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BIRTHDAY A HAPP ER

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, let's take a moment to remember those who continue to fight for us. Our freedom is not free and we appreciate all of our service members and families.

Our President's Message



The month of June was a very busy month for Hunt Military Communities. As most of you saw in the recent letter we sent to each of you, we've heard loud and clear that we need to be more responsive to the needs and concerns of each of you, which means giving you a stronger voice and making sure that you are heard within our communities. To that end, we've undertaken a top-down review of our processes, policies, training

programs, and the tools at our residents' disposal to ensure we fulfill our responsibilities. All of those changes are outlined in the letter you should have received. If you have not, please let your Community Director know as soon as possible.

Also in June, HMC's non-profit organization, the Hunt Heroes Foundation (HHF) had a very productive meeting with Stop Soldier Suicide (SSS). SSS and HHF have a very strong relationship, and this strategic meeting outlined ways that we can help support their mission in ending suicide among active duty military members, veterans and retirees. Stay tuned for more information on how this partnership will evolve and what you can do to support it. As always, if you are interested in learning more about the Hunt Heroes Foundation, or supporting its cause, please log onto huntheroesfoundation.org

Best,

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President Hunt Military Communities





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Are You Joining Us For Our Annual Back To School Bash?

Come on out to the Pelican Coast Welcome Center Friday, July 26th from 4pm-7pm! Enjoy games, free food, a bounce house for the kids, great music, and FREE school supplies as the kids get ready for the new year! Please RSVP by July 23rd to 321-779-9785.

Father's Day Craft

Our Father's Dav Craft was a blast with all the kiddos! Check out these great crafts that they made as gifts for dad!



Welcome Jacqueline Zavala

Please join us in welcoming Jacqueline Zavala! Jacqueline will be with us this summer as a Leasing Specialist! She is a key spouse mentor for the 920th Rescue Wing and her husband is actively deployed with the unit. We love her passion for military families and her positive customer service driven attitude! Please join us in welcoming Jacqueline!





No-cost and Low-cost Ways to Lower Your Bill

- It's best to avoid the heavy housework between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- Save cleaning dishes, using the oven and washing laundry for cooler parts of the day. These appliances create heat and moisture that put an extra strain on your air conditioner.
- Keep direct sunlight out as much as possible. Close curtains, shades and blinds to hold down the temperature inside the home.
- Be sure the damper on your fireplace is tightly closed to prevent air loss.
- Use fans to circulate the air. The breeze makes the air feel cooler than it is. Fans only cost \$1-2 a month to operate.
- Try adjusting your thermostat up by one degree. Each degree you raise the temperature will save at least 3% on your energy consumption. If you are comfortable with the one degree, try another. If that is comfortable, you have just conserved/saved at least 6%! If it is not tolerable then lower it back by the one temp. You have still conserved/saved the 3%!
- Maintain a consistent temperature on the thermostat. It will take more energy to cool a very warm house than if the temperature is a comfortable consistent level.
- · Move furnishings away from floor or return air vents.
- · Use a microwave instead of a conventional oven.
- Shade your windows with light-colored shades to reflect heat.

It's Getting Hot Out There!!!

During this unusually hot season with above average temperatures, homes are requiring two to three times as much energy for cooling than during the same period last year. For people who simply kept things the same, and even those who increased the temperature on their thermostats, air conditioning systems ran longer – and therefore used more energy – to maintain cooler temperatures inside homes.

There are a lot of factors at play— including your air conditioning system working overtime to combat the severe heat we've all experienced lately.

What can I do right now?

We recommend a thermostat setting of 76-78 degrees. Each degree lower than 76 will increase the cooling portion of your bill by about 7%. Use ceiling fans and portable fans to circulate air, which can make you feel cooler.

Not Using it? Unplug it.

- Unplugging underutilized appliances in your home can lead to big savings in your electricity usage.
- Chargers for mobile phones still use electricity even when the phone is unplugged.
- Your home entertainment electronics pull a great deal of electricity if they remain plugged in. Plug TVs, stereos, and DVD players into a power strip and shut them off using the power strip's On/Off button.
- Shut off the computer if you're going to be away more than 2 hours.

More tips to help you conserve!

- Wash full loads of laundry in cold water.
- Clean your dryer's lint filter after each use.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room at home and in the office.
- Incandescent bulbs are inefficient, so turn them off when you don't need them.
- Turn off fluorescent lights if you're going to be gone 15 minutes or more.

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Yard of the Month in June

Congratulations to the Mr. & Mrs. Listol in Oceanside. Their yard was selected and won Yard of the Month in June! Their flower beds had lovely plants and was perfectly and freshly mulched! Thank you for making our community beautiful! Congratulations again, they won a \$50 VISA gift card!