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# AIR FORCE ACADEMY INSIGHTS **NEWS & STORIES**



## PURPLE UP Month of the Military Child

### President Message



April is the Month of the Military Child and during this month, Hunt Military Communities celebrates the youngest members of our communities. Military children, often make some of the most significant sacrifices moving from state to state, school to school, and having parents deployed for long periods of time. We are proud to acknowledge and support the tremendous strength and resiliency of our military

children, along with the sacrifices. This year, for the third time, we are hosting our Hunt Little Heroes program. Encourage your children to share stories of how they have been a hero and positive influence in their community. Applicants are asked to submit a 300-word essay, or a video telling their "Hero Story." All applicants will receive a complimentary Hunt Little Heroes cape, mask and challenge coin. Three winners will receive cash prizes and matching donations to the charity of their choice. For more information please visit [www.huntheroesfoundation.org](http://www.huntheroesfoundation.org). From all of us here at HMC, thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Sincerely,

Brian Stann, President & Chief Executive Officer  
Hunt Military Communities



[HuntMilitaryCommunities.com](http://HuntMilitaryCommunities.com)



### Month of the Military Child

April is Month of the Military Child—and we are honored to be part of your child's story in their military career. We welcome our residents to wear purple to celebrate military children on Friday, April 15.

In order to celebrate, here are some facts about military children and the strength they have in numbers:

- According to the Department of Defense there are 700 military child development program facilities around the world; with approximately 155,000 child-care places, and another 3,000 Family Child Care homes.
- Nearly 2 million military children have experienced a parental deployment since 9/11.
- The average military family moves three times more than their civilian counterpart.

Your AFA team will be supporting our military children all April long! Join us in wearing purple every Friday in the April to support our military children with everything they sacrifice in their service to our country.



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## Moving Soon? The Notice to Vacate Process

**Are you and your family moving soon?** If so, please remember you must provide Air Force Academy Military Communities (AFAMC) a written 30-Day Notice to Vacate and a copy of your Orders if applicable. If not, you will be financially responsible to fulfill a 30 Day Notice to Vacate.

**Where can you get a 30 Day Notice to Vacate?** You can visit AFAMC's website at [www.airforceacademyhousing.com](http://www.airforceacademyhousing.com) and download the 30 Day Notice to Vacate form or we will accept a written 30 Day Notice to Vacate on any piece of paper as long as it states your full name, current address, telephone number, date you wish to vacate your home, and your signature. NOTE: An email is NOT a valid 30 Day Notice to Vacate.

**How can you submit a 30 Day Notice to Vacate and a Copy of your Orders to AFAMC?** There are three (3) different ways to submit:

- Deliver your Notice to Vacate and a copy of your Orders if applicable to the Community Management Office,
- Scan a PDF file of the 30 Day Notice to Vacate with a copy of your Orders if applicable to [afacontact@huntcompanies.com](mailto:afacontact@huntcompanies.com) or;
- Email [afacontact@huntcompanies.com](mailto:afacontact@huntcompanies.com) and a 30 Day Notice to Vacate will be sent to you for signature via DocuSign

**What if you cannot give a valid 30 Day Notice to Vacate because of short notice Orders?** Short notice Orders are when you receive official Orders not allowing you to give the required written 30 Day Notice to Vacate. As long as you provide a Notice to Vacate in writing, copy of your Orders, letter from your Commander validating the Orders, and are approved by the Community Manager and/or Community Director you will not be held financially responsible to fulfill a full 30 Day Notice to Vacate.



## How Does BAH Work?

As we move into the active PCS season, we want to take moment to remind our active duty residents how your Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) funds are applied and paid.

The Military pays your Housing Allotment in conjunction with your pay—for work you did do, not work you will be doing. On 1 May, your LES should reflect pay statement ending 30 April.

That is why when an active duty family moves in, they are responsible for the prorated from the day of move in until the end of the month. The military pays the family back via allotment to the family that is theirs to keep as long as the account is paid in full.

Going forward, all active duty tenants will see a rolling balance on their resident portal. Rents for all of our residents are applied at the beginning of the month, but for those active duty tenants we are paid the 1st of the following month.

At move out, the allotment for rent is turned off after we receive funds the first of the following month as your rent is paid from an end of month allotment. The military pays for the days you were in the home, not days you will be in the home. So when funds are received the first of the month, it pays for the month prior.

Our corporate accounting team will go through and process and make adjustments to any BAH funds received after move out. Depending on your family's move out date, you will receive any refund due to your family in either the form of a check, or direct pay to your end of month LES.

If you have questions about this, please contact the office at (719) 982-4800 option #2 or [afacontact@huntcompanies.com](mailto:afacontact@huntcompanies.com).



**Mark Your Calendar and Don't Forget!**  
**AFAMC COMMUNITY CHAT**

Thursday, April 28th starting at 5:30 p.m.  
hosted in person at the Community Management Office



Free! *Spring*  
**CARNIVAL**  
*Sat. April 16*

Bunny Run 9am | Fitness Par Course  
Carnival 10am - 1pm | Prep School Parade Field

**GAMING TRUCK | CARNIVAL RIDES | BOUNCE HOUSES  
FALCONRY | GAMES & PRIZES | POLICE/FIRE DEPT. DISPLAY  
MCGRUFF | ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**EGG HUNTS** AGES 0 - 2 • 10:30am | AGES 3 - 5 • 10:50am  
AGES 6 - 8 • 11:10am | AGES 9 - 12 • 11:30am



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## Bear Aware

One of the best things about living in the mountains is the interaction we get to have with wildlife. However, it is also very important we do our part as we get into the spring to ensure we are providing a safe co-existing habitat for both our residents and our wildlife neighbors – including bears.

Here are a few fun facts about some Colorado bears:

- Black bear is a species; the color can actually range from black, blonde, or more brown.
- A bear's natural diet is grass, berries, fruits, nuts, and plants. If resources are low, they will seek other sources of food.
- A bear's nose is 100 times more sensitive than a human; allowing them to smell food up to 5 miles away.
- The average timeframe for bear activity in Colorado is mid-March to early November.
- Bears remember their food sources, which drives them to come back for more when they find it.
- Between late summer and early fall, a bear needs to consume 20,000 calories a day to prepare their body for the upcoming winter hibernation.
- Black bears are naturally shy, but follow their stomach to find food.

Black bears have been in Colorado long before humans. Every year the black bear population have to adapt to more people while still following their natural instincts for food. We ask your help with the following as we co-habit with our wildlife this summer.

- Do not intentionally leave food out for bears.
- Do not put bird feeder(s) out. Bird feed is made of nuts and are a natural food source for bears.
- Do not leave food, coolers, or air fresheners with a strong scent in your car or in an open garage.
- Do clean your barbecue pits and burn off food regularly. Cooked meat smells good for us and if actively looking for food, can smell really good to a bear who is hungry.
- Do keep all easily accessible windows and doors closed.
- Do ensure to take all trash out to your designated bins and not left in entryways to homes, open garages, or by your back door



## Monthly Maintenance Tip Corner

Save some for the fish! Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. Here are some helpful tips for you and your family:

- Never pour water down the drain where there may be other uses for it, like watering a plant
- Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when fully loaded
- Avoid over watering your lawn and plants
- Use a broom to clean off your driveway and sidewalk instead of the watering hose
- Position sprinklers to water the lawn and shrubs and not paved areas, the fence or the home exterior



## April 2022 Resident Events

### April 1st-15th | Hunt Heroes Foundation

Open to all children ages 4-15, regardless of residency status. All applicants will receive a complimentary Hunt Little Heroes cape, mask, and challenge coin. Three winners will receive cash prizes and matching donations to the charity of their choice. For more information please visit [www.huntheroesfoundation.org](http://www.huntheroesfoundation.org).

### April 8th | Community Day

The office will be closed Friday, April 8th as our HMC team will be participating in our annual Community Day to include Spring Cleaning the office, doing a clean up of the amenities throughout the community, and so much more. Please contact 719.982.4800 option 1 for any emergency and routine maintenance.

### April 16th | Spring Carnival

Come join AFA as we participate in the United Air Force Academy's Spring Carnival. See included flier on page 3 for more details.

### April 19th-20th | Earth Week

Join our team as we do Community Clean up on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 through Wednesday, April 20, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.