

# Welcome

Home of the 367th Fighter Squadron

*“Vultures, Death from Above!”*

Homestead Air Reserve Base



Congratulations on your selection for assignment to Homestead ARB, FL!

This guide will provide you with information about on-base and off-base facilities, contact information for the Fighter Squadron and local agencies, how to find a house, guidance about the local area, and things to do.

# Commander's Welcome Letter:



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
367TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (ACC)  
HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE FLORIDA

29 August 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR 367 FS INBOUNDS

FROM: 367 FS/CC

SUBJECT: Welcome to Homestead Air Reserve Base

1. Congratulations on your assignment to Homestead Air Reserve Base! I hope you are as excited to be here, as we are to have you. This will be one of your most exciting and rewarding assignments in your career.
2. The 367th Fighter Squadron is the regular Air Force (RegAF) active duty on Homestead ARB. We are embedded within the 482nd Fighter Wing (Reserve) under Total Force Integration (TFI) initiative. TFI units embed active duty personnel with their Reserve counterparts, just as Reserve personnel have embedded with various active duty units through the Air Force for many years. This relatively new squadron consists of over 170 Airmen encompassing 23 different AFSC's. 367 FS provides manpower to various units within the 482nd FW, but reports directly to the 495th Fighter Group as part of the Ninth Air Force, located at Shaw AFB, SC.
3. Living in South Florida and working at Homestead ARB have many benefits but also some significant differences from a traditional assignment. For instance, Homestead ARB does not have the same support structures you have probably grown accustomed to. Housing, medical care, schools and base support amenities are either non-existent or significantly limited from an active duty base. Despite some of these limitations, there are many people working diligently to ensure your needs are met and to create a positive experience. Nobody knows your family and individual needs better than you. It is imperative that you read the attached sponsorship package and communicate with your sponsor early and often. Please advise us on how we can help you make this PCS as smooth and seamless as possible.

If you have not received a sponsor within two months of your arrival; please contact the Commander Support Staff (CSS) or our First Sergeant:

CSS Email: [anawati.jaggernath@us.af.mil](mailto:anawati.jaggernath@us.af.mil) or [dariel.silveiro@us.af.mil](mailto:dariel.silveiro@us.af.mil)  
Phone: Comm (786) 415-7885 DSN 535-7885

First Sergeant: SMSgt Richard Keane  
Email: [richard.keane@us.af.mil](mailto:richard.keane@us.af.mil)  
Phone: Comm (786) 415-8698 DSN 535-8698

Congratulations again, we look forward to having you here!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan B. Ley", is located below the text of the letter.

RYAN B. LEY, Lt Col, USAF  
Commander

# *On and Off-Base Information*

Unfortunately, due to the bases destruction during Hurricane Andrew in August of 1992, Homestead ARB does not offer the same amenities as you would find at a typical Active Duty base. There is no Commissary, Post Office, Base Exchange, Hospital, Temporary Living Facility (TLF), or Child development Center (CDC). The 367th FS is located in Homestead, FL but our servicing MPS is at Shaw AFB, SC so for Finance, TMO, Education, and Career Assistance you will need to contact them at the numbers provided on page 3. There is however, an AAFES Express with a gas station and Clothing Sales on base. Sizes and stock are in limited supply, so be sure that your uniforms are in good order before you arrive because there may be a wait time to get items.

Our inbound Airmen coming from Technical Schools should secure lodging reservations prior to their arrival while our First Sergeant secures their contracted housing. We do not have traditional dormitories, but we do have privatized town homes within the local community that our First Term Airmen reside.

After you settle in, you will need to call Tricare East at 1-800-444-5445 and have them enroll you to the SOUTHCOM Clinic with the PCM being Roger Williams. Since there is no hospital on HARB, your family/dependents will be seen 100% locally and will be under Prime Remote. This means that you will have to get on [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) and find a provider for your family. Active Duty members will be seen for Physical Assessments, Immunizations, and Sick Call at the small clinic on base. The address to have your Medical Records forwarded to is:

U.S. SOUTHCOM Health Clinic  
9301 NW 33rd Street  
Miami, FL 33172

Billenting at HARB is single occupancy, and lodging at Homestead Inn does not allow pets. This means that if you have dependents (though please remember, pets are not dependents), you will have to get a non-availability letter from lodging before securing off-base reservations. There are many family-friendly hotels in the area but it is important that you make your reservation early. Without that letter, you will be forced to pay whatever rate the off-base hotel offers.

There are many schools in the Homestead area and unfortunately many of them are sub-standard. Be sure to do research on [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org) to ensure that you choose the best option for your children. We do have a contact within the Miami-Dade County Public School Board who is available for any issues you may be having within the district:

Jackeline Fals  
Chief of Staff to Dr. Lawrence Feldman  
Miami Dade County Public School Board  
1450 NE 2 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33132  
JFals-Chew@dadeschools.net  
305-423-5118

If you are not receiving assistance from your sponsor or not getting adequate information, please contact the Sponsorship Program Monitor:

[eric.stites@us.af.mil](mailto:eric.stites@us.af.mil)  
Comm: 786-415-7270 DSN: 535-7270

# The Local Homestead Area

One of the most important items on your plate when you arrive at Homestead ARB will be finding a place to live. Even if you are renting, it is very important to save up some money now so that you will be able to make a quick transition to your new home once you find it. Most Landlords will require 1st month's rent, last month's rent, as well as a security deposit (usually equaling 1 month rent) prior to you moving in. So for a house costing \$1,800 per month to rent, you are looking at \$5,400 just in move-in fees. You will also be responsible for any Home Owner's Association (HOA) application fees as well as pet deposits if you have them. As you can imagine, this is a hefty bill to deal with during a PCS. Another reason to be prepared when it comes to your move is the fact that the military will pay for you to stay in billeting for 10 days after you arrive, so working with a realtor before your arrival is important. Florida State Law mandates any approval or disapproval for military member MUST occur within 7 days under Florida Statute s.750.01, so make sure your realtor informs the property managers of your military status.

As you can see in the chart, the BAH rates for our area are quite high, so you can expect rent to be high as well. It is recommended for single airmen to use the First Sergeant and Flight Chiefs find roommates to share a house with and save the extra BAH to offset the high cost of living and substantiate some amenities our installation does not offer.

2018 BAH	w/o DEP	w/DEP
AB-SRA	\$1761.00	\$2298.00
SSGT	\$2076.00	\$2346.00
TSGT	\$2247.00	\$2463.00
MSGT	\$2295.00	\$2556.00

Below is a chart of some local communities for your convenience. These

are simply given as a starting point, and does not constitute a promotion of services for any particular agency, listed or not. It is HIGHLY recommended that to utilize a Real Estate Agent during your house hunting, before you arrive on station. They are experts in the area and will help steer you in the right direction.

Name	Management Address	Phone Number	Web Address
Waterstone	4002 Waterstone Way Homestead, FL 33033	305-247-3339	<a href="http://www.waterstonegrand.com">www.waterstonegrand.com</a>
Isles of Oasis	171 NE 30th Road Homestead, FL 33033	786-349-1580	<a href="http://www.easthomesteadcdd.com">www.easthomesteadcdd.com</a>
Palm Breeze	1140 SE 24 <sup>th</sup> Road Homestead, FL 33035	770-493-4848	<a href="http://www.palmbreezekeysgate.com">www.palmbreezekeysgate.com</a>
Malibu Bay	1020 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave Homestead, FL 33033	305-247-8859	<a href="http://www.malibubaycdd.com">www.malibubaycdd.com</a>
Crystal Lakes	677 NE 35 <sup>th</sup> Ave Homestead, FL 33033	305-647-6197	<a href="http://www.apartmentrentals.com">www.apartmentrentals.com</a>
Keys Gate	888 Kingmen Road Homestead, FL 33035	305-230-0000	<a href="http://www.keysgatehometown.com">www.keysgatehometown.com</a>
Villa Portofino	968 NE 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave Homestead, FL 33033	305-230-5555	<a href="http://www.villaportofinoeast.com">www.villaportofinoeast.com</a>

# *The Local Homestead Area: Attractions*

Homestead is home to many local attractions such as the Homestead-Miami Speedway, Everglades National Park, and the Everglades Alligator Farm. Local shopping includes specialty shops like the Knaus Berry Farm and Robert Is Here as well as popular department stores and small boutique shops. Looking for a change of pace? Homestead Bayfront Park followed by a dinner at Schnebly Redlands Winery is the perfect way to enjoy some relaxation. No matter your tastes, there is something for you here in your own backyard.



Homestead Miami  
Speedway

[www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com](http://www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com)

866-409-7223



Coral Castle

[www.coralcastle.com](http://www.coralcastle.com)

305-248-6345



Everglades  
Outpost Wildlife  
Rescue

[www.evergladesoutpost.org](http://www.evergladesoutpost.org)

305-247-8000



Everglades  
Alligator Farm

[www.everglades.com](http://www.everglades.com)

305-247-2628



Homestead  
Bayfront Park

[www.miamidade.gov/parks/homestead-bayfront.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/homestead-bayfront.asp)

305-230-3033



Everglades  
National Park

[www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm)

305-242-7700



Fruit and Spice  
Park

[www.fruitandspicepark.org](http://www.fruitandspicepark.org)

305-247-5727



Knaus Berry Farm

[www.knausberrymfarm.com](http://www.knausberrymfarm.com)

305-247-0668



Robert Is Here

[www.robertishere.com](http://www.robertishere.com)

305-246-1592



Schnebly  
Redland's Winery  
and Brewery

[www.schnebywinery.com](http://www.schnebywinery.com)

305-242-1224

# Squadron Office Listing

## 367 FS Command Section

	Personnel	Phone	Bldg	Rm
CC	Lt Col Ryan Ley	x8700	191	150
CCC	SMSgt Leskovec	x8697	191	161
CCF	SMSgt Keane	x8698	191	164
CSS	TSgt Jaggernath	x8307	191	167
CSS	SSgt Silveiro	x7085	191	167
UDM	TSgt Davidson	x8149	191	132
UTM	TSgt Stover	x7264	191	172
MED	Lt. Col Peavler	x2053	152	

## Weapons Flight

	Personnel	Phone	Bldg	Rm
Flight Chief	MSgt Cummings	x7586	192	121
Expeditor		x7586	192	118
LSC		x7586	192	119
SLC		x7586	192	119
Training		x7586	192	119
Support		x7853	192	109
Security		x6095	192	120

## APG Flight

	Personnel	Phone	Bldg	Rm
Flight Chief	TSgt Barkley	x7191	200	206
Asst Flt Chief		x7716	200	206
Expeditor		x7191	200	201
Tool Room		x7588	200	113

## Specialists Flight

	Personnel	Phone	Bldg	Rm
Flight Chief	TSgt Maysonet	x6792	200	207
Tool Room		x7588	200	113

## Backshops

	Personnel	Phone	Bldg	Rm
Armament		x7594	192	121
Phase		x7591	192	118
Egress		x7284	192	119
NDI		x7350	192	119
AGE		x7296	192	119
Fuels		x7141	192	109
Engines		x7270	185	

## Munitions Flight

	Personnel	Phone	Bldg	Rm
Flight Chief	MSgt Uncapher	x7358	246	
Training		x7032	246	
MASO		X7896	246	

## Homestead ARB Base Services

Facility	Phone	Bldg
Billeting	x7198	476
Outdoor Recreation	x7092	164
ID Cards	x7058	346
SOC SOUTH/Sick Call	x2061	152
Fire/Rescue	x7117	706
Security Forces LE	x7115	353
Chapel	x7093	471
AAFES Express/Clothing	305-258-3881	142
Alterations	305-258-4488	142

## Shaw AFB MPS

Section	Phone
In-Processing	803-895-1599
Finance	803-895-4977
Career Advisor	803-865-4728
Education	803-895-1838
MPF Customer Service	803-895-1596
Assignments	803-895-1585
Awards and Decorations	803-895-1598
Re-enlistments	803-895-1634
Retirement/Separations	803-895-1395
Area Defense Council	803-895-9530
Military Justice	803-895-1562

## HOMESTEAD ARB

LOCAL NUMBERS  
786-415-XXXX  
DSN  
535-XXXX

## SHAW AFB

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803-895-XXXX  
DSN  
965-XXXX