

THRIVE

IN WICHITA FALLS &
AT SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE



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INTRODUCTION

In this section we introduce the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the inspiration for this guide: Five & Thrive.

FIVE&THRIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

This section will help you to discover both on and off-base resources related to the five key quality-of-life issues that affect military families: childcare, education, healthcare, housing and spouse employment.

ADDITIONAL BASE RESOURCES

In this section discover additional resources at Sheppard AFB like the Military and Family Readiness Center, Fitness Centers, Legal and more! You'll also find a guide to the two wings and a base map.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

In this section discover additional resources within the local community, including those from the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and other agencies.

For the most recent version visit: <https://www.wichitafallschamber.com/military>
This guide is intended to be used as a living digital document. You will find many active links to additional information. For questions, comments or printing guidance, please email kaycee@wichitafallschamber.com.

INTRODUCTION



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On behalf of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, we want to welcome you to Wichita Falls and the Sheppard Air Force Base community.

We're so glad you're here! No matter what base you came from, or what state or country you grew up in, or what branch of the military you represent, we are honored to have you as a part of our community.

In the enclosed pages you will find our version of the Thrive Guide, which was created by spouses for spouses as a comprehensive resource to support spouses at all levels, no matter what base they might be affiliated with. Our version provides resources for military families that are specific to the local community of Wichita Falls and Sheppard Air Force Base.

The Thrive Guide is part of Five & Thrive, an initiative championed by Mrs. Sharene Brown, spouse of the current 21st Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Thrive Team. This initiative tackles the top five quality of life issues military families face, so that we can create a culture where all military families thrive.

The work that you do is important to our entire community, and we are proud to be home to Sheppard Air Force Base. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice and your support to the country, the military, and your community.

Ron Kitchens
Chief Executive Officer

Kaycee Denny
Partner, Military Team



Helping military communities tackle the top five quality-of-life issues

THE FIVE

CHILDCARE | EDUCATION | HEALTHCARE | HOUSING | SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

THE WHY

Military family quality of life has strategic implications for our military and national security as it directly impacts recruitment, readiness, and retention.

THE PLAN

Five Lines of Effort:

- ★ Advocate for Quality-of-Life Improvements
- ★ Foster Community Partnerships
- ★ Consolidate Quality-of-Life Resources in a One-Stop Shop
- ★ Educate Military Families on Existing Efforts and Best Practices
- ★ Promote the Exceptional Value of the Military-Connected Spouse

THE MODEL

Military Community Quality-of-Life Experience (QX)

Five & Thrive empowers stakeholders to adopt the QX model. This innovative strategy brings military leaders, military-connected families, and community partners together to collaboratively tackle the top five quality-of-life issues.



In the trenches of our mission lies a fundamental truth – the strength and readiness of our military families are not just essential components of our societal fabric, they are critical pillars of our national security.

Marion Wilcox
**Co-founder &
Executive Director**



The Bottom Line: Five & Thrive strengthens our national security.

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ALL MILITARY FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO:

- ★ Safe and affordable **childcare**.
- ★ Quality **education**, seamless educational transitions during relocations, and equitable resources for special education and other essential services.
- ★ Quality **healthcare**, including mental health services for the whole family.
- ★ Safe and affordable **housing**.
- ★ Equitable and meaningful **employment** for every military-connected spouse.



THE STATISTICS



Over **80%** of active duty families have difficulty finding **childcare**.¹

Most military children will attend **6 to 9** different schools during their K through 12 **education**.²



Almost **30%** of military families reported lack of **spouse employment** as a contributing factor to their financial stress.

21%

Military spouse unemployment rates are more than **3x** the national rate.³

6%



Military spouses reported **childcare** being too expensive as the top reason they are not working.

More than **60%** of military families are burdened with paying more than they can comfortably afford for **housing**.³

+\$200



Out of the 60%, **80%** reported monthly housing expenses not covered by their BAH were in excess of \$200 out-of-pocket/month.³



Nearly **1 out of 4** active duty military families report they do not receive mental **healthcare**, but would like to.

44% indicated that finding an available provider was a reason they do not receive care.³

Although the order and degree of these five issues vary from installation to installation, they consistently rise to the top according to feedback from military families and surveys from multiple organizations. Note: Members of Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) are impacted in unique ways by each of the "Five & Thrive" QoL issues.

1 2021 Military Family Advisory Network: Military Family Support Programming Survey Executive Summary

2 Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3): Guide for Parents, School Officials and Public Administrators

3 Blue Star Families: Military Family Lifestyle Survey 2022 Comprehensive Report Executive Summary

4 National Military Spouse Network: Solving the Military Spouse Employment Puzzle: Seven Recommendations for the Future of Work

FIVE & THRIVE
IN OUR
COMMUNITY

CHILDCARE

Sheppard Air Force Base

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC): 940.676.2038

The Sheppard AFB CDC offers full day care for infants, pre-toddlers, preschoolers, and toddlers. Care must be requested online at MilitaryChildcare.com.

MADRIGAL YOUTH CENTER: 940.676.5437

The Madrigal Youth Center Program consists of Open Recreation, Sports, and the School Age Program. They provide care and activities for children in kindergarten through high school. School Age programs include Before School Care, After School Care, and Hourly Care. Care must be requested online at MilitaryChildcare.com.

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAM (FCC): 940.676.5437

Family Childcare is regular care of a child in the home of another family. FCC providers can also offer free child care for extended duty, deployments and PCS.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (NPSP): 940.676.2271

The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) is a free service designed to help expectant parents and families with children from birth to three years of age. The program is designed to assist parents with challenging and changing roles as mother, father, and family. It is a benefit you are entitled to receive. NPSP services are provided to enhance development of all family members, promote positive parent skills and to help maintain healthy families. Services are available for military members and eligible beneficiaries.

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TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: CHILD CARE

Search for a Licensed Child Care Center or a Licensed or Registered Child Care Home.

TEXAS RISING STAR

The Texas Rising Star program is a quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) for child care programs participating in the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Child Care Services program.

Texas Rising Star certification is available to licensed centers and licensed and registered child care home facilities that meet the certification criteria.

The Texas Rising Star program offers three levels of quality certification (Two-Star, Three-Star, and Four-Star) to encourage child care and early learning programs to attain progressively higher levels of quality. These certification levels are tied to graduated enhanced reimbursement rates for children receiving child care scholarships.

EDUCATION

Sheppard Air Force Base

EDUCATION OFFICE: 940.676.6231

The Education Office provides educational guidance and counseling, military testing and training to Sheppard Airmen, families, and retirees.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE (SLO): 940.676.6774

The Air Force School Liaison Office (SLO) helps parents ease the impact of the mobile military lifestyle for their children. The SLO provides information prior to a move, upon arrival and while stationed at an installation. One of the important roles of the School Liaison is to connect families, schools and the military community in order to facilitate the educational transition and academic experience of military children.

Mike Wenk: michael.wenk@us.af.mil

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

[Texas Education Agency](#)

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS (ISD)

[Wichita Falls ISD](#)

[Burkburnett ISD](#)

[City View Independent School District](#)

[Iowa Park CISD](#)

[Holliday ISD](#)

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

[Christ Academy Wichita Falls](#)

[Chesterton Academy of Wichita Falls](#)

[Dexter](#)

[Holy Family Classical Academy](#)

[Wichita Christian School](#)

HOME SCHOOL

[Home Educators Around Texoma \(H.E.A.T\)](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION

[Vernon College](#)

[Midwestern State University](#)

[Wayland Baptist Wichita Falls](#)

Texas State Resources

MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCES | TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

The Texas Education Agency recognizes the need to provide information about available resources to students, parents, and educators to assist with navigating transitions to new schools, communities, and repeated cycles of separation and reunion.

TEXAS VETERANS HAZELWOOD ACT

The Hazlewood Act is a State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does NOT include living expenses, books, or supply fees.

HEALTHCARE

Sheppard Air Force Base

82d MEDICAL GROUP

- MHS GENESIS Patient Portal
- Appointment Line: 940.676.CARE (2273), or toll free: 877.676.CARE (2273)
- Patient Advocate: 940.676.1161
- Pharmacy Information: 940.676.6310
 - Activate a Prescription:
 - In Person
 - Via Text: Text "Get in line" to 1-833-429-4972

MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS (MFLC): 940.676.4358

Provides free short-term, non-medical counseling for service members and their families. Services are confidential and private, except for duty-to-warn situations.

- Adult
 - 80th FTW: LaShanna Larkins, 940.326.2184
 - 82d TRW: Mindy Kalpheke, 940.304.7246
 - 362d TRS: Robin Franklin, 940.344.1322
- CDC/Youth Center
 - Casey Little, 940.237.3057
- Sheppard Elementary
 - Jamie Estrada, 940.882.0890
- John Tower Elementary
 - Amanda Walton, 940.328.2043

CHAPLAIN CORPS (COUNSELING)

- Normal Business Hours
 - 940.676.0014 or 940.676.4370
- Emergencies (After Hours/Weekends)
 - 940.676.6266

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (FAP): 940.676.2271

Family Advocacy Program (FAP) personnel provide a continuum of services designed to build community health and resilience and promote family, community, and mission readiness by reducing domestic abuse and child maltreatment. Services are available for military members and eligible beneficiaries. FAP offers family assessments, case management, safety, and intervention planning. Additional services include, individual/couples therapy, new parent support services, and anger management.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP): 940.676.5100

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is designed to provide support to military family members with special needs. EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that protects federal entitlements and military benefits of special needs family members.

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TRICARE AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY ROOMS

- United Regional Healthcare System: 1610 11th Street
- Kell West Regional Hospital: 5420 Kell West Blvd.

TRICARE AUTHORIZED LOCAL URGENT CARE FACILITIES:

- Community Med Family Urgent Care: 940.488.4616
 - 3210 Midwestern Pkwy. # 500
 - Patients: 3 mos and up
 - X-ray available
- Affordacare Urgent Care Clinic: 940.557.5320
 - 3701 Fairway Blvd.
 - Patients: 1 year and up
 - X-ray available
- Integrity Urgent Care: 940.757.0234
 - 4518 Kemp Blvd.
 - Patients: All ages – including infants/no age restrictions.
 - X-ray available
- United Regional Care Plus: 940.764.5275
 - 4327 Barnett Road, Suite A
 - Patients: 6 mos and up
 - X-ray available
- Clinics of North Texas: 940.766.3551
 - 5010 Midwestern Parkway, Suite E
 - Patients: 6mos and up
 - X-ray available
- *ER NOW is **NOT** an authorized facility. **DO NOT USE.***

RED RIVER HOSPITAL: MILITARY RESILIENCY UNIT: 866.486.0702

The MRU provides focused care for substance abuse, addiction and a wide range of additional mental and behavioral health concerns to active-duty members of the armed forces, veterans, and certain adult dependents.

STARRY COUNSELING: 940.386.9546

Starry's Family and Youth Success (FAYS) Program offers free counseling services to families with children up to 17 years old. They provide short-term, strengths-based counseling.

Texas State Resources

NAVIGATE LIFE TEXAS: RESOURCES FOR MILITARY FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Navigate Life Texas is supported by the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) to inform and empower parents of children with disabilities or special health care needs. Visit the website above for a list of resources related to the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), new assignments, getting organized for a military move, helping your child through changes, military insurance, and more!

HOUSING

Sheppard Air Force Base

Your first contact should be the military housing office (MHO) at the new installation to learn of the housing options available to you at the time of your move.

SHEPPARD MILITARY HOUSING OFFICE: 940.676.1840

The Military Housing Office (MHO) provides housing referral and relocation support to all eligible military members and their families. The Housing Early Assistance Tool (HEAT) streamlines the process for service members to get information about on and off base housing and to begin the process of applying for Privatized Family Housing.

SHEPPARD AFB HOMES: 940.613.0709

Learn more about the neighborhoods at Sheppard AFB, including their amenities, view floor plans and photos.

Privatized Housing Resident Advocate: Dixie Harding:

dixie.harding@us.af.mil, 940-676-HOME(4663)

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HOMES.mil

Search for local area rentals through this rental database, which is exclusive for the military. This database is accessible to all property managers after proper registration.

WICHITA FALLS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

This website can be used to search for local realtors, rental homes and homes for sale in the local area.

LOCAL APARTMENTS

You can search for local apartments using websites like Zillow or Apartments.com.

Texas State Resources

TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD

The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) provides the most robust state benefits package in the nation for Texas Veterans, Military Members and their families. The VLB offers assistance in the form of loans, land sales, long-term care, cemeteries and more.

SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

Sheppard Air Force Base

MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS CENTER (M&FRC): 940.676.4358.

The M&FRC offers one-on-one career coaching to assist with job search, resume review, LinkedIn, individualized professional development, interview preparation and more!

Community Readiness Specialist: Robin Westbrook:
robin.westbrook.3@us.af.mil, 940.676.5114

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WICHITA FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JOBS BOARD

The Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce manages this job board which has a list of job postings in the local area. The Chamber can also distribute resumes for military spouses to our Human Resources Council. To utilize this service please contact Kaycee Denny,
kaycee@wichitafallschamber.com

SHEPPARD AFB HOH MILITARY SPOUSE PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

This virtual network is part of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Hiring Our Heroes programming and is managed by the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce's military liaison. This exclusive, free forum for professional development, community support, information sharing and networking addresses the unique challenges faced by military spouses.

**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS NORTH TEXAS - MILITARY FAMILY
SUPPORT PROGRAM: 940.322.1801**

Workforce Solutions North Texas is proud to serve our local active duty and veteran spouses with a variety of services, including but not limited to job search assistance, resume writing, and interview skills, as well as a broad spectrum of services and training offered through the Workforce Center upon eligibility. These services are provided at no cost to you.

ADDITIONAL BASE RESOURCES

CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

Cinderella's Closet is located inside the Sheppard Thrift Shop. Cinderella's Closet offers formal and semi-formal dresses for loan to military members, GS employees, and dependents of both. With over 500 dresses in stock ranging in style, color and size, you are sure to find a dress for the event you are attending. For more information or to schedule an appointment please send a message via the [SSC Cinderella's Closet Facebook](#) page or via email at ssc.cinderellascloset@gmail.com

THE COMMONS

The Commons is home to community programs, [ITI](#) (Information, Tickets, & Travel) the [library](#), the [engraving shop](#) and [Common Grounds Coffee Shop](#) . They also have an indoor playground and children's library! You can also renew your ID at the commons at the kiosk.

FITNESS CENTERS

Sheppard AFB is home to Pitsenbarger Fitness Center and Levitow Fitness Center. Both centers have a variety of cardio and strength equipment, aerobics rooms, basketball courts, racquetball courts, and lock room facilities. They also offer equipment rentals, orientations, personal training, and aerobics classes free of charge.

- The [Levitow Fitness Center](#) mainly serves the permanent party population, including active-duty military and their dependents, TDY, retirees, and Depart of Defense employees. The Levitow also offers 24-hour access for eligible cardholders, as well as a parent-child room for parents with children six and under.
- The [Pitsenbarger Fitness Center](#) is open to all SAFB populations, including Airmen in Training. The Pitsenbarger also offers DV locker rooms for distinguished visitors and those ranking O-6/E-9 and above.

MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS CENTER (M&FRC): 940.676.4358

- Arrive & Thrive (HeartLink)
 - Arrive & Thrive is the Heart Link here at Sheppard that provides information on things specific to Sheppard AFB. It's about 1 ½ hour brief and then an information fair so that you can speak one on one with agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce, the school liaison and the Chaplains, to name a few.
- Bundles for Babies
 - This monthly program is designed for soon to be and new parents, providing them with information about healthcare, childcare, financial readiness and local resources (WIC, lactation consultants, birthing options, etc.). All attendees also receive handmade items, and for those who qualify, they also receive a voucher from the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS).
- Hearts Apart
 - This program provides events for families who have a member currently deployed, returned home in the past 30 days or preparing to go in the next 30 days. These events are provided at no cost to families. Please contact the Military & Family Readiness Center for upcoming events.
- Financial Readiness
 - The Military and Family Readiness Center has 6 certified counselors on staff to educate and assist military families with budgeting, debt consolidation, credit repair, car/house buying, investing and more!
- Key Support Liaisons (KSLs)
 - Key Support Liaisons (KSLs) are volunteers within your spouses' unit that are appointed by the Commander and serve as a resource for Air Force families, serving as a link between unit leadership and families and providing peer-to-peer support. If you are unsure who your Key Support Liaison is, please contact the Military & Family Readiness Center.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE OFFICE: 940.676.7272
(24/7)

The SAPR offices provides assistance, advocacy, support, and empowerment to those who have experienced sexual assault and harassment and to prevent sexual violence in our community through education and intervention.

SHEPPARD SPOUSES' CLUB

The Sheppard Spouses' Club is a non-profit organization established as a 501(c)4. They support military families through volunteerism, social engagements, and charitable contributions. The Spouses Club is a joint club that welcomes retiree, enlisted and officer spouses.

SHEPPARD THRIFT SHOP

Sheppard Thrift Shop is owned and operated by the Sheppard Spouses' Club. Proceeds from the Sheppard Thrift Shop are used to help the SSC award scholarships to military spouses and dependent children, give charitable grants to our community as well as support our military spouses through monthly activities. The Shop takes donations during open hours and consignments during specific hours with a 30/70 split. Stop in and ask for details. Volunteering at the Sheppard Thrift Shop is a great way to connect to the Sheppard community and other spouses!

SHEPPARD AFB COMMISSARY

Located in Building 120, between the Exchange and the Sheppard Thrift Shop. Please visit the website for store information.

SHEPPARD AFB EXCHANGE

The base features both the Sheppard Main Exchange, as well as the Mini Mall and Base Theatre. Follow them on [Facebook](#) for the most up to date information and showtimes.

SHEPPARD AFB LEGAL OFFICE: 940.676.2312

The legal office offers walk-in services for notaries and powers of attorney. The drafting of wills and advice on personal civil legal matters are by appointment only. Legal professionals can advise on matters such as financial affairs; family law to include marriage or divorce; immigration; Service Members Civil Relief Act; and wills. Attorneys, however, cannot give advice on behalf of a third-party, criminal proceedings, or grievances made against the government or affiliates.

The [Air Force Base Legal Assistance](#) website is an additional resource for military members. This website is an invaluable resource with information on a multitude of common legal issues.

Additionally, the website allows members to fill out power of attorney worksheets in the convenience of their own home, which in turn speeds up their legal office visit. Just be sure to copy the 8-digit ticket number accurately so when you come in we can pull up your power of attorney worksheet.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Weather in the local area can sometimes be unpredictable, but Sheppard AFB is committed to monitoring weather conditions. When severe weather hits be sure to check the main website, as well as the [Facebook page](#) for updates.

82d TRAINING WING



82d Training Wing (TRW) Top 3 Leadership
Wing Commander
Deputy Commander
Command Chief

Squadrons and Agencies under the 82d TRW
82 TRSS, 82 Comptroller Squadron, Chaplain, Command Post, Public Affairs,
Judge Advocate, Equal Opportunity, Inspector General, SAPR, etc.

Training Groups (TRG) and their Training Squadrons (TRS)



982 TRG

367, 372, 373

*Maintenance training in
the field with units all
over the globe!*



782 TRG

364, 365, 366, 368

*Training new Airmen on
civil engineering, POL,
avionics, and Cyber.*



82 TRG

359, 361, 362, 363, 532

*Training new Airmen on
AFLOS, aircraft
maintenance, munitions,
ICBMs, etc.*

Support Groups and their Squadrons



82 Medical Group

82 OMRS, 82 HCOS

*All medical care, Doctors,
Nurses, Lab Techs,
Optometry, Pharmacy,
Tricare, Physical Therapy, etc.*



82 Mission Support Group

82 FSS, 82 SFS, 82 CE, 82 CS, 82 LRS, 82 CONS
*Defenders, Civil Engineering, Communications,
Logistics, Contracting, Youth Center, CDC,
Sheppard Events Center, etc.*

80th FLYING TRAINING WING



80th Flying Training Wing (FTW) Top 3 Leadership
Wing Commander
Deputy Commander
Command Chief

Training and developing the next generation of pilots! The 80th FTW drives the Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) Program, hosting countries such as Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States.

80th Operations Group and their Flying Training Squadrons



Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) for the T-6

89 FTS and 459 FTS

This training lasts about 6 months.



Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) for the T-38

90 FTS and 469 FTS

This training lasts about 6 months.



Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF)

88 FTS

This is completed after receiving Wings from graduating UPT and if a fighter aircraft slot was awarded at Drop Night.



T-6 UPT, T-38 UPT, and IFF

97 FTS

A Reserve squadron of instructors that assist both the UPT and IFF missions.

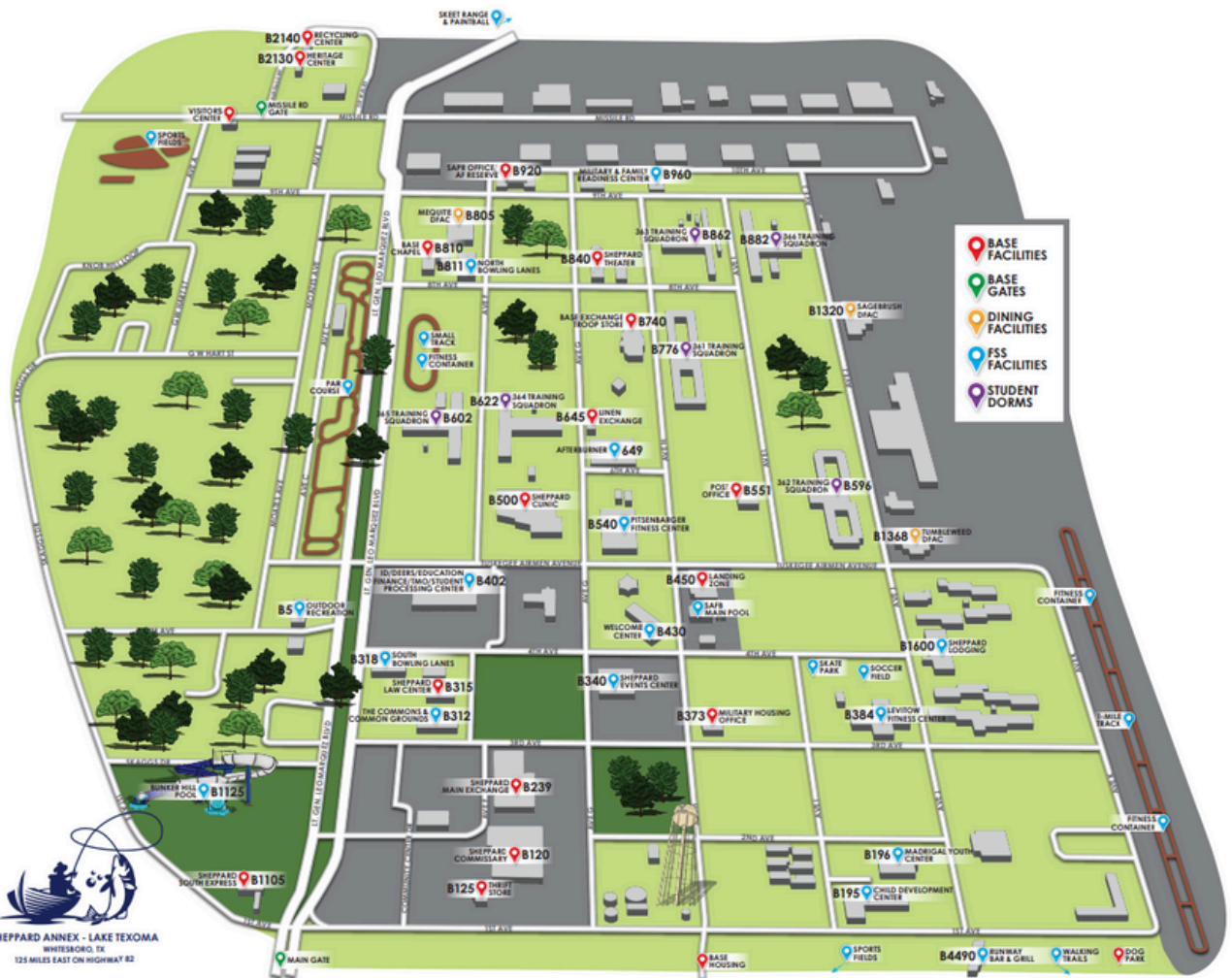


80th Operations Support Squadron



Aerospace Physiology Flight
Aircrew Flight Equipment Flight
Airfield Operations Flight
Weather Flight

SHEPPARD AFB MAP



ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WICHITA FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Not only does the Wichita Falls Chamber endeavor to make businesses successful so our community can thrive, they also aim to bridge the gap between Sheppard Air Force Base and the community, supporting military families in all stages of life. Between programs for employment, community connection, military discounts, resources, advocacy and more, the Chamber is answering the call to best serve our military affiliates now and in the future. Sign up for their newsletter, Falls Forward, [here](#).

RELOCATION GUIDE: WICHITA FALLS CHAMBER

Our city is filled to the brim with business professionals, entrepreneurs, families of all ages, college students, military families, airmen in training and artists! We invite you to take a stroll to the Falls, walk the historic downtown to see the renowned World's Littlest Skyscraper and dine on local cuisine. We know you'll fall in love with Wichita Falls! Begin your introduction to Wichita Falls with our Relocation Guide.

MILITARY FRIENDLY BUSINESSES: WICHITA FALLS CHAMBER

Looking for a military discount? Check out this tab on the Chamber website for local businesses that support Team Sheppard.

HIDDEN GEMS: WICHITA FALLS CHAMBER

Hidden Gems are free workshops designed to introduce military members and spouses to the Wichita Falls area. Fill out the form to begin your involvement in the program and receive regular updates from our [Military Team](#).

DISCOVER WICHITA FALLS

Presented by the Wichita Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, explore all that Wichita Falls has to offer from food and drink, to shopping, sports, historical places, and hotels. Be sure to view their visitors guide for an in depth look at upcoming events!

TEXAS VETERANS NETWORK

The Texas Veterans Network (TVN) is a statewide collaborative of more than 250 veteran-serving community-based organizations and government agencies that holistically serve the veteran and military community. There are more than 1,100 resources for the military and veteran community. The TVN serves active duty, reservists, National Guard, veterans from all services and family members.

TEXAS MILITARY AND VETERAN BENEFITS

Texas offers special benefits for Service members, Veterans and their Families including property tax exemptions, state retirement benefits, Veterans Land Board loan programs, Texas National Guard Tuition Scholarship Program, Veterans employment preference, vehicle license plates, as well as hunting and fishing license benefits. Eligibility for some benefits may depend on residency, military component and Veteran disability status.

FACEBOOK PAGES OF INTEREST

[Sheppard AFB PCS Pay-it-Forward](#)

[Sheppard AFB Real Estate](#)

[Sheppard Spouses](#)

[Sheppard AFB Pregnancy & New Moms Community](#)

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