

ON BASE

Actors Donald Faison (blue) goes up against Dean Cain (white) during the second annual National Basketball Association Entertainment League game. U.S. Air Force photo by Lewis Mitchell



JANUARY

Job Fair. Sponsored by the Family Support Center. At this biannual event employers accept applications and resumés from the Edwards community.

MARCH

Annual Workforce Awards Banquet. Honoring the outstanding Air Force Flight Test Center company grade officer, enlisted and civilian award winners. Traditionally held in March or April.

Heartlink. Sponsored by the Family Support Center. This biannual program is designed to help acclimate new Air Force spouses (of five or less years) to life with the Air Force.

Miss Edwards Pageant. Sponsored by the 95th Services Division and held at the Stripes Lounge. Categories include Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss.

APRIL

Month of the Edwards' Child. During April, various events and activities are held to honor all Edwards' children.

Travel Fair. Sponsored by Information, Tickets & Travel and held at the Oasis Community Center. Representatives will be available to provide information on hotels, resorts, airlines, cruises, tour companies and more.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Sponsored by the Family Support Center. This annual event pays tribute to the numerous volunteers at Edwards.

MAY

Edwards' Sports Day. Sponsored by the 95th Services Division, Sports Day aims to enhance morale and provide all of Team Edwards an opportunity to engage in sports and other physical activities. Squadrons and organizations compete in a number of events, including softball, volleyball, horseshoes and track and field.

"Concerts in the Park" series begins for the summer season. Held monthly at Andrews Park, the entire base community is invited to bring picnic dinners, lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening of music performed by live bands. The free concerts are sponsored by the 95th Services Division.

Family Force Forum. Different base community organizations meet to determine ways to maximize quality of life issues for military families at Edwards.

Spouse Appreciation Day. Sponsored by the Family Support Center. Events are designed to recognize military spouses and show appreciation for their support.

Talent Extravaganza. Sponsored by the 95th Services Division and held at Stripes Lounge. Local winners go on to the Air Force level competition.

JUNE

Artist-Craftsman contest. Sponsored by the Skills Development Center.

JULY

Summer Bash. Sponsored by the 95th Services Division, this is an Air Force Materiel Command program celebrated at Edwards every July 4 at Wings Field near Arnold Park. Activities include entertainment, free carnival rides, family games, bouncy castles, sports competitions and a fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day.

Photography contest. Sponsored by the Skills Development Center.



Retired Brig. Gen Chuck Yeager salutes Maj. Gen. Doug Pearson, commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards, after stepping from an F-15 Eagle Oct. 26 at the Edwards Open House and Airshow. The event marked Yeager's final military supersonic flight.
(Courtesy Photo)



The Edwards AFB Open House and Airshow

SEPTEMBER

Fall Festival. Presented by the 95th Services Division, the festival celebrates the autumn holidays with costumes, dance contests, live entertainment, games and free carnival rides.

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Pancho Barnes Party. Sponsored by the Company Grade Officer's Council, in honor of the memory of Pancho Barnes, record-setting aviator and local legend. The party is held at the ruins of her ranch, the "Happy Bottom Riding Club"—a desolate location made lively by efforts to bring barbecue and live music together under a desert night sky. The event benefits the Flight Test Historical Foundation, which strives to preserve the history of flight test at Edwards.

Travel Fair. Sponsored by Information, Tickets & Travel and held at the Oasis Community Center. Representatives will be available to provide information on hotels, resorts, airlines, cruises, tour companies and more.

OCTOBER

Make a Difference Day. Sponsored by the Family Support Center. Volunteers basewide gather to help spruce up Edwards.

Open House and Air Show. A basewide effort, including NASA Dryden and other base associates, to present to the general public the men, women, technology and aircraft systems that comprise the aerospace frontier at Edwards. The Air Force Flight Test Center demonstrates its mission through static and aerial displays of nearly every aircraft in the Air Force inventory. This event is typically held in late October.



NOVEMBER

412th Test Wing Turkey Day. Held the Friday before Thanksgiving for test wing personnel to kick off the holiday season.

Car Show & Craft Fair. Sponsored by the Skills Development Center. This annual event features both classic and special feature cars, trucks and motorcycles as well as vendors with crafts and home items.

Military Family Month. Events sponsored by the Family Support Center are designed to show appreciation to all Edwards' military families.

DECEMBER

Edwards' basewide holiday party. Presented annually by the 95th Services Division and held at the Oasis Community Center. All of the Edwards community is invited to celebrate the holiday season with entertainment, free food and beverages, pictures with Santa, crafts and coloring contests.

Holiday Cookie Drive. Sponsored by the Family Support Center. Several hundred cookies are baked in the homes of Team Edwards members from across the base. The cookies are packaged and given to airmen living in the dorms.

Truckload of Toys. Sponsored by the Family Support Center. Each year the communities surrounding the base donate a truckload of toys to be given to children living at Edwards.



Aircraft and exhibits on display at the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum
Photos by Thomas Powell



Photo by John Wildon



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• **Air Force Flight Test Center Museum**
405 S. Rosamond Blvd.
(661) 277-8050

The museum features exhibits, displays and videos depicting the history of Edwards and the Air Force Flight Test Center, including aircraft static displays, models, biographies and aviation paraphernalia. The museum also has a gift shop with T-shirts, aviation books and souvenirs. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Attractions

• **Flight Line Tour**
Public Affairs Office
1 S. Rosamond Blvd.
(661) 277-3517

The current policy is to allow flight line tours to large pre-existing groups of 20 people or more. Reservations for these two-hour windshield tours are required and should be made at least a month in advance. Tours begin at the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum. They include an introductory presentation and an orientation video.



• **NASA Dryden Tour**
Visitor's Center
Lilly Drive, Bldg. 4825
(661) 276-3460/3446

NASA Dryden offers a 90-minute walking tour of its facilities, resources and aircraft. Call for more information and tour availability.

Special Events



• **Tops in Blue.** The Air Force's traveling variety show dazzles the Edwards community with lively dance, song and humor with tones of nostalgia, patriotism and service.

• **Space Shuttle Landings**

Edwards continues to be an alternate emergency-landing site for space shuttle flights and, with its large dry lakebed, will be a contingency site on all orbital missions during the entire life of the space program. The decision to land at Edwards is made 90 minutes prior to estimated landing time.

• **Motion Picture Support**

Edwards' proximity to the filmmakers and studios of Hollywood make it a frequent choice of directors and production agencies for on-scene motion picture, television and music video filming. Edwards supports several major motion picture events each year, which often result in free screenings for the base population.



Actor and professional wrestler, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and actress Kelly Hu visited Edwards during free screenings of their film, *The Scorpion King*.
Photo by Carlos Rolon

CHAPEL COMMUNITY AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Chapel 1: 15 N. Popson Ave.

(661) 277-2110

Chapel 2: 10 Park Dr.

(661) 277-2110

There are two base chapels: Chapel 1, located on the main base; and Chapel 2, located in the family housing area. The chapel staff maintains normal duty hours at Chapel 2; however, a duty chaplain is available on a 24-hour basis by calling the command post at (661) 277-3040. The chapel staff and volunteers host groups of men, women, youth and children in Bible study, religious initiation, instruction, social ministry, confirmation and service, as well as personal growth, parenting guidance and marriage enrichment. Protestant and Roman Catholic worship services are held regularly at both chapels. Jewish and Eastern Orthodox services are held periodically.

Chapel 2.

Photo by Thomas Powell



CHILDCARE

Free childcare for newcomers

A maximum of 20 hours of free childcare per child through the Air Force Aid Society is available to parents of all ranks who are making a permanent change of station move to or from Edwards. The childcare is available within 60 days of arrival or departure and is provided by Family Childcare Program providers. Parents may apply for childcare by bringing a copy of their orders and a valid ID to the Family Support Center at 550 S. Bailey Ave. Call the center at (661) 277-0723 or DSN 527-0723. Families who do not yet have orders should visit the center to arrange confirmation of their PCS status.

DINING

•Anthony's Pizza

Base Exchange Food Court
240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-4034

Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Offers a variety of pizzas and pasta meals.

•Base Operations Snack Bar

235 S. Flightline Rd.
(661) 258-5696

Daily, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Offers grill and sandwich items for breakfast and lunch.

•Baskin Robbins

Base Exchange Food Court
240 Fitzgerald Blvd.

(661) 258-1078, extension 256
Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Offers ice cream desserts, frozen beverages and special-occasion ice cream cakes.

•Burger King

240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-5987

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Offers breakfast, lunch and dinner fast-food items.

•Cactus Café

Corner of Wolfe Avenue and Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 275-CAFE

Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch specials, grill items and sandwiches.

•Club Muroc

275 Manzanita Way
(661) 275-CLUB

Lunch: Monday through Friday
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dinner: Monday through Thursday, 5:30-8

p.m., Friday and Saturday, 5:30-9 p.m.

Club Muroc is a consolidated club with an officers' lounge and an enlisted lounge, Pancho's and Fogleman's respectively, a dining room, ballroom and poolside lanais. Banquet and catering services are available and reservations may be made by calling or visiting the catering office. Social hour is offered at the club on Wednesday and Friday evenings. A check-cashing service is available to club members Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Membership information is available at the club office or by calling 275-PLUS.



Club Muroc

•Joshua Tree Inn Dining Facility

130 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-TREE

Breakfast: Monday through Friday,
5:30-7:45 a.m., Saturday and Sunday,
6-9 a.m.

Lunch: Monday through Friday,
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday,
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dinner: Monday through Friday, 4-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 4-7 p.m.

Midnight meal: Monday through Sunday, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

In-Flight Kitchen: 24 hours daily (661) 275-3776

Family Nights: Each Wednesday and Sunday, 4-7 p.m., family members of enlisted personnel in the pay grade of E-1 through E-4 are exempt from paying the surcharge.

Back-to-back winners of the AFMC Gold Plate award for 2002 and 2003, and winner of the 2002 Air Force Hennessy award, the Joshua Tree Inn dining facility provides full food service to all military personnel and authorized guests. Enlisted personnel and officers receiving Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) will be assessed the proportional surcharge, based on the subtotal of entrees selected. Low calorie/healthy choice entrees are offered during all meal periods.



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• **Mary's Place**

300 E. Yeager Blvd.

(661) 258-5215

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch specials, grill items and sandwiches.

• **NASA Dryden Cafeteria**

Lilly Drive, Bldg. 4825

(661) 276-3270

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Offers breakfast and lunch menus, hot entrees, grill items and sandwiches. Located adjacent to the NASA Dryden Visitor's Center.



Oasis Pizza & Deli

• **Oasis Pizza & Deli**

(Located in the Oasis Community Center)

205 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 275-DELI

Lunch: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dinner: Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 4-10 p.m., Sunday, 4-8 p.m.

Offers deli-style sandwiches, pizza, salads, barbecue ribs and daily lunch specials.

• **Pizza Hut**

1100 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 258-4907

Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

• **Popeye's**

Base Exchange Food Court

240 Fitzgerald Blvd.

(661) 258-1078, extension 257

Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Offers fast-food chicken meals with an assortment of side dishes.

• **Robin Hood Sandwich Shoppe and Deli**

Base Exchange Food Court

240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.

(661) 258-4034

Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Offers a variety of submarine sandwiches and salads.

• **Rocket Room**

Air Force Research Lab

2 Pollux Dr.

(661) 275-5589

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Offers breakfast and lunch menus, hot entrees, grill items and sandwiches.

• **Sandbagger Grill**

111 Crest Dr.

(661) 275-SAND

Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday through Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Offers breakfast and lunch menus, hot entrees, grill items, sandwiches and salads. Located at the Muroc Lake Golf Course.

• **South Base Snack Bar**

Birk Flight Test Facility

120 East Jones Rd.

(661) 275-0213

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch specials, grill items and sandwiches.

Base Exchange Food Court



Strikezone Snack Bar

• **Strikezone Snack Bar**

(At the High Desert Lanes Bowling Center)

205 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.

(661) 275-ZONE

Sunday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, 2-10 p.m.

Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch specials, grill items and sandwiches.

• **Taco Bell Express**

Base Exchange Food Court

240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.

(661) 258-1078, extension 257

Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Offers Mexican fast-food items.

• **Thai Garden**

W. Fitzgerald Blvd., near the Base Exchange

(661) 258-0186

Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Offers a variety of Thai food.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

125 Methusa Ave.
(661) 277-6071

The Education and Training, E&T, Flight is the focal point for the education and training of all Department of Defense personnel at Edwards. The E&T staff works with commanders, managers, supervisors, organizational training managers and individuals to optimize training and education opportunities. In addition, E&T provides program oversight for the Civilian Wellness Program and the Civilian Employee Assistance Program.

• Education Office

125 Methusa Ave.
(661) 277-2713

The Education Office provides a variety of education programs offering associate through master's degrees, education guidance, counseling services, military tuition assistance and the civilian Academic Degree and Certificate Training program.

• Colleges

Seven colleges have offices on base and offer classes and degree programs to the Edwards community. Graduate institutions include California State University Fresno, California State University Northridge and Webster University. Bachelor's degree institutions include Chapman University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Southern Illinois University. Cerro Coso Community College offers associate degrees and courses that transfer to both California State University and the University of California. Disciplines offered include business administration, social science, applied math, computer science, psychology, criminal justice, computer information systems, professional aeronautics, technical operations management, aviation business administration, aeronautical science, industrial technology, mechanical and electrical engineering and human resource management. Call the Education Office at 277-2713 for a brochure with extended information on schools and degrees.

• **Professional Military Education:** The Education Office staff works with commanders, First Sergeants and Unit Training Managers to arrange for military members and eligible civil service employees to attend the NCO Academy, Senior NCO Academy, Air and Space Basic Course, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. Recruiting for on-base seminars in the latter two schools is conducted annually starting in May.

• Training Office

125 Methusa Ave.
(661) 277-6073

The Training Office provides services to enable Edwards military and civilian members to obtain needed engineering, scientific, technical, logistics, maintenance, managerial, supervisory and administrative training. Training Office staff assist management in assessing needs, advocate for and assist in the creation of Individual Development Plans, determine optimum delivery methods and conduct and/or administer training.



Library

Students in the Aerospace Vehicle Test Course experience zero gravity during a ride in the NASA KC-135 also known as the "vomit comet". The AVTC trains students to become space flight-test engineers..
Courtesy Photo



EMERGENCY SERVICES

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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HELPING RESOURCES

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LIBRARY AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

• Main Library

5 W. Yeager Blvd.

(661) 275-BOOK

Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Friday 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

• Children's Library

1100 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 275-READ

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The base library stocks an assortment of learning materials, including books, periodicals, videotapes, cassettes and music CDs. Computers are available for literature searches, and CD ROMs, which aid in the search for periodicals and newspapers. Computers with Internet access, typewriters and a copy machine are accessible to the public for personal use at the main library. The library also offers Inter-Library Loan services for books not available locally.

The Children's Library has books, electronic games and older periodicals available for checkout. Newer games are available, but may not be checked out of the library. The library has a children's story hour at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays for older elementary students and a story hour at 10 a.m. on Fridays for preschool age children. The Children's Library also has a summer reading program that runs from mid June to late July for children of most ages. Call the library for exact times, dates and locations.

LODGING

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MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT

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NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

• Civil Engineer Readiness Division

225 Rosamond Blvd.

(661) 277-4433

Earthquakes are the primary type of natural disaster most likely to occur at Edwards. Despite being located between the first and third largest fault lines in California, the San Andreas and the Garlock respectively, the base has no historical record of ever sustaining damage due to an earthquake. Occasionally during the spring rainy season, the base may be subject to flash flooding. Both earthquakes and flash flooding give little or no warning and can compromise the well-being of the community, the ability to operate and even the structural integrity of homes and buildings. Strong winds are also common and have been known to cause local damage.

The Civil Engineer Readiness Division suggests the following steps be taken to prepare for a major earthquake:

Develop a family plan

- Decide where your family can reunite if separated.
- Be familiar with the safe spots in each room so that you can seek protection under sturdy tables and desks or against walls. Avoid danger spots such as near windows, mirrors, hanging objects and tall, unsecured furniture.
- Know where the gas, water and electricity turnoff sites are and how to shut them off.
- Secure water heaters and appliances.
- Maintain a three-day emergency food and water supply. Create a survival kit, including a flashlight, portable battery-operated radio, extra batteries, prescription medicine, first-aid supplies, clothing and sanitation needs. A small kit should also be placed in each vehicle.
- Keep current on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills.

After the earthquake

- Check yourself and those around you for injuries. Don't move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger.
 - Check utility leaks and broken electrical and sewage lines. Survey your house for cracks and signs of damage.
 - Check water and food supplies. Remember emergency water can be found in water heaters, melted ice cubes, the toilet tank and canned vegetables.
 - Use a portable radio for instructions and news reports.
 - Do not drive your car unless necessary. Roads need to be clear for emergency vehicles.
- The secret to success in surviving a natural disaster is the ability to plan. The Civil Engineer Readiness Division provides earthquake information to the base populace upon request.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Information

Straight Talk Center and Rumor Control, available by calling (661) 277-3510, are managed by the Office of Public Affairs and provide the facts concerning rumors or incidents happening on base and within the Air Force.

Family Services, located inside the Family Support Center at 550 S. Bailey Ave., offers a variety of information and literature concerning family matters, what to expect when moving to another base, transition assistance and the job search upon separating from the service.

Oasis Community Center, located at 205 Popson Ave., provides a full spectrum of brochures highlighting activities and attractions off base.

Marquees, or electronic bulletin boards, are operated by the 95th Services Marketing Division and are located at the North, South and West gates, as well as on Fitzgerald Boulevard and Forbes Avenue. The five marquees collectively provide community announcements and information in routine or emergency situations. For details on how to submit information for posting on base marquees, call (661) 277-4240.

Members of the Edwards
Blue Eagle Honor Guard.
Photo by Thomas Powell

MEDIA REFERRAL

Public Affairs Office
1 S. Rosamond Blvd.
(661) 277-4127

Members of the media should be immediately referred to Public Affairs without comment in order to ensure media receive prompt assistance and that the base speaks with one voice.

• Print

Air Force Flight Test Center Update, a product of the Office of Public Affairs, 1 S. Rosamond Blvd., is a bi-monthly publication highlighting advances in flight test and aerospace programs as they progress and are achieved here. The Update serves a mission-minded, trade readership.

Desert Wings, a product of the Public Affairs Office, serves as the Edwards community newspaper and is delivered throughout main base and the housing areas every Friday morning at no charge. Community members may suggest news leads and submit stories and items of interest through their unit public affairs representative, by contacting the Desert Wings staff via e-mail at afftc.pa.desertwings@edwards.af.mil or by calling (661) 277-2345. The deadline for all submissions to the Desert Wings is noon the Friday before the desired publication date.

Dryden X-Press, a product of NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, is a regular publication that serves to inform employees, media, the general public and retirees about the people and projects of Dryden.

Report to Stakeholders, a product of Edwards Environmental Management, is a monthly publication designed to inform the general public of environmental clean-up actions being taken on base.

• Radio

Reception varies widely on base and in the surrounding communities. These are some of the stations that can be heard on base.

FM

88.1	KCRY	Mojave	National Public Radio
88.9	KTLW	Lancaster	Religious-Español
93.5	KLKX	Palmdale	Classic Rock
93.9	KZLA	Los Angeles	Country
94.7	KTWV	Los Angeles	Smooth Jazz
95.5	KLOS	Los Angeles	Rock
97.7	KIIS	Lancaster	Contemporary Hits
98.7	KYSR	Burbank	Adult Contemporary
99.1	KGGI	San Bernardino	Urban Contemporary
100.3	KKBT	Los Angeles	R & B/Hip-Hop
103.1	KTPI	Palmdale	Country
104.3	KBIG	Los Angeles	Adult Contemporary
105.5	KOSS	Rosamond	Lite Rock
106.3	KGMX	Palmdale	Adult Contemporary
106.9	KCEL	California City	Variety

AM

610	KAVL	Lancaster	Sports
640	KFI	Los Angeles	Talk
710	KSPN	Los Angeles	Sports
980	KFWB	Los Angeles	News
1070	KNX	Los Angeles	News
1110	KDIS	Los Angeles	Children's (Radio Disney)
1150	KXTA	Los Angeles	Sports
1340	KAVC	Mojave	Religious
1380	KWJL	Lancaster	Standards
1470	KUTY	Palmdale	News/Talk-Español
1540	KMPC	Los Angeles	Sports

Adelphia Cable

Basic Cable Channel Line-up

02	CBS	KCBS Los Angeles
03	HAL/AV3	Hallmark Channel/Local Programming
04	NBC	KNBC Los Angeles
05	WB	KTLA Los Angeles
06	EAFB	Commander's Access Channel (Edwards only)
07	ABC	KABC Los Angeles
08	PBS	KCET Los Angeles
09	IND	KCAL Los Angeles
10	TWC	The Weather Channel/TV Guide
11	FOX	KTTV Los Angeles
12	AVBN	AV Buyers Network/Leased Access
13	UPN	KCOP Los Angeles
14	KHIZ	KHIZ Barstow
15	HSN	Home Shopping Network
16	PIN	PIN/KPAL
17	PBS	KLCS Los Angeles
18	IND	KSCI Long Beach
19	TBN	KTBN Santa Ana
20	TELE	KVEA Corona
21	UNIV	KMEX Los Angeles
22	IND	KWHY Los Angeles
23	IND	KJLA Los Angeles
24	IND	KRCA Riverside
25	KFTR	TELEFUTURA Ontario
26	PAXNET	KPXN San Bernardino
27	TBS	Turner Broadcasting System
28	HBO	HBO (Premium Channel)
29	HBOP	HBO Plus (Premium Channel)
30	HBOSG	HBO Signature (Premium Channel)
32	CRT	Court TV
33	IND	KXLA Los Angeles
34	IND	KAZA Los Angeles
35	CMT	Country Music Television
36	CSPAN	House of Representatives
37	GA	Adelphia Government Access
38	IND	KDOC Los Angeles
55	AMC	American Movie Classics

The following are Expanded Basic Channels

39	TLCW	The Learning Channel
40	THCW	The History Channel
41	CNN	Cable News Network
42	FNC	Fox News Channel
43	DSC	Discovery
44	NGC	National Geographic Channel
45	CNBC	Consumer/Business News
46	MSNBC	All News Network
47	ESPN2	24-Hour Sports
48	ESPN	24-Hour Sports
49	FSW	Fox Sport West
50	FSW2	Fox Sport West 2
51	TNN	The National Network
52	SCI-FI	Sci-Fi Channel
53	USA	USA Network
54	TNT	Turner Network Television
56	HGTV	Home & Garden Television
57	A&E	Arts & Entertainment
58	LIFE	Lifetime Television
59	FOOD	Food Network
60	APL	Animal Planet
61	ABCFAM	ABC Family Channel
62	DISNEY	Disney Channel
63	NICK	Nickelodeon
64	TOON	The Cartoon Network
65	MTV	Music Television
66	BET	Black Entertainment Television
67	VH1	Video Hits One
68	COM	Comedy Central
69	E!	Entertainment Television
70	GALA	Galavision
96	TRAVL	The Travel Channel
99	FX	FX Network

• Television

Adelphia Cable
Palmdale, Calif.
(661) 265-6637

Cable outlets offer all major Los Angeles television broadcast channels as well as major cable channels. The cable system serving the base is owned and operated by Adelphia Cable in Palmdale, and offers pay TV programming, including HBO, Cinemax, The Disney Channel and Showtime. Pay-per-view programming is also available. Adelphia newscasts on Channel 3 are the only newscasts devoted solely to the Antelope Valley audience.

A "Commander's Access Channel," Channel 6, is included in the cable TV basic package for base residents and provides 24-hour mission-related notices, community and duty briefs, as well as video programming including Air Force TV News and local historical videos. Instructional information is also provided in emergency situations. While informational slides are showing, Channel 6 also broadcasts Edwards Headline News and Air Force Radio News.

• World Wide Web

Edwards Air Force Base public Web site is accessible to the general public via the Internet at www.edwards.af.mil.

Centernet is an Intranet accessible to only ".mil" and ".gov" users at centernet.edwards.af.mil.

Base Bulletin, a product of the Information Technology Directorate, is accessible via Centernet and features daily Air Force Flight Test Center notices, duty and community briefs, as well as classifieds. The bulletin has limited availability in print.

PETS

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PHONE INFORMATION

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POSTAL SERVICES

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PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

There are many private organizations at Edwards that are self-supporting and raise funds to enhance the quality of life for many Team Edwards members. For more information, as well as a complete listing of these organizations, call 277-3433.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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RECREATION

•Aero Club

South Base, Bldg. 320
(661) 275-AERO

The Aero Club offers flight and ground instruction toward earning a private pilot's license, as well as aircraft rental to all members. The club has virtually exclusive use of the South Base runway for easy access to clear blue California skies. Since all club aircraft are registered with the Air Force, they are authorized to land at nearly all U.S. military bases and can be used for temporary duty travel. The club participates in fly-ins, proficiency competitions and a variety of other aviation-related activities.

•Skills Development Center

200 Methusa Rd.
(661) 275-ARTS

The Skills Development Center helps to improve and enhance hobby skills for members of the Edwards community. Arts & Crafts resale, woodworking, ceramics, pottery, instructional classes and picture framing are some of the things offered at the Skills Development Center. The staff members are happy to offer assistance and guidance with your hobbies. Annual events include the Artist-Craftsman Contest in June, photography contest in July, and the Car Show & Craft Fair in November.

•Auto Skills

(661) 275-AUTO

The Auto Hobby Shop offers equipment, tools, supplies and working space for self-help maintenance and repair to automobiles and other vehicles. More than 10 stalls are available for major and minor auto repairs as well as all the standard equipment necessary for auto repair work.

Long pants are required in the work area and children are not permitted access for safety reasons. Services offered at the center include brake drum and rotor turning, computerized wheel balancing and air conditioning maintenance. California smog testing and repair is also available.

•FamCamp

Coliseum Drive and Lathrop Street
(661) 275-CAMP

FamCamp features 25 full hook-up slots for recreational vehicles, as well as shower and restroom facilities. Thirty-six overflow slots without hook-ups are also available.

Payments for use of the camp are made at FamCamp or Outdoor Recreation.

•High Desert Lanes Bowling Center

205 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 275-BOWL

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center is a 20-lane facility equipped with pin spotters with automatic scoring. Bowling programs, such as glow bowling (glow in the dark bowling) and Colorama, are available for all ages, in addition to daily league competition and open bowling. Arrangements may also be made to hold parties at the center. The Strikezone Snack Bar (275-ZONE) provides quick and convenient dining, and the pro shop offers balls, shoes and ball measuring and drilling, as well as special orders.

•Information, Tickets and Travel

1100 Kincheloe Ave.
(661) 275-TRIP

Information, Tickets and Travel provides discounted tickets for cultural attractions in addition to arranging dozens of tours each year in and around southern California. Tickets for popular Los Angeles and San Diego area attractions include Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Sea World and Six Flags Magic Mountain. Park guides are also available as well as staff assistance in planning itineraries for exploring scenic and historic sites abundant in the Antelope Valley. Information, Tickets & Travel is also a full service Travel Agency, offering airline tickets, hotels, cruise and vacation packages and group cruises and tours at a discount throughout the year.

•Muroc Lake Golf Course

111 Crest Dr.
(661) 274-PUTT

Edwards Muroc Lake Golf Course offers a championship 185-acre, 18-hole, par-72 golf course. The facility includes a pro shop with the latest equipment, a driving range, and chipping, pitching and putting practice greens. Base intramural league matches, holiday and monthly tournaments and an active men's golf association are available for interested players. The club is a part of the Southern California Golf Association, which provides handicapping service. A local handicap service is also available. The on-site Sandbagger Grill provides short-order breakfast and lunch.

Muroc Lake Golf Course
Photo by Thomas Powell



High-Desert Lanes Bowling Center
Photo by John Wilson





Spinning classes are offered at the Oasis Aerobic Center.
Photo by Micahel Yncera



Children taking a gymnastics class at the Youth Activities Center
Photo by John Wilson

• N and N Travel
20 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 277-3160

N and N Travel provides arrangements for official travel only. Members traveling on official orders, in temporary duty or permanent change of station status, can arrange air, car and hotel reservations.

• Oasis Community Center
205 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-CNTR

The Oasis Community Center features a variety of leisure-time activities and programs for the base community. The facility offers a game room with pool and ping-pong tables, foosball and video games; lounge areas and separate conference rooms that have the latest audio and video capabilities and computer access; and Stripes Lounge has a state-of-the-art music and video entertainment system. The center sponsors tournaments, talent shows and educational classes.

• Outdoor Recreation
1100 Kincheloe
(661) 275-CAMP

Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of information and outings for those looking for excitement outdoors.

Programming includes anything from ocean to mountain, from sea kayaking and white water rafting to rock climbing and snow skiing. Custom trips such as backwoods nature hikes are also available.

• Parks

Arnold Park, located at the end of Coliseum Drive, features playground equipment, covered picnic areas, a stage and restrooms. The park often hosts community gatherings in the spring and summer months and is available for rent through Outdoor Recreation.

Branch Memorial Park, located near South Base off Lancaster Boulevard, features picnic areas, as well as Branch Pond. Branch Pond is open for fishing to individuals with valid base fishing licenses. The park is available for rental through Outdoor Recreation at 275-CAMP.

• Riding stables

See "Stables" on page 31.
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• Rod and Gun Activity
210 Adams Way
(661) 275-TRAP

The Rod and Gun Activity, located adjacent to the small arms range south of Rosamond Boulevard, offers outdoor sporting fun including archery, trap, skeet, rifle, pistol and paintball. Competitive shooting and social events are held regularly and the facility can be reserved for group functions such as paintball tournaments. Base hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased year round.

• Skills Development Center Crafts
200 Methusa Rd.
(661) 275-ARTS

The Skills Development Center offers a wide variety of programs, assistance and equipment in ceramics, framing, woodworking, and other arts, crafts and hobbies for all interests and skill levels. Instructional books, kits and supplies are available, as well as classes on cake decorating, cross-stitch, quilting, stained glass, flower arranging and toll painting. Custom services such as plaque and trophy engraving; T-shirt and cap designs are also available.

• Oasis Aquatic and Aerobic Center
207 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-SWIM
(661) 275-BFIT

The Oasis pool is an indoor Olympic-sized pool open throughout the year to all Edwards personnel and their families, and is staffed by qualified lifeguards at all times. Admission is free to all pools; there is a charge for instructional classes. The center offers American Red Cross lifeguarding classes, water safety instruction, swimming lessons for all levels, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid, as well as water aerobics classes. The base has two outdoor pools open seasonally: the Club Muroc pool, located at 275 Manzanita Way, open Memorial Day through Labor Day; and the Sonic Splash pool, located at 24 Lathrop Dr., also open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Free aerobics classes are offered to all Edwards personnel Monday through Saturday. Classes include Cardio Kick Box, Step Aerobics, Total Body Conditioning, Yoga, Pilates, and Spinning®. A new schedule is provided monthly.

• Stripes Lounge
205 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-CLUB

Stripes Lounge, located within the Oasis Community Center, offers evening and late night entertainment, dancing and socializing. The lounge is wired with a state-of-the-art audio and video entertainment system. Karaoke and dance contests, pool tournaments, movie nights and Football Frenzy are held in Stripes. Stripes is also the location for performances and events such as the Talent Extravaganza and the annual basewide holiday party.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SHOPPING & SERVICES

Members First Plus Program

Formerly known as Club Membership and Preferred Plus!, Members First Plus participants receive special discounts on food, services, programs and goods. Special member events are also scheduled throughout the year.

If you were a club member at your previous base, you'll need to transfer your membership to the Edwards program by calling (661) 275-PLUS, or 275-CLUB, or stop by Club Muroc at 275 Manzanita Way.

- **Air Force Flight Test Center Museum Gift Shop**
See "Air Force Flight Test Center Museum," page 36.

• Banking

• Armed Forces Bank

Base Exchange, 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-0183

Armed Forces Bank specializes in military banking and has served active duty, retirees and civilians since 1907. Customers can bank worldwide by phone, Internet, mail and ATM. In addition, the bank has a 24-hour account information line and a call center with representatives available 24 hours a day to assist customers. Services offered include free checking, classic checking, interest-bearing checking, savings accounts, loans and certificates of deposit.

• Edwards Federal Credit Union

10 South Muroc Dr.
(661) 258-4407/277-9639/277-9640
44288 N. 10th St. West, Lancaster, Calif.
(661) 945-6626/(877) 256-3300 Toll-Free

Edwards Federal Credit Union offers members a full range of financial services including share draft (checking) accounts, competitive savings plans, audio response services, online banking and bill pay services, low rate loans for mortgages, automobiles, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, emergencies, household furniture and more. After converting to a community credit union in March 2003, EFCU membership is now open to all who live, work or attend school in the Antelope Valley Community. For more information, visit the EFCU Web site at www.edwardsfcu.org.

• ATMs

EFCU provides ATM access to members via the Armed Forces Financial Network, CO-OP Network, and Star, Visa, Plus, Discover and American Express networks. Three of the Credit Union's nine ATMs are located on base: at the Edwards Main Office, 10 South Muroc Drive, adjacent to the Commissary at 390 W. Fitzgerald Blvd., and at the Main Lodging Office—602 Honts, Building 5602, just off Manzanita Way.

• Barbershops

Troop Store, 20 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 277-4297
Base Exchange, 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 277-2946

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service operates two barbershops.



Above, the jewelry counter and below, the Flower Shop, both located at the Base Exchange. Photos by John Wilson



• Base Exchange

240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-1078

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The 73,000-square-foot Base Exchange complex is conveniently located near the family housing area. Departments include clothing for men, women and children, as well as cosmetics and toiletries, office and stationery supplies, shoes, luggage, jewelry, giftware, housewares, electronics, hardware and appliances. The complex also contains military clothing sales, the Armed Forces Bank, a food court, beauty and barbershops, a same-day optical shop, a florist and a General Nutritional Center. For food court information, see "Dining," pages 38-39.

• Beauty shop

Base Exchange, 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-5371

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., closed on Sunday.

The Beauty Shop offers men, women and children hair-cutting and styling services. A variety of hair care products are also available.

• Car Care Center and Gas Station

Lancaster and Fitzgerald Boulevards
(661) 258-5091

Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Car Care Center and Gas Station are centrally located between main base and the housing areas. The center offers retail and automotive services and gasoline service islands that operate 24 hours a day with use of credit cards. Cash and checks can also be used during manned operating hours.

• **Class Six**

1100 Kincheloe Ave.
(661) 258-0709

Monday through Friday 6 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-12:30 a.m.

Class Six, located in the Shoppette, offers a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for sale. Alcoholic beverages will only be sold to those of legal drinking age.

• **Commissary**

312 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 277-4589

Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Located next to the Base Exchange, the Commissary offers all the conveniences of a mid-sized modern supermarket. The Commissary is closed Mondays and federal holidays.

• **Dry Cleaners**

Carousel Cleaners
7211 Kincheloe Ave.
(661) 258-4606

Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

• **Flower Shop**

Base Exchange, 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-5084

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Sunday.

The Flower Shop offers a variety of flower and balloon arrangements and bouquets, and delivery to almost anywhere in the United States.

• **GNC**

Base Exchange, 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-1923

Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

GNC, or the General Nutrition Center, features a large variety of dietary supplements.

• **Laundromat**

1320 Payne Ave.
Daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Coin-operated, large washers and dryers are available for use.

• **Military Clothing Sales**

Base Exchange, 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 277-8136

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., closed on Sunday.

Military Clothing Sales carries a full line of Air Force uniforms and miscellaneous items for Army and Marine service members.

• **Muroc Lake Golf Course Pro Shop**

111 Crest Dr.
(661) 275-PUTT

Opens at 6:30 a.m. during summer months and 7 a.m. during winter months, closes at sunset.

The Muroc Lake Golf Club offers a well-stocked pro shop with the latest golf merchandise and sport clothing.

• **Optical Shop**

Base Exchange, 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 258-4541

Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., closed Sunday.

The optical shop fills prescription glasses and contact lens orders, and custom fits frames for existing lenses. Sunglasses and eyewear accessories are also available.

• **Shoppette**

1100 Kincheloe Ave. (661) 258-0709

Monday through Friday 6 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-12:30 a.m.

Located at the center of the family housing area, the Shoppette offers a movie rental section and convenience shopping with extended hours.

• **Thrift Store**

1320 Payne Ave.
(661) 277-4294

Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

The volunteer-operated and managed Thrift Store allows community members to purchase and consign for items such as clothing, housewares, furniture and electronics.

• **Troop Store**

20 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 258-4797

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Located within walking distance of base dormitories, the Troop Store offers a limited video rental section and convenience shopping for basic food items and toiletries.



Above, the Optical Shop. Below, the Deli at the Commissary.
Photos by John Wilson



SONIC BOOMS

A distinguishing characteristic of Edwards is the large “booms” first heard here in 1947. Those booms are known as sonic booms. A sonic boom sounds similar to thunder and is caused by an object moving faster than sound; about 750 mph at sea level. An aircraft traveling through the atmosphere continuously produces air pressure waves similar to the water waves produced by a ship’s bow. When an aircraft exceeds the speed of sound, these pressure waves combine and form shock waves, which travel forward from the generation or “release” point.

As an aircraft flies at supersonic speeds, it is continually generating shock waves, dropping sonic booms along its flight path, similar to someone dropping objects from a moving vehicle. The sound heard on the ground as a sonic boom is the sudden onset and release of pressure after the build-up by the shock wave or “peak overpressure.” Duration of a sonic boom is brief and is less than a second—100 milliseconds—for most fighter-sized aircraft.



The Air Force’s new air superiority fighter, the F-22 Raptor, flew in excess of 60 degrees angle of attack during flight testing at Edwards. The thunderous sonic booms heard on Edwards AFB are generated by aircraft like the F-22 Raptor. Courtesy photo

SPORTS AND FITNESS

• Fitness and Sports Center

210 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-GYM1
Monday through Friday 5
a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday and
Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

• Family Fitness Center

1100 Kincheloe Ave.
(661) 275-GYM2
Monday through Friday 4:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and
Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Fitness and Sports Center features the latest in equipment and facilities for one-stop training including free weights and cardio and Hammer Strength equipment, as well as personal trainers. The facility features saunas in the men’s and women’s locker rooms, three racquetball courts, an outside track, jogging and biking trails, as well as a number of mountain bikes for check-out at no cost. The service counter provides racquet restringing and a towel

service. Massage therapy is also available for a fee by appointment only.

The Family Fitness Center, centrally located in the housing area, offers lifecycles, treadmills, free weights and Cybex equipment for convenient workouts.

• Health and Wellness Center

210 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-HAWC
Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed
Saturday and Sunday.

The Health and Wellness Center offers numerous programs aimed at preventative health and wellness. Through programs such as cholesterol screenings; skin cancer screenings; nutritional and behavioral impact education; stress reduction workshops; smoking cessation seminars and mammograms and prostate/testicular exams, the HAWC promotes individual and organizational vitality, health, well being, competence and professional growth and development.

THEATER

Corner of Yeager Boulevard and South Muroc Drive
(661) 275-SHOW

The 932-seat motion picture theater provides Edwards' military personnel and their families mainstream movies slightly delayed from initial release at an affordable rate for the whole family. Evening features start at 7 p.m. Check the

movie schedule that is printed each week in the base newspaper, *The Desert Wings*, or call the theater to hear a pre-recorded movie schedule. The theater may also be used for large community gatherings and commander's calls.

WEATHER

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YOUTH

- **Youth Activities Center**

24 Lathrop Dr.
(661) 275-KIDS

Summer months Monday through Friday noon-6 p.m., school year Monday through Friday 2 p.m.-6 p.m., weekends vary depending on activity.

The Youth Activities Center is the focal point for all youth activities at Edwards. A wide range of supervised and organized activities is available to youth ages 5-18. The center offers an array of youth, pre-teen and teen programs including dances, holiday and family events, picnics and trips. Professional instruction is available through the center for ballet, tap, gymnastics and karate. The center relies on both youth and parents to take an active role in shaping programs.

School-age care is available for children ages 5-12 before and after

school. The youth center provides transportation to and from the schools for this program.

- **Youth Sports**

The Youth Sports Program is facilitated through the Youth Activities Center and offers children a chance to compete, gaining instruction and confidence in a number of sports including flag football, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer.

- **Teen Center**

1320 Payne St.

(661) 275-TEEN

Monday through Thursday 3-6 p.m.,
Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 6-11p.m.,

closed on Sunday.

The Teen Center is designed to give teens a place to go to after school and on the weekends. The center features pool tables, foosball tables, Internet access, a Dance Revolution machine, video games, study areas and a meeting room. The Teen Program arranges activities such as paintball, glow bowling and social awareness education.

- **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts**

Current points of contact for scouting organizations may be obtained by calling (661) 277-3433.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops on base promote character, social and skill development; citizenship training; sportsmanship; physical and mental fitness and pride in a growing mind and body for boys and girls in first through 12th grade.

A member of the Girl Scouts carries a flag.
Photo by Thomas Powell

