

## LOCATION



Hurlburt Field is located on the Gulf of Mexico in the Florida Panhandle, 35 miles east of Pensacola. This area also known as the Emerald Coast is a major tourist attraction for its shocking white beaches and the emerald green waters.

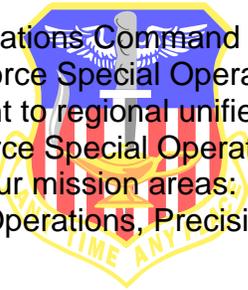
## HISTORY

Home of the Air Commandos since 1961. Officially designated Eglin Auxiliary Field No. 9, it served as one of the small training fields built on the sprawling Eglin Air Force Range in the 1940s. General Grandison Gardiner, Eglin commander, named it for First Lieutenant Donald Wilson Hurlburt who was killed in an aircraft crash at Eglin Auxiliary Field #9 in 1943. The Eglin Military Reservation, to include the surrounding auxiliary fields, played key roles in the training of special operations rescue forces for operations such as the 1970 Son Tay Raid in Vietnam. When the 1 SOW was renamed the 16 SOW on October 1, 1993, it retained the heritage and honors of the 1 SOW, its predecessor designations, and the 16th Pursuit and Fighter groups.

On 16 Nov 06, the 16th SOW reclaimed the number 1 as part of the Wing designation. Now the 1st SOW boast a 29-squadron wing, capable of deploying and sustaining a fight anywhere in the world on a moment notice

## MISSION

The Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), is America's specialized air power. It provides Air Force Special Operations Forces for worldwide deployment and assignment to regional unified commands throughout the spectrum of conflict. Air Force Special Operations Forces' core tasks are functionally grouped into four mission areas: Forward Presence and Engagement, Information Operations, Precision Employment/Strike, and Special Operations Forces Mobility.



## POPULATION SERVED

	Total
Active Duty	9,350
Civil Service Employees	950
Contractors	3,250
Family Members	9,500
Total	32,050

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Your assigned sponsor will be responsible for sending you information and answer your questions about the base and the area. Your sponsor can also make lodging/dorm arrangements for you, and meet you upon arrival - your sponsor will help you, and your family, until you are settled into the new community.



- Air Force Permanent Party personnel - contact your unit Commander's Support Staff for a sponsor. Sponsorship is mandatory for all personnel below the grade of colonel. If you still do not receive a sponsor, contact the Hurlburt Field MPF for assistance.

- Department of Defense civilians - contact your selecting official or personnel office for a sponsor. If you still do not receive a sponsor, contact the Hurlburt Field Civilian Personnel Office for assistance; see "Contacts/Links" for contact information.

Personnel arriving after duty hours, report to lodging (850-844-6245). If you arrive during duty hours contact your respective Commander Support Staff

Prior to your arrival, you should have your mail sent to General Delivery (Name, 437 Tully Street # 1000, Hurlburt Field FL 32544-5715). The Postal Service Center (PSC) will use this general delivery address to hold your mail until you arrive (see example below). In addition to sending your mail, ensure you phone the PSC to let them know that you are coming to Hurlburt Field FL.

## **TEMPORARY QUARTERS**



On-base lodging is available on a limited basis; insure you make reservations well in advance, 1-888-235-6343. Reservations are accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TLF occupancy while in a PCS status is limited to 30 days when arriving, and 7 days when departing. Extensions beyond 30 days occupancy

must be submitted in writing, and may be granted if space is available. BAH is forfeited for stays beyond 30 while in a PCS or leave status. When TLFs are not available and local accommodations are used, a non-availability letter (available through the Lodging Front Desk) is required in order to be reimbursed for local expenses.

## RELOCATION ASSISTANCE



The Airman & Family Readiness Center has many resources and services to help you make a successful transition to Hurlburt Field. If you need household items while awaiting your shipment of household goods, the loan closet has items available for check-out until yours arrive. Free child care is available through the Child Care for PCS program for 20 hours per child within 60 days of your arrival. Individual assistance with family member employment and educational opportunities is also available. There is also a resource center containing computers with internet access for your convenience. Individual financial planning and emergency assistance is offered for unexpected expenses associated with relocation.

## CRITICAL INSTALLATION INFORMATION



A major concern in NW Florida is HURRICANE SEASON, from June to November. Call ahead if you are arriving and a hurricane is predicted to hit this area. Watch the Weather Channel and contact your sponsor as Hurlburt Field may be evacuated and the surrounding roads will be congested with people leaving the area.

Water sports and other water related activities are very popular in this area. Ensure that everyone in your party has had a safety briefing before taking part on those. Riptides and strong undertow will challenge a strong and masterful swimmer.

Most of the venomous snakes found in North America can be found in North West Florida. Be alert for snakes and alligators when you walk in wooded or marshy areas.

## DIRECTIONS

- If you are driving from Okaloosa County Air Terminal, turn left onto Highway 85, proceed South until you come to Highway 98, about ten miles. Veer to the right when you see the sign that indicates Pensacola. Go West about 7 miles; Hurlburt Field's main gate will be on the right.



- If you are coming from the Pensacola Airport, follow the signs to Interstate-110 turn left and go east, it will become Highway 98. Proceed to the East about 40 miles; Hurlburt Field's main gate will be on the left.

- Driving from the North, Northeast, or Southeast via Interstate 10, exit at EXIT 56 (old 12) in Crestview. Turn South on Highway 85 proceed about 14 miles to the intersection of Highway 123, veer to the right, continue on this road until it re-intersects with Highway 85. Go south until you find Highway 98, about 10 miles, veer to the right towards Pensacola. Hurlburt Field will be about 7 miles on the right.

- Driving from the West via Interstate 10, exit at EXIT 31 (old 10), turn right on highway 87 and proceed about 20 miles to Highway 98. Turn left and proceed east for about 10 miles. Hurlburt Field is signposted. The main gate is on the left.

- On Highway 98, Hurlburt Field is approximately 40 miles East of Pensacola and 75 miles West of Panama City and 4 miles west of Fort Walton Beach.

- If you come by bus, you will need to get a taxi or contact base transportation for a taxi. Base taxis are available for official business only (mission permitting). There are no shuttle buses on base.

## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO HAND CARRY

1. At LEAST 10 copies of your orders
2. Birth Certificates (or certified copy)
3. Marriage Certificate
4. Car Title
5. Copy of advance travel pay or allowances paperwork
6. All moving paperwork including: inventory, TMO information, Self-Procured Move paperwork, and all receipts associated with moving
7. Employment records or resume of civilian family members
8. Medical/dental records from your previous duty station - entire family

9. Immunization records for all children and all active-duty members
10. School records/transcripts for children and adults
11. Pet medical and immunization records

## LOCAL COMMUNITY



There are numerous cultural attractions in our area, from museums to performing arts attractions. See "Community-Activities" for more details.

The Okaloosa-Walton College Arts Center is a cultural and artistic center for all of Northwest Florida. The state-of-the-art complex provides facilities unparalleled in the entire region for both students and the public.

The Saenger Theatre in Pensacola has been called the Grand Dame of Palafox. Opened in 1925, its Spanish Baroque architecture, in opulent Rococo style took nearly thirteen months to complete.

In the early years the Saenger hosted a colorful array of Vaudeville-type road shows, Broadway plays, and silent screen classics. Later years saw use as a movie house until 1975 when the aging edifice closed its doors. That same year ABC Southeastern Theatres donated the building to the City of Pensacola as a cultural affairs center.

Through a joint effort by the city of Pensacola and the University of West Florida, the theatre was restored and returned to its standing as a center for the performing arts. The restoration project took four-years and 1.6 million dollars to complete but in 1981 the theatre reopened and today is listed in the National Register of Historic Sites.

The Emerald Coast also features a continuous calendar of festival fun. Whether it's tantalizing taste buds with deep-water delectables, taming the winds with a multi-colored medley of sails or reeling in the really big ones from the "World's Luckiest Fishing Village", beach town bashes are an Emerald Coast specialty. Most events are free.

The Fort Walton Beach Seafood Festival is in April; Saturday in the Park at Perrine Park is held in Valparaiso; Destin hosts Mayfest in the spring and a seafood extravaganza in the fall. All of these events offer a variety of seafood and local food cuisine, along with arts and crafts from local artists.

There are also lots of activities for the whole family. Water sports (Anything from canoeing to deep sea fishing). Tennis is available year round. All playing surfaces are represented in the area with resident pros on duty to instruct. Tennis courts are conveniently located throughout the county and many are lighted for night play. Two Zoos in the local area, The Zoo located in Gulf Breeze is approximately 15 miles from Hurlburt and the Sasquatch Zoo located in Crestview Florida is about 30 miles north of Hurlburt.

## **VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

[\(http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/\)](http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/)

When registering a car, you must present a valid driver's license, current proof of insurance on the vehicle being driven on the installation, and current vehicle registration.

A Florida Operator's License is required 30 days after you become a permanent resident. If you have a valid license from another state, you need only take a vision test. The license costs \$20 (payable in cash or personal check) and is valid for 6 years. An original Social Security card and two ID's with full name and date of birth are required. With tickets or violations, a road signs test and vision test are required. Handbooks are available at the exam stations. A complete copy of this handbook is available on the internet.



To facilitate this process, the FLOW (Florida License on Wheels) visits the Airman & Family Center every Thursday from 0830-1600 hrs. During this time any ID holder will be able to obtain a driver's license at no extra fees.

There has been a marked increase in traffic citations involving family members with regards to failure to have a Florida driver's license. Although active duty members may not have to get a FL license, (see the online handbook for exceptions) the family members are not exempt and must change to a Florida

license in order to operate a vehicle here. If you are stopped, and don't have a valid Florida driver's license, you may receive a criminal traffic charge and may have to appear in court, pay fines and may get points assessed.

All motorized boats must be titled and registered. If you reside in Santa Rosa County, you may purchase your boat license at the County Court House Annex on Hwy 98, West of Navarre about 5 miles.

## **CLAIMS**

A claims briefing is held every Wednesday at 0800 in the Claims Section of the Legal Office. This briefing is designed to assist you in filing your claim and answering questions about the claims process. It is highly recommended for everyone. If you are unable to attend, claims personnel will assist you in a one-on-one briefing.

If you discover loss or damage upon delivery, you are required to annotate the DD Form 1840 (pink form). If you discover additional loss or damage, the annotations must be on the reverse side of the form (DD Form 1840R). You have up to 70 days to inspect your property for all loss or damage, and turn in the DD Form 1840/1840R to the claims office. Failure to submit this form to the claims office may result in a reduction of the amount payable on your claim. DD Forms 1840/1840R can be turned in any time during duty hours.

You have TWO YEARS from the date your shipment was delivered to file your claim against the government. Appointments to turn in claims may be obtained by calling 884-1969/7822/2389.

To avoid a complicated claims process, it is wise to do an inventory of your possessions prior to shipment. This inventory should include pictures or a video of the property to document "before shipment" condition, original receipts of purchase of high value items, appraisals of antiques, etc. Keep this information separate from your household goods. Carry it with you or mail it to your next duty station.

POV Claims: When you pick up your vehicle at the port, you should allow plenty of time to thoroughly inspect it for damage and you should carefully note all damage whatsoever on the DD Form 788 (Private Vehicle Shipping Document). If you discover any hidden damage after driving away, report it to the claims office as soon as possible! Claims for damage to POVs can be filed with the Legal Office. Please call 850-884-1969/7822/2389 for an appointment.

## **EDUCATION**

There are no elementary, middle or high schools on base. Hurlburt Field is in Okaloosa County and the children living on base attend one of the following

schools: Mary Esther or Florosa Elementary, Max Bruner Middle School or Fort Walton Beach High School.

Many families live in the south end of Santa Rosa County in a community called Navarre. The schools in that area are: Holley-Navarre Primary, Holley-Navarre Intermediate, West Navarre Elementary, Holley-Navarre Middle and Navarre High School.

Florida requires children to attend school between the ages of 6 and 16.

To register a child for school, the student's birth certificate, social security number, if applicable, please bring latest court papers pertaining to custody of child. Florida Certificate of immunization record against polio, diphtheria, measles, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus and mumps are necessary. A second dose of measles vaccine, preferably the MMR (mumps, measles and rubella) vaccine, is required for children attending grades kindergarten through third grade. All children entering kindergarten are required to demonstrate proof of Hepatitis B vaccination.

All children entering or attending seventh grade are required to have completed the hepatitis B vaccine series, a tetanus-diphtheria (TD) booster, and a second dose of measles vaccine, preferably the MMR vaccine.

Florida requires a school physical be completed within 30 days of the start of the school year.

If you are interested in home schooling your child, contact the School Board in the county where you will be residing. Okaloosa County offers a Blended Home School option. For more information refer to the School District Websites

Okaloosa County  
Santa Rosa County

<http://www.okaloosaschools.com/>  
<http://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/schools/>

A number of private schools are available in the Hurlburt Field area. Most private schools have a religious affiliation or relationship. It is suggested that the private schools be contacted to learn of the tuition required. Additional fees such as music, art, uniforms, books, registration, deposits and transportation should also be taken into consideration.