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COMMANDER'S CORNER

To everything there is a season.

If that phrase feels familiar lately, it's because we are very much living in a season of change. Our new Chief of Staff of the Air Force recently acknowledged something many of us have been feeling: the Air Force is experiencing change fatigue.

And Team March—I want you to know—we feel you.

Over a relatively short period of time, we've seen some significant shifts. In-garrison A-Staffs are gone. Air Base Wings have been stood down. We've adjusted to a new PT test. Tabs are back. Friday shirts are back. For our Airmen—especially our Reservists balancing military service with civilian careers and families—it can feel like a lot coming at once.

Change is hard. Constant change can be exhausting.

But while much around us is evolving, there are some things that are not changing—and they matter.

First and foremost, we remain the world's greatest Air Force.

Over the past several months, the United States Air Force has delivered air superiority and operational dominance for the Joint Force across the globe. From 100 feet below ground to 100,000 feet into space, anytime and anywhere, Airmen are enabling our nation to defend its interests and deter aggression. And make no mistake—our adversaries are paying attention.

That success includes you.

Team March continues to be a critical part of that global mission. Our charge remains the same: READY NOW. And we do that while offering what only the Reserve Component can—the Reserve Advantage. The advantage of experience. The advantage of credibility. The advantage of affordability. You bring real-world expertise, operational depth, and a warfighter mindset that strengthens the Total Force and sharpens our nation's sword and shield.

That is not changing.

What also isn't changing is my confidence in this team. Through every adjustment, reorganization, and policy shift, you continue to show up, execute, and deliver. That resilience is part of who we are at March Air Reserve Base.

As we move forward together, let's stay focused on what matters most: our people, our mission, and our readiness. Take care of one another. Lean on your teammates. And remember that even in seasons of change, our purpose remains constant.

Thank you for what you do—for this base, for the Air Force, and for our nation.

Col. Bryan "BAM" Bailey
March ARB Installation Commander

MARCH AIRMEN'S ATTIC OFFERS FREE ESSENTIALS TO BASE COMMUNITY

BY: WENDY DAY

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. – The March Airmen's Attic is open to all military members, spouses and base-access civilians, providing free clothing, household goods and essential items to support families across Team March.

Operated and supported by volunteers from different units, the Airmen's Attic removes financial barriers for Airmen and families who may need uniforms, children's items or basic household supplies.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is that there are strings attached, a rank limit, or some kind of fee," said Master Sgt. Jordan Baldwin, 452nd Communications Squadron. "That's not the case at all. If you have access to this base, you have access to the Airmen's Attic. Everything here is free."

Baldwin said the program exists to eliminate stress for families who may be navigating financial hardship, PCS moves or unexpected life events.

"If it isn't nailed to the wall, it's free," Baldwin said. "Uniforms alone can cost hundreds of dollars. Here, you can come in, take what you need, and walk out without worrying about money."



Staff Sgt. Collier Bolton, 452nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said the Attic depends on word of mouth and community participation to keep items circulating.

"Not everyone on base knows we're here," Bolton said. "We want to increase foot traffic so people can get what they need, and so uniforms and other items can properly cycle in and out."

Uniforms are the program's top priority, followed by children's and baby items. The Attic also stocks clothing, books, DVDs, CDs and small household goods.

Military spouse Samantha Cranier, who recently relocated to March ARB from Texas, said the Airmen's Attic has been a blessing for her family.

"When you move, you purge everything and have to start over," Cranier said. "This is a wonderful service. I've used Airmen's Attics at other bases too – it really helps families when they're just starting out."

"You never know what you'll find here," Cranier said. "Every visit is different, and anyone can benefit."

MARCH AIRMEN'S ATTIC OFFERS FREE ESSENTIALS TO BASE COMMUNITY

BY WENDY DAY



HOURS AND LOCATION

The March Airmen's Attic is currently open:

- Wednesdays: 2-3 p.m.
- UTAs: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Location:

Bldg. 405 - near base water tower

Donation guidelines:

Donations are strongly encouraged during open hours to prevent weather damage and pest exposure.

If donations cannot be made during open hours, patrons may call to schedule a drop-off: (909) 283-0242

DO's

- Ensure all donated items are clean and in good condition
- Donate gently used military uniforms and civilian clothing
- Organize items by category (e.g., clothing, household goods, children's items)
- Place donations in designated drop-off areas only
- Call or text (909) 283-0242 to schedule a donation drop-off, including after-hours arrangements with a volunteer

DON'T

- Donate damaged, dirty, or heavily worn items
- Leave items outside unattended or after hours
- Bring perishable food, used hygiene products, or open containers
- Use the Attic as a dumping ground – if you wouldn't give it to a friend, don't bring it here
- Take more than you need – leave some for others
- Donate car seats or life vests due to safety concerns

If you wouldn't give it to a friend or neighbor, don't donate it," Baldwin said. "Everything must be in good, usable condition."

Volunteer opportunities:

- Every Wednesday
- Every UTA (11 a.m.-12 p.m.)
- After UTA (4:30-5:30 p.m.)

Those interested in volunteering or learning more are encouraged to stop by during open hours.

MARCH ARB'S

AIRMEN'S ATTIC

LOCATION

BUILDING #405, NEAR
THE INTERSECTION OF
GRAEBER AND MEYER

EVERYTHING IS FREE!

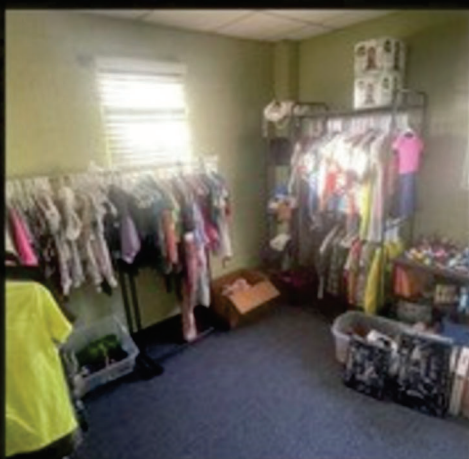
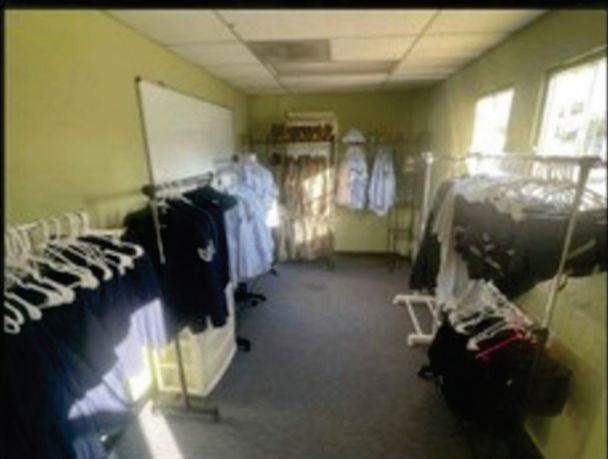
WHAT YOU CAN FIND:

- MILITARY UNIFORMS
- UNIFORM ACCESSORIES
- BOOTS & SHOES
- MEN'S CLOTHING
- WOMEN'S CLOTHING
- CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
- HOUSEHOLD GOODS
- BEVERAGES
- GAMES & TOYS

HOURS OF OPERATION

**UTA: 1100-
1200**

**WED: 1400-
1500**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SIGN UP USING THE
QR CODE

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- EPR BULLET
- NETWORKING
- VOLUNTEER HOURS
- BOOST MORAL



MARCH ARB, BLDG #405

COLONEL BRYAN “BAM” BAILEY HONORED AS MORENO VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

BY MAJ. PERRY COVINGTON

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. — Col. Bryan Bailey, installation commander at March Air Reserve Base, was honored as the City of Moreno Valley’s Citizen of the Year during a ceremony held Friday at the historic March Field Air Museum.

The recognition highlights Col. Bailey’s steadfast commitment to strengthening the bond between March ARB and the surrounding communities it serves—partnerships that remain essential to the base’s mission and long-term success.

“I’m honored to be recognized by such a supportive and welcoming community,” Col. Bailey said. “Our reserve citizen airmen live, work, and serve here. None of us is special because of our service; we simply have chosen a path to make our communities a little better, like those who serve on school boards, PTAs, and those who vote and pay taxes. All civic service is good service. What makes our military members special is their ability to serve both locally and globally, with such amazing support from our community. And despite all the earned titles, awards, and accolades, I feel there is no greater honor than to earn the respect of peers and the simple recognition of fellow citizens.”



As one of the nation’s oldest continuously operating military airfields, March ARB continues to thrive through close cooperation with civic leaders, educators, businesses, and community organizations. These partnerships enhance readiness, support Airmen and their families, and ensure the base remains a valued regional asset.

Among those in attendance was Jamil Dada, March ARB’s honorary commander and a longtime military advocate who has supported the installation for more than three decades.

“I’ve had the privilege of supporting March for over 30 years, and it is truly an honor to stand behind the men and women who defend our country,” said Dada. “The partnership between this base and the community is special, and leaders like Col. Bailey embody what it means to serve with integrity, humility, and vision.”

The event underscored the enduring relationship between March ARB and Moreno Valley—one built on mutual respect, shared history, and a collective commitment to service. With strong community partners and dedicated leadership, the historic base remains well-positioned to meet the needs of today’s Air Force while shaping the future.

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

BY KEVIN APOLINAR

The Five Spending Personalities

Carefree Spender

If you tend to live in the moment, you may spend with a “buy now, worry later” mindset. You might justify purchases with thoughts like “I’ll deal with this later” or “I’m young—there’s time.” This can show up during deployments, TDYs, or overseas assignments. While this approach can be fun short-term, it often makes long-term goals harder to reach. Creating a spending plan can help you enjoy today while still preparing for tomorrow.

Emotional Spender

If stress, fatigue, or life transitions drive your spending, you may find yourself buying things to cope—especially after long days, busy weeks, or during deployment. Purchases might feel justified in the moment but lead to regret later. Simple guardrails—like waiting before checking out online, automating savings, or creating a deployment-specific spending plan—can help reduce emotion-based decisions.

Reluctant Spender

If you save consistently but hesitate to spend—even on things you need or value—you may be driven by anxiety about the future. You might feel safer holding cash and avoiding purchases altogether. While saving is a strength, avoiding all spending can limit quality of life and long-term growth. Purposeful planning can help you use money confidently, not fearfully.

Purposeful Spender

If you follow a spending plan, prioritize saving, and make intentional choices, you’re already demonstrating strong financial readiness habits. You “pay yourself first,” spend with purpose, and avoid regret-driven purchases. Periodic financial check-ins can help ensure you’re maximizing benefits like TSP and staying aligned with long-term goals.

Golden-Retirement Spender

If you’re highly focused on financial independence or retiring early, you likely spend well below your means and invest deliberately. You understand that income alone doesn’t create wealth—strategy does. At this stage, refining tax considerations and long-term investment planning can help ensure your future lifestyle matches your goals.

If you want help understanding your habits or building a plan that works with your Air Force lifestyle, Personal Financial Counselors are available at no cost, no catch, just conversation. A short conversation now can help you make more confident decisions all year long.

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

BY KEVIN APOLINAR

For Your Situational Awareness:

2026 Tax Changes

Understand the 2026 IRS tax adjustments to help you make informed decisions and avoid surprises when you file in 2027.

Website:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/treasury-irs-issue-proposed-regulations-reflecting-changes-from-the-one-big-beautiful-bill-to-the-threshold-for-backup-withholding-on-certain-payments-made-through-third-parties>

It's Time for Tax Paperwork Prep

Tax time is just around the corner. Before you dive into numbers and forms, get your document ducks all in a row. The IRS outlines the must-have paperwork that makes filing smoother, faster and less “where did I put that?”

Website::

<https://www.irs.gov/filing/gather-your-documents>

If you need free tax software, MilTax offers free tax software and one-on-one help from military tax experts.

Website:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/taxes/miltax-military-tax-services/>

Take advantage of tips and tricks to make tax time easier.

Website:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/taxes/tax-tips-and-trivia/>



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RECRUITMENT



Video Release: Recruit the Recruiter



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As we continue to get after our annual recruiting goal of **7,600** and attract top talent into the force, we need the internal talent to help make it happen. Here, you will find the released "Recruit the Recruiter" video link on AFRC's YouTube channel and a corresponding QR code, both of which can be used for communicating recruiting opportunities to our internal Citizen Airmen audience of Senior Airman through Tech Sgts.

To maximize audience reach and engagement, this video may benefit from being shown at Commander's Calls and focused events, while following up with any required package information that can be passed along to interested candidates.

Additionally, we have provided a downloadable ad poster to be utilized in communicating opportunities to join our team.

Contact Email: 367RCG.RTR.RTR@us.af.mil

SEEKING TOP TALENT FOR A CRITICAL MISSION
BECOME A RECRUITER
FORGE THE LINE THAT BUILDS THE FORCE

BENEFITS

- Active duty experience: three years with a possible two-year extension
- Active duty benefits and entitlements, including free medical and dental coverage
- Paid moves
- 30 days of leave per year
- Special duty pay of \$450 per month

REQUIREMENTS

- Currently seeking Senior Airmen, Staff and Technical Sergeants
- **Contact** your local recruiting Flight Chief
- Complete your application
- HQ Review of your application
- If approved, attend a virtual Evaluation & Selection Board interview
- If selected, attend the six-week Air Force Recruiting School at Lackland AFB, Texas

AIR FORCE RESERVE



Recruit the Recruiter video QR code

EVENTS

MARCH ARB CHAPLAIN CORPS

Every Warfighter... Spiritually Fit and Ready!



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

PROTESTANT:

0630 - 50 & 56 APS Large Classroom (Bldg 2340)

0730 - 701 Auditorium (Bldg 601)

1200 - Chapel Sanctuary (Bldg 468)

CATHOLIC:

1100 Catholic Mass - Chapel Sanctuary (Bldg 468)

**Confession 30 Min Prior to Mass*

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Unit Engagement * Confidential Counseling

Resilience Programs * Religious Observances

Facilitated Discussions * Weddings * Memorials

Invocation Requests * Commander Calls

Leadership Advisement * Religious Accommodation

Phone: 951-655-4105

Email: 452AMW.HC.MarchChapel@us.af.mil

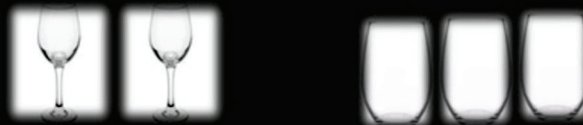
Address: 880 Baucom Ave, Bldg 468; NW March ARB, CA 92518

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

Past Military Ball Glasses Giveaway

Team March Members — this one's for you.

7 February on 0800-1300 at Building 356, Rm 27



Come grab your **FREE** past Military Ball glasses while supplies last. No cost. No catch.

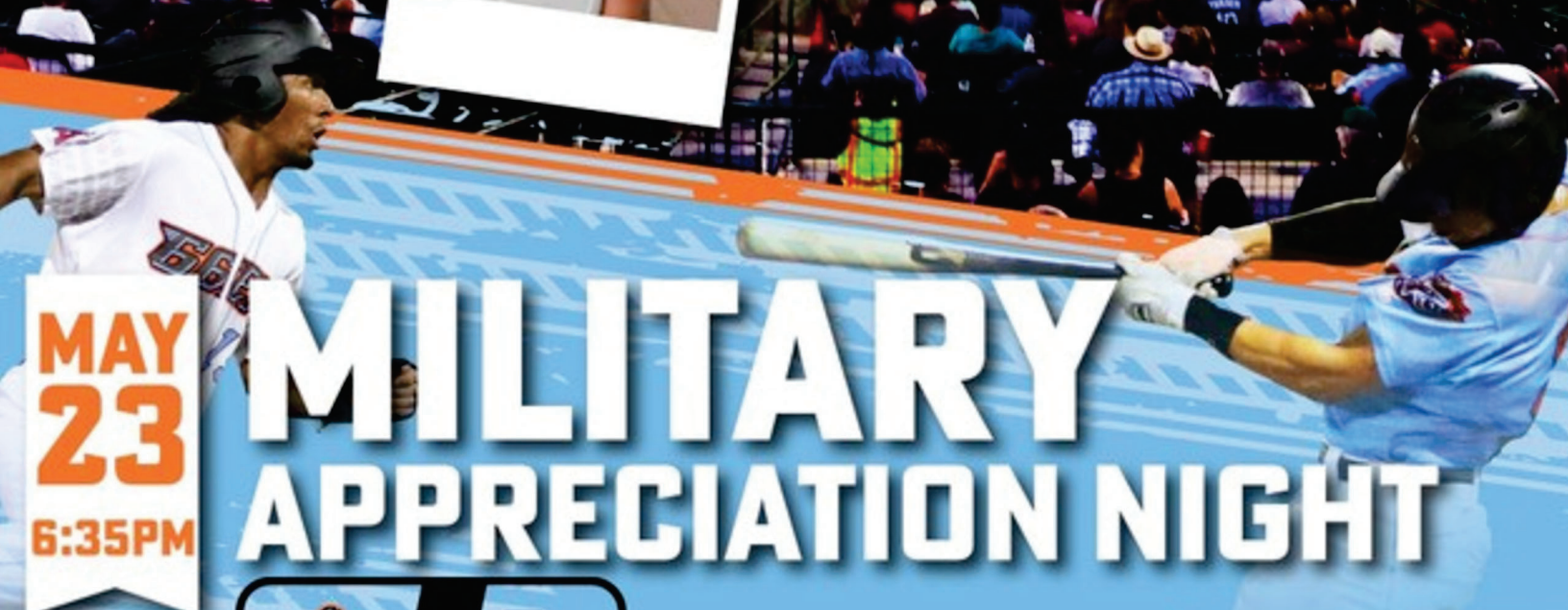
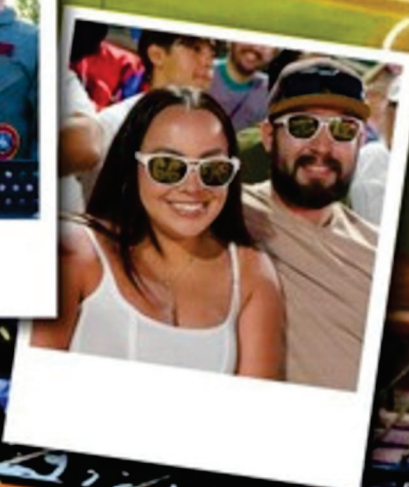
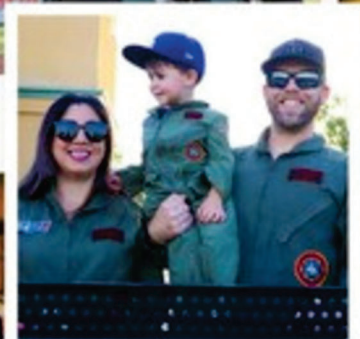
Just **FREE, FREE, FREE.**

FREE TICKET

&

\$5 TICKETS FOR
FAMILY & FRIENDS

INLAND EMPIRE
66ERS
OF SAN BERNARDINO



**MAY
23**
6:35PM

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT



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TICKETS

FSS MONTHLY CALENDAR



Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Programs

February 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Burger Combo Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steak Night at Sallys (1600) Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Sizzlin Fajitas Steak Night at Sallys (1600) 	Backstreet Open Sallys (1600)	Backstreet Closed/Ballroom Open Sallys (1600)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Backstreet Closed/Ballroom Open SuperBowl LX @ ACES 1400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Burger Combo Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steak Night at Sallys (1600) Spin Class 1100 (Gym) Heart and Sole 5k (1100) @ Track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Sizzlin Fajitas Steak Night at Sallys (1600) 		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Burger Combo Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steak Night at Sallys (1600) Good Morning Spin Class Begins 0600 Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Sizzlin Fajitas Steak Night at Sallys (1600) 		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Burger Combo Spin Class 1100 (Gym) 	Intramural Basketball Begins 1100 (Gym)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steak Night at Sallys (1600) Spin Class 1100 (Gym) Racquetball Tournament 1100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special: Sizzlin Fajitas Steak Night at Sallys (1600) 	SOULFOOD Buffet @ Club Ballroom 1100 \$16	

Details & Future Upcoming Events

• New UNITE POC: kupaaikalani.harrison@us.af.mil 951-655-2816

• Medieval Times Tickets **NOW ON SALE**

• Sundry Store at Lodging Open 24/7 @ Bldg 100: New items now available!

• Lunchtime pick-up Basketball and Volleyball weekly 1100

*Please note: Backstreet Grill will be closed on UTA Saturday and Sunday. The Ballroom will be open for Troop Feeding and also open to paying customers (separate line).

3/7 - Spring Block Party @ Sallys Alley 1600* + ODR Customer Appreciation Day*

3/6 - Shoe Painting Class/Location TBD 1700*

3/11 - March Momentum 5k Sign up at the Fitness Center @ (951) 655-2284 or marchfss.com/fitness

* subject to funding/final schedule will be placed in the following months calendar.

MARCH FSS EVENTS

SUPER BOWL — WATCH PARTY — 2026

SUPER BOWL LX • FEBRUARY 8, 2026



ACES BAR AT THE HAP ARNOLD CLUB · MARCH ARB

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM



Watch the Game Live



Food & Drink Specials All Game Long



Game Day Drinks & Cocktails

- Apps, Food Options Available for Purchase
- Comfortable Seating & Multiple TVs

BE HERE FOR THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR!

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MARCH FSS



HOURS OF OPERATION

LODGING:

Building 100 Lobby Open 24/7

ODR / ITT:

Mon - Fri 0800 - 1630

FITNESS CENTER:

Mon - Fri 0500 - 1700

After hours access via Registered CAC

Plus CAC Registration Opportunities: *See fitness center for hours/days to register your CAC*

CLUB:

Backstreet Grill: Mon - Fri

Breakfast: 0630 - 1000

Lunch: 1100 - 1330

Sally's Alley: Wed & Thu: Steak Nights at Sally's start at 1600

UTA @ Sally's Fri & Sat: Open 1600

UTA Sat & Sun: ALL TROOP FEEDING will be held in the Ballroom

Breakfast: 0530 - 0900

Lunch: 1030 - 1330

Dinner (Sat Only): 1600 - 2200

Paying customers welcomed and will have a separate line

MARCH FSS

HAP ARNOLD CLUB

UTA MENU

BREAKFAST 0530-0930
BALLROOM

Served buffet style

- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Turkey Bacon
- Bagel
- Waffles
- Biscuit and Sausage Gravy
- Home Fries Potatoes

BEVERAGES

CHOICE OF: BOTTLED
WATER, APPLE JUICE,
ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE



LUNCH 1030-1330
BALLROOM

Served buffet style

- Roasted BBQ Chicken
- Beef Stew
- Mashed Potatoes
- Steamed Rice
- Mixed Vegetables
- Broccoli
- Baked Beans

BEVERAGES

CHOICE OF: BOTTLED
WATER, SOFT DRINK

DINNER 1600-2000
BALLROOM

Served buffet style

- Individual Pizza
- Wings
- Lasagna
- Roasted Potatoes
- Corn on the Cob
- Vegetable Soup

BEVERAGES

CHOICE OF: BOTTLED
WATER, SOFT DRINK



DESSERTS

Will vary and will be served during lunch and dinner service only.

SIGN IN SHEETS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE BALLROOM ENTRANCE.

PAYING CUSTOMERS ARE ALSO WELCOMED AND WILL HAVE A SEPARATE LINE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE BALLROOM:

BREAKFAST: \$13.55

LUNCH: \$16.75

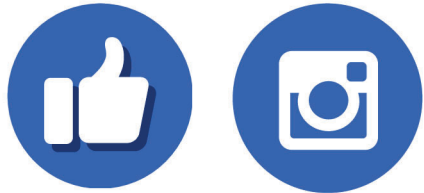
DINNER: \$20.25

**UTA
SATURDAY
Menu!**

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FSS PRESENTS:



Heart & SOLE 5k

11 February, 2026 @ 1100

Location: March ARB Track | Contact: 951-655-2284
Register at www.marchfss.com/fitness Follow the link!

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Look out for a grand reopening date this FY!



Lodging



NAF SALE

FEBRUARY 24 - 27, 2026
Parking Lot of Bldg 400

Feb 24-25
0930-1430

Feb 26-27
0930 - 1200

