

# FLORIDA

## MILITARY LODGING AND CAMPGROUNDS

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Accommodations owned by the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Joint Services will save you a bundle on traveling expenses. Lodges on installations are available, of course; but whether you're traveling for business or pleasure, you also can stay in offsite homey condos, in luxury resorts, at rustic campsites and RV spots and even in a lighthouse! Eligibility requirements vary, but in general, all are available to retired servicemembers, regardless of branch, and their families. Consider taking advantage of these locations --- you EARNED IT!

### Information sources:

<http://www.armymwr.com/recreation/outdoors/paths.aspx>

<http://www.dodlodging.net/>

<http://www.armymwr.com/travel/recreationcenters/>

## WEST – PANHANDLE - NORTH WEST – WEST CENTRAL

### - Panama City RV Parks & Cabins, Panama City Beach, Florida. (Navy)

Cabins and RV/Camping. Travel Trailers to rent. Area Attractions: St. Andrew's State Recreation Area, Gulf World Marine Park and Zoo World. (850) 234-4402

### - Tyndall Air Force Base Lodging. (Panama City)

Tyndall Air Force Base is located 12 miles east of Panama City. The Panama City area, best known for its sugar-white sand and emerald green waters, is a popular tourist destination. Value, convenience, great accommodations, service, and very affordable rates are the foundation of the Air Force Inns lodging program. Area Attractions: Shipwreck Island Waterpark, St Andrews State Park, and Capt. Anderson's Marina. (850) 283-4210 or 4211.

### - Tyndall Air Force Base FAM Camp (On Base).

Cabins and RV pads. (850) 283-2798

### - Panama City Naval Air Station, Panama City, FL

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites Panama City is one of the Navy's best kept secrets. The installation is tucked into a picturesque stretch of property along side of beautiful St Andrew Bay and is less than 5 minutes away from the Emerald Coast beaches and the Gulf of Mexico. Standard rooms and Suites available. Area attractions: The World's Most Beautiful Beaches, St Andrew State Park, County Pier, Pier Park (shopping and restaurants), Frank Brown Park, Ebro Greyhound Racing and Poker, and Area family attractions. (850) 588-0753.

### - Eglin Air Force Base Lodging, Valparaiso, FL

Eglin Air Force Base is located in northwest Florida, comprising over 640 square miles. This is a military friendly area and also a major tourist attraction due to the white sand beaches. Eglin is located 60 miles east of Pensacola, FL. Area attractions: Air Armament Museum and Okaloosa Island. Area events: Destin Seafood Festival, Billy Bowlegs Festival. (850) 882-8761

### - Duke Field, Eglin Air Force Base, FL

Air Force Lodging. Area Attractions: Emerald Coast Beach (850) 682-2918

### - Eglin AFB - Post 1 Point FAM Camp, (On Base)

Camping doesn't have to be rough! Eglin's Family Campgrounds (FAMCAMP) offer great outdoor accommodations in two locations, Camp Robbins and Post 1Point. The park at Camp Robbins is located on Shambo Cove Road off Memorial Trail. The camp offers 60 sites with water, sewer and electric (50 amp, 30 amp, 110v). A total of 45 sites are pull-through and 15 are back-in. Each site has a concrete slab with a picnic table. The park has a bath house and laundry room with 4 washers and 8 dryers. An asphalt road leads in and out of the park with a gravel drive at each site. Camp Robbins also has 20 tent sites with water and a picnic table on each site. The park at Post 1 Point is located adjacent to the Outdoor Recreation Center off Flagler Road at Post 1 Point. The camp has 20 sites with water, cable TV and electric (50 amp, 30 amp, 110v). All sites are pull-through with an asphalt road in and out of the park. Each site has grass parking and a picnic table. There are also two furnished campers available for rent. (850) 883-1243

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#### **- Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL**

(Navy Gateway Inns and Suites) Standard rooms and Suites available. Visitors to Pensacola will find some of the most beautiful beaches in the world where blue skies, emerald-green water, and swaying sea oats provide the perfect backdrop for your Florida beach experience. There's a lot to do here, from racing excitement at the Pensacola Greyhound Track and Five Flags Speedway to attending Pensacola's professional hockey team, the Pensacola Ice Flyers. Also, hosted by Pensacola is the Cincinnati Reds Double-AA affiliate, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos. The stadium is situated facing the beautiful Pensacola Bay. This is also the home of the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team, as well. (850) 452-2755

#### **- Blue Angel Naval Recreation Area, Pensacola, FL**

RV Sites / Cabins / Marina. Area Attractions: National Aviation Museum, Pensacola Beach, History Seville Square, and Gulf Breeze Zoo. (850) 453-9435

#### **- Oak Grove Park, Pensacola, FL**

1-2 Bedroom Cottages and RV Pads. Area attractions: Historical Pensacola Village, Fort Pickens National Seashore, Exploreum in Mobile, Interactive Children's' Museum, Fort Morgan National Seashore and Birding Trail. (850) 452-2535.

#### **- Whiting Field Naval Air Station, Milton, FL**

(Navy Gateway Inns and Suites) Whiting Field offers plenty available accommodations for travelers year round, including 89 renovated suites with living rooms and kitchens. Area attractions: Riverwalk Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, Historic Bagdad Village, West Florida Railroad Museum and Downtown Historic Milton along the Blackwater River are within a 10 mile drive. A bit further drive, but worth the visit are, Pensacola and Navarre Beaches, Pensacola Lighthouse, National Museum of Naval Aviation, Gulfarium, and Gulf Breeze Zoo. (850) 623-7605.

#### **- Whiting Field Clear Creek RV Park, Milton, FL**

At Navy Getaways Clear Creek RV Park, guests will have access to Golf course, Hiking, Biking trails, Nature trails, Disc Golf, Dog Park, Kayaking/Canoeing and much more. Navy Getaways are the ideal places to play, rest, relax, and recharge.. Area Attractions: Blackwater Heritage State Trail, Whiting Recreation Park, Pensacola Beach, Navarre Beach and Naval Museum. (850) 623-7670

#### **- Hurlburt Field, Ft Walton Beach, FL.**

Air Force Inn Lodging. Area attractions: Destin, FL; Fort Walton Beach, Florida's Gulfarium, and the Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island. (850) 884-7115-6245.

#### **- Hurlburt Field FAM Campgrounds, Ft Walton Beach, FL**

40 RV spots - (850) 797-0103

#### **- Destin Army Recreation Area, Deston, FL.**

Welcome to Fort Benning's premier vacation destination. Destin Army Recreation Area is a gated resort in the heart of Old Destin, near the Harbor Walk Village, just 220 miles south of Fort Benning, between Pensacola and Panama City. The resort spans 15 acres along the Choctawhatchee Bay, minutes from the Gulf of Mexico. Guests of the Destin Army Recreation Area have access to a private beach, reserved for use by military personnel. It is located less than three miles from the resort. We have two and three bedroom villas, one-bedroom suites, hotels and studios, an RV site, and a full-service marina, where you can charter a fishing or sight-seeing tour. (800) 642-0466 or (850) 837-2725 or (Fort Benning) (706) 545-5600

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#### - Maxwell-Gunter AFB - Lake Pippin Recreation Area (OFF Base about 3 hours from Maxwell) / Mid-Bay Shores Recreation Area. Niceville, FL

(850) 897-2411. Reservations: (334) 953-3509. Can you imagine relaxing on the sandy shore with a beautiful sunset glistening on the water on Florida's Gulf of Mexico shores? You have spent the day boating, and swimming, and now you are grilling your dinner beside your beautiful cabin.... Mid-Bay Shores boasts the beautiful white sandy shores of Choctawhatchee Bay. The gated entrance is just before the Mid-Bay Bridge, a toll bridge that connects Niceville and Destin. Mid-Bay Shores is one of the most desirable vacationing areas in the Southeast. This location offers easy access to Destin with its great shopping, dining and family entertainment facilities and with its good year-round weather really makes it a gem for the Air Force. New Cabins and RV spaces. The cabins are two-bedrooms with large closets, one bath, large living room and eat-in kitchen. The kitchen offers a full size range and refrigerator and dining table with six chairs. The living room has a queen-size sleeper sofa. The centrally air conditioned and heated cabins also have a color television for relaxing. Fitness Center.

#### - MacDill, Air Force Base, Florida

Air Force Inn Lodging. Located 4 miles southwest of downtown Tampa, FL. Area Attractions: Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, The Florida Aquarium, Adventure Island, Serengeti Night Safari at Busch Gardens, American Victory Ship, Hyde Park Village, and Glazer Children's Museum. (813) 828-4259

#### - MacDill AFB – Coon's Creek Recreation Area, FL.

**Recreation RV and Campground.** This program operates year-round, with 366 full-service sites, complete with electricity, water, waste disposal, cable TV and optional telephone service. The area also includes 14 partial hook-up spots, complete with water and electric; 60 dry-camp sites and a tent camping area. (813) 840-6919 or (800) 821-4982

### CENTRAL

#### - Shades of Green, Orlando, Florida

Shades of Green is a resort owned by the United States Department of Defense in the city of Bay Lake, Florida, near Orlando, Florida on Walt Disney World property. Book a room. Go ahead. Pinch yourself. You're not dreaming. Experience the warm Florida sun, cascading waterfalls, lush tropical gardens, spectacular views, or a dip in the pool. For reservation information: [www.shadesofgreen.org](http://www.shadesofgreen.org) or 888-593-2242

### EAST – EAST CENTRAL

#### - Navy Getaways Jacksonville, Cottages, Jacksonville, FL

The Navy Getaways Jacksonville Cottages units are fully furnished and available at very affordable prices. The 16 units feature two bedrooms, one room with a full size bed and another room with two twin beds. Units also include one bath, a fully furnished kitchen, screened porch, TVs, DVD players, FREE Wi-Fi and bedding. Units sleep up to six. Conveniently located adjacent to the golf course and across from the Naval Hospital, the cottages are within walking distance or a short ride of the Navy Exchange, Commissary and MWR facilities. (904) 542-3138/3139.

#### - Navy Getaways Jacksonville RV Park, Jacksonville, FL.

The Navy Getaways Jacksonville RV Park is located on the shore of the St. John's River. The park is equipped with 38 full hook-up sites (water, electric, sewer) and 7 tent sites. Facilities include a bathhouse with showers, restrooms, and a FREE laundry room. (904) 542-5898 (RV Park)

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#### - **Navy Station Mayport, Jacksonville, FL.**

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites Naval Station Mayport is one of the best kept secrets in northeast Florida. Located on the Atlantic Ocean with beach access, it provides for a peaceful surrounding and beautiful ocean views. It is frequented by more than six million visitors annually. Come and enjoy picnics on the beach, swimming, camping, hunting, fishing, boating, and observing wildlife along the beautiful shoreline. Area attractions: NFL Football Jacksonville Jaguars , Jacksonville Zoo and Garden, Times Union Center for the Performing Arts, Amelia Island Plantation, Baseball Jacksonville Sun, and Historic St. Augustine. (904) 222-6322

- **Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL.** Located on the shores of the St. John's river in beautiful Jacksonville, Florida. Navy Gateway Inns & Suites offers standard rooms and suites. Area attractions: Everbank Field (home of the Jacksonville Jaguars), Orange Park Mall, Wells Road (aka Restaurant Row), Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville Landing, Jacksonville Beaches, St. Augustine Historical District. (904) 542-3138.

#### - **Camp Blanding RV Park and Camp Ground, Starke, FL.**

Camp grounds are located on a National Guard Post. The City of Starke, Florida is located in North Central Florida, approximately 50 miles southwest of Jacksonville, approximately 30 miles northeast of Gainesville, and about 40 miles southeast of Lake City. (904) 682-3104

#### - **Mayport Recreation Lodging, Mayport, FL**

Mayport Navy Getaways is located on NAS Mayport with two park locations; Pelican Roost on the waterfront and Osprey Cove secluded and shaded. We offer the perfect setting to camp, RV or stay in one of new cabins. Navy Getaways are the ideal places to play, rest, relax, and recharge. From hiking, swimming, or simply unwinding. St. Johns Town Center, Historic St. Augustine, Adventure Landing, Downtown Riverwalk, Veterans Memorial Arena, Times Union Center for the Performing Arts, Jacksonville Landing, and The River City Marketplace. 1-877-navy-bed

#### - **Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, FL.**

Air Force Inn Lodging. Area attractions: Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex & Astronaut Hall of Fame, Cocoa Beach Pier, Major League Baseball Spring Training, Brevard Zoo, Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum, Ace of Hearts Ranch, and Jungle Adventures. (321) 494-5428.

#### - **Patrick AFB – Manatee Cove FAM Campground and Beach House.**

Three bedrooms, three bathrooms, furnished kitchen, laundry, linens, garage, Florida room overlooking beach. Call (321) 494-2042 for information and reservations.

### **SOUTH**

#### - **Homestead ARB, Homestead, FL**

Air Force Lodging. Located approximately 25 miles south of Miami, FL. Area Attractions: Coral Castle, Homestead Miami Speedway, Miami, FL. (786) 415-7198.

- **Marathon Recreation Cottages and RV Park – Marathon, FL (In the Florida Keys on US-1 at mile marker 48)**  
(305) 535-4565 or (305) 743-3549 (caretaker)

#### - **Key West Naval Air Station, Trumbo Point, Key West, FL.**

Navy Gateway Inns and Suites combines all the comforts of a commercial hotel. Standard rooms and suites available. Area attractions: Historic Charter, Boat Row, Downtown Key West (Duval Street), Conch Tour Train, Ernest Hemingway's House, Museum Key West Cemetery, Old time Trolley Tours, Beaches, Historic Seaport (boating, watersports, & restaurants), Butterfly Conservatory, Harry Truman's Little Whitehouse, Sigsbee Park Navy Base (ITT, Navy Exchange, Commissary), Southermostpoint of United States, and the Malory Square (Daily Sunset Celebration). (305) 851-5780.

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- **Key West Campground, Key West, FL**  
Waterfront tent area. 1-877-navy-bed.

- **Key West Vacation Rentals, Key West, FL.**  
Townhomes and mobile homes. 1-877-navy-bed.

**Sigsbee RV Park, Naval Air Station, Key West, FL**  
(305) 293-4432 or 4433 (On Base) From US-1 South to mile marker 3.