



*Welcome to the Inn at Davis-Monthan*  
**Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona**  
355<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron



The appearance of local business names does NOT imply federal endorsements.  
All information to include addresses and telephone numbers are subject to change.  
Please call the business to confirm their operation hours.

*Please do not remove this directory from your room.*



## **WELCOME LODGING GUESTS**

We are pleased you have chosen to stay at the Heritage Inn on Davis-Monthan as our guest and we look forward to making your stay comfortable, safe and pleasant.

On behalf of the Fighter Wing commander, Mission Support Group commander, Force Support Squadron commander and the lodging staff, we welcome you to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. This directory has been especially prepared to provide you useful information regarding the Inn on Davis-Monthan policies, the City of Tucson and available guest services. Any commercial establishments listed in the guide are provided to you only as a convenience.

We sincerely welcome your comments and recommendations to assist us in improving our service to you. You may do this by calling the reception center or by completing the Air Force Lodging Customer Comment Card, provided in your room or Online Lodging Website. We strive for excellence and guest service is our number one priority. Please take a moment to let us know how we are doing.

If we can help in any way to make your visit more enjoyable, safe or comfortable, please call us. You can reach the manager on duty anytime by dialing "0" from your guest room phone. Our professional staff is ready and willing to assist you.



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Welcome to Air Force Heritage Inn on Davis-Monthan AFB! Whether your stay with us is for leisure or business, we recognize that you have many other hotel options to choose from, and we're delighted that you've chosen us. Please don't hesitate to give us a call if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, simply dial "0" from your room phone to reach the Front Desk.

*Daniel A. Baker*

DANIEL A. BAKER, NF-IV  
Lodging Manager

For lodging, base, and local services and information,  
please visit our Digital Guestbook.



<http://www.myfss.lodgingdigitalguestbook.com>

For a printed copy of our guestbook, please see the front desk.

**If you are experiencing an emergency please dial 911.**

The closest emergency room for military members only is located on base at:  
ADDRESS HERE, and for civilians located at: ADDRESS HERE.



## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If you are experiencing an emergency please dial 911.

**\*When possible, please specify your location, building, and room number\***

### HOSPITAL

**(AMBULANCE -- Davis-Monthan does NOT have an Emergency Room)**

From Room Phone .....911

From a phone other than room phone .....911

**(AMBULANCE WILL GO TO AN OFF- BASE HOSPITAL)**


### **Location of Medical Facilities and Procedures for Obtaining Treatment:**

The 355th Medical Group is housed in the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF), focusing on wellness and patient-centered care. They average more than 12,000 outpatient visits, 23,000 laboratory procedures and 40,000 prescriptions filled each month. They currently participate in affiliation agreements with several civilian institutions, which include St. Joseph's Hospital, Tucson Medical Center and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. There are no emergency services at the MTF, so members needing urgent or emergency care are directed to one of the many off-base facilities with these capabilities. Clinic is closed beginning at 10:00 every third Thursday for training.



<p><b>355 Medical Group</b>          Base Clinic: Bldg 400          Davis-Monthan AFB,          AZ          M-F: 07:00 – 16:00          Appointment line:          228-APPT          Cancellations 24 Hr          in Advance</p>	<p><b>Patient Administration/          Central Records</b>          Phone: 228-2816</p> <p>30 business days          to copy records          for retirement or          separation          Phone: 228-1580</p>	<p><b>Pharmacy</b>          (520) 228-2850          M-F: 7:30 – 17:00          Satellite: 228-          5007/3010</p> <p><b>Tri-Care Office</b>          1-888-TRI-WEST</p> <p><b>Walgreens 24 Hrs</b>          520-790-7734          7111 E Golf Links Rd,          Tucson, AZ 85730</p>	<p><b>Dental Clinic</b>          (520) 228-2651          Urgent Care          M-F: 07:00-13:00          Emergency: (520)          228-2651          Dental 24/7 Off-base          (520) 917-2045</p>
<p><b>Health and Wellness          Center</b>          Bldg 4220          (520) 228-2294</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Management (PCM) Teams</b>          Blue, Copper, Gold, Silver, Aerospace Medicine, Women's Health &amp; Pediatric          Clinic          After Hours Nurse Mgr : 228-2778 (On-Call Provider makes determination)</p>		
<p>Tips:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand Definition of Emergency - "Potential loss of life, limb, or eyesight"</li> <li>2. When in doubt call 1-800-887-4111</li> <li>3. Use a Military Hospital if Available</li> <li>4. When seen in a Civilian Facility, visit Bldg. 417 upon to return to DMAFB (bring physician's paperwork)</li> </ol>		
	<p><b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>          From Room Phone (non-emergency).....99-228-3171  <b>SECURITY FORCES</b> desk.....99-228-3200  <b>COMMAND POST</b>.....99-228-7400</p>		



<p>St Joseph's Hospital 350 N Wilmot Rd Tucson, AZ 85711 (520) 873-3000</p>		<p>The 471-bed facility is one of only three accredited Chest Pain Centers in Southern Arizona and one of only two Tucson hospitals certified as a Primary Stroke Center. St. Joseph's is home to the Carondelet Neurological Institute, as well as comprehensive Women's Care program and nationally-certified Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programs.</p>
<p>University Medical Center (UMC) 1501 N. Campbell Ave. Tucson, AZ 85724 (520) 694-0111</p>		<p>UMC Tucson is a private, non-profit 487-bed acute-care hospital in Tucson, Arizona. UMC is part of Arizona Health Sciences Center (AHSC), adjacent to the University of Arizona Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health in Tucson, Arizona. UMC is in the process of being taken over and reintegrated into the University of Arizona under the title name UA Healthcare. AHSC includes the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health as well as the physicians, nurses and other medical providers. These affiliations enable The University of Arizona Medical Center - University Campus to take a leadership role in offering the latest treatments as well as routine medical care and wellness.</p>
<p>St Mary's Hospital 1701 W Anklam Rd Tucson, AZ 85745 (520) 872-6691</p> <p>1601 W St. Mary's Rd Tucson, AZ 85745 (520) 872-2254 (520) 622-5833</p>		<p>Founded in 1880 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the 402-bed acute care facility is the only hospital located on Tucson's west side. The hospital has a 54-bed state-of-the-art Emergency Center and is one of only three Accredited Chest Pain Centers in Southern Arizona. offers a full-range of inpatient and outpatient services, including critical care, behavioral health, cardiovascular, chemotherapy, inpatient acute care dialysis, diagnostic and interventional medical imaging, gastroenterology lab, general medical and surgical inpatient care, hospice inpatient and home care services, neurology, orthopedic surgery, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, urology, and complex wound care.</p>
<p>Banner (Kino) Community Hospital 2800 E Ajo Way Tucson, AZ 85713 (520) 573-2871 (520) 294-4471</p>		<p>University Physicians Hospital Banner (Kino) Campus is now The University of Arizona Medical Center - South Campus. The University of Arizona Medical Center - South Campus is rapidly being reestablished as a full-service hospital and outpatient treatment center to enrich the quality of care for people in Southern Arizona. Our completely renovated facility brings you state-of-the-art technology, clinics, private hospital rooms and urgent care and emergency departments always ready to take care of you and your family. Emergency Room: 24 hours/day Urgent Care: 10:00 - 22:00/7 days a week</p>
<p>Tucson Medical Center (TMC) 5301 E Grant Rd, Tucson, AZ 85712 (520) 327-5461</p>		<p>Tucson Medical Center, licensed at 629 beds, has been Tucson's locally governed nonprofit regional hospital for more than 65 years. TMC is Southern Arizona's leading provider for emergency care and pediatric care, with top-notch intensive care units for adults, children and newborns. Other specialty areas include women's, maternity, cardiovascular, orthopedic, neuroscience, hospice, imaging and senior services. TMC earned certification as a Primary Stroke Center, accreditation as a Chest Pain Center, and the Gold Plus Achievement Award for stroke programs from the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association.</p>



## EMERGENCY DIRECTIONS

### **St Joseph's Hospital**

350 N Wilmot Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520) 873-3000

**Turn Right onto Craycroft Rd. 0.47 miles,  
turn right onto E. Golflinks Rd. 1.01 miles,  
Turn Left onto S. Wilmot Rd. 2.29 miles**

### **University Medical Center (UMC)**

1501 N. Campbell Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85724  
(520) 694-0111

**Turn Right onto Craycroft Rd, turn Left  
onto Speedway Rd, Right to Campbell  
Avenue and turn Left onto E. Adams St.  
7.68 Miles**

### **St Mary's Hospital**

1601 W St. Mary's Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85745  
(520) 872-2254  
(520) 622-5833

**Turn Right onto Craycroft Rd, turn  
left 2 lanes to Golflinks Rd, use the 2nd  
from the right lane to take the Aviation  
Hwy ramp, keep left, follow the signs  
form Aviation Hwy/AZ-210W, turn right  
onto E Broadway Blvd, turn left onto N  
Euclid Ave, turn left onto E 6th St 2.4 mi.,  
destination will be on the left.**

### **Banner (Kino) Community Hospital**

2800 E Ajo Way  
Tucson, AZ 85713  
(520) 573-2871  
(520) 294-4471

**Turn right onto Craycroft Rd, use the left  
2 lanes to Golflinks, use right lane to merge  
onto S Alvernon Way, turn right onto E  
Ajo Way, make a u-turn at Forgeus Ave  
for destination.**

### **Tucson Medical Center (TMC)**

5301 E Grant Rd,  
Tucson, AZ 85712  
(520) 327-5461

**Turn Right onto Craycroft Rd., 4.49 miles,  
turn Left onto E. Grant Rd. 4.96 miles**

### **Western Dental & Orthodontics**

7701 E Broadway Blvd,  
Tucson, AZ 85710  
(520)917-2045

**Turn right onto Craycroft Rd, turn right  
onto Golflinks Rd, turn left onto S Wilmot  
Rd, turn right onto E Broadway Blvd,  
make a u-turn 400 ft destination will be on  
the right.**





## EMERGENCY DIRECTIONS

### **Tucson Police Department**

1100 S Alvernon Way,  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520-791-6813)

**Turn right onto Craycroft Rd, use the left 2 lanes to turn left Golflinks Rd, turn right onto Swan Rd, turn left onto E 22nd St, turn right onto S Longfellow Ave, turn left onto E Paseo Grande, turn left onto S Alvernon Way 300 ft destination will be on the right.**

### **Banner Urgent Care**

7066 E Golflinks Rd,  
Tucson, AZ 85730  
(520) 694-6420

**Turn right onto Craycroft Rd, turn right onto E Golflinks Rd, turn right 300ft, and turn left 200 ft for destination.**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

From Room Phone (non-emergency).....99-228-3171

**SECURITY FORCES** desk.....99-228-3200

**COMMAND POST**.....99-228-7400

**ATTACK WARNING:** Wavering or warbling tone on base sirens for 3 to 5 minutes (ACTUAL ATTACK DETECTED). Obey instructions from the GIANT VOICE.

**ATTENTION ALERT SIGNAL:** A steady tone of base sirens 3 to 5 minutes (DISASTER EMERGENCY). Turn your radio/TV to local stations for official instructions. Obey instructions from local and base officials.



## GUEST SAFETY

Your safety and the security of your personal property are of the utmost concern to those of us who welcome you as our guest. We urge you to take advantage of the following suggestions:

- Do not leave money or valuables in your room.
- Safes are provided in all guest's rooms.
- Please take such items with you or lock them up in your luggage.
- While in your room or away from your room, always lock your door, even if you are just leaving for a few minutes.
- Do not admit persons in your room without first making identification. If there is any doubt about a person's true identity, please contact the Reception Desk.
- Do safeguard your key. Be sure to leave it with the Reception Desk upon departure. Do not leave it in your room or in the door. Do not give your key to others.
- If you find a lock not working, contact the Reception Desk for immediate repairs. Secure all locking devices provided on windows and doors at all times.
- Do not keep valuables inside parked vehicles.
- Do not reveal name or room number to strangers.
- Never discuss plans of being away from your quarters in front of strangers.
- Do not leave luggage unattended when checking out.
- If you notice anything of suspicious or alarming nature or have need of any special assistance, please contact the Reception Desk immediately.



## GUEST SERVICES LOCATIONS

**BUSINESS CENTER:** The Business Center is for use by registered guests only and is located just to the west of the reception center. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is free of charge. Services offered are DSN/local phone capabilities, computers with Internet access, Microsoft Office, print and fax capabilities. Please see the Reception Desk to obtain access.

**CONFERENCE ROOMS:** Conference rooms are available at the Community Center. For more information, please contact the Community Center at 99-228-3301.

**FAXING SERVICES:** Fax machines are available at the Reception Center and in the Business Center, free of charge for Official Business Only.

***To receive a fax at the Reception Center:***

DSN 228-3312

Commercial (520) 228-3312

***To receive a fax in the Business Center:***

DSN 228-0494

Commercial (520) 228-0494

**FITNESS ROOM:** Limited fitness equipment is located in the Fitness Room; conveniently open 24-hours/day and located next to the business center. Please see Reception Desk before usage.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Biohazard materials (e.g. syringes/needles, blood-stained material, etc) must be disposed of properly. Please contact the Housekeeping Office for proper disposal.

**ICE MACHINES:** Ice machines are located in the following areas of each building:

- Building 4065 Business Suites: 2nd floor both two story areas
  - Building 2350 VQ: 2nd floor above reception center
  - Building 2550 VQ: 1st floor outside laundry room
  - Building 3501 VAQ: 1st floor laundry room
  - Building 2352-2356 TLF: Each room has icemaker in refrigerator
- \*See the "Maps" section of this directory for a facility map with locations in your building.



## GUEST SERVICES LOCATIONS

**INTERNET CONNECTION:** All lodging rooms have a high-speed wireless internet.

**MAIL:** 24-HOUR MAIL DROP AT RECEPTION CENTER'S RECEPTION DESK. Guests can receive mail at the post office via the General Delivery, P. O. Box 80001 Tucson, AZ 85707. Stamps are available at the Reception Desk, Post Office, Shoppette, and Base Exchange.

**NEWSPAPERS:** Are available for purchase from vending machines located in front of Building 2350, Reception Center.

**PARKING:** Parking is available to all overnight guests. Large trailers and U-Haul's may be parked in the lodging parking lot for three nights; after then, they must be moved to the Force Support vehicle storage the next day. Contact the Reception Desk for details.

**Smoking is allowed only in the following designated areas:**

- Building 4065 Business Suites: Picnic area in the rear of the building (East side)
- Building 2350 VQ: On the end of each wing/floor which is opposite from the center stairwell
- Building 2550 VQ: On the end of each wing/floor which is opposite from the center stairwell Building 3501 VAQ: Pavilion outside the rear entrance (North side)
- Building 2352-2356 TLF: Outside each unit

*\*See the "Maps" section of this directory for a facility map with locations in your building.*

**STORAGE OF CLASSIFIED MATERIALS:** Lodging is not authorized to store classified materials. Classified materials may be stored at the 355th Wing Command Post in building 2300 (99-228-3121).

**WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION:** Weapons and ammunition are not permitted in your guest room. Any items found will be reported to the Security Forces immediately. For storage of such items, call Security Forces at 99-228-3200.



## INSTALLATION COMMUNITY SERVICES

Business Name	Business Type	Phone Number
Stripes Café	Dining • Café	228-3301
The Landing Community Center	Dining • Lunch & Catering	228-3301
DM Lanes   Sports Hub	Dining • Lunch & Dinner	228-3461
Benko Fitness Center	Fitness Center • 24H Access Available	228-0022
Haeffner Fitness Center	Fitness Center • 24H Access Available	228-3714
Airman and Family Readiness Center	Programs & Assistance for Military Communities	228-5690
DM Child Development Center	Family • Childcare	228-3336
Finley Child Development Center	Family • Childcare	228-6463
CYES School Liaison	Family • Education Services	228-6040
Family Child Care	Family • In-Home Childcare	228-2201
Youth Center	Family • Youth Programming & Services	228-8844
Arts & Crafts Center	Gifts, Framing & Engraving	228-4385
Auto Hobby	Auto Repair Services	228-3614
DM Lanes Bowling Center	Bowling Center with in-house Dining	228-3461
Outdoor Recreation	Recreation Trips, Tours & Rentals	228-3736
The Landing Community Center	Catering, Patio Bar, Café, Catering, and more	228-3301
FamCamp	RV & Tent Camping Grounds plus RV Storage	520-747-9144
Information, Tickets & Travel	Local & National Attraction Ticket Sales	228-3700
Pools	Indoor and Outdoor Pools	228-0015 228-3759
Civilian & Employment	Force Support	228-2408
Lodging	Force Support	228-3230
Marketing Sponsorship & Advertising	Force Support	228-6109
Private Orgs	Force Support	228-3033
355 FSS Alerts	Force Support	228-3378
UNITE Program	Force Support	228-6713

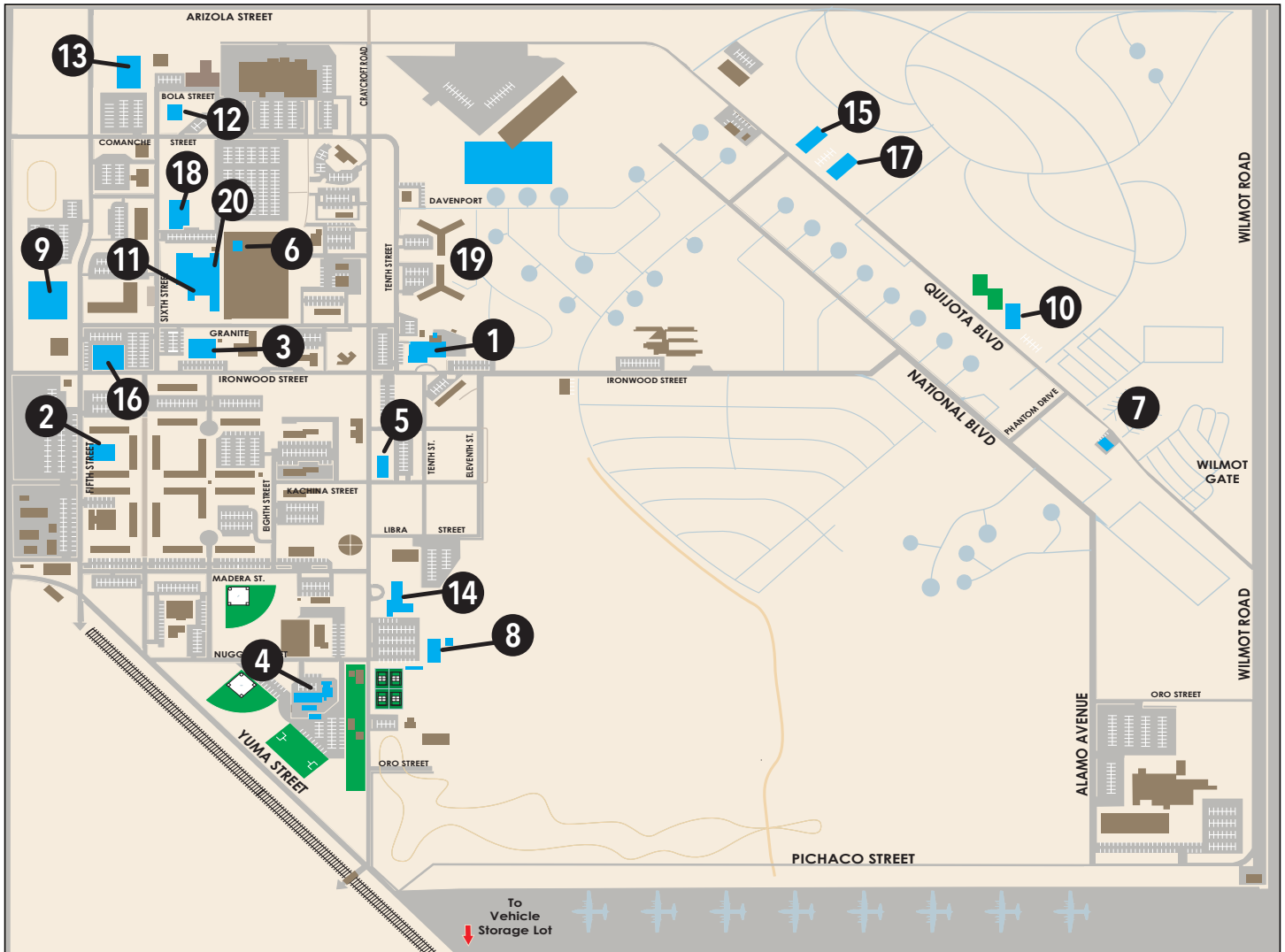


## INSTALLATION AND LOCAL MAPS





## 355<sup>TH</sup> FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON DIRECTORY





## FUN

- 4 Arts & Crafts Center  
Bldg 4531 | 228.4385
- 4 Auto Hobby Center  
Bldg 4531 | 228.3614
- 5 Base Theater  
Bldg 4153 | 228.3736
- 1 Community Center  
Bldg 2050 | 228.3301
- 3 DM Lanes Bowling Center  
Bldg 3203 | 228.3461
- 6 Information, Tickets & Tours  
Kiosk in BX | 228.3700
- 7 FamCamp  
Quijota Blvd | 747.9144
- 8 Outdoor Recreation Complex  
Bldg 4459 | 228.3736  
Paintball Range  
Reservations Only  
Trap & Skeet Range  
Call for availability
- 9 Pool - Indoor  
Benko Fitness Center  
228.0015
- 10 Pool - Outdoor  
Quijota Blvd | 228.3759

## FITNESS

- 9 Benko Fitness Center  
Bldg 2301 | 228.0022
- 18 Haeffner Fitness Center  
Bldg 2505 | 228.3714

## FOOD

- 1 Community Center  
Bldg 2050 | 228.3301
- 3 Desert Inn Dining Facility  
Open Now
- 1 Poly Bar  
@ Community Center  
Bldg 2050 | 228.3301
- 3 Sports Hub @ DM Lanes  
Bldg 3203 | 228.3461
- 1 Stripes Cafe  
Bldg 2050 | 228.3301

## FAMILY

- 11 Airman & Family Readiness  
Center Bldg 2441 | 228.5690
- Child Development Centers
  - DM CDC
  - 12 Bldg 2614 | 228.3336
  - Finley CDC
  - 13 Bldg 2612 | 228.6463
- 14 Family Child Care (FCC)  
Bldg 4455 | 228.2201
- 15 School Age Program  
Bldg 6006 | 228.8206
- 16 School Liaison  
Bldg 3200  
Rm 116 | 228.6040
- 17 Youth Center  
Bldg 6000 | 228.8844

Civilian Personnel Office

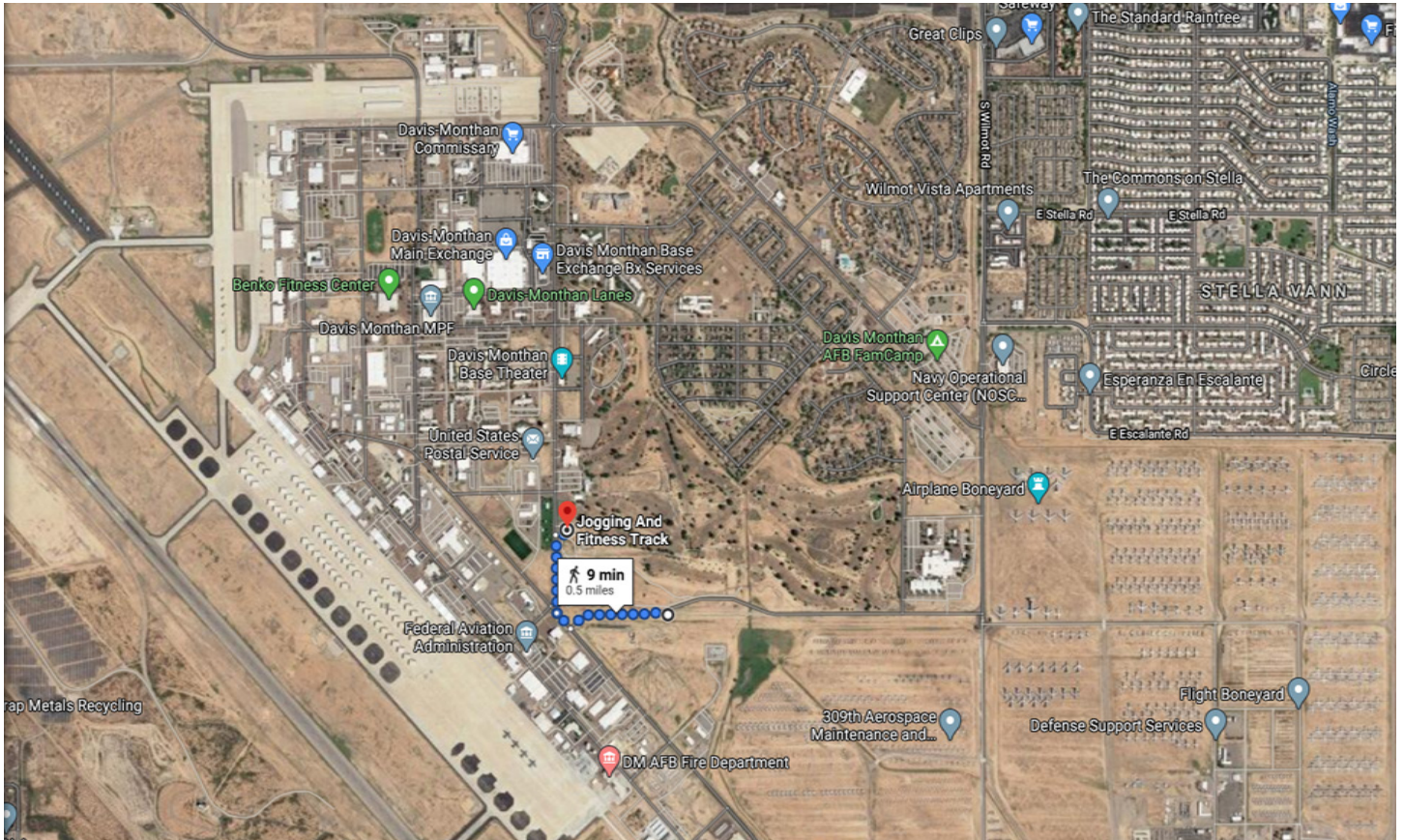
## FORCE SUPPORT

- 16 Bldg 3200, Rm 109  
228.4121
- Human Resources (NAF)
- 16 Bldg 3200  
Rm 118 | 228.2408
- Inn on Davis-Monthan
- 19 Bldg 2350 | 228.3230
- Kennedy Professional  
Development Center  
Bldg 2441 | 228.3812  
228.4837 | 228.5191
- Military Personnel  
(ID Cards & DEERS)
- 16 Bldg 3200  
228.4425 | 228.7763
- Resource Management  
& Private Orgs / SMW Funds  
Bldg 3200  
Rm 281 | 228.6243





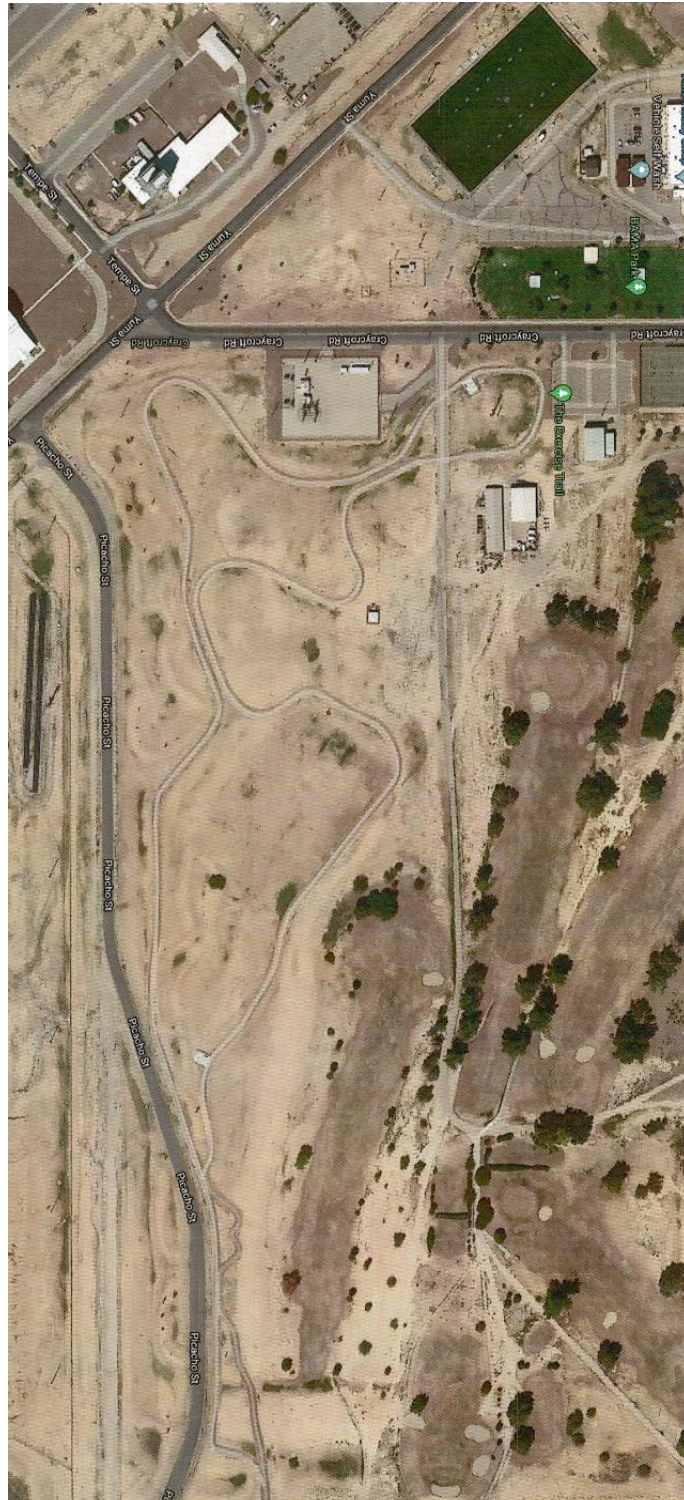
## RUNNING MAPS







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## TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS

All accommodations with the exception of the Business Suites are equipped with a direct dial operator assisted telephone. If you have any problems using this system, dial "0" and the guest receptionist will assist you. Local and "1-800" number calls are free. Toll calls will be posted to your account at a rate of \$0.20 per minute.

Telephones are located in each room of the Business Suites, VQ, VAQ, and TLF's and have DSN and commercial capability.

### OUT-GOING CALLS:

Local Calls.....99 + 7 Digit  
Reception Desk....."0"

### IN-COMING CALLS:

Commercial..... (520) 519-6000 + Room Number  
Or (520) 228-3230 + Room Number

DSN.....228-3230 + Room Number

On-Base (Duty Section)...99 + 228 + 4 Digit Number  
Room-to-Room.....3 + Room Number  
DSN.....94 + 7 Digit Number

### INN on DAVIS-MONTHAN EXTENSIONS:

Lodging Mgr 3 +103  
Lodging Asst. Mgr 3 +100  
Guest Relations Mgr 3 +106  
Guest Services Manager 3 +101  
Housekeeping 3 +105  
Telephone Trouble 3 +105  
Maintenance 3 +105

### Long Distance Carrier of Choice

AT&T 99 + 1 800-225-5288  
MCI 99 + 1 800-444-2222  
Sprint 99 + 1 800-877-4646  
\*Long Distance 99 + 1 + Area Code + Number  
**(\$0.20 per minute)**  
1-800 calls 99 + 1 + 800 + 7 Digit Number  
For Information dial: 99 + 1 + area code + 555-  
1212

**\*A charge of \$0.20 per minute will be posted to your account for Long Distance.**

**AUTOMATIC "VOICE MAIL" IS AVAILABLE IN EVERY ROOM** that will answer your calls while you are away or while you are using the phone. Please note that if the light is flashing, you have a message waiting.

**VAQ, VQ, & TLF ROOMS:**  
All rooms are equipped with modem hook-ups on the same line as the phone.



## ATTRACTIONS/POINTS OF INTEREST

Business Name	Address	Phone (Area Code 520)
Arizona Historical Society	949 E. Second St. (Main) 140 N Stone (Downtown Tucson)	628-5774
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum	2021 N. Kinney Rd.	883-1380
Biosphere2	32540 S Biosphere Rd, Oracle, AZ	621-4800
Mt. Lemmon/Catalina Hwy	East on Tanque Verde, North on Catalina Hwy	576-1468
Children's Museum	200 S. Sixth Ave	792-9985
Colossal Cave Park	16721 Old Spanish Trail, Vail, AZ	647-7275
De Grazia Gallery	6300 N. Swan Rd	299-9191
International Wildlife Museum	4800 W Gates Pass Rd	629-0100
Kitt Peak Observatory	950 N. Cherry Ave	318-0000
Old Town Artisans	201 N. Court	620-1725
Old Tucson Studios	201 S. Kinney Rd	883-0100
Pima Air & Space Museum	6000 E. Valencia Rd	574-0462
Reid Park Zoo	3400 E Zoo Ct, Tucson, AZ 85716	791-3204
Sabino Canyon	5700 N. Sabino Canyon Rd	749-8700 / 202-2700
Saguaro National Park East	3693 S. Old Spanish Trail	733-5153
San Xavier del Bac Mission	1950 W. San Xavier Rd	294-2624
Tohono Chul Park	7366 N. Paseo del Norte	742-6455
Tucson Museum of Art & Historic Block	140 N. Main Ave	624-2333



## PLACES TO GO

### NIGHTLIFE

Business Name	Business Type	Phone (Area Code 520)
Club Congress 311 E. Congress	Live Band, Rock	622-8848
Maverick 6622 E Tanque Verde	Country Music	298-0430
O'Malleys Bar and Grill 247 N. 4 Ave	Top 40/Live Bands	623-8600
Laff's Comedy Cafe 2900 E. Broadway	Live Comedy	323-8669
Maloney's Bar and Grill 213 N. 4 Ave	Live Music, Top 40	388-9355

### GOLF

Business Name	Business Type	Phone (Area Code 520)
Crooked tree 9101 N. Thornydale	Public	744-3322
Quail Canyon 5910 N. Oracle Rd	Public	887-6161
Dorado Golf Course 6601 E. Speedway Blvd	Public	885-6751
El Rio Municipal 1400 W. Speedway	Public	791-4229
Fred Enke Municipal 8251 E. Irvington	Public	791-2359
La Paloma Country Club 3660 E. Sunrise	Public	299-1500
Randolph Municipal 602 S. Alvernon	Public	791-4161



## PLACES TO GO

### GAMBLING FACILITIES

Business Name	Address	Phone (Area Code 520)
Casino Del Sol	5655 W. Valencia	883-1700
Casino of the Sun	5655 W. Valencia	1-855-765-7829
Desert Diamond Casino	7350 S. Nogales Hwy & 1100 W. Pima Mine Rd	332-9467 294-7777

### FAMILY RECREATION

Business Name	Address	Phone (Area Code 520)
Funtastics	221 E. Wetmore	888-4653
Balloon Excursions	537 W. Grant	624-3599
Big Skyrides	5601 N. Hacienda Del Sol Rd	885-3569
Golf N' Stuff	6503 E. Tanque Verde	885-3569

### SHOPPING

Business Name	Address	Phone (Area Code 520)
La Encantada	2905 Skyline Dr	299-3566
Foothills Mall	7401 N. La Cholla	219-0650
Park Place Mall	5870 E. Broadway	747-7575
Plaza Palomino	2900 N. Swan	507-7325
4th Avenue Shopping District		624-5004



## PLACES TO GO

### MOVIE THEATERS

Business Name	Address	Phone (Area Code 520)
Century Gateways 12 Theater	770 N. Kolb Rd	886-1000
Century El Con Mall Theater	3601 E. Broadway	202-3358
Roadhouse Cinemas	4811 E. Grant Road #150	468-7980
Galaxy Theatres Tucson	100 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ 85748	888-407-9874

*Showtimes can be seen [www.fandango.com](http://www.fandango.com)*

### BOOK STORES

Business Name	Address	Phone (Area Code 520)
Barnes & Noble Booksellers	5130 E. Broadway	512-1166
Bookman's Used Books	6230 E. Speedway	748-9555

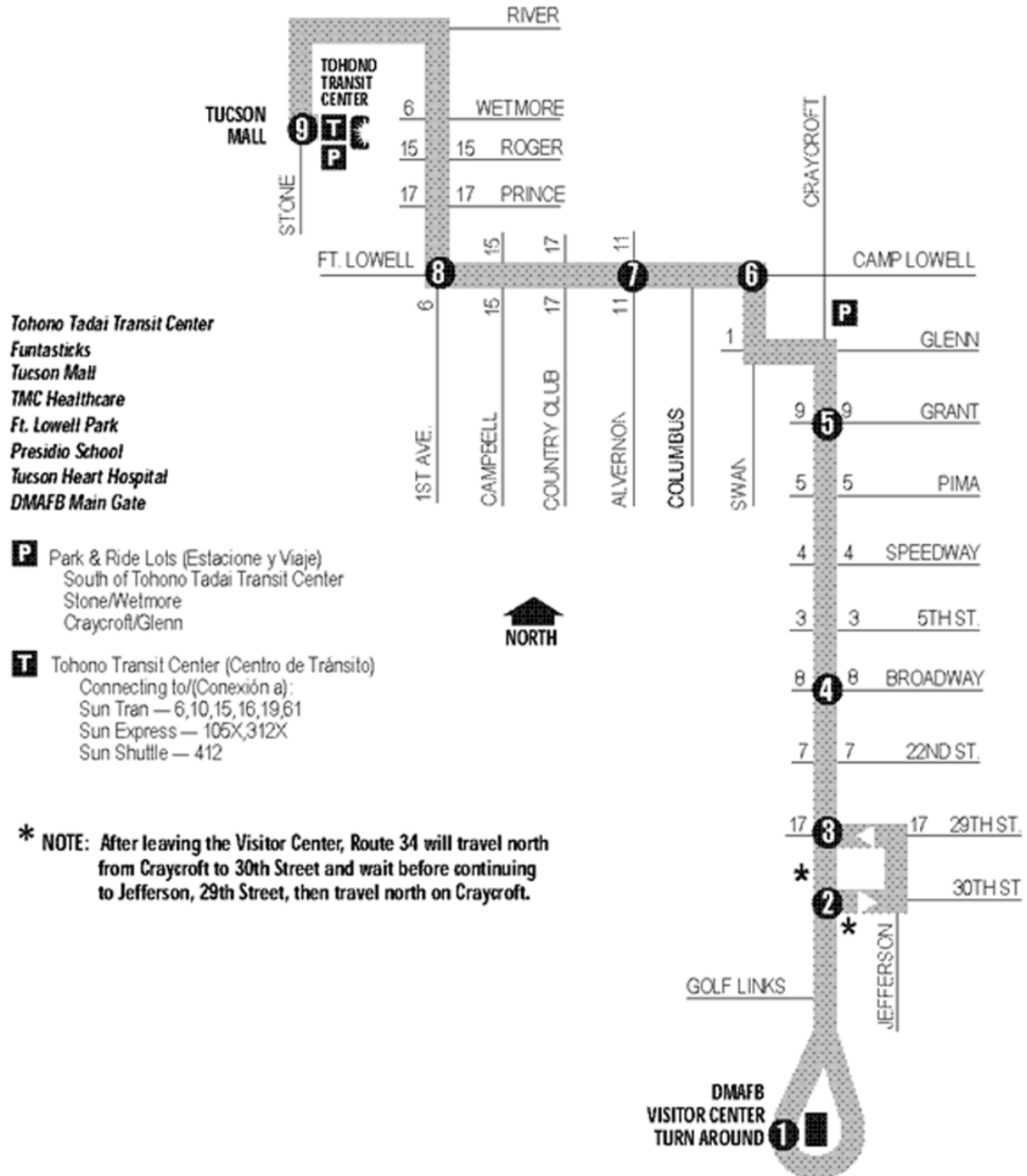




## TRANSPORTATION

Route  
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**CRAYCROFT**









## LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING SERVICES

**LAUNDRY:** Washers and dryers are provided free of charge. Laundry soap is available for purchase at the reception desk or from the vending machines in each laundry room.

**Locations:**

- Business Suites: Each room has washer and dryer.
- Building 2542 VQ: 1st floor thru 4th floor
- Building 2352-2356 TLF: Each room has washer and dryer.

*\*See the "Maps" section of this directory for a facility map with locations in your building.*

**DRY CLEANING SERVICES:**

Located at Base Exchange; phone number is 747-2728.





## KENNEL LISTING

**PETS:** Pets are not authorized in any type of transient lodging or on lodging premises at any time.

AFI 34-135 Chapter 1 paragraph 1.19 regulates this policy. A \$75.00 cleaning fee will be assessed for pets found in or on lodging premises.

The following is a list of kennels in the local area furnished for your information only and does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Air Force

**NOTE:** Pets tied outside your quarters or locked in vehicles will be turned in to the Security Forces.

At-Home Kennels	Hours	Dogs
9575 East Millmar Road www.at-home-kennels.com (520) 722-3162	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	29lbs & Under \$20.00/night
	7 a.m. - 4 p.m.	30-59lbs \$22.00/night
	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	60-89lbs \$24.00/night
		90lbs & Over \$26.00/night
<b>Exotics</b>	Rates Vary	<b>Cats</b> \$15.00/day
<b>Small Animals and Birds</b>	Call to inquire	
<b>Additional Services Available</b>	Rates Vary	

VCA Valley Pet Resort	Hours	Dogs
4982 E. 22nd Street (520) 748-2561 10% Military Discount	Mon–Sun 24hrs	20lbs & Under \$26.80/night
		21-40lbs \$31.55/night
		41-80lbs \$35.30/night
		81 & Over \$36.35/night
<b>Birds w/ Cage</b>	\$16.65	<b>Cats</b> \$22.92
<b>Birds w/o Cage</b>	\$19.09	

Wiseman Boarding	Hours	Dogs
5943 E. Speedway (520) 296-2388	Mon–Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Under 30lbs \$23.00/night
	Saturday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Over 30lbs \$25.00/night
		<b>Cats</b> \$17.50/day



# Our Commitment To You

## Chapel Staff

### D-M Chaplains and Squadron Affiliation

Ch, Lt Col Timothy Butler	355 FW
Roman Catholic	
Ch, Capt Andrew Schulze	355 FW/12 AF
United Methodist	
Ch, Capt Bryan Cottrell	Tenant Units
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	
Ch, Capt Aleck Brown	355 OG/LRS
Evangelical Church Alliance	
Ch, Capt Douglas Hess	355 MXS
Presbyterian Church in America	
Ch, Capt Daniel Warf	355 MSS/MDG
Evangelical Church Alliance	

### CATHOLIC PRIEST

Monsignor John Cusack

### CHAPLAIN ASSISTANTS

MSgt Robert H. Hill Jr	Superintendent
TSgt Steven James	NCOIC, Chapel Ops
TSgt Amber Solomon	Chaplain Assistant
SSgt Theresa Allen	Chaplain Assistant
SrA Danielle Dodson	Chaplain Assistant

### PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Heather O'Dai

### CATHOLIC PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Nancy Rambaran

### ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

Billie Buckley

### SECRETARY

Janet Denney

The Constitution's guarantee of your religious freedom is not limited to the times and places that you have in a civilian community nearby. To provide for your religious needs under all the rigors and demands of service, the Air Force also provides you with the services of chaplains.

- ❖ We are here because you are here.
- ❖ We will be with you wherever you go.
- ❖ We will accord your personal religious convictions – and your understanding of your needs – with fundamental dignity and respect. *We are committed to your freedom.*
- ❖ We will support and serve you in keeping with the teaching and discipline of the churches that have nurtured, instructed, and ordained us – and have provided us to the Air Force. *We are committed to our respective faiths.*
- ❖ We provide for the religious and spiritual needs of all Air Force members and their families – without exception.

### CHAPEL FACILITIES

DESERT DOVE CHAPEL Bldg 3205  
HOPE CHAPEL Bldg 3208  
5385 E. Ironwood Street

Phone: 228-5411

FAX: 228-0306

\*After Duty Hours a Chaplain is available by calling the Command Post at 228-7400.

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# Welcome

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# Glorifying God, Serving Airmen, and Pursuing Excellence.

## When To Call Your Chaplain

Your communications with a military chaplain are "PRIVILEGED," meaning that they will be kept in strictest confidence and not be revealed to anyone without your consent. You may prefer to explore highly sensitive or personal concerns with a chaplain because of this assurance.

### A CHAPLAIN CAN HELP WITH

- **SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS**, understanding religious experiences, dealing with doubt, fear, death, grief, or other crises.
- **MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND RELATIONSHIP CONCERNS**, preparation for marriage, and relationship adjustments (at home and work).
- **PERSONAL, MORAL, AND ETHICAL ISSUES**, pressures in social or work environments, job stress, and concerns about human dignity and quality of life.
- **DISCOVERING AND CHOOSING LIFE GOALS AND VALUES**, and implementing them.

### WE OFFER ACTIVE SUPPORT

- We take your concerns seriously.
- We listen and counsel confidentially.
- We stand ready 24 hours a day.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We offer comprehensive religious education programs for preschool through adults. Classes are held at the Desert Dove and Hope Chapels. For information call the chapel office. 228-5411

## Desert Dove Chapel



## Hope Chapel



## Worship Schedule

### PROTESTANT – SUNDAY

0900	Hope Chapel	Evangelical
1130	Hope Chapel	Gospel
	(All Services in Hope Chapel)	

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Daily Mass (Mon-Fri)	1130
Saturday	1700
Sunday	1000
(All Services in Desert Dove Chapel)	

### Dorm Ministry – Sunday

Home-cooked meal fellowship	1730
Worship	1830
(Singles worship service meets at Dorm Bldg 3610 at corner of L-Shaped building on second floor ).	

### Jewish Information & Services

4301 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
795-0300

### Islamic Center of Tucson

901 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
624-3233

### Latter Day Saints - Resources

7012 E. Broadway Blvd.  
885-2635

### BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

For information concerning baptisms or weddings, please contact the Chapel at 228-5411





## GUEST RESPONSIBILITIES

1. In order to maintain the quality of our rooms, guests will be responsible for any damage to the rooms or furnishings and for cleaning the kitchenette area in the room during your stay. (An additional fee may be charged for guests who leave guest rooms excessively dirty).
2. In order to ensure the best possible service during your stay please remove all personal items from your bed prior to departing your room for the day as housekeepers are not authorized to handle personal items, therefore; if items are left on beds the housekeepers will be unable to service your bed.
3. Please ensure guest rooms are kept neat and orderly at all times.
4. Please ensure the security of your personal property (Note: Money or high value items left lying around the room are reported to management for security purposes). As a security precaution service will not be provided if money or high value items are left lying around the room. Guests can file a claim for loss through the Base Legal Office.
5. Please report any problems, maintenance or otherwise to the reception desk or housekeeping office immediately.
6. Please note that pets are only authorized in designated Pet Friendly TLF's. Pets are NOT authorized in Business Suites, VQ, and regular TLF's. A \$75.00 cleaning fee will be assessed for pets found in or around unauthorized areas.

**NOTE:** Pets tied outside your guest room or locked in vehicles will be reported to Security Forces. Children locked in vehicles unattended by an adult will be reported to Security Forces. Unattended/parked vehicles will be reported to the Security Forces.

7. In order for us to properly maintain your room please be sure to allow housekeepers access to your room. For safety and health reasons housekeepers are required to enter all guest rooms every third day (other than pet friendly TLF's which will be entered every day) regardless of DO NOT DISTURB signs.



## HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES

We strive to provide you a clean room with sufficient towels and amenities; unless you have a “Do NOT Disturb” sign on your door. If you display the sign, please remove it by 1200 so we may provide service. Due to security, the “Do NOT Disturb” sign may not be displayed for more than 48 hours. After 48 hours, management will check for occupancy and have the room cleaned.

### DAILY STAY-OVER:

- Towels replaced (if placed on floor)
- Waste baskets cleaned and emptied
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- Waste baskets cleaned and emptied
- Sundries restocked if applicable
- Beds made providing no personal items on the bed
- Amenities stocked (shampoo/bar soap and coffee/tea)
- Floors and carpet cleaned (when major messes are noticed)
- Toilets are cleaned

### EXTENDED STAY-OVERS: WEEKLY *(Stay-overs more than 7 days)*

- Sheets changed
- Toilets cleaned inside & out
- Vanity, sinks, & mirrors cleaned
- Bathroom clean of hair and bugs
- Vacuum & mop
- Light dusting & furniture polished
- Bathtub cleaned inside & out
- Shower curtain/door cleaned
- Towels replaced (if they haven't been)

### CHECK-OUT:

- Overall dusting completed (high & low) and furniture polished
- Bedspreads, blankets, linen, pillows, bathmats, and towels cleaned
- Walls and ceiling clean/free of smudges/spills
- Countertops, sinks, and cabinets (cleaned inside & out)
- A/C heat vents cleaned
- Fixtures/Appliances clean and functioning
- Furniture free of crumbs/trash between cushions
- Dishwashers clean (inside/out & free of soap film)
- Floors and carpets cleaned (to include under and behind furniture)
- Light fixtures clean/free of bugs
- Under furniture cleaned/free of dust/trash
- Dishware and utensils clean
- Window sills & tracks clean
- Irons/Ironing board covers clean & serviceable
- Drawers cleaned out



**ROOM RATES AND CHARGES :**

Seasons Begin-End	TLF	VOQ/ VQR	DVQ	Large DVQ
2023 Oct-Dec	\$101 = \$10 Pet Fee	\$94	\$101	\$101
2024 Jan - Mar	\$141 + \$10 Pet Fee	\$134	\$141	\$141
2024 Apr-Sept	\$101 + \$10 Pet Fee	\$94	\$101	\$101

**ROOMS:** Clothes and personal items should be neatly stored. Guests may only cook in rooms with kitchens and cooking is restricted to kitchen areas only. Guests are responsible for proper storage of food items, and must keep all appliances clean, so as to not attract pests. Guests are responsible for the cleaning of their own dishes and utensils. **A fee of up to \$75.00 may be assessed for excessive untidiness, if necessary. Additional charges may apply for repair/ replacement fees of items damaged by guests.**

**SMOKING POLICY:** Smoking is not allowed in any of our lodging guest rooms or facilities. A **\$75.00** fee will be assessed for smoking in guest rooms. This fee covers the added cost of sanitizing the entire room to remove smoke odors from the furnishings and air.





## CHECK OUT TIME

**CHECK-OUT TIME:** Check-out time is **1100** for all guest rooms. \*Late check-outs are subject to a late charge equal to one day's room rate. Please contact the Reception Desk if you require a later check-out.

Guest receipt upon request – it can be printed or emailed.



## AIR FORCE INNS PROMISE

*Welcome Valued Guest! We have provided you with a few complimentary items to get you through your first night's stay. Feel free to ask any Lodging team member if you need any of these items replenished. If you forgot to pack any other toiletry item, please come see us at the front desk. We should have what you need available for purchase.*

***The Air Force Inns Promise:*** "Our goal is to provide you a clean, comfortable room to guarantee a good night's rest and pleasant stay. If any part of your stay with us is not satisfactory, please provide the lodging manager or front desk staff an opportunity to 'make it right'."



## 355TH FIGHTER WING HISTORY

The legacy and heritage of the 355th Wing began on 12 November 1942 when it was activated as the 355th Fighter Group in Orlando Army Air Base, Florida. Pilots prepared for combat in Richmond, Virginia, Millville, New Jersey, and Orlando, Florida flying the Republic P-47 Thunderbolts. On 16 June 1943, the 355th Fighter Group moved to England to become part of VIII Fighter Command of the Eighth Air Force. With its three fighter squadrons consisting of the 354th, 357th, and 358th, the 355th Fighter Group became fully operational on 9 September 1943 at Steeple Morden, England. They flew their first combat mission, a fighter sweep over Belgium, on 14 September 1943.

The 355th's first few missions consisted of short range actions over France, Belgium, and Holland. As the pilots built up their combat experience, they extended their operations into Germany executing long-bomber escort missions, known as RAMROD and RODEO. Flying P-47s, the 355th Fighter Group went on fighter sweeps, diversionary fighter sweeps, and bomber escort missions. These missions made up the bulk of the group's operations during its stay in England.

Colonel Jesse Auton, 65th Fighter Wing Commander, visited Steeple Morden on 4 March 1944 to recruit volunteers for a low-level Thunderbolt group that would function mainly as a "strafing" organization. Although the combat tactics was still in its early stages, "Bill's Buzz Boys", officially known, as the 355th "C" Fighter Group of 16 volunteer pilots, practiced lowlevel dive bombing and strafing attack methods with their eight-gunned P-47. Their main objective was to discover a means of attacking German airdromes that would ensure success, yet cut casualties to a minimum.

Every form of attack was tested, from dive bombing and glide bombing to low-altitude navigation. The 355th soon discovered that after combining a form of surprise, cover, and evasive maneuvers, they created a new page in the tactics manual. The tactics to this attack started at an initial point where one flight would split-S from 15,000 feet and increase its speed at 400 to 500 miles-per-hour and lower to an elevation where the "props were cutting the grass." At five miles from the German airdrome, the flight would open fire on its targets. This approach enabled the flight to shoot at all targets before enemy ground defenses were alerted. After dropping down behind some form of cover near a flak-free area, the flight would either regain altitude or strafe other ground targets such as trains or boats.

The 355th Fighter Group merited the nickname of "Steeple Morden Strafers" after logging more than 17,000 sorties in P-47s and P-51s, and while damaging or destroying an estimated 1500 or more enemy aircraft. However, "Bill's Buzz Boys" was the first nickname assigned to the fledgling strafing organization during its early stages in 1944. "Bill's Buzz Boys" earned their fame when Invasion Day arrived.



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“Bill’s Buzz Boys” performed eight missions between 26 March and 4 April, 1944 destroying 14 enemy aircraft and damaging numerous hangars, buildings, trains, flak towers, and other ground targets. Although this inauspicious beginning may be accounted for in the limited number of missions and the inexperience of the pilots, the 355th Fighter Group began a tirade of tremendous blows against the enemy in the spring of 1944 thereby gaining the infamous title of the “Steeple Morden Strafers.” As the 355th Fighter Group increasingly gave more attention to strafing, they transitioned to the North American P-51 Mustang for better maneuverability and increased range. By summer of 1944, the 355th Fighter Group destroyed more than 56 German airplanes in the air, 101 on the ground.

On 5 April 1944, their reputation as low-level raiders was driven home when they bombed and strafed German airfields around the Munich area during a snowstorm. They destroyed 43 aircraft on the ground, 8 in the air, while damaging another 81 on the ground. This mission distinguished the 355th Fighter Group as one of three groups to make it to their target. This mission earned them their first of many Distinguished Unit Citations. A month later, on 13 May 1944, they set a new record when they flew a 1,480-mile round trip mission from their base to Politz, Germany, and back again. On D-Day, 6 June 1944, group pilots, in conjunction with pilots from the 4th Fighter Group, conducted missions around Paris, a key staging area for German forces in France. Their experience in both air-to-air and air-to-ground operations made them the natural choice for these missions. From 18 to 22 September 1944, the 355th participated in the last shuttle mission of the war, when they escorted bombers on missions between England and Russia, Russia to Italy, and Italy to England. These missions were conducted when deep strikes prevented escort fighters from reaching their bases back in England. The 355th continued with their escort, low-level attacks, and strafing runs. They flew their last mission on 25 April 1945. They finished the war by being one of the first organizations to serve with the United States Air Forces in Europe.

Additionally, they were part of the initial group who moved to Germany on 3 July 1945 to become part of the Army of Occupation, serving at both Gablingen and Schweinfurt. The 355th Fighter Group later moved to Mitchel Field, New York on 1 August 1946. They were inactivated on 20 November 1946.

The Cold War Era fueled the return of the 355th Fighter Group. Under the orders of Aerospace Defense Command, the 355th Fighter Group reactivated with an Air Defense designation at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Tennessee, on 18 August 1955. Increased tension between the U.S. and Russia made it imperative for Air Defense to increase air power ability in defending strategic targets. The 355th’s role consisted of defending the Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Plant and ALCOA aluminum production site with the North American F-86L Saber, a radar equipped version of the aircraft made famous in the Korean War. While they never fired a



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shot in combat, pilots of the 355th remained ready. Training consisted of numerous practice launches against “enemy” bombers and fighters during their almost 3-year vigil. On 8 January 1958, the 355th was again inactivated.

On 13 April 1962, the 355th took the name of the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing when it reactivated at George Air Force Base, California. Three months later, the Wing received both personnel and their assigned aircraft, the F-105 Thunderchief. Although initial readiness was hindered by the slow production of F-105s, the wing received 33 aircraft by 30 June 1963 and then 32 more aircraft by year’s end. The 355th Tactical Fighter Wing moved to McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas on 21 July 1964.

Under the command of the 835th Air Division, the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing along with the 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing deployed on to support Southeast Asia operations. At Korat RTAB, the 355th soon began striking targets in support of Westmoreland’s Campaign objectives. The 355th commanded OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER, a sustained bombing campaign against North Vietnam. Early missions were against North Vietnamese forces in South Vietnam, where the bulk of ground forces and supply dumps were located. Large-scale air strikes were launched on depots, bases and supply targets, but the majority of operations were “armed reconnaissance” missions in which small formations of aircraft patrolled highways and railroads and rivers, attacking targets of opportunity.

Increased conflict in North Vietnam and the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing’s growing participation in combat inevitably resulted in the wing’s move to Takhli Air Base, Thailand. On 3 November 1965, the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing permanently moved from McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, to Takhli Air Base, Thailand becoming the first F-105 unit stationed at Southeast Asia.

While pilots flew missions in both the south and north, it was the load carrying capability, range, and speed of the F-105 that influenced the majority of missions in North Vietnam. Many of these went to the Hanoi area itself, including against the infamous Paul Doumer Bridge. After destroying three SAM sites and one AAA site, the destruction of the Doumer Bridge on 18 December 1967 dealt a devastating blow against the enemy. They also conducted experimental night raids over North Vietnam to test radar bombing techniques for night missions. These night raids proved successful, obliterating numerous arsenal sites in Hanoi.

Over time, the wing’s mission gradually changed with the addition of the Douglas EB-66 and RB-66 Destroyer aircraft. Once again, the 355th Wing was at the cutting edge of tactics development. The EB/RB-66 jammed the enemy radars while the F-105 destroyed the radars and missile sites with bombs or strafe attacks. The F-105 crews conducted Wild Weasel



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missions. The 355th Tactical Fighter Wing continued with their missions in Southeast Asia until 31 March 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered a stop of strikes against North Vietnam. What followed was a complete bombing halt starting 31 November 1968. This meant the majority of missions were flown against insurgents in the south. It was also between March and November of 1968 that the Wing got operational control of a General Dynamics F-111 detachment sent to the region.

From 1968 to early 1972, the Wing saw little bombing in the North because U.S. negotiations with the Vietnamese became deadlocked. In 1969, President Richard Nixon ordered the withdrawal of troops from the South as part of a plan to disengage America from the war. This withdrawal included the 355th Wing. On 10 December 1970, the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing was again inactivated.

The 355th Tactical Fighter Wing's effectiveness in combat earned them the honor of being the first unit in Southeast Asia to earn the Presidential Unit Citation three times. Their Vietnam Campaigns included the Tet '69/Counter-offensive Campaign, Southwest Monsoon Campaign, Sanctuary Counter-offensive Campaign, and the Vietnam Air/Ground Campaign. Their participation in the Vietnam War also produced two Medal of Honor recipients, Captain Merlyn H. Dethlefsen and Major Leo K. Thorsness.

### **Captain Merly Dethlefsen**

On 10 March 1967, Captain Merly Dethlefsen flew in a 4-ship mission against the steel works at Thai Nguyen, fifty miles north of Hanoi, North Vietnam. The task was to fly ahead of a strike force of fighter bombers and attack lethal defenses such as surface-to-air missiles (SAM), anti-aircraft artillery (AAA), and automatic weapons that ringed the target. On the first pass against these defenses, the F 105 flight leader was shot down and his wingman was forced to withdraw with severe battle damage. Captain Dethlefsen took command of the flight. As he maneuvered his aircraft to line up with the target, he spotted two MiG 21s closing in fast from the rear. He fired his radar seeking missiles at the SAM site and veered sharply away as one of the MiGs targeted a missile at his aircraft. He described how he shook off his attackers:

*I broke to the right, down through the flak. I figured that would give me the best chance of evading both the heat seeking missile and the MiGs' guns. I didn't think the MiGs would want to follow me through that stuff. They didn't.*

As he repositioned for another pass, he spotted two more MiG 21s and evaded them with a tight left break. He elected to retain his ordinance (rather than jettison it to outrace the MiGs), but by then he faced another problem the AAA had taken its toll. At least one of the 57mm



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gunners had scored a bulls-eye, jolting his aircraft with a direct hit. Miraculously, the flight controls and engine responded normally. The chunks of shrapnel through the bottom of the fuselage and left wingtip had not affected any of its vital systems.

As the main strike force withdrew, Captain Dethlefsen maneuvered around the flak pattern and spotted a second SAM site directly ahead of him. He fired a missile and the SAM radar went off the air. Smoke and dust from the main strike force's attack on the complex began to drift over the defensive positions as Captain Dethlefsen and his backseater, Captain Kevin "Mike" Gilroy, strained to spot the original SAM site. Captain Dethlefsen eased the streaking Thunderchief down on the deck for a better look. Spotting the site, he dropped his bombs squarely on it and followed with a strafing pass. The SAM site was in flames as the F-105s pulled off. For this action, Captain Dethlefsen was awarded the Medal of Honor. President Lyndon B. Johnson made the presentation at the White House on 1 February 1968. Dethlefsen, a retired colonel, died on 14 December 1987 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was 53.

On 19 April 1967, Major Thorsness led a flight of four F-105s from Takhli Air Base, Thailand, on a mission against the Xuan Mai army barracks and storage supply area 30 miles southwest of Hanoi. The rattlesnake tone in Major Thorsness' headset went off long before the flight reached the target, signaling that enemy missile crews were already warming up their SAM radars and searching for enemy aircraft. Directing two of his F-105s north, Thorsness and his wingman stayed south, forcing enemy gunners to divide their attention. Thorsness' backseater, Captain Harold Johnson, detected several SAM sites in the area. Thorsness fired a Shrike missile at one of the sites, destroying it. He then flew through heavy AAA fire to silence another with cluster bombs.

During this second strike, Major Thorsness' wingman was hit, the two crewmembers bailed out. He flew toward the parachutes, finding time to fire at another SAM site along the way. He quickly found that he was the lone Thud pilot in the area because mechanical problems and two battles with MiG interceptors had forced the other two F-105s to return home. As Thorsness circled the two parachutes, Johnson spotted a MiG off their left wing. Thorsness attacked the MiG, destroying it with 20mm cannon fire as another MiG closed on his tail. Low on fuel, he broke off and rendezvoused with a tanker. In the meantime, two prop driven A 1E Sandys and a rescue helicopter had arrived to search for the downed crew. With full tanks but only 500 rounds of ammunition left, Thorsness turned back from the tanker to fly cover for the rescue force, knowing there were at least five MiGs in the area. He spotted three almost immediately. After destroying one of them with his remaining ammunition, he dove for the deck and eluded his pursuers (there were now four) after a supersonic dash through the mountain passes.





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Once again, Thorsness started for the rescue scene, where the MiGs had downed one Sandy. Out of ammunition, he hoped to at least draw the MiGs away from the rescue force. Just then, a flight of F-105s arrived on the scene, putting the MiGs on the defensive. In all, there were five MiG kills that day. Although now critically short of fuel, Major Thorsness headed for a tanker just as one of the strike pilots, lost and nearly out of fuel, called him for help. He directed the tanker to the lost pilot. Knowing that he couldn't make it to Takhli without refueling, he calculated that he could stretch it to Udorn, Thailand, some 200 miles closer. Once across the Mekong River, he pulled the power back to idle and glided the plane in. The fuel gauge indicated "empty" as he touched down at Udorn.

Major Thorsness was awarded the Medal of Honor for his deeds of extraordinary heroism on this mission. Eleven days later and only eight missions short of the 100 required to complete a combat tour, he was shot down over North Vietnam and held prisoner for nearly six years. Following his release, Major Thorsness received his medal from President Richard M. Nixon at the White House on 15 October 1973. No longer able to fly fighters because of back injuries sustained while in captivity, Thorsness retired as a colonel later that year.

Twelfth Air Force gained the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing after the wing's reactivation on 1 July 1971 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. At the time Davis-Monthan was home to the 4453rd Combat Crew Training Wing, which flew McDonnell-Douglas F-4C Phantom II. The arrival of the 355th marked the beginning of the F-4C phase out, as the wing began flying with the A-7s. The Vought A-7D Corsair II, training began on 16 July 1971. The 355th, not only had operational A-7 squadrons, but also conducted all USAF initial A-7 training. In addition, the 355th was tasked to conduct drone operations with the activation of the newly formed 355th Drone Maintenance Squadron, the only one of its kind in the U.S. Air Force. Gaining the drone squadron also meant picking up an additional mission of the 11th Tactical Drone Squadron. Activities in the drone squadrons consisted primarily of electronic countermeasures, photo reconnaissance, and other missions involving the use of image-forming sensors. The 11th Tactical Drone Squadron launched the first Maverick missile from a remotely piloted vehicle.

The 355th's first major mission was a six-month deployment in support of OPERATION CONSTANT GUARD VI, in Korat RTAB, Thailand. Once again the 355th found themselves in operations for strike missions into Southeast Asia. The wing deployed to Korat RTAB, Thailand from 12 January to 5 July 1973 and flew missions in Cambodia against the Khmer Rouge. The 355th continued to support missions in Southeast Asia until 20 May 1974. On 2 March 1976, the 355th hailed the arrival of a new aircraft, the Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II. The 355th was the first Air Force wing to maintain and fly the beloved "Warthogs," as the A-10 is also known as. Meanwhile the 11th Tactical Drone Squadron, with





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their Lockheed DC- and RC-130 Hercules and Ryan –34 series drones transferred from the 355th to the 432nd Tactical Drone Group. On 30 September 1976, the Wing and base marked a significant milestone when they transferred from Strategic Air Command to Tactical Air Command.

Further revisions for the wing came when Air Force leaders decided to replace the A-7s with A-10s. The withdrawal of the A-7s and the loss of combat commitments inevitably changed the 355th's focus to a pure training mission. As a result, Tactical Air Command redesignated the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing as the 355th Tactical Training Wing on 1 September 1979. The wing's mission now solely rested on A-10 training. Further changes came on 1 October 1981 when the 836th Air Division activated at Davis-Monthan. Because the 836th also acted as Davis-Monthan's host unit, personnel and equipment from the 355th's support units gradually migrated to their 836th counterpart. As A-10 pilot training continued, the wing welcomed another tenant unit, the 602nd Tactical Air Control Wing on 1 September 1982.

On 5 December 1986, the Air Staff approved the use of the A-10 in the forward control mission, thereby, forming a joint concept of operations for the "OA-10" with the 355th Tactical Training Wing and the 602nd Tactical Air Control Wing. The OA-10 conversion process eventually resulted in the first operational OA-10 unit in the U.S. Air Force.

In the 1990s, the 355th continued to influence international events. The 355th conducted Exercise AMIGO HOG, the first ever A-10 deployment to Venezuela. Proudly wearing the motto "Our Might Always," 355th personnel regularly participated in close air support exercises such as AIR WARRIOR and weapons competitions like LONG RIFLE, where 355th pilots consistently captured top honors. In 1991, the wing saw the graduates of its training program perform exceptionally well in OPERATION DESERT STORM. In addition, over 85 Airmen augmented U.S. forces in the region.

Operations in the Gulf War proved that tactical units carried out strategic strikes, and vice versa. The distinction between "strategic" and "tactical" airpower, had become increasingly untenable. The old organizational arrangement still got the job done, but when the action heated up (i.e. Gulf War), it often took improvisation and workarounds to arrive at the right battle force configurations. Thus, as the lines between tactical and strategic forces blurred, Air Staff directed the removal of all "tactical" and "strategic" terms from unit designations. On 1 October 1991, the 355th Tactical Training Wing was redesignated as the 355th Fighter Wing.

More restructuring continued when Air Force leaders made a policy of "one base-one boss" on 1 May 1992. The general philosophy adopted within the Air Force community was that authority and responsibility should be assigned to the lowest "reasonable" level. In response to this philosophy, many key Air Staff functions in both the 1989 and 1992 reorganizations were



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pushed to the MAJCOMs, while others were eliminated. As a result, the 836th Air Division inactivated in May 1992. The 355th Fighter Wing took command as the “base boss” and gained former tenants, 41st Electronic Squadron and 43rd Electronic Squadron to the wing as well as support units, 355th Medical, Logistics, Operations, and Support groups. These changes enabled the wing to regain a wartime commitment to deployment contingencies in Asia and Europe.

In 1992, the force was being reshaped by organizational changes at all levels. As part of this restructuring, the 355th became a composite wing absorbing elements of the 602nd Air Control Wing, 41st and 43rd Electronic Combat Squadrons, and most other activities that operated from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. This force restructuring led to a redesignation to the 355th Wing on 1 May 1992. The 355th Wing acquired a final addition on 20 July 1994 with the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron from Keesler AFB, Mississippi flying the EC-130E Airborne Command, Control, and Communication aircraft. These resulting organizational and structural changes increased the wing’s deployment rate in areas of operations such as OPERATION VALIANT WARRIOR (October 1994) in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and humanitarian operations such as OPERATION SAFE HAVEN (December 1994), in Panama, Cuba. Also, the 355th Wing began a regularly scheduled rotational deployment to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in support of OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH to enforce the United Nations mandated no-fly zone in southern Iraq.

The 355th Wing maintained their mobilization proficiency through involvement in various operational readiness exercises. From 1996-1999, the 355th sustained their mobilization effectiveness through involvement in various exercises such as CORONET GUST (July 1996), AMALGAM WARRIOR (April 1997), NORTHERN VIKING (July 1997), FOAL EAGLE (October 1997), COOPERATIVE ZENITH (November 1997), and CENTRAL ENTER (June 1998).

Meanwhile, the 355th Wing continued its central role in operational campaigns. From February through July 1999, Airmen from the Desert Lightning Wing advanced U.S. and NATO objectives in OPERATION ALLIED FORCE which brought peace to Kosovo. The 355th supported the air campaign with the EC-130 ABCCC and Compass Call operations.

The attacks on September 11, 2001, led to the initiation of three ongoing missions--Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, which the 355th continues to support, and Operation NOBLE EAGLE. After the execution of OEF eight A-10s from the 355th Wing were deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan to fly close air support missions supporting multinational ground forces.



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In September 2002, the 48th, 55th, and the 79th Rescue Squadrons (RQS) transferred under control of the 355th Wing, equipped with HC-130 aircraft and HH-60 helicopters. At the same time, the 41st and 43 Electronic Combat Squadrons were realigned under the control of the 55th Electronic Combat Group (55 ECG). While personnel and aircraft remained on Davis-Monthan AFB operational control of the 55 ECG was assumed by the 55th Wing at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. Wing realignment occurred on October 1, 2003 with the activation of the 563 Rescue Group on Davis-Monthan AFB. Control of the 48, 55, and 79 Rescue Squadrons (RQS) was passed to the new group with the 23rd Wing assuming operational command of the unit.

In March 2003, when the U.S. and a coalition of 25 other nations launched OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, the 355th Wing again increased its overseas commitment to fight as part of the joint team. Pilots flew for the first time with the Litening II targeting pod (TGP). The TGP gave the A-10 precision attack capability, which proved decisive to support soldiers, marines, and SOF units in a variety of combat situations, to include numerous troops-in-contact in urban settings.

In October 2003 and again in September 2005, the Wing's 354th Fighter Squadron "Bulldogs" deployed on five month deployments to Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan. During these deployments, the unit provided 24-hour presence to reassure the Afghan population as it struggled with its emergent democracy, and provided key support during national elections. While the 2003 deployment saw limited action, the Bulldogs employed over 22,000 rounds of 30mm during 130 troops-in-contact situations during the 2005 deployment.

Another major change occurred on April 26, 2007. With only A-10 fighter aircraft assigned, the 355th WG was redesignated once again as the 355th Fighter Wing. In May 2007 the 354th Fighter Squadron returned to Afghanistan for a six month deployment. Again, they provided 24-hour presence and Close Air Support to coalition forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During this period, insurgent activity level was the highest recorded to date in OEF. The Bulldogs employed an unprecedented number of munitions during this deployment, over 150,000 rounds of 30 mm, supporting over 400 troops-in-contact situations.

Today, the 355th Fighter Wing is composed of four groups: the 355th Operations Group, the 355th Maintenance Group, the 355th Mission Support Group and the 355th Medical Group. Together, along with their tenant organizations, they make up the 6,000 Airmen and 1,700 civilian personnel at Davis-Monthan AFB.



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### **COMMANDERS**

#### **355TH FIGHTER GROUP**

Unknown 12 Nov 42 - 15 Jan 43  
Lt Col William J. Cummings, Jr. 16 Jan 43 - 4 Nov 44  
Lt Col Everett W. Stewart 5 Nov 44 - 21 Feb 45  
Lt Col Claiborne H. Kinnard Jr. 21 Feb - 29 May 45  
Lt Col William D. Gilchrist 30 May - 13 Sep 45  
Lt Col Bert W. Marshall, Jr. 14 Sep - 7 Oct 45  
Lt Col John C. Elder, Jr. 7 Oct 45 - 14 Mar 46  
Col Carroll W. McColpin 14 Mar - 31 Jul 46  
Not Filled 1 Aug - 20 Nov 46

#### **355TH FIGHTER GROUP (AIR DEFENSE)**

Col William A. Lanford 18 Aug 55 - ca. 15 Jul 56  
Col George B. Simler IV ca. 16 Jul 56 - ca. 15 Jul 57  
Col John R. Kullman ca. 16 Jul 57 - 8 Jan 58

#### **355TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING**

Lt Col Adrian E. Drew 8 - 11 Jul 62  
Col Olin E. Gilbert 12 Jul 62 - 20 Jul 63  
Col Paul E. Adams (Acting) 29 Jul - 2 Sep 63  
Col Edward A. McGough III 3 Sep 63 - 1 Aug 65  
Col William H. Holt 2 Aug 65 - 3 Aug 66  
Col Robert R. Scott 4 Aug 66 - 1 Aug 67  
Col John C. Giraud 2 Aug 67 - 29 Jun 68  
Col Michael C. Horgan 30 Jun 68 - 26 Jun 69  
Col Heath Bottomly 27 Jun 69 - 21 Jun 70  
Col Clarence E. Andersen, Jr. 22 Jun - 10 Dec 70



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Col John F. Barnes 1 Jul 71 - 22 Aug 72  
Col Fred A. Haeffner 23 Aug 72 - 18 Jul 74  
Col William J. Hosmer 19 Jul 74 - 29 Jan 76  
Col Alonzo L. Ferguson 30 Jan - 15 Aug 76  
BrigGen William D. Curry, Jr. 16 Aug 76 - 30 Mar 77  
Col Alonzo L. Ferguson 1 Apr - 10 Jul 77  
Col Ralph E. Adams 11 Jul 77 - 31 Jan 79  
Col Michael J. Dugan 1 Feb 79 - 26 May 80  
Col Arthur J. Bergman (Acting) 27 May - 17 Jun 80  
Col Rodney B. Beckman 18 Jun 80 - 17 Jun 82  
Col Paul K. Robinson, Jr. 18 Jun 82 - 10 Apr 84  
Col Hal P. Henning 11 Apr 84 - 16 Jan 86  
Col Eben D. Jones 17 Jan 86 - 7 Feb 88  
Col Timothy F. McConnell 8 Feb - 10 Aug 88  
Col Michael C. Short 11 Aug 88 - 8 Jan 90  
Col Joe DeGrande, Jr. 9 Jan 90 - 30 Mar 92  
MajGen Eugene D. Santarelli 1 Apr 92 - 8 Sep 93  
BrigGen Lansford E. Trapp, Jr. 9 Sep 93 - 14 Aug 94  
BrigGen Roger R. Radcliff 15 Aug 94 - 24 Sep 95  
Col Barry W. Barksdale 25 Sep 95 - 29 Jun 97  
Col John D.W. Corley 30 Jun 97 - 14 May 99  
Col Bobby J. Wilkes 15 May 99 - 28 Jun 01  
Col Paul G. Schafer 29 Jun 01 - 27 Feb 03  
Col Lawrence A. Stutzriem 28 Feb 03 - 28 Jul 04  
Col Michael W. Spencer 29 Jul 04 - 17 Aug 06  
Col Ronald K. Laughbaum 18 Aug 06 - 09 Jul 08  
Col Paul T. Johnson 10 July 08 - 08 July 10  
Col John A. Cherrey 08 July 10 - 18 Jun 12  
Col Kevin E. Blanchard 10 Aug 12 - 1 Aug 14  
Col James P. Meger - 1 Aug 14 - 5 Aug 16  
Col Scott C. Campbell - 5 Aug 16 - 02 July 18  
Col Michael R. Drowley - 2 Jul 18 - 30 Jun 20  
Col Joseph Turnham - 30 Jun 20 - 30 Jun 22  
Col Scott Mills - 30 Jun 22 - Present



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### **AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED**

#### **355TH FIGHTER GROUP**

Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Jul 43 - Mar 44

North American P-51B/C/D/K Mustang Mar 44 - Aug 46

#### **355TH FIGHTER GROUP (AIR DEFENSE)**

North American F-86D/L Saber Aug 55 - Dec 57

#### **355TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING**

Republic F-105D/F Thunderchief Aug 62 - Dec 70

Douglas EB-66 Destroyer Nov 65 - 66

Douglas RB-66 Destroyer 1966 - 1970

General Dynamics F-111A Mar - Nov 68

#### **355TH FIGHTER WING**

McDonnell-Douglas F-4C Phantom II Jul - Dec 71

Vought A-7D Corsair II Oct 71 - Oct 79

Lockheed DC-130A Hercules Jul 71 - Jul 76

Lockheed RC -130A Hercules 1975 - Jul 76

Sikorsky CH-3E Jolly Green Giant 1972 - Jul 76

Ryan AQM-34 Firebee Jul 71 - Jul 76

Ryan BGM-34 Firebee 1974 -19 75

Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II Mar 76 - present

Lockheed EC-130H Compass Call May 92 - Oct 03

Lockheed EC-130E ABCCC Jul 94 - 1 Oct 03

HH-60G Pave hawk 14 Mar - 1 Oct 03