

What to expect when your spouse is at Basic Military Training (BMT)

The training is designed to be tough, to instill self-discipline, confidence, and teamwork in each recruit. Short nights and long days are the norm. Training begins at 0500 (5am) and usually ends at 2100 (9pm) with "Lights Out". Trainees will have military training, academic training, and physical training six days a week, and will spend any "available time" studying for their academic tests (while waiting for a haircut, in line for clothing issue, or prior to lights out).

Trainees may not be contacted during training - this is an intense training program with only six weeks available. You *may* write letters to your trainee, ask for his/her address when they call you during one of their few breaks. Trainees do not have access to: the Internet, e-mail, or incoming phone calls during the training cycle.

Trainees may be contacted in the case of family emergencies such as:

- Death in the immediate family.
- Serious illness in the immediate family.
- Birth announcement (wife of male trainee)

You should contact your local Red Cross agency office to make contact with a trainee; you will not be able to contact the trainee directly. When notifying the Red Cross, be sure you know the active duty member's unit and Social Security number. Providing the name and phone number of a medical staff member who can verify the emergency helps speed up the notification process.

Graduation week (the 6th week of training) is the ONLY time basic trainees are allowed to have visitors. Visitation will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. You are required to sign-in and request visitation at the times indicated on the "Schedule of Events".

IMPORTANT: Airman may NOT be available for visitation during all visiting hours due to training requirements. Every effort will be made to allow you to spend the maximum allowable time together, however, training requirements must always take precedence. Also, Base Liberty and Town Pass are privileges that must be earned by airmen and can be denied at any time for disciplinary reasons. We appreciate your understanding of the importance for this.

TOWN PASS: Visitation within the San Antonio City limits between 9am and 8pm, normally on the Saturday following graduation parade.

VISITATION: Airmen in the last week (6th) are eligible for visitation, Thursday through Sunday ONLY

We strongly recommend you talk to your airman and get an idea of their schedule for the upcoming day. Airmen must be on base liberty in order to leave the Reception Center with visitors. If not, they must remain on the Reception Center grounds. Airmen receive only one Town Pass during BMT. This pass is granted on the Saturday following their graduation parade. This pass, however, may be denied for disciplinary reasons. On Town Pass day, visitors must arrive at the Reception Center at 9:00am. *If your airman has mandatory appointments on Saturday morning, it is up to them to fulfill all of these military responsibilities.*

After visitation, drop your airman off at one of these locations: the Reception Center, either of the two Mini-Malls, the Bowling Alley, or the Gateway Chapel. *Please note: You are not permitted in the training squadron parking lots.*

- Airmen must remain in uniform at all times and maintain a professional, military appearance and their behavior must always remain above reproach.
- Airmen are also forbidden to use tobacco products, drink alcoholic beverages, or drive a vehicle.
- Airmen should also avoid displays of public affection (“PDA”, public display of affection) and compromising situations.

THURSDAY

- Attend one of the four visitor briefings (10:00, 12:00, 1:30 or 3:00 pm)
- 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Sign-in at the BMT Reception Center to request visitation (refer to BMT terminology)
- 5:00 p.m. - LIMITED visitation due to potential training requirements
- 8:00 p.m. - Airmen are due back inside their dorms

FRIDAY

- 7:15 a.m. - Events briefing (BMT Reception Center auditorium)
- 7:45 a.m. - Buses depart from BMT Reception Center to the Parade Grounds
- 9:00 a.m. - Graduation parade begins
- 10:00 a.m. - Buses depart to the Reception Center (Airmen released for base liberty--they may ride back with you)
- 8:00 p.m. - Airmen are due back inside their dorms

NOTE: Please help ensure your airman returns to their dorm on time. They need to check in by the posted deadline. Being late WILL result in disciplinary action for the airman. Schedules are subject to change during holidays.

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. - Airmen are released to the BMT Reception Center for Town Pass
- 8:00 p.m. - Airmen are due back inside their dorms

SUNDAY

- 6:30 a.m. - Church Services begin (different services are scheduled at various times--if you and your airman plan to attend church, you must attend your airman's designated service for that denomination).
- 9:00 a.m. - Airmen are released to the BMT Reception Center for base liberty
- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Brunch at the Gateway Club -- Open to all visitors. (Ends at 1:00 pm)
- 6:00 p.m. - Airmen are due back in their dorms

Dress casually for ceremonies (bring comfortable shoes). Summer temperatures are often in the mid to upper 90s or higher. There's no limit on the number of guests for ceremonies. Please make hotel and transportation arrangements before you arrive.