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## U.S. Air Force gears up for its 75th anniversary

by Secretary of the  
Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Air Force and Department of the Air Force kicked off the year with a bang Jan. 1 by highlighting the start of their 75th year at the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl.

Seventy-five years after the Air Force's birth on Sept. 18, 1947, the spirit of innovation that has driven the service was on display when a B-2 Spirit roared over the parade and the college football game to kick-off the yearlong 75th-anniversary celebration.

Joining the B-2 to kick off the celebration was an Air Force Total Force Band, comprised of 75 Airmen -Musicians from 14 units. Fittingly, the band marched in the 75th spot in the Tournament of Roses parade lineup.

The Airmen taking part in the

start of the year celebration highlighted one of the service's greatest strengths: the nearly 700,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen who remain the heart and soul of the service, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., who currently serves as the service's highest ranking military officer.

"Ever since the Air Force became a separate military service, empowered Airmen have pushed the boundaries of technology and innovation that have allowed the service to excel and keep pace with the rapid changes and the demands placed upon us," Brown said. "Our commemoration of this important anniversary provides a chance to reflect on the amazing accomplishments of our service and those who have served among its ranks since 1947, while also celebrating the boundless future that lies ahead."

"The 75th anniversaries of the U.S. Air Force and the Department of the Air Force provides a unique opportunity to highlight the contributions of our Total Force Airmen, both past and present, who have fought and defended our nation in air and space," Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall said. "When you think about what the Air Force has accomplished since its inception in 1947, there's so much to be proud of – it's truly incredible.

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# A note from the editor:

## Keep your mailing, email addresses current

by Tammy Cournoyer  
Afterburner editor

For more than 60 years, the *Afterburner* has been keeping Air Force retirees and surviving spouses up-to-date on the latest news and information regarding benefits, entitlements, and laws impacting their lives.

As of Jan. 1, there were nearly 681,000 living Air Force retirees, and more than 150,000 surviving spouses.

One of the challenges Air Force Retiree Services faces today is communicating with this large and diverse population of customers. Most of you have embraced technology, while there is still a large population who remain “unwired” for many reasons. More than 525,000 of you have an online myPay account with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. You receive your *Afterburner* electronically through the SmartDocs delivery system to the email address you have on file with DFAS. This saves the Air Force more than \$220,000 each issue in printing and postage costs. The rest of you receive a hard

-copy *Afterburner* that is mailed to the mailing address you have on file with DFAS at a cost of about \$95,000 each issue.

Regardless of how you receive your *Afterburner*, it is vitally important that DFAS has your current U.S. Postal Service and email addresses at all times. Some people believe that just because they have Direct Deposit there is no reason to notify DFAS when either address changes. Not true! DFAS needs to be able to reach you through the postal service or email regarding account statements, tax forms, newsletters and more.

Another source of news and information is Air Force Retiree Activities Offices (see Pages 10 & 11 for a listing of locations near you). These offices can assist you by answering your questions directly or referring you to the appropriate office or agency that has the answers you’re seeking. Please note that all Air Force Retiree Activities Offices are staffed by volunteers who are the epitome of the “Still Serving” RAO motto. The RAO program’s success depends on men and women, and the support they receive from their



Tammy Cournoyer (Courtesy photo)

respective commanders. If you’ve got some time to spare, please consider volunteering in an RAO to help your fellow retirees and surviving spouses.

I encourage you to visit the newly redesigned Air Force Retiree Services website at <https://www.retirees.af.mil/>. There, you will find news and resources specifically for retired Airmen and Guardians. On the upper right-hand side of the home page, there is a mini-menu of the site’s contents, or you can click on the two horizontal bars on the upper left-hand side for a full dropdown menu.

The Library section is popular as it has assorted information on various subjects including benefits, reference materials, and leisure activities. The “Fact Sheet” section is currently a work in progress, and updates are ongoing. If you have an idea for a fact sheet, please send it to [afpc.retiree@us.af.mil](mailto:afpc.retiree@us.af.mil).

One final note: This is my last *Afterburner* before I retire in April 2022. When I retired from active duty in the Air Force, I went in search of a job where I could serve others. I certainly found that here! It has truly been an honor and a pleasure serving you these past 15 years as part of Air Force Retiree Services.

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AFPC/DPFPP  
550 C Street West  
JBSA Randolph TX 78150-4713

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"These past 75 years have showcased the service's ability to adapt to any situation and provide unparalleled airpower as well as spacepower right up to the establishment of the U.S. Space Force within the Department of the Air Force in 2019," he said. "As we look ahead to the next 75 years, we must continue to adapt and modernize so that our Airmen and Guardians have the warfighting capabilities they need to stay ahead of our pacing challenges, while also ensuring they and their families have the resources they need to thrive. One

team, one fight!"

Throughout 2022, the Air Force will celebrate its 75th milestone with various events around the U.S. and worldwide to showcase the values, commitment, and expertise of America's Total Force Airmen, past and present. In addition, the service will spotlight its history, accomplishments, and many of the pioneering Airmen whose innovation, dedication to mission, and war-fighting spirit helped established the U.S. Air Force of today. (Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

## Pay date schedule for 2022

| Entitlement Month | Retired Pay Date   | Annuitant Pay Date |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| January 2022      | February 1, 2022   | February 1, 2022   |
| February 2022     | March 1, 2022      | March 1, 2022      |
| March 2022        | April 1, 2022      | April 1, 2022      |
| April 2022        | April 29, 2022     | May 2, 2022        |
| May 2022          | June 1, 2022       | June 1, 2022       |
| June 2022         | July 1, 2022       | July 1, 2022       |
| July 2022         | August 1, 2022     | August 1, 2022     |
| August 2022       | September 1, 2022  | September 1, 2022  |
| September 2022    | September 30, 2022 | October 3, 2022    |
| October 2022      | November 1, 2022   | November 1, 2022   |
| November 2022     | December 1, 2022   | December 1, 2022   |
| December 2022     | December 30, 2022  | January 3, 2023    |



# Annual assistance fund kicks off soon

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – We’re gearing up, once again, for the annual Air Force Assistance Fund “For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians” campaign scheduled for March 7 to April 29.

The leadership team of the Air Force Assistance Fund charities thank you for your support last year, donating over \$81,400 -- a whopping 41.3% increase from the \$57,600 amount donated in 2020! You make it possible for us to take care of our

Airmen, Guardians, and their families! And it makes sense that you do since three of the four AFAP charities’ primary mission is to support retirees, their dependents, and their surviving spouses.

The Air Force Aid Society has been taking care of emergency assistance, education and community program needs for the Air Force family since 1942 -- and we’re not about to stop now! Every year, the society provides over \$15 million in direct support to Airmen

and their families! Over the years, you’ve made sure that Airmen could make it home to see their mom or dad that “one last time” before passing on. You’ve enabled us to provide loans to Air Force dependents so they could continue their education. Your generosity has also provided our fellow Airmen and Guardians with programs like Bundles for Babies; Give Parents a Break; Car Care Because We Care;

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|---------------------------------|---|
| <p><b>Text</b></p>              | <p><b>Text AFAP to 50455</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Website</b></p>           | <p>Go to <a href="https://www.afassistancefund.org/index.php/donate/">https://www.afassistancefund.org/index.php/donate/</a>, click on “Create an Account” under the AFAP banner, then just fill in the donation form below! Recurring, indefinite, monthly giving now available. No more annual renewals, as requested.</p>  |
| <p><b>Check/Money Order</b></p> | <p>Download, fill in, and print the fillable PDF contribution form at: <a href="https://www.afassistancefund.org/index.php/donate">https://www.afassistancefund.org/index.php/donate</a> (link found on the right side of the webpage) Section A of the form can be used to document where you’d like your check or money order donation to go. Section B of the form allows you to authorize monthly deductions starting 1 July 2022 and ending 1 June 2023. Retirees using the e-Giving platform don’t need to fill out the contribution form.</p> <p>Mail form and check to:<br/> <b>AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND<br/>                 AFPC/DP3SA<br/>                 550 C STREET WEST<br/>                 JBSA-RANDOLPH TX 78150</b></p> <p>***Please don’t send cash in the mail***<br/>                 ****Allotment begin 1 July 2022****</p> |

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and local education programs.

The Air Force Enlisted Village lives out its mission -- "to provide a home" -- every day with active, senior living in Florida at Bob Hope Village, and assisted living and memory care at Hawthorn House with resident programs focused on physical, social, spiritual and mental well-being. Staff follow a guiding principle called "The Mom Rule" to ensure all residents are treated with the highest level of dignity and respect that is normally reserved for their own moms. The Air Force Enlisted Village understands that military spouses make sacrifices. No eligible Air or Space Force widow is turned away because of finances. Donations received through the Air Force Assistance Fund directly support enlisted Air and Space Force widows in need. Learn more about the village at [www.afev.us](http://www.afev.us).

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation supports the widows and widowers of Air and Space Force retirees. These surviving spouses can turn to the foundation for their financial needs. The foundation supplies ongoing monthly grants that help with everyday living; meal deliveries, transportation services and personal care costs. One-time support is available for unplanned expenses; medical costs; small home repairs; and car troubles. The foundation's promise is to provide financial stability to keep these spouses in their homes. After many years of military life, your generosity gives

them comfort knowing they're not forgotten. Visit [www.lemay-foundation.org](http://www.lemay-foundation.org) for more information.

The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation provides financial assistance to surviving spouses of Air and Space Force officers, who, through no fault of their own, are unable to support themselves without assistance. Health crises and unexpected longevity can come upon us all, bringing severe financial difficulties. While most receiving assistance are longtime residents of Blue Skies, those in the most severe financial distress can receive assistance from the beginning, taking advantage of this program created by Air Force Spouses' Clubs across the world 50 years ago. Thanks to your gracious donations, the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation is proud to "take care of our own" during their most vulnerable years.

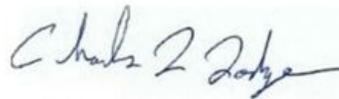
This year we hope that you will continue to support the AF AF campaign and make an even bigger impact. We have been supporting Airmen since there was an Air Force, so if you need us, please don't hesitate to give us a call! Thank you for your service and thank you for your continued support of the AF AF campaign: For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians!

Visit [www.afassistancefund.org](http://www.afassistancefund.org) to learn more about the impact we're making in the lives of our Airmen, Guardians, and their families!

Warmest regards,



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# How to get a 1099-R from DFAS for 2022



It's tax season again and Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials want to ensure retirees and annuitants are aware of all of the options they have for getting copies of their tax documents.

Officials recommend using the online [myPay service](#) as it is a one-stop source for all important retired pay or annuity pay information, including the 1099-R.

Retiree 1099-Rs were available on myPay starting Dec. 17 and annuitant 1099-Rs were available starting Dec. 21. Tax documents were mailed Jan. 31 for those retirees and annuitants requesting a hard copy via the U.S. Postal Service.

For those people who are not

currently using myPay, DFAS officials believe now is a great time to get started, saying it is now simpler, streamlined and more mobile-friendly. That means it is easier to manage a pay account using the web browser on a computer or with a connected device, like a smartphone or tablet.

The advantage of using myPay is that 1099-R tax statements are available much sooner in myPay than through postal mail. In addition, in myPay people can download or print their current year tax statement, as well as previous 1099-Rs up to four prior years for retirees and up to two prior years for annuitants.

While in myPay, people can also easily check to make sure DFAS

has their correct mailing address and email address.

New users can request an initial password on the myPay homepage using the "Forgot or Need a Password" link. The password will be mailed to the address they have on file with DFAS and they should receive it in about 10 business days.

Once they receive the password in the mail, they can return to the myPay homepage and log in with their Social Security number and the password they received in the mail to create a myPay profile.

A downloadable step-by-step Get Started Guide to myPay on is on the web at <http://www.dfas.mil/rapay> and a how-to video is on the DFAS YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/DFAS>.

If a myPay account is in an inactive status because the password has expired, people can follow the steps below to reactivate their account.

1. Go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil/> on a computer or connected device
2. Click on the "Forgot or Need a Password?" link and enter a Login ID or Social Security Number
3. Choose to send a temporary password to the email or mailing address of record
4. When the temporary password arrives, go back to myPay and use it to log in to reactivate the account. (Courtesy of DFAS)

## DFAS launches new kind of pay accounts for 'gray-area retirees'

CLEVELAND – A new kind of myPay account is now available from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve "gray-area" retirees.

The time between retirement from service and the date when Airmen are eligible to begin receiving retired pay is known as the "gray area." The moniker applies even if the member is in the Retired Reserve.

The new type of account was created to help these individuals stay connected and informed between the time they stop drilling and the time they start receiving military retired pay. A Guard or Reserve member is generally not eligible to start receiving retired pay until they reach age 60; however, some

periods of active duty or active service can reduce the age requirement below 60 years of age. The youngest age that a gray-area retiree can start receiving retired pay is age 50.

In the new basic myPay account, gray-area retirees can confirm or update their email and mailing addresses to receive important information from DFAS and the Air Force, and reminders about applying for retired pay. Additionally, when they apply for retired pay and have a current email address in their account, DFAS officials will email them notifications about the status of their application.

To find out more, gray-area retirees are encouraged to visit <https://www.dfas.mil/grayarea>. (Courtesy of DFAS)

## TRICARE pharmacy copays increase for new year

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — If you get your prescription drugs through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or at a TRICARE retail network pharmacy you now pay anywhere from \$1 to \$8 more in copayments.

“Congress and the Department of Defense worked together on these cost changes as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018,” said U.S. Public Health Service Cmdr. Teisha Robertson, a pharmacist with the Defense Health Agency’s Pharmacy Operations Division. “The changes are part of a larger effort to help fund improvements in military readiness and modernize the TRICARE health care benefit.”

These cost changes – effective Jan. 1 -- don’t affect all beneficiaries. Copayments for survivors of active-duty service members remain the same. Medically-retired service members and their family members also won’t see a change in their copayments.

As described in the TRICARE Pharmacy Program Overview, TRICARE groups prescription drugs based on the medical and cost effectiveness of a drug compared to other drugs of the same type. The least expensive, most widely available category is generic formulary drugs. This is followed by brand-name formulary drugs and non-formulary drugs. There are cost increases in all three of these categories, and the new cost depends on the type of pharmacy.

Here are the new copayment changes:

### TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery (Up to a 90-day supply)

Generic formulary drugs increased from \$10 to \$12  
Brand-name formulary drugs increased from \$29 to \$34

Non-formulary drugs increased from \$60 to \$68

### TRICARE retail network pharmacies (Up to a 30-day supply)

Generic formulary drugs increased from \$13 to \$14  
Brand-name formulary drugs increased from \$33 to \$38

Non-formulary drugs increased from \$60 to \$68

It’s important to note that you may only fill some brand-name maintenance drugs twice at retail network pharmacies. These are drugs that you take for long-term conditions. After the second refill, you must use home delivery or a military pharmacy. This doesn’t apply when you fill short-term use drugs at retail network pharmacies.

### Non-network pharmacies (Up to a 30-day supply)

Non-network pharmacy costs remain the same if you use a TRICARE Prime plan. With a TRICARE Prime plan, you’ll pay a 50% cost-share after you meet your point-of-service deductible for covered drugs. For all other health plans, non-network pharmacy costs are as follows:

Generic formulary drugs and brand-name formulary drugs will cost \$38 (up from \$33) or 20% of the total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible

Non-formulary drugs will cost \$68 (up from \$60) or 20% of the total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible

If you can use a military pharmacy, this remains your lowest cost option. There’s still no cost for covered generic and brand-name drugs at military pharmacies.

Visit [Covered Pharmacy Services](#) to learn more.  
(Courtesy of TRICARE)

## VA health records will now display gender identity

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs began including gender identifiers in its national medical record system in December 2021 to help VA providers better understand and meet the health care needs of veterans.

Providing this option demonstrates the agency’s commitment to delivering care fitting the individual needs of veterans enrolled in VA health care, including transgender and gender-diverse veterans.

VA added transgender male,

transgender female, non-binary, other or does not wish to disclose options to its new gender identity field.

“Our goal is to align the department’s policies and procedures with the president’s vision for a more inclusive government,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “All veterans, all people, have a basic right to be identified as they define themselves. This is essential for their general well-being and overall health. Knowing the gender identity of transgender

and gender diverse veterans helps us better serve them.”

A person’s gender identity conveys essential information about who they are and may signal experiences of stigma and discrimination that can affect their health. VA health records now display both gender identity and preferred name, so VA staff can address the veteran appropriately.

Further information can be found in VHA Directive 1341 or at LGBTQ+ Health Program. (Courtesy of VA News)

# AAFES offers career opportunities for retirees

by Tom Shull  
AAFES Director/CEO

DALLAS -- When the time comes to transition from Airman to Airman for Life, those who have selflessly served can continue to serve, with purpose, as a member of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service team.

Long known as a top employer of veterans, the Exchange is family serving family, offering meaningful careers, with competitive pay and benefits, for all who raised their right hand, took the oath and served with distinction.

In November, the Department of Defense's largest retailer was named to Military Times' Best for Vets: Employers list for the eighth year in a row, recognizing the Exchange's programs to attract and retain veterans, inclusive hiring practices and more. Also in November, the Exchange earned its 12th Military Friendly Employer designation from VIQTORY, publisher of G.I. Jobs Magazine,



earning the publisher's Military Friendly Employer Silver Award.

The Exchange continues to lean forward to hire Air Force veterans and retirees and those who support them. This past August, the organization crossed the finish line on its goal of hiring 50,000 veterans and military spouses. Today, the Exchange is raising the bar even higher as we work to hire a total of

75,000 veterans and military spouses by 2026.

We are honored by every veteran who joins Team Exchange and are fully committed to equipping our newest teammates for success. The Exchange's veteran retail management training program is a great example of the training tools available to ensure our team is properly prepared to thrive in management roles.

We are honored that so many veterans continue to help the Exchange carry out its mission and look forward to seeing the new heights our veteran teammates reach as they support the best customers in the world.

To learn more about careers at the Exchange and apply for current openings, visit the Exchange website at [ApplyMyExchange.com](https://www.applymyexchange.com) and click "Welcome Veterans" on the right side of the page. It is truly an honor to serve those who serve! (Courtesy of AAFES News)

## Afterburner office does not maintain addresses

Please **DO NOT** send your U.S. Postal Service change-of-address announcements to the *Afterburner* office as the editor does not have the ability to make official address changes.

Mailing labels used to send out the *Afterburner* are based on addresses already on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Any change announcements sent to the *Afterburner* cannot be processed or forwarded, and are shredded.

Retirees must change their address by calling 800-321-1080. (Do not mention the *Afterburner* or you may be referred elsewhere.) If you have a [myPay](https://www.mypay.af.mil) account you can make the change online. You can fax your change to 800-469-6559, or send it to: DFAS, US Military Retirement Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1200.

Air Force Survivor Benefit Plan annuitants must call DFAS at the number above, or use their online myPay account. The fax number for annuitants is 800-982-8459 or mail the change to: DFAS, US Military Annuitant Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1300.



## Urgent care available under TRICARE plans

by TRICARE communications staff

FALLS CHURCH, Va. -- Most TRICARE beneficiaries can go to an urgent care center whenever they need to, but you just want to be sure to check out and follow the urgent care rules for your health plan.

"Urgent care might be an option for you if you don't believe you have an emergency," said Dr. Stacy Usher, lead nurse of clinical oversight and integration for the TRICARE Health Plan. "Urgent medical conditions are usually ones that aren't considered emergencies but still require professional medical attention within 24 hours. Examples might include a small cut that might need stitches, a fever, or a sprained ankle."

Emergency care means care for an illness or injury that threatens your life, limb, sight, or safety. If you reasonably believe you have an emergency, always call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

If you have questions about your injury or illness, you can call the Military Health System Nurse Advice Line. Nurses are available 24/7 to help you find the care you need. People in the United States, Guam or Puerto Rico can call 800-874-2273 and choose option 1.

Different health plans have different rules for getting urgent care. These rules depend on your status. If you're a retiree or retiree family member in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select, you can get urgent care from any TRICARE-authorized urgent care center without a referral. You should see a TRICARE network provider to avoid



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more out-of-pocket costs.

For details about all the network and non-network costs for urgent care, you can choose your health plan and your status on the TRICARE Costs page to see your current costs. (Courtesy of TRICARE)

## VA adds 6 new conditions related to service

WASHINGTON -- Over the course of the last several months, the Department of Veterans Affairs has begun processing service-connected disability claims for six new presumptive conditions related to environmental exposures during military service.

In May 2021, VA started implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, adding bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism to the list of medical conditions presumptively associated with exposure to Agent Orange. A few months later VA added asthma,

rhinitis and sinusitis (to include rhinosinusitis) on a presumptive basis based on particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas.

Any veteran who was previously denied service-connection for any of these six conditions but had symptoms manifest within 10 years of military service would need to file a supplemental claim. Officials advise using VA Form 20-0995, Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim, when filing. The claim form should include the name of the condition and specify that the condition is being claimed because of

in-service exposure to environmental hazards.

Officials also advise veterans to stay plugged in to <http://www.va.gov> for the most recent developments around environmental exposures during military service, as VA is constantly conducting research and surveillance as well as reviewing scientific literature for conditions that may be related to exposure during military service.

For more information about VA benefits and eligibility, or how to file a claim, veterans and survivors can visit VA's website or call toll-free at 800-827-1000. (Courtesy of VA News)

# Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices

Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices are made up of retired volunteers from all services, including surviving spouses. Their charter is to coordinate, establish and staff an office on an active-duty, Reserve or Guard base through command channels that helps retirees and surviving spouses with myriad actions.

These actions include: serving as an information center for TRICARE, base services, etc.; offering referrals for financial assistance and pay matters; counseling active-duty Airmen/Guardians nearing retirement; and

providing guidance on retirement issues.

Another major activity involves working with base agencies to set up Retiree Appreciation Day events offering briefings by different agencies on respective services, tax preparation and advice (at selected locations); staff judge advocate assistance, base tours, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, etc.

Not all states or countries have an established DAF RAO. The phone numbers and email addresses of RAOs Department of the Air Force-wide are listed below.

## Alabama - Area IX

MAXWELL  
Phone: 334-953-6725  
Email: retiree.affairs@us.af.mil

## Alaska - Area XIV

JOINT BASE ELEMENDORF-  
RICHARDSON  
Phone: 907-384-3500  
Email: usaf.jberrso@mail.mil

## Arizona - Area III

DAVIS-MONTHAN  
Phone: 520-228-5100  
Email: keith.connolly@us.af.mil

## LUKE

Phone: 623-856-3923  
Email: 56fw.rao@us.af.mil

## Arkansas - Area VII

LITTLE ROCK  
Phone: 501-987-6095  
Toll Free: 877-815-3111  
Email: henry.ward.2@us.af.mil

## California - Area II

BEALE  
Phone: 530-634-3000  
Email: bealerao@gmail.com

## EDWARDS

Phone: 661-277-4931  
Email: 412tw.rao@us.af.mil

## LOS ANGELES

Phone: 310-653-5144  
Email: rao.laafb@gmail.com

## MARCH

Phone: 951-655-4077  
Email: albert.bailey.4@us.af.mil

## MCCLELLAN

Phone: 916-640-8446  
Email: raomcclellan@yahoo.com

## TRAVIS

Phone: 707-424-3904  
Email: raotravis@yahoo.com

## VANDENBERG

Phone: 805-606-5474  
Email: vandenbergrao@us.af.mil

## Colorado - Area IV

BUCKLEY  
Phone: 720-847-6693  
Email: 460sw.rao.org@spaceforce.mil

## PETERSON

Phone: 719-556-7153

Email: raopeterson@us.af.mil

## USAF ACADEMY

Phone: 719-333-7877  
Email: raopeterson@us.af.mil

## Delaware - Area XII

DOVER  
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