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TOPIC EXCHANGE SERVICE



RELOCATION INFORMATION FOR

NAS Meridian
Mississippi

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Installation

Installation Overview

Location: Naval Air Station, Meridian Mississippi

Major Commands: NAS, CTW-1, VT9, VT7, NTTC & MATSG

The mission of NAS Meridian is to provide support to CTW-1 in the training of student fighter pilots.

ATTN : FAMILY SERVICE CENTER 1155
ROSENBAUM AVENUE ,SUITE 13 NAS
MERIDIAN MS 39309-5000

Population assigned-served Active Duty Officer: 169;
Active Duty Enlisted: 397;
Family Members: 830; Retirees: 4616; Civilian
Employees:709; Reserve Component Officers:164;
Reserve Component Enlisted:1168

Most telephone numbers listed throughout may be accessed by dialing DSN 637.

History:Just fifteen miles northeast of downtown Meridian lies Naval Air Station Meridian jet training facility. On July 16, 1957, the first shovel of earth was thrown, marking the beginning of the Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS), which was commissioned on July 14, 1961. Captain W.F. Krantz received the golden key to the air station, and senior Mississippi U.S. Senator John C. Stennis was the guest speaker for the ceremony that opened the \$60 million base. At that time the operations area was named McCain Field in honor of the late Admiral John S. McCain of Teoc, Mississippi. Training Squadron SEVEN (VT-7) arrived at NAAS Meridian July 12, 1961, then split to form its sister squadron VT-9 December 15. The Naval Auxiliary Air Station continued to grow, and by July 1968, the station became a full Naval Air Station. The years brought an increase in building development and family housing units. In August 1971, Training Air Wing One (CTW-1) was commissioned. The Wing motto became "Readiness for Victory at Sea through Training." That October saw the arrival of the TA-4J, the new advanced jet trainer based on the A-4 "Skyhawk." In April 1973 President Richard M. Nixon, accompanied by Senator John C. Stennis and many other high-ranking military and civilian officials, attended the dedication of the new Naval Technical Training Center (NAVTECHTRACEN), known locally as the Stennis Center. It was officially commissioned April 17, 1974. NAS Meridian was

selected and upgraded to a Major Shore Command on October 1, 1982. In March 1984, NAS Meridian was one of fifteen installations chosen for the Department of Defense Model Installation Program. The main base of NAS Meridian occupies over 8,000 acres of land, with an additional 4,000 acres at Williams Field and the target facility SEARAY. The size of NAS Meridian may be compared to that of other major naval air stations such as NAS Pensacola, Fl., which has about 5,000 acres, and NAS Memphis, Tn., which has about 3,455 acres. Over 4,700 military, civilians and dependents work and live at the air station.

Name: Fleet Family Support Center
POC: Martha Reeves
Address: 405 Rosenbaum Avenue, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309-5500
Phone: Comm: 601-679-2360
FAX: Comm: 601-679-2191
DSN Phone: 637-2360

Must Know Items

Meridian's airport is located in downtown Meridian approximately 20 miles from the main gate. Greyhound has a terminal in Meridian, located at about the same distance from the base as the airport. Amtrak provides service to Meridian with a terminal downtown. There is no bus or shuttle service from the City of Meridian to the Naval Air Station. Taxicab charge approximately \$20 for the trip out the base. This charge can be divided by up to 4 passengers. Arriving by personal vehicle on I-20/59 puts you right in the middle of Meridian. There are signs posted detailing which exit to take. You'll end up on State Highway 39 North out of Meridian. Posted signs will direct you off Highway 39 and down the Stennis Drive Access Road to the main gate. Vehicles must be registered with Security (within 30 days after reporting) at the Pass and Tag Office located at the main gate. Registration requirements are: (1) Proof of ownership (state registration or title) (2) Driver's license (3) Valid state inspection sticker, if required by the state in which the vehicle is registered. (4) Proof of insurance

Your first stop at Navy Meridian should be the Quarterdeck which is located at the Main Gate. Normal working hours are Monday through Friday, 0700-1530. Duty personnel are aboard after normal working hours and on weekends and holidays. See RELOCATION SERVICES - PCS Reporting Procedures.

The Billeting Office (BQ) Complex is capable of housing over 2,000 male and female officer and enlisted personnel. There is a 24 hour central check-in service for all personnel at the front desk of Building 218 (CBQ). Family units are available for short term stays for those who are departing or awaiting housing. Reservations are accepted up to 30 days prior to check-in, but should be confirmed 72 hours before arrival. Initial reservations may be made via correspondence, message, or by calling DSN: 637-2186.

If you are interested in finding a structured learning environment for your child (ages 1 - 5), check out all

the Child Development Center has to offer. The caring staff is trained to provide age appropriate activities. SEE CHILD AND TEEN SERVICES.

Pets must be registered at Security and proof of a recent rabies vaccination is required. Pets are permitted (2 maximum) in base housing. SEE RELOCATION SERVICES, Related Pet Information.

Important documents to carry are: Your original orders and your related vehicle documents.

The cost of living at NAS Meridian is relatively low compared to other areas of the country.

Must Know Items

<i>--Installation--</i>	
Site Name	NAS Meridian
Last Updated	October 19, 2001
State/Territory	Mississippi
County	Lauderdale
ZIP Code	39309
Service	USN
Host Command	
Physical Size	12000
<i>--Personnel--</i>	
FSC/ACS Director	Ed Welch
Relocation Assistance Manager	Martha Reeves
Relocation Assistance Specialist	William F. Hall
<i>--Phones--</i>	
DSN Country Code	
DSN Number	637-2360
Commercial Country Code	
Commercial Area Code	601-
Commercial Number	679-2360
FAX DSN Country Code	
FAX DSN Number	637-2191
FAX Commercial Country Code	
FAX Commercial Area Code	601-
FAX Commercial Number	679-2191
<i>--Official Mailing Address--</i>	
Street Line 1	Fleet Family Support Center
Street Line 2	405 Rosenbaum Ave
City	Meridian
State/Territory	MS
ZIP Code	39309-5500
<i>--Deliverable Address--</i>	
Street Line 1	
Street Line 2	
City	
State/Territory	
ZIP Code	
E-Mail	bill.hall@cnet.navy.mil

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center, Bessemer, AL.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

STATE/COUNTRY	INSTALLATION
SVC SITE # Mississippi	Columbus AFB
USAF 3235 Mississippi	Keesler AFB

USAF 3250 Mississippi	CBC Gulfport
USN 3280 Mississippi	NAVSTA Pascagoula
USN 3295	

Regulations

Traffic-Mississippi state traffic laws apply at NAS Meridian. Seat belts are mandatory on and off base. Child seats/restraints are mandatory for children age 4 and younger. FSC has child safety seats for temporary check-out.

Vehicle Checks-All vehicles entering or leaving NAS Meridian are subject to search.

Accidents-Vehicle accidents should be reported to the Security Department at 601-679-2509.

Criminal Offenses-Criminal offenses should be reported to the Security Department at 601-679-2509.

Name: Security Officer
Address: NAS Meridian
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: Comm:601-679-2509
Comments: Security may be contacted 24 hours a day

Name: Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol
Address: 841 Hwy 19 North
City: Meridian, MS 39307
Phone: 601-482-9246
Comments: Office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon-Fri

Name: Lauderdale County License Tags
Address: Lauderdale County Court House
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-9786
Comments: Automobile and Boat license plates may be obtained through the Courthouse. Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased at various locations.

Commonly Referenced Numbers

See record listing

Commonly Referenced Numbers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>DSN</i>
BOQ	601-679-2186	
Barber Shop	601-679-2641	
Beauty Shop	601-679-8411	
Chaplain	601-679-2139	
Citizens National Bank	601-679-2585	
Commanding Officer-Capt. J. K. Dickman	601-679-2111	-
Commissary	601-679-2554	
Country Store	601-679-2568	
Customer Service Desk (formerly PSD)	601-679-2301	-
Family Advocacy Rep	601-679-2358/2360	
Fleet Family Support Center	601-679-2360	-
Housing	601-679-2555	
Legal Office	601-679-2590	
MUNA (Credit Union)	601-679-2569	
MWR	601-679-2109	
Medical	601-679-2633	
Navy Campus	601-679-2671	
Navy Exchange	601-679-8461	
Navy Marine Corps Relief Society	601-679-7128	
Officer of the Day	601-679-2528	
Passenger Transportation	601-679-2460	
Rec Center	601-679-2650	
Red Cross	601-485-5151	-
Security	601-679-2528	

see record Listing

Major Unit Listing

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<i>Unit</i>	<i>Command</i>	<i>Point of Contact</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>DSN</i>	<i>Fax</i>
AK "A" Staff			601-679-2764		
AZ "A" Marines			601-679-2739		
AZ "A" Staff			601-679-2624		
CTW-1 Commander			601-679-2148		
DK "A" Staff			601-679-2884		
Duty Orderly Room			601-679-2619		
MATSS Admin Office			601-679-2579		
NAS Commander			601-679-2111		
NAS Quarterdeck			601-679-2528		
NTTC Command Duty Officer			601-679-2150		
PN "A" Staff			601-679-2316		
RP "A" Staff			601-679-2369		
SH "A" Staff			601-679-2479		
SK "A" Staff			601-679-2700		
VT-7 OOD Duty Desk			601-679-2321		
VT-9 OOD DUTY DESK			601-679-2330	637-2330	
YN "A" Staff			601-679-2339		

Transportation

See record listing

Name: SATO
POC: T. J. Ruffin
Address: Naval Air Station
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2346
Comments: Office is open 0800-1600 Mon-Fri.

Commissary and Exchange Operations

Name: Commissary
Phone: 601-679-2554

Name: Country Store
Phone: 601-679-2568

Name: Dry Cleaners/Laundry
Phone: 601-679-3430

Name: Navy Exchange
Phone: 601-679-8461

Local Community

Local Community Overview

In 1831 Richard McLemore moved from Virginia to Meridian with his family. He received 700 acres from the government, most of the land on which the original city stands. McLemore sold his land to John Ball, who with the assistance needed from a surveyor, actually established the town. They laid out lots, obtained a post office, and persuaded the railroads to stop in Meridian. Although the name changed several times, the name of Meridian was on the charter when the Legislature chartered the city on

February 10, 1860. In 1864 General Sherman burned Meridian and declared, "Meridian no longer exists." In 1870, there were 1,709 people who proved him wrong. Meridian has a diversity of industry which has long been responsible for its stable economy.

Time difference from this zone Eastern -
 1 Central Same Mountain +1
 Pacific +2 Greenwich (UK) +6
 Central European (Germany) +7 East Asia (Japan) +14

Time Zone Chart

NAS Meridian is located in the Central Time Zone.

Time Zone Chart

<i>Location</i>	<i>Adjustment for GMT</i>
Pacific	-8
Mountain	-7
Central	-6
Eastern	-5
Greenwich (United Kingdom)	0
Central European (Germany)	1
East Asia (Japan)	9

Climate

Climate conditions at NAS Meridian consist of mild winters and hot summers. The average temperature

range is from 45.5-81.3 degrees. Annual precipitation averages 53.30 inches.

Climate

<i>Month</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Humidity</i>	<i>Precipitation</i>
January	53	32	70%	7>days
February	58	35	69%	7>days
March	66	42	64%	7>days
April	76	50	70%	7>days
May	83	59	75%	6>days
June	90	66	79%	6>days
July	92	69	84%	6>days
August	94	68	80%	5>days
September	87	62	69%	5>days
October	77	50	68%	4>days
November	66	40	68%	6>days
December	57	34	70%	7>days

Events Calendar

Name: Jimmie Rogers Music Festival
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-1306
Comments: One full week of country music stars and musical entertainment.

Name: Great Chunky River Raft Race
City: Chunky, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306

Name: Pig in the Park
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306
Comments: July 4th- Barbeque, arts, crafts, & entertainment

Name: Neshoba County Fair
City: Philadelphia, MS
Phone: 601-656-1742

Name: Art in the Park
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306
Comments: First weekend in April

Name: Lake Okatibee Power Boat Races
City: Collinsville, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306

Name: Choctaw Indian Fair
City: Philadelphia, MS
Phone: 601-656-1742

Name: Silver Star Resort & Casino
City: Philadelphia, MS
Phone: 601-650-1234

Cultural Attractions

Name: Meridian Little Theatre
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306

Name: Meridian Symphony Orchestra
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306

Name: Merrehope's Trees of Christmas
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306

Name: Victorian Holiday Weekend
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-693-1306

Recreation Opportunities

Name: Okatibee Water Park
City: Collinsville, MS
Phone: 601-626-8431

Name: Dunns-Falls Park
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-655-8550

Name: Kemper County Lake
City: Dekalb, MS
Phone: 601-655-5505

Name: Lake Tom Bailey
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-632-4679

Military Related and Civic Organizations

Name: Fleet Reserve Association
POC: Robert O'Connor
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-681-8511

Name: Jaycees
POC: Hampton Thames
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-483-6255

Name: Lions Club
POC: Rex Alman
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-483-6005

Name: Kiwanis Club
POC: Richard Wilbourn
City: Meridian, MS
Phone: 601-693-2411

Shopping

On October 15, 1997, Bonita Lakes Mall held its grand opening. Anchor stores include Dillards, McRae's, Sears, & J.C. Penney. More than seventy stores complete the facility.

State and Community Social Service Agencies

Name: Lauderdale County Mental Health Association
Address: 1800 23rd Avenue
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-2892

Name: Weems Community Mental Health
Address: 1415 College Drive
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-4821

Name: East Mississippi State Hospital
Address: 4555 Highland Park Drive
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-6186

Religious Activities

Numerous churches are available in the area.

Name: NAS CHAPEL
Address: NAS Meridian
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2139
Proximity to site: Onboard
Comments: Protestant and Catholic services are available.

Community Transportation

Name: Meridian Municipal Airport
Address: Key Field
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-0364
Proximity to site: 18 miles from NAS

Name: Greyhound Bus Lines
Address: 212 21st Ave
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-1663

Name: Amtrak
Address: 212 21st Avenue
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-6471

Name: American Cab Company
Address: 305 20th Ave
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-4900

Education

Education Overview

Site Education Office Ms State Dept of
 Education Address Box 771,
 Jackson, Ms. 39205 Telephone 601-
 359-3483

The number of schools in both Meridian and in
 Lauderdale County are:Elementary 13 Middle
 Schools 5 High Schools 5

Name: Meridian Public Schools
Address: various locations
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-6271

Name: Lauderdale County Public Schools
Address: Various locations
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-1683
Comments: Services offered are Talented and Gifted, Special Education, Chapter One, Counseling services , and Pre-School education.

Public and DODDS Schools

The number of schools in the Meridian area are 13
 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, and 5 high
 schools.

Name: Meridian Public Schools
POC: Administrative office
Address: Various locations throughout the area
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-6271

Name: Lauderdale County Public Schools
POC: Administrative office
Address: Various locations throughout the county
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-1683

Private Schools

There are a number of Private Schools in the
 Lauderdale County district. There are three
 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high
 school. There are no military schools in the area.

Name: Calvary Christian
Address: 3917 7th St
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-2305

Name: Kings Academy
Address: 7387 State Boulevard Ext
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-485-2689

Name: Lamar Foundation Elementary School
Address: 1230 Lindley Road
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-1345

Name: Lamar Foundation High School
Address: 1230 Lindley Rd
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-1345

Name: Lamar Foundation Kindergarten and Pre-school
Address: 544 Lindley Road
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-8111

Name: St Patrick Catholic
Address: 2700 Davis St
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-6044

Colleges and Universities

Name: East Ms. Community College
POC: Dr. Virgil Warren
Address: Box 158
City: Scooba, MS 39358
Phone: 601-476-8442
Tuition: \$70 per semester hr

Name: Livingston University
POC: Dr. Gary Stone
City: Livingston, AL
Phone: 1-800-621-8044
Tuition: \$39 per quarter hr

Name: Meridian Community College
POC: Quinn Carlisle
Address: Highway 19 North
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-8241
Tuition: \$75 per semester hr

Name: Mississippi State University
POC: Debbie McWhorter
Address: Hwy 19 North
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-485-3846
Tuition: \$101 per hr undergraduate/\$134 per hr graduate

Name: University of Southern Mississippi Nursing Program
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-484-0400
Tuition: \$140-150 per semester hr

Adult or Continuing Education

Name: Navy College Office
POC: Mary Kate Snow
Address: Box 41 NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2671
FAX: 601-679-2671

Special Education

Special education needs in the Lauderdale County area may be addressed by calling the Special Education Department at 601-484-4956.

Employment

Employment Overview

Employment opportunities in the Meridian area range from good to excellent depending on the particular type of employment you're looking for. The retail and manufacturing industries are the primary source of employment in this area. Contact the Mississippi State Employment Service, the Human Resource Office, or the Transition Office located at Family Service Center for specific job openings.

Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses

Name: Human Resource Office
POC: David Litton or Jo Wagner
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: Comm: 601-679-2100/ DSN: 637-2100
Proximity to site: Onboard

Permanent Employment Resources

Potential job leads may be acquired by calling the Mississippi State Employment Service at 601-483-1406 or by contacting the Human Resource Center onboard NAS at 601-679-2100/DSN 637-2100.

Temporary Employment Resources

Many positions in the Meridian area are acquired by contacting the Temporary Services. In the Meridian

area many temporary jobs lead to permanent positions.

Name: Meridian Temporaries
POC: Employment counselor
Address: 2215 6th St
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-6990

Name: Manpower
POC: Employment counselor
Address: 771 Front St Ext.
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-3900

Name: Coats & Coats Personnel
POC: Employment counselor
Address: Threefoot Bldg
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-2991

Name: Tempus Staffing Services
POC: Brad Bounds
Address: 806 Hwy 19 North, Suite 210
City: Meridian, MS 39307
Phone: 601-482-8600
FAX: 601-482-8601

Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities

Name: Navy Relief
Address: Training Bldg, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2504

Chambers of Commerce

Name: East Mississippi Business Development Corporation
POC: Dorothy Allen
Address: 721 Front St Ext
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-1306

Private Sector Employment

Many employers in the Meridian area canvass employees through the Mississippi State Employment Service. Contact them for specific information regarding employment in the Meridian area at 601-483-1406.

Government Employment

See record listing for government employment inquiries.

Name: Human Resource Office
POC: David Litton
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2100/DSN 637-2100

Name: MWR Dept/ NAF
POC: Marilyn Reynolds
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2109/DSN 637-2109

Name: Navy Exchange
POC: Lucy Nolan
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-8461

Professional or Occupational Licensing

Name: Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse
POC: Ms. State Board of Nursing
Address: 239 N. Lamar , Ste 401
City: Jackson, MS 39206
Phone: 601-359-6170

Name: Teacher certification
POC: Ms. State Dept of Education
Address: Box 771
City: Jackson, MS 39205
Phone: 601-359-3483

Name: Child care
POC: Lauderdale County Health Dept
Address: 5224 Valley Rd
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-2451

Name: Real Estate
POC: Ms. Real Estate Commission
Address: 1920 Dunbar St
City: Jackson, MS 39216
Phone: 601-354-6623

Name: Social Work
POC: Ms. State Dept of Health
Address: Box 1700
City: Jackson, MS 39215
Phone: 601-987-4153

Ambulance service, acute minor illness clinic, military sick call, optometry, obstetrics/gynecology care, psychology, physical examinations, laboratory, pharmacy, radiology, preventative medicine, medical care for family members and pediatrics. Treatment is offered on a space available basis for retirees.

Networking Opportunities

The Spouse Employment Office located at NAS Meridian is an excellent resource for networking and finding out about job leads in the area. Contact Loretta Boswell at 601-679-2184(comm) or DSN 637-2184.

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

(Y-N) Cardiology	no Obstetrics	yes
Ophthalmology	yes Orthopedics	no
Pediatrics	yes	

Medical And Dental

Medical and Dental Overview

The following is a list of medical services available at the Branch Medical Clinic:

All Medical telephone numbers are accessed by dialing 679-2633 plus the appropriate extension.

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>POC</i>	<i>Number</i>
Central Appts		601-679-2633, Ext 110
Dental		601-679-2383
EFM Coordinator		601-679-2633, Ext 104
Emergency/Ambulance		601-679-2444
Health Benefits Advisor		601-679-2633, Ext 117
Immunization		601-679-2633, Ext 100
Information		601-679-2633
Officer in Charge		601-679-2633, Ext 106
Ophthalmology		601-679-2633, Ext 110
Patient Admin		601-679-2633, Ext 109
Patient Advocate		601-679-2633, Ext 126
Pharmacy		601-679-2633, Ext 115

Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

Name: Health Benefits Advisor
POC: Karen Schoeneck
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2633, Ext 117/DSN 637-2633
Comments: Branch Medical also sponsors programs that deal with smoking cessation and dieting/nutrition.

Community Hospitals

Name: Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center
Address: 2124 14th St
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-8811

Name: Rush Foundation Hospital
Address: 1314 19th Ave
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-0011

Name: Riley Memorial Hospital
Address: 1102 Constitution Ave
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-2511

Name: Laurelwood Center
Address: 5000 Hwy 39 North
City: Meridian, MS 39301

Phone: 601-483-6211

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>POC</i>	<i>Number</i>
Central Appointments		601-679-2682
Emergency		601-679-2891
Officer in Charge		601-679-2383

Family Member Dental Plan

Contact the Customer Service Desk (formerly PSD) at telephone number 601-679-2301(comm) or 637-2301(DSN) for information on enrollment in the Tricare Dental Plan.

Housing

Housing Overview

Limited availability of rental housing in the local community. Houses for sale are readily available.

Recommend you make contact with the Housing Office for current information concerning base housing. They may be contacted by dialing Comm:601-679-2520 or DSN:637-2520.

Housing Allowances

BAQ is available for single and married personnel residing off base.

Housing Allowances

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site:	
Rates and Allowances Home Page	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html
Basic Allowance for Housing	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html
Overseas Housing Allowance	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allooha.html

Government Housing

Report to the Housing Referral Services Office prior to negotiating an agreement for off-base housing.

Name: Housing Referral Office
POC: Sue Doggett
Address: NAS Meridian
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2520/DSN 637-2520

Enlisted Housing

Category	Bedrooms	Capehart	Turnkey
E-1 thru E-9	4	33	67
E-1 thru E-9	3	172	--
E-1 thru E-9	2	24	78

Officer Housing

Category	Bedrooms	Units 04 to 06
4	3 01 to 03	4 8 04 to 06
3	5 01 to 03	3 69 01 to 03
2	8 01 to 03 Stu Off	4 4 01 to 03
Stu Off	2 52	

Community Housing

Contact the Board of Realtors for a list of realtors in the Meridian and adjacent areas.

Housing Rental (\$)	Apt Rental (\$)	Home Rental
Meridian & Adjacent Area	Rental	Rental
IBR \$425-\$600	\$375-\$500	N/A 2BR \$500-
\$600-\$700 3BR		
\$700-\$750 4BR		N/A
\$750-\$1000		
\$1000-\$1200		

Home Mobile Home

Meridian & Adjacent Area Purchase
 Purchase 2BR \$50K to \$90K
 \$14K to \$19K

3BR \$45K to \$85K \$15K to \$20K

4BR \$95K to \$200K \$20K to \$30K

Name: Meridian Board of Realtors
POC: Barbara Bosarge
Address: 4927 Hwy 493 North
City: Meridian, MS 39305
Phone: 601-485-7113

Utilities

See record listing for specific information.

Name: Water & Sewage-City of Meridian
Address: 24th Ave & 6th Street
City: Meridian, MS 38=93-01
Phone: 601-485-1700

Name: East Mississippi Electric Power Association
Address: 2128 Hwy 39 North
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-483-7361

Name: Mississippi Power Association
Address: 2401 11th Street
City: Meridian, MS 39301

Name: South Central Bell Telephone
Address: 2525 14th Street
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 1-557-6500 in Mississippi only
Comments: Out of State calls 1-800-622-6146

Name: Comcast Cable of Meridian/ Cable television
Address: 909 24th Ave
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-693-2366

Name: Galaxy Cable Television
Address: PO Box 8
City: Headland, AL
Phone: 1-800-365-6988

Relocation Services

Relocation Services Overview

The Relocation Services Office is located at the Family Service Center in Building 405.

Relocation Assistance

Relocation assistance services offered by FSC are:

Sponsor Program, Welcome Aboard packets, Welcome Aboard Indoc, SITES packages, Overseas screening and any other relocation related items.

In Transit Emergencies

Contact NAS Quarterdeck at DSN: 637-2509 or COMM: 601-679-2509.

Financial Preparedness

For assistance with financial counseling, contact the FSC Financial Counselor at DSN: 637-2358 or COMM: 601-679-2358.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The Exceptional Family Member program is coordinated onboard NAS Meridian by HMC Clark. HMC Clark is located in the Medical Department and may be reached by calling Comm: 601-679-2633, xtn 104 or DSN:637-2633, xtn 104.

Household Goods In-Bound Shipments

Name: Passenger Transportation Office
POC: CSD (formerly PSD)
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2707 or DSN 637-2707

Name: Personal Property Office/Household goods
POC: Janice Hale
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2583 or DSN 637-2583

Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments

See information In-bound Household goods shipments.

Household Goods Claims

Name: Personal Property Office
POC: Janice Hale
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2583 or DSN 637-2583
Comments: Nearest port- New Orleans, La

Household Goods Weight Allowances

Grade	Allowance w/Dependents	Allowance wo/Dependents
E1	5,000	1,500
E2	5,000	1,500
E3	5,000	2,000
E4	7,000/8,000	3,500/7,000
E5	9,000	7,000
E6	11,000	8,000
E7	12,500	10,500
E8	13,500	11,000
E9	14,500	12,000
W-1	12,000	10,000
W-2	13,500	12,500
W-3	14,500	13,000
W-4	17,000	14,000
O-1	12,000	10,000
O-2	13,500	12,500
O-3	14,500	13,000
O-4	17,000	14,000
O-5	17,500	16,000
O-6+	18,000	18,000

POV In-Bound Shipments

Information concerning in-bound shipments may be obtained from the Personal Property Office at 601-679-2583 or DSN 637-2583.

POV Out-Bound Shipments

Information concerning out-bound shipments should be addressed to the Personal Property Office at 601-679-2583 or DSN 637-2583.

POV Claims

POV Claims(PCS Travel) are liquidated in the Travel Office located at the Personnel Support Detachment.

Pet Boarding/Kennels

Many boarding kennels are available in the Meridian area.

Pet Licensing

All pets must be registered with Security. Proof of appropriate vaccinations is required. For further information call Security at 601-679-2509 or DSN 637-2509.

Pet Quarantines

Pet quarantines are not required upon reporting to NAS Meridian.

Veterinary Services

There are many veterinarians located in the Meridian area. For base veterinary services, see record listing.

Name: Site Veterinarian
POC: Security Department
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2509 or DSN 637-2509

Pet Transportation

Transportation of pets is at the service member's own expense.

PCS Reporting Procedures

Contact NAS Quarterdeck at 601-679-2509 or DSN 637-2509.

Separation Procedures

Contact the Customer Service Desk (formerly PSD) at 601-679-2301 or DSN 637-2301.

Name: Sato Office
POC: T. J. Ruffin
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2346

Billeting

Name: Billeting Office
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2186 or DSN 637-2186
Comments: There is no Navy Lodge in the Meridian area.

Unaccompanied PCS

Single service members must check with their command before renting off base housing. Geographical bachelors should check with the BOQ for availability of government quarters

Support Services

Support Services Overview

There are numerous support services in the Meridian area. Contact William F. Hall, relocation specialist, at the Fleet Family Support Center for specific information.

Family Centers

The Fleet Family Support Center is located onboard NAS Meridian in Building 405. For specific services, see record listing.

Name: Exceptional Family Member
POC: HMC Clark
Address: Branch Medical, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2633/xtn 104 or DSN 637-2633/104

Name: Family Advocacy
POC: Allyson Cagle
Address: FFSC, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Name: Family Counseling
POC: FFSC
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Name: Financial Programs
POC: Loretta Boswell
Address: FFSC
City: Meridain, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Name: Information and Referral
POC: FFSC
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2360 or DSN 637-2360

Name: New Parent Support Program
POC: Dianne Falgout
Address: FFSC, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Name: Outreach Programs
POC: FSC
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Name: Relocation Assistance
POC: William F. Hall
Address: FFSC, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2360 or DSN 637-2360

Name: Spouse Employment
POC: Loretta Boswell
Address: FFSC
City: NAS, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2360 or DSN 637-2360

Name: Transition Assistance
POC: Martha Reeves
Address: FFSC, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Information and Referral

Name: Information and Referral
POC: Dianne Barnes
Address: FFSC
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2360 or DSN 637-2360

Name: Suicide Prevention Hotline
POC: Fleet Family Support Center
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Financial Assistance Programs

For information relating to Financial programs contact Loretta Boswell at the Fleet Family Support Center. She may be reached at 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358.

Emergency Assistance

Navy Relief: DSN: 637-2504 or COMM: 601-679-2504

American Red Cross: 601-485-5151 Downtown Meridian

Family Advocacy

Name: Chief of Counselors
POC: Allyson Cagle
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358

Single Member Services

Name: Single Parent Support Group
POC: Patricia Walk
Address: FFSC, NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2360 or DSN 637-2360

Name: Single Parent/Homemaker Program
Address: 910 Hwy 19 N
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-484-8840

Support Groups

Name: Alcoholics Anonymous
Address: 1524 22nd Ave
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-2498

Name: Al-Anon
Address: 1522 22nd Ave
City: Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-482-2498

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

The director of the MWR Department is Mr. Phil Dickens. MWR may be reached by calling 601-679-2109 or DSN 637-2109.

Name: MWR Employment
POC: Marilyn Reynolds
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2109 or DSN 637-2109

Name: Bowling Center/McCain Lanes
POC: Ron Looney
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2651

Name: Ponta Creek Golf Course
POC: Wayne Gordon
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2526
Comments: Eighteen hole, par 72 course. Open seven days a week.

Name: Equestrian Center
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2507

Name: Sonny Montgomery Sports Complex
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2379

Name: Hobby Shop
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2609
Comments: Auto maintenance, repairs, and wood working

Chapel Services and Programs

The NAS Chapel offers Catholic and Protestant services. Religious, pre-marital and marriage counseling is available. The Chapel may be contacted by dialing 601-679-2319 or DSN 637-2319.

Drug and Alcohol

Name: Drug & Alcohol Program
POC: SM1 Archangel
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2717 or DSN 637-2717

Legal Assistance

Legal assistance may be acquired by calling the Legal office onboard NAS Meridian. Your point of contact is LN1 Hollingsworth. LN1 Hollingsworth may be contacted by calling 601-679-2590 or DSN 637-2590.

Child And Teen Services

Child and Teen Services Overview

Program Offered	YES/NO	RATE (\$)
Full Day	Y	Prorated by income
Part Day - Preschool	Y	Part Day - School Age
N Hourly Care	Y	Special Needs Care
	Y	

Care Type	YES/NO	RATE (\$)
WAITING LIST Infant		N
Prorated by income Toddler		Y Pre-School
School	Y School-Age	N

New Parent Program

The New Parent Support Program is a voluntary early intervention program targeting expectant and new parents. The program is based on a home visitation component designed to emphasize client-focused and family-directed intervention through educational and supportive methods. Expected outcomes include the promotion of adult and parenting growth and change, increased understanding of health related and lifestyle issues and development of informal and formal social supports and community resource linkage.

Child Care Programs - on Installation

Name: Child Development Center
POC: Sarah Calabresse
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2652 or DSN 637-2652

Name: Teen/Youth Center
POC: Bobby Espey
Address: NAS
City: Meridian, MS 39309
Phone: 601-679-2687

Child Care Programs - Community

There are many public and private child care facilities available in the Meridian community.

Things To Do - Clubs and Social

Contact MWR at 601-679-2109 or DSN 637-2109

Things To Do - Recreation and Sports

For information, call MWR at NAS Meridian DSN: 637-2109 or COMM: 601-679-2109.

Schools

See education summary for number of schools located in this area. Residence of student determines the specific school to be attended. Supt. of Education may be contacted at 601-693-1683. Meridian Public Schools may be contacted at 601-483-6271.

School Age Care

Cross reference to Child Care Programs on Installation

Religious Programs

Contact the NAS Chapel at 601-679-2319 or DSN 637-2319

Special Events

For on-base special events contact the MWR Department at 601-679-2109 or DSN 637-2109. For special events in the local community contact East Mississippi Business Development at 601-693-1306.

Sponsorship and Support

The sponsor program is closely monitored by Fleet Family Support Center and respective commands. POC for FFSC is Bill Hall. Bill may be reached by calling 601-679-2358 or DSN 637-2358. For command sponsor assignment, please call the command you're reporting to. See telephone numbers listed under Major Unit Listing.

Youth Employment

Contacts about youth employment onboard NAS may be directed to Marilyn Reynolds at the MWR Department. She may be reached at 601-679-2109 or DSN 637-2109. Information about employment for youth in the local community may be obtained by calling the Mississippi State Employment Security Commission at 601-483-1406.

Youth Centers

For information concerning youth center programs contact Bobby Espey at 601-679-2687 or DSN 637-2687.

For Teens Only

Contact the teen center at 601-679-2687 or DSN 637-2687

Survival Tips For First Termers

Survival Tips for First Termers Overview

Contact the Relocation Services Specialist at your command.

Before You Move

Contact the Relocation Assistance Program at the Family Service Center for relocation counseling, base information, specific expenses of living in the new area, auto map, and other base information. Have spouse contact Employment Assistance at FSC. Request a sponsor from the gaining unit as soon as possible.

After You Arrive

Report to NAS Quarterdeck upon arrival. Report to Billeting. Meet your sponsor. Go the Family Service for information and assistance. Use the lending closet. Attend Welcome Aboard Indoc.

Reporting Procedures

See MUST KNOW ITEMS.

Travel Planning

Contact the Relocation specialist at your current duty station

Vehicle Ownership

See MUST KNOW ITEMS.

Housing and Billeting

See MUST KNOW ITEMS. Contact the BQ at DSN: 637-2186 or COMM: 601-679-2186 or the Housing Referral Office at DSN: 637-2520 or COMM: 601-679-2520.

Money Matters

Relocation expenses may be quite expensive. Contact the relocation specialist for tips and hints on cost effective ways to save money during a PCS move. Contact your command financial specialist for help with an individual budget.

At A Glance

Facility/Services Summary

<i>--Officer and Enlisted Population--</i>			
Active Duty Officer	183	Active Duty Warrant Officer	1
Guard Reserve Officer	164	Guard Reserve Warrant Officer	0
Retired (Officer and Enlisted)	4616	Foreign Service Officers	0
Active Duty Enlisted	397	Guard Reserve Enlisted	1168
Foreign Service Enlisted	0		
<i>--Civilians--</i>			
Civil Service	571	Wage Grade	0
Non-Appropriated Funds	138	Family Members -on and off Installation-	783
<i>--Family Services--</i>			
Family Centers	1	Teen Centers	1
Child Day Care	1	Family Child Care Certified Homes	17
Total Child Capacity	37	Total Child Capacity	6
Average Waiting List Time -Months-	5		
<i>--Other Services--</i>			
Commissary	1	Exchanges	1
Shoppettes	1	Gas Stations	1
Movie Theaters	0	Banks and Credit Unions	2
McDonalds/Burger King	1	Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires	0

Housing Summary

<i>--Officer Housing--</i>			
Senior Officer Waiting	4	Senior Officer 3 Bed Room	4
Senior Officer 4 Bed Room	3	Senior Officer Other	0
Company Grade Officer Waiting	4	Company Grade Officer 2 Bed Room	8
Company Grade Officer 3 Bed Room	64	Company Grade Officer 4 Bed Room	8
Company Grade Officer Other	0	BOQ	27
<i>--Enlisted Housing--</i>			
Senior Enlisted Waiting	6	Senior Enlisted 3 Bed Room	172
Senior Enlisted 4 Bed Room	100	Senior Enlisted Other	0
Enlisted Waiting	6	Enlisted 2 Bed Room	96
Enlisted 3 Bed Room	172	Enlisted Other	0
BEQ	229	Transient Lodging Facilities	114

Education Summary

<i>Name</i>	<i>Numbers</i>
Elementary School	13
Jr High/Middle School	5
High School	5

Local Community Summary

<i>Type of Housing</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
Apartment Rent	500	375	700
House Rent	800	600	1000
House Price - Single Family	90	85	150
Townhouse/Condominium Price	80	65	95

Medical and Dental Summary

<i>--Medical Facilities--</i>					
Medical Treatment Facilities	N	Number of Beds	0	Medical Clinic	0
Alcohol	Y	Allergy	Y	Audiology	Y
Cardiology	Y	Coronary care	Y	Dermatology	N
Dietary	Y	Emergency room	Y	Endocrinology	Y
Family Practice	Y	General surgery	N	Gynecology	Y
HIV Unit	N	Hematology	Y	Immunization	Y
Infect Disease	Y	Intensive Care	N	Laboratory	Y
Mental Health	Y	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	N	Nuclear Medicine	Y
Nephrology	N	Neurology	N	Neurosurgery	N
Obstetrics	Y	Oncology	N	Ophthalmology	Y
Optometry	Y	Orthopedics	N	Otolaryngology	N
Pathology	N	Pediatrics	Y	Physical Therapy	N
Podiatry	N	Primary Care	Y	Radiology	Y
Rheumatology	N	Urology	N		
<i>--Dental Facilities--</i>					
Dental Clinics	0	Adolescent	Y	Endodontics	Y
General Dentistry	Y	Oral Surgery	Y	Orthodontics	N
Pedodontist	N	Periodontics	N		

Relocation and Support Services Summary

<i>--Military Clubs--</i>			
Officers Club	0	Non-Commissioned Officers Club	0
Enlisted Club	1		
<i>--Recreation--</i>			
Arts and Crafts	0	Automobile Hobby Centers	1
Bowling Centers	1	Recreational Centers	1
Libraries	1	Music and Theater Locations	1
<i>--Physical Fitness/Sports--</i>			
9 Hole Golf Courses	0	18 Hole Golf Courses	1
Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers	1	Jogging Paths	1
Tennis Clubs/Courts	2	Tennis Courts - Lighted	0
Swimming Pools - Public	2		
<i>--Nature/Outdoor Activities--</i>			
Outdoor Recreation Centers	6	Campgrounds	0
Fishing Areas	6	Horse Stables	1

APPENDIX

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