste include aerosol cans, batteries, electronic devices (please note that all government owned e-waste is processed through IT, or the Help Desk, and can be reached at 661-273-3444) and fluorescent lamps (please use the original packaging to turn in lamps to the collection center). Dormitory residents can take their hazardous and universal wastes to the Consolidation, Recycling, and Universal Waste Facility on Rosamond Boulevard, Bldg. 4904, or call 661-277-3681. Corvias picks up household hazardous waste on a regular schedule, which is posted in the Community Office and available on the Community Manager’s website at http://airforce.corviasmilitaryliving.com/edwards or by calling 661-385-6060. Edwards residents can turn in their hazardous and universal waste to the following collection centers: Corvias
Vehicle Emissions Testing and Tracking

The Employee-Certification and Reporting System (eCARS) is a web-based vehicle inspection and maintenance tracking program that enables owners of private vehicles to self-certify that their vehicles are in compliance with local emissions testing laws, as well as Section 118(d) of the Clean Air Act. Unlike other sections of vehicle registration code, the US Congress enacted Section 118(d) specifically without exempting active duty military members from local vehicle emissions testing and maintenance requirements.

To comply with this law Edwards personnel (civilian and military) along with personnel at approximately 50 other bases nationwide are required to annually (or as registration expires) self-certify their privately owned vehicles (POVs). Initially, an eCARS request will be sent to new personnel in an automated email with instructions to log into eCARS and complete a short series of questions regarding their vehicles and their vehicles smog test status. Participation in eCARS annually is required; however, POV registration is only required when driving onto/within Edwards 60 days or more per year. Call 661-277-1401 for more information.

Water Conservation

Water is a precious commodity in the desert. The Edwards AFB Main Base drinking water system draws water from on-base groundwater wells and surface water supplied by the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency. Edwards is continually looking at ways to reduce its water consumption. These efforts include using recycled water to irrigate the golf course and expanding Xeriscaping to reduce water usage. Please do your part to help conserve water usage by using some of the following ideas:

- Turn water off when shaving and brushing your teeth.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine or dishwasher.
- Use the garbage can rather than the garbage disposal.
- Prevent overwatering of lawns, and direct sprinklers at the grass, not the sidewalk and road.
- Call maintenance for any water leaks, stuck toilets, dripping faucets and malfunctioning sprinklers.

For more information on water conservation at Edwards AFB, contact the 412th Civil Engineer Group at 661-277-4695.

Desert Tortoise

Edwards contains prime habitat for the desert tortoise, which can be found just about anywhere on the installation. The species is considered “threatened” under the Endangered Species Act. It is illegal to touch a wild desert tortoise unless it appears to be in immediate danger, such as crossing a busy road. If the animal is in danger and you can safely move the tortoise, use the following technique:

- Approach so that the animal can see you. It will probably pull in its head when you get close.
- Pick it up carefully using both hands – one on each side. Keep the animal level and move it carefully. Avoid sudden movements and don’t jostle it.
- Place it at least 100 feet off the road, in shade, in the direction in which it was traveling. Do not take it to a remote location to release it.
- Call Environmental Management at 661-277-1401 to report your actions.

Housing residents, during their stay at Edwards AFB, may adopt a captive desert tortoise as a family pet. Once in captivity,
a tortoise must remain in captivity. Some tortoises have been living with military families for decades. Contact Environmental Management at 661-277-1401 or 412CEG. CEVA.NaturalResources@us.af.mil for more information.

**Birds**

Most birds on the installation are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. This means that active nests (nest with eggs or baby birds) are also protected. If you have birds building a nest in a problem location, contact Environmental Management immediately. Once there are eggs or baby birds in a nest, even base biologists cannot remove the nest. We can also offer tips on discouraging nest building. Baby birds that have fallen from nests should be left to nature. Birds will often continue caring for their young on the ground. If you find an injured bird, call Environmental Management. Dead birds may be removed by housing occupants. You may dispose of carcasses in the trash.

**Rattlesnakes**

Several native snake species are found on Edwards. They serve to keep the rodent population in check. Many snake species are more active in the evenings and early mornings when the weather is hot, and during the warmer part of the day when the weather is cooler. They are usually inactive when the weather is cold.

Only two venomous snakes live at Edwards: the sidewinder rattlesnake and the Mojave “green” rattlesnake. To differentiate between a nonvenomous snake and a rattlesnake, look at the head, a rattlesnake’s head has a triangular shape. Rattlesnakes usually have rattles. However, some nonvenomous snakes can unhang their jaws to make their heads more triangular and shake their tails to mimic the rattlesnake. Never assume a snake is “safe” to handle.

Sidewinder rattlesnakes are sand-colored. They can be identified by “horns” on their heads and the way they travel across the ground. They are generally found in remote, sandy areas, away from populated areas of the installation. They can grow to be about 30 inches in length.

Mojave “green” rattlesnakes vary from gray to tan to green in color with a distinct, darker diamond pattern running down their backs. They can be found anywhere on the installation. Adults vary in size from 24 to 51 inches in length. Mojave rattlesnake venom contains both a hemotoxin and neurotoxin, which attack both the body’s tissues and nervous system.

The best way to protect yourself from rattlesnakes is to be aware of their habits. They don’t always rattle before striking. Never put your hand or foot someplace that you cannot see. Be careful when walking or climbing rocky areas. Always use a flashlight to check an area before putting your hand in a dark space. Always check around and underneath objects left outside or in a shed or garage before moving them.

If you are bitten by a rattlesnake, call for help immediately. The base clinic does not...
stock antivenin. Call 911 (base landline only) or 661-277-3340 when using a mobile phone and request an airlift. Do not attempt to drive to hospital – time is of the essence. Immobilize or minimize use of the affected area. Remove any jewelry or restrictive clothing around the area. Stay calm. Try to identify the snake species, but don’t try to capture it. Do not cut bite wounds, apply a tourniquet or ice, or try to suck out the venom. Mark the area of the bite with the time and monitor the spread of swelling every 15 minutes thereafter, remarking the area with the time to assist a physician in determining the severity of the bite.

**Spiders and Scorpions**

The black widow spider, tarantulas and the desert hairy scorpion make their home at Edwards. In most cases, their bite or sting is not life-threatening. However, if you have an allergic reaction or the pain becomes unbearable you should seek medical attention. Black widows rarely leave their webs unless they feel threatened. A black widow spider web is messy and unorganized, like a cobweb, and is found on the underside of forgotten objects or in corners. The web may contain small white round egg sacs each containing 200 to 400 spider eggs. Use a vacuum with a hose attachment to safely dispose of spiders and webs in your home. While they look frightening, tarantulas and scorpions are relatively harmless. Tarantulas are not venomous, but the hairs on their belly are dislodged as a defense mechanism and can cause skin or eye irritation. Desert hairy scorpion venom has about the same potency of a bee sting, and reactions are generally minor unless the person is allergic.

The rules for living with spiders and scorpions are similar to those dealing with snakes. Never put your hand or foot someplace that you cannot see. Always use a flashlight to check the area before putting your hand in a dark space. Shake out any clothing or shoes left outside before putting them on. Check for black widows and scorpions before moving boxes, trash cans, recycling bins or similar items kept in garages or areas within the house where there is not a lot of daily activity.

### EDWARDS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

All private organizations are required to register their group. For more information, contact the Private Organizations office within the 412th Force Support Squadron at 412fss.fs.privateorgs@us.af.mil

- 412 CES Booster Club
- FSS Roadrunners Booster Club
- 412 Medical Group Morale & Mentorship Council
- 412 MXS Dragons UEC
- 412 OSS Screaming Eagles Booster Club
- Adopt A Pet (APET)
- AFGE Local 1406
- African Heritage Association (AHA)
- AFTC Rec Club—previous name Contracting Rec Club
- Air Force Association Chapter 294
- Air Force Sergeants Association
- American Society of Military Comptroller (ASMC)
- Boys Scout Troop 247
- Branch Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Chupacabra Booster Club
- Company Grade Officers Council (CGOC)
- Defenders Alliance Booster Club
- Desert Pirate Booster Club
- Desert Ratz
- Desert Warrior Brazilian Jiujitsu
- Desert Winds
- DHS-Desert High School boy Basketball
- Edwards Chiefs Group
- Edwards Dorm Council
- Edwards Firefighters Association
- Edwards Innovators
- Edwards Top 3
- First Warriors Booster Club
- Green Knights Mil Motorcycle Club
- Howlin Dawgs Booster Club
- Knucklebuster
- Middle Tier or 5/6 Council
- Mojave Greens Booster Club
- Raptor Keeper
- SparkED
- Stingray Booster Club
- Team Shocker Booster Club
- The Pride
- Weapons Coalition
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE CIVILIAN/MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP

The Edwards Air Force Base Civ/Mil Support Group is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the men and women of Edwards Air Force Base.

Mission

The purpose of this support group is to establish a friendly, benevolent association of civic leaders and military personnel at Edwards Air Force Base, to act as a host group whenever needed and additionally to consider an annual service project to benefit Edwards AFB.

Previous Civilian/Military Support Group projects at Edwards include: the Higher Grounds Cafe; donations and carpet for the Airman’s Attic; flags, poles and plaques for the Flag Park across from Bldg. 1; benches at Sound Barrier Park; picnic tables at various on-base locations; Workforce Award recipient medals, annual monetary contributions to the enlisted families and unaccompanied Airmen holiday meal program; annual funding for the Angel Tree program; and more than 5,000 “goodie bags” to Airmen deploying to the various theaters of operation during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Company Overview

Founded in 1989, the Edwards Air Force Base Civilian/Military Support Group is a California nonprofit corporation dedicated to building and maintaining a strong symbiotic relationship between the men and women of the United States’ premier flight test installation at Edwards Air Force Base and the surrounding communities in its sphere of influence.

Description

EAFB Civ/Mil is an all-volunteer, non-political, social organization. All fundraising activities directly benefit the men and women working for and serving our country at Edwards Air Force Base.

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