



# Welcome to Beale AFB

Where is home? Where is home, Airman...when you move every three years...? We call this a permanent change of station even though you already know this isn't permanent. But your time here will forever be a part of you. You may look back at these months, or years, as the defining moments not just of your service but of your life. Every Airman that has worn the uniform, every civilian that has taken that oath, knows that each assignment is what you make of it. You will change this base. In small ways or large, you will leave your mark for generations to come. It's our hope that the legacy you help to grow will be as meaningful as the experiences you take with you. Whether this is your first base or it feels like your 50th, this is new. It's been said that the Air Force is your home no matter where you go. But it's more like finding family. We are accepting, but you need to prove yourself. We are supportive, but you need to pull your weight. Will you fit in? Will you measure up? Everyone here—from your sponsor to your commander—wants to see you succeed. You will stumble along the way. But you are surrounded by others who have been where you are. You will not be carried. But we are here to lift you up. This is family. Excellence is not perfection. But it is our standard. Whether you're active duty or civilian. And if you're knee-deep in CDCs, or figuring out the whys and why nots of government service, or getting your kids used to a new school—again—we've been there. Asking for guidance is not a sign of weakness, it's a sign of devotion to mission. And we will fulfill our mission together. If you ask one of our U-2 pilots how it feels to be alone in a cockpit 13 miles above the earth when they see that horizon start to curve...they'll tell you it's suddenly pretty easy to feel small.

You are no small thing here. You're just realizing that you are part of something much bigger than all of us. It may feel like you're in the middle of nowhere. But you have family here. And you are not alone. Welcome to Beale. Aim high, Airman.