

GRADUATION EVENTS

Visitors are only permitted during the last week of training on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY. Per Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Installation Security Plan, each trainee is limited to 10 adult (18 years of age or older) non-military affiliated visitors. The following schedule is subject to change during holiday weeks. Contact the BMT Reception Center at (210) 671-3024.

NOTE: All BMT graduation ceremonies are held outdoors; therefore, visiting family members are urged to use caution/judgment while attending outdoor events and should prepare (i.e. dress appropriately, drinking plenty of fluids, use of sunscreen, etc...) to withstand varying temperatures (including extreme heat/cold/winds) if attending outdoor ceremonies.

Additionally, your Airman may experience delays in training due to unforeseen circumstances. When making travel arrangements, we suggest you purchase refundable/transferable tickets.

Thursday: Airman's Run, Orientation Briefings, Retreat, Honor Graduate Ceremony, and Base Liberty

Orientation Briefings (7:00am, 9:00am): Attend either of the briefings at the Reception Center. *PLEASE DO NOT SURPRISE YOUR AIRMAN--parents have missed their Airman an entire day because their Airman departed on pass not knowing they had visitors.

Airman's Run (8:00am): Cheer the Airmen as they run by singing 'jodies' in flight formation

Honor Graduate Ceremony (10:45am): The Commander of Basic Military Training invites honor graduates and their families to a special ceremony in their honor prior to the start of the Airman's Coin Ceremony.

Airman's Coin Ceremony (11:00am) followed immediately by Retreat - in which we pay tribute to the flag. Meet with your Airman immediately afterwards. Most Airmen are released for Base Liberty immediately following the ceremonies. (Some Airmen may have limited visitation due to training requirements.)

Airman, Spouse and Parent Orientation (1:00pm): This orientation, which takes place at the BMT Reception Center Auditorium, provides information on tech training, pay, entitlements, benefits, and available services.

Buffet Dinner Opportunity (12:00pm-7:30pm): at Gateway Club. Airmen pay discounted price. Visitors pay full price.

End of Liberty (8:00pm): Airmen due back in their dormitory. Your Airman's commander or military training instructor may impose an earlier return time.

Friday: Orientation Briefing, Parade, Open House, Family/Spouse/Parent Orientation, and Town Pass

Orientation Briefing (7:15am): Reception Center. You do not have to attend Friday's Orientation Briefing if you have already attended an Orientation Briefing on Thursday. The same topics are discussed during Thursday's and Friday's Orientation Briefings.

Transportation to Parade Ground (7:15am-8:30am): Buses depart Reception Center for easy access to the parade grounds. The buses will take a handicapped person plus one for assistance. Parking is extremely limited to visitors at the parade grounds.

Graduation Parade (9:00am): Watch Airmen "Pass In Review" and reaffirm their "Oath of Enlistment" at

graduation parade; Airmen are released for base liberty and may take photographs by historical aircraft positioned around the parade field.

Return Bus (9:45am): Buses depart the parade ground for the Reception Center; Airmen may ride back with you

Squadron Open House (10:15-11:15am): Visit your Airman's dormitory; parking in squadrons is prohibited.

Town Pass (Airmen are released immediately following conclusion of Squadron Open House.) Note: Airmen must remain in the San Antonio metropolitan area, but may visit Sea World, Fiesta Texas and family/friends near local military installations to include Randolph AFB. Airmen must coordinate exceptions to this limitation through their Training Squadron Leadership. Airmen are also prohibited from visiting the 'off-limits' establishments discussed during their Town Pass briefing. A listing of these establishments is also displayed on their dormitory bulletin board.

Lunch Opportunity (11:30-1:30pm): Visit Gateway Club for lunch buffet. Airmen pay discounted price while their visitors pay full price.

End of Liberty (8:00pm): Airmen are due back in their dormitory.

Saturday

Town Pass (9:00am): Airmen begin arriving at the Reception Center to start Town Pass. Note: Airmen must remain in the San Antonio metropolitan area, but may visit Sea World, Fiesta Texas and family/friends near local military installations to include Randolph AFB. Airmen must coordinate exceptions to this limitation through their Training Squadron Leadership. Airmen are also prohibited from visiting the 'off-limits' establishments discussed during their Town Pass briefing. A listing of these establishments is also displayed on their dormitory bulletin board.

End of Town Pass (8:00pm): Airmen are due back in their dormitory

Sunday

Religious Services (6:30am-4:00pm): If you and your Airman plans to attend religious services, you must attend your Airman's designated service for their denomination. You must meet your Airman at the Chapel at the designated time (schedule with them). You cannot meet them at their squadron.

Special Town Pass (9:00am-6:00pm)

Note: Awarded to Top Physically Fit Airmen, members of Honor Flights, and Honor Graduates ONLY.

Base Liberty (9:00am): Airmen are released from their squadrons for base liberty

Sunday brunch (9:30am-1:30pm): The Gateway Club is open to all visitors--graduates and their guests pay discounted prices.

End of Liberty (6:00pm): Airmen are due back in their dorms. Your Airman's commander or military training instructor may impose an earlier return time.

Parade Video

Air Force basic training graduation parade and retreat are professionally video graphed and available on video. If you are unable to attend and would like more information on these videos, please call (210) 695-4979.

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