



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
DETACHMENT 457, 495th FIGHTER GROUP (ACC)
NAVAL AIR STATION FORT WORTH JOINT RESERVE BASE, TEXAS

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MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

FROM: Det 457/CC, 495 Fighter Group
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SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Welcome to Detachment 457, 495 Fighter Group at Fort Worth NAS JRB! Detachment 457 (Det 457) is the second of many F-16 Active Associates under the Total Force Integration initiative. Det 457 is comprised of Active Duty (AD) Air Force members assigned to the 301st Fighter Wing, which is an Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) F-16C+ (Block 30) wing. In an active associate such as this, AD members are integrated into the existing AFRC unit. The reserves own the aircraft, equipment and buildings and we supply them with additional manpower. I am fired up to get you here to be part of a very unique opportunity. I expect this to be an extremely rewarding experience for us and the 301 FW. For general information on TFI, visit: <https://www.totalforceintegration.hq.af.mil>
2. Det 457 is in the process of growing from a 3-person operating location to a 165-person detachment including approximately 12 ops and 153 maintenance positions. With few exceptions, Det 457 airmen will be fully integrated into the 301 FW. The 301 FW Commander retains Operational Direction (OPDIR) over Det 457 Airmen. In other words, for anything pertaining to our mission of putting bombs on target, we follow the chain of command that is already here in place. However, the Det 457 Commander retains Administrative Control (ADCON) over all AD personnel. All administrative/personnel issues are routed back through the 495 FG, Shaw AFB, SC.
3. This is a fairly unique situation and probably different than any other assignment you have had. You will be an AD member in an AFRC wing on a Navy base. With this situation comes several key differences and a few challenges. Most importantly for your planning purposes, base housing is extremely limited so AD members above the rank of E-4 will likely have to live off base. You do not have to wait for orders to get on the Navy housing list. Go to this website if you are interested in living on base (www.cnmc.navy.mil/HEAT). There are a limited number of dorms available provided by the Navy for E-1 through E-4.
4. There are no TLFs on base. There are however two possibilities for billeting. If you are comfortable with a pet friendly, one bedroom hotel with two beds and a kitchenette, I recommend the Navy Lodge (817-569-1700). If you need more room, you can get connecting rooms at the Gateway Inn (817 782- 5483). **You need to call for reservations immediately to get priority in these hotels.** NAS Fort Worth JRB has Reservists and Guardsmen on base every weekend for drill. If you wait until after they have made reservations you will not be able to stay on base over the weekends. **Make sure you let billeting know that you are Active Duty on PCS orders when you make your reservations.**

5. Rental homes are difficult to find in the local area but apartments are abundant. A really great program that the Navy Housing Office offers for rental homes is called the Rental Partnership Program (RPP). They complete a stringent inspection prior to entering homes into the program. This program ensures that your rent stays below your BAH. Also, there is no security deposit. Once you find a property, the Housing Office will set up an allotment directly to the property owner. For more information don't hesitate to contact base Housing at (817) 782-5710. If you are considering buying a house, I recommend taking your 10-day permissive TDY a month before you PCS so you do not have to spend too much time in billeting when you get here. Again, there are no TLFs on base so plan accordingly.

6. For medical care, there is a Navy Medical Clinic here for AD members to utilize but all dependents will be seen off base via Tricare providers. **Please provide your MPF with the 301 Medical Clinic address (attached) and make sure they send your medical/dental records there instead of Shaw AFB.** There are a few other differences in the support facilities on the base but they are minor. There is still a dining hall, commissary, BX, gas station and so on.

7. Shaw AFB is our reachback for almost all active-duty services that are not available here. This should not be a factor until after you arrive. **Pilots must hand carry their flight records.** The 457 FS will take care of them after you arrive. Please call any of the numbers below if you are having trouble during your PCS.

8. Again, I am fired up to get you to Fort Worth, Texas. The town is awesome and the people are great. Your job will be challenging and rewarding. As you prepare to PCS here, keep in mind that this is not an Air Force Base and reference the attached numbers for additional information. If you have additional questions, please call me or SMSgt Jose Rubio who is the AD MX Superintendent. His contact information is attached. Welcome to Detachment 457.


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