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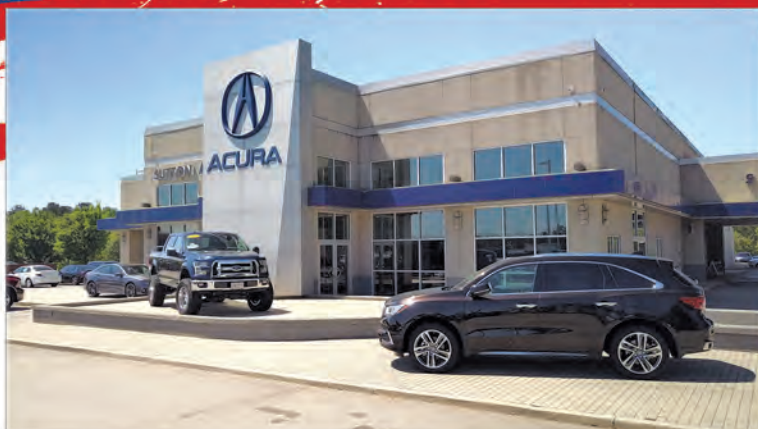
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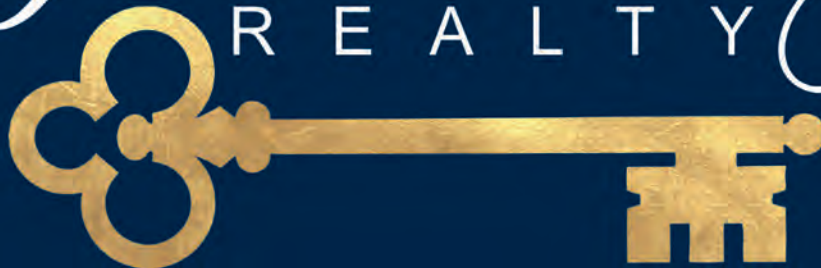
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Our Military

in Houston County

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE is in the geographic heart of Georgia, largest state east of the Mississippi River. Atlanta, the state capital, lies about 100 miles north on Interstate 75, and Florida is four hours south on the interstate. Macon, “Cherry-Blossom Capital of the World” and Georgia’s fourth-largest city, is 15 miles north of the base. Interstate 16 intersects with I-75 in Macon and leads to Savannah, the Atlantic Ocean and the Golden Isles.

Robins AFB is the largest industrial complex in Georgia. The base covers more than 6,934 acres and contains more than 14 million square feet of facilities. It also has Georgia’s longest runway: 12,000 feet long by 300 feet wide with two 1,000-foot overruns.

Robins Air Force Base is home to multiple missions under multiple commands, all working together to defend America. Major units include the 78th Air Base Wing, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex and the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center. The base is also home to many associate units, including the Air Force

Reserve Command, the 116th and 461st air control wings, and the Defense Logistics Agency. For a full list of units at Robins AFB, visit www.robins.af.mil/Units.

Population

In fiscal 2018, personnel at Robins AFB included 6,151 military members, 14,284 appropriated fund civilians and 2,791 employees who were funded by other sources.

Economic Impact

Robins AFB’s total annual economic impact on Georgia in fiscal 2018 was approximately \$3.15 billion. It created about \$1.2 billion in jobs.

HISTORY

When on June 14, 1941, the War Department officially approved building an Army air depot in Georgia, leadership considered it part of a long-range plan to prepare American defenses in case of war. Instead, the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor precipitated immediate construction of this vital installation, what eventually became Robins Air Force Base, named after

Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins. Robins was one of the Army Air Corps’ first general staff officers and commander of the Fairfield Air Intermediate Depot, Ohio, from 1921 to 1928; deputy commander of the Materiel Division, Wright Field, Ohio, from 1931 to 1933; and commander at Wright Field from 1935 to 1939. His principal interest throughout his career was air-based combat logistics, and he is considered the Air Force’s Father of Logistics.

Construction officially started on the new Georgia Air Depot, 16 miles south of Macon, on Sept. 1, 1941. Bordered by the Ocmulgee River on the east and the sleepy little Southern Railroad whistle-stop of Wellston on the west, the flat former dairy farm had begun its transformation into what is today the largest industrial installation in Georgia.

Known early on as the Georgia Air Depot, it was redesignated as the Southeast Air Depot, Wellston Air Depot, Wellston Army Air Depot, Warner Robins Army Air Depot, Warner Robins

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call Directory Assistance at 478-926-1110.

Aero Club	478-926-4867
Air Force Aid Society	478-926-1256
Airman & Family Readiness Center	478-926-1256
American Red Cross	877-272-7337
Arts & Crafts	478-926-5282
Bank, Robins Financial Credit Union	478-923-3773
Bank, SunTrust	478-273-6300
Bowling Center, Robins Lanes	478-926-2112
Bowling Center, Snack Bar	478-926-5240
Chaplain	478-926-2821
Child Development Center, East	478-926-5805
Child Development Center, West	478-926-3080
Commissary	478-222-7618/7637
Dental Clinic	478-327-8059
Dining Facilities	
The Afterburner	478-222-7827
Base Restaurant.....	478-926-6972
Fairways Grille	478-923-1717
Flight Kitchen	478-327-4180
Heritage Club	478-222-7899
On Spot Café	478-926-5240
Pizza Depot	478-926-0188
Wynn	478-926-6596
DOD Safe Helpline	877-995-5247
Education Center	478-327-3884
Equal Opportunity	478-926-2131
Equipment Rental	478-926-4001
Exchange	478-923-5536/5537
FamCamp	478-926-4500
Fitness Center	478-926-2128
Fitness Center Annex	478-926-2840
Golf Course	478-926-4103
Health Promotions Office	478-327-8480
Housing Management Office	478-926-3776
ID Cards, DEERS and Inprocessing	478-222-6862
Information, Tickets & Travel	478-926-2945
Legal Assistance	478-926-9276
Library	478-222-0774
Medical Appointments	478-327-7850
Mental Health	478-327-8398
Military OneSource	800-342-9647
Museum of Aviation	478-926-6870
Outdoor Recreation	478-926-4001
Pharmacy	478-327-8150
Post Office	478-926-3078

Red Cross	478-923-6332
Robins Family Housing	478-929-8988
Safety Office	478-926-6271
Security Forces	478-926-2187
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	478-327-7272
Skeet Range	478-926-4733
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Temporary Lodging, Pine Oaks	478-926-2100
Veterinary Services	478-327-8448
Youth Center	478-926-2110

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE ONLINE

Official site: www.robins.af.mil

78th Force Support Squadron: www.robinsfss.com

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Digital Guide

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www.fb.com/RobinsPublicAffairs



Twitter

https://twitter.com/RobinsAFB_GA

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you do not know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information not to be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.



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Air Depot Control Area Command, Warner Robins Air Service Command and Warner Robins Air Technical Services Command during World War II.

At the end of war, as its function changed and satellite bases closed, the name altered again to the Warner Robins Air Materiel Area. In April 1974, new worldwide responsibilities led to its renaming as the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, which was deactivated in July 2012, then immediately activated as Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex.

Today, the WR-ALC and Robins AFB are the state's largest industrial facility. Throughout its existence, the center's mission and responsibility have been the supply of parts for maintenance, repair and storage of aircraft vital to the nation's defense. The major change in this mission has been the enormity of its growth and its technical complexity. In World War II, personnel at Robins AFB maintained warplanes as well as trained and dispatched more than a quarter-million maintenance, supply and logistics field team members to every theater of war.

After World War II, the number of military and civilian employees dropped dramatically until by March 1946, it had fallen to 3,900. However, the critical role that Robins AFB and its repair and supply personnel played in the Berlin Airlift (Operation Vittles) from 1948 to

1949 swelled its workforce to 11,000. Growth continued with the advent of the Korean War.

Once again the nation took notice of the essential role of the depot — then known as the Warner Robins Air Materiel Area. In one of their finest efforts, workers at the center literally unwrapped and refurbished hundreds of “cocooned” Boeing B-29 Superfortresses. Understaffed and working around the clock, they made sure that United Nations forces in the Far East had the tools they needed to fight the North Korean invaders of South Korea. The U.S. B-29s proved to be key in bombing Communist supply lines and staying off the enemy's assault on allied forces pinned down inside the Pusan Perimeter.

The lesson of Korea was not lost on Washington policymakers. Ever since, both the Air Force and Department of Defense have always ensured that Robins AFB is adequately staffed. Robins AFB and the WR-ALC played major parts in the Vietnam War through the resupply of troops and materiel known as the Southeast Asian Pipeline.

In 1990 and 1991, Desert Shield and Desert Storm once again challenged the WR-ALC and Robins AFB workforce to provide supplies, parts, repairs and personnel to coalition forces in the Persian Gulf, wresting Kuwait from Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's occupying forces. Personnel at Robins and throughout the Air

Force airlifted more supplies and aircraft to the Persian Gulf theater of war in 14 weeks than the Allies had airlifted in 14 months to West Berlin during the Berlin Airlift.

Robins AFB, like all U.S. military installations, was deeply affected by the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The base took up its role in the global war on terrorism, surging repair materials and spares and pushing forward sustainment and support operations for U.S. forces in harm's way.

Between Oct. 7, 2001, and March 18, 2002, Robins AFB personnel performed remarkable service for allied forces during Operation Enduring Freedom, the liberation of Afghanistan. This performance continued during Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 19 to May 1, 2003, as allied forces destroyed the regime of Saddam Hussein.

Since that time, Afghan and Iraqi rebuilding efforts have also been supported by the men and women of Robins AFB. Even after Hussein's capture, underground resistance has continued in both nations. However, the U.S. has remained determined to complete its nation-building effort, and Robins has continued its crucial contributions to this cause.

ORGANIZATIONS 78TH AIR BASE WING

The wing has been supporting combat operations for more than 60 years. The base has incredible diversity in missions, ranging from operational flying wings to specialized support services. The wing is composed of four groups.

The 78th Mission Support Group manages and directs essential base operating support functions, which enable effective command, control and communications; law enforcement; security; civilian and military personnel; education services; family services; information management; child care and youth activities; community activities; lodging; fitness; food services; and mortuary affairs. The group provides base-level management of key logistics support and infrastructure to include vehicle management, supply fuels, and contingency planning and execution.

The 78th Air Base Wing Communications Directorate employs information technologies to enable the center to enhance war-fighter capabilities.

The 78th Civil Engineer Group is responsible for providing, operating, maintaining, restoring and protecting the managed assets of the Robins infrastructure and facilities, including environmental stewardship, real estate management, comprehensive and space management, energy and utility systems, roads and grounds, military family housing, facility maintenance and



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repair in-house and by contract, fire emergency services, and readiness and emergency management services.

The 78th Medical Group provides health care services for more than 47,000 military and civilian personnel.

HEADQUARTERS, AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND

Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command manages the service's nearly 75,000 Reserve forces, which are involved in every mission of the Active Component, from communications and services to space and flight testing and mobility operations. It also oversees two DOD missions unique to the AFRC: the fixed-wing spray missions to kill mosquitoes after a natural disaster and the Hurricane Hunters unit at Keesler AFB, which monitors hurricanes for the National Weather Service.

WARNER ROBINS AIR LOGISTICS COMPLEX

The WR-ALC provides depot maintenance, engineering support and software development to major weapon systems (F-15, C-5, C-130, C-17 and Special Operations Forces aircraft). The complex achieves command objectives providing a capability and capacity to support peacetime maintenance requirements, wartime emergency demands, aircraft battle damage repair and a ready source of maintenance of critical items.

116TH AND 461ST AIR CONTROL WINGS (TEAM JSTARS)

The 116th and 461st Air Control Wings — Georgia Air National Guard and active-duty wings, respectively — operate the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, the most advanced ground surveillance and battle management system in the world and the only capability of its type in the Department of Defense. Team JSTARS routinely supports combatant commanders in at least six geographic regions of the world.

5TH COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The 5th Combat Communications Group provides rapidly deployable communications capabilities in permissive and non-permissive contingency environments around the globe. It specializes in training, deploying and delivering personnel and equipment to meet combat and humanitarian operation needs.

638TH SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT GROUP

The 638th Supply Chain Management Group provides life cycle sustainment support for aircraft structural, communications, armament and electronic commodities. It employs specialists who manage a catalogue of more than 89,000 repairable and manufactured items.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY — DLA AVIATION & DLA DISTRIBUTION

DLA activities at Robins include DLA Aviation, which provides logistical support to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex; DLA Distribution, which oversees a major warehousing operation on base that serves both on-base and worldwide customers; DLA Disposition Services, which has regional responsibilities for demilitarization, hazard waste disposal, precious metal recovery and reuse or disposition of military items; and DLA Document Services, which provides reprographic, design and digitization services.

AIR FORCE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT CENTER

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center is the single center responsible for total life cycle management of Air Force weapon systems. The center was activated in 2012 when the Air Force Materiel Command transitioned from 12 to five centers (a sixth center stood up in 2014). Key goals of the center are to improve weapon system acquisition and product support, simplify and reduce overhead structure, and eliminate redundancies by consolidating staff functions and

processes. The center provides oversight of most program office personnel previously aligned in aerospace sustainment directorates at the former Air Logistics Centers at Robins Air Force Base; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Houston County chapter on Page XY for information about local airports and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Atlanta, about 1.5 hours from Robins AFB. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has shuttle service to the base. Visit the airport's website, www.atl.com, for more information. If you fly into Middle Georgia Regional Airport, you can contact the base transportation office at 478-926-3493.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information, if applicable, prior to your arrival at Robins Air Force Base.

DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.



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Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Robins Air Force Base. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit or call the Military Personnel Section at 478-222-6862.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations, unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

From Middle Georgia Regional Airport

Robins AFB is approximately 10 miles south of Middle Georgia Regional Airport. From the airport, take Georgia Highway 247 south to Gate 1 on Green Street.

From Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Follow Interstate 75 south for about 79 miles to Georgia Highway 247 south. Take Georgia Highway 247 south for about 12 miles to Gate 1 on Green Street.

From Interstate 75

Newcomers who arrive in their vehicles will more than likely be traveling on Interstate 75. Take Exit 146 to Georgia Highway 247 Connector, also called Centerville/Watson Boulevard (east), to the main gate (Gate 3), approximately

5.8 miles. Or you can take Exit 144 to Russell Parkway (east), which will take you directly to the rear of the base (about 10 miles).

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Military Personnel Section

Building 767..... 478-222-6862
www.robins.af.mil/About-Us/Newcomers

Military members entering Gate 3, open 24/7, will be directed during duty hours to the INTRO Office, in Building 767, or to the 24-hour arrival point at Pine Oaks Lodging, in Building 557. The first full duty day after arrival, your sponsor will take you to your unit's orderly room, which will schedule an appointment for inprocessing. Bring all hand-carried records with you for inprocessing.

Civilians assigned to Robins AFB should report to their assigned command support staff office. For more information, visit the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 376. Contact the office at 478-222-0601.

You will need to take two copies of your orders to your current finance office no earlier than 30 days prior to your outprocessing so your financial records can be updated for your PCS move. Your finance office will also brief you on your authorized PCS financial entitlements to include BAS, BAH, direct deposit, advance pay, per diem, mileage, dislocation allowance and temporary lodging expense. It is important to keep all receipts for filing your travel voucher upon arrival. If you have any questions, contact your serving finance office to assist you with any PCS entitlements. Note: You must receive concurrent travel approval from the gaining commander when bringing family members to the new duty station.

If you get married before you PCS, you must inform your commander and follow the procedures exactly as instructed. The military will not pay for your spouse's travel and housing if you do not follow proper procedures.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Pine Oaks Lodging

Club Drive, Building 557..... 478-926-2100
<https://robinsfss.com/pine-oaks-lodging>

Pine Oaks Lodging provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for military members and their families who are being assigned to Robins AFB. Pet-friendly units are available. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, cable TV, coffee makers, microwaves and refrigerators. Check the website for more information.

GETTING SETTLED

HEALTH CARE

78th Medical Group

655 Seventh St., Building 700
 Central Appointments 478-327-7850
 Dental Clinic 478-327-8059
 Mental Health..... 478-327-8398
 Pharmacy..... 478-327-8150
 Suicide Crisis Lifeline and Chat . 800-273-8255
www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/MTF/Robins

The 78th Medical Group provides medical, dental and public health services for people assigned to Robins AFB, their families and retirees. The group provides care in flight medicine, family health, mental health, dental health, optometry, pediatrics, physical therapy and more. Hours vary by clinic; call for current hours of operation.

There is no on-base emergency room. Those who have an emergency should go to the Houston Medical Center emergency room at 1601 Watson Blvd. in Warner Robins or the nearest emergency room. Patients are asked to contact their primary care manager within one duty day to report any care received at an emergency room to ensure proper follow-up.

The Fast Forward clinic, in Building 49 on the flight line, provides preventive health education, acute care or care for workplace injuries, work-related rehabilitation for musculoskeletal conditions (such as back and shoulder injuries), medical exams, follow-up injury care and after-care conditioning programs. The centralized location allows employees who work in industrial areas of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex access to health professionals, within a few minutes' walk from most worksites. For more information, call 478-468-2038.

Dental care for beneficiaries is extremely limited, except for after-hours emergency dental care for acute problems such as uncontrolled

pain, swelling or trauma. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Housing Management Office

775 Macon St. 478-926-3776
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Robins

The Robins AFB Housing Management Office is ready to support you in your transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with your housing options and available support services. When you arrive at Robins AFB, visit the HMO for invaluable information, counseling and guidance before you sign any written lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

775 Macon St. 478-327-6110
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Robins

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3, and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each airman is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Permanent-party unaccompanied housing consists of private rooms and shared bathrooms. Amenities include plentiful parking, a walking and biking trail, grills and picnic tables, a lighted basketball court and a sand volleyball court. The dining facility is conveniently located in the center of the campus.

Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service will move into housing in the local community.

Robins Family Housing

75 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd..... 478-929-8988
www.robinsfamilyhousing.com

At Robins AFB, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Hunt Military Communities, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the Robins privatized housing community, visit the Robins Family Housing website.

MAIL

Post Office

740 Macon St., Suite 100..... 478-926-3078

To receive mail for general delivery, use the following address:

Your Name
General Delivery
740 Macon St.
Robins AFB, GA 31098

PETS

Veterinary Services

655 Seventh St., Building 703 478-327-8448
www.facebook.com/RobinsVTF

The Robins veterinary treatment facility is professionally staffed by personnel with the primary mission of providing complete veterinary care for all government-owned animals. Though it also offers many types of routine care services for pets of military families, most pet emergencies are best handled by a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

Services include preventive medicine and vaccinations, health certificates for interstate and international travel, microchip ID systems, shots, over-the-counter flea and tick medication, heartworm treatments and more. Call to make an appointment or for more information.

All pets living on base must be registered with the facility upon arrival. On-base housing limits the number and breed of pets that can live in on-base housing.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Robins AFB Chapel

655 Ninth St. 478-926-2821
www.robins.af.mil/About-Us/Base-Chapel

The chapel offers opportunities for worship, religious education, fellowship and other means of spiritual growth. Programs are designed to meet the religious needs of all ages. For information on special programs, wedding policies and procedures, and other faith groups and denominations, contact the chapel. For current service times, visit the chapel's website.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicles don't have to be registered with Robins AFB, but every privately owned vehicle on base must be insured and have a current license plate. Georgia state traffic laws apply on base; see the Getting To & Around Houston County chapter on Page XY for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving base are subject to search.

SERVING YOU

DINING

Afterburner

Byron Street, Building 166
(inside the Base Restaurant)..... 478-222-7827

Base Restaurant

Byron Street, Building 166 478-926-6972

Fairways Grille

Warner Robins Street,
Building 595..... 478-923-1717

Flight Kitchen

Blunk Avenue, Building 2062..... 478-327-4180

Heritage Club

Ninth Street, Building 956..... 478-222-7899



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On Spot Cafe

Ninth Street, Building 908 478-926-5240

Pizza Depot

Ninth Street, Building 956 478-926-0188

Wynn Dining Facility

Seventh Street, Building 768 478-926-6596

For hours, menus and special event information, visit www.robinsfss.com.

EDUCATION

Education and Training Office

620 Ninth St.

Building 905, Suite 113 478-327-3884

<http://robinsfss.com/education-training>

The Education and Training Office provides quality educational and training opportunities to support mission readiness and professional and personal development for both the civilian and military populations. Staff members can assist with information on college and university programs, tuition assistance, counseling and testing services. Several local institutions offer degree programs at Robins, including Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Georgia Military College and Middle Georgia State University.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Airman & Family Readiness Center

725 Ninth St.

Building 794, Suite 100 478-926-1256

www.robins.af.mil/About-Us/

Airmen-and-Family-Readiness-Center

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is a one-stop information and referral center and the cornerstone of the Robins family support system, helping airmen and their families enhance their readiness and quality of life.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers the following resources: Air Force Aid

Society assistance, family readiness education and assistance, personal financial management, family life education, information and referral services, employment assistance, relocation assistance and transition assistance. Free child care is available through the Child Care for PCS program for 20 hours per child within 60 days of your arrival.

The center serves all single and married active-duty military, Department of Defense civilian personnel, Guard and Reserve members on active duty, other eligible uniformed members, military retirees and eligible family members. Call the center to schedule an appointment for consultations or to ensure services are available when visiting.

Child Development Centers

East, Building 943 478-926-5805

West, Building 946 478-926-3080

<https://robinsfss.com/child-development-center>

The child development centers offer weekly care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old, and hourly care can be reserved on a space-available basis. The centers provide a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, cognitive, language and physical development of youngsters. The centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Children of active-duty military personnel, DOD civilian personnel, Reservists on active duty and DOD contractors are eligible. Fees are based on total family income. Registration requires a completed DD Form 2606, immunization records, leave and earnings statements, and emergency contact information.

Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 794 478-926-1256

www.robins.af.mil/About-Us/Airmen-and-Family-Readiness-Center

Family-Readiness-Center

This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

Family Child Care

765 10th St.

Building 942 478-222-7698

<http://robinsfss.com/family-child-care>

Family Child Care provides an alternative to child development center care for families that need evening care, weekend care, care for children with special needs, infants and school-age children, as well as care during swing and midnight shifts.

The program also offers an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for their own children.

FCC providers are well-trained, they and their family members undergo a thorough background check and their homes are inspected for health, safety and other requirements. In addition, their homes are monitored regularly by program staff.

School Liaison Office

725 Ninth St.

Building 794, Suite 100 478-327-5524

www.robins.af.mil/About-Us/

School-Liaison-Office

The school liaison office connects Robins AFB families and private and public schools. The office supports service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every possible opportunity for quality education.

Youth Center

Building 1021 478-926-2110

<https://robinsfss.com/youth-center-2>

In addition to before- and after-school care, the Youth Center offers children age 5 to 18 years old a variety of sports, including basketball, football, soccer, cheerleading and baseball. The center has a full-size game room with TVs, a gym, a rock-climbing wall and a computer lab. The center offers various activities for youths, such as special-event dances, carnivals, bowling, camping, fishing, swim parties, lock-ins, newcomer socials, martial arts and a youth sponsorship program for newcomers.

Throughout the year the Teen Keystone Club meets to plan special trips that are hosted during many of the school breaks. The Youth Center also has a Teen Council that serves as the voice on teen concerns and issues for youth who reside on Robins AFB and in the local community.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Robins Financial Credit Union

Building 646 478-923-3773

Building 20166 478-923-3773

www.robinsfcu.org



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SunTrust Bank

Building 911..... 478-273-6300
www.suntrust.com

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Assistance

Building 708..... 478-926-9276
www.robins.af.mil/About-Us/
Staff-Judge-Advocate-Office

Legal service is available to active-duty military members and their families, retired military members and their families, members of the Guard (Title 10 status only) and members of the reserves on active-duty orders. Wills are prepared by appointment and during walk-in times. Worksheets for wills, powers of attorney, etc., are available at the U.S. Air Force Legal Assistance website, <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>.

LIBRARY

Building 905..... 478-222-0774
<https://robinsfss.com/library-2>

Robins AFB's library collection consists of more than 47,000 books. The library also offers computers, internet access, foreign language and tutoring software, movies, audio-books, downloadable materials, magazines and newspapers, research materials and assistance. Online resources include: Online Public Catalog; Transparent Languages; OverDrive audio and e-books; databases for looking up articles in magazines, journals and newspapers; and practice exams (CLEP and DANTES). The library has a complete range of services for all age groups and interests.

RECREATION

For detailed information about the recreational programs at Robins AFB, visit the 78th Force Support Squadron online at <http://robinsfss.com>.

Aero Club

Perimeter Road, Building 186..... 478-926-4867
<https://robinsfss.com/aero-club-2>

The Aero Club offers flight instruction and certification programs. The Aero Club is also open to the public.

Arts & Crafts Center

10th Street, Building 984 478-926-5282
<http://robinsfss.com/arts-crafts>

The Arts & Crafts Center offers numerous artistic opportunities, including a wood hobby shop, an engraving department and a frame shop. Classes and workshops are available all year.

Bingo at the Club

Ninth Street, Building 956 478-222-7899
<https://robinsfss.com/bingo-at-the-club>

Visit the website for game times and special events.



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Bowling Center

Ninth Street, Building 908 478-926-2112
<http://robinsfss.com/bowling>

Strike up family fun at the bowling center. Shoe rentals, bowling leagues and a snack bar are available.

Fitness Center

Annex, Building 301 478-926-2840
<https://robinsfss.com/fitness-center-2>
Building 826..... 478-926-2128
<https://robinsfss.com/fitness-center-2>

The fitness center and the fitness center annex have many ways to get or stay in shape, including fitness classes like power punch boxing, spin, Zumba, kickboxing, yoga, water aerobics and more. The fitness center also features an indoor lap pool.

Golf Course

Building 595..... 478-926-4103
<https://robinsfss.com/golf-course-2>

Pine Oaks Golf Course includes a pro shop, clinics, a grill and more. Visit the website for special events and membership information.

Information, Tickets & Travel

Tenth Street, Building 984 478-926-2945
<http://robinsfss.com/information-tickets-and-travel>

Find information and get military discount tickets for area attractions including Six Flags Over Georgia, the Georgia Aquarium, Wild Adventures, Zoo Atlanta and more.

Whatever travel destinations you seek, the ITT staff can help plan your trips by assisting with airline tickets, hotels, rental cars and even cruises.

Outdoor Recreation

10th Street, Building 984 478-926-4001
<http://robinsfss.com/outdoor-recreation>

Outdoor Recreation has information on equipment rentals, the Outdoor Adventures program, family camping, hunting, fishing, the outdoor pool, the skeet range, horse stables, RV storage and the "lemon lot" resale area. For more information, phone numbers, locations and hours of operation for specific Outdoor Recreation programs, visit the website.

SHOPPING

Robins Commissary

923 Macon St.,
Building 923..... 478-222-7618/7637
www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary. In-store conveniences and specialties include an ATM, a bakery, a deli, rotisserie chicken, a salad bar, sushi, fresh sandwiches to go, plants and party cakes.

Robins Exchange

www.shopmyexchange.com

Main Exchange

Macon Street,
Building 982..... 478-923-5536/5537
Military Clothing Store 478-923-0572

The Robins AFB Exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours of operation for services outside of the Main Exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



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Welcome

to Houston County

ONE OF THE MOST rapidly growing communities in middle Georgia, Houston County (pronounced “Howston”) has a population of more than 155,000, covers nearly 400 square miles and has three incorporated cities: Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins.

Residents enjoy direct access to Interstate 75, and Interstate 16 is less than 20 miles to the east. The county has a general aviation airport and Atlanta’s international airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, is easily accessed 100 miles to the north.

Houston County is home to nationally acclaimed public and private school systems as well as several colleges and universities. The county’s public school system has been recognized by both the Georgia Schools of Excellence and National Schools of Excellence programs.

Comprehensive health care is readily accessible to residents at local facilities that offer the latest in medical technology. Outdoor recreational opportunities abound, and mountains and seacoasts are a quick road trip away.

Last but not least, you’ll find ample Southern hospitality and charm in Houston County to welcome you to your new community.

HISTORY

Houston County, named in honor of Georgia Gov. John Houstoun, was created in 1821 through a treaty signed with the Creek Indians. Perry, the county seat and geographic center of the state of Georgia, was incorporated in 1824 as Houston County’s first official town.

Originally, Houston was just one of five huge counties but would lose land when Bibb, Crawford, DeKalb, Pike, Macon and Peach counties were formed later.

Many of the early settlers were land lottery winners. They came from the Georgia coast, Virginia and the Carolinas to take advantage of Houston County’s rich, sandy loam and grew vegetables, wheat and potatoes. Exports of cotton via the Ocmulgee River supported plantations in the area, and by 1889, Houston was the largest peach-growing county in the U.S.

In the 1920s, Houston County went through spurts of development with the establishment of the Clinchfield Cement Plant that took advantage of rich local deposits of limestone and kaolin and with a prosperous lumber industry clearing the abundant yellow pine.

The county’s largest city, Warner Robins, was incorporated in 1943 after Robins Air Force Base was established during World War II. Both the city and the base are named after Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins.

The city of Centerville was incorporated in 1958.

Today, Robins AFB drives much of the economy in middle Georgia.

SAFETY

State of Georgia

Department of Public Safety

Nonemergency 404-624-7000
www.dps.georgia.gov

The Georgia Department of Public Safety oversees the day-to-day operations of the Georgia

State Patrol, Capitol Police and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division. The Georgia State Patrol is responsible for enforcing traffic and criminal laws and investigating traffic crashes. Capitol Police are responsible for preventing and deterring criminal acts as well as enforcing traffic regulations throughout Capitol Hill. The Motor Carrier Compliance Division conducts safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles and inspects highway hazmat shipments.

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Nonemergency 404-635-7000
www.gema.ga.gov

The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency provides a comprehensive and aggressive all-hazards approach to homeland security initiatives, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and special events to protect life and property as well as prevent and reduce any effects of terrorism and natural disasters in Georgia. Visit the agency's website for information on disaster preparedness.

Houston County Emergency Management

Nonemergency 478-542-2026
www.houstoncountygga.org/government/hema.cms

Visit the Houston County Emergency Management Agency website for information on weather alerts, missing child alerts and the local emergency operations plan.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Houston County has a mild, warm climate that allows residents to enjoy Georgia's many outdoor recreation options year-round. Each season is distinct, but temperatures and conditions can be enjoyable in all of them.

In summer, the average high temperature is typically in the 90s, with average lows of 60 to 70 degrees. Winter days see highs between 50 and 60 degrees with nighttime lows in the 30s. Houston County receives 45 to 50 inches of precipitation throughout the year, with March usually the rainiest month.

Local Hazards

Every second counts in a natural disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers. Ready Georgia is a statewide campaign supported by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency aimed at motivating Georgians to take action to prepare for a disaster. The agency coordinates the state's disaster preparedness, response and recovery efforts. The program's website offers online access to tools that will help you plan and be prepared for a disaster, and its mobile app puts preparedness tools in the palm of

your hand. Visit <https://gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia> to take advantage of these valuable local resources.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chambers of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce

305 Coliseum Drive
 Macon, GA 31217 478-621-2000
www.maconchamber.com

Perry Chamber of Commerce

900 Carroll St.
 Perry, GA 31069 478-987-1234
www.perrygachamber.com

The Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce

1228 Watson Blvd.
 Warner Robins, GA 31093 478-922-8585
www.robinsregion.com



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Getting To & Around

Houston County

SEVERAL HIGHWAYS EASILY LINK Houston County to the rest of the state and the U.S., and many travelers in the area choose to drive and enjoy the peaceful, rural byways in the heart of Georgia.

For those flying, the state’s major airport is about 100 miles north of Warner Robins, and travel options from it include shuttles and car rentals to bring you to Houston County.

Warner Robins has public transportation, commuter and shuttle services, and Greyhound maintains a bus station in Macon, about 20 miles north of Warner Robins.

Area businesses can draw on the Norfolk Southern and CSX railroads for freight transport.

AIRPORT

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

6000 N. Terminal Parkway, Suite 4000
Atlanta, GA 30320 800-897-1910
www.atl.com

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is 20 minutes south of downtown Atlanta and 100 miles north of Warner Robins. The world’s busiest airport, it serves more than 100 million passengers annually. Eighteen airlines provide domestic and international service, with an average of 2,700 flight arrivals and departures and 275,000 passengers daily.

Ground transportation includes hotel shuttles, buses, trains (www.itsmarta.com/getting-to-airport.aspx), local and regional shared-ride shuttles, and free SkyTrain transport to the rental car center.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

GA Peach Shuttle

..... 478-956-3576
www.gapeachshuttle.com

The GA Peach Shuttle provides door-to-door transportation to multiple destinations in Georgia, including the Atlanta Amtrak station, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and Robins Air Force Base. Shuttles run 24/7.

For pricing packages or more information, visit the shuttle’s website.

Groome Transportation

.....478-953-0773
www.groometransportation.com

Groome Transportation provides shuttle service in multiple locations in Georgia, including Macon, Warner Robins and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. For more information on pickup and departure locations, fares and online ticketing, visit the website.

Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority

.....478-803-2500
www.mta-mac.com

The Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority offers 14 routes around the city to medical, shopping, historical, sightseeing and education stops, though service to Robins Air Force Base was discontinued in July 2016 due to declining ridership. Paratransit service also is available.

See the MTA website for more detailed route and schedule information.



Warner Robins Transit

..... 478-954-2812
www.wrttransit.com

Riders can pick from two routes and 35 stops around the city. There are morning, noon and late afternoon runs Monday through Friday.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

An interstate, three U.S. highways and several state routes cross Houston County.

Interstate 75 runs north and south through the southwest part of the county.

North-south U.S. Route 41 mostly borders the county's western edge, while U.S. Route 129 runs north and south over the eastern third. U.S. Route 341 traverses the southern edge of the county.

Major east-west state routes include state Route 247, to Warner Robins, state Route 96 with access to Bonaire, and state Route 11 to Perry.

The Georgia Department of Transportation offers commuter options at www.gacommuteroptions.com. The GDOT also provides free, real-time traffic information. Registered users can create a personalized profile to receive and obtain phone, text or email updates about incidents on their specified routes at www.511ga.org.

Georgia Department of Driver Services

450 Golden Isles Parkway
 Perry, GA 31069 678-413-8400
 198 Carl Vinson Parkway
 Warner Robins, GA 31088 678-413-8400
<https://dds.georgia.gov>

The Georgia Department of Driver Services issues driver's licenses and identification cards and provides other driving-related services. Find general information and many of the required forms on its website.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Georgia from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all Georgia residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing under various scenarios in its Georgia Drivers Manual, which can be downloaded at www.eregulations.com/georgia/driver.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at <https://dor.georgia.gov/motor-vehicle-titles-and-registration>.

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain DMV exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the website.

Distracted Driving

The state of Georgia prohibits drivers from making calls on hand-held wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Texting is also prohibited.

Georgia Department of Transportation

www.dot.ga.gov

Visit the Georgia Department of Transportation's website to get information on travel resources and lane closures and to view highway cameras. Maps and information about commuting options, safety rest areas and interstate highways are also available.



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Housing & Real Estate

in Houston County

FROM THE BUSTLING CITY of Warner Robins to the quiet community of Centerville, Houston County's communities are diverse. In 2018, more than 155,000 people called the county home, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Population density in the county was 372.5 per square mile, the census found.

Robins Air Force Base has more than 21,000 personnel, and a number of those personnel live off base in surrounding communities. Additionally, about 17,500 veterans live in the area, according to the census.

The county's communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Georgia Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and services. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.garealtor.com.

HOUSTON COUNTY

Houston County, home of Robins AFB, covers approximately 375 square miles in the heart of Georgia. It is circled by eight counties: Bibb County to the north, Crawford County to the northwest, Peach and Macon counties to the west, Dooly and Pulaski counties to the south, and Bleckley and Twiggs counties to the east. The county boasts a variety of recreational opportunities, with active parks and recreation departments, museums, theaters and more. For more information, check out the Robins Regional Chamber at www.robinsregion.com or the Perry Chamber of Commerce at www.perrygachamber.com.

Communities in Houston County near Robins AFB include Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins.

Centerville

www.centervillega.org

Located halfway between Byron and Wellston and halfway between Macon and Perry — hence its name — Centerville was incorporated in

1958. One of the youngest cities in Georgia, Centerville has a population of about 7,700.

A family-friendly town, Centerville is part of a fast-growing area of Georgia. The Houston County Galleria, on Watson Boulevard, offers shoppers more than 40 specialty shops to choose from, along with a 15-screen cinema. Residents also enjoy many nearby annual festivals and events, such as the International Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon and the Georgia National Fair in Perry.

Those looking to make their home in Centerville can choose from a wide selection of real estate. Median rent is \$1,018, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,371. Mean travel time to work for those living in Centerville is about 22 minutes.

Perry

www.perry-ga.gov

Situated at the intersection of four highways, Perry is known as the "Crossroads of Georgia."



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The prime location makes Perry an inviting place for travelers, and tourism is one of the city's top industries. Named after Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry (the "Hero of Lake Erie" in the War of 1812), the city was incorporated in 1824 and is the county seat of Houston County. The city's population is about 17,300.

Perry is famous for the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter. The facility sits on more than 1,100 acres and hosts the state fair along with hundreds of other events. Perry's historic downtown area is filled with specialty shops, a community theater and historic landmarks. Fairs and festivals, such as the annual Dogwood Festival, showcase the city's Southern pride and beauty.

Real estate in Perry is diverse. Median rent is \$810, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,188. Mean travel time to work for those living in Perry is around 21 minutes.

Warner Robins

www.wrga.gov

Warner Robins is diverse, prompting its slogan "Georgia's International City," and has a growing population of nearly 76,000. A U.S. Air Force military depot was established in the small farming community — then known as Wellston — in 1941. Soon after, both the depot and town were renamed after one of the Air Corps' first logisticians, Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins. Robins AFB, one of the largest Air Force bases in the South, is a source of both pride and industry for the city.

The city also boasts a parks and recreation department, a civic center, one of the largest aviation museums in the United States (Museum of Aviation), shopping, festivals and a community theater.

Many different styles of housing can be found in Warner Robins. Median rent is \$878, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,121. Mean travel time to

work for those living in Warner Robins is a little over 20 minutes.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The

main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' landlord-tenant handbook can be downloaded at www.dca.ga.gov. Search for "landlord-tenant handbook."

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Georgia Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at <https://garealtor.com>.

State Programs

Georgia provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit www.hud.gov/states and select "Georgia" from the list.

Houston County Programs

The Warner Robins Houston County Housing Authorities provide safe, quality and affordable rental housing for area residents. For more information on available public housing communities, visit www.warnerrobinsha.com.



Employment & Economy

in Houston County

AFTER AN 1821 TREATY between the state of Georgia and the Creek Indians, land lottery winners began moving into newly minted Houston County that same year, claiming tracts for about 7 cents an acre and starting to plow the fertile, sandy loam for corn, wheat, potatoes and other fresh vegetables. The county took its name from Gov. John Houstoun, one of the original Sons of Liberty of the American Revolution. And though over the years the spelling has been slimmed to “Houston,” it’s still pronounced the way he did: “HOW-ston.”

Rail and Transit Access

Georgia’s first railroad tracks were laid in the mid-1830s on routes leading from Athens, Augusta, Macon and Savannah. Some 25 years later, the state not only could claim more rail miles than any other in the Deep South but also had linked its major towns and created a new rail center in Atlanta. In the early 1900s, a tiny train made its way into Houston County. Its first stop, named Wellston in honor of William H. Wells, the chief engineer of the

Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad, was built on land that is now known as Robins Air Force Base and Middle Georgia Regional Airport. After that, the railroads continued to expand until the 1920s, when a long decline began that lasted into the 1990s. Today, the state’s rail system is a strong, 5,000-mile network anchored by two major lines, Norfolk Southern and CSX, and a couple dozen short lines.

Natural Resources

By the 1880s, Houston County had become the largest peach-growing county in the United States, according to the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The county’s rural roots are celebrated to this day at public venues like the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, the county seat, and smaller private enterprises such as nurseries, roadside produce stands, farmers markets and garden clubs.

These days, though, agriculture is far overshadowed by manufacturing and Robins Air Force Base, Georgia’s largest single industrial complex with approximately 23,000 workers,

an annual \$1.45 billion federal payroll and a \$3.15 billion contribution to the Georgia economy in fiscal 2018, a \$273 million increase over fiscal 2017.

Abundant labor and easy transportation have drawn other industries over the years, but the two biggest boosts to the economy were the Army’s 1941 selection of level cotton fields near the railroad stop of Wellston for a depot, named Robins Field in memory of Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins, onetime spy and the Air Force’s “Father of Logistics,” and the decision to run Interstate 75 north-south through the county under the direction of another hero general, then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower, “Father of the Interstate Highway System.”

Amid World War II and security demands extending into the 21st century, Robins Field evolved into Robins Air Force Base, home of the Air Force Materiel Command’s Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, worldwide manager of aircraft, engines, missiles, software and avionics and accessories — and the engine for much of middle Georgia’s economic growth.



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And growth has boomed. The U.S. Census estimated that in 2018 more than 155,000 people lived in Houston County in its three largest towns — Warner Robins, Perry and Centerville — plus its unincorporated communities and rural areas. Nearly 90 percent of residents over 25 held at least a high school diploma, and about a quarter had attained a bachelor's degree or higher. More than 17,000 veterans called "Georgia's Most Progressive County" home. Per capita personal income was \$25,289, and the median household income was \$55,965, higher than the state's \$52,977 the census said.

According to the Houston County Development Authority, other target industries that drive the region's economy include aerospace, advanced manufacturing, food processing, distribution, and logistics and agribusiness.

Robins Air Force Base

Nearly 25 percent of the jobs in Houston County are at Robins Air Force Base. The approximately 23,000 people who work there — including military, civil service and private contractors — make the base the largest employer in Georgia. Robins Air Force Base is estimated to have an annual economic impact of almost \$3.15 billion in the state of Georgia, according to the 2018 Robins Air Force Base Economic Impact Statement.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

Georgia Department of Labor – Houston County Career Center

96 Cohen Walker Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088..... 478-988-7130
<https://dol.georgia.gov/location/houston-county>

The GDOL helps job applicants in areas from resume preparation to job listings to labor laws

with tools available on the department's website. Veterans can find information and assistance, ranging from career and employment counseling to direct job referrals, job search workshops and support services at <https://dol.georgia.gov/find-veteran-assistance-and-information>.

The GDOL also operates a statewide network of local career centers, providing a wide range of services to job seekers and employers. The centers offer tools to find and keep a job that's just right for you.

Team Georgia Careers

..... 404-656-2705
www.team.georgia.gov/careers

The official state career website, Team Georgia Careers lists job opportunities with Georgia state government. In addition to this careers website, the state offers professional development, specialized training, coaching and mentoring opportunities, succession planning, tuition assistance for specialized jobs within specific organizations, and cross-agency team stretch assignments.

Houston County

200 Carl Vinson Parkway
Warner Robins, GA 31088..... 478-542-2005
www.houstoncountygga.org/jobs.cms

Current Houston County job opportunities are posted online, and applications are available for download.

Middle Georgia Workforce Development

124 Osigian Blvd., Suite A
Warner Robins, GA 31088..... 478-953-4771
www.mgwib.com

Middle Georgia Workforce Development is a local association of workforce development agencies, business leaders and other partners that seeks to improve the labor market success of Middle Georgians. The board's website has employment resources, including training and career services, job search assistance, job announcements and more. The group serves residents of 10 counties, among them Houston County.

Perry Chamber of Commerce

101 Gen. Courtney Hodges Blvd.
Perry, GA 31069 478-987-1234
www.perrygachamber.com

The Perry Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee supports Robins Air Force Base families and events; the "Where to Work" link on the home page connects to job postings.

Robins Regional Chamber

1228 Watson Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093..... 478-922-8585
www.robinsregion.com

The Robins Regional Chamber has an abundance of information for those seeking work in the Houston County area. The chamber's website has a special section for military and aerospace resources under "Programs."

City of Centerville

300 E. Church St.
Centerville, GA 31028 478-953-4734
www.centervillega.org/job-opportunities

Job announcements are posted on the city's website. Look for "Current Job Announcements" on the Job Opportunities page.

City of Perry

1211 Washington St.
Perry, GA 31069 478-988-2713
www.perry-ga.gov/administration/employment-opportunities

Current job openings for Perry are posted online, along with employment policies and applications.

City of Warner Robins

700 Watson Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093 478-293-1000
www.wrga.gov/jobs.aspx

Current employment opportunities are posted on the Warner Robins website.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the company may ring with a call from a hiring director.

Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Robins. Or visit the Robins AFB Civilian Personnel Office at Highway 247, Building 1524 (call 478-926-6666); go to www.robins.af.mil/Employment for more base employment information.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings in lodging, recreation areas and other nonappropriated fund positions, call the NAF Office at 478-926-4877 or visit www.nafjobs.org.

Commissary Jobs

Go to www.commissaries.com and click on "Careers" to begin the process of applying for commissary work.

Exchange Jobs

For Base Exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange> and search for Robins.

Robins AFB Small Business Office

The Small Business Office monitors allocation of contracts, grants and cooperative agreements for small businesses and historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions. Contact the office at 50 Richard Ray Blvd., Building 205, for information about business opportunities, project requirements and more. For more information, call 478-926-5873 or visit www.robins.af.mil/About-Us/Small-Business-Office.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

University of Georgia's

Small Business Development Center

The University of Georgia's Small Business Development Center offers small-business resources and workshops for those looking to start a business. Visit www.georgiasbdc.org or visit the center's location in Macon at 4875 Riverside Drive in the Riverside Crossing Professional Building, Suite 202. Call 478-757-3609 for more information.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.



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Health Care

in Houston County

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Houston County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act. Applicants can explore plans and get personalized help with enrollment at Insure Georgia's website at www.insurega.org.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured

and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

In Warner Robbins, Houston County Volunteer Medical Clinic (www.hhc.org) and CareConnect Health (<http://ccthealth.org>) both provide low-cost or free care for eligible patients. First Choice Primary Care (www.firstchoiceprimarycare.org) has federally qualified health centers in Macon and Warner Robins.

DENTAL CARE

The Georgia Dental Association website, www.gadental.org, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist. Select "Public Resources" from the home page and click on "Find a Dentist" to find or verify a dentist. The association's website has information on low-cost clinics in Georgia and suggestions for maintaining healthy teeth and gums as well. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The oral health program of the Georgia Department of Public Health can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at <https://dph.georgia.gov/OralHealth>.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check Georgia Composite Medical Board's online directory at <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/look-licensee>. You can browse for a provider by type or by location. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the Georgia Composite Medical Board at <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov> or call 404-656-3913.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Houston County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 7 — the VA Southeast Network, with the nearest major medical center in Dublin, Georgia, about an hour's drive from Robins AFB. VISN 7 is the third-largest network in the Veterans Health Administration with eight major medical centers and 43 community-based outpatient clinics throughout Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. The closest community-based outpatient clinic is in Kathleen, a little over 10 miles south of Warner Robins.

Carl Vinson

VA Medical Center

1826 Veterans Blvd.
Dublin, GA 31021..... 478-272-1210
www.dublin.va.gov

The Carl Vinson VA Medical Center offers a broad spectrum of inpatient and outpatient health care ranging from primary care to mental health services.

The following is a list of community-based outpatient clinics and the vet center near Robins AFB. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to www.southeast.va.gov.

Macon Clinic

5566 Thomaston Road
Macon, GA 31220..... 800-595-5229



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Macon Vet Center

750 Riverside Drive
Macon, GA 31201..... 478-477-3813

Perry Clinic

2370 S. Houston Lake Road
Kathleen, GA 31047 800-595-5229

Georgia Department of Veterans Services

Floyd Veterans Memorial Building
Suite E-970
Atlanta, GA 30334..... 404-656-2300

VA Suicide Lifeline..... 800-273-8255
<https://veterans.georgia.gov>

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for Georgia's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

GDVS operates a field office in Houston County:

Veterans Education Career Transition

Resource Center
1001 S. Armed Forces Blvd., Rooms 107 and 108
Warner Robins, GA 31088..... 478-218-3905

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Houston Medical Center

1601 Watson Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093..... 478-922-4281
www.hhc.org

Navicent Health

777 Hemlock St.
Macon, GA 31201..... 478-633-1000
www.navicenthealth.org

Perry Hospital

1120 Morningside Drive
Perry, GA 31069 478-987-3600
www.hhc.org



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Family Resources

in Houston County

Picking up from one place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community

resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce

back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Bright from the Start:

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE
754 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334 404-656-5957
www.dec.state.ga.us

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is responsible for meeting the child

care and early education needs of Georgia children and families. The department administers Georgia's pre-K program, licenses and monitors child care facilities, provides training and support to families and child care providers who care for special needs children, and oversees a number of other programs including Head Start.

Child Care Aware

www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include a child care budgeting calculator and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Georgia Department of Human Services

www.dhs.georgia.gov

The Georgia Department of Human Services is composed of three divisions: Aging Services, Child Support Services, and Family and Children Services. Visit the department's website for more information on child care assistance, senior assistance, assistance for needy families, and other services and programs.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards



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mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses. Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

Your pet may face many outside dangers in Georgia, such as alligators, armadillos, bats, bears, beavers, coyotes, rats, raccoons, foxes and more. Keep your dog on a short leash in wooded areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Avoid allowing your dog to walk around or swim in unknown waters.

The area also is home to parasites, including fleas, ticks and ear mites. Outdoor pets can



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bring these pests into the home, posing a risk to humans since they can transmit disease through their bites. Limiting and supervising your pet's outdoor activities can help it avoid these dangers.

Animal Services

Houston County Animal Control

200 Carl Vinson Parkway
Warner Robins, GA 31088..... 478-542-2033
www.houstoncountygga.org/residents/animal-control.cms

Houston County Animal Control strives to protect the health and safety of its residents, ensure humane treatment of animals, and promote responsible pet ownership through the enforcement of all state laws and county ordinances. Animal control officers are responsible for investigating animal cruelty, animal nuisance complaints and animal bites as mandated by Georgia law.

Humane Society of Houston County

810 Carl Vinson Parkway
Centerville, GA 31028..... 478-599-0211
www.humanesocietyhoco.org

The Humane Society of Houston County serves the Houston County area, including Warner Robins, Perry, Centerville, Bonaire and Kathleen. For information on pet adoption, visit the society's website.

Perry Animal Services

Animal Control

480 Ball St.
Perry, GA 31069 478-542-2000
www.perry-ga.gov/police-department/animal-control



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Animal Shelter

204 Kellwood Drive
Perry, GA 31069 478-988-2888/338-0199
www.fopas.org

The Perry Police Department's Animal Control Section manages and protects Perry's animal population.

The Perry Animal Shelter is behind Perry's maintenance facility at the intersection of Ball Street and Tucker Road, next to Tolleson Lumber Co. The shelter provides lost and found information, animal care education and pet adoption services.

Warner Robins Animal Services

208 Stalnaker Ave.
Warner Robins, GA 31088..... 478-929-7290
www.wrpolicy.org/animal_control.htm

The Animal Control Division enforces laws and city ordinances pertaining to animal control and care, provides housing and care for impounded animals, finds homes for adoptable animals, educates the public on responsible pet ownership and humanely euthanizes unwanted animals. The facility is licensed and regulated

by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. For more information on pet adoption, visit the animal control website.

Pets for Patriots

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Houston County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for finding a veterinarian is the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association website at <https://gvma.memberclicks.net/find-a-vet#>.



Education & Academics

in Houston County

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOL and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Houston County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in Georgia school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on Georgia's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit Georgia Department of Education's website at www.gadoe.org.

In 2010, Georgia, along with the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity, adopted

Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics though Georgia has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit www.corestandards.org.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a listing of charter schools in Georgia, visit the Georgia Department of Education's website at www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Charter-Schools.



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EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- Georgia Department of Education**
www.gadoe.org
- Georgia PTA**
www.georgiapta.org
- Reading is Fundamental**
www.rif.org
- U.S. Department of Education**
www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition:

Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com:

Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in Georgia, visit the Georgia Department of Education's website at www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Pages/Home-Schools.aspx. Here you will find information on home-school rules and regulations, testing, registration and more.

Georgia Home Education Association

P.O. Box 229
 Snellville, GA 30078 770-461-3657
www.ghea.org

The Georgia Home Education Association website has a number of resources for families who wish to home-school in Georgia.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Georgia, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Houston County School System

1100 Main St.
 Perry, GA 31069 478-988-6200
www.hcbe.net

The Houston County school district educates approximately 30,000 students on 38 campuses, including a career academy and a nontraditional educational center. C.B Watson Primary, Pearl Stephens Elementary, Huntington Middle and Warner Robins High are the schools zoned for pre-K through 12th grades. For more information, contact the School Liaison Officer at 478-327-5524.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Houston County offers plenty of opportunity for continuing education. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Central Georgia Technical College

80 Cohen Walker Drive
 Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-988-6800
www.centralgatech.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University — Robins Campus

620 Ninth St., Building 905
 Robins AFB, GA 31098 478-926-1727
<https://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/robins>

Fort Valley State University — Warner Robins Center

151 Osigian Blvd.
 Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-825-6338
www.fvsu.edu/fvsu-warner-robins-campus

**Georgia Military College —
Warner Robins Campus**

801 Duke Ave.
Warner Robins, GA 31093..... 478-225-0005
<https://www.gmc.edu/about-gmc/warner-robins-campus.cms>

Health Tech of Georgia

1839 Watson Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093..... 478-923-7007
www.healthtechofga.com

**Middle Georgia State University —
Warner Robins Campus**

100 University Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093..... 478-929-6700
www.mga.edu/about/campuses/warner-robins.php

**The University of Georgia Houston County
Extension Office**

801 Main St.
Perry, GA 31069 478-987-2028
<http://ugaextension.org/county-offices/houston.html>

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Houston County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Georgia Public Library Service, www.georgialibraries.org, supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loan and other assistance.

Residents can enjoy and make use of several academic and public libraries in Houston County. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites. For a full list of libraries in Georgia, go to the Georgia Public Library Service website.

Houston County Public Library System

1201 Washington St.
Perry, GA 31069 478-987-3050
<http://houpl.org>

The Houston County Public Library System has three branches throughout the county. For more information on the programs, services and events at each branch, visit the library system's website.

Nola Brantley Memorial Library

721 Watson Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093..... 478-923-0128

Perry Branch

1201 Washington St.
Perry, GA 31069 478-987-3050



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Living

in Houston County

THERE IS NO SHORTAGE of entertaining activities in Houston County — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping. Take in a show at the Warner Robins Little Theatre or tee off at one of the local golf courses. Don't miss the Georgia National Fair in Perry or the hot air balloon rally at the Dogwood Festival. And be sure to check out the free Museum of Aviation, the Air Force's second-largest aerospace museum.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Houston County have dozens of annual events, festivals and community gatherings at their fingertips.

Atlanta Film Festival

<http://atlantafilmfestival.com>

Join the more than 25,000 people who attend the Atlanta Film Festival in March each year and enjoy a variety of documentaries, shorts, narratives, animated films and more. Now in its fourth

decade, the weeklong fest also features in-person dialogue with stars and filmmakers. Recent guests have included Josh Brolin (“No Country for Old Men”), Eddie Vedder (Pearl Jam) and Margaret Cho (“Drop Dead Diva”). Visit the website for schedules and other information.

Dogwood Festival

[www.perrygachamber.com/
perry-dogwood-festival](http://www.perrygachamber.com/perry-dogwood-festival)

This two-day festival, celebrated in Perry every April, is family-friendly fun with an arts and crafts show, dog competitions, a hot air balloon rally, live music and kids' activities. Visit the website for schedules and other information.

Dragon Con

www.dragoncon.org

Trekkies, steampunks, zombies, filkers, furies, goths, Klingons, Sleestaks, Predators, Aliens and more descend on downtown Atlanta for the Southeast's largest sci-fi con taking place

over Labor Day weekend. The one Dragon Con must-see is the annual parade along Peachtree Street. Huge crowds line up super early to watch the cosplayers strut up Atlanta's main thoroughfare.

Georgia National Fair

www.georgianationalfair.com

October's Georgia National Fair at Perry's Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter attracts more than 450,000 people each year with its midway, rides, exhibits, concerts, livestock shows and fair food.

Inman Park Festival

www.inmanparkfestival.org

Taking place the last full weekend in April each year, the Inman Park Festival is one of Atlanta's most beloved events. Check out the tour of homes, live music, dance festival, arts and crafts market, and the parade with all its gloriously weird floats.

ARTS

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Houston County residents.

Atlanta Ballet

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339 404-892-3303
www.atlantaballet.com

One of the premier dance companies in the U.S., the Atlanta Ballet presents beloved classics and innovative original performances, delighting more than 150,000 people each year through its productions and Centre for Dance Education. Visit the website or call for information on season productions, ticket pricing and classes.

The Atlanta Opera

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339 404-881-8885
www.atlantaopera.org

As one of the nation's finest regional opera companies, the Atlanta Opera brings memorable musical experiences to approximately 60,000 people annually in metropolitan Atlanta through its main stage opera productions and excellent arts education programs for all ages. In its home at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, the company attracts the finest international, national and regional singers, conductors, stage directors and designers. Visit the website for production schedules and ticket information.



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Perry Players Community Theatre

909 Main St.
Perry, GA 31069 478-987-5354
www.perryplayers.org

This amateur troupe produces quality community theater in historic downtown Perry, and the group welcomes those who wish to audition or volunteer. Visit the theater's website for information about tickets and season schedules.

Warner Robins Little Theatre

502 S. Pleasant Hill Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-929-4579
<http://wrlt.org>

This nonprofit community theater has provided live theater to the region for more than 50 years. The organization presents several productions per season — including comedies, dramas and musicals — as well as short-run special events and theater workshops. Check the website for season and ticket information and volunteer opportunities.



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MUSEUMS

Learn about Georgia's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

Go Fish Education Center

1255 Perry Parkway

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www.gofisheducationcenter.com

Developed as part of the Go Fish Georgia Initiative, this center encourages residents to get their fish on. The center's live fish exhibits include trout, largemouth bass, alligators and other aquatic life. Try out boating simulators, get tips on where to fish and practice your skills in the stocked pond.

Museum of Aviation

1942 Heritage Blvd.

Robins AFB, GA 31098 478-926-6870

www.museumofaviation.org

The Museum of Aviation is situated on 51 acres next to Robins Air Force Base. Marvel at the nation's historic sky-pilots with a stroll through four climate-controlled buildings and hangars that house approximately 85 historic aircraft, missiles and cockpits. Noted exhibits feature the 14th Air Force Flying Tigers, the invasion of Normandy, the Tuskegee Airmen and more. Inside you'll find the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame plus aircraft including bombers, fighters, cargo planes and helicopters, as well as a cafe and a gift shop.

Perry Area Historical Museum

901 Northside Drive

Perry, GA 31069 478-224-4442

www.perryhistoricalsociety.org

Home to the Perry Area Historical Society, the museum contains memorabilia from the city's earliest days as well as a trove of family records and photos.

PARKS

Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Lane Southern Orchards

50 Lane Road

Fort Valley, GA 31030 800-277-3224

www.lanesouthernorchards.com

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Massee Lane Gardens

100 Massee Lane
Fort Valley, GA 31030 478-967-2358
www.americancamellias.com/massee-lane-gardens

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Perry Parks & Recreation Department

1060 Keith Drive
Perry, GA 31069 478-988-2860
www.perry-ga.gov/leisure-services

Perry has more than a dozen parks as well as instructional classes, seasonal sports and leisure programs.

Warner Robins Parks and Facilities

700 Watson Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093 478-293-1000
www.wrga.gov/index.aspx?nid=393

Warner Robins is home to two neighborhood parks, recreational facilities from tennis courts and baseball diamonds to horseshoe pits, and five picnic pavilions.

SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Georgia Antique Trail
www.georgiaantiquetrail.com

Follow the Antique Trail for upscale antique galleries, privately owned shops and multi-vendor malls with a mix of antiques and vintage

collectibles. Georgia boasts more than 100 unique spots to hunt for oldies that are goodies. Visit the website for a complete list of shops.

Historic Downtown Perry

Ball Street
Perry, GA 31069 478-988-2761
www.fb.com/shopdowntownperry

The renovated downtown area is a charming village with specialty shops and a restful Southern atmosphere. It's a perfect place to meander, what with the year-round flowers, benches and shop windows designed to lure you inside where any shop owner will be glad to tell

you the story of Perry's "rebirth." Shopping in historic downtown Perry is a treat for locals and travelers alike.

Houston County Galleria

2922 Watson Blvd.
Centerville, GA 31028 478-953-4462
www.houstoncountygalleria.com

Department stores join with more than 40 specialty shops for your shopping, dining and entertainment needs. The mall also houses a theater where you can enjoy movies in stadium seating, and all shoppers can access complimentary Wi-Fi.



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SPORTS AND RECREATION

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Atlanta Braves

SunTrust Park
1100 Circle 75 Parkway SE
Atlanta, GA 30330 404-577-9100
www.mlb.com/braves

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Atlanta Falcons

441 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive NW
Atlanta, GA 30313 404-223-8444
www.atlantafalcons.com

This popular professional NFL team was the 2016 NFC champion. The team plays home games at the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which boasts a retractable roof. Visit the website for schedules, ticket availability and stadium information.

Atlanta Hawks

1 Philips Drive
Atlanta, GA 30303 866-715-1500
www.nba.com/hawks

Hoop it up for this pro NBA team that draws crowds at Philips Arena in downtown Atlanta.

Visit the team's website for schedules, ticket information, stats and more.

Flat Creek Public Fishing Area

2340 Highway 41 S.
Perry, GA 31069 478-825-6151
<https://georgiawildlife.com/flat-creek-pfa>

The Flat Creek Public Fishing Area offers excellent fishing for bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish and largemouth bass. The 108-acre lake can be accessed by bank or by boat and is intensively managed to maximize fishing success.

Georgia National Rodeo

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, GA 31069 478-987-3247
www.georgianationalrodeo.com

Held every February, the Georgia National Rodeo features cowboys and cowgirls from across the country competing in saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, bull riding and barrel racing. Visit the website or call for information about event schedules, ticket availability and more.

Golf

Georgia has more than 150 golf courses, clubs and schools as well as the Masters Tournament played each year at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta. This region of Georgia

features numerous public and country club courses. In Perry alone, there are three 18-hole golf courses: Perry Country Club, Houston Lake Country Club and Houston Springs. In Warner Robins, you can tee off at the city-owned International City Golf Club or the semi-private Southern Landings Golf Club. For more information on courses in Perry and Warner Robins, visit the PGA of America's website at www.pga.com/golf-courses/details/ga.

Macon Bacon

225 Willie Smokie Glover Drive
Macon, GA 31201 404-223-8444
www.maconbaconbaseball.com

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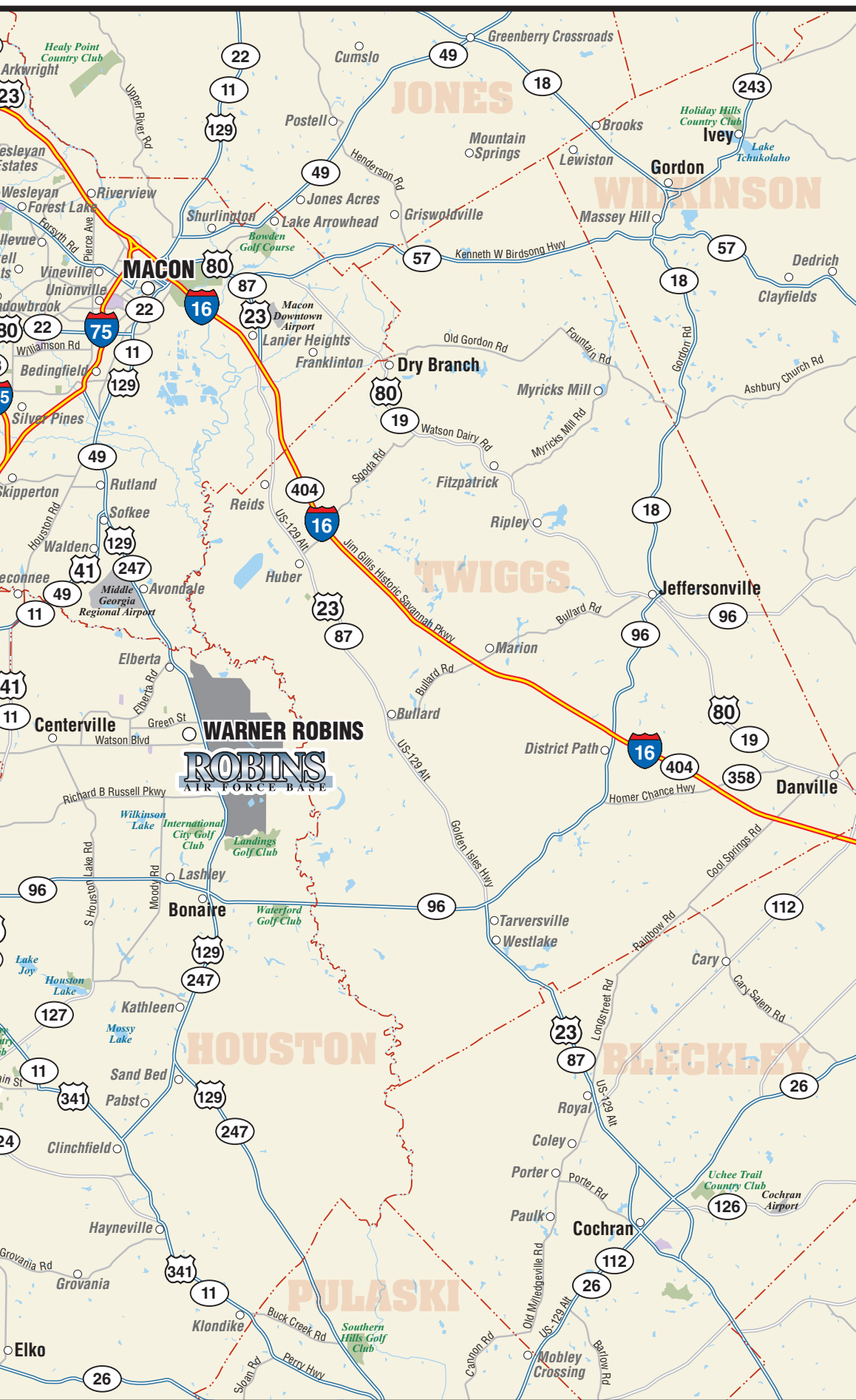


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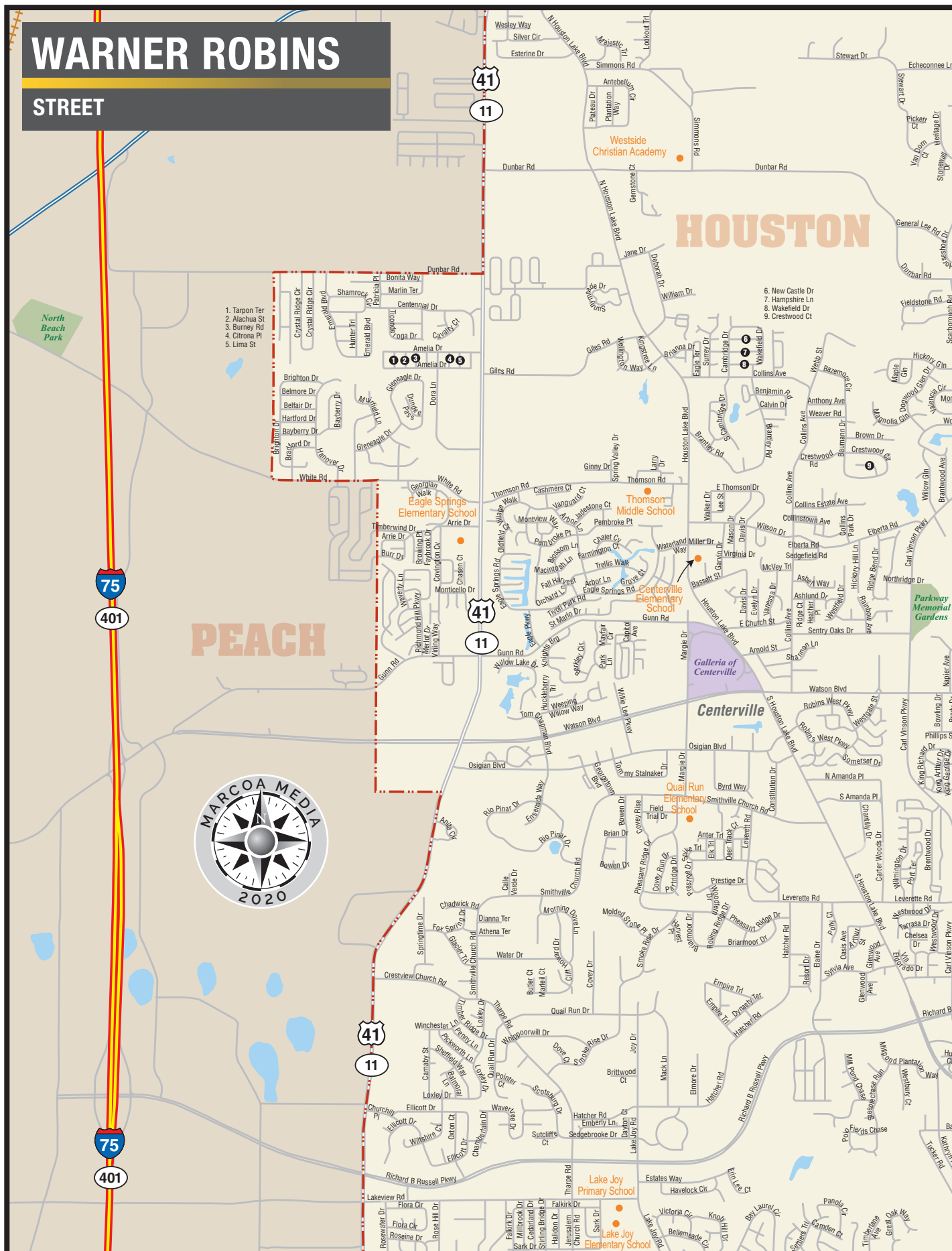
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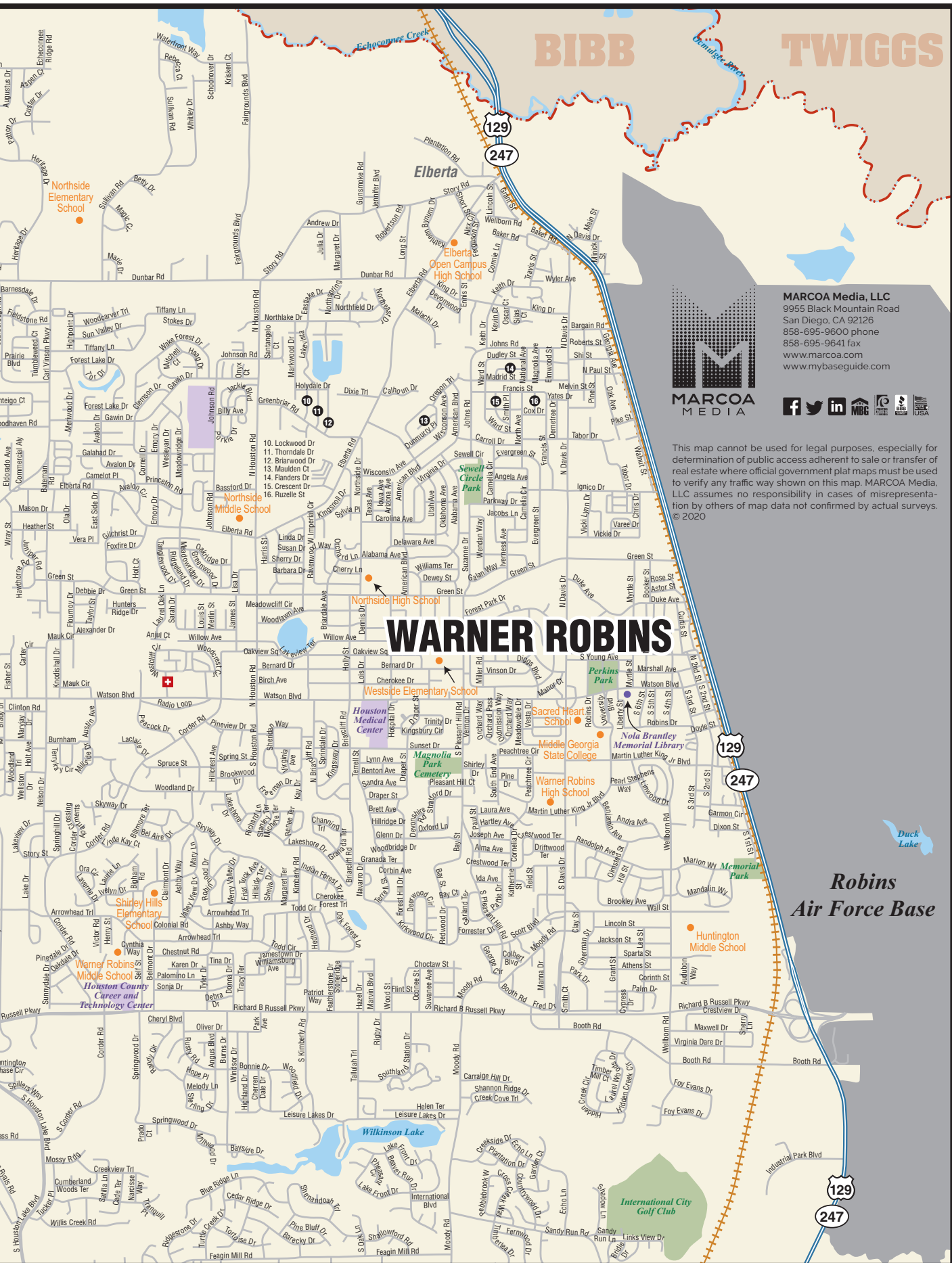
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- Baby Contest
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- NICU Reunion
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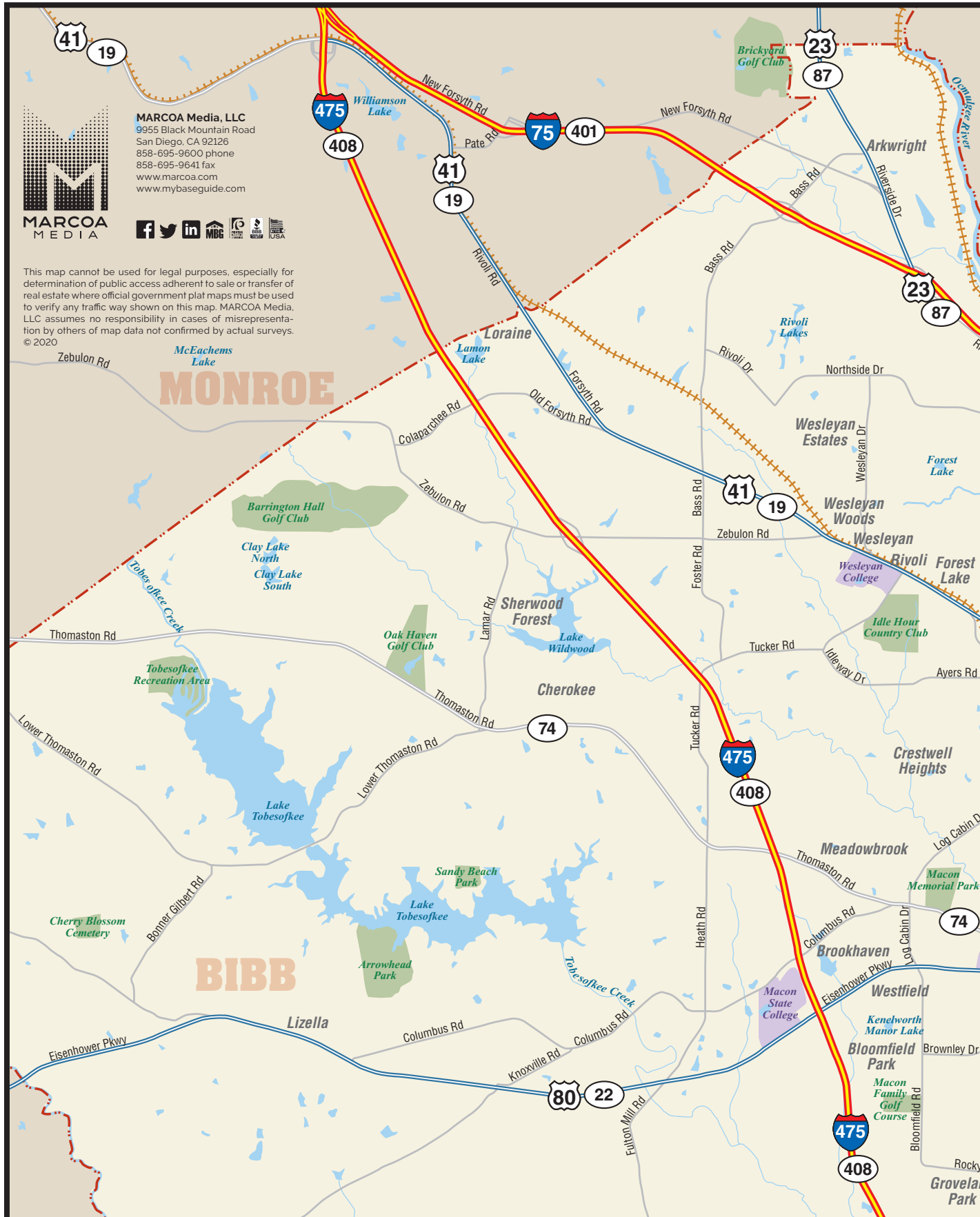
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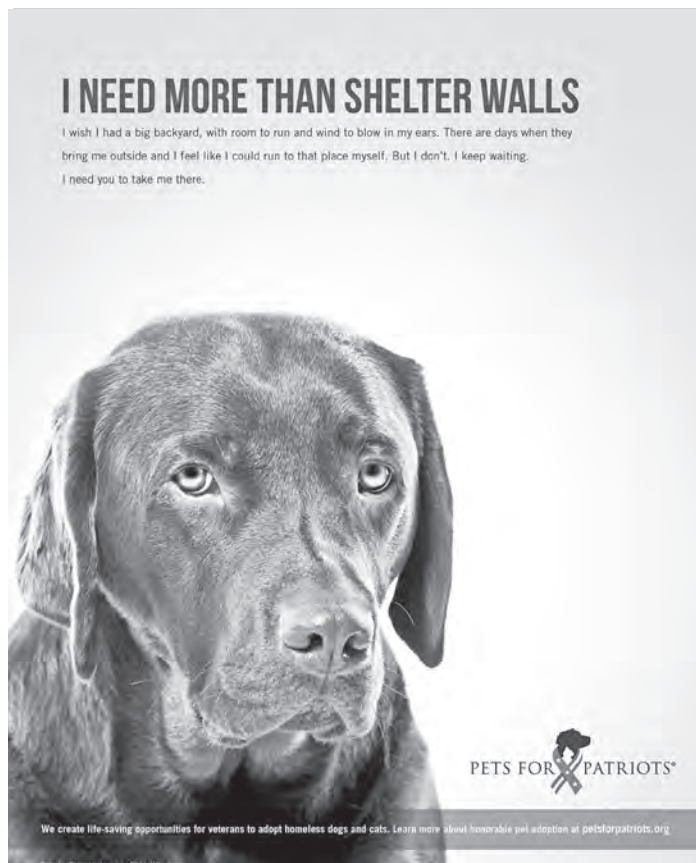
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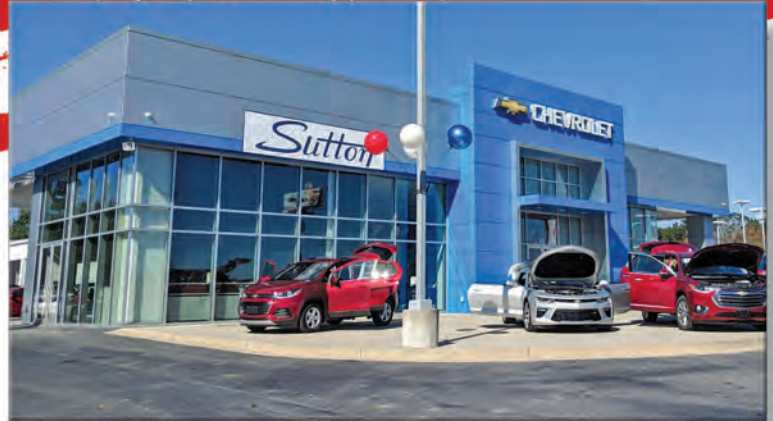
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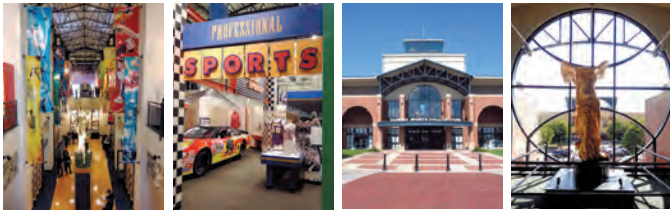
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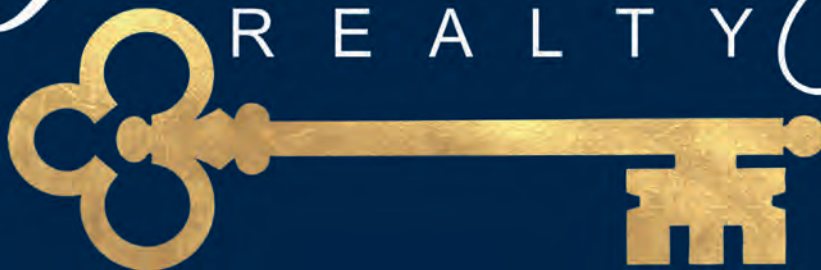
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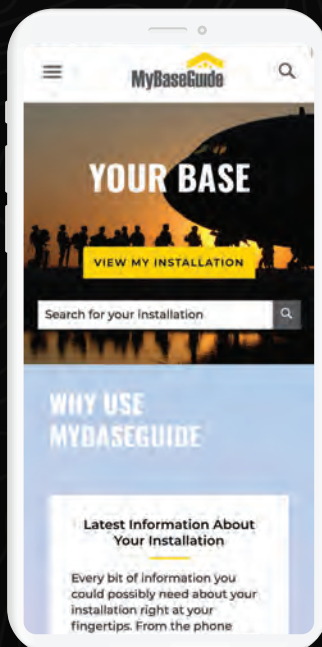
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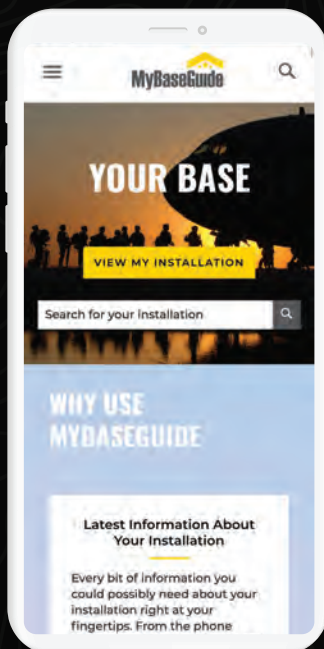
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