



PATRIOT ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The Hunt Military Communities Foundation tasked military children to write what it means to show their patriotism as a way to honor 9/11, those who lost their lives, and those who still feel the pain of this day. We are proud to recognize the children who thoughtfully expressed their feelings, Congratulations to our 2023 Essay Winners:

- Kelsyn S. from Pearl Harbor
- Harrison L. from Maxwell
- Eden V. from Little Rock
- Norman Z. from Keesler
- Natalie K. from Pearl Harbor
- Alyssa T. from MCBH
- Justin D. from Fort Sam Houston
- Eran H. from Banker

OCTOBER IS ENERGY ACTION MONTH

Get ready to power up and make a difference in our community! October is officially Energy Action Month, and we're excited to invite you to join us in taking meaningful steps towards a more sustainable and energy-efficient future.

Every small action counts, and together we can create a lasting impact on our environment and on reducing energy costs. Here are some simple yet powerful ways you can participate in Energy Action Month:

- 1) **Turn Off and Unplug:** Be mindful of turning off lights, electronics, and appliances when not in use. Unplugging chargers and devices can make a significant difference in reducing energy consumption.
- 2) **Optimize Thermostat Settings:** Adjust your thermostat to conserve energy. Lower the temperature in cooler months and raise it in warmer months to save on heating and cooling.
- 3) **Conserve Water:** Report any leaky faucets and take shorter showers. Every drop saved helps in conserving this precious resource.
- 4) **Switch to LED Lights:** Replace traditional light bulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs. They last longer and consume less electricity.

Join us in this exciting initiative to make a lasting impact on our environment and reduce our collective carbon footprint. Together, we can create a more sustainable future for our families and generations to come. For more energy conservation tips, visit <https://www.huntmilitarycommunities.com/resident-resources>. Let's shine a light on energy efficiency and show our neighbors what we can accomplish together!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

AFA Family Housing Wishes You a Happy & Safe Halloween!

It's the scariest night of the year! But with a little attention to safety, you can keep it fun and not frightful. Trick or Treating for children of all ages will be from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 31st. Here are a few tips for you to follow with your kids. Boo!

- **Don't Frankenstein Your Lights.** When purchasing electrical decorations, make sure to shop at a reputable retailer and look for the UL Mark. Be sure to check the rating on your extension cords and do not plug in more than the recommended wattage. Use special, heavy-duty extension cords for high-wattage decorations such as fog machines and electrically powered inflatable decorations.
- **Inspect Decorations with Fiendish Care.** Inspect all of your electric lights and decorations for damage or wear. Cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections may pose a fire or shock hazard. Replace damaged light strings with energy-efficient LED lights. Look for a red UL Mark to indicate that lights are certified for both indoor and outdoor use. A green UL mark indicates certification for indoor use only.
- **Beware of Candles!** Candles, especially in a Jack O'Lantern, should be off the ground and out of children's reach. Try battery-operated LED candles for an even safer option.
- **Don't Trip Up Your Goblins.** Halloween costumes should allow full movement for your kids. Costumes that drag, constrict or drape pose a dangerous hazard, especially at night. Check to ensure that costumes don't restrict your children's vision, and instruct them to watch out for tripping hazards, such as cords.
- **Say Boo! to Unsafe Costumes.** Be sure to purchase or make costumes out of flame-resistant materials such as nylon or polyester as these specially marked fabrics will resist burning and extinguish quickly. Make sure your child knows to stop, drop and roll in case their costume catches fire.
- **Be Safe and Ghoulishly Bright.** Choose costumes that are lighter in color and attach reflective materials to costumes. Make sure each child has a flashlight to help them see and be seen.
- **Keep Hungry Monsters from Feeding.** Never let your kids eat Halloween candy before you inspect it in the light at home. Even if you know your neighbors, you should always check to be safe and throw away open candy or anything that looks at all suspicious.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Darean Templin

Darean is a Resident Service Specialist here at Air Force Academy Family Housing. She loves football and reading! When asked what she loves about his job, Darean said, "Helping military families with their housing needs, as I am a military spouse and understand how stressful and important this is."



ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY - OCTOBER 10TH



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



HALLOWEEN - OCTOBER 31ST

2023



OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 Rent is Due	02	03 Pet of the Month Starts Facebook	04	05 National Depression Screening Day Trash/Bulk Pick-up	06	07
08 Miss Veteran America Pageant Day	09	10 Energy Conservation Day Pet of the Month Ends Facebook	11	12 Trash/Bulk/Recycle Pick-up	13 Navy Birthday Fall Festival Community Management Office 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	14
15	16	17	18	19 Trash/Bulk Pick-up	20 FSS Monster Bash Youth and Community Center Parking Lot 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	21
22	23 Halloween Décor Starts Facebook	24	25	26 Deployed Day Trash/Bulk/Recycle Pick-up	27 Navy Day	28
29	30 Halloween Décor Ends Facebook	31 Halloween	If you have bulk trash that you need picked up, email AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com before 3:00 PM the Wednesday prior to pick-up with your address and list of items you need removed for bulk trash.			

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENTS

AFA & Fire Department Fall Festival

Join AFA and the Fire Department on October 14th from 3:00 -6:00 PM at the AFA Community Management Office (4609 W. Bighorn Dr) for the 11th Annual Fall Festival. The festival will kick off with a parade with the fire department for Fire Prevention Week. Residents can enjoy a pumpkin patch, photo booth, chili cookoff, games, and FREE food (while supplies last) for all to enjoy. As a reminder, one pumpkin per family while supplies last.

Monster Bash

They did the Monster Mash! AFA Family Housing has partnered with the base and will be supporting the Monster Bash on October 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM located at the Youth Center and parking lot of the USAFA Community Center.

Safety Alerts & Reminders

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

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

MAINTENANCE CORNER

Winterizing Tips: Even if you're not ready for winter, you can easily make your home ready. Below are some helpful tips to help protect your home.

- Check the furnace to make sure it is operational and change your air filter.
- Assess entry ways for drafts. Weather stripping can be installed!
- If you installed a window AC, remove it when overnight temperatures sustain in the 30s.
- Remove water hoses from outdoor water spigots.
- Set heat to at least 65 degrees when the outside temperature is below freezing.



PET OF THE MONTH

Kimmmie Doss's pup Nina



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Victoria Whitaker's pup Bandit



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Katrina Cooley's pets Timone (Cat) & Amir (Dog)



NAVY BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER 13TH