

JAN '24 NEWSLETTER



HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCH – JANUARY 12, 2024

Hunt Military Communities Foundation, the non-profit organization founded by Hunt Military Communities (Hunt), is excited to announce it will begin accepting applications for its fifth annual HMC Foundation scholarship grants. Hunt will award \$75,000 to deserving applicants.

The HMC Foundation scholarship program assists active-duty Service Members, National Guard, or Reservists of one of the five branches of the United States Armed Services or their dependents who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs.

The deadline to submit a nomination is March 5, 2024, at 3 pm CST or until 50 applications are received, whichever comes first. For questions or issues with the scholarship process, nominees are encouraged to visit: <u>https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/hmcf/</u>.

NEW YEAR WISHES 2024

Thank you for choosing to live in our community. May this New Year bring immense happiness and prosperity. We are pleased to serve residents like YOU! We look forward to serving you in the new year! Our whole HMC team wishes you and your family a very Happy New Year!

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CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Did you have a live tree this holiday season? Air Force Academy Military Communities is working with Embassy Site Management, our landscape and snow removal firm, to help remove live trees!

Embassy Site Management will do a pick-up on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024, through Friday, January 5th, 2024. Just have your tree to the dumpster for Main Douglass Valley and Pine Valley or curbside for MilCon and Upper Douglass Valley by 7:00 AM in order to get picked up. Friendly reminder, all decorations from your tree need to be removed in order to ensure pick-up.

HOW DOES BAH WORK?

With the new 2024 rates released, we want to take a moment to explain how your money is applied to your rent. For active-duty service members, your rent is paid in arrears, meaning funds we receive the first of the month are applied to the month prior.

On January 1st, your LES should reflect a pay statement ending December 31st. New BAH rates are not applied until mid-month January, and fully on February 1st. You will not see any adjustments to your 2024 BAH allotment until mid-January.

TO FLUSH OR NOT TO FLUSH...

Over the years at Air Force Academy Military Communities, there have been numerous calls about sewers backing up in homes due to improper things being flushed down the drains and/or toilets. Sewage is a serious public health threat if not properly contained. This article is meant to inform residents about the role they play in preventing this occurrence. Here are some items that you can and cannot put down the drain and/or flush down the toilet:

- Only flush single or double-ply toilet paper down the toilet.
 - It is specially treated to break apart and shred, which will not clog the sewage lines.
- Other drains in your home should only be used to dispose of used water and soaps from washing or cleaning activities.
- **DO NOT flush** facial tissue, baby wipes, or wipes of any kind even if it says biodegradable and/or flushable.
 - Even though it may feel the same as toilet tissue, it does not break apart and shred when it is flushed.
- **DO NOT flush** ANY type of paper towel and/or cotton ear swabs such as Q-Tips.
- **DO NOT flush** disposable diapers, feminine sanitary napkins, or tampons including applicators and packaging.
 - It may say they are "flushable," or "biodegradable" but they do not break down and clog the sewage line.
- As a final effort to keep the sewage lines working properly, do not put fats, oils, and /or grease down the drains.
 - An old can works well to drain grease into. When the can is full, simply dispose of it in the garbage.

Your help and cooperation in this matter will prevent hazardous sewage clean up and repairs in both your home and your neighbors. If you have additional questions about what items can and cannot be flushed down the drains and/or toilets, please contact (719) 982-4800 or AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Phillip Diamond

Phillip Diamond is a Maintenance Manager here at Air Force Academy Family Housing. Phil loves to cook and eat and is a recovering workaholic. When asked what he loves about his job, Phil said, "I am a service person at heart and by nature, and working at Hunt gives me the opportunity to provide service to military families."

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Safety Alerts & Reminders

Don't forget to replace your air filter at least monthly. We recommend the 1st of every month. This will help keep your heater working properly this winter season. If you need a replacement air filter at no charge, visit the Community Management Office during business hours to pick up a FREE air filter.

Be sure to test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide sensors twice a month. We recommend doing this every payday, so you do not forget.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Embassy Site Management will pick up your Christmas tree from January 3rd to January 5th. Your Christmas tree needs to be next to the trash dumpster (or curbside for Upper Douglass Valley and MilCon only) prior to 7:00 AM each day for it to be removed.



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