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Overview



Location

Welcome to Edwards Air Force Base and the Air Force Flight Test Center! Edwards AFB, in the western portion of the Mojave Desert, is 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles and is ideally located for shopping, sightseeing and recreational activities. The county in which the Edwards community is located is Kern County, CA. The entire Antelope Valley is our home community – from Rosamond to California City to Boron, Lancaster, Palmdale and Acton – giving us a wide range of off-base activities from the Poppy Festival to Willow Springs’ auto racing to the Lancaster Jethawks minor league baseball team. The base operator's phone number is 661-277-1110 or DSN 312-527-1110.

History

Edwards Air Force Base occupies territory once explored by Spanish colonists and settled by pioneer homesteaders. The military base began as a stark and remote bombing range in 1933 and went on to become a major bomber training base in World War II. The Air Force Flight Test Center originated during the darkest days of the war, and has since achieved more major milestones in flight than anywhere else in the world. Aircraft ranging from the Bell XP-59 Airacomet, to the Bell X-1, to the NASA Space Shuttle and to the B-2 Bomber were first developed, tested and finalized for production at Edwards. This proud history continues with the testing of the Joint Strike Fighter X-35A, Airborne Laser Weapons and the Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Programs. For more history visit the Edwards AFB [homepage](#).

Mission

The Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California, is the Air Force Materiel Command center of excellence for conducting and supporting research, development, and test and evaluation of aerospace systems from concept to combat. It operates the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and is home to NASA’s Dryden Research Center and considerable test activity conducted by America’s commercial aerospace industry. From the development of the country’s first jet aircraft to the Air Force’s newest fighter, the F-22 Raptor, the test forces at Edwards have played a role in the development of virtually every aircraft to enter the Air Force inventory since World War II. The two major organizations supported by the center are the 412th Test Wing and the 95th Air Base Wing. The 412th Test Wing manages the center’s flight operations programs and functions. In doing so, it manages all engineering support for manned and unmanned aerospace vehicle test programs. The 412th Test Wing also programs, develops, operates and maintains engineering technical services and facilities which conduct and support testing, as well as operates and manages logistic support. The test wing’s support-side counterpart, the 95th Air Base Wing, led by the installation commander, runs Edwards like a small town, delivering a quality of life that makes the base a great place to live and work. Without the air base wing, the Flight Test Center could not succeed in helping to keep our Air Force the world’s finest.

Population Served

There are 10,000 Active Duty Military, Family Members, and over 8,000 Military Retirees, Civilian Employees and Reserve Components at Edwards AFB.

Base Transportation

Currently, there is no base transportation on this installation.

Sponsorship

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 have a sponsor, call your gaining orderly room or the Military Personnel Flight at (661) 277-2276 or DSN 312-527-2276. Sponsors will provide Sponsorship Packages, answers to questions, airport arrival arrangements, and orient you to the base and surrounding communities. The base lodging facility is your after-duty hour arrival point. If you arrive during duty hours, please report to your new unit for check-in.

Newcomers can forward mail to the general delivery address. The address is: Your Name, General Delivery, PSC Box 1998, Edwards AFB, CA 93524.

Temporary Quarters

Contact the Edwards' High Desert Inn, Manzanita Way (Bldg. 5602), (661) 275-7666 or DSN 312-525-7666, as far in advance as possible to arrange for temporary quarters. The Inn is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For members who have families and who have not been assigned permanent housing, there are two and four-bedroom apartment-type quarters. There is a very limited amount of four-bedroom units. The units have cooking facilities, a queen-size bed and a twin-size bed in the bedrooms, and a couch that converts into a double bed and a chair that converts into a single bed in the living room. For families with pets, there are four designated pet units. Cost ranges from \$29 to \$48.50 per night, depending on type of authorized quarters requested. Note, local hotels may be expensive. Pets are allowed in some hotels. Junior Enlisted Personnel, please work closely with your sponsor and First Sergeant to arrange for a dorm room to be ready when you arrive.

Relocation Assistance

The Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC) is waiting to assist you with its newly equipped computer room, Resource Library, and Job Search Center. Military personnel are required to attend the base Desert Warrior Orientation Program. All new Spouses are asked to attend the base New Spouse Welcome Program held at the AFRC the first Wednesday of each month. Family Services loan small household goods for inbound and outbound personnel.

Twenty hours of free childcare per child is available through the Air Force Aid Society to parents of all ranks who are PCSing to Edwards. The childcare is available within 60 days of arrival and is provided by Family Childcare Program providers. Parents may apply for childcare by bringing a copy of their orders and a valid ID to the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 550 S. Bailey Ave. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at (661) 277-0723 or DSN 312-527-0723.

Critical Installation Information

Arrival at Los Angeles International Airport

If you are traveling to California by commercial air to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), you have two means of transportation to Edwards AFB. One is to have your sponsor pick you up at LAX. Another is to take the Antelope Express (shuttle) that will drop you off at either the Ramada Inn, in Palmdale, 1-800-272-6232, 300 West Palmdale Boulevard, CA 93551, or the Comfort Inn, in Lancaster, 1825 W. Ave, J-12, Lancaster, CA 93534. Making a reservation for the Antelope Express (shuttle) prior to your arrival is highly recommended to guarantee a seat on the van or bus. Make reservations by calling (661) 945-2529.

Upon your arrival at LAX, proceed to the baggage claim area. A schedule of the Antelope Express can be found at the Ground Transportation Service area. The Antelope Express Van picks up new arrivals underneath the hanging green "BUSES & LONG DISTANCE VANS" sign on the center island in front of each terminal. Cost from LAX is \$42 one way. You will be reimbursed when you file your Travel Voucher.

Pets

A maximum of three animals per household are allowed while residing on Edwards. All animals must be registered within 10 working days of arrival by presenting a current rabies certificate or scheduling vaccinations at the Edwards Veterinary Treatment Facility.

Sponsorship

Settling into your new location and your new unit takes time. [Plan My Move](#) is designed to assist you with information about your new location. Complimenting Plan My Move each of the military Services has a Sponsorship Program which is very helpful in providing new unit information. Sponsors can make your transition smoother. The purpose of the Sponsorship program is to:

- Provide a sense of belonging
- Ease the transition for inbound service members or civilians and their family members
- Increase productivity
- Reduce culture shock
- Help newcomers make informed decisions
- Cultivate new friendships
- Improve morale

A sponsor is someone from your new unit who is assigned to assist you settling into your new location. You can request a sponsor through your unit, or with help from the Relocation Assistance Program or the Family Center at your new installation.

Your Service will appoint your sponsor in writing. He/she will be the same or close to your rank and the same marital status, if at all possible. This person will be knowledgeable about the local community and the installation; available to assist you and your family for at least two weeks post arrival, and be someone who is positive and outgoing.

A sponsor's duties include:

- Contacting you and your family by letter of introduction or e-mail upon learning of your assignment to the installation.
- Following up with a personal phone call after contact has been made.
- Sending information about the installation/area which you may require, or putting you in touch with the resources on the web and at the installation that provide current, complete and up-to-date information such as those provide by the Relocation Program.
- Answering any questions which you or your family may have, or, again, providing the proper resources to answer those questions.
- Confirm transportation and lodging arrangements.
- Assisting with obtaining a Post Office Box for your mail.
- Meeting you and your family upon arrival.
- Accompanying you to your check in point for the unit.
- Introducing you to the Family Center and lending closet
- Providing essential service locations such as commissary, exchange, gas station, bank.
- Being available when you arrive at your installation to meet you, show you around, and help you through in-processing.

If you have not been assigned a sponsor, or have not been contacted as of yet, request one by contacting your gaining command or unit. If after contacting your new command you find difficulties in obtaining a sponsor, contact your Relocation Assistance Personnel for additional help with your move.

Service specific processes for requesting a Sponsor include:

- **Army and Defense Logistics Agency:** AR 600-8-8 outlines procedures for DA Form 5434, Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet. Sponsorship is mandatory for first term Soldiers. All Soldiers, private through colonel (excluding those completing advanced individual training (AIT) and those PCSing to long term schools) and civilian employees through grade 15 may participate in the advance arrival sponsorship program. Reactionary Sponsorship is available for individuals arriving at an installation without a sponsor. Contact the gaining unit to request a sponsor.

- **Air Force:** Gaining Unit Commander Support Staff/Military Personnel Element will assign a sponsor upon receipt of assignment notice. Assigned sponsor will then make contact with the inbound member.
- **Navy:** OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1740.3B prescribes procedures regarding Command Sponsor and Indoctrination Programs. This Program is designed to facilitate the adaptation of Sailors and their families into new working and living environments, to minimize the anxiety associated with a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move, and afford Sailors and their families the greatest opportunity for a successful and productive tour of duty.

Command sponsor and indoctrination responsibilities begin upon receipt of PCS orders and continue until the Sailor has become an integral part of the new command and is fully cognizant of all policies, programs, services, and responsibilities available through the command. Commanding Officers shall establish a Command Indoctrination Program to include the delivery of the Navy Pride and Professionalism training per this instruction. COs should ensure all incoming personnel receive command indoctrination training within 30 days of arrival or within 3 drill weekends.

Enclosures (1) and (2) of OPNAVINST 1740.3B outline responsibilities and provide guidance for these programs. Assistance to local commands regarding the Command Sponsor Program is through the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Relocation Assistance Program staff.

- **Marine Corps:** Gaining Unit Commander will assign a sponsor on request. Overseas commands should assign a sponsor automatically, however if one is not assigned, send a request to the gaining command. A sample request form is available on our website that can be filled out and sent to the gaining command. See the following [website](#).

Sponsors' responsibilities and abilities to be available will vary from installation to installation, depending upon the priority which the installation and unit commanders give to the program; however, the Services are making the Sponsorship program a priority as research has shown the many benefits of good sponsorship to service, family members and youth.

Youth Sponsorship

The Youth Sponsorship Program depends on the availability of youth who volunteer to become sponsors. The Youth Services topic should explain the Youth Sponsorship program at your new installation, but if it does not answer all of your questions, contact your Relocation Manager to inquire about the program and acquiring a youth sponsor.

Directions to Installation

Directions to Edwards AFB

Methods of Transport from the Airport

If you are traveling to California by commercial air to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), you have four means of transportation to Edwards AFB base. One is to have your sponsor pick you up at LAX. Another is to take the Antelope Valley (AV) Airport Express (shuttle) to Lancaster where it will drop you off at the Holiday Inn Express, 1825 W. Ave. J-12 or at the Ramada Inn, 300 W. Palmdale Blvd. in Palmdale. Making a reservation for the AV Airport Express prior to your arrival is highly recommended to guarantee a seat on the van or bus. You can do so by calling 661-945-2529 or 1-800-251-2529.

Antelope Valley (AV) Airport Express Van

Upon your arrival at LAX, proceed to the baggage claim area. A schedule of the Antelope Valley (AV) Airport Express can be found at the Ground Transportation Service area. The AV Airport Express Van picks up new arrivals underneath the hanging **green "Buses & Long Distance Vans" sign** on the center island in front of each terminal. Drop off/pick up points are Lancaster: Holiday Inn Express, 1825 W. Ave. J-12, 661-723-2001 and Palmdale: Ramada Inn, 300 W. Palmdale Blvd., 661-273-1200.

Fees for Van Service

Fees for the AV Airport Express are collected on departure from LAX and are as follows: \$42 one way / \$70 round trip; two travelers \$82 one way / \$110 round trip. Children two and under: \$10 one way / \$15 round trip. Children 12 and under: \$20 one way / \$35 round trip. Meet N Greet: one way fare for round trip (must travel same day). Pets are allowed, however there is a fee of \$5.00 - \$10.00, depending on size. The pet must be in a carrier. For luggage in excess of 2 per person, not including carry-ons, there is an additional charge of \$2.00 - \$5.00 per bag. Additional charges apply for golf clubs, surfboards, skis, bicycles and boxes.

Driving to Edwards AFB via Taxi or Car

Your sponsor can pick you up at LAX. Taxi cost is approximately \$200.00 to Edwards. LAX to Lancaster is 80 miles and Lancaster to Edwards is another 35 miles. If you use a taxi or rental car, the authorization must be included in your orders.

If you are driving to Edwards from LAX take the 405 (San Diego Fwy) North; Merge to the 5 (Golden State Fwy) North; Exit Right to the 14 (Antelope Valley Fwy) North. Proceed North on the 14 through Palmdale, Lancaster. Past Avenue "A", you'll enter Rosamond. Take the next exit "Rosamond Boulevard", Edwards AFB exit and turn right onto Rosamond Blvd. Proceed through 2 lights, across the railroad tracks and straight onto EAFB property. You'll see the "Welcome to Edwards" marker. Proceed straight to the West Gate on Rosamond Blvd.; about a 17 mile stretch of desert. The housing area and Billeting Office are approximately 8 miles beyond the gate.

Traveling by Bus

If you arrive at LAX, the Prime Time Shuttle is available to the Greyhound Bus station in Los Angeles, approximately 20 miles from the airport. Call 310-342-7200 for information regarding cost and departure times.

The Greyhound Bus station is located on the corner of 7th St. and Alameda St., next to the train station. For reservation information, call toll free 800-231-2222. The bus has drop off points in Palmdale, at McDonalds, on Palmdale Blvd.; in Lancaster, at the Greyhound Bus Station, 44949 N. Yucca Ave.; in Rosamond, at the Circle K store on Sierra Hwy. Greyhound does not provide service to the base. Again, you will need to take a taxi or have your sponsor make arrangements for you to get to the base.

Traveling by Train

Should you travel to California by train, AMTRAK, you will arrive at Barstow, which is approximately one hour from Edwards. Greyhound Bus also provides bus service to Mojave, approximately 23 miles from Edwards.

Check-in Procedures

Reporting Procedures

Your first stop should be the Military Personnel Flight. Inprocessing is held daily, in bldg, 3000 from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm where you will be set up with the Desert Warriors Orientation Program, to include all other inprocessing appointments. You must be in uniform to inprocess. Please bring your PCS package from your last base. If you arrive after duty hours, your 24 hour arrival point for area information and welcome is the Base Lodging Office, Bldg 5602, phone 661-275-7666, DSN 312-575-7666.

Newcomers' Orientation

The Newcomers' orientation welcomes all military and civilian newcomers to include their Spouses, too Edwards AFB. It is conducted every second Monday of each month. It is conducted at the Oasis Community Center, in the Stripes Lounge, from 7:50 am. to 12:30 pm. Please call the Airmen and Family Readiness Center, at 661-277-0723, for specific dates. No babysitting is provided, however check with our office, to see if you qualify for the, Child Care for PCS, program.

Important Documents to Hand Carry

Please bring your copies of orders, current banking statements, life insurance information medical and dental records, shot records, passport (if applicable), OJT record and education records.

What to do if you Get Married Enroute

If you get married prior to your PCS, you must inform your commander and follow the procedures exactly. The military will not pay for travel and housing of your spouse if you haven't followed proper procedures.

Relocation Assistance

Programs and Services

While moving is always stressful, your stress can be drastically reduced if you take full advantage of the information, education, and personal assistance provided to you by the Relocation Program. This is the place to find answers and get referral to other installation resources as well as assistance with in-transit emergencies. The most important thing you can do to ensure a smooth move is to start planning early using the many Relocation Assistance program services and tools available.

Individual PCS Planning -- Most relocation programs offer one-on-one consultation for anyone needing assistance. In particular those making their first military move, first overseas move, or those with challenging and complex situations such as special needs family members or financial problems should call the Relocation Program for an appointment.

Military Installations and Plan My Move -- For managing and planning your move, use these two DoD sponsored web-based relocation tools with information on over 250 installations worldwide. You can estimate expenses, find the forms necessary for housing and household goods, keep a calendar of events and take other necessary actions to ensure a successful move.

Loan Closet -- Basic household goods items are available to borrow while waiting for your personal property pre-departure or upon arrival. The typical items in stock include: pots and pans, dishes, silverware, irons, ironing boards, portacribs, high chairs, and infant/toddler car seats. Generally, towels and bed linens are not available, so these should be packed in your hold baggage.

Workshops and Briefings -- The classes offered vary from installation to installation but you can generally find classes on buying, selling and renting smart, budgeting and finance, moving with children, general moving preparation and many other moving related topics.

Pre-departure Briefings -- Sometimes called Smooth Move or PCS Briefings, you and your spouse will want to attend for sure. These briefings provide essential information that can prevent you from making uninformed and costly decisions before your move.

Settling-in Services -- These may include welcome wagon services, local area tours with childcare often provided, or basic household items to use until your goods arrive. Overseas arrival services may include introductory language classes and cultural awareness training.

Deployment Support -- The Airman and Family Readiness Center assists unit family readiness groups and Ombudsman programs during the entire deployment cycle. Support includes services for special needs, classes on deployment preparation, managing finances, helping children adjust, family separation, return and reunion, and information on resources available locally and on-line.

Foreign Born Spouse Support -- Whether your question concerns immigration and naturalization, learning the English language or how to take local transportation, the Relocation Program provides assistance, classes and referrals.

Emergency Assistance -- From time-to-time emergencies occur while moving, the Relocation Program office has the resources to provide emergency financial assistance and referrals.

Transition Assistance -- This is a mandatory program available to assist personnel and family members when they separate from the military. The Relocation Assistance office will establish your individual transition plan and refer you to all the installation and community resources necessary to complete a successful transition.

Installation Specific Information

This section provides you with information, resources and programs to assist you in each aspect of your move to Edwards to make it a smoother process. Knowing where to go, whom to contact, and when to do so, assists greatly in planning and executing the move and settling in more quickly. The Airman and Family Readiness Center at your losing base is prepared to assist you with a variety of programs and services from spouse employment to housing information, even moving with kids.

The newest, exciting program sponsored by the Airman and Family Readiness Center is a downtown tour and lunch, compliments of the Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. Participants are briefed on base services prior to boarding vans for a Lancaster-Palmdale tour and complimentary lunch. Within 60 days of arrival, take advantage of the Air Force Aid Society's Child Care for PCS Program and join us for Spouse Welcome and lunch. Seating is very limited. Reservations are required to guarantee a space. Child care is available only by prior arrangement with the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

You may also contact the Edwards AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center prior to your move for assistance. Upon arrival, military members must attend a Newcomers Orientation where they will meet base leaders, learn about the mission of the Air Force Flight Test Center and base resources and regulations. While in-processing to the squadron, the member will be scheduled for this mandatory briefing. Spouses are invited to attend with the active duty member. This briefing is also available to civilian employees and their spouses.

A special orientation for spouses new to Edwards is held the first Wednesday of each month at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. It's a great way for a new spouse to meet other newcomers and to learn about Edwards. Speakers come from base agencies to discuss opportunities, programs and services, or just supply information that is of special interest to the military spouse, the civilian parent or job seeker. Child care is available with prior arrangements through the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Because your household goods are likely to arrive after you do, there is a loan closet maintained by Family Services Volunteers especially for incoming newcomers including active duty or civilian employees. These small appliances, Japanese style mattress beds, dish sets and infant equipment really can come in handy while awaiting your household goods. A copy of your orders is required.

When you arrive, check with the Airman and Family Readiness Center to see if you qualify for the 20 hours of free child care provided by the Air Force Aid Society. Within 60 days of arrival, newcomers may be eligible for 20 hours of child care in a licensed base Family Child Care Home. A referral from the Airman and Family Readiness Center is required.

For Crisis Management information, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center or base Chapel office.

Emergency Assistance

Planning for Emergencies

Should an emergency occur while en route to Edwards you may contact the nearest military installation, the local American Red Cross Chapter or Edwards AFB Command Post if after normal duty hours, at 661-277-3040.

Important Documents/Phone Numbers/Hand Carry

You may make any official calls to Edwards by using the following toll free numbers to reach the base operator: 1-800-585-1216 (outside CA) or 1-800-585-2039 (inside CA). The base operator will connect you to the appropriate extension. Carry the phone number of your sponsor and squadron along with your important traveling papers.

Motor Vehicles

Registration & Licensing Requirements

California State law requires you to have sufficient liability insurance and a valid driver's license in order to operate a vehicle. The term "vehicle" generally includes automobiles, motorcycles, vans, trailers and boats regularly parked or garaged overnight. Further, your vehicle must be properly registered. Even though you are in the Military, you may be required to register your vehicle in-state and obtain an in-state license within a few months of moving. Access complete information on insurance, driver's licensing, and where and how to register your vehicle by visiting the [State Department of Motor Vehicles](#) website.

State Laws

You and your passengers must always wear seatbelts while driving, you will be ticketed and issued heavy fines if seatbelts are not secured. State law requires that all children under 6 years of age be properly restrained in child seats. Some states also require younger, smaller children to sit in the back seat.

Motorcycles and their operators are subject to special laws. If you own and operate a motorcycle, you must comply with those laws. Visit the State Department of Motor Vehicles website for more information.

Many States and local jurisdictions have strict laws about the use of cell phones and other digital devices while driving. Research these laws on the State Department of Motor Vehicles website. Tickets will be issued and fines assessed for violating these laws. Play it safe and always use a "hands free" device if you must use a cell phone or other PDA while driving. Hands-free devices must be used while operating a motor vehicle on ALL military installations worldwide.

Base Regulations

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) applies to Edwards AFB except where it conflicts with federal law or US Air Force Regulations.

Speed Limits -- Maximum speed limits are Main Base Area: 35 mph unless otherwise posted; Housing Area, Trailer Park, and ORV Access Trails: 15 mph unless otherwise posted; Parking Lots and Loading Areas: 10 mph unless otherwise posted.

Seat Belts -- Seat belts are mandatory as well as child restraints for children under 40 pounds.

Vehicle Checks -- All vehicles entering and exiting Edwards AFB are subject to search.

Accidents -- On-base vehicle accidents need to be reported to the LAW Enforcement Desk, (661) 277-3340. Major vehicle accidents are investigated by Security Police.

Criminal Offenses -- Edwards AFB assimilates the California Penal Code (CPC) in addition to the UCMJ. The curfew for juveniles, persons under age 18 on Edwards AFB is midnight to 6 am, Friday and Saturday, and 11 pm to 6 am, Sunday through Thursday.

Crime Stop -- The 24 hour Crime Stop telephone number for Edwards AFB is 911.

Emergencies -- 911 is used on Edwards for 24 hour emergency police, fire, and ambulance response. It can be dialed from any base or housing telephone.

Restricted Areas -- Edwards has restricted and controlled areas. Organization security managers will have all information on the location and requirements for each area.

Photography -- Unofficial flight line photography is not authorized. This applies to the entire flight line and any area within visible range of the flight line.

Loan Closet

Items Available

The Loan Closet has available household items, small appliances, dishes, pots and pans and futons are available for check out to those with PCS orders.

The Airman's Attic maintains donated items that are available free, for personal use. Personnel E-5 and below, or those in need, are eligible to shop in the Attic. Generally, items available are clothing, household goods and small appliances.

How to Borrow

The Loan Closet and Airman's Attic are co-located with the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Hours of operation are M-F, 10am -2pm. Both are operated by volunteers.

Housing - Overview

Government Housing

The Edwards AFB Relocation Housing Office provides both on-base and off-base housing information. The Housing Office manages 1,715 units of family housing with eligibility and availability determined by grade and number of bedrooms required. There are 1,405 units available to enlisted members and 310 units available to officers. Personnel desiring to live on EAFB should contact their local base housing office for information and assistance prior to their departure, and submit an advance application for housing. See Subject Area, Government Housing, this Category for advance application information. In addition, Edwards has a mobile home park with 188 lots for privately owned mobile homes. The trailer park is projected to be phased out by 2005.

Non-government Housing

Housing Referral Office (HRO) -- Your contact for any problems you may encounter (discrimination complaints, tenant/landlord disputes, or any questions/problems about off post housing) is the HRO. Staff are available to assist you in a person to person basis to make your move to this installation an easy and pleasant one. They can provide a list of rentals with corresponding locator maps and give you information regarding the area in which rentals are located.

DoD Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN)--Visit AHRN.com or ask at your local housing office to learn about this DoD program that is currently available for most installations. The program allows military members and families to:

- Search listings and pictures of available rentals near military installations
- Find out about shared rentals
- List their own properties for rent to other military families
- List their homes for sale by owner (FSBO) to other military members
- Contact installation housing offices

AHRN is not currently available at all installations but the phased program is adding new installations every month. Check the AHRN [website](#) to see if your next assignment is an AHRN base and check out other features to assist you in your home search.

Housing - Temporary

Temporary Lodging Facility

This installation has not provided any narrative for this topic.

Housing - Government

Military Housing

The Housing Relocation Office on Edwards Air Force Base (AFB) provides both on-base and off-base housing information. Prior to your arrival at Edwards AFB, the housing office can send you a housing packet with valuable information. The housing office is located at 402 S Forbes Avenue Edwards, CA 93524. Phone: 661-277-4506; DSN 312-527-4506.

Edwards AFB Housing Office manages 1211 units of family housing with eligibility and availability determined by grade and number of bedrooms required.

Eligibility -- Personnel may express a preference for the type of house (floor plan only) and area, provided it coincides with their grade and bedroom entitlement. Selection of a high demand area could result in increased time on the waiting list.

Availability -- All military Housing is scheduled to be privatized in mid - 2009. Housing is in transition, with demolition/construction occurring through March 2010. Please call us for housing availability.

Waiting times fluctuate corresponding to the number of projects, renovations and the number of personnel on the waiting list. Waiting lists are based on member's rank and bedroom requirement. It is important to note that with the demolition of housing units in various housing areas, the waiting time has increased significantly, particularly for 2-bedroom, junior enlisted quarters. The housing office strongly recommends that inbound personnel be prepared for a possible lengthy wait for on-base housing. Please keep in contact with the Edwards Housing Office for current estimated waiting times.

Application -- Eligible personnel desiring to live on Edwards AFB are authorized to submit an advance application for military housing at any time after they have received Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or active duty orders. The application must be submitted on DD Form 1746, "Application for Assignment to Housing" with a copy of PCS orders.

Housing managers are responsible for ensuring that DD Form 1746 is issued to eligible personnel and for counseling them on the preparation of the application. Once the member has completed the DD Form 1746, it is verified, dated and signed by the housing management assistant. The application is then mailed by the housing office to the gaining installation. In addition, the application may be submitted in person by members who are on permissive TDY house hunting.

The effective date of application is the first day of the month prior to the month in which the applicant states he or she will arrive at the gaining installation -- this is the actual reporting or sign-in month.

Unaccompanied Military Personnel

Single airmen, E-3 and below, currently are required to live in the dormitories.

For single, unaccompanied personnel, the housing office manages 58 housing units for officers and 16 units for SNCOs. These units are located near the Temporary Lodging Facility, Desert Villa. Each of these units is 500 square feet in size.

Household Goods - Overview

Arranging Household Goods Shipments

As soon as you are alerted to your upcoming PCS move, you can start getting your house and family ready. Clean up and get rid of junk. Hold a yard sale or take serviceable items you no longer need to a thrift shop or donate to charity. Get important family records together in one place. You can even estimate the weight of your household goods before you visit your transportation office to set up the move. If you are going overseas, you should begin to plan what items you will take in your hold baggage, in your household goods shipment and what might need to go into storage. Remember for overseas assignments electricity is different and houses are generally much smaller and cannot handle large furniture.

Set up an appointment with your transportation office as soon as you have a copy of your PCS orders. The earlier you call or visit your transportation office, the greater your chances of moving on the date you desire. The counselors will explain all your PCS move entitlements in detail. Your first decision is whether to have the government move you or whether to move yourself. There are pros and cons to each type of move. Your counselor will answer all of your questions. If you choose a government move, they will book your shipment and let you know the exact dates the movers will come. If you choose to move yourself, the counselor can assist with recommendations and tips on how to do a personal move.

Automobile

The government may ship one Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) at their expense to your new overseas location. This is handled through your transportation office. Remember to discuss your POV needs at your initial counseling session. The shipping contractor has established a [website](#) where you can track the location of your POV through the shipping process.

Shipping Pets

Planning for shipment of your pet includes researching airline requirements and quarantine and restriction laws in your new location. You will need to ask the airlines the requirements for size, weight, number of animals, kennel construction, documentation and season of the year limitations. Occasionally, small pets can be shipped on military flights but availability and regulations are always changing as well as fees. Checking the [SDDC website](#) will provide details on shipping pets.

Many international locations have strict importation laws including extended quarantines and restrictions on breeds or types of animals that can be brought into the country. Carefully research these rules as they could impact your moving schedule. Not only do overseas locations have strict rules but many locations have restrictions on dangerous dogs as well.

Delivery of Household Goods Shipments

It is your responsibility to contact the transportation office as soon as you arrive at your new duty station. Let them know how you can be contacted, phone, mobile phone and e-mail. If you already have new quarters, they will help arrange delivery of your personal property shipments. Otherwise they will arrange for temporary storage until you have permanent housing.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Once your personal property is delivered, you'll be asked to [rate the customer service](#) you received from the movers. Make sure you take the time to do this. Your feedback will make the process better for everyone.

Claims

If you have any loss or damage to your personal property you may need to file a claim. Use the front of [DD Form 1840/1840R](#) to notify the mover of any loss or damage you find at the time of delivery. If further loss or damage is discovered after the transportation provider departs, use the reverse side of the form, DD Form 1840R. You must **file DD Form 1840/1840R within 70 days of delivery**. Completing and submitting the DD Form 1840/1840R does not constitute filing a claim. A claim is separate and distinct from these forms. Your local personal property office and claims office will give you complete instructions on where and how to file DD Form 1840/1840R and your claim.

Household Goods - Shipping Pets

Kennels

Prepare ahead for pet care if you plan to stay in billeting. There are presently only three guest houses on base that allow house pets, first come first serve. Therefore, you must insure that you make reservations early.

The closest kennels are approximately 25+ miles from base. Kennel prices for dogs and cats average \$4.00 to \$10.00 per day depending on the size, weight, and breed of the pet. Other animals may be boarded at some of the kennels as well.

You should be able to provide proof that your animal's shots are up-to-date, including a rabies certificate. Ask about military discounts.

Edward AFB Pet Registration

Pets must be registered at the Veterinarian Clinic within 10 days of arrival at Edwards AFB. Remember to bring all your pet's records from your previous base. Your pet's rabies vaccination may need to be re-done, even if current, due to State of California requirements.

Important Information

- Those living off-base must license their pets with the county where they reside.
- Horses are automatically quarantined for a minimum of 2 weeks in quarantine stalls on base. There is a waiting list for stables on base. Call the Veterinarian Clinic prior to arrival (at least 1 month in advance) for specific information on horses.
- If the military member is flying on a military charter flight, the Traffic Management Office at your losing base will assist you in making travel arrangements for pets.
- Cost of transportation of pets (unless in POV) is at the expense of the military member. Costs vary depending on size of dog, destination, etc. Contact your local Veterinary Clinic for information about pet transportation and rabies and health certificates.
- Contact your local Travel Office for information on transporting your pet via commercial carrier. Be sure to consider our average summer daytime temperatures and our distance from LAX when arranging for the transportation of your pet.

Education - General Overview

Adult Education

The Education Office has a comprehensive brochure available with information regarding various tests, descriptions of all on base college programs, and term dates. For information regarding off-base college programs, contact the respective college. The Education Office can provide a list of off-base colleges that includes phone numbers and addresses and for colleges in the local vicinity, specific degrees offered. All on-base and off-base colleges offer Bachelors Degrees starting at the junior year. Education counselors are available for individual appointments. GED examinations are available and free for military members. The Antelope Valley Adult School in Lancaster will assist dependents and civilians with GED. Call them at 661-942-3042.

Adult dependents of military personnel pay the California resident rate of tuition during their first year in California. After that, they must become California residents to continue paying the resident rate.

For information regarding scholarships and grants, contact the Education Office or The Airman and Family Readiness Center. The Airman and Family Readiness Center has a database of over 150,000 awards, grants, loans and scholarships, called SRN, Scholarship Resource Network. This is a free service provided for active duty personnel, DoD civilians, retirees and their family members.

Public School

Schools located on Edwards AFB are public schools and are located within, but only part of, the Muroc Joint Unified District. NOTE: THERE ARE NO DODDS SCHOOLS LOCATED AT EDWARDS AFB OR VICINITY. Several school districts serve the off-base communities surrounding Edwards AFB. Many follow a year-round school calendar where students attend school year-round with 3 week breaks periodically. Others follow a traditional school calendar (August through June). The average student/teacher ratios for off-base schools are as follows: K-8th (1 to 30); 9th-12th (1 to 30). Parents may request a copy of the Annual School Report Card for any school by contacting the district the school is in or by contacting the school directly. The report includes information on school philosophy, achievement test scores, counseling & support services, textbooks & materials, teacher training, budget & salary information, etc.

Private School

There are numerous private schools serving the cities surrounding Edwards AFB. Programs are available for grades preschool through high school. The state of California publishes a private school directory which lists all of the private schools available in the state. The Airman and Family Readiness Center at Edwards has copies of this directory available for use at the Center.

Home Schooling

Christian Home Educators Experiencing Rewards (C.H.E.E.R.) is a local home education support group holding meetings and offering various activities on Edwards Air Force Base. There are many diversified backgrounds and home education encouragement is offered through the high school level. CHEER is fortunate to have the support of the surrounding communities and to be affiliated with the support network offered by Christian Home Educators Association of California (CHEA of CA). For more information contact CHEA of California at 1-800-564-CHEA. For base and local information about home education contact Shannon Sargent, 661-258-4732.

Education - Training (College/Technical)

Continuing Education

Contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center for adult educational opportunities on base.

College

Colleges and universities offering courses on Edwards AFB hold office hours in the base Education Center, Building 2453. For more information about the college programs offered on base, contact the Education Center.

Education - Local Schools

Choosing the right school for their children is a priority for military families. This article describes excellent resources for your use in planning for your child's educational needs. Parents can find current information about public, charter and private schools by using the tools below:

1. How do I choose a good school?

[Choosing a School for Your Child](#) is a U.S. Department of Education publication that will help families identify what is important in selecting a school.

[The School Visit: What to Look For, What to Ask](#) Whether you are choosing a school for the first time, or because you are in transition, this site will provide you with information about what to do and what to ask.

2. What schools are in my area (or in the area where I may move), and how good are they?

Several high quality commercial tools are available to assist in making decisions about which school to choose for your child. Listed below are these website tools along with information on how you access the information and what type of information each site provides.

Both [Great Schools](#) and [School Matters](#) provide a wealth of information for parents:

- School contact information
- Distance from zip code (provide the installation zip code, or the zip code of the area where you will be living)
- Public, private or charter school designation
- Student/teacher ratios
- Free and reduced school lunch program (an estimate of economic disadvantage)
- Great Schools provides a rating of schools and a parent comment section
- Percentage of students meeting or exceeding the state standards in math, reading and language arts
- Teachers - average number of years teaching experience, % of first year teachers on the staff
- Students: Average percentage of students absent from school for more than 15 days
- Ethnic breakdown and percent of students with English as a second language
- School Matters provides college prep scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT test scores)-for high schools only
- Great Schools also provides parents the ability to rate the schools and make comments on the schools.

For both sites, the user must enter the State and zip code to find schools in the area.

[SchoolQuest](#) was developed by the [Military Child Education Coalition](#) to help military families select schools. SchoolQuest also offers an Online Library that provides resources for families in transition. At this time, the SchoolQuest data base covers 99 military installations. The Military Child Education Coalition also provides a [data base of information](#) on each State's educational system.

[The School Report Tool](#) is available from Military OneSource that list names and locations of public, public charter, private, virtual and home schooling choices around major installations. [Charter Schools](#) are nonsectarian public schools of choice that operate with freedom from many of the regulations that apply to traditional public schools. Use this site to find one in your area.

3. How can I help plan for a successful transition in this new school and for my child's school career?

Parents often want to know about the availability of extra curricular activities and sports, or the availability of advanced classes. For these questions, it is best to contact the schools directly. It is important to ask the right questions. The following resources can help with these questions and others.

The [Toolkit for Parents](#) was developed by the Department of Defense, especially for Military Families. This 85 page booklet walks parents through preparing for the move and the first two weeks of school....what to ask, what to take, etc..

The [Military Impacted Association](#) has [checklists](#) available for military kids who are leaving or entering a new school.

The Military Child Education Coalition has a [checklist for transferring students](#) that will be helpful. Additionally, through [SchoolQuest](#), MCEC provides parents with the ability to develop a profile for each of their children, which then will provide them with a report on issues related to transferring to a new school district.

4. Question? What happens if I need help during the school year?

During the school year, there are always questions that parents have, such as "What is the best way to help with homework?" or "What if my child needs to see a counselor because my spouse is deployed?" Military OneSource helps with these questions and has 24/7 access. You can call them at 1-800-342-9647, connect to them at the website [Military OneSource](#), or [e-mail a consultant](#).

Education - Local Schools/Overseas

Overseas Schools -- What You Should Know

Moving your family from one installation to another in the U.S. can be challenging enough; but moving your family overseas presents an even more complex situation. One of the most important challenges can be summed up by this question, "Where are my children going to go to school?"

This article will provide resources to help guide military families through the many questions and decisions regarding local schools abroad.

Where do I start?

Start with the information on your new installation. Visit [Plan My Move](#) and review the installation's Education - Overview article. All of the overseas installations have dedicated a portion of the Education Overview to discussing the education options available in the local community as well as the DoD schools located on the installation, if available. Most installations overseas that allow accompanied family travel have one or more DoD schools.

What is the difference between a DoD school and an international or national school?

[DoDEA](#) is the Department of Defense Education Activity. DoDEA operates DoD schools in 12 foreign countries, Guam and Puerto Rico. All DoDEA schools are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies and maintain high academic standards with well rounded educational programs.

In addition to DoDEA, the [U.S. Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools](#) mission is to promote quality educational opportunities for dependents of American citizens overseas at the elementary and secondary level. If a DoD school is not available on your installation there may be a school in the local community that is an American-Sponsored Elementary and Secondary School.

International schools are English-language schools whereas National schools are schools where courses are taught in the native language. The curriculum and grading system of an International school tends to be similar to the traditional American education system. This is a consideration if your family will be returning to the U.S. prior to your child or children graduating high school. Remember, when choosing a school it is best to try to match the school with your child's needs and expectations.

Where can I find a list of International schools in the country where my family is moving?

The Internet can be an excellent resource for finding International Schools overseas. You can find a complete directory of overseas schools on the [International Schools Services' website](#).

In addition, the [World Wide Schools](#) website is an excellent resource. From the homepage you can select the country. Once you have done this, a list of schools will appear and you can then choose which one you are interested in researching. All of the information appearing on this website is provided by the schools directly. Some of the information you may find on a school includes: a background summary about the school, the school's address, phone number, website, and even the email address of the director of the school. This information should be explored so that you can make comparisons with other International schools in the area to determine the best place for your child/children.

How do I decide what school is best for my child?

This process is much the same as it would be in the U.S. You may not have as many choices but it is important to make a list of possible schools and then begin to ask around. This is a daunting task since it is likely that there will be a language barrier. However, talk to the Relocation Personnel in the Family Center and your sponsor at your new installation who may be able to put you in touch other families with children around the same age as your child/children. Always contact the school directly and ask for references.

Once you have narrowed down your options, interview the school or schools directly. This is best done in person, if possible. Ask about: attendance, atmosphere, curriculum; grading system, tuition, accreditations, the staff and administration; as well as other practical details such as, does the school provide meals, what types of extra curricular programs are available, is there transportation, holidays and schedule, sports programs, before and after school care programs, and how is the facility maintained.

Now that I have chosen a school, how do I successfully facilitate the transition for my child?

A successful transition should be a priority during planning the move and once the move has been completed. The more knowledge you provide your child with, the more confident he/she will feel once he/she arrives at the new school. Allow your child to be a part of the decision making process, if he/she is old enough, and take his/her opinions into account.

MilitaryStudent.org provides several valuable tools to facilitate the transition process. Although many of these tools are not geared specifically to an international move the resources provided do apply to any military student transitioning to a new school in the U.S. or overseas.

Employment - Overview

Employment Opportunities

Nonappropriated Funds (NAF) and AAFES offer the best prospects on base, especially for part-time employment. Civilian Personnel often limits hiring. There are several contractors at Edwards AFB that may provide employment opportunities. Otherwise, employment may be found in the closest communities. Edwards AFB is located approximately 34-45 miles from the largest surrounding communities of Lancaster and Palmdale and 106 miles from Los Angeles. Smaller "bedroom" communities (California City, Rosamond, Boron, North Edwards, Mojave, and Tehachapi) are located between 20 and 45 miles from the base. All of these cities comprise the Antelope Valley.

Although the job market is competitive, there are opportunities in unskilled and skilled clerical and technical fields, as well as some professional occupations. Openings occur in local, state and federal government, aerospace industry, medical and dental fields, schools, retail fields, including "mom and pop" stores as well as larger department stores, fast food establishments, and manufacturing.

Student Temporary Employment Program

Civilian Personnel Flight offers year-round employment for students 16 years or older in the Student Temporary Employment Program. These 20 hour a week positions typically involve labor or clerical work. College students or high school students in good academic standing with a reference from their school counselor are eligible for these jobs. Youth 12-18 years of age may contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center to enroll in the Y.E.S. (Youth Employment Services) program which links teens to private employment opportunities such as yard work, house sitting, babysitting, tutoring, etc.

Local Economic Climate

Approximately 55,000 residents commute to work from the Antelope Valley to the Los Angeles area every day. Southern California has experienced a depressed economy as the aerospace industry and other major companies have initiated lay offs. The state unemployment rate is about 4.9%.

Unemployment Compensation

Unemployment compensation may be available for the spouse of a newly assigned military member or civilian employee. For more information contact the California Employment Development Department at 1-800-300-5616.

Child Care

Child Development Center (CDC)

Edwards Child Development Center offers the highest quality child care services available for children six weeks through 5 years (those not enrolled in kindergarten). The program is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and certified by the Department of Defense and the Department of the Air Force. Our goal is to offer children of active duty military and Department of Defense civilians and contractors a safe, healthy, and loving environment while away from parents and home.

Programs Offered -- The program offers various services that include full-day care, hourly care and part-day preschool.

Registration -- By filling out a DD Form 2606, you can place your child's name on the child care waiting list in advance of your arrival to Edwards. To do so, check with the Child Care Center at your present location.

Family Child Care (FCC)

The Family Child Care Home Program offers home-based child care in licensed homes for children ages two weeks through twelve years. These self-employed providers operate their home independently in compliance with strict Air Force policies, including frequent inspections and close monitoring by the Family Child Care staff. Extensive background screening and orientation training must be completed prior to licensing. Full time, part time, hourly, weekends, extended hours and school age care is available. For more information, call the Family Child Care Office.

School Age Program (SAP)

The School Age Program provides care for children in kindergarten through twelve years of age. The Edwards AFB School Age Program has been accredited by the National School Age Care Alliance. Parents may choose from either the before, after, or the before and after programs. Transportation is provided to and from the base schools. Children in kindergarten through second grades are provided care at the Youth Center Annex, next to the Child Development Center. Children in third through sixth grades are provided care in Building 5210, the Main Youth Activities Center. Full day care is offered during nonfederal school holidays and in the summer through the Summer Camp Program.

Registration -- To be placed on the waiting list prior to arrival at Edwards, complete DD Form 2606 at your local Child Development Center/Youth Center and send to the Edwards AFB Youth Center.

Youth Services

Youth Services

Teens on the Move Sponsorship Program

Teens on the Move, a sponsorship program run by the Youth Center, helps teens make the move from one base to another more smoothly. The program promotes a positive transition to life within the Edwards community by pairing incoming teens with teen sponsors. From the teen sponsor, the incoming teen may receive information on base life from a peer's perspective. To find out more information, contact the Youth Center.

Youth Employment

YES Program -- The Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program is an on-base youth volunteer program, underwritten by the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS). The focus of the program is to offer high school aged dependents of Air Force active duty personnel an opportunity to learn valuable work skills while having a positive impact on their base communities. The YES program allows high school students to "bank" volunteer dollar credits toward their post-secondary education/training at a rate of \$4 per hour volunteered in an on-base position to a maximum of 250 hours per student.

Students may accumulate a potential \$1000 maximum over all four high school years combined. In addition, the participating base youth program will "bank" base community credits at a rate of \$2 for every hour volunteered per student, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per program year. For purposes of this program, a "program year" is defined as the 12 month period beginning 1 June through 31 May of each year. For more information, contact the teen Coordinator or Youth director.

Youth Center

The Youth Activities Center (YAC) is the focal point for all youth activities at Edwards. A wide range of supervised and organized programs is available to youth ages 5 to 18. Youth, age 13 and older, may find additional programs available through the Teen Center. The YAC offers an array of youth and pre-teen activities including dances, holiday and family events and trips.

Professional instruction is available through the center for ballet, tap, dance, gymnastics and karate. The center relies on both youth and parents to take an active role in shaping programs.

The Youth Center provides after-school activities for children ages 9 to 12. During the summer, activities are provided Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Activities are offered that utilize the Center's outdoor playgrounds, pool tables, ping-pong tables, homework area, computer lab, gymnasium, arts and crafts room, music room, foosball tables and snack bar area.

A number of youth participate in one or more of the clubs that is offered at the Youth Center. Trips to popular destinations in the southern California area are also offered for a nominal fee.

School Age Program

The School Age Program provides before and after school childcare and is facilitated by both the Main Youth Activities Center and the Youth Center Annex. The Youth Center Annex provides programming for students in kindergarten through second grade, while the Main Youth Activities Center provides programming for students in third through sixth grade.

Activities include art, music, dramatic play, outdoor play, science, math and reading. Transportation to and from the schools is provided. A Summer Camp Program is also available. Students must have completed kindergarten to register for the School Age Program.

Youth Sports

The Youth Center facilitates the Youth Sports and Fitness Program for children ages 5 to 18. 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 cheerleading, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer.

Clinics in the area of basketball, softball and golf are available as well.

Teen Center

The Teen Center, designed to allow teens a place of their own, provides after-school and weekend activities for teens ages 13 to 18, in grades seven through 12.

The facility includes:

- a large homework area
- computer stations
- dance floor and DJ/karaoke stand
- video games
- large screen television and comfortable seating
- conference room

The Center is an affiliated member of the Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA) and offers many BGCA programs, as well as Air Force and Edwards-unique programs.

Financial Assistance

Plan a PCS Budget

Financial guidance is offered to those who want to minimize the cost of their PCS. Department of Defense studies done on military moves report that only \$2.00 out of every \$3.00 spent on a move is reimbursed by the government. It pays to be informed in advance of anticipated costs and plan accordingly.

If you are moving to Edwards AFB, do not plan your budget around two incomes unless you have a position contracted already. It typically takes 6 months or more for spouses to find suitable employment. Spouses may qualify for unemployment benefits so be sure and check with your local unemployment office before leaving for Edwards AFB. Most of the employment opportunities off-base are in the communities of Lancaster & Palmdale, so consider this when selecting a place to live.

Household set-up costs: Be prepared to live off-base while waiting for base housing. Waiting times at time of printing for ranks E-4 through O-4 is 1-2 months. For E-1 through E-3 waiting time is currently 1-6 months, depending how many bedrooms are required. Filing an advance application with the Housing Office from your losing base as soon as you receive a copy of your PCS orders is in your best financial interest because it can lessen time living in off-base housing. Waiting times are subject to change also.

Commuting costs need to be figured into the monthly budget for those planning to live off base. Commuting costs are high as most commuters average 40 to 65 miles round trip per day driving to the base.

Food costs off base are high. Members/families can save as much as 30% by using the commissary or shopping the sales off base.

Insurance costs for vehicles tend to be high. Check with your current insurance company to get rates for Los Angeles County and Kern County. Kern County (Edwards AFB, Rosamond, Mojave, California City, North Edwards, Boron) rates tend to be lower than those in Los Angeles County (Lancaster, Palmdale, Quartz Hill). Some insurance companies will not sell you car insurance for California unless you hold other policies with them.

Carefully consider any decision to take advance pay before your move to Edwards. Many members find that the repayment puts a strain on their monthly budget due to the loss of a second income and the increase of expenses for commuting and insurance costs.

Contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center for additional financial information 661-277-0723. Make the Family Support Center one of your first stops for information once you arrive on base. We're conveniently located near the Temporary Lodging Facility, Desert Villa, Bldg 7020.

Off Base Housing

For off-base living, the following items should be considered:

The funds required to set up a household off-base will vary according to individual family circumstances and needs. Most landlords require a minimum of the first month's rent plus a security deposit and will run a credit check. The average fee for processing the applicant's application and running a credit check is \$25. The total cost to move in could run between \$800 and \$1,000 depending on rental size, location, and landlord's requirements. Many apartment complexes have move-in specials so be sure and check the local newspaper upon arrival. In addition, many rental units do not provide refrigerators so this may be an added expense.

Utility deposits may be required if the applicant has a poor credit history or is moving from an overseas location. Deposits for utilities could total \$150 and up. Most utility and phone companies will provide a payment plan for deposits if the applicant requests it.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society at the Edwards Airman and Family Readiness Center may be able to assist financially with rent, security deposits, utility deposits, and essential household appliances and furniture.

Family Services, located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center, loans items such as dishes, pots & pans, small kitchen appliances, irons and ironing boards, card tables & chairs, futons, infant car seats, strollers, playpens, and high chairs. **Orders are required to borrow items.** Family Services is open Mon. through Friday from 1000 to 1400, but Center staff members can help you if you need items during regular duty hours.

Legal Assistance

Legal Services

This installation did not provide a narrative for this topic.

Deployment Support

Family Deployment Support

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is a partner in helping to maintain readiness at the highest level required. Services offered include predeployment briefings, reunion seminars, telephone morale calls, camera check out, Hearts Apart meetings twice a month, Car Care, Because We Care and Give Parents A Break.

The Family Readiness Deployment Guide is a quick reference with information and tips to help you and/or your family cope with the challenges of separation. The guide is available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center: (661) 277-0723.

Health Care - Overview

Moving With TRICARE

Your [TRICARE](#) coverage is completely portable—meaning it moves with you. You're covered worldwide—both in transit to your new duty location and once you arrive—but depending on where you go you may use a different TRICARE health plan option. Additionally, you may have different steps depending on which health plan option you are using now.

When Enrolled in a TRICARE Prime Option

The TRICARE Prime options include TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Prime Remote in the United States, and TRICARE Prime Overseas and TRICARE Global Remote Overseas in regions outside of the United States. Follow these simple steps to ensure you have no break in coverage when you move.

1. Do not disenroll from your TRICARE Prime option before you move.
2. Once you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in the [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System \(DEERS\)](#) immediately.
3. Select a new primary care manager (PCM), when moving within the same region or submit a new Prime enrollment form within 30 days if you're moving to a new region.

Where you are moving will determine which Prime option you will enroll in.

Prime Options in the United States

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime is offered in Prime service areas—geographic areas typically located around a military treatment facility—throughout the country.

- North Region [Health Net Federal Services, Inc.](#), 1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874 2273)
- South Region [Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.](#) 1-800444-5445
- West Region [TriWest Healthcare Alliance](#) 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378)

If you move to a new Prime service area, transfer your enrollment by submitting a TRICARE Prime Enrollment and PCM Change Form to your regional contractor. Be sure to include all family members who wish to use Prime on the form.

TRICARE Prime Remote

In non-Prime service areas, TRICARE offers TRICARE Prime Remote. To enroll, submit a TRICARE Prime Enrollment and PCM Change Form to your regional contractor. Any TRICARE-eligible family members living with you in a TRICARE Prime Remote area can enroll in TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members. Be sure to include them on the enrollment form.

Prime Options Outside of the United States

TRICARE Prime Overseas

TRICARE Prime Overseas is offered in overseas areas where there are military treatment facilities or areas in which TRICARE has established a network of qualified host nation providers.

- TRICARE Europe Toll free: 1-888-777-8343; Commercial 011-49-6302-67-7432; DSN 314-496-7432 Fax Numbers: Commercial 011-49-6302-67-6374; DSN 314-496-6374 or [e-mail](#)
- TRICARE Pacific Toll free: 1-888-777-8343; Commercial 011-81-6117-43-2036; DSN: 643-2036; Remote Sites: 011-65-6-338-9277 Fax Numbers: Commercial 011-81-611-743-2037; DSN: 643-2037 or [e-mail](#)
- TRICARE Latin America & Canada (TLAC) Address: TAO-LAC, Bldg 38802, Ft Gordon GA 30905-5650; Toll free 1-888-777-8343; 1-706-787-2424; DSN: 773-2424 Fax Number 1-706-787-3024 or [e-mail](#)

If you move to an area in which TRICARE Prime Overseas is offered, transfer your enrollment by submitting a TRICARE Prime Enrollment Form to the nearest TRICARE Service Center. Command-sponsored family members who reside with you are eligible for TRICARE Prime Overseas. Be sure to include all family members who wish to use TRICARE Prime Overseas on the form.

TRICARE Global Remote Overseas

TRICARE Global Remote Overseas is a Prime option offered in designated remote overseas locations. If you move to an area in which TRICARE Global Remote Overseas is offered, you and any authorized family members living with you may enroll by submitting a TRICARE Prime Enrollment Form to the nearest TRICARE Service Center.

Before you move to another overseas area or to an area within the United States, contact the nearest TRICARE Service Center. Then, when you arrive in your new area, transfer your enrollment.

When Using TRICARE Standard and Extra

TRICARE Standard and Extra are available to family members only. Active duty service members are required to enroll in one of the Prime options described above.

TRICARE Standard and Extra are available throughout the United States and enrollment is not required. Any active duty family member who is registered in DEERS may use these programs by seeing any network or non-network providers that are authorized by TRICARE. In areas outside of the United States, active duty family members who don't want to use a Prime option may use TRICARE Standard Overseas by seeing qualified host nation provider.

If you're already using TRICARE Standard and Extra, moving is easy.

1. Once you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) immediately.
2. Then, find TRICARE-authorized providers in your new area.

Here are a few things to remember about using TRICARE Standard and Extra in a new region

- In the U.S.: Visit your new regional contractor's Web site for a list of providers. Remember, if you see network providers, you'll be using the Extra option and pay lower copayments.
- Outside of the U.S.: Contact your TRICARE Service Center for help locating a qualified host nation provider. The TRICARE Extra option is not available in overseas areas.
- If you move to a new region, you'll have a new claims address for submitting your TRICARE claims.
- Learn your new region's prior authorization requirements because these requirements can differ by region.

When Using TRICARE For Life

TRICARE For Life—TRICARE's coverage for those who are eligible for Medicare—requires no enrollment and you'll have a smooth transition when you move. [TRICARE for Life](#) contact information: WPS TRICARE For Life, P.O. Box 7889, Madison, WI 53707-7889; 1-866-773-0404; TDD 1-866-773-0405

- Once you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) immediately.
- Find Medicare providers in your new area.

If you move overseas, your TRICARE For Life coverage may change depending on where you move. In U.S. Territories such as Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, TRICARE For Life coverage works the same as the stateside program. But, in all other overseas locations, TRICARE For Life Overseas works differently because Medicare does not provide coverage in most overseas locations. Therefore, TRICARE is the primary payer. You can get care from any host nation provider and you will be responsible for TRICARE deductibles and cost shares.

Contact the TRICARE Area Office for the overseas area where you are moving or the nearest American Embassy Health Unit for assistance finding a host nation provider.

Getting Care Along the Way

- Routine Medical and Dental Care—Get it before you go.

Before you move, make sure you've received any routine medical or dental care you think you might need during the time you'll be traveling. Or, delay the care until you get to your new duty location.

- Emergency Care in the United States—Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

TRICARE defines emergency care as medical services provided for a sudden or unexpected medical or psychiatric condition, or the sudden worsening of a chronic (ongoing) condition that is threatening to life, limb, or sight and needs immediate medical treatment, or which has painful symptoms that need immediate relief to stop suffering. If you're traveling near a military treatment facility (MTF), you should go to the MTF or military dental treatment facility for emergency services. If you are hospitalized in a civilian facility for more than 24 hours, contact your regional contractor

- Urgent care in the United States—Coordinate with your PCM and/or regional contractor

TRICARE defines urgent care as medical care for a condition that will not result in disability or death if not treated immediately but should be treated within 24 hours to avoid further complications. If you are in a Prime program, you must coordinate urgent care with your primary care manager and/or regional contractor before receiving care. If you are in TRICARE Standard and Extra or TRICARE For Life, you can receive care as you normally would. You should, however, contact your contractor as soon as possible to coordinate any prior authorizations that are needed.

- Emergency or Urgent care Overseas—Contact closest TRICARE Area Office or TRICARE Global Remote Call Center.

You don't need prior authorization for emergency or urgent care but the TRICARE Area Office or TRICARE Global Remote Call Center will help you find the best care available in the overseas area in which you are traveling.

Filling Prescriptions on the Road

You should have all your prescriptions filled before you leave, but if you need a prescription filled while you're traveling in the United States, you have several options:

- If near an MTF, fill the prescription at the MTF pharmacy.
- Find the closest TRICARE network pharmacy.
- If a network pharmacy is not available, you can visit a non-network pharmacy. In this case, you may have to pay up front for your medications and file a claim with Express Scripts, Inc., for reimbursement. For more details, visit the [TRICARE web site](#)
- The mail-order option is not recommended for a prescription you need right away, but if you'll be traveling for a long time, you can arrange for any regular prescriptions to be filled via the mail-order pharmacy.

Your pharmacy coverage is limited overseas:

- TRICARE network pharmacies are only located in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. You can have prescriptions filled at host-nation pharmacies, if necessary. Host-nation pharmacies are treated the same as non-network pharmacies. If you have prescriptions filled at a host-nation pharmacy, you should expect to pay for the total amount up front and file a claim with Wisconsin Physicians Service for partial reimbursement. To learn more about pharmacy claims, visit the [TRICARE web site](#).
- To use the mail-order pharmacy overseas, the prescription must be from a U.S. licensed provider and you must have an APO or FPO address.

If You Have Questions

Your regional contractors and TRICARE Area Offices are available to answer your questions. These offices are listed above. Find even more information about moving, updating DEERS, the TRICARE regions and much more at the [TRICARE web site](#).

Installation Specific Information

Medical Care

Primary and special preventative care services are provided at the 95th Medical Group, Edwards AFB. There are no intensive care or obstetrics services. Patients experiencing urgent/critical illnesses or injuries will be referred downtown or to another military facility.

The medical group is closed the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1:00 until 4:30 pm for medical readiness activities, however, the Emergency Room is open. There is no after hours emergency room available at the clinic. On-site obstetrics delivery is no longer offered at the clinic and patients are referred to local hospitals 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Edwards AFB has the only fully operating paramedic level ambulance service in DoD; our ambulance service meets civilian community standards. Two ambulance crews are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, located at the clinic. One primary crew and one backup crew is available. Each crew has one paramedic and one emergency medical technician. Paramedics will assess patients on-scene, provide necessary care and determine if transfer is warranted.

If you live downtown (family member or active duty) or seek care downtown and are enrolled with the base clinic (all active duty members are enrolled with the base clinic), you should first call the on-call doctor at (661)277-7118.

Medical clinics operate by appointment only, which can be made by calling (661) 277-7718. Clinic hours are 7:30 am until 4:30 pm, with Pediatrics and Family Practice Clinics open evenings until 8 pm Monday through Thursday. In addition, a Saturday clinic is operated 9 am until 12 noon. TRICARE Prime enrollees requiring urgent medical needs have access to a primary care manager (PCM) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To obtain a PCM, contact the TRICARE office at (661) 277-2010 or (800) 242-6788.

Dental Care

The Dental Squadron at Edwards AFB is authorized 9 general dentists to provide comprehensive dental care for the active duty members assigned to the Air Force Flight Test Center and geographically separated units. Treatment required that is beyond the scope of our care is generally referred to San Diego Naval Dental Center, which has been designated our TRICARE Dental Lead Agent.

Active duty personnel seeking routine care may call the dental appointments desk Monday through Friday at (661)277-2872/3396 or DSN 527-3872/3396, or call 7-2872/3396 from on base. For emergency care during duty hours, report to Dental Sick Call, Monday through Friday, 7:15 am until 12:45 pm. After hours emergency care is available by the Dental Officer of the Day (DOD) who is on call and will be contacted by Emergency Room personnel.

All active duty personnel receive a periodic/annual dental examination and a cleaning at the same visit. Subsequent care will be on an appointment basis. Appointments are considered mandatory formation and "broken appointments" are reported to the patient's commander.

Family members are not authorized routine dental care at the base clinic. Dental care for non-active duty is limited to emergency relief of acute dental pain or trauma. The TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (FMDP), however, has been established to ensure your family members have access to dental care at an affordable cost.

Health Care - Special Needs

Exceptional Family Member Program

The [Exceptional Family Member Program](#) (EFMP) is mandatory for all family members who have been identified with a special medical or educational need. Enrolling in the EFMP ensures that the family member's medical needs will be considered during the assignment coordination process.

Military Treatment Facility

The clinics and services available at [Military Treatment Facilities](#) vary by location. Before you move, identify the MTF that will serve you, visit the MTF's website to learn about the clinics and services available and to get relevant contact information.

Moving to a New TRICARE Region

If you anticipate a move to another [TRICARE region](#), work with your local TRICARE Service Center (TSC) or case manager before your move to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. On arrival at the new duty location, your sponsor should contact the Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator (BCAC) or TSC to ensure the transition plans are in place and to obtain authorizations for TRICARE [Extended Care Health Option](#) (ECHO) services, if applicable.

Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator (BCAC)

All TRICARE Regional Offices and most MTFs are staffed with [BCACs](#) (formerly known as Health Benefits Advisors.) [BCACs](#) provide information, guidance and assistance on benefit options, TRICARE Prime enrollment, special authorizations, status of claims and eligibility, plus assistance with referrals and appointments. If you or your family member has a more severe medical need, contact your assigned [case manager](#).

Case Management

Case management involves a team of health care professionals who help you and your family to find solutions to complex health problems. It is important to inform your case manager if you are moving as he/she will connect you with the case manager at your new location.

Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)

TRICARE [ECHO](#) provides financial assistance to beneficiaries of active duty service members who qualify based on specific mental or physical disabilities. ECHO offers an integrated set of services and supplies beyond the basic TRICARE program. ECHO is administered by regional contractors in the TRICARE North, South, and West Regions and by TRICARE Regional Offices in overseas locations.

Transporting Medical Equipment

Your [Installation Transportation Office](#) has special procedures to follow for the transportation of medical equipment that is necessary for medical treatment required by the sponsor or family member. Some types of medical equipment may be shipped in the same manner as Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E).

Federal and State Health Care Programs

Medicaid - [Medicaid](#) pays for medical assistance for certain individuals and families with low incomes and resources. State Medicaid programs are usually administered by departments of social service or departments of medical assistance.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - [SSI](#) is a cash assistance program intended to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter for those who are aged, blind or disabled. It provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Families must reapply upon each move to another state.

Title V of the Social Security Act - Many states have services for children with special health care needs that are funded by the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, or [Title V](#). State departments of health web sites and local health departments will provide information on state health benefits for children with special health care needs. The Maternal and Child Health Bureaus' web site has Title V information organized by State that provide you with [Title V points of](#)

[contact](#) and other pertinent information.

Other Important Resources

Debt Collection Assistance Officer (DCAO) - TRICARE has a [DCAO](#) assigned to TRICARE Regional Offices and MTFs worldwide to help beneficiaries understand and get assistance with debt collection problems related to TRICARE. Individuals who have received a notice from a collection agency or a negative credit report because of a medical or dental bill should be referred to the nearest [DCAO](#).

Family Voices - [Family Voices](#) is a national, grassroots clearinghouse for information and education concerning the health care of children with special health needs. Family Voices also has [State points of contacts](#) with useful links to State programs and organizations.

Installation Specific Information

Welcome to the Special Needs Identification and Assignment Coordination (SNIAC) process. Enrollment is mandatory once a special need is identified. Some common methods of identifying special needs are:

- Family member relocation clearance packages
- assignment deferment process
- the birth of a special needs child
- self-referral
- through other agencies such as doctors, social workers, commanders/First Sergeants and school officials.

For more information, please contact the 95th Medical Group Desert Life Skills, Bldg 5522, Edwards Air Force Base, CA 93524.

Education - Special Education/EIS

Exceptional Family Member Program

The [Exceptional Family Member Program](#) (EFMP) is mandatory for all family members who have been identified with a special medical or educational need. Enrolling in the EFMP ensures that the family member's medical needs will be considered during the assignment coordination process.

Children from Birth to Three Years of Age

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all States and territories to provide [early intervention services](#) to children from birth to age three who are developmentally delayed, or who are at high risk of being developmentally delayed. Early intervention services may be provided by local school districts or health departments. There is no common name across States for the programs, but you may hear them referred to as Part C programs (because Part C is the section of the IDEA that pertains to early intervention).

The [National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center](#) provides a list of State Part C directors and funded programs at their web site. [Military OneSource](#) can identify local early intervention programs for you.

- Parents of children who receive early intervention services should hand-carry a copy of the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) and most current evaluation reports to the new location.

Children from 3 through 21 Years of Age

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all States and Territories to provide [special education services](#) to children who are from 3 through 21 year of age. Each local school district has a special education director, and each school should have a case study committee or school based committee (terms differ) that attends to special education students' needs.

Parents of children receiving special education and related services should hand-carry all pertinent school and medical documents to include their children's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and current testing and evaluation reports to the new school.

The IDEA requires that if a child transfers to a district in the same state, the receiving school must provide comparable services to those in the child's IEP from the sending district's until the new school develops and implements a new IEP. If a child transfers to another State, the receiving district must provide comparable services to those in the child's IEP from the sending district until the receiving district completes an evaluation and creates a new IEP.

Others who can help you:

Parent Training and Information Centers Each state is home to at least one Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). PTIs serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities: physical, cognitive, emotional, and learning. They help families obtain appropriate education and services for their children with disabilities; work to improve education results for all children; train and inform parents and professionals on a variety of topics; resolve problems between families and schools or other agencies; and connect children with disabilities to community resources that address their needs. [The Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers](#) provides addresses and phone number of the centers in your state.

STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents) is a federally funded Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs. The staff of the [STOMP Project](#) are parents of children who have disabilities and have experience in raising their children in military communities and traveling with their spouses to different locations.

Washington PAVE
STOMP Project

6316 So. 12th St.
Tacoma, WA 98465
253-565-2266 (v/tty)
1-800-5-PARENT (v/tty)
Fax: 253-566-8052

[Email](#)

Installation Information

Personnel moving to Edwards AFB with a family member requiring special services to meet exceptional needs should contact the Exceptional Family Member Program Officer (EFMPO) at their current base. The EFMPO at your base will contact their counterpart at Edwards AFB to verify that the required services are available within the Edwards area.

Contact Information

550 South Bailey Ave.
Bldg. 7020
95 MSS/DPF
Edwards AFB, CA 93524-1860

[Email](#)

Barracks/Single Service Member Housing

Consolidated Dormitory Management Office
141 W. Popson Ave.
Edwards AFB., CA 93524

Phone 661-277-6783
Phone (DSN) 312-527-6783
Fax 661-277-6783

Fax (DSN) 312-277-6783

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Chapels

Chapels

Chapel 1: 15 N. Popson Ave.
Chapel 2: 10 Park Dr.

Edwards AFB, CA 93524
Phone 661-277-2110 / 661-277-2110
Phone (DSN) 312-527-2110
Fax 661-277-9753

[Website](#)

Child and Youth Registration and Referral

Children and Youth Registration
24 Lathrop Drive
Building 5210

Edwards AFB, CA 93524
Phone 661-275-KIDS/5437
Phone (DSN) 312-575-5437
Fax 661-277-0553

[Website](#)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Facility:

Monday -Friday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Civilian Personnel Office

Civilian Personnel Flight
5 Seller Ave.
Bldg. 3000

Edwards, CA 93524
Phone 661-277-3840 / 661-275-9675 / 661-277-4240 Services
Division
Phone (DSN) 312-527-8140
Fax 661-277-3840
Fax (DSN) 312-527-8140

[Website](#)

Automotive Services

Car Care Center (Gas Station) Base Exchange
bldg 5214

Edwards, AFB, CA 93524
Phone 661-258-5091
Fax 661-277-2517

[Email](#)

Beauty/Barber Shops

Beauty/Barber Shops
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
Edwards AFB., CA 93524

Phone 661-258-5371

[Website](#)

Child Development Centers

Child Care Center

1208 W. Fitzgerald
Edwards AFB, CA 93524

Phone 661-275-8687
Phone (DSN) 312-525-8687
Fax 661-277-2849
Fax (DSN) 312-527-2849

Monday - Friday 6:15 am - 6:00 pm

Citizenship and Immigration Services

Kurn County Citizenship and Immigration
1177 Fulton Mall
Fresno, CA 93721

Phone 1-800-375-5283

[Website](#)

Commissary/Shoppette

Commissary
312 Fitzgerald Blvd
Bldg. 6000

Edwards, CA 93524
Phone 661-277-2336
Phone (DSN) 527-2336
Fax 661-277-7532
Fax (DSN) 527-7532

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Dental Clinics

Dental Clinic
 31 Nightingale Rd.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-2872
 Phone (DSN) 527-2872

[Website](#)

Exceptional Family Member Program/Special Needs

Family Advocacy Program
 30 Nightingale Rd.
 Bldg 5522
 Edwards AFB, CA 93523
 Phone 661-277-5292
 Phone (DSN) 312-527-5292
 Fax 661-277-5294
 Fax (DSN) 312-527-5294

[Email](#)

Family Advocacy Program

Family Advocacy Program
 30 Nightingale Rd.
 Bldg 5522
 Edwards AFB, CA 93523
 Phone 661-277-5292
 Phone (DSN) 312-527-5292
 Fax 661-277-5294
 Fax (DSN) 312-527-5294

[Email](#)

Family Child Care/Child Development Homes

Family Child Care/ Development - In Home Services
 311 14th St
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-275-4322
 Phone (DSN) 312-525-4322
 Fax 661-277-7823

[Website](#)

Financial Institutions

Armed Forces Bank, N.A.
 Edwards AFB - BX Branch
 Bldg. 6001
 240 W Fitzgerald Blvd.
 Edwards AFB, CA 93524
 Phone (661) 258-0183
 Fax (661) 258-0250

[Website](#)

Financial Institutions

Armed Forces Bank, N.A.
 Edwards AFB - BX Branch
 Bldg. 6001
 240 W Fitzgerald Blvd.
 Edwards AFB, CA 93524
 Phone (661) 258-0183
 Fax (661) 258-0250

[Website](#)

Emergency Relief Services

Air Force Aid Society
 Edwards AFB, CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-3040 CP / 661-277-0723 FSC
 Phone (DSN) 312-527-3040 CP
 Fax 661-277-2908

[Email](#)
[Website](#)

Exchange(s)

AAFES (Army, Air Force Exchange Service)
 240 W.
 Fitzgerald (adjacent to commissary)
 Edwards, CA 93524
 Phone 661-258-7810
 Phone (DSN) 312-527-1110 and ask for AAFES
 Fax 661-258-8706

[Email](#)
[Website](#)

Family Center

Airman and Family Readiness Center
 550 S. Bailey Avenue
 Bldg. 7020
 95 MSS/DPF
 Edwards AFB, CA 93523
 Phone 661-277-0723
 Phone (DSN) 312-527-0723
 Fax 661-277-2908
 Fax (DSN) 312-527-2908

[Email](#)

Finance Office

Finance
 Building 2800
 Edwards AFB, CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-4416

Financial Institutions

Edwards Federal Credit Union
 10 South Muroc Dr.
 Bldg. 2680 (Adjacent to theater)
 Edwards, CA 93524
 Phone 661-258-4407 / 661-945-6626 / 877-256-3300
 Fax 661-258-7244-toll free 877-256-3300

[Website](#)

Gymnasiums/Fitness Centers

Fitness Centers
 210 W. Popson Ave.
 1100 Kincheloe Ave.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-275-4961 / 661-275-4962
 Phone (DSN) 275-4961

[Website](#)

Hospital/Medical Treatment Facility(s)

95th Medical Group
 30 Nightingale Rd.
 Edwards AFB, CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-7118 / 911
 Phone (DSN) 312-527-7118
 Fax 661-277-6591

[Website](#)

Household Goods/Transportation Office (inbound)

Edwards Transportation Management Office
 1221 California Boulevard
 Building 11777 Suite C-103
 Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437
 Phone 805-606-2249
 Phone (DSN) 312-2760902
 Fax 805-606-8038
 Fax (DSN) 312-276-8038

[Email](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Household Goods/Transportation Office (outbound)

Edwards Transportation Management Office
 1221 California Boulevard
 Building 11777 Suite C-103
 Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437
 Phone 805-606-2249
 Phone (DSN) 312-2760902
 Fax 805-606-8038
 Fax (DSN) 312-276-8038

[Email](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Housing Office/Government Housing

Edwards Military Family Housing Office
 402 S. Forbes Ave.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-4506
 Phone (DSN) 527-4506

[Website](#)

Housing Referral Office/Housing Privatization

Edwards Military Family Housing Office
 402 S. Forbes Ave.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-4506
 Phone (DSN) 527-4506

[Website](#)

ID/CAC Card Processing

ID/CAC/VEHICLE REGISTRATION
 5 Sella Ave.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-2276 / 661-277-3186
 Phone (DSN) 527-2276 or 3186

[Website](#)

Information and Referral Services

Information and Referral service/Air Force One Source
 550 S. Bailey.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 1-800-707-5784 / 1-800-446-9188 / 661-277-0723
 Phone (DSN) 312-527-0723
 Fax 661-277-2908

[Website](#) [Website](#)

Legal Services/JAG

Legal Office
 1 South Rosamond Blvd.
 Bldg 1
 Edwards, CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-4380
 Phone (DSN) 527-4380

[Website](#)

Library

Base Main Library
 Main 5 W. Yeager Blvd.
 children's 1100 Kincheloe Ave.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-275-2665 / 661-275-7323
 Phone (DSN) 275-2665

[Website](#)

Loan Closet

Loan Closet
 550 S. Bailey Ave.
 Edwards AFB., CA 93524
 Phone 661-277-0723
 Phone (DSN) 527-0723

[Website](#)

MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation)

Services Division
5 Steller Ave.
bldg 3000
Edwards, CA 93524-6745
Phone 661-277-4240
Phone (DSN) 527-4240

[Email](#)

New Parent Support Program

Family Advocacy Program
30 Nightingale Rd.
Bldg 5522
Edwards AFB, CA 93523
Phone 661-277-5292
Phone (DSN) 312-527-5292
Fax 661-277-5294
Fax (DSN) 312-527-5294

[Email](#)

Personal Financial Management Services

Personal Financial Management Services
550 S. Bailey Ave.
Edwards AFB., CA 93524
Phone 661-277-0723
Phone (DSN) 312-527-0723
Fax 661-277-2908

[Website](#)

Relocation Assistance Program

Relocation Assistance
550 S. Bailey Ave.
Edwards AFB, CA 93524
Phone 661-277-0723
Phone (DSN) 527-0723
Fax 661-277-2908
Fax (DSN) 527-2908

[Email](#)

Retirement Services

Transition Assistance Program (TAP)
550 S. Bailey Ave.
95 MSS/DPF
ATTN: TAP
Edwards AFB, CA 93524-1860
Phone 661-277-0723
Phone (DSN) 312-527-0723
Fax 661-277-2908

[Email](#)
[Website](#)

Spouse Education, Training and Careers

Family Member Employment Assistance Program
550 S. Bailey
Edwards AFB., CA 93524
Phone 610-277-0723
Phone (DSN) 312-527-0723
Fax 661-277-2908

[Website](#)

Military Clothing Sales

Military Clothing and Sales
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
Edwards AFB., CA 93524
Phone 661-277-8136
Phone (DSN) 527-8136

[Website](#)

Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) Human Resources

Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) Human Resources
5 Seller Ave.
Edwards AFB., CA 93524
Phone 661-275-9675
Phone (DSN) 525-9675

[Website](#)

Personnel Support Office

Military Personnel Flight
5 Seller Ave.
Edwards, CA 93524
Phone 661-277-2276 / 661-277-3186
Phone (DSN) 527-3186

[Website](#)

Restaurants/Fast Food

Base Exchange Food Court
240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd
Edwards AFB, CA 93524
Phone 661-258-1078

[Website](#)

School Liaison Office/Community Schools

School Liaison Office/Community Schools
5 Sellers Ave.
Edwards AFB, CA 93524
Phone 661-277-0440
Phone (DSN) 527-0440

[Website](#)

Temporary Lodging/Billeting

Billeting/Lodging
Manzanita Way
bldg 5602
Edwards, AFB, CA 93524
Phone 661- 275-7666
Phone (DSN) 527-7666

[Email](#)

Transition Assistance Program

Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

550 S. Bailey Ave.

95 MSS/DPF

ATTN: TAP

Edwards AFB, CA 93524-1860

Phone 661-277-0723

Phone (DSN) 312-527-0723

Fax 661-277-2908

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

Veterinary Services

Edwards AFB Veterinary Clinic

900 Kincagloe st

Edwards AFB., CA 93524

Phone 661-275-7387

Fax 661-277-6683

[Website](#)

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC & WIC-O)

Supplemental Food Program (Kern County)

550 S. Baily

Edwards AFB, CA 93524

Phone Kern County: (619) 327-3074 / LA County: (661) 949-5805

Travel Office

Travel Office (Official)

20 W. Popson Ave.

Edwards AFB., CA 93524

Phone 661-277-3160

Phone (DSN) 527-3160

Fax 661-258-9391

Fax (DSN) 527-9391

[Website](#)

Victim Advocate Services

Family Advocacy Program

30 Nightingale Rd.

Bldg 5522

Edwards AFB, CA 93523

Phone 661-277-5292

Phone (DSN) 312-527-5292

Fax 661-277-5294

Fax (DSN) 312-527-5294

[Email](#)

Youth Programs/Centers

Youth Center

24 Lathrop Drive

Building 5210

Edwards AFB, CA 93524

Phone 661-277-5437

Phone (DSN) 312-525-5437

Fax 661-275-3299

[Website](#)

Monday - Thursday 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday 11:30 am - 6:00 pm

School Age Program: 6:15 am

Major Units

95 Mission Support Sq

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-2518
DSN: 527-2518

95 Security Forces Sq

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-3019
DSN: 527-3019

95 Transportation squadron

Contact Information:
First Sergeant
COM: 661-277-3605
DSN: 527-3605

Marine Reserve Unit

Contact Information:
COM: 661-275-1994
DSN: 525-1994

95 Medical Group

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-2929
DSN: 527-2929

418 flight Test Sq

Contact Information:
Administration Support
COM: 661-277-6423
DSN: 5276423

420 Flight test Sq

Contact Information:
Administration Support
COM: 661-275-8843
DSN: 527-8843

450 Test Sq

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-3849
DSN: 527-3849

602 Training Support Sq

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-3501
DSN: 527-3501

95 Civil Engineering Sq

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-4468
DSN: 527-4468

95 Services Division

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-4241
DSN: 527-4241

95 Supply Sq

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-3694
DSN: 527-3694

USAF Test Pilot school

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-2708
DSN: 527-2708

Marine Reserve Unit

Contact Information:
COM: 661-275-1995
DSN: 525-1995

417 flight Test Sq

Contact Information:
Commander
COM: 661-277-0754
DSN: 527-0754

419 test Sq

Contact Information:
Administration Support
COM: 661-277-0657
DSN: 527-0657

445 Flight Test Sq

Contact Information:
First Sergeant
COM: 661-277-4578
DSN: 527-4578

716 Test Sq

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-275-8178
DSN: 527-8178

95 Air Base Wing

Contact Information:
Wing Commander
COM: 661-277-3010
DSN: 527-3010

95 Communications

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-277-2233
DSN: 527-2233

412 Test Wing

Contact Information:
Unit Personnel Office
COM: 661-275-9075
DSN: 525-9075

412 Operations Group

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