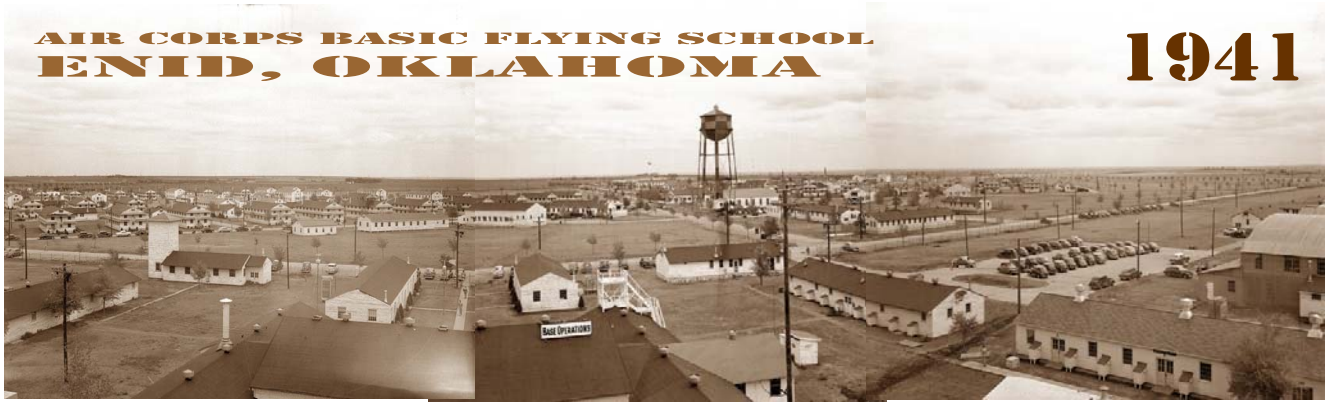

Welcome to Vance AFB

Inbound UPT Student Handbook
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"The mission of the 71st Flying Training Wing is to develop professional Airmen, deliver world-class Joint Pilots and deploy combat ready warriors."

Squadron Mission and Vision:

The mission of the 71st Student Squadron is to grow leaders, groom Airmen, and graduate the best-trained military aviators in the world's premier Air Force. The vision of the organization is enabled through first-rate student training, supervision, support, mentorship, and officer development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
71ST OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON (AETC)
VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

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UPT Student,

Welcome to the 71st Student Squadron (STUS). You will find your assignment at Vance Air Force Base to be both enjoyable and rewarding. In the STUS, we provide the administrative command and control required to accomplish the wing's pilot training mission.

I will serve as your commander throughout your stay at Vance Air Force Base; from in-processing until you complete your first Permanent Change of Station after graduation. My organization will provide the support you need to succeed during training. If an issue should arise that is beyond your ability to correct, notify your Flight Commander as soon as possible, so that we can begin to work together to find an acceptable solution.

You will not be assigned a formal sponsor. The STUS Student Management Office provides many of the functions normally expected of a sponsor. They have developed this handbook as a guide to all incoming students and will assist in your in-processing. If you have further questions, please contact them at (580) 213-6396.

The 71st Flying Training Wing mission is to develop airmen, deliver world-class pilots, and deploy combat ready warriors. The STUS will support you throughout your UPT journey ensuring you are ready to not only serve as a pilot, but as an officer in the world's greatest Air Force. Again, welcome to Vance AFB. I look forward to serving as your commander.

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SCOTT C LINCK, Lt Col, USAF
Commander, 71st Student Squadron
Signed by: LINCK.SCOTT.C.1087993198

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
71ST OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON (AETC)
VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

MEMORANDUM FOR UPT INBOUND STUDENTS

FROM: 71 STUS/DO

SUBJECT: Student Management Office UPT Welcome Letter

1. Welcome to Vance Air Force Base and Undergraduate Pilot Training! Team Vance trains more than 300 Air Force and allied student pilots each year. As the fourth busiest airfield in the Air Force, Vance operates approximately 200 T-1 Jayhawk, T-6 Texan II, and T-38 Talon aircraft flying over 55,000 sorties and 81,000 hours every year.

2. The Cherokee Inn is your 24-hour check-in location. When you arrive at Vance, report first to the lodging office, Building 714, regardless of the day or hour. On the following duty day, after checking in at the Cherokee Inn, report to the 71st STUS Student Management Office, located in Building 690, Room 34 and between the hours of 0730 – 1200. Here you will begin in-processing to the 71st Flying Training Wing and 71st Student Squadron.

3. Regardless of your report no later than date (RNLTD) on your orders, you should **plan to arrive at Vance AFB, no later than 10 duty days prior to your UPT class start date or any TDY report date.** This will allow ample time to in-process to the base and accomplish your pre-UPT checklist and/or TDY pre-departure checklist.

4. UPT is a challenging 54-week program! From start to finish, you will be working long, hard 10- to 12-hour days, with little down time or opportunity to take leave. Your days, evenings, and many weekends will be consumed with academics, study, mission preparation, simulator practice, and training flights. But it will be a very rewarding year. You will be assigned to a class of about 24-30 Active Duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and International students. At the end of the year, you and your classmates will have developed some lifelong relationships, and together, you will join an elite corps of professional military aviators.

5. Our staff developed this handbook to facilitate your transition to Vance AFB and the UPT environment, please read it carefully since many of your questions will be answered within. Good luck on your PCS!

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AARON M. HOPPER, Lt Col, USAF
Director of Operations, 71 STUS
Signed by: HOPPER.AARON.M.1037668210

EXPECTATIONS

1. Responsibilities. Until you begin UPT, you will be known as an OAPT (Officer Awaiting Pilot Training) student, formerly known as a "casual" Lieutenant. Your first responsibility as an OAPT is to complete in-processing. Once you check in at building 690, room 34, you will be provided checklists which will outline your in-processing steps. As an officer you are expected to show initiative, ingenuity and accountability. The first step is to reference the OAPT Guidebook, applicable references and regulations.

2. Accountability. Your duty day is from 0800 – 1630, and you may not depart the local area until the end of the duty day. Each day you will be required to report either to the training office at 0800 or to your long-term duty location as directed by your supervision. On Mondays at 0930, all OAPTs (regardless of job) will report to the STURON auditorium for weekly Roll Call. Roll Call is the Flight Commander's opportunity to pass along critical information to all OAPTs as well as receive feedback. Failure to attend the daily check-in or the weekly roll call will result in adverse administrative actions in both instances.

3. Duty Lieutenants. Within the training flight office you will find several Lieutenants known as Duty Lieutenants working various projects for the Flt/CC and Assistant Flt/CC. These Lieutenants will be your first stop for any training office related issues or questions, and are a great resource for student questions.

4. Uniform Wear. As an officer in the U.S. Air Force, your dress and appearance should never be brought into question. UOD is ABUs unless otherwise instructed.

5. Core Values. The Military Core Values must be present in every aspect of your lives including off duty time as you are an officer 24/7. Every day you will experience situations in which your attitude and integrity is tested. Your responses to these situations will eventually turn into habits.

6. Alcohol. If you consume alcohol, you must know when to stop. The repercussions for alcohol related incidents are extremely severe. Any alcohol related incident is grounds for removal from UPT, and possibly the military. Don't ruin your career or your life by being careless.

7. The Wingman Policy. We take care of each other. Being a good wingman isn't just about being a DD. Good wingmanship is about being the voice of reason in a sticky situation and never leaving a buddy behind. **A good wingman will not only have a plan, but will carry out that plan or get the plan back on the right track when things go wrong.**

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

1. Call the Cherokee Inn Lodging (VOQ) up to 90 days prior to reserve a room for your first few nights. You may be required to stay at the Cherokee Lodge or the Temporary Living Quarters while waiting for housing. You may stay at the Cherokee Inn up to 30 days. The Air Force will reimburse you for the first 10 days, but you will have to use BAH to pay over ten days. Remember, you must pay every 15 days for your room at the Cherokee Inn (or when charges reach $900). Save your itemized lodging receipts for filing your PCS travel voucher.

Cherokee Inn: (580) 213-7358

2. Student mail may be forwarded prior to arrival by contacting the postal service center at (580) 213-7204 or DSN 448-7204. Be sure to contact the postal service center prior to changing your mailing address, to let them know your name and approximate date of arrival. Once they have given you instructions on how to list your new mailing address, visit https://moversguide.usps.com/ to change your address.

3. The DoD hosts a website to help you with your PCS to Vance AFB. Please check out http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil for more information on Vance AFB and how to plan your PCS.

4. You may call or e-mail the Transition Flight if you have specific questions about the base or policies. **The Transition Flight is where you will report to on the first day.**

71STURON.DOT@us.af.mil
Training Flight: DSN: 448-6396; Commercial: (580) 213-6396
Training Flight Fax: DSN 448-7338; Fax Commercial: (830) 213-7338

5. Firearms and weapons e.g. guns, ammo, bows and arrows, crossbows, etc, are not allowed in the Cherokee Inn, the TLF, or the UOQ. You must declare all firearms and weapons to security

forces. They will have you complete an AF Form 1314 which you will take to the OAPT Flight Commander for signature and further processing.

6. If you have a special needs family member, please contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at (580) 213-6330 to receive assistance from the exceptional family member program.

7. Pets are NOT allowed in the Cherokee Inn, the TLF, or the UOQs. If you have a pet, you may arrange for boarding at one of the following facilities:

Animal Care of Enid -- (580) 234-7387
Olson Animal Hospital -- (580) 237-6901
Cedar Acres Kennel -- (580) 233-6706
Pawsitive Pet Styles -- (580) 242-7297
Enid Pet Hospital -- (580) 237-3377
Groom Closet -- (580) 242-1930
Wheatland Animal Clinic -- (580) 237-1245

TRAVEL

1. For students traveling by airline. Will Rogers International Airport in Oklahoma City is the closest major airport to Vance. Taxi service to Enid is available through Cherokee Strip Transit both, to and from Will Rogers International Airport. Students must call (580)863-2279 or (580) 233-8578 to make arrangements. Cherokee Strip Transit requests at least two days' prior notice for travel arrangements, to ensure they have drivers available. The trip takes about 1¾ hours one-way. Keep in mind the taxi service will bring you to the front gate and drop you off. You must coordinate in advance to have someone meet you at the gate and take you to the lodging office.

Keep itemized receipts for all of your travel expenses.

2. For students traveling by ground vehicle. If traveling by car, all highways are well marked. If you are driving in on Interstate 35, take the Enid exit and head west on US 412/64. Once in Enid turn south onto Van Buren (US 81). At Southgate Road, head west and proceed until you see a well-marked sign for the Vance AFB main gate. Follow the main road until you see the clinic on your left. The Lodging Office, building 714, is across the street from the clinic.

3. Per Diem Allowance: The per diem allowance is designed to reimburse you and your family for the costs associated with meals and lodging when you travel to your new duty station. Per Diem is available for both CONUS and OCONUS moves. The military uses 350 miles per day as the standard one-day travel distance to compute per diem payments. To determine the maximum number of days for which per diem is payable, take the official mileage between duty stations and divide by 350. An additional day of travel is allowed if the remainder is 51 miles or more.

For a list of all PCS entitlements/allowances see your Finance Office and visit: http://www.militaryonesource.mil/

FIRST DAY IN-PROCESSING

1. Monday thru Friday between 0730 and 1430, after checking into the Cherokee Lodge, proceed to the 71 STUS, building 690, Transition Flight, room 34, to in-process. The Transition Flight can be reached at (580) 213-6396 or DSN 448-6396. Bring the items listed below. Remember, you only get one chance to make a good first impression on your new Flight Commander and his staff.

- **Air Force** officers see the Duty Lieutenants in Room 34 to receive the in-processing checklist and to be entered into the student database.

- **International Students** report to building 690, room 50, to receive the in-processing checklist and to be entered into the student database.

WHAT TO BRING

1. Gather the following items for in-processing to ensure a smooth transition during the first few days. **Some of these items may already be in a packet provided to you by your commissioning source**:

Bring the following to in-processing at the STUS Student Management Office

- 10 copies of orders (Front and Back)
- Identification Card (Driver's license and military ID card if you have one)
- Copies of ADLS training certificates for Information Protection and DoD IAA Cyber-Awareness Training (if previously taken)
- CITI Government Travel Card (if you have one)
- Defense Travel System – must be detached by losing unit. (Except ANG and AFRC students; wait until your voucher to Vance processes then contact your home unit to be detached).
- Most recent official Physical Fitness Assessment Test scores. If you are ROTC, OTS, or an Academy grad, you will have 42 days from your arrival date to acclimatize, but will test no later than 6 months following your arrival. You are **strongly** encouraged to not wait the full 6 months before testing.
- PPL Certificate/License

In addition to the items above, take the following items with you as you in-process to the base

- Marriage certificates if married en-route
- Proof of car registration and insurance (must remain current)
- Medical, shot and dental records (Flight Physical)
- Flight records/evaluation folder (if you have one)
- FAA Class III Medical (if you have one)
- Traffic Management Office paper work and receipts from move if applicable
- All uniform items: blues, ABUs, and service dress. Flight suits will be issued prior to Introductory Flight Training (IFT).

2. Other recommended items to bring for setting up your residence

- Computer/Tablet and printer is **highly encouraged** as training materials will be issued digitally.
- Iron and ironing board
- Kitchen/Cooking utensils and dishes
- UOQ rooms are set up similar to a college dorm room with the addition of a small kitchen. Keep this in mind when considering what items to bring. Contact the Lodging Office for further information.

3. A comprehensive in-processing checklist with all required actions is provided on your first day. This checklist must be completed within two weeks of arrival. No leave is allowed until the in-processing checklist is completed. You will also be given access to the ***OAPT Guidebook***, with specific "single source" information, STUS policies, and TDY pre-departure checklists that will help you be a self-sufficient officer.

HOUSING

1. Unaccompanied/Single Members. You may be required to live in the Unaccompanied Officer Quarters (UOQ). Unaccompanied/single members are not authorized to reside off-base without specific authorization from the 71 STUS/CC or delegated authority. Policy letters regarding UOQ occupancy are located at the Cherokee Inn (lodging).

The Dormitories include:

- 1 large bedroom that includes an extra-long full size bed, chest of drawers, desk, and entertainment center.
- 1 kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and microwave
- 1 private bathroom
- Every room is cable, internet, and phone ready, please make arrangements with the following companies for services:
    - Suddenlink Communications (580) 237-7373
    - AT&T (580) 242-2576
- Laundry facilities are centrally located within each UOQ building and the service is free
- Wait time for a dormitory room averages from 1 day to 3 weeks (these times are an average and vary from class to class)

2. Married/Accompanied Members. These members have the option to buy or rent off-base or to rent on-base from Hunt (privatized housing office).

On-base privatized Housing is owned/managed by Hunt, and you may sign up for their waiting list (580) 234-0498 or http://www.vancefamilyhousing.com.

To rent with Hunt you must have copy of orders that includes dependents. In some cases a copy of the DEERS paperwork showing your dependents or a marriage license (if married in route) will be accepted. Military-to-military couples both must be stationed at Vance and a copy of both members' orders is required.

- Rent is equal to your BAH, utilities (water/electric/gas) are included - rent is paid via allotment.
- The first month's rent will be pro-rented and is due at the end of the month. You will also need to ensure that BAH is correctly paid out for the following month as the government allotment takes time to get started.
- Free yard care (except for inside fenced yards)
- No pet or security deposit (two pets allowed)
- Free pest control - quarterly and as needed
- 3 and 4 Bedroom houses available
- Weekly resident appreciation events
- Appliances included: gas stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, with washer/dryer hookups

3. For a list of off-base housing availability check local newspapers, online, and visit http://ahrn.com. Visit the Housing Management Office (co-located with Hunt at 4405 Lehr Street) for a briefing prior to signing any lease on or off base. The Housing Management

Office offers security deposit wavers for electricity and water for anyone living off-base along with information on the local community.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
71ST OPERATIONS SUPPORT
SQUADRON (AETC) VANCE AIR
FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

MEMORANDUM FOR VANCE AFB SUPT STUDENTS

FROM: 71 STUS/DO

SUBJECT: Unaccompanied Officer Quarters

1. Unaccompanied Officer Quarters (UOQ) are modern, well maintained, and comfortable rooms provided to all unaccompanied students while stationed at Vance AFB. The governing regulation for UOQs is AFI 32-6005 with AETC and Vance AFB Supplements, *Unaccompanied Housing Management*.

2. All unaccompanied USAF (AD, Reserve, and ANG), USN, USMC, and international SUPT students are required to occupy the UOQ unless authorized to live off base in accordance with Unaccompanied Housing (UH) policy. The UH management section must ensure we maintain a 95 percent UOQ occupancy rate, and they normally will not approve off base housing when rates fall below that target. They do, however, maintain a waiting list of students who wish to terminate their UOQ occupancy (the "BAH waiting list") when occupancy rates meet or exceed the goal.

3. If you are unaccompanied, you must also receive my permission prior to purchasing, leasing, or renting an apartment or house with the intent of residing off base and receiving BAH. Criteria for approval to reside off base and receive BAH are contained within AFI 32-6005. Although you are not allowed to have pets in the UOQs, having a pet does not exempt you from the requirement to live on base, and it will not be used as a criterion for approval to live off base.

4. AFI 32-6005 does make BAH allowances for *bona fide* hardships and certain other circumstances (e.g. mobile trailers, pregnancy, excessive household goods, etc.). If one of these special circumstances applies and/or living in a UOQ will create a hardship (i.e. a unique and unusual circumstance that imposes an extraordinary burden on you), you may submit a request to the UH management section. Hardship requests must be endorsed by the 71 STUS/CC. There are no guarantees for approval; each request is reviewed and approved or disapproved on a case-by-case basis.

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AARON M. HOPPER, Lt Col, USAF
Director of Operations, 71 STUS
Signed by: HOPPER.AARON.M.1037668210

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFICE

1. Inbound/Arriving at Vance. If you are accomplishing a Personally Procured Move (PPM) (formerly titled DITY move), you should have been given a signed copy of the Form 2278 by the counselor at your previous assignment **??or local area military installation??** If it is not signed, you will need to contact your previous TMO office and arrange for them to send you an emailed PDF of the Form 2278 with the counselor's signature (block 10.c.) to hand-carry in. You will need to come into the office (Bldg. 200, Suite 213) in order to finish processing your PPM move.

2. In order to complete each PPM move you will need:

- Copy of your orders (and amendments) (TMO will not make copies)
- Original DD 2278
- Voucher for any advance operating allowances (if applicable)
- Certified empty and full weight tickets with name, SSN, signature of weight master and vehicle information
- Travel Voucher (DD 1351-2, MAR 2008- available at the TMO)
- Copy of Rental contracts (if any vehicles were rented or moving equipment used)

3. This process should be accomplished as soon as possible upon arrival to the base. Once a PPM filing is complete, the member should expect reimbursement/payment in approximately 30-40 days from finance.

4. For a Household Good Shipment (HHG) once the shipment is booked and picked up at origin, the delivery of the items is handled directly by the shipping company. You should be able to see the information regarding your shipment(s) by registering for a DPS account on www.move.mil and scheduling the delivery date. Also you can contact the shipping company directly via the provided phone number. If a phone number was not provided, the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) will be the point of contact to locate the shipper. Their contact number is 1 (800) 588-7709.

5. If you are residing in the dorms and your HHG shipment will not fit upon delivery, partial delivery to the dorm and storage will be required. The member should go to the Housing Office (Bldg. 714) with a list of items that are unable to fit in the dorms. They will be able to advise you of the next steps in the process and give an AF Form 150 to document the items that will need storage.

6. If you have any more questions regarding these processes or to schedule an appointment for an outbound move, contact the Vance TMO at (580) 213-7470 or DSN 448-7470. Welcome to Vance AFB!

SPOUSE AND FAMILY INFO

There are many avenues in which spouses and families can "in-process" and receive aid to smooth the transition while settling in at Vance AFB and Enid. Even though it is a small community, there are plenty of things to do and people to meet who are sharing the same experience. We primarily pass information to student squadron spouses through the 71st STURON Spouses Facebook page. Request to join ASAP!

1. First things first; make sure your spouses and dependents are "in the system" right away, meaning that they are properly enrolled in DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) and that they have the necessary dependent ID cards. Make a trip to the MPF (first floor of Bldg. 500) to get this taken care of. Call (580) 213-7500 for more information about the proper procedure and paperwork required.

2. An important stop for student spouses while in-processing is the **Airman & Family Readiness Center**, a family support office that can be found at every Air Force base. How the A&FRC can help:

- **Spouse employment** and **volunteer opportunities**: The staff is knowledgeable about openings in Enid and can provide individualized guidance.
- **Heartlink Seminar:** This is a spouse orientation aimed at spouses who are new to the military and Vance AFB. They will learn about the mission at Vance, military life, and meet other spouses.
- **Spouse Guide:** A free and detailed Vance AFB spouse guide is available for pick-up.
- **Resources:** Computers, internet access, fax, scan, and copy machines are free for use.

3. The A&FRC is designed to handle any questions that spouses might have while navigating through the military life and refer them to the right place whether in the center, on-base, or off-base. **No question is too random**! The A&FRC is located in Bldg. 314 across from the gym by the track; same building as the library and the number for the front desk is (580) 213-6330.

4. Moving with children can make in-processing all the more hectic. If you need a break, child care is available at Vance AFB. Thanks to the Air Force Aid Society, active duty Air Force members may receive **free PCS child care at the Vance AFB Child Development Center [CDC] on base** for up to 20 hours. Bring a copy of your orders to the Airman & Family Readiness Center to receive your free child care within 60 days of arrival. All children may participate in activities and receive child care for a fee [given space available] at the Child Development, Youth, and Teen Centers on base. If you'd like to hire a babysitter, a list of **Red Cross certified babysitters** in the area can be found at the CDC as well. Another Air Force Aid Society Program, **Parents Night Out**, was developed to provide weekend child care once a month for children six weeks to ten years of age. The cost is $4 per hour, per child. Call the CDC at (580) 213-7310 to sign up [reservations are required].

5. Undergraduate Pilot Training can be a busy and trying time for families due to long hours and stress… but it can also be fun. There are several **support systems** for student spouses at Vance AFB where lifelong friends can be made and positive experiences can be shared! Two prominent spouse groups at Vance are the **Officers Spouses Club (OSC)**, a club for all officers' spouses [mailto:oscatvance@yahoo.com] and the **Student Spouse Group (SSG),** aimed specifically toward student pilot spouses [mailto:studentspousegroup@gmail.com]. In addition to social gatherings, both of these spouse groups facilitate their own **playgroups for children** of all ages. Often, spouses in each particular UPT class will have their own smaller gatherings to talk, share a meal, vent, etc. Make sure your spouse knows they are not alone.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

1. If you are not involved in a fitness program, we recommend you start one before your arrival. **To start and graduate UPT you must meet satisfactory physical fitness standards IAW AFI 36-2905, *Fitness Program.*** During your first month of UPT, you will receive two Physical Fitness Assessments. The first is the official physical fitness assessment including a composite score from the abdominal circumference, sit-up, push-ups, and run. Students who fail to meet the fitness standard will be entered into a conditioning program and retested. IAW AETCI 36-2205V4, *Formal Flying Training Administration and Management,* **students with consecutive unsatisfactory fitness standards will be removed from UPT and potentially meet a reclassification board.** Note: The max weight to start UPT is 245 pounds. You can best prepare for these tests with a weight and aerobic training program.

2. The other is the Fighter Aircrew Conditioning Program (FACP). The Fighter Aircrew Conditioning Program is a circuit of six exercises that is designed to test an individual's anaerobic and aerobic fitness as it applies to operating high-G aircraft, and to identify weak areas that can be improved on. You will have one minute to complete each exercise, and you will run through the circuit twice for your assessment. The FACP is meant to provide a baseline for your fitness and to provide you with the knowledge necessary to improve on weak areas. See AETCI 11-406, *Fighter Aircrew Conditioning Program,* for more information.

HELPFUL WEBSITES & REGULATIONS REFERENCED

Vance AFB – http://www.vance.af.mil

Vance AFB Services – http://www.vanceservices.us

Air Force Portal – https://www.afportal.mil

US Postal Service Movers Guide – https://moversguide.usps.com

Armed Forces Crossroads – http://www.afcrossroads.com

Military One Source – http://www.militaryonesource.com

Military Homefront – http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/

DoD Military Instillation Guide – http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil

Vance Family Housing – http://www.vancefamilyhousing.com/

Defense Personal Property System (TMO moves) – http://www.move.mil

Automated Housing Referral Network – http://www.ahrn.com

Foreign Clearance Guide (need *.mil computer access) – https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil

DOSS IFS – http://www.dossifs.com

AF e-publishing – http://www.e-publishing.af.mil

- AFI 36-2905, *Fitness Program*
- AETCI 36-2205V4, *Formal Flying Training Administration and Management*
- AETCI 11-406, *Fighter Aircrew Conditioning Program*
- AFI 36-3003, *Military Leave Program*

(CAC needed) 71 STUS Sharepoint and Operating Instructions (OI):

- STUS Home - https://vance.eis.aetc.af.mil/default.aspx
- OI - https://vance.eis.aetc.af.mil/71OG/71studentsquadron/default.aspx

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. If approved to reside off-base, may a student purchase a home?

A. Yes, upon passing IFT and meeting with the base financial planner at the Airman and Family Readiness Center (580) 213-6330.

Q. What is the Vance AFB basic allowance for housing (BAH)?

A. Search for the 73705 zip code at http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html

Q. What uniform do I wear when I report in?

A. UOD for OAPTs is ABUs unless otherwise instructed.

Q. Do I have to weigh my vehicle before and after I move?

A. Yes, you must weight your vehicles at government authorized weight station. Contact Vance TMO for any specific moving questions at (580) 213-7470.

Q. When does my USAFA "60 days of leave" end and can I get back any unused leave?

A. See AFI 36-3003 Para 14.11. You may not get back any unused leave.

Q. May I take advanced leave?

A. Yes, your flight commander will need to be briefed by you and they will approve the leave on a case by case basis. See AFI 36-3003 Para 6.3.

Q. Can I bring recreational vehicle, boats, campers, or trailers?

A. Yes, you can only park in approved RV Storage Lot spaces, which is provided and maintained by the MWR Section.

Q. Can I take leave in pilot training?

A. No, you may not miss a duty day (Mon-Fri) while in UPT. No leave is approved within 10 duty days of UPT starting.

Q. Can I get married during pilot training?

A. Yes, the best time is to plan over a 3 day weekend during a federal holiday. Do not plan on departing prior to 1630 on Friday and you must return by 2300 on Sunday. You are not guaranteed leave while in pilot training.

Q. Can I get married en-route during my first PCS?

A. Yes, keep your marriage certificates.

Q. My wife and I are expecting the birth of our child, what can I expect from the STUS?

A. First of all congratulations! If you are an OAPT or Graduate, you are authorized permissive paternity leave IAW AFI 36-3003. If you are in UPT, keep your Flight and Class Commanders informed of the dates so your schedule may be adjusted. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center for information on special services provided.

Q. Can I just "try out" pilot training to see if I like the job?

A. No, the time to make that decision is during IFT or before your class starts. As of Day-1 you are now in the UPT training pipeline and retention and reclassification are not a guarantee if you "drop on request".

Q. How do I find out my TDY training dates?

A. The Transition Flight office will provide this information during in-processing or your MPF can provide the dates.

Q. Are my TDY dates flexible?

A. No, TDY dates are not flexible. AFPC utilizes a complex system to ensure the training quota for the TDY schools are met.

Q. Why did my TDY and UPT dates change?

A. TDY or UPT dates change based on the needs of the Air Force. For example, if a student is eliminated from IFT another student must move into their class start. Many bases are responsible for filling the quota for IFT; Vance AFB maybe tasked to fill the shortfall quota.

Q. What are some benefits of Office Club membership?

A. Member benefits include the following: a one dollar discount for every meal; all Tuesday night meals are 50% off (5 dollars); the last Wednesday of each month hosts a burger burn (free burgers); free meals on your birthday; snacks on Friday nights at the bar; and last but not least, during football season the Club will show NFL Season Ticket games (for free).

Q. Where may I go to obtain more information about pilot training?

A. There are several online sources of information, to include http://www.flyingsquadron.com/forums/ and http://www.wantscheck.com/

Q. What are some pitfalls to avoid during pilot training?

A. There are many ways to ruin your once in a lifetime opportunity, but the easiest way to get in trouble is also the easiest path to avoid. Do not allow yourself or your wingman to get into off duty buffoonery involving alcohol. Have a plan, and do not drink and drive.

BASE FACILITIES

Base Phone Numbers	**Hours**	**(580) Area Code**
Name		**Phone Number**
AAFES (Base Exchange)	M-Th 0900 – 1900 F-S 0900 – 2000 Sun 1000 – 1800	213-7366
Base Operator	24 Hrs	213-5000
Bowling Center	*Snack Bar* M-F 0600 – 2100 Sat 0900 – 2100 Sun 0900 – 1830 *Bowling* M-F 1100 – 2230 Sat 1300 – 2230 Sun 1300 – 2100	213-7331
Cherokee Inn Lodging	24 Hrs	213-7358
Commissary	M, T Closed W-F 0900 – 1900 Sat 0900 – 1800 Sun 1000 – 1700	213-7788
Fitness Center	M-Th 0500 – 2300 F 0500 – 2100 Sa - Su 0800 – 2000 Holidays 0800 – 1600	213-7670
Vance Collocated Club	*Dining* M-F 1100 – 1300 *Evening Meals* Tue 1700-2000 *Bar* Friday Night's at 1700	213-7595
Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC)	M-Th 0730 – 1630 Fri 0930 – 1600	213-6330

Position	**Phone Number (580) Area Code**
ADO	213-7466
OAPT Flt/CC	213-6571
International	213-6353
Assist. Registrar	213-6396