## **Travis Recreation**

## **AERO CLUB**

The Travis AFB Aero Club is the first, the only and the longest running Flying Club in Solano County. The Travis AFB Aero Club was chartered in December 1954 as a Strategic Air Command Aero Club and started operations at the Vaca-Dixon Airport in February 1955, providing quality flight training to all Gl's and their families of Travis AFB. However, in 2006, due to housing encroachment, the Aero Club was gifted \$3.1 million dollars from K. Hovnanian to relocate. The Travis AFB Aero Club relocated to Rio Vista Airport and used the money to acquire a new Piper Fleet with Avidyne Glass Cockpits and air conditioning, and brand new 15,000 square foot hangar. Travis Aero Club continues to provide quality flight training to Airmen and their families and civilians from the local communities.

At the Aero Club, students learn the basics of aerodynamics and principles of flight, radio communication, and navigation and Federal Aviation Administration flight rules before taking to the air. Students can also take their FAA tests at the club, and earn their single and multi-engine rating at Travis. The national average for earning the private pilot certificate is between 50 and 65 hours. Students need a minimum of 35 flying hours to qualify for a private pilot's license. Ground school is also mandatory but is usually completed in eight to 10 weeks. No off-base competitor can beat the Aero Club's prices for flight training. With tuition assistance, ground school can be completed for only \$260. Once you have earned your private pilot's license, you may be eligible to receive additional benefits for advanced training through the Department of Veteran Affairs. For more information, call the regional VA office at (800) 827-0641. Membership is open to active duty, reserves, military retirees, DoD civilian employees, Travis contractors supporting the Air Force mission, FAA members, NAF employees and AAFES employees as well as family members. For more information on flight training certification, private ground school, testing or reduced rates, call (707) 374-0081 or go to http://www.travisaeroclub.com.

## AQUATIC CENTER

The base swimming pool, located at Building 232 off Waldron Street behind the Travis Bowling Center, opens daily during the summer months and offers a refreshing break from the summer heat. The pool offers swimming lessons for all levels, water aerobics, lap swimming and open swimming. All military members, their dependents and guests are authorized to use the base swimming pool. Retired military, reserve military members, DoD civilians and their dependents may use the pool on a space-available basis.

The pool is available for private functions after hours. The cost is \$60 per hour and includes use of the entire pool facility (lifeguards included). Parties can be scheduled for Friday after 5:30 p.m., Saturday after 6:30 p.m. and Sunday after 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required at least two weeks in advance. Call us and throw your own

pool party! For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at (707) 424-5659.

### **ARTS & CRAFTS SHOP**

The Arts & Crafts shop is located in Building 226 at 511 Suisun Ave. Open Monday through Saturday, The Arts & Crafts Shop also encompasses the Engraving/Sublimation Shop, the Custom Frame/Embroidery Shop and the Auto Hobby Shop. The employees at Arts & Crafts are ready to assist you with both your creative projects and automobile needs. In addition, they offer several unique classes to assist you with being more creative or adding to your auto repair knowledge. They have excellent ideas and products for trophies or squadron awards. For more information, call (707) 424-1338 or go to http://TravisFss.com.

## **AUTO HOBBY SHOP**

Save money by performing all your automotive maintenance at the Auto Skills Center. The Auto Skills Center (located behind the Arts & Crafts Shop) offers 9 vehicle lifts inside and 20 outdoor stalls, tire changing machines, tire balancer and bench work area. Customers can utilize the center's extensive Mitchell On Demand computer system to trouble-shoot and repair their vehicle. Two Auto Skills Center mechanics can provide assistance, perform an engine analysis and conduct trouble-shooting. An RV lift is also available for customers who need to get under that larger vehicle. Auto Skills is also able to meet the needs of the motorcycle enthusiast with two motorcycle lifts. So, whatever your, automotive/motorcycle problem, we can help you find the answers!

# **Balfour Beatty Community Center**

In the Balfour Beatty Community Center guests can reserve the facility for baby showers, birthday parties, retirements and recurring events. The facility has a conference room, a children's play room, a small work out area, a kitchen and a large hall for banquets and events. Outside are a playground and a water fountain as well as a patio area. Because it's based on reservations, one must submit a form to the Balfour Beatty office in order to save a block of time. For more information call (707) 207-3376 or visit the BBC website at http://www.travis familyhousing.com.

## BASE THEATER

Reel Time Theater is located on First Street behind the library. The base theater shows recently released movies every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening with occasional children's matinees. Call (707) 437-3855 for current movie listings and times, check the Tailwind base newspaper, or online at http://www.travisfss.com.

# **BOWLING CENTER**

The Travis Bowling Center, located in Building 214 on Travis Avenue, offers 32 lanes, automatic scoring and a pro shop that provides expert fitting and drilling of bowling

balls. Those interested in joining any of the dozens of winter or summer men's, women's, mixed, senior or junior leagues are welcome to sign-up at Travis Bowl. The Bowling Center also offers \$1 bowling, late night bowling till 2 a.m., bumper bowling, bingo, a new menu at the grill, and much more. For more information, call (707) 437-4737.

#### **CAR WASH**

The Car Wash is located off of Ragsdale Street just behind the Base Exchange. There are 6 Car Wash Bays, RV Wash Bay, 6 vacuums and vending machines (Armorall, Window Cleaner Towels and Drying Towels). Keep your rides looking good; stop by the base car wash!

## **CUSTOM FRAME SHOP**

It doesn't matter if you have a simple snapshot or a work of art, you can't just stick it in any old frame. In today's world, you really do get what you pay for. A cheap frame is exactly that—a cheap frame. The Custom Framing Shop (located in the Arts & Crafts building) offers an outstanding service for people who really care about how their snapshot or artwork is displayed as well as what their home/office looks like. Let us frame your special photos, craft projects or paintings. You can select from dozens of frames and matting styles the possibilities are endless! The Custom Frame Shop is proud to offer shadow boxes for that first pair of baby shoes, graduation invitation/photo or retirements. We guarantee satisfaction. For more information, call (707) 424-1338.

# CYPRESS LAKES GOLF COURSE

The Cypress Lakes Golf Course, located about four miles from the north gate on Meridian Road, is an 18-hole, 6,796-yard championship course that offers complete golfing facilities. The par-72 course was completed in 1961 and includes 11 lakes, numerous sand traps and huge greens and landscape features, making it one of the most challenging courses in the area. Riding carts, pull carts and rental clubs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The course also has a pro shop stocked with a complete line of equipment and a restaurant serving meals throughout the golfing day. Intramural leagues and tournaments for men and women are scheduled throughout the season and golf lessons are available with a PGA golf-pro. The course is open to active duty and retired military personnel, DoD civilian employees, family members and guests. Each user is entitled to three guests per weekday or one guest per weekend. Facilities are available for private or organizational parties. For more information, call (707) 424-5797.

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER**

The award-winning Base Education and Training centrally manages administration of all education and training matters at Travis. It supports long-range Air Force goals for maintaining a high quality force and enhancing professional and personal development,

recruitment, retention and readiness. The center, located on Hickam Avenue, Building 249, offers some of the most advanced methods of training available. Students not only participate in traditional classroom instruction, but may also take advantage of live satellite-delivered interactive video instruction. The collocated Base Training Office assists unit personnel in training for mission related functions. It also manages the Career Development Course program and conducts staff assistance visits

- . The Travis Education and Training Center is one of the largest in the Air Mobility Command, and it offers a wide variety of on-base programs from adult basic education through master's degree programs.
- Outstanding facilities, 22 classrooms
- Home of 5 military-friendly colleges providing Associate, Bachelor's and Masters' degrees in a variety of majors
- 3 Full service computer labs for student support
- Resource room available with assistance for electronic tuition application processing, college catalogs/updates, financial aid and MGIB information
- National Test Center providing immediate response of CLEP and DANTES test results
- Customer centered focus providing high quality and efficient customer service
- Detailed guidance of educational goals through one on one counseling
- Facilitates one of the highest completion rates of CCAF Graduates in AMC
- Base education programs assessed and updated; a result of annual base-wide needs assessment
- Walk-in Counseling services on academic planning, CCAF, tuition assistance, commissioning programs, Air Force Institute of Technology, certifications, vocational training, veteran's educational benefits and testing
- Online Academic Skills Course for effective study habits and career choices
- Oversight, guidance and assistance for AF Commissioning program applicants Testing of Professional Military Education (Senior NCO Academy, Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, Squadron Officer School), CDC, DLPT, DLAB and SAT/ACT Develops and executes annual civilian training program for entire base.

# **EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

The Equestrian Center, located in Building 846 on W Street, is open to all active-duty military, reserves, retired military members and civilians employed at Travis. Active-duty members have priority. Members are entitled to board their horses and participate in special membership functions and equestrian events. Members are responsible for providing their own hay, feeding their animals and cleaning stalls.

The Equestrian Center has over 300 acres of grazing land, complete boarding facilities (60 stalls), an event course, enclosed indoor arena, dressage court, large stalls, a centralized fly spray system and a rental horse trailer.

The Center sponsors equestrian events throughout the year, including Horse Trials and an English/Western Pleasure Schooling High Point show. For more information, call (707) 437-6854.

#### **EMBROIDERY SHOP**

Come see what we're all about! Come visit our custom Embroidery Shop (located in the Arts & Crafts building) where we offer custom embroidery work for shirts, hats, etc. Bring in your own items for embroidery or purchase from the shop. Visit the Embroidery shop for orders and pricing! For more information, call (707) 424-1338.

## **ENGRAVING SHOP**

The Arts & Crafts Center has added engraving services to enhance your framed and wood-constructed projects with just the right wording on a beautiful brass, metal or plastic engraved plate. Many framed items are made complete by an stylish engraved plate. Engraving specialty extends to trophies, plaques, pet tags and various gift items which are available in our full service engraving shop. Whatever the occasion; recognition, sporting event, sports award, retirement our engraving service is available for all needs.

### **FAMCAMP**

The Family Camp recreational vehicle park, which offers a full scope of activities for transient members and their families, is located at the corner of Ragsdale Street and Travis Boulevard just inside the main gate. The FamCamp is available for use by active duty, retired, Department of Defense employees, 100 percent disabled and Air Force reservists. Trailers up to 40 feet can be accommodated with all the amenities: heated restrooms, warm showers, laundry room, dry camp, tent area, phones, picnic tables and TV cable. Pets are also welcome.

## FITNESS CENTER - OPEN 24/7

The Fitness Center is located in Building 434 off Travis Avenue, and is co-located with the Health and Wellness Center and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. With the gym and Health and Wellness Center all under one roof, the facility is now a true center of fitness.

The 3,000-square-foot HAWC includes rooms for health and training classes, cycle ergometry testing, body fat measurement and physical therapy. The Fitness Center is also family friendly as the Family Fit Zone can accommodate children of all ages. The Fitness Center has added a family weight room and a shared-care facility called the Peep Drop. The Peep Drop allows parents to exchange their time spent at the Peep Drop for full access to the Fitness Center or outdoor track while child care is provided.

The facility includes two regulation-size basketball courts with two cross courts, free weight and strength machines, three racquetball courts, a wallyball court, cardiovascular equipment, aerobics studio, martial arts and boxing room, men's and women's locker rooms with a sauna and men's and women's DV locker room.

Outdoor facilities include three softball fields, one multi-use football/soccer field and tennis courts. The Fitness Center has cardio and exercise equipment in one large 8,000-square-foot facility. Both free weights and strength machines are located together so customers have easier access and can conduct more efficient workouts.

The facility also incorporates a larger aerobics room and a separate room for martial arts classes. Fitness classes are taught Monday through Saturday. Choose from low impact, step, and circuit training, cycling and kickboxing among others. A full slate of martial arts classes are also offered at various times. Free ergometry and weight management fitness classes are offered Monday through Friday in the early morning, afternoon and evening for active-duty members in directed exercise programs. Exercise assistants are also available to help customers develop a personalized exercise program, chart progress and provide guidance and instruction in the use of the various pieces of exercise equipment. After a hard workout, schedule a massage—Swedish, Shiatsu, deep tissue or reflexology—to relieve muscular tension, aches and pains. For more information, call (707) 424-2008.

### MARINA

The Travis Marina, home of the Presidio Yacht Club, is located at the base of the Golden Gate Bridge on the north shore of San Francisco Bay at East Fort Baker. The 60 FSS manages the center. Sailboat rentals are available to those with experience, and novices can hire skippers to take them out on a scenic cruise of the Bay. Sailing lessons are offered to "would-be" skippers from March through October and boat owners can rent berths.

The Travis Marina is open to all Travis personnel: active duty, reserves, retirees and federal employees. They have live music every Friday and Saturday night throughout the year; bringing local talent in to entertain. Every year there is a July 4th celebration with grilling, music and an unbelievable fireworks show over the Golden Gate Bridge. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Travis Marina is open Saturday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (415) 332-2319 for more information or a schedule of sailing classes.

## MITCHELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Mitchell Memorial Library, located in Building 436 on Travis Avenue, is one of the finest learning and leisure resources in Air Mobility Command. It is stocked with more than 40,000 volumes including reference materials, fiction, educational and recreational books.

The library furnishes resources in print, film and microfiche on a wide variety of subjects. It subscribes to 16 local and national newspapers and more than 400 magazines serving a broad range of interests. It has over 1,000 audio and videocassettes.

The award-winning library's special features include interlibrary loans, a children's reading area, career-oriented reference table, photocopiers, magazine index, microfiche readers, printers, paperback exchange, special collections on Travis history and military aviation, college catalogs and personal computers with Internet access. For more information, call (707) 424-3279.

# OUTDOOR RECREATION AND INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL (ITT)

Outdoor Recreation and Information, Tickets and Travel, located in Building 863 on the corner of Ellis Road and Dixon Avenue, offer the convenience of one-stop shopping for all your local recreation and entertainment needs. With these services combined under one roof, you can sign up for a trip to an area ski resort, purchase your lift pass and rent all your gear at the same time.

Travis' Outdoor Adventure Program (OAP) features numerous downhill and cross-country ski trips every month during ski season to such popular resorts as Sierra-at-Tahoe, Sugar Bowl and Homewood. Tours are offered to San Francisco, Wine Country, state and county fairs, festivals and other exciting destinations throughout Northern California. There is a nominal fee for round trip transportation. OAP also offers exciting excursions including whitewater rafting, scuba diving, sea kayaking, mountain biking, parasailing, sailing, camping, surfing and canoeing. For more information, call OAP at (707) 424-5659. Xtreme Paintball welcomes all skill levels. You can reserve the yard for a private party (Sunday to Friday), which makes it a great place to get your team together and bond. Let out your frustrations in a healthy competitive game with your coworkers and work on your communication and problem solving skills at the same time. Walk on self equipped play or full rental packages are available. Rain or shine, Xtreme Paintball is open Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4p.m. Sunday through Friday call (707) 424-0970 for reservations. The Equipment Rental Program offers an excellent assortment of leisure, sports and camping equipment as well as yard and lawn tools.

ITT offers tickets to a wide variety of entertainment and sports activities as well as an extensive selection of brochures, maps and other valuable information about California's points of interest. Discount tickets are available at incredible savings for local theaters, aquariums, Universal Studios and Disneyland. With the new Leisure Travel program, the ITT staff can make airline and cruise reservations, lease rental cars and book hotels for base personnel. With the experts at ITT doing all the work, travel planning has never been so easy. An indoor climbing wall is located inside Outdoor Recreation for recreation, exercise and parties. Free belay classes are taught weekly. Active duty military may climb for free, Monday through Friday. For more information about any Outdoor Recreation program, call (707) 424-5240.

## **PARKS**

Travis boasts three beautiful parks for family outings, school field trips, special events and group parties. Parks are constructed with walking/biking trails that go through base

housing. For more information about Travis parks, call Outdoor Recreation at (707) 424-5240.

### **Duck Pond**

The park is located on Burgan Boulevard just inside the north gate, offers scenic views, childhood recreation and fitness opportunities. The park consists of 14 acres with a duck pond, a fitness track, playground equipment and picnic and barbecue facilities. Fishing is allowed in the pond, which is stocked once a year for the annual Fishing Derby.

## Travis Skate Park

With the recent construction of the \$300,000 Travis Skate Park, serious skateboarders and in-line skaters now have a place to call their own. The park, located on Twin Peaks Drive across from Travisville Park, offers a place for skaters to be "extreme" in a safe and controlled environment. Use of proper safety equipment and adherence to posted rules are mandatory.

The park offers many specialized features for skateboarders. There are 14 pieces of purpose-built equipment, including a six-foot high half-pipe, two quarter-pipes, grind rails and bank wall. The park features a "black glass" asphalt surface, benches and lighting.

## Travisville Park

The park is located on Twin Peaks Drive between the Youth Center basketball court and the Twin Peaks Chapel parking lot. It has a variety of playground equipment, play stations and picnic areas. With the funds awarded from the 2011 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence Award, the park will be adding barbecue pits, a pavilion, restrooms and a beach volleyball area.

# RETAIL AUTO ACCESSORIES

The Auto Skills Center retail shop (located in the Arts & Crafts building) offers discount prices on oil, wiper, vacuum, and fuel hoses, standard as well as metric hardware, and fuses for most autos. Save money and get the parts you need; there is no need to bring a friend or going off base to get your parts. The Auto Skills Center has a direct link with off-base vendors to obtain whatever parts you need and can have them to you within 20 to 40 minutes. If the vendor does not carry, or if you need a hard to find part, the vendor will locate the part and have it for you normally the next business day. Our vendors also offer a machine shop for those items that need to be machined to spec, just another cost savings for the do-it-yourselfer. In addition, the Auto Skills Center accepts used tires and batteries for recycling. The fee for disposal of tires is \$2.50 and a battery is \$2.50. By turning in your tires and batteries at the Auto Skills Center we keep from polluting the environment.

### Travis HERITAGE CENTER

More than 24 vintage aircraft and a collection of aerospace memorabilia are preserved in the Travis Heritage Center on Burgan Boulevard. The Museum has a representative collection of American military aircraft from various periods: fighters, bombers, trainers, cargo and liaison aircraft. Its exhibits showcase Jimmy Doolittle and the Tokyo Raiders, the 15th AF in WWII, the Tuskegee Airmen, the Consairways story, the Berlin Airlift, and the history of Travis with special emphasis on the Korean War, the war in Vietnam and other significant military missions. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum volunteers provide walking tours of the displays. For more information, visit the museum online at http://www. travis.af.mil or call (707) 424-5605. For more information on the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Foundation, visit http:// www.jimmydoolittlemuseum.org.

## VEHICLE RESALE SHOP

The Auto Skills Center offers two resale lots located by the Base Exchange, one for vehicles and motorcycles the other for boats and RVs. In order to sell your vehicle at one of the resale lots, stop in and register at the Auto Skills Center. The fee for vehicle and motorcycles is \$15.00 for 15 days plus a \$10.00 deposit, and the fee for the RV resale lot is \$22.50 for 15 days plus a \$25.00 deposit. For more information, call (707) 424-1338.

## The Zone

The Zone is a place for people to relax, play games and unwind. It differs from the Community Center as it is not necessary to have a reservation to use it. Guests can play pool, ping pong or foosball, read a book, watch TV, surf the web and play Nintendo Wii or Playstation 3. Across the hall from The Zone is the Drop Zone, which is for infants and kids. Children can play games, watch DVDs, draw on chalkboards, play with toys and more. The Zone is open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. in Building 480 and is conveniently located with Godfather's Pizza. For more information, call the A&FRC at 424-2486.