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Our Military

at MacDill Air Force Base

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE is 8 miles south of Tampa, Florida, on the southwestern tip of the Interbay Peninsula in Hillsborough County. MacDill AFB was established in 1939 as Southeast Air Base, Tampa, under the U.S. Army Air Corps. It was activated officially April 16, 1941, as MacDill Army Base, named in honor of Col. Leslie MacDill, a pioneer of early military aviation. Today it is an Air Mobility Command base capable of rapidly projecting air-refueling power anywhere in the world.

The host wing of MacDill Air Force Base is the 6th Air Refueling Wing. In addition to the 6th Air Refueling Wing, the base is also home to 28 mission partners, including U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command. The presence of these two unified commands and other mission partners creates a unique multiservice community at MacDill, with all branches of the armed forces represented. So, although MacDill is an Air Force base, it is also home to many soldiers, sailors,

Marines and coast guardsmen. Because of this, the base refers to itself as "Team MacDill."

Other mission teammates at MacDill include the Joint Communications Support Element, the 927th Air Refueling Wing and U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command.



Population

According to the base's 2017 Economic Impact Statement, the base is home to 19,906 military personnel, 2,867 civilian personnel and 34,600 military dependents. There is also a large community of approximately 38,000 retirees and spouses of military retirees residing in the local community.

Economic Impact

MacDill AFB's economic impact in fiscal 2017 was \$3.18 billion, leading to an estimated 30,034 jobs created with an estimated value of nearly \$1.4 billion.

HISTORY

MacDill Air Force Base sits on land used as a military staging site during the Spanish-American War (1898) but was not declared a military installation until it was given to the War Department in 1939 by the state of Florida and Hillsborough County. MacDill Field was named for Col. Leslie MacDill, an aviation

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call 813-828-1110.

American Red Cross	
Aquatics	
Arts and Crafts Center	
Auto Hobby Shop	813-373-6545
Bank, Armed Forces	813-840-8254
Bowling Center	813-828-4005
Chapel	813-828-3621
Child Care	
Child Development Center 1	813-828-3332
Child Development Center 2	813-828-2244
Child Development Center 3	813-828-0195
Family Child Care	813-828-7760
Commissary	813-828-3361
Credit Union, Grow Financial Federal	813-837-2451
Dining	
Boomers	813-840-2020
Box Office Bistro	
Diner's Reef	
Fairways Grill	
Rickenbacker's Café & Bar	
SeaScapes Beach House	
Surf's Edge Club	
Ten Pin Grill	
DOD Safe Helpline	
Education and Training Center	
Exceptional Family Member Program	
Exchange	
Fitness Center	
Golf Complex	
Housing	
Family Housing	813-840-2600
Military Housing Office	
Unaccompanied Housing	
Information, Tickets and Travel	
Legal Office	
Leisure Travel Office	
Library	
Lodging, MacDill Inn	
Marina	
Medical Clinic	
Appointments	Q1Q_Q07_007Q
Pharmacy	
Military and Family Readiness Center	
Military OneSource	
Outdoor Recreation	
Post Office	
School Liaison	
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	813-828-7272

Skeet Range	813-488-1244
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Traffic Management Office	813-828-2600
Veterinary Services	813-828-3558
Visitor Reception Center	813-828-2737
Youth Programs	
School Age Care	813-828-5971
Youth Center	813-828-7956
Youth Sponsorship	813-828-7438
Youth Sports	813-828-7958

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE ONLINE

Official site: www.macdill.af.mil
6th Force Support Squadron: www.macdillfss.com

MYBASEGUIDE

Digital Guide

https://www.mybaseguide.com/installation/macdill-afb/



Mobile App

www.mbgapp.com

Download the free MyBaseGuide app to your mobile device and find more information about local health care, education, housing and recreational activities on the Around Town tab for MacDill Air Force Base.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook

www.fb.com/MacDillAirForceBase



Twitter

www.twitter.com/MacDill_AFB

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

- Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
- Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
- 3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information that should not be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.

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pioneer killed in an aircraft accident near Washington, D.C., in 1938, and was dedicated April 16, 1941.

When the United States entered World War II, MacDill Field became a major staging area for Army Air Corps flight crews and aircraft.

In 1942, the base's mission converted from B-17 training to B-26 Marauder training. Nine of the 12 combat groups that flew the B-26 in Europe were activated and trained at MacDill. In 1943, the base returned to B-17 training until the end of the war in 1945. MacDill, like several bases in Florida, was used as a detention camp for German prisoners of war in 1944 and 1945. At the end of World War II, MacDill became an operational base for the Strategic Air Command, training in P-51s, B-29s and B-50s in 1950.

Shortly after the U.S. Air Force was established in 1947, MacDill Field became MacDill Air Force Base. With the arrival of B-47 medium jet bombers and KC-97 tankers in 1951, strategic bombardment and air refueling became the base's primary missions.

MacDill's strategic location, highlighted during the Cuban missile crisis, saved the base from closure in 1960. In 1961, the United States Strike Command was established at MacDill as a unified command with integrated personnel from all branches of the military able to respond to a global crisis. MacDill became a Tactical Air Command base in 1963, and its two combatready F-4 wings were deployed to Vietnam in 1965. MacDill continued as a training base for F-4s and B-57s throughout the 1960s.

In 1972, the U.S. Strike Command was redesignated the U.S. Readiness Command. The F-4s that had been the mainstay since the 1960s were replaced by F-16s in 1979, and between 1979 and 1993 nearly half of all F-16 pilots trained at MacDill. In 1987, the U.S. Readiness Command was replaced by the U.S. Special Operations Command.

In 1991, due to military downsizing, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission ordered MacDill to halt all flying operations by 1993. All of MacDill's F-16s were transferred to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, and based on 1993 legislation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration was then allowed to use MacDill's runway.

MacDill became home to the 6th Air Base Wing in 1994. The primary mission was to operate the base to support the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command as well as tenant and transient units. That same year MacDill became a major staging area for operations in Haiti and became the temporary home for 75 C-130s.



The Haiti mission's success emphasized Mac-Dill's strategic location once again. Congress called for the retention of the airfield and, as part of the deal, assigned an aerial refueling squadron to relocate to MacDill. The 6th became an air refueling wing.

Five years later, the Air Force assigned another facet of air mobility to the wing. In January 2001, the 6th Air Mobility Wing began providing airlift and transport services to the combatant commanders stationed on base who played vital roles in the global war on terrorism.

In 2008, the base wing experienced more changes as part of a major restructuring by the Air Force. MacDill and the 6th welcomed the Air Force Reserve's 927th Air Refueling Wing as a joint partner in the aerial refueling mission at MacDill.

In 2019, MacDill held a redesignation ceremony commencing the transition of the 6th Air Mobility Wing to the 6th Air Refueling Wing.

Today, Team MacDill includes the 6th Air Refueling Wing and 28 associate units from all branches of service to include U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command and the 927th Air Refueling Wing.

ORGANIZATIONS 6TH AIR REFUELING WING

The 6th Air Refueling Wing is capable of rapidly projecting air refueling power anywhere in

the world. Along with worldwide air refueling, the wing provides installation and mission support.

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

As its name implies, U.S. Central Command covers the "central" area of the globe between the European, Africa and Indo-Pacific commands. The command's area of responsibility spans more than 4 million square miles and includes 20 countries in the Middle East and Central and South Asia. This area is populated by more than 550 million people from 22 ethnic groups, speaking 18 languages with hundreds of dialects and confessing multiple religions which transect national borders. The demographics in the area of responsibility create opportunities for tension and rivalry. USCENTCOM is a combatant command that works with national and international partners to promote development and cooperation among nations, respond to crises, and deter or defeat state and transnational aggression in order to establish regional security and stability.

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

U.S. Special Operations Command organizes, trains and equips Special Operations Forces to support U.S. security interests around the world. These forces support persistent, networked and distributed combatant command operations and



campaigns against state and nonstate actors to protect and advance U.S. policies and objectives. The command supports hostage rescue and recovery, counterinsurgency, counterterrorism, civil affairs, military information support operations, security force assistance, special reconnaissance, unconventional warfare, foreign humanitarian assistance, foreign internal defense and more.

JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT

The Joint Communication Support Element immediately deploys to provide early-entry, en route, flexible C4 support (command, control, communications and computers) to regional combatant commands, Special Operations Command and other agencies as directed. The element can provide additional C4 services within 72 hours to support the larger Combined Joint Task Force and Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force headquarters across the full spectrum of operations.

927TH AIR REFUELING WING

The 927th Air Refueling Wing is the premier Air Force Reserve Command associate wing. The mission of the wing is to provide a dedicated and prepared total force team to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace.

U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command is designated as the Marine Corps service component for U.S. Central Command. MARCENT provides Marine Expeditionary Forces capable of conducting a wide range of operations, offering the command a responsive and unique set of capabilities.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater chapter on Page 14 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Tampa International Airport and St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport. Tampa International Airport is the most used airport by incoming personnel and their families.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at MacDill Air Force Base.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for MacDill Air Force Base. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit or call the Military and Family Readiness Center at 813-828-0145.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

From Tampa International Airport

Exit the airport, take the Spruce exit to Dale Mabry, and turn right onto South Dale Mabry. South Dale Mabry will end at the MacDill main gate.

From Interstate 75

Driving from the north on Interstate 75 south, take Interstate 275 south to Exit 41A to south-bound Dale Mabry. Driving from the south on Interstate 75 north, take Exit 256 for state Route 619-Toll/Crosstown Expressway, then take Exit 1B right to South Dale Mabry.

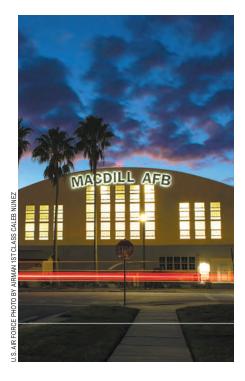
From Interstate 4

Driving from the east on Interstate 4 west, take Interstate 275 south, then take Exit 41A to southbound Dale Mabry.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

When you arrive at MacDill Air Force Base, your first step is to contact your unit. Your supervisor or sponsor will direct you to customer service in the Military Personnel Element. Newcomers arriving on weekdays during normal duty hours must turn in their inprocessing package and a copy of their orders at the Military Personnel Element. The Military Personnel Element will inprocess you to the base and provide you with your unit's specific checklist. If you arrive after hours or on weekends or holidays, go to the 24-hour arrival point, the MacDill Inn.

Your medical records will be reviewed by the medical staff, who will contact you if needed. For finance inprocessing, log on to the Permanent Change of Station In-processing System, known as PIPS, with your common access card on your first day at work. Upon completing the package, forward it to finance. Appointments are scheduled with finance for one-on-one assistance for first-term airmen.



DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR IN-PROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, activeduty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.





Newcomers Orientation Event

All newly assigned members of the 6th Air Refueling Wing must attend the Newcomers' Reception within the first month of arriving. The reception is on the inprocessing checklist and is scheduled by the Military Personnel Element. The reception is open to all newcomers: military personnel, DOD civilians, spouses and their family members. However, it is a mandatory formation for all newly assigned military members.

TEMPORARY LODGING

MacDill Inn

Building 350,

7637 Bayshore Blvd. 813-828-4259 http://af.dodlodging.net/propertys/

MacDill Inn provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for military members and their families who are being assigned to MacDill Air Force Base as well as retired military personnel traveling in Florida.

Reservations for temporary lodging facilities can be made as soon as you receive your orders. The MacDill Inn offers a full range of options, and limited pet-friendly quarters are available.

If you are relocating to MacDill during the high PCS months (May through September), it

is advisable to reserve space at least 60 days in advance. Reservations are taken 24/7 and can be made online or by phone.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

MacDill Clinic

3250 Zemke Ave.

The 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base provides medical care and health and wellness services to a population of more than 215,000 Department of Defense beneficiaries throughout the greater Tampa Bay area. Clinics and services include cardiology, chiropractic, dermatology, disease management, flight medicine, general surgery, immunizations, internal medicine, mental health, nutrition, optometry, pediatrics, primary care, radiology, women's health and more. Visit the website for more information on clinic locations, services and other health care resources.

Dental care is available to active-duty military only. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Military Housing Office 8414 Fortress Drive.......813-828-3166 www.housing.af.mil/Home/Units/MacDill

The MacDill Military Housing Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at MacDill Air Force Base, visit the office for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

Building 370,

2424 Administration Ave.813-828-2790 www.housing.af.mil/Home/Units/MacDill

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each airman is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Dorms at MacDill are three-story, balconyaccessed facilities. Common areas include television rooms, laundry facilities, gaming rooms, a library and a cyber café with free Wi-Fi. MacDill has two dorms in the "Dorms 4 Airmen" style, also known as quads. Each quad contains a private bedroom, walk-in



closet and bathroom, dining area, living room, kitchen and laundry closet.

Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service move into housing in the local community.

MacDill Family Housing

At MacDill Air Force Base, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Harbor Bay at MacDill, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the MacDill privatized housing community, visit the Harbor Bay website.

MAIL

Post Office

8106 Condor St. 813-828-4680

The full-service post office on base provides window service weekdays, and the lockbox lobby is always open. Upon receiving PCS orders, contact the postal service center and complete an AF Form 624 for a change of address. The temporary mailing address is:

Your Name 8106 Condor St. PSC Box 3500 Tampa, FL 33621

PETS

Veterinary Services

Building 936,

7804 Blackbird St.813-828-3558 https://phc.amedd.army.mil/organization/Pages/VtfDetails.aspx?VtfID=70

Pets belonging to personnel who live on Mac-Dill Air Force Base must be registered at the veterinary treatment facility upon arrival. Pets belonging to personnel who live off base must be licensed by the city where they reside. Certain animal breeds are prohibited in on-base housing; contact Harbor Bay at MacDill for more information.

The veterinary treatment facility provides services to pets of military families. The clinic offers many types of routine care services. Due to limited resources, most veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

MacDill Chapel

2204 Administration Ave. 813-828-3621 www.macdill.af.mil/chapel

The U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps is dedicated to preserving your right to worship. It provides, or finds a way to provide, for a broad spectrum of worshippers. If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, it will do its best to assist you.

The MacDill Chapel offers various types of counseling and seminars for premarital, marital, religious, stress, and grief and loss matters. All counseling sessions are covered by privileged communication.

For current service times, visit the chapel's website.

SERVING YOU DINING

Boomers

Building 499,

7315 Bayshore Blvd. 813-840-2020

Box Office Bistro

Building 41,

Florida Keys Avenue 813-840-0084

Diner's Reef

Building 263,

8118 Hillsborough Loop Drive ... 813-828-4998

Fairways Grill

Building 726,

1803 Golf Course Ave. 813-828-1507

Rickenbacker's Café & Bar

Building 350,

7637 Bayshore Blvd. 813-828-7425

SeaScapes Beach House

Building 682,

9951 Marina Bay Drive......813-840-1451

Surf's Edge Club

Building 499,

7315 Bayshore Blvd. 813-840-2020

Ten Pin Grill

Building 298,

event information, visit www.macdillfss.com and click on the "Dining/Lodging" tab.

EDUCATION

Education and Training Center

Building 252,

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Located inside the base library, the Education and Training Center provides educational opportunities and counseling services to all Air Force



members assigned to MacDill Air Force Base, active-duty personnel, DOD civilian employees, adult family members and military retirees. Services include academic advising, information on tuition assistance and financial aid, testing programs and more. Universities represented on base include Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Hillsborough Community College and Saint Leo University.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Child Development Centers

Building 381,

8607 Hangar Loop Drive 813-828-3332 Building 395,

8660 Hangar Loop Drive 813-828-2244 Building 384,

8718 Hangar Loop Drive 813-828-0195 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenu-cy.

aspx?SectionID=500

MacDill's three child development centers offer weekly care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old, and hourly care is available on a space-available basis with reservations. The centers provide a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, cognitive, language and physical development of children. They are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and follow standards set by the Air Force Services Agency.

Fees are based on total family income. Registration and eligibility information can be found at www.militarychildcare.com.

Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 18, 8105 Condor St. 813-828-0122 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-ss. aspx?SectionID=305

This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

Family Child Care

Building 18, 8107 Condor St. 813-828-7760 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-cy. aspx?SectionID=520

Family Child Care provides an alternative to child development centers for families that need evening care, weekend care, care for children with special needs or infants and school-age children, and care during swing and midnight shifts.

The program also offers an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for their children.

FCC providers are well-trained, they and their family members undergo thorough background checks and their homes are inspected for fire safety, health, safety and other requirements. In addition, the homes are monitored on a regular basis by the program staff.

Military and Family Readiness Center

Building 18, 8105 Condor St. 813-828-0145 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-ss. aspx?SectionID=305

The Military and Family Readiness Center is a one-stop information and referral center. It is the cornerstone of the MacDill family support system, helping airmen and their families enhance their readiness and quality of life.

Programs include personal and family readiness and education, financial management and assistance, employment assistance, relocation assistance, transition assistance, volunteer resources, voter assistance and more. Visit the website for a full list of programs and resources.

School Liaison

Building 18, 8105 Condor St. 813-828-0146 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenu-cy. aspx?SectionID=500

The school liaison office is the connection between MacDill Air Force Base families and private and public schools. The office provides support to service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every available opportunity for quality education.

Youth Programs

School Age Care

Building 307,

2410 Florida Keys Ave. 813-828-5971

Youth Center

Building 382,

7813 Bayshore Blvd. 813-828-7956

Youth Sponsorship

Building 382,

7813 Bayshore Blvd. 813-828-7438

Youth Sports

Building 382,

7813 Bayshore Blvd. 813-828-7958 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenu-cy. aspx?SectionID=500

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The MacDill Child & Youth Services Flight offers a variety of activities, clubs and programs for youth and teens.

The School Age Care Program offers care for children in kindergarten through age 12 before and after school and during school breaks and teacher work days.

The Youth Center offers year-round programs to children 9 to 18 years of age. It offers a variety of activities that focus on character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, informal youth sports, and fitness and recreation.

The Youth Sponsorship Program assists youth with transitioning to MacDill Air Force Base, connecting students with fellow students at the base.

Sports programs for youth 3 to 12 years of age help participants develop the fundamental skills for each sport and instill sportsmanship qualities.

For a full list of youth activities, visit the website.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Armed Forces Bank

Building 926,

3108 N. Boundary Blvd. 813-840-8254 www.afbank.com

Grow Financial Federal Credit Union

Building 102,

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Building 299,

8208 Hangar Loop Drive 813-828-4421 www.macdill.af.mil/Units/

Staff-Judge-Advocate-Legal-Office

Legal assistance is available to active-duty personnel (including National Guard personnel and reservists on Title 10 status), their dependents and retired military personnel, regardless of service branch or unit of assignment. Attorney-client confidentiality is strictly observed. The legal office can provide assistance with powers of attorney, notary service, basic wills, living wills, information on other legal matters (bankruptcy, Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, etc.) and referrals for other legal matters.

LIBRARY

MacDill Library

Building 252,

The base library, co-located with the Education and Training Center, loans materials and offers services to all military personnel (active, reserve and retired) and dependents with military ID. Civilians taking classes or working on the base may also use the library. Visit the library's website for information on upcoming events and to search the online catalogue.

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at MacDill Air Force Base, visit the 6th Force Support Squadron online at www. macdillfss.com.

Aquatics

Building 47, Condor Street813-769-9901 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-rc. aspx?SectionID=438





The pool offers open recreational swimming, lap swimming and more. Check the website for hours and information about special events.

Arts and Crafts Center

Buildings 300 and 305, 8223 Hangar Loop Drive 813-828-4413 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-ll. aspx?SectionID=310

Feeling crafty? Unleash your creativity using the Arts and Crafts Center's DIY frame shop, wood shop and auto skills facility. The center also offers a gift shop, laser and engraving services, graphic design, embroidery, shadowboxes, a computer lab, classes and more. For a full list of services, visit the center's website.

Auto Hobby Shop

Building 305,

8223 Hangar Loop Drive 813-373-6545 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-ll. aspx?SectionID=315

Do your own automobile maintenance at the Auto Hobby Shop using its stalls, lifts and tools. The shop also has skilled technicians if you prefer to leave the repairs in expert hands.

Bowling Center

Building 298,

8216 Hangar Loop Drive 813-828-4005 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-rc. aspx?SectionID=450

Strike up some family fun at the 12-lane Mac-Dill Lanes bowling center. Shoe rental, bowling leagues and a snack bar are available.

Fitness Center

Building 303,

8115 Cypress Stand St.813-828-4496

www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-rc. aspx?SectionID=420

Short Fitness Center offers a running track, fitness assessments, certified personal trainers, basketball and racquetball courts, a spin room, a cardio area, locker rooms with saunas, softball and multipurpose fields, cross-training equipment and more. See the front desk to sign up for 24-hour access to use the fitness center during unstaffed hours.

Golf Complex

1803 Golf Course Ave.813-828-0046 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-rc. aspx?SectionID=410

Enjoy two 18-hole, par-72 courses that will challenge every level of player in this golfer's paradise. The Bay Palms Golf Complex features a 24-hour driving range and a relaxing clubhouse with a modern pro shop, locker areas and the Fairways Grill.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Find information and get military discount tickets for area attractions including the Tampa Bay Rays and Bucs, Walt Disney World and Universal Orlando Resort, vacation cruises and more. Whatever travel destinations you seek, the ITT staff can help you plan your trips with assistance with airline tickets, hotels and rental cars.

Marina

Building 654,

9909 Marina Bay Drive......813-828-4983

www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-rc. aspx?SectionID=433

The marina has everything you need for a good time on the water: boat rentals, boating safety info, fishing licenses and more.

Outdoor Recreation

10303 Marina Bay Drive....813-840-6919/6920 www.macdillfss.com/mainmenusub-rc. aspx?SectionID=430

Outdoor Recreation has everything you need to enjoy the great outdoors: equipment rentals, the Outdoor Adventure program, family camping, and information on RV storage, Lewis Lake, the marina, the Raccoon Creek Pavilion and other base recreation locales.

Equipment rental is one of the most popular programs, offering everything from lawn and garden items to camping and boating equipment as well as sports gear and tools. Check the website for a full list of rental items and prices.

The Outdoor Adventure program gets airmen off base and exploring Florida — whether by surfing, fishing, biking or a night on the town.

The FamCamp program offers more than 350 full-service sites complete with electricity, water, cable TV and other hookups. Dry campsites and tent camping areas are also available.

Visit the Outdoor Recreation website for a full list of services and their locations and phone numbers.

Skeet Range

Building 1776,

The Skeet Range offers a wide variety of programs and services, including turkey shoots (usually in February and November). Gun rentals are available.

SHOPPING COMMISSARY

2908 N. Boundary Blvd. 813-828-3361 www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary.

EXCHANGE

Building 926,

3108 N. Boundary Blvd. 813-840-0511 www.shopmyexchange.com

The MacDill Air Force Base exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



Welcome

to Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

WELCOME TO CENTRAL WEST Florida!

Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater are found midway down the west coast of Florida. Tampa is in Hillsborough County, while St. Petersburg and Clearwater are in Pinellas County.

Hillsborough County has a population of 1,436,888, according to 2018 Census estimates, and its county seat is Tampa. Pinellas County has a population of 975,280, and its county seat is Clearwater.

Both counties are rich in historical and cultural attractions, and modern amenities. In addition to beautiful beaches, clear springs and picturesque rivers, there are wildlife refuges, museums and parks. Outdoor activities abound, among them fishing, golfing and water sports of all types.

There are also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities to explore. Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from the area's strawberry harvest to pirates and showcase the fun of Florida.

HISTORY

The Spanish first mapped and explored the Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater area in the early 16th century. Panfilo de Narvaez (1528) and Hernando de Soto (1539) quickly enslaved the Tocobaga Indians. By the time Spain ceded Florida to the United States in 1821 for \$5 million, the Seminoles had replaced the Tocobaga. What would become Pinellas County remained a wilderness except for isolated camps of American and Cuban fishermen. Clear springs gurgled into the bay from the high bluffs where downtown Clearwater now sits.

In 1832, natives drove Count Odet Philippe of France from Florida's east coast to what was then Safety Harbor, part of what would become Hillsborough County. The Frenchman introduced citrus to the area and brought a few more settlers with him

On Jan. 25, 1834, the U.S. Legislative Council for the Territory of Florida officially recognized Hillsborough as the territory's 19th county. Florida became the 27th state on March 3, 1845.

On Jan. 10, 1861, Florida and six other Southern states seceded from the United States and formed the Confederate States of America. The most famous conflicts in the region were the Battle of Tampa in 1862 and the Battle of Fort Brooke in 1863. With the Confederate defeat in 1865, federal troops occupied Fort Brooke and the city of Tampa until 1869.

With sparse industry and transportation, the bay area suffered in the ensuing years until the discovery in Bone Valley of phosphate, a mineral used in agricultural fertilizer. The discovery lured industry and the railroad, which transported phosphate and cigars, a fledgling industry, to the north.

Meanwhile, several events conspired to dramatically change the area across the bay. First, a report to the American Medical Convention in 1885 proclaimed the Pinellas Peninsula to be "The Healthiest Spot on Earth." Second, Pyotr Dementyev, a Russian immigrant-turned-entrepreneur, agreed to run his Orange Belt Railroad from Central Florida to developer John Constantine



Williams' 2,500 acres on the southern part of the peninsula. The two men flipped a coin, and Dementyev won, so he named the new town after Russia's St. Petersburg.

As Clearwater, Largo and other communities on the peninsula grew, so did the clamor for independence from Hillsborough County: After all, a trip to the courthouse in Tampa took the better part of a day. Eventually, the Legislature created Pinellas County on Jan. 1, 1912, with Clearwater as the county seat. Attracted by the balmy climate — the peninsula is always cooler in summer and warmer in winter than Tampa — immigrants began to pour in. Tarpon Springs attracted Greek sponge fishermen and today has a thriving Greek culture. Safety Harbor grew up around its world-famous spa.

Later, airplanes and automobiles enabled even more business development and kick-started tourism.

Tony Jannus, for instance, in 1914 flew his Benoist airplane from St. Pete to Tampa in 23 minutes, skimming across the water at a height of 50 feet. That same year the St. Louis Browns started their annual spring baseball training in St. Pete; the Philadelphia Phillies moved to Clearwater several years later. In 1998, the Tampa Bay Rays settled into permanent residence in downtown St. Pete's enclosed Tropicana Field.

In 1924, the Gandy Bridge opened — cutting travel time from Tampa to St. Pete by more than half. The area real estate market boomed throughout the 1920s until the bottom fell out with the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed.

World War II reinvigorated the Tampa Bay economy. The U.S. Coast Guard established Bayboro Harbor Station as a training base for troops. Air patrols flew nightly anti-submarine hunts over the Gulf of Mexico, and the War Department selected St. Pete as a major technical services training center for the Army Air Corps.

During this time, more than 100,000 trainees filled every hotel in the area, and their families'

struggles to find a place to live created a housing shortage. After the war, many of those trainees and their families settled in the area or returned as tourists.

The advent of air conditioning in the 1950s prompted a mass in-migration of retirees and another housing boom, and the snowbird ebb and flow continues to this day.

SAFETY

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management provides residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools with invaluable information and resources for dealing with calamities, from floods to fires to tornadoes, hazardous waste and terrorism, to name just a few. Go to www.floridadisaster.org to learn how to confront specific emergencies, create an emergency plan and emergency kit, save your pet, and make necessary adaptations for those with special needs.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.

The Hillsborough and Pinellas county emergency management agencies ensure that each county can prepare, respond to and recover from natural or man-made disasters. Visit the agency websites for information on local hazards and emergency preparedness tips.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater region has a subtropical to tropical climate with warm, wet weather during the summer and cooler, dry conditions during winter (October through February). Temperatures are pleasant during winter, with highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s and 60s. Given these conditions, it's no wonder snowbirds fly south.

Summer temperatures in the region soar to the high 80s and low 90s, with average lows in the high 70s, accompanied by sweat-inducing high humidity, severe weather, thunderstorms and hurricanes. Annual precipitation is 50-60 inches, and July and August are both the wettest and warmest months.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Amplify Clearwater

429 Poinsettia Ave.

Clearwater, FL 33767......727-447-7600 600 Cleveland St., Suite 100

Clearwater, FL 33755......727-461-0011

www.amplifyclearwater.com

Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce

801 West Bay Center, Suite 602

Largo, FL 33770 727-584-2321 www.centralchamber.biz

Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce

1463 Oakfield Drive, Suite 134

Brandon, FL 33511 813-689-1221

www.brandonchamber.com

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay

P.O. Box 20933

North Tampa Bay Chamber

1868 Highland Oaks Blvd., Suite A Lutz, FL 33559....... 813-994-8534

www.northtampabaychamber.com

South Tampa Chamber of Commerce

www.southtampachamber.org

St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce

100 Second Ave. N., Suite 150

St. Petersburg, FL 33701727-821-4069

www.stpete.com

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

6990 Gulf Blvd.

St. Pete Beach, FL 33706......727-360-6957

www.tampabaybeaches.com

Tampa Bay Chamber

201 N. Franklin St., Suite 201

Tampa, FL 33602......813-228-7777

www.tampabaychamber.com

Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce

101 State St. W.

Oldsmar, FL 34677 813-855-4233

www.utbchamber.com

West Tampa Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 4946

Tampa, FL 33677......813-253-2056

http://westtampachamber.com

Ybor City Chamber of Commerce

1800 E. Ninth Ave.

Tampa, FL 33605...... 813-248-3712

www.ybor.org



Getting To & Around

Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

HILLSBOROUGH AND PINELLAS COUN-

TIES lie midway down the west coast of Florida, a region that boasts a growing a population of millions. This bustling area is popular with visitors and residents alike with its abundant sunshine, attractions, public gardens and miles of white sand beaches. With all that activity and a rebounding economy, there are times when things can get a little crowded. But the region offers plenty of transportation solutions to help commuters, tourists and residents get where they need to go, including major interstates, U.S. highways and international airports. Additionally, the area has regional transit authorities for commuters, and streetcars, trolleys, water taxis and ferries for more leisurely travel. Whether you're going by car, bus, boat, plane or train, there's an easy way to get you from A to B.

AIRPORTS

www.srq-airport.com

Sarasota Bradenton International Airport 6000 Airport Circle
Sarasota, FL 34243941-359-2770

Nearly 55 miles south of Tampa and approximately 60 miles from MacDill Air Force Base, Sarasota Bradenton International Airport serves the region with nine airlines. On-site rental car agencies, taxi and shuttle services, and public transit offer ample ground transportation.

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport 14700 Terminal Blvd.

Clearwater, FL 33762.....727-453-7800 www.fly2pie.com

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport is in the heart of Tampa Bay and just a quick drive to Tampa, St. Petersburg or Clearwater. It is approximately 20 miles from MacDill Air Force Base.

This Pinellas County airport provides direct service throughout the United States and Canada. The airport's main airline is Allegiant Air; it is also served by Sun Country and Sunwing Airlines. Ground transportation includes rental car, taxi and shuttle services.

The airport is also home to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, the largest and busiest Coast Guard air station in the United States.

Tampa International Airport

4160 George J. Bean Parkway
Tampa, FL 33607813-870-8700
www.tampaairport.com

Tampa International is the area's largest and primary commercial airport. The airport serves more than 22 million passengers with more than 20 airlines that offer routes to more than 90 destinations around the world. It lies 5 miles west of downtown Tampa and is 12 miles from MacDill Air Force Base.

Ground transportation is readily available, with taxis, shared passenger vans and on-site rental car agencies. The airport is also served by Hillsborough Area Regional Transit and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority buses.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Hillsborough Area Regional
Transit Authority
1201 E. Seventh Ave.
Tampa, FL 33605.......813-254-4278
www.gohart.org



Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority covers an area of about 1,000 square miles and provides numerous transportation services such as local fixed-route and express bus service, intown trolleys, vanpools and emergency ride home services. Check the HART website for fares and route schedules.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

3201 Scherer Drive

St. Petersburg, FL 33716......727-540-1900 www.psta.net

More than 200 vehicles pick up 12.1 million riders a year from 4,602 stops and then transport them around 40 routes — including two express routes to Hillsborough County.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority also offers special trolley service. Ride in style to scenic and entertaining destinations in the PSTA system. The Suncoast Beach Trolley route covers all the beach communities between downtown Clearwater to 75th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard. The Central Avenue Trolley runs from the St. Petersburg Pier to Pass-a-Grille Beach. Take the Jolley Trolley from Clearwater Beach to Tarpon Springs. The Downtown Looper has stops at shops, museums and other hotspots in St. Petersburg. Check the PSTA website for fares and route schedules.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Two interstates and various U.S. highways and state routes cross Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Interstate 275 travels through both Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, connecting St. Petersburg to Tampa via the Howard Frankland Bridge. In downtown Tampa, it connects to an interchange with Interstate 4. Interstate 4 travels southwest to northeast in Florida, passing through Tampa, Plant City, Lakeland, Celebration and Orlando before ending at an interchange with Interstate 95 in Daytona Beach on the state's eastern coast.

In addition to the Howard Frankland Bridge, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties are connected by two other bridges that cross over Old Tampa Bay. The southernmost bridge is the Gandy Bridge (U.S. Highway 92). The northernmost bridge is the Courtney Campbell Causeway (state Route 60). State Route 60 is the main route from Tampa to Clearwater.

Other major highways include the Dale Mabry Highway, a north-south route in Tampa that begins at the MacDill Air Force Base.

The Florida Department of Transportation offers commuter options at www.dot.state.fl.us/agencyresources/travelersandcommuters.shtm.

FDOT provides free, bilingual and real-time traffic information. Registered users can also

create a personalized profile to receive and obtain phone, text or email updates about incidents on their specified routes at www.fl511.com or by dialing 511.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority offers a commuter services program that includes a ride-matching service, which connects commuters with each other to share the ride to work or school through carpooling. For information, visit www.tbarta.com or call 800-998-7433.

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

www.flhsmv.gov

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms, general information and drivers' manuals online. To find a customer service center location in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater, visit www.flhsmv.gov/locations.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Florida from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all Florida residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing under various scenarios in its driver's handbook, which can be downloaded at www. flhsmv.gov/resources/handbooks-manuals.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at www. flhsmv.gov/resources/forms, including license application forms, requests for driving records and more.

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website.

Distracted Driving

Florida does not prohibit drivers from making calls while operating a motor vehicle. However, handheld cellphone use in school zones and construction zones is prohibited. Texting while driving is also prohibited for all drivers in Florida.

Florida Department of Transportation www.fdot.gov

Visit the Florida Department of Transportation's website for information on travel resources, road conditions and closures, and traffic alerts. Maps and information about commuting options and public transportation programs are also available.





Housing & Real Estate

in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

A REASONABLE COST OF living, abundant sunshine, and plentiful entertainment and cultural opportunities in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties contribute to a high quality of life. This region on Florida's west coast is often referred to as "Tampa Bay," where diverse communities come together to reflect the best Florida has to offer. Whether you prefer living downtown, in a quiet golf course community, on the waterfront or in a historic neighborhood, Tampa Bay has a broad mix of lifestyle options. The Tampa Bay community is supportive of MacDill but is not considered a military town. The cost of living is higher than in most cities in the South.

According to 2018 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, 1,436,888 people called Hillsborough County home and 975,280 resided in Pinellas County. In 2010, population density in Hillsborough County was approximately 1,205 people per square mile and 3,348 in Pinellas County, the Census found.

In Hillsborough County, MacDill Air Force Base is home to 19,906 military personnel, 2,867 civilian personnel and 34,600 military dependents. Many of these personnel members chose to reside in the local communities around the base. There is also a large community of approximately 38,000 retirees and spouses of military retirees residing in the local community.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Midway along the west coast of Florida, Hillsborough County has 1,048 square miles of land and 24 square miles of inland water. More than 84 percent of the county is unincorporated. Tampa is the county seat and boasts a vibrant beachfront and a metropolis. The city is home to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, a large fishing fleet, exquisite dining and world-class entertainment.

Life in Tampa ranges from relaxed days basking in the sun to nights filled with live music, theater productions, fine dining and dance clubs moving to the rhythm of the people. Housing options vary widely, from condominiums and apartment complexes to beachfront properties and stately mansions. There are 158 miles of shoreline on Tampa Bay. A narrow strip of Hillsborough County extends west to the Gulf of Mexico, roughly along the Tampa Port Shipping Channel. Hillsborough County, which takes its name from Wills Hill, British secretary of state to the colonies from 1768 to 1772, was first mapped and explored by the Spanish in the early 16th century.

Brandon

www.brandonchamber.com

About 10 miles east of Tampa is the Greater Brandon area, an unincorporated section of Hillsborough County. Brandon — named for founder and landowner John Brandon, who arrived in 1857 from Mississippi — has grown rapidly since the 1980s when Interstate 75 began to bring traffic through the area. The 2010 Census, the most recent official count, put its population at 103,483.

The Lee Roy Selmon Expressway provides direct access to MacDill Air Force Base and downtown Tampa from Brandon. Parks and green spaces aplenty offer outdoor basketball



and tennis courts, playgrounds and other recreational opportunities.

Mean travel time to work for those living in Brandon is 27 minutes. Median rent is \$1,214, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,360.

Plant City

www.plantcitygov.com

Plant City lies 25 miles east of Tampa on Interstate 4. According to local lore, the city was originally named Ichepucksassa after an Indian village, but confusion about the spelling and pronunciation eventually prompted the city's postmaster to change the name to Cork, his hometown in Ireland. In 1885, the townsfolk honored Henry B. Plant a year after he extended the South Florida Railroad to what is now known as Plant City. The commercial and

residential downtown area has been designated as a U.S. historic district.

Citrus groves, farmland, pastures and strawberry fields surround the "Winter Strawberry Capital of the World."

This residential community is 27 square miles with a population of 39,156, according to 2018 Census estimates. Mean travel time to work is 24 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$958, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,237.

Tampa

www.tampagov.net

This is the seat of Hillsborough County and its largest city. Native Americans originally inhabited the area, including the Tocobaga and the Seminole. White settlers founded a village near the Fort Brooke U.S. Army outpost in the early

19th century, and in 1887 the Florida Legislature established the charter for the city of Tampa. The city is now the third-largest city in Florida.

Tampa is home to the 2003 Super Bowl XXXVII Champions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, as well as the 2004 Stanley Cup-

winning Tampa Bay Lightning. Along with major sporting events, Hillsborough County offers many exciting attractions such as Busch Gardens and Adventure Island water park, Tampa Bay cruises and downtown Ybor City, nicknamed Florida's Latin Quarter for its wrought-iron balconies, brick-lined walkways, colorful architecture of cigar factories, and fine shops and restaurants.

This city covers 113 square miles with a population of 392,890. Mean travel time to work is about 25 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$1,082, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,565.

Temple Terrace

www.templeterrace.com

The residents of this city named for the "temple" orange trees and the "terraced" terrain live just northeast of Tampa at the confluence of three major interstates: I-4, I-75 and I-275. It is known for its rolling landscape, Hillsborough River views and majestic trees, including the most sand live oaks in Central Florida.

This city covers 7 square miles with a population of 26,471. Mean travel time to work is about 26 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$1,091, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,443.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Pinellas County, on Florida's west coast, is a 274-square-mile peninsula bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay. The county is 38 miles long and 15 miles wide at its broadest point.

The name Pinellas is derived from the Spanish words "punta pinal" meaning "point of pines," an accurate description when Panfilo de Narvaez arrived in 1528. Narvaez and 400 soldiers probably were the first Europeans in the area, primarily looking for gold and silver.

The earliest inhabitants of Pinellas were Native Americans, and many large Indian shell mounds have been found throughout the county. One of these is at Pinellas County's Philippe Park in Safety Harbor.

Pinellas, originally a part of Hillsborough County, became a separate county in 1912. When first formed, its population was 13,193. The 2018 Census estimates put Pinellas County's year-round population at 975,280, making it the most densely populated county in the state.



Pinellas provides an ideal year-round climate. Cold winds are tempered in winter and warm breezes are cooled in summer as they blow over the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay.

The county enjoys a year-round reputation as a tourist destination with attractions appealing to singles, couples, retirees and families.

Clearwater

www.myclearwater.com

The city stretches over more than half the Pinellas Peninsula as well as the barrier islands that makeup Clearwater Beach. During World War II, it became a major training base for troops destined for Europe and the Pacific. These days the community is known for pristine white sand beaches, clear gulf waters, sunsets at the pier and plenty of hospitality.

Properties - condos, villas, townhouses and waterfront property - offer a tropical atmosphere with an array of housing choices.

This residential community is about 26 square miles with a population of 116,478. Mean travel time to work is 24 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$1,052, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,457.

Largo

www.largo.com

This once-rural farming community on Florida's Gulf Coast has become a large city in the state's most densely populated county. It has also been a frequent recipient of the National Arbor Day Tree City award.

Part of the Tampa Bay area, the city is 4 miles south of Clearwater, 17 miles northwest of St. Petersburg and 23 miles west of Tampa. Before the turn of the 20th century, Largo citrus was shipped by the barrel to enthusiastic customers in the North, earning it the name "Citrus City."

This residential community is almost 18 square miles with a population of 84,996. Mean travel time to work is 24 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$1,019, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,296.

St. Petersburg

www.stpete.org

The Sunshine City ranks high among major cities with a sizable population of residents age 65 or older. Peter Demens, a Russian immigrant who built the Orange Belt Line railroad, named the tourist and retirement center after his beloved Russian city. In 1914, the St. Louis Browns moved their spring training camp to the fledgling resort and commenced a love affair between baseball fans and tourists that blossomed into a community of pelicans, porpoises, endless sunshine and sailboats.

This residential community is 62 square miles with a population of 265,098. Mean travel time to work is 23 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$1,067, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,415.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of

what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

Florida renter rights and responsibilities can be reviewed at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website at www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/ Consumer-Rights-and-Responsibilities/ Landlord-Tenant-Law-in-Florida.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The area's communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Florida Realtors website is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.floridarealtors.org.

State Programs

Florida provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit www.hud.gov/states and select "Florida" from the list.

County Programs

Hillsborough and Pinellas counties assist residents with home ownership and rental properties. Programs include financial assistance for rent or mortgage payments; financial assistance for needed home repairs; counseling for budget, home ownership, rental and credit concerns; voucher programs; fair-market rental apartments and homes; and more. For more information, visit the Hillsborough County Affordable Housing Services website at www. hillsboroughcounty.org/en/government/ departments/affordable-housing or the Pinellas

County housing and neighborhoods website at www.pinellascounty.org/resident/housing.htm.





Employment & Economy

in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

WHITE SAND BEACHES THAT beckon for miles and record-setting golden sunshine have long lured tourists to Florida's southwest coast and Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, but in more recent years the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metropolitan area has diversified from tourism and fishing businesses into technology-related industries, education, manufacturing, military activity and even professional sports franchises.

In Hillsborough County, the military has been a presence since the U.S. Army set up Fort Brooke in 1824 at the mouth of the Hillsborough River, near what is today the Tampa Convention Center. In the 1880s, the population of the Tampa region increased rapidly thanks to the discovery of rich phosphate deposits, a new railroad and the birth of the cigar industry. The Port of Tampa facilitated imports of "clear Havana tobacco" from nearby Cuba for hand-rolling into cigars, which the railroad then carried all over the United States. The industry's peak year, 1929, saw more than 500 million cigars rolled in

the Ybor City neighborhood. These days Tampa has moved to financial and professional services, information technology, life sciences and health care, defense and security, manufacturing, and distribution and logistics as its main economic engines. Food matters too, for residents as well as the thousands of tourists. Since 2012 when the city council moved to protect its culinary turf, Tampa has had an official sandwich, the "Historic Tampa Cuban Sandwich," which differs from other cities' lesser Cuban sandwiches by the addition of Genoa salami to its shredded pork, glazed ham, Swiss cheese, pickles and mustard on white Cuban bread. The Tampa region is also home to 20 corporate headquarters with more than \$1 billion in annual revenue, eight of which are Fortune 1000 companies, and another 500 foreign-owned companies, according to the Tampa Bay Economic Development Council. The median household income in Hillsborough County from 2014 through 2018 was \$56,137, the Census said. Nearly 33 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

Pinellas County is lapped by the Gulf of Mexico to the west. St. Petersburg, the county's biggest city, is at the heart of the Tampa Bay area and its beaches are ranked highly. St. Petersburg holds the Guinness World Record for consecutive sunny days (768) and is a favored destination for retirees. So many retirees flock to Pinellas County for the climate, laid-back lifestyle and comparatively low cost of living that the average age skews older, 47.6 years, than in most other U.S. counties, and those numbers continue to rise, according to the U.S. Census. As far as education, 31 percent hold a bachelor's or higher degree, and the median household income from 2014 through 2018 was \$51,454, the Census said.

Industries of the county's past — citrus farming and cattle ranching — have been largely replaced by companies catering to space-age needs and information-driven marketing firms. Manufacturing, aviation and aerospace, defense and national security, medical technologies, business and financial services, and information



technology are top industry clusters in the county, according to Pinellas County Economic Development.

For more information on the region's economy, visit the Pinellas County Economic Development website at www.pced.org and the Hillsborough County Economic Development website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/government/departments/econdev.

MacDill Air Force Base

MacDill Air Force Base, activated in 1941 on the tip of the peninsula that divides Tampa Bay from Hillsborough Bay, is one of the area's largest employers. The base's economic impact in fiscal 2017 was \$3.18 billion, leading to an estimated 30,034 jobs created with an estimated value of nearly \$1.4 billion.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www. nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion

forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

107 E. Madison St.

Tallahassee, FL 32399......850-245-7105 www.floridajobs.org

The department promotes economic betterment through workforce programs, community development opportunities and economic development initiatives and programs. Visit the website for information on re-employment assistance, training programs, job seeker services and more.

CareerSource Florida

1580 Waldo Palmer Lane, Suite 1 Tallahassee, FL 32308......850-921-1119 www.careersourceflorida.com

CareerSource Florida aims to increase the prosperity of workers and employers, reduce welfare dependency, increase economic self-sufficiency, and enhance worker productivity and business competitiveness. Local career centers help job seekers customize their job search and find education and training programs to meet current and future career goals. Visit the website for a full list of resources and local career center locations.

Florida State Careers

https://jobs.myflorida.com

Employment opportunities with Florida are posted online. Search by category or location then apply online.

Hillsborough County

601 E. Kennedy Blvd.

about-hillsborough/jobs

Hillsborough County's employment website links to job opportunities for the county. Visit the website to see current openings and to apply online.

City of Tampa

306 E. Jackson St.

Tampa, FL 33602813-274-8911 www.tampagov.net/careers

View current job opportunities and benefits information online at the City of Tampa's career website.

Pinellas County

400 S. Fort Harrison Ave.

Clearwater, FL 33756......727-464-3367 www.pinellascounty.org/hr/employment.htm

The Pinellas County employment website guides prospective employees through the application process for a variety of county jobs in an array of fields.

City of Clearwater

100 S. Myrtle Ave.

Clearwater, FL 33756.....727-562-4870 www.myclearwater.com/government/

city-departments/human-resources

See the latest employment opportunities for the city of Clearwater and apply for employment online.

City of St. Petersburg

1 Fourth St. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33701.....727-893-7033 Iwww.stpete.org/city_departments/human_ resources/jobs.php



The St. Petersburg human resources website provides listings of full- and part-time county jobs and step-by-step instructions to apply online.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broadbased presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-themoment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at MacDill Air Force Base.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings in lodging, child care, recreation areas and more, visit www.macdillfss.com and click on "Employment."

Exchange Jobs

For base exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Florida Small Business Development Center

The Florida Small Business Development Centers offer small business resources and workshops for those looking to start a business. Visit http://floridasbdc.org. To find a center near you, select "Locations" from the website's homepage.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.







Health Care

in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

THERE ARE MANY HEATH care services in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater for military, civilians and veterans. Florida chose not to set up a state-based health insurance exchange marketplace, so the federal government has assumed full responsibility for the exchanges in Florida. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a list of community health centers in Florida, visit the Florida Association of Community Health Centers at www.fachc.org. You can also visit the Community Health Care Centers of Pinellas Inc. at www.chcpinellas.org and Tampa Family Health Centers at www.tampachc.com. Visit Suncoast Community Health Centers, which provides care in southern and eastern Hillsborough County, at https://suncoast-chc.org.

DENTAL CARE

The Florida Dental Association website, www.floridadental.org, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist. Select "Public" from the home page, then click on "Find an FDA Member Dentist" and search by location, specialty or name. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Florida Department of Health can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health/dental-health for more information.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the Florida Board of Medicine's online directory. Go to www. flboardofmedicine.gov and select "Lookup — Verify a License." You can browse for a provider by type or by location. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at *www.abms.org*. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the Florida Board of Medicine at *www.flboardofmedicine.gov* or call 850-488-0595.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.





FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 8 — the VA Sunshine Healthcare Network, with the nearest major medical center in Tampa, about 20 miles from MacDill Air Force Base. VISN 8 serves more than 1.5 million veterans with eight medical centers and more than 60 outpatient clinics located throughout Florida, South Georgia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The closest community-based outpatient clinic is in St. Petersburg.

VA Medical Centers

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System 10000 Bay Pines Blvd. Bay Pines, FL 33744.....727-398-6661 www.baypines.va.gov

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital offer a broad spectrum of inpatient and outpatient health care services.

Services at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's medical center include inpatient acute care (general medicine and surgery, psychiatry and rehabilitation); residential programs (a community living center, hospice, palliative care, stress treatment and substance abuse treatment); primary care; extensive specialty care; outpatient surgical services; home and community care; homeless veterans care; women veterans care;

mental health services; and various ancillary and support services.

Services at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital include primary care, tertiary care and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, spinal cord injury, neurology, oncology, dentistry, geriatrics and extended care.

The following is a list of community-based outpatient clinics near MacDill Air Force Base that are part of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital. For a full list of clinics, vet centers and other facilities, go to www.tampa.va.gov and www.baypines.va.gov.

Hidden River VA Clinic

St. Petersburg VA Clinic

840 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33705......727-502-1700

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

11351 Ulmerton Road, Suite 311-K Largo, FL 33778727-518-3202 VA Suicide Hotline800-273-8255 www.floridavets.org

The Department of Veterans' Affairs improves the quality of life for Florida's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

There are several VA service officers in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater who help navigate the maze of VA services and programs. Veterans can find assistance at the following

offices. For a full list of VA service offices, visit http://floridavets.org/locations.

Hillsborough County

Veterans Resource Center

Pinellas County Veterans Services

501 First Ave. N., Suite 514 St. Petersburg, FL 33701......727-582-7828 2189 Cleveland St., Suite 263 Clearwater, FL 33765......727-464-8460

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

AdventHealth Tampa

AdventHealth Carrollwood

Brandon Regional Hospital

119 Oakfield Drive
Brandon, FL 33511813-681-5551
www.brandonhospital.com

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
501 Sixth Ave. S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33701.....727-898-7451
www.hopkinsallchildrens.org

www.khtampa.com

Memorial Hospital of Tampa 2901 W. Swann Ave. Tampa, FL 33609813-873-6400 www.memorialhospitaltampa.com

Morton Plant Hospital
300 Pinellas St.
Clearwater, FL 33756.....727-462-7000
https://baycare.org/mph
Northside Hospital

6000 49th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709......727-521-4411 www.northsidehospital.com

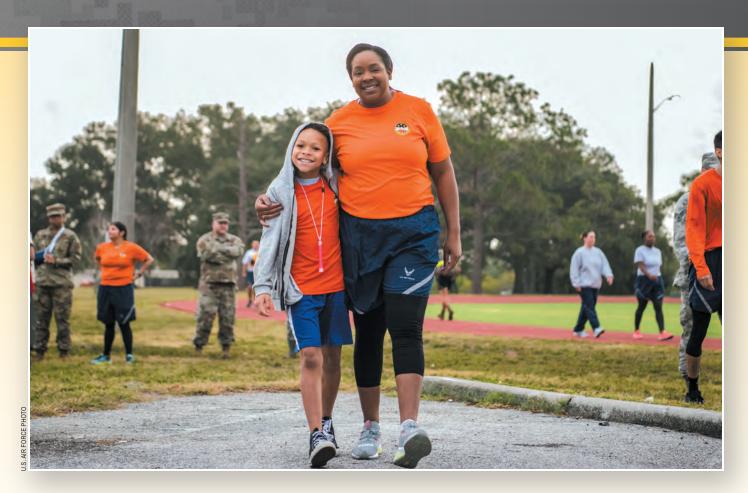
Palms of Pasadena
1501 Pasadena Ave.
St. Petersburg, FL 33707......727-381-1000
www.palmspasadena.com

St. Anthony's Hospital
1200 Seventh Ave. N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33705......727-825-1100
www.stanthonys.com

6500 38th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33710......727-384-1414 www.stpetegeneral.com







Family Resources

in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This key Red Cross service includes

responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at https://saf.redcross.org/css.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on juniorenlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www. asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware

www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.



The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include budgeting templates and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Florida Social Services Hillsborough County Office

601 E. Kennedy Blvd.

Pinellas County Offices

2189 Cleveland St., Suite 230

Clearwater, FL 33765......727-464-4200 647 First Ave. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33701......727-464-4200 www.pinellascounty.org/humanservices

The Florida Department of Children and Families, www.myflfamilies.com, works to protect the vulnerable, promoting strong and

economically self-sufficient families as well as personal and family recovery and resiliency. The department's programs include an abuse hotline; adult protective services; ACCESS Florida, a system that allows customers to connect with their public assistance information 24/7; and services for adoption, child care, foster care, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health and substance abuse.

Local social services agencies in both counties also offer many services to those in need. Economic assistance is given in the form of utility assistance, food aid and medical assistance. Family and children services include child support resources, child and vulnerable adult protective services, foster care and adoption placement services, and education and prevention activities for at-risk families.

Visit the department websites for more information on services and programs.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves,

parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront

www.operation home front.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may



slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up to date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

In Florida, your pet faces many new outside dangers, among them the Bufo toad, one of the state's largest amphibians, which can grow up to 9 inches long and weigh up to 2 pounds. When threatened they secrete a milky toxin that can kill cats and dogs if they ingest the poison. Talk to your vet about parasites, such as heartworms, that may be unfamiliar. Six species of venomous snakes — the eastern coral snake, the southern copperhead, the cottonmouth, the eastern diamondback rattlesnake, the timber rattlesnake and the dusky pygmy rattlesnake - pose another danger, so keep your dog on a short leash in wooded areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Alligators pose the biggest threat. They live wherever there is water, so avoid allowing your dog to walk around or swim in unknown waters.

Animal Services

Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center

440 N. Falkenburg Road

Hillsborough County's Pet Resource Center provides a variety of animal services, including low-cost spay and neuter vouchers; investigation of animal neglect and cruelty; enforcement of county and state animal ordinances and laws; pet registration; a pet fostering program; pet adoptions; and more. Visit the website for information and resources on pet ownership and animal emergencies in Hillsborough County.

Pinellas County Animal Services

12450 Ulmerton Road

Largo, FL 33774727-582-2600 www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices

Pinellas County Animal Services provides care for pets at its adoption facility. Other services include animal control, spay and neuter programs, and enforcement of animal ordinances and laws.

Pets for Patriots

https://petsforpatriots.org

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/ how-it-works.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Florida Veterinary Medical Association website www.fvma.org.





Education & Academics

in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater public schools systems, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in kindergarten in a Florida school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on Florida's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the Florida Department of Education's website at www.fldoe.org. Check with the school for additional requirements.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its

website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a list of charter schools in Florida, visit the Florida Department of Education website at www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools.

HOMESCHOOLING

For an introduction to homeschooling in Florida, visit the Florida Department of Education's website at www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu. Here you will find information on home education requirements and regulations, support for home education and more.

Florida Parent-Educators Association www.fpea.com

The Florida Parent-Educators Association provides support, guidance and information to thousands of Florida homeschooling families. The association helps home-schoolers network and share resources. Visit the association's website for more information on homeschooling in Florida, free resources and homeschooling events.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Florida, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school



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search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/ privateschoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hillsborough County Public Schools

901 E. Kennedy Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33602 813-272-4000 www.sdhc.k12.fl.us

One of the largest school districts in the state and the seventh-largest in the nation, Hillsborough County Public Schools district serves nearly 224,000 students with more than 24,000 employees. The district has more than 274 school sites, including traditional schools, career centers, technical colleges and charter schools.

The district offers career and technical education programs for specialized training that can lead to high-wage, high-skill jobs and postsecondary education. Magnet schools offer theme-based, technology-rich programs taught by specially trained educators in smaller classes. The district's charter schools, which are independent public schools operated by nonprofit organizations, are another alternative to traditional public schools in the district.

Pinellas County Schools

301 Fourth St. SW

Largo, FL 33770727-588-6000 www.pcsb.org

The eighth-largest district in Florida serves more than 100,000 students with more than 13,000 full-time employees. The district's 150 schools include elementary, middle and high schools, as well as charter schools, magnet schools, a virtual school and other alternative options.

The district offers a wide variety of programs for special interest areas. District application programs include themed programs, career programs and fundamental programs, such as journalism and multimedia studies, culinary arts, graphic arts, engineering programs, medical professions programs and more.

Other district school options include fundamental schools and career academies. Fundamental schools are family-oriented schools with a structured environment, an updated "backto-basics" approach and joint parent-teacherstudent commitment. This approach includes a focus on student self-responsibility and discipline, daily homework, a strict dress code, mandatory conferences and monthly parent meetings. Career academies are four-year programs that blend a student's required academic courses with the career technical program of the academy. The career technical programs prepare students for national and industry certifications, post-secondary education, entry into their chosen career and scholarships.



UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater offer plenty of opportunity for continuing education. The MacDill Air Force Base Education and Training Center provides academic advising to help service members and their families choose adult education coursework at local schools and online. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Altierus Career College

3319 W. Hillsborough Ave.

${\it Embry-Riddle\ Aeronautical\ University}$

Building 252,

8102 Condor St., Suite 116

MacDill AFB, FL 33621 813-828-3772 https://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/macdill

Everglades University

5010 W. Kennedy Blvd.

Hillsborough Community College

P.O. Box 31127

Tampa, FL 33631 813-253-7000 www.hccfl.edu

Hillsborough Community College has five campuses, three academic centers, including one on MacDill Air Force Base, and online courses.

MacDill Air Force Base Education and Training Center

Building 252,

8102 Condor St.

National Louis University

5110 Sunforest Drive, Suite 102

Tampa, FL 33634 800-366-6581 www.nl.edu/about/locations/florida

Pinellas Technical College

901 34th St. S.

St. Petersburg, FL 33711.....727-893-2500 6100 154th Ave. N.

Clearwater, FL 33760......727-538-7167 www.pcsb.org/myptc

Saint Leo University

Building 252,

8102 Condor St., Suite 116

MacDill AFB, FL 33621813-285-5449 www.saintleo.edu/macdill-education-office

St. Petersburg College

P.O. Box 13489

St. Petersburg, FL 33733.....727-341-4772 www.spcollege.edu

St. Petersburg College has multiple campuses and centers in St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Pinellas Park and other Florida locales.

University of South Florida

4202 E. Fowler Ave.

Tampa, FL 33620 813-974-2011 www.usf.edu

University of Tampa

401 W. Kennedy Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33606 813-253-3333 www.ut.edu

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in



EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- Florida Department of Education: www.fldoe.org
- Florida PTA: www.floridapta.org
- Reading is Fundamental: www.rif.org
- U.S. Department of Education: www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit http://military.tutor.com.

most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services, www.dos.myflorida.com/library-archives, support libraries in Florida with resources and other assistance.

For a full list of libraries in Florida, visit the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services website.

Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative

www.hcplc.org

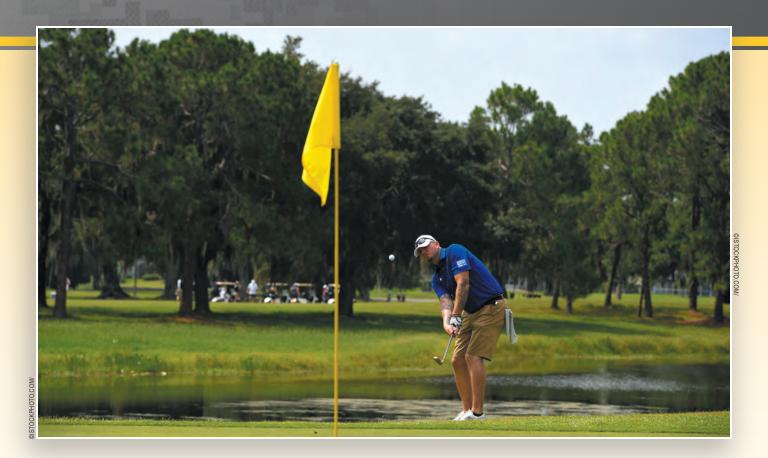
The Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative has 29 locations and two mobile libraries. Services include classes, educational seminars and programs for children, teens and adults. Visit the cooperative's website for a detailed list of services and programs, library locations and operating hours.

Pinellas Public Library Cooperative

www.pplc.us

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative has 14 member libraries. Services include programs, classes and events for all ages, and a digital bookmobile, which promotes downloadable e-books, audiobooks, music and video. Visit the cooperative's website for a detailed list of services and programs, library locations and operating hours.





<u>Living</u>

in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater

THERE ARE TONS OF entertaining activities and venues — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping — in the Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Greater Bay Area. Ride the coasters at Busch Gardens, for instance, or check out the Spanish artist's highly original works at the Salvador Dali Museum. Catch a Broadway show at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts or cheer as the Rays play ball at Tropicana Field. And don't forget the beaches and all that fun in the sun, including Sand Key Park in Clearwater.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and the Greater Bay Area have dozens of annual events, festivals and community gatherings at their fingertips.

Dropzone Gunner III

https://dropzonegunner.com

Mud, guns and fun: Dropzone Gunner III is like no other event. It combines competition with festival fun including obstacles, firearms and trail runs. Check the website for more information on event dates.

Florida State Fair

www.floridastatefair.com

The Florida State Fair is a 12-day event that takes place in February at the state fairgrounds in Tampa. The fair features free concerts, an agribusiness competition, arts and crafts, food concessions, retail demonstrations and amusement rides.

Florida Strawberry Festival

 $www. {\it flstrawberry} festival. com$

Each spring Plant City rolls out the red carpet to welcome visitors to the Florida Strawberry Festival. The 11-day festival includes exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts and horticulture, as well as social events, concerts, contests, rides and parades. Strawberry shortcake is the top nosh but the festival offers many other tasty treats.

Gasparilla Pirate Fest

www.gasparillapiratefest.com

This long-standing tradition in Tampa occurs at the end of January each year to celebrate the Gasparilla Invasion. The fully rigged Jose Gasparilla will sail into Hillsborough Bay, cannons blazing, with many vessels of all sizes escorting it. The Gasparilla Invasion Brunch is held at the Tampa Convention Center, and the Parade of Pirates will take to the streets along Bayshore Boulevard.

Hillsborough County Fair

www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com

Held in Dover in late October, the Hillsborough County fair features horse and livestock shows, truck and tractor pulls, demolition derbies, racing pigs, rodeos, pageants, competitions, arts and crafts, rides, live entertainment and more.

ARTS

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater residents.

The Duke Energy Center for the Arts – Mahaffey Theater

400 First St. S.

St. Petersburg, FL 33701.....727-300-2000 www.themahaffey.com



In the heart of downtown St. Petersburg, this cultural center with waterfront views and European box seating hosts special events, Broadway shows and rock, pop, country and classical concerts.

The Palladium Theater

253 Fifth Ave. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33701.....727-822-3590 www.mypalladium.org

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Ruth Eckerd Hall

1111 McMullen Booth Road

Clearwater, FL 33759.....727-791-7400 www.rutheckerdhall.com

Nominated as one of the top five concert halls in America, this Clearwater venue features performances from contemporary rockers to Broadway shows to the Florida Orchestra.

MUSEUMS

Learn about Florida's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

MOSI (Museum of Science & Industry)

4801 E. Fowler Ave.

Tampa, FL 33617 813-987-6000 www.mosi.org

With more than 100 hands-on activities, a planetarium, a ropes course and daily science demonstrations, MOSI has it all. Experience NASA's vision for living on worlds beyond earth in the Mission: Moonbase exhibit, explore pale-ontology at the Dinovations Lab, and discover how nutrition, fitness, medicine and technology make a healthier you at A Look Inside.

Salvador Dali Museum

1 Dali Blvd.

St. Petersburg, FL 33701.....727-823-3767 *www.thedali.org*

This destination museum boasts an evergrowing collection of original Dali work, including some of his masterwork paintings as well as interactive gardens and a café with authentic Spanish cuisine.

PARKS

Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Anderson Park & Kate Jackson Community Center

821 S. Rome Ave.

This neighborhood park features a playground, a splash pad, picnic tables, community grills and a multipurpose athletic court. The Kate Jackson Community Center hosts an after-school activity program for children and other recreational activities.

Ballast Point Park

5300 Interbay Blvd.

This park, full of shade trees, offers excellent views of downtown. The park also has a 600-foot wooden pier, grills, a boat launch and boat dock, and a splash pad.

Dell Holmes Park

2741 22nd St. S.

St. Petersburg, FL 33712.....727-893-7441 www.stpeteparksrec.org/dellholmes

At the north end of Lake Maggiore, this 22.4-acre park features lighted trails, a fishing pier, exercise zones, picnic shelters with grills, a golf driving range and a putting green. And for the kids: a shade-covered playground, a splash pad, climbing boulders and a giant seesaw.

Desoto Park

2617 Corrine St.

Tampa, FL 33605 813-274-8615 www.tampagov.net/parks-and-recreation

From grills to waterfront pavilions, this picnic destination has everything, including multiple ball courts, jogging trails, a pool, a community center with computers and one of only three skate parks in the city.

Florida Botanical Gardens

12520 Ulmerton Road

Largo, FL 33774727-582-2100 www.flbg.org

This 120-acre site features gardens that showcase tropical and native plants, vegetables, fruits and herbs and some of Pinellas County's rarest natural habitat types. There is also an interpretive trail, a children's trail and a gift shop.



Fort DeSoto Park

3500 Pinellas Bayway S

Tierra Verde, FL 33715727-582-2100 www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_Ft_

DeSoto.htm

Fort DeSoto Park is the largest park within the Pinellas County park system. The park has a year-round campground, nature trails, the Quartermaster Storehouse Museum, more than 7 miles of waterfront, with almost 3 miles of white sandy beach, an 800-foot boat launch with floating docks, fishing piers and more.

John S. Taylor Park

1100 Eighth Ave. SW

This 156-acre park with a 53-acre lake offers a disc golf course, a tree-lined, 1.8-mile recreation trail, a butterfly garden and an island accessible by bridge. Other amenities include a boat ramp, fishing, a softball diamond, a large playing field, picnic facilities and two playgrounds, one with a climbing structure for older kids.

Madeira Beach

300 Municipal Drive

Madeira Beach, FL 33708.....727-391-9951 www.madeirabeachfl.gov

In addition to the shell shops, beachwear and souvenir stores, Madeira Beach is home to John's Pass, a seaport village that features pirate ships, parasailing, jet skiing, deep sea fishing, waterfront dining and several local boutiques.

Sand Key Park

1060 Gulf Blvd.

Clearwater, FL 33767......727-582-2100 www.pinellascounty.org/park/15_sand_key.htm

This 95-acre beach and park acts as a barrier island between the Gulf of Mexico and the mainland. The beach area boasts cabana rentals, a pair of beach wheelchairs, bath houses and restrooms. Other amenities include a boardwalk, a nature trail, a playground, open green space, a dog park, covered picnic shelters with grills and a salt marsh with viewing benches.

Sawgrass Lake Park

7400 25th St. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33702......727-582-2100 www.pinellascounty.org/park/16_sawgrass.htm

One of the largest maple swamps on Florida's Gulf Coast and a premier birding site serve as the centerpiece for this 400-acre park. A mile-long boardwalk winds through the lush environment to reveal birds, butterflies and alligators. Visitors can also view wildlife from the observation tower or the nature center.

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary

18328 Gulf Blvd.

Indian Shores, FL 33785.....727-391-6211 www.seasideseabirdsanctuary.org

The 1.5-acre Seaside Seabird Sanctuary is dedicated to the rescue, treatment, and rehabilitation of sick and injured wild birds, with the goal of releasing them back into the wild. The sanctuary is home to nearly 100 permanently disabled birds, which are on display in large aviaries. The sanctuary has an education center, an observation tower that offers a panoramic view of the Gulf of Mexico, bird presentations and more.

St. Pete Beach

4700 Gulf Blvd.

St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33706..727-582-2100 www.pinellascounty.org/park/17_StPete.htm

St. Pete Beach access is available on Gulf Boulevard. This access point features 235 parking spaces, restrooms, showers, a water fountain and three boardwalks over natural sand dunes and sea oats that lead to a white sandy beach on the Gulf of Mexico.

Sunken Gardens

1825 Fourth St. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33704.....727-551-3102 www.stpete.org/attractions/sunken_gardens

This 100-year-old garden is home to some of the oldest tropical plants in the region along cascading waterfalls and demonstration garden paths.

Sunsets at Pier 60

10 Pier 60

Clearwater, FL 33767......727-871-8060 www.sunsetsatpier60.com

Part of Clearwater Beach, this pier is famous for celebrating the sunset two hours before and two hours after sundown, with entertainment including jugglers, musicians and street vendors.

Treasure Island

120 108th Ave.

Treasure Island, FL 33706 727-547-4575 www.mytreasureisland.org

Treasure Island boasts nearly 4 miles of beaches, with access to boardwalks, trails, restaurants and shops.

SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Baywalk Midcore Shopping Plaza

199 First Ave. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33701.....727-576-6424 www.yourbaywalk.com

Stop by this diverse shopping, dining and services destination in downtown St. Petersburg for everything from groceries to new prescription sunglasses for your next day at the beach.

Centro Ybor

1600 E. Eighth Ave.

Housed in the restored Centro Espanol building, this palm-lined plaza features a mix of retail stores, restaurants and entertainment spots.

Hyde Park Village

1509 W. Swann Ave.

This upscale lifestyle center in the Hyde Park Historic District houses a variety of highend retail stores and independent specialty boutiques.

International Plaza and Bay Street

2223 N. Westshore Blvd.

Nearly 200 stores and eateries can be found in this plaza bordering the Tampa International Airport. And right next door, an open air village offers restaurants and small boutiques.

The Mall at Sundial

153 Second Ave. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33701.....727-800-3201 www.sundialstpete.com

In the heart of downtown St. Pete, the Mall at Sundial features shops, restaurants, spas and a movie theater. The plaza's centerpiece is a working sundial almost three stories tall with a fountain and bronze dolphin sculptures.

Sparkman Wharf

615 Channelside Drive

The plaza with water views features a mix of retail, dining and entertainment, including Splitsville, which offers bowling, pingpong, billiards, foosball, darts and shuffleboard.

Tyrone Square

6901 22nd Ave. N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33710......727-347-3889 www.simon.com/mall/tyrone-square

This mall plays host to more than 130 specialty shops and dining options.

WestShore Plaza

250 WestShore Plaza



This plaza's more than 115 merchants include retail stores, a movie theater and restaurants.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you are looking to take in a game or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, you will find what you are after in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater.

Big Cat Rescue

12802 Easy St.

This 45-acre wildlife preserve boasts 11 species and about 80 big cats including tigers, lions, leopards, cougars, bobcats, lynx, servals, ocelots and caracals. The preserve seeks to save the big cats and educate the public to ensure the survival of these amazing creatures.

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay

10165 N. McKinley Drive

This thrill-packed theme park and zoo features roller coasters, luge-style rides and a host of kiddie rides, plus a safari-style tram adventure and Skyride — an aerial exploration of the park. The animal habitat is home to more than 12,000 animals, with special areas for face-to-snout encounters.

Celebration Station

24546 U.S. Highway 19 N.

Clearwater, FL 33763.....727-791-1799 www.celebrationstation.com

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Dinosaur World

5145 Harvey Tew Road

Plant City, FL 33565 813-717-9865 www.dinosaurworld.com/florida

Pint-size paleontologists can sift through sand at the "Fossil Dig" to discover treasures ranging from shark teeth to stingray barbs and then view more than 200 life-sized dinosaurs in their natural environments.

Florida Aquarium

701 Channelside Drive

The aquarium features many of the state's aquatic animals and ecosystems, including wetlands, bays, beaches and a coral reef. Up-close water experiences include snorkel and SCUBA adventures with native Florida fish, sea turtles, stingrays and sharks. The aquarium also has a splash pad and a 4-D theater with sensory effects.



Golf

This region offers some of the best golf courses in Florida. With around 1,100 public and country club golf courses to choose from, you may want to seek local expertise to help you with your search. Visit Florida can help you "see what the sunshine can do for you" by searching its website for courses. Get inspired at www. visitflorida.com/en-us/things-to-do/golf.html.

Professional Sports Teams

Whether you're into football, basketball, baseball, hockey, soccer or rugby, there's a team to cheer for in the Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater region. Major league teams include the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers (www.buccaneers.com), the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning (www.nhl.com/lightning) and

the MLB's Tampa Bay Rays (www.mlb.com/rays). Other area teams include the Tampa Mayhem Rugby League (www.mayhemrl.com), the Basketball League's Tampa Bay Titans (www.tampabaytitans.com) and the Tampa Bay Rowdies professional soccer team (www.rowdiessoccer.com). Visit the team websites for information on upcoming games and events.

Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park

1101 W. Sligh Ave.

Tampa, FL 33604 813-935-8552 www.zootampa.org

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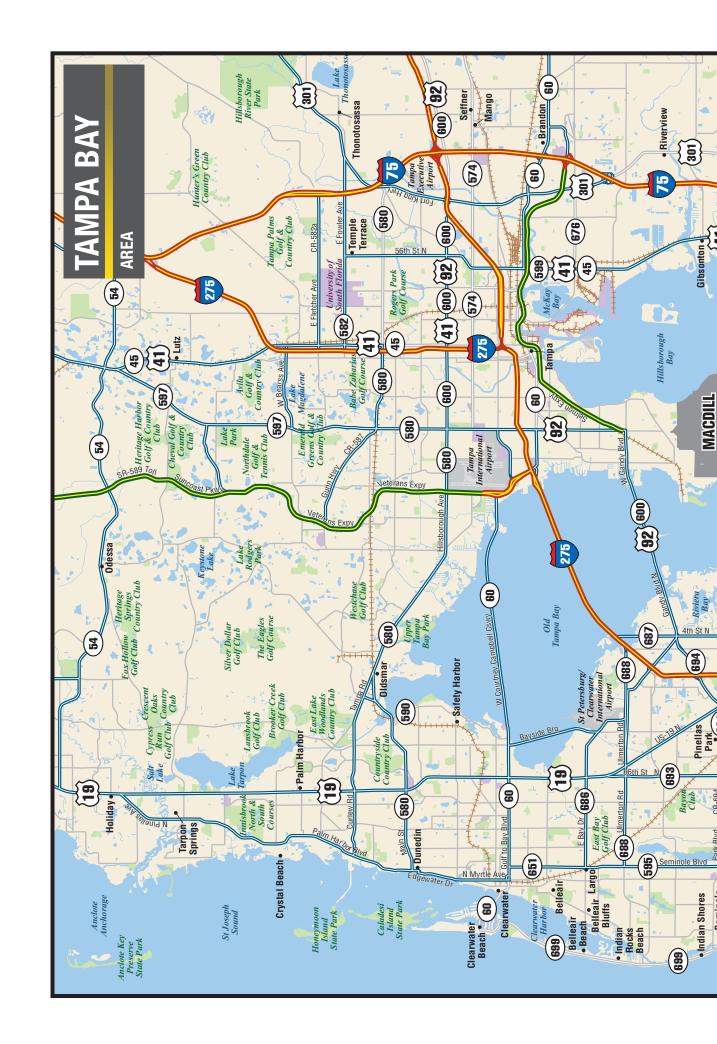


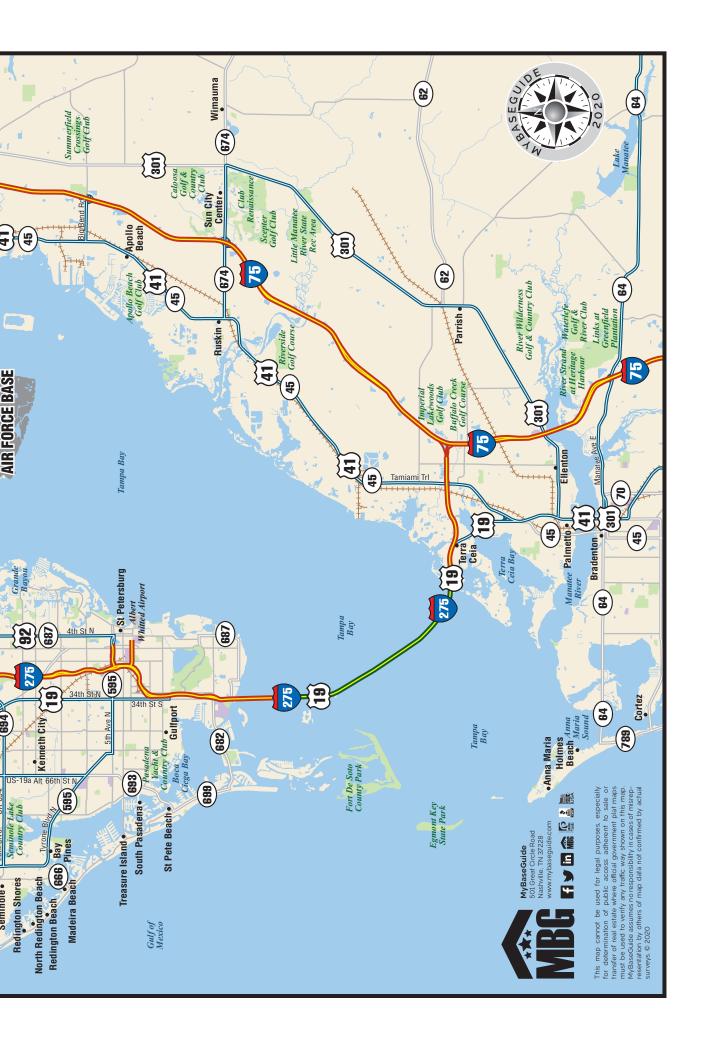




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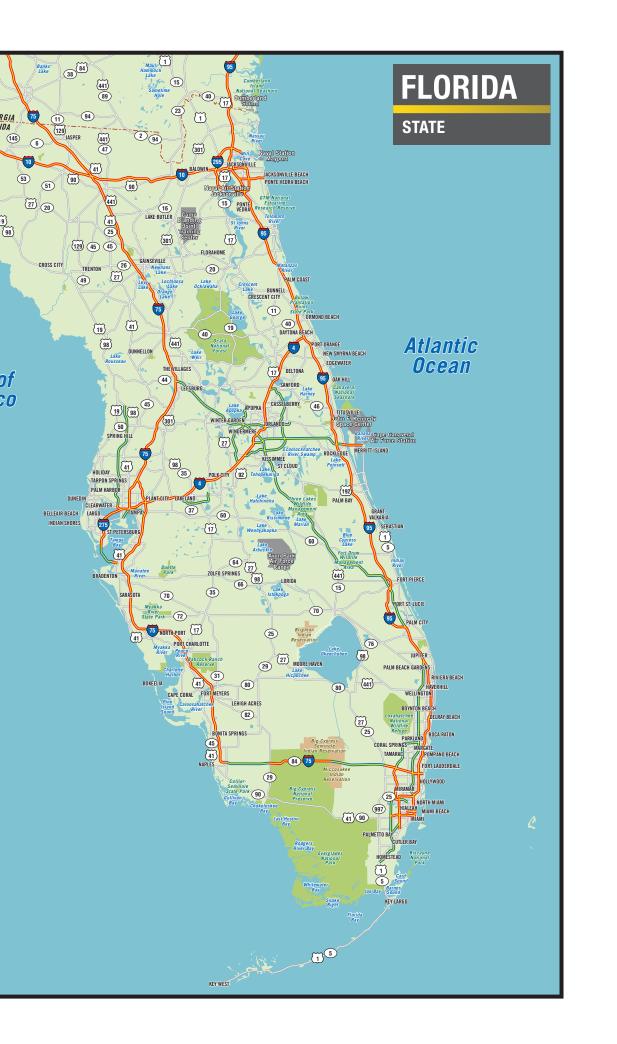


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Our Programs, Services, and Events

In coordination with the Department of Defense and installation commands, we work closely to identify gaps in programs and services. Programs are tailored to help cope with the realities of military life, including the stress of having a loved one deployed, additional childcare responsibilities and increased financial burdens. Healthy families contribute substantially to the success of the military and defense community during peacetime and more importantly, in times of combat. The Armed Services YMCA promotes strong kids, families and communities through our many support services.

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Youth Development

- · After school programs
- Aquatic Classes
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- Child Care
- · Children Playgroups
- · College Scholarships
- Field Trips
- Kids Olympics
- Operation Hero
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- · Pre-School
- Soap Box Derby
- · Summer Camp
- · Supplemental Home School
- Teen Programs
- · Youth Fishing Derby

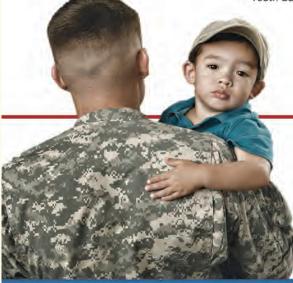
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- Baby Contest
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- Fitness Classes
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- · Healthy Kids Day
- · Kids Cooking
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- · Operation Kid Comfort
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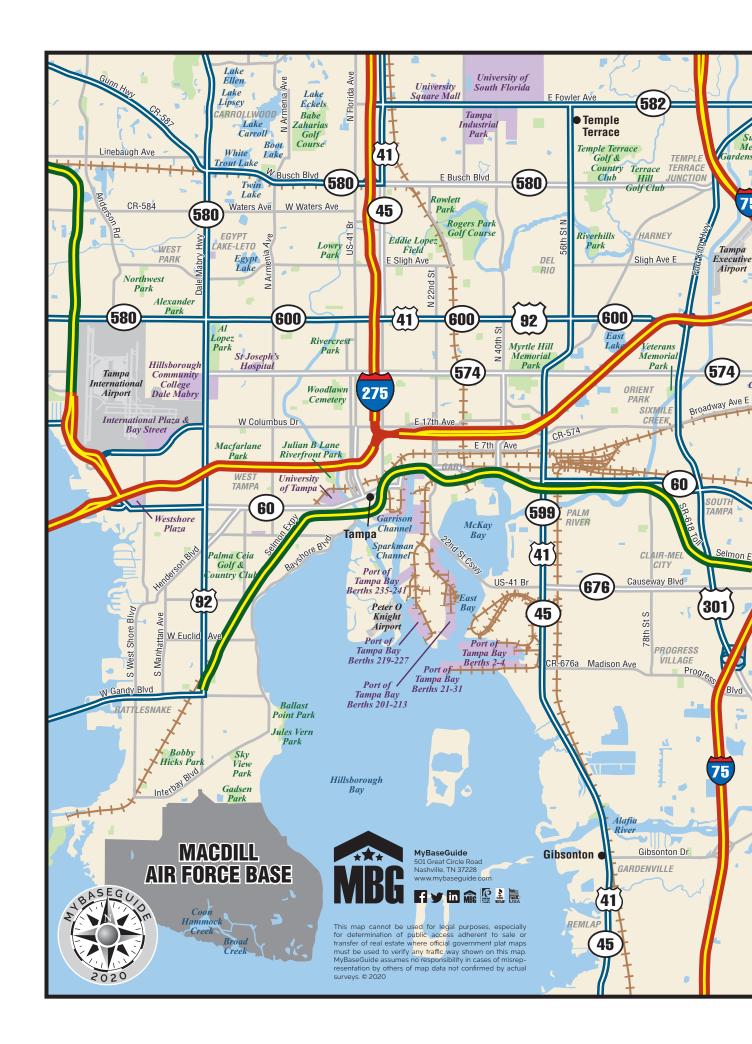
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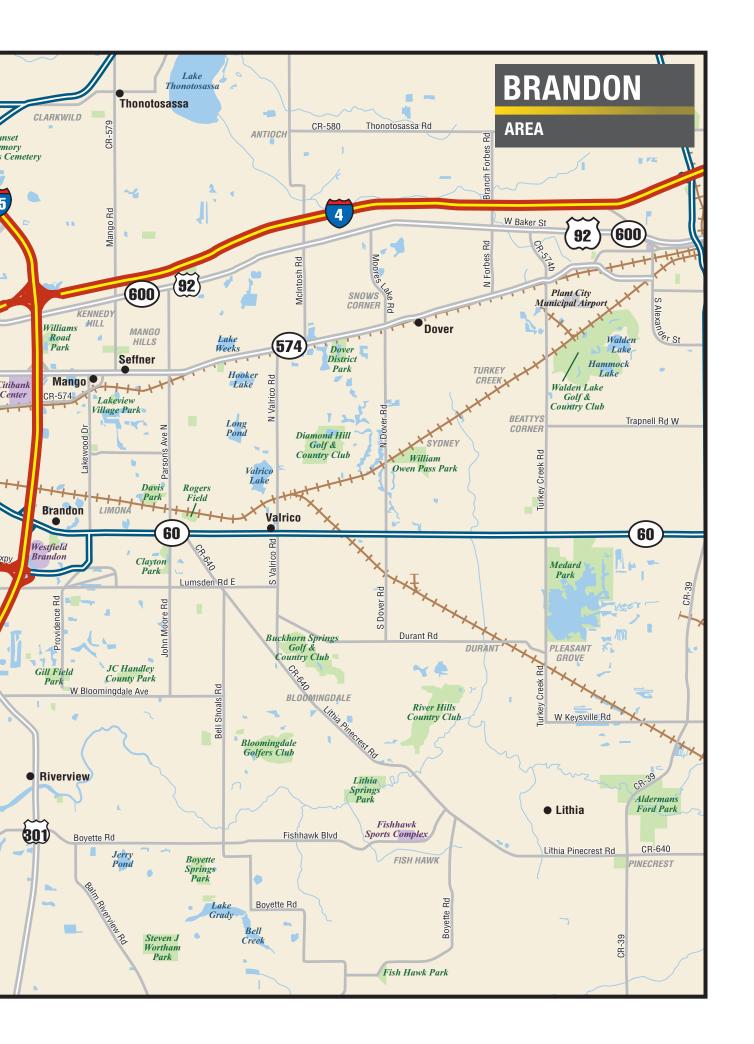


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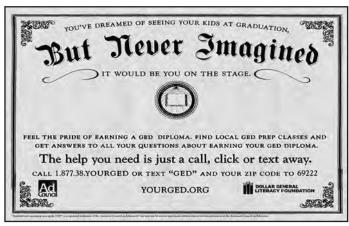
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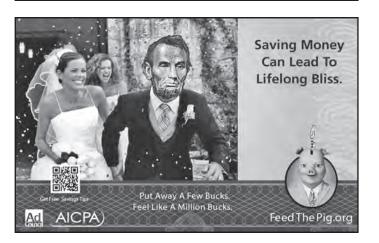
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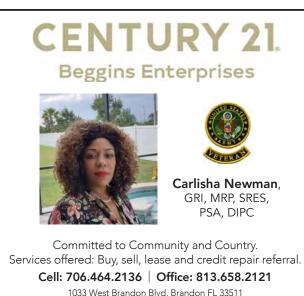
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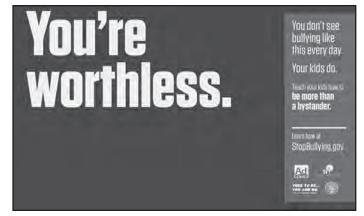






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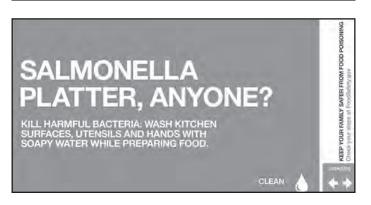
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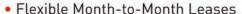
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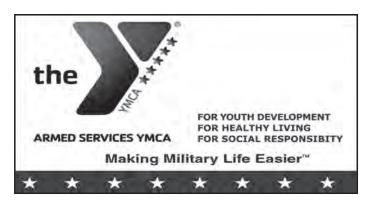
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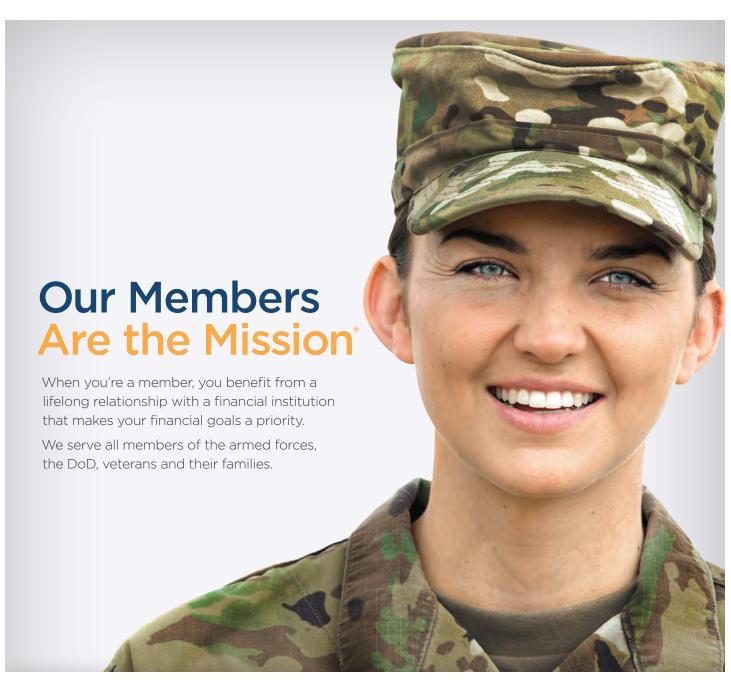


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