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Our Military

in Madison and Morgan counties

REDSTONE ARSENAL

Situated in northwest Alabama's Tennessee River Valley, Madison County is the state's third most-populated county and enjoys its second-highest per capita income. Huntsville, the county seat and fastest-growing city, borders Redstone Arsenal on the north and east, with the Tennessee River forming Redstone's southern boundary. Huntsville is 110 miles south of Nashville, Tennessee, on Interstate 65; about 335 miles northeast of Jackson, Mississippi, on I-65 and I-20; and 185 miles northwest of Atlanta on U.S. Highway 72 and I-75. Dallas lies 667 miles to the west on I-40, I-30 and U.S. 72; and Chicago is 583 miles north on I-65.

Morgan County is just southwest of Redstone Arsenal, and its largest city and county seat — Decatur — sits 21 miles away on the banks of the Tennessee River.

Redstone Arsenal is home to the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Space and Missile Defense Command, Army Forces Strategic Command, U.S. Army Contracting Command, U.S. Army

Security Assistance Command, numerous Program Executive Offices and major components of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Missile Defense Agency. Several tenant and satellite organizations are also at Redstone Arsenal, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2016.

Redstone is the heart of the Army's rocket and missile programs. It was at Redstone Arsenal that Wernher von Braun and other German rocket experts developed the first ballistic missile, leading to the establishment of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in 1960.

Redstone Arsenal remains the center of testing, development and doctrine for the Army's missile programs, and it continues to host the Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA's field center for propulsion analysis and development, which developed the Saturn rocket family in the 1960s and propulsion systems for the Space Shuttle.

Population

The arsenal has 850 active-duty members; 15,000 retirees and their family members;

and 35,500 Department of Defense civilian employees and contractors.

Economic Impact

Redstone Arsenal, the largest employer in the metropolitan area, has a workforce of 44,000 people, including active-duty military, government-employed civilians and contractors. In addition, it supports indirect employment of about 108,000 people in the region and about \$2 billion in infrastructure.

HISTORY

Pre-Arsenal settlements: The middle Tennessee River valley, now occupied by Redstone Arsenal, was originally inhabited by Native American tribes including the Creek, Cherokee and Chickasaw. By the early 1800s, Anglo-American farmers had settled along the Tennessee River basin where more than 550 families, mostly tenants and sharecroppers, lived in small communities. Ultimately, the

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

REDSTONE ARSENAL

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call Directory Assistance at 256-876-2151.

American Red Cross	877-272-7337
Army Community Service	256-876-5397
Army Substance Abuse Program	256-876-7256
Automotive Skills Center	256-955-7727
Bingo	256-955-3727
Bowling	256-842-2695
Child Development Centers	
Goss Road	256-876-7952
Mills Road	256-842-5631
Commissary	256-876-3517
Dental Services	256-876-5200
Education Center/University Center	256-876-9761
Equal Employment Office	256-876-8015
Exceptional Family Member Program	256-876-5397
Exchange	256-883-6100
Express/Class 6	256-883-0367
Family Advocacy Program	256-876-5397
Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation	256-876-2073
Family and MWR Membership	256-313-4006
Fitness Centers	
Scott	256-955-6844
Fox Army Health Center	256-955-8888
Flying Activity	256-876-6962
Golf	256-842-7977
Greek Gyros Express	256-801-9896
Gym (Pagano)	256-876-6701
Health Benefits Adviser/TRICARE	800-444-5445
Housing Service Office	256-876-6666
ID Cards	256-842-2413
Information, Ticket and Reservations	256-876-4531
Legal Office	256-876-9005
Leisure Travel Office	256-313-0090
Library	256-876-4741
Military Clothing Store	256-882-1248
Military Pay Office	256-876-8510
MWR Frame Shop	256-876-7957
NAF Employment	256-876-2496
NASA/MSFC Medical Center	256-544-2390
Outdoor Recreation	256-876-4868
Parent Central Services	256-876-3704
Pershing Welcome Center	256-842-3202
Pools	
Indoor	256-313-1200
Outdoor	256-876-6713
Post Restaurant Cafeterias	256-876-8741
Redstone Family Housing	256-430-1517
Redstone Federal Credit Union	256-722-3740
Regions Bank	256-535-0246

Relocation Assistance	256-876-5397
Retirement Services	256-876-2022
Sexual Assault Hotline	256-924-0795
School Age Center	256-876-6595
School Liaison Office	256-842-9642
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
The Summit at Redstone	256-313-3255
Catering	256-842-9600
Temporary Lodging	256-924-7707
Transition Assistance Program	256-313-6481
Unit Funds	256-876-2501
Veterinary Services	256-876-2441
Youth Services	256-876-5437
Youth Sports and Fitness	256-313-3699

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 19th Force Support Squadron: <https://redstone.armymwr.com>

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SOCIAL MEDIA



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People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you do not know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information not to be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.



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U.S. War Department purchased the farmland to build what is now Redstone Arsenal.

1940s: What became Redstone Arsenal began as three separate entities in 1941 and 1942 as part of the War Department's ramp-up for World War II. Huntsville Arsenal manufactured chemicals, Redstone Ordnance Plant (later Redstone Arsenal) manufactured munitions and the Huntsville Chemical Warfare Depot (later Gulf Chemical Warfare Depot) stored the conventional and chemical-filled munitions before they were shipped out.

When World War II ended, the focus shifted from production to demilitarization and salvaging munitions along with deactivating the arsenal's huge manufacturing facilities. Some empty buildings were even leased to private enterprise. Designated the home of Army missiles in 1948, Redstone dropped from a peak World War II employment of more than 19,000 to a little-used post of a few hundred workers.

By 1949, the Army Corps of Engineers tried to sell part of the arsenal, but the sale effort was halted by the Army's decision to consolidate its rocket and guided missile missions at Redstone in 1948 and 1949.

1950s: With the arrival of aerospace engineer von Braun and his rocket team from Fort Bliss in 1950, the arsenal became the center of Army missile and rocketry. During this decade, Redstone's scientists, engineers and technicians transformed numerous weapon systems such as the Redstone, Jupiter, Hawk, Pershing, Nike Ajax and Nike Hercules from ideas into realities. During this time the von Braun team also made significant contributions to the nation's space effort while working for the Army. Most notable was the Army's launching of America's first satellite, Explorer I, into space in January 1958. This and other Army achievements helped lay the foundation for U.S. space exploration.

1960s: To support the newly formed NASA, a large number of Army employees, land and facilities supporting space and rocket programs were transferred to the program, and the Marshall Space Flight Center was created. Army work continued to focus on developing and sustaining ground and air defense missile systems with a focus on the Cold War and maintaining a technological edge over Soviet systems. Meanwhile, MSFC concentrated on putting a man on the moon. Rocket-motor test stands roared as MSFC worked around the clock to achieve manned space flight. The Saturn V rocket that eventually carried the three American astronauts to the moon in 1969 was based on work performed at Redstone Arsenal.

1970s and 1980s: As the Cold War continued, Redstone Arsenal pursued development of advanced weapon systems and training service members on maintenance and repair. These systems included the Pershing II, Chaparral, Multiple Launch Rocket System, Patriot and Avenger.

After retiring the Apollo space missions, MSFC continued to focus on propulsion systems, space station operations and other programs including the Skylab space station, Space Shuttle development for routine space access and Spacelab 1.

In 1988, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission transferred the Test, Measurement and Diagnostics Equipment Center from Lexington, Kentucky, to Redstone and sparked a renewed era of growth.

1990s: The Space Shuttle program throughout the 1990s was NASA's workhorse and included delivery of the Hubble Space Telescope, which was developed at the Marshall Space Flight Center. BRAC 1991 brought materiel and logistics readiness activities from Lexington and San Francisco's Presidio, which merged and became Army Materiel Command's Logistics Support Activity. Initially, the Armament, Munitions and Materiel Command also was to relocate to Redstone, but this decision was reversed in BRAC's 1993 round. Subsequent BRAC changes in 1995 realigned multiple Army aviation activities and commands from St. Louis, merging them with Redstone Arsenal's Missile Command and other missile-centric centers.

2000s: Redstone Arsenal — and the local community — saw tremendous growth as the largest BRAC changes to date took hold. BRAC 2005 brought the Army Materiel Command's four-star headquarters, Space and Missile Defense Command's three-star headquarters, the majority of DOD's Missile Defense Agency and the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command's two-star headquarters from Northern Virginia. The Aviation Technical Test Center moved from Fort Rucker, Alabama, and merged with the Redstone Technical Test Center to become Redstone Test Center. The Second Recruiting Brigade and 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion were also moved from Fort Gillem, Georgia, to Redstone.

Significant growth also occurred apart from the BRAC process. The newly activated Army Contracting Command and Expeditionary Contracting Command, realignment of Justice Department's explosives research and analytical centers for the FBI and ATF, and new programs within existing organizations also brought growth and added to the diverse and dynamic missions found only at Redstone Arsenal.

ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. ARMY

MATERIEL COMMAND

U.S. Army Materiel Command is the Army's primary logistics and sustainment command, developing and delivering materiel readiness solutions to ensure globally dominant land force capabilities. As one of four Army Commands, Army Materiel Command synchronizes and integrates the Army's total capabilities in support of the Chief of Staff of the Army's priorities and Combatant Command requirements. As the Army's Lead Materiel Integrator, Army Materiel Command manages the global supply chain, synchronizing logistics and sustainment activities across the Army.

The command's complex missions range from manufacturing and maintenance to transportation and technological upgrades. From centralizing installation management and all classes of supply and sustainment functions under one command to better support Army readiness. To managing the Army's arsenals, depots and ammunition plants to maintaining Army Prepositioned Stocks, both on land and afloat, Army Materiel Command assures supply availability — ensuring America's fighting force has the right equipment in the right location and the right time. The command is headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, and is one of the Army's largest commands with more than 190,000 military, civilian and contractor employees, impacting all 50 states and more than 150 countries.



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U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND – REDSTONE DETACHMENT & LOGISTICS READINESS CENTER

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC), headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, Illinois, maintains significant presence at Redstone Arsenal. Its Redstone Detachment is comprised of “horseshoe nail” programs (small in size but big on impact) that assist the readiness enterprise achieve optimum results. These programs are:

- Army Oil Analysis Program (AOAP)
- Army Airlift Clearance Authority (ACA)
- Materiel Readiness Training Division (MRTD)
- Stockage Determination Branch (STB)
- PS Magazine
- Production Support Branch

Other ASC assets located at Redstone Arsenal include the Logistics Readiness Center – Redstone and the U.S. Army Materiel Command Logistics Assistance Program.

U.S. ARMY AVIATION & MISSILE COMMAND

The Aviation and Missile Materiel Enterprise is composed of the Aviation and Missile Command; the Army Contracting Command-Redstone; the Program Executive Office, Aviation; and the Program Executive Office, Missiles and Space.

AMCOM’s mission is to provide and sustain world-class aviation and missile systems to the joint warfighter to support national security and defense strategies.

It and the other members of the Aviation and Missile Materiel Enterprise ensure that the Army’s aviation and missile systems are technologically superior, affordable and ready for the Soldier. AMCOM sustains six of the Army’s major warfighting systems and the majority of its Force Management Support cases.

AMCOM’s USATA is the Army’s functional and technical proponent for the Army-wide Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Calibration and Repair Support Program that provides worldwide calibration support. USATA is also home to the Army Primary Standards Laboratory, a state-of-the-art precision measurement systems facility.

U.S. ARMY SECURITY ASSISTANCE COMMAND

The Security Assistance Command leads the Aviation Missile Command’s Security Assistance Enterprise by building and sustaining U.S. global partnerships; it does this by developing and managing security assistance programs and

foreign military sales for the Army. USASAC is called the Army’s “Face to the World” because it is the primary entry point for U.S. Army materiel and service-related foreign military sales requirements.

USASAC works to build partner capacity, support geographic Combatant Command engagement strategies and strengthen U.S. global partnerships. The command carries out U.S. Army security assistance programs, including sales of military defense items and services to eligible foreign governments. USASAC is responsible for life cycle management of such sales, from pre-letter of request to development, execution and closure.

The U.S. Army Security Assistance Training Management Organization, a subordinate command of USASAC, can deploy teams from its engagement and aviation branches to provide worldwide training tailored to any country for equipment it has purchased.

U.S. ARMY CONTRACTING COMMAND

The Army Contracting Command is a two-star level command with a one-star subordinate command — the Mission and Installation Contracting Command — and six major contracting centers that support AMC’s life cycle management commands and major subordinate commands. These centers also provide contracting support to several program executive offices and program managers that support the Army’s major acquisition programs. ACC also has eight contracting support brigades, 13 contracting battalions and 68 contracting teams stationed throughout the world in support of the Soldier.

ACC’s Soldiers, civilians and contractors support warfighters worldwide by buying equipment, supplies and services vital to our Soldiers’ missions and well-being.

As the Army’s principal buying agent, ACC offers the contracting expertise of some of the best-trained people in the service, ready to support the warfighter while overseeing responsible stewardship of taxpayers’ funds. ACC ensures contracting support to the warfighter as mission requirements emerge and as the Army transforms and moves within the U.S. and globally.

ACC professionals are dedicated to providing the highest quality of contracting support to all customers whenever and wherever needed. A combat multiplier, the Army Contracting Command is doing its part to keep the Army strong.

U.S. ARMY COMBAT CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMAND AVIATION & MISSILE CENTER

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Aviation & Missile, also known as CCDC AvMC, focuses on meeting current and future life cycle needs for aviation and missile systems to support the joint warfighter.

The CCDC AvMC team of more than 9,500 military, civilian and contractor employees has built a reputation for finding creative solutions, rapidly transitioning technologies and providing synergistic expertise to customers and stakeholders who include Program Executive Offices, program managers, Department of Defense and other federal agencies, academia and industry.

CCDC AvMC’s top three priorities include:

- Readiness: Provide aviation and missile systems solutions to ensure victory on the battlefield today
- Future Force: Develop and mature Science and Technology to provide technical capability to our Army’s (and nation’s) aviation and missile systems
- Soldiers and People: Develop the engineering talent to support both Science and Technology and the aviation and missile material enterprise

CCDC AvMC is a valued partner for the joint warfighter because it rapidly provides technology, critical materiel, analyses and system support for about 20 missile systems, 10 aviation platforms, numerous unmanned platforms and other major weapon systems.

LOGISTICS DATA ANALYSIS CENTER

Logistics Data Analysis Center’s (LDAC) mission is to provide timely and integrated life cycle logistics information, knowledge and expertise to Soldiers globally so it can meet its full-spectrum operational requirements.

LDAC maintains the Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW), which is the Army’s official single authoritative logistics data repository, and provides crucial logistics information through analytical tools and business intelligence solutions to effectively acquire, manage, equip and sustain the materiel requirements of the U.S. Army.

LDAC is composed of four centers:

- The Enterprise Integration Center: Technical and Data Experts;
- The Logistics Engineering Center: Strategic Solutions for Acquisition Logistics;
- The Soldier Support Center: LDAC’s Logistics Data and Processes SMEs;



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- The Global Support Center: LDAC's Face to the Field.

LDAC and its functionally diverse centers are involved in the Army's materiel development process. It develops and trains for software applications, standards and policies to ensure a viable Integrated Product Support strategy and programs that optimize system and equipment readiness and availability to meet operational demands.

U.S. ARMY SPACE & MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND/ARMY FORCES STRATEGIC COMMAND

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command serves as the Army Service Component Command to U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Space Command and fulfills the Army's requirement to provide trained and ready space and missile defense professionals and capabilities throughout the joint force. From its split-based headquarters at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, the command oversees vital Army space and missile defense elements around the globe (23 locations/11 time zones).

USASMDC also conducts space and missile defense operations and provides planning, integration, control and coordination of Army forces and capabilities. It is the Army's force modernization proponent and operational integrator for global space, missile defense and high-altitude capabilities. The commanding general is the

senior commander for U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and Fort Greely, Alaska, and the senior Air Defense Artillery officer for the Army.

SMDC is a multi-faceted, multi-component warfighting team of three brigades, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as well as the Technical Center and SMD Center of Excellence. These assets are globally synchronized to provide space and missile defense capabilities supporting the U.S. Army as well as U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Space Command, and U.S. Northern Command.

The 1st Space Brigade provides trained and ready space forces to conduct continuous global space force enhancement, space support, and space control and contingency activities in support of combatant commanders, U.S. government agencies and international partners.

The 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) is a multi-component brigade consisting of active-component Army and Army National Guard Soldiers in Colorado, California and Alaska who defend the homeland from intercontinental ballistic missile attacks.

The U.S. Army Satellite Operations Brigade executes continuous tactical, operational and strategic satellite communications payload management through its Wideband and Narrowband Consolidated SATCOM Systems Experts, Wideband SATCOM Operations Centers, Regional SATCOM Support Centers and an Electromagnetic Interference mitigation detachment across the full spectrum of operations in support of combatant commands, services, U.S. government agencies and international partners.

The Technical Center manages science, technology, research and development. It provides critical technologies that meet today's requirements and address future needs, enabling Warfighter effectiveness in the core competencies of directed energy, space, high altitude systems, cyberspace and missile defense.

The SMD Center of Excellence is the command's architect for future force design. It develops and integrates innovative doctrine, concepts and capabilities; trains and educates agile, adaptive and ready Soldiers and leaders; executes life-cycle management for Army Space Operations Officers (FA 40); develops the Army Space Cadre; and enables informed decision-making through studies, analysis modeling and simulation within the capabilities of Army and Joint Space, Missile Defense, and High Altitude.

SMDC is also the Army proponent for the Army astronaut program.

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AVIATION

Program Executive Office, Aviation (PEO Aviation) leads and executes the life-cycle management for all Army Aviation Weapons Systems. The organization serves Soldiers and our nation by designing, developing, delivering and supporting advanced aviation capabilities for operational commanders and our allies.

PEO Aviation is statutorily responsible for the execution of nine Major Defense Acquisition Programs representing 30% of Army Acquisition, and serves as the Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) for 15 programs of record with a robust portfolio of supporting capabilities. In addition to supporting Combat Aviation Brigades (CABs) and Combatant Commands, PEO Aviation provides critical aviation capabilities to support other U.S. government agencies including the National Guard and Department of Homeland Security. Also, PEO Aviation supports building aviation capacity of approximately 70 partner nations through Foreign Military Sales.

PEO Aviation is best known for the Apache, Black Hawk, Chinook, Gray Eagle and Shadow. It is also known for support systems such as Lakota for aviation training and light utility; the C-12 family of fixed wing; and Non-Standard Rotary Wing aircraft. Aviation Systems products support radio and ground support equipment used across our platforms. PEO Aviation also provides forward-deployed pilots, training and logistics to COCOMs.

PEO Aviation's top priority is to reduce the burden on the Soldier. Our primary emphasis is on effectively delivering enhanced capabilities to commanders so they can continue to execute the challenging missions they perform every day.

The PEO Aviation is the manager for multiple Project Offices including:

- Apache Attack Helicopter Project Office.
- Aviation Systems Project Office.
- Aviation Turbine Engines Project Office.
- Cargo Helicopters Project Office.
- Fixed Wing Aircraft Project Office.
- Future Vertical Lift Project Office.
- Multi National Aviation Special Project Office.
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office.
- Utility Helicopters Project Office.

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE, MISSILES & SPACE

The mission of Program Executive Office Missiles and Space (PEO MS) is to develop, field and sustain Missile and Space Systems for

the U.S. and Coalition Warfighters that Provide a Decisive Battlefield Advantage. To accomplish this, PEO MS provides centralized management for all Army Tactical and Air Defense Missile Programs. To enhance multi-domain warfighting capabilities, PEO MS serves as a key link between the Warfighter and the technology base to ensure that integration and interoperability are achieved with Army programs. To meet the needs of the Warfighter, PEO MS manages eight Project Offices.

- The Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Project Office is responsible for developing, acquiring, fielding and sustaining the IAMD Battle Command System (IBCS) within an overarching construct that supports the integration of current and future sensors and weapons providing an effective IAMD capability at all echelons.
- The Lower Tier Project Office (LTPO) develops, produces, fields and sustains air and missile defense systems to defend the lower tier within the terminal defense segment of the Ballistic Missile Defense System architecture.
- Cruise Missile Defense System (CMDS) is responsible for delivering the materiel solutions that provide Warfighters the ability to detect and defeat Cruise Missiles, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Rotary and Fixed Wing Threats, and Rockets, Artillery and Mortars.
- The Counter-Rocket, Artillery, Mortar (C-RAM) Project Office provides for the overall life cycle management of automated air and missile defense command and control systems, force protection systems-of-systems, and counterfires and counter target acquisition radars.
- The Missile Defense and Space Systems (MDSS) Project Office provides Army acquisition expertise and management for several missile defense and space system related areas.
- The Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems (PFRMS) Project Office provides for the Precision Fires family of launchers and munitions in support of the Warfighter's long-range field artillery requirements.
- The Joint Attack Munition Systems (JAMS) Project Office provides life cycle support for all Army aviation rockets, launchers and missiles.
- The Close Combat Weapon Systems (CCWS) Project Office provides the best capabilities in a timely, reliable and responsive manner in support of Warfighter needs at home and abroad.

In support of the Army Modernization Strategy and the newly established Futures Command, PEO MS directly supports the Long Range Precision Fires and Air and Missile Defense priorities and contributes to the Soldier Lethality, Positioning Navigation Timing, and the Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Teams. It accomplishes this through active Program Manager participation directly within the Cross Functional teams, helping to ensure rapid prototyping and fielding efforts can be properly aligned to longer-term modernization strategy to ensure capabilities can be properly matured and sustained.

**PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
ENTERPRISE INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

*Global Combat Support System -
Army (Aviation Logistics)*

The Global Combat Support System - Army Increment 2 (GCSS – Army INC 2) program was chartered in 2016 and established at Redstone Arsenal, AL. In August 2019, GCSS Army INC 2 and the GCSS-Army Baseline merged into one Product Office headquartered out of Fort Lee, Virginia. GCSS-Army (Aviation Logistics) here at Redstone Arsenal is focused on building onto the existing GCSS-Army Logistics capability to add aviation maintenance and logistics capabilities in the Enterprise for the Army's Fixed-Wing, Rotary-Wing, and Unmanned Aerial Systems fleet.

GCSS-Army Aviation Logistics is broken up into two sub offices:

- Aircraft Notebook (ACN) simplifies the recording of aviation maintenance actions, initiates work and supply requests, leverages reference material from maintenance manuals, and maintains airworthiness in both connected and disconnected environments. The program remains compliant with Army Aviation policy, regulation, and airworthiness direction. The ACN software application is necessary for completing maintenance activities on U.S. Army aircraft.
- Enterprise Aviation (EAVN) connects ACN to the Army's tactical logistics Enterprise Resource Planning system in order to standardize Business Processes for Aviation data. These standards align line with existing Enterprise Business Processes. EAVN will move ACN data from the flightline to the GCSS-Army Enterprise System. EAVN provides a single logistics solution for Aviation data and offers Senior Leaders/Combatant Commanders near real-time views of Army Aviation assets.

U.S. ARMY REDSTONE TEST CENTER

The Redstone Test Center is a U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command tenant activity on Redstone Arsenal. The center provides cutting-edge test and evaluation support for customers. Its mission is to provide superior technical expertise and state-of-the-art facilities to plan, conduct, analyze and report the results of tests on aviation, missile and sensor systems, subsystems and components.

Services are provided to ensure the safety, performance and reliability of military hardware and embedded software in field operations. To provide the best technical results for the customer's dollar, the center uses the most effective combinations and sequences possible of testing, modeling and simulation. Its strength lies in a skilled workforce dedicated to furnishing the safest and most effective weapons systems to Soldiers.

U.S. ARMY GARRISON – REDSTONE

U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone executes daily operations effectively and efficiently with a qualified and professional workforce of civil service and contractor personnel. Each member of the Garrison strives for excellence to make certain our tenant organizations can execute their peacetime and wartime missions without concern about any interruption in home station support. Workers focus on the installation's continued viability and sustainability, achieved through



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strategic planning and appropriate execution of services and programs.

USAG-Redstone's mission is to operate an installation that assures the success of its joint and interagency team working around the globe and into space.

The garrison maintains over 14 million square feet of administrative and RDT&E building space, 200 miles of roads, eight major test ranges, an airfield, a railhead with two spurs, two barge docks and six gates on the installation. USAG-Redstone is committed to the health, welfare and morale of Soldiers, their families and the civilian workforce.

The Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation, Army Community Services, Religious Support Office and civilian support agencies are crucial providers of services and outreach, performing exceedingly well in a coordinated effort to ensure that resiliency on Redstone Arsenal is sustained. Redstone Arsenal continues to maintain a strong community partnership that has proven beneficial.

2ND RECRUITING BRIGADE

The 2nd Recruiting Brigade recruits for the Active Army and Army Reserve in eight Southeast states and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The brigade's geographical footprint is 362,700 square miles, and it is supported by eight recruiting battalions and 46 recruiting companies. It partners with 930 colleges, 52 ROTC programs, 3,600 high schools and 24 vocational trade schools. Annually, 2nd Recruiting Brigade recruits over 22,700 new Soldiers in support of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

2nd Recruiting Brigade's strategic mission is to expand the Army's influence and external networks through community engagements and partnerships to increase and engage the qualified market. This mission is facilitated by partnering with organizations such as the Association of the United States Army, 100 Black Men of America, Kiwanis International, the League of United Latin American Citizens, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Association for Career and Technical Education.

FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER

Fox Army Health Center provides access to quality and cost-effective primary care for patients while maintaining a state of readiness for mobilization. Fox transformed from a hospital with inpatient services to a primary care health center in January 1996.

Fox is one of several military medical treatment facilities in TRICARE East Region and works with Humana Military, Veterans Affairs

(VA) and other organizations to develop a fully integrated health system within the region. Fox Army Health Center is part of the Regional Health Command – Atlantic, headquartered in San Antonio.

More than 60,000 people rely on FAHC for direct health care, public health and education, occupational medicine and industrial hygiene, among other services. These include active duty and their family members, retirees and their family members, civil servants and contracted personnel.

Patient Centered Medical Home is a new approach to health care that puts the patient at the center of every decision with regard to medical care. The health center's PCMH is composed of three teams: Blue Team, Red Team, and White Team. The Blue Team's mission is to optimize the health, well-being and medical readiness of the "Human Weapon System" through a dedicated approach to Warfighter Medicine. Blue Team's clinic provides physical exams, medical readiness and deployment screenings to support the military's wartime mission.

The Red and White teams provide comprehensive medical care to the beneficiaries of Fox Army Health Center, including adult and family medicine as well as pediatrics and minor outpatient procedures. All TRICARE Prime patients enrolled at FAHC and assigned to this clinic will have a Primary Care Manager who will coordinate any specialty care, thus ensuring continuity, timeliness and appropriateness of referrals. The Advice Nurse system is available after normal business hours.

In addition to a busy outpatient pharmacy service, the clinic offers laboratory and radiological service. The Behavioral Health Division provides mental health treatment. The Wellness Center provides patient and community health education and promotions, environmental health activities and surveillance of communicable diseases. The Health Center employs 197 military and civilian employees and is accredited by the Joint Commission.

U.S. Army Audit Agency

The U.S. Army Audit Agency's mission is to serve the Army's evolving needs by helping senior leaders assess and mitigate risk and by providing solutions through independent internal auditing services for the benefit of Army Soldiers, civilians and families.

The Agency is the Army's internal audit organization, and it plays a critical role in Army governance. The Agency examines all Army operations and programs. Its goal is to be recognized as a model organization with an engaged workforce of respected professionals

who, guided by innovation and integrity, help the Army overcome challenges in high-risk areas.

**TELEPHONE: U.S. Army Audit Agency
Huntsville Field Office:**
256-955-6578/256-955-6256

U.S. ARMY ENGINEERING & SUPPORT CENTER, HUNTSVILLE

The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center serves U.S. forces, their families and the nation by providing specialized technical expertise, global engineering solutions and cutting-edge innovations through centrally managed programs that support national interests.

The center is a major element of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and employs more than 900 people from engineering and support disciplines with an annual payroll of more than \$70 million. Though in Huntsville, it serves the Department of Defense and other government organizations worldwide.

The center's original mission was to support ballistic missile defense, but over time it has expanded into installation support, ordnance and explosives, engineering, chemical demilitarization programs and the Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise.

Its programs are both national and global, broad in scope and require integrated facilities or systems that cross geographical boundaries, require centralized management or require commonality, standardization, multiple-site adaptation or technology transfer.

The center's major directorates aiding its diverse group of global customers are:

- Installation Support and Programs Management.
- Ordnance and Explosives.
- Engineering.
- Chemical Demilitarization.
- Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is a research, development and acquisition agency within the Department of Defense. Its workforce includes government civilians, military service members and contractor personnel in multiple locations across the United States. It is focused on retaining and recruiting a dedicated workforce interested in supporting our national security.

As it develops, tests and fields an integrated Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS), the MDA works closely with the combatant

commands (e.g. Pacific Command, Northern Command, etc.) that will rely on the system to protect the United States, our forward deployed forces, and our friends and allies from hostile ballistic missile attack. The agency works with the combatant commanders to ensure that it develops a robust BMDS technology and development program to address the challenges of an evolving threat. It is also steadily increasing our international cooperation by supporting mutual security interests in missile defense.

The MDA is committed to maximizing the mission assurance and cost effectiveness of our management and operations through continuous process improvement.

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY/MISSILE AND SPACE INTELLIGENCE CENTER

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center produces comprehensive scientific and technical assessments of foreign weapons systems.

The Defense Intelligence Agency’s Missile and Space Intelligence Center assesses foreign missile and space systems for clients, warfighters, weapons developers, homeland security-intelligence and policymakers. The center uses scientific and technical methods to evaluate all sources of intelligence data to determine foreign weapon characteristics, performance and operations so U.S. and allied forces can triumph in current and future conflicts.

In addition, the center projects future trends in foreign weapons systems’ research and development, characteristics and limitations. It also monitors and reports on foreign developments in applied sciences and technologies that have warfare potential and alerts Department of Defense planners and decision-makers of any that could adversely affect U.S. national security.

FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS NASA’S MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

Teams at Marshall Space Flight Center lead some of the nation’s most exciting space endeavors, thanks to their unique expertise in large-scale, complex space systems development and propulsion. Over its more than 50 years of scientific and technological excellence, Marshall has developed a broad portfolio of abilities:

- It performs basic research and develops, tests and sustains propulsion systems for all phases of space transportation, including boost, upper stage and in-space applications.

- Teams at Marshall develop, test and evaluate materials, processes, designs and systems as well as full-up vehicles such as the nation’s new heavy-lift, human-rated Space Launch System for exploration beyond Earth’s orbit.
- It supports NASA in developing large space structures and their supporting space systems, including modules for the International Space Station and now manages all the science work of the astronauts aboard the ISS from a 24/7 Payload Operations Integration Center. Marshall also develops and manages small satellite projects and scientific payloads on a number of different spacecraft.
- Marshall develops, tests and manages scientific instruments, experiments and spacecraft that gather vital information about Earth and space.

ATF — NATIONAL CENTER FOR EXPLOSIVES TRAINING & RESEARCH

The National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) is a multiagency, multiuse facility. ATF conducts training on Redstone Arsenal for military explosives ordnance disposal technicians, State and local bomb technicians, the U.S. Department of State, other Federal and international law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and ATF personnel.

The center has a state-of-the-art Advanced Fire and Arson Training Complex, complete with burn cells, an explosives research laboratory, an electronics laboratory, and a forensic instrument laboratory staffed with chemists and engineers, as well as three explosives ranges on the Arsenal.

NCETR is composed of the Explosives Research and Development Division, the Fire Investigation and Arson Enforcement Division, and the Explosives Enforcement and Training Division, all located on Redstone Arsenal, and the National Canine Division in Front Royal, Virginia. The center manages ATF’s National Response Team, Certified Explosives Specialists, Certified Fire Investigators, Special Agent Canine Handlers (Explosives and Accelerant), and Arson and Explosives Criminal Investigative Analysts (Profilers).

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has continued to grow at Redstone Arsenal as part of its strategy to enhance operations while simultaneously creating numerous synergies across FBI programs.

The Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC) was formally established in 2003 within the FBI’s Laboratory Division as the single source for strategic level improvised explosive device (IED) exploitation. Previously located in Quantico, Virginia, TEDAC relocated to Redstone Arsenal in 2015. TEDAC has developed extensive partnerships throughout the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the international community.

TEDAC is a forward-leaning center utilizing a whole-of-government approach. TEDAC’s interagency and collaborative mission as a strategic exploitation center coordinates law enforcement, the intelligence community, the military, and other government agencies such as ATF and DHS to gather and share information with the primary goal of preventing a terrorist attack. The center has collected and maintains in excess of 1 million IEDs and related materials from around the globe.

TEDAC’s focus remains steadfast in protecting the United States as well as our international partners against terrorist attacks. Its collaborative efforts include:

- Scientific and technical exploitation and examination of IEDs utilizing forensic techniques.
- Production of intelligence products shared with its partners specific to IED attributes, terrorist tactics, techniques and procedures.
- Timely responses to partners’ priority requests for intelligence, device exploitation, data and analysis.
- Forecasts of IED-related threats worldwide based on scientific and technical analysis of the devices.



PHOTO BY MARK DAVIS

- A centralized repository for IED-related material collected through strategic liaisons and partnering.

The FBI's Hazardous Devices School (HDS) is a part of the FBI's Counter IED Section within the Critical Incident Response Group based in Quantico, Virginia. HDS was established in 1971 as a joint operation between the FBI and the United States Army and is the nation's only civilian bomb disposal training facility that certifies all United States public safety bomb technicians in countering IED threats. HDS also works closely with the Counter IED Section's Research and Development team.

In 2016, the FBI assumed full responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the school as well as the development of all curriculum. By leveraging its partnerships with TEDAC and outside agencies, HDS uses intelligence gathered from past, present and emerging threats to drive course curriculum, creating a training environment where technicians are faced with real-world scenarios and are challenged to create real-world solutions.

DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.

HDS offers a variety of training courses to include the initial six-week certification course, a one-week recertification course and multiple advanced training courses. All courses include classroom and hands-on training. By serving as the singular certifying entity, HDS ensures that bomb technicians from multiple federal, state and local bomb squads can come together and seamlessly integrate with each other to address all hazardous situations.

In 2018, the school's 455-acre facility received additional training facilities as well as range upgrades. These facilities provide a variety of venues to create the most realistic training environments possible inclusive of room for advances in technology such as robot operations, specialty threats and advanced IED responses. By providing these types of environments, it affords all technicians the opportunity to receive world-class training to address the ever-changing explosive threat.

Other entities on the Arsenal that support the overall FBI mission include the interim Tennessee Valley Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (TNR CFL) and the National Defense Cyber Alliance (NDCA). The TVRCFL is one of 17 laboratories in the country serving as a full-service, digital forensics laboratory and training center dedicated entirely to the examination of digital evidence. The NDCA will improve national security by protecting our sensitive networks through collaborative strategies and information sharing between the cleared defense contractor community and the U.S. government.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Madison and Morgan counties chapter on Page 18 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Huntsville International Airport-Carl T. Jones Field in Huntsville, Alabama, about 8 miles from Redstone. Transportation is not provided to the arsenal.

SPONSORSHIP

Inform your sponsor of your estimated arrival time and flight information, if applicable, before arrival at Redstone Arsenal.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Redstone Arsenal. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the post and the local area, make lodging arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your

family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit. You can request a welcome packet from Army Community Service at 256-876-5397 or by writing or stopping by ACS in the Pershing Welcome Center from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Building 3443, Honest John Road.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

From Huntsville International Airport-Carl T. Jones Field

From the airport, turn left onto Houston Goodson Way. Turn right (north) onto Glenn Hearn Boulevard SW (Houston Goodson Way SW). Take the ramp onto Interstate 565 (US 72) and head north. Take Exit 14 toward Research Park Boulevard and keep right, following the signs for Redstone Arsenal. Continue onto Rideout Road, then turn left onto Goss Road SW, then right onto Mountain Drive to the main gate.

From Interstate 565

From Interstate 565, take Exit 14 and keep right, following the signs for Redstone Arsenal/Gate 9. Continue onto Rideout Road, then turn left onto Goss Road SW, then right onto Mountain Drive to the main gate.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Military Personnel Division

Building. 3494, Honest John Road

..... 256-842-7091

When you arrive at the post, you must in-process with Military Personnel Division (One Stop) between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you arrive after duty hours, on a weekend or a holiday, report to HHC AMCOM PAC, Building 3494 (One Stop) on the next duty day. All officers, warrant officers and enlisted permanent party Soldiers should report to the Military Personnel Division, Room 114, after signing in with HHC the first duty day. Soldiers should have their Military Personnel and Soldier Readiness File with them.

Newcomers' Information

All Soldiers, DA civilians, and contractors arriving at Redstone Arsenal can obtain Newcomer's information at Army Community Service (256-876-5397) in the Pershing Welcome Center, Building 3443 Aerobee Road.



LODGING

IHG Army Hotels and Candlewood Suites

Check-in: 3440 Aerobee Road,
Huntsville, AL 35808.....256-924-7707
www.ihgarmyhotels.com

**GETTING SETTLED
HEALTH CARE**

Fox Army Health Center

4100 Goss Road
Appointments.....256-955-8888
Pharmacy.....256-955-8888
Refills256-842-7337
Dental care256-876-5200
<https://www.redstone.amedd.army.mil>

The Fox Army Health Center provides comprehensive primary care to the Soldiers, family members, retirees and beneficiaries of the Redstone Arsenal community to improve readiness and promote health.

The health center provides a wealth of medical services, including dentistry, family health, immunizations, lab testing, optometry, physical therapy, radiology, pharmacy, traumatic brain injury, wellness clinic, behavioral health and veterinary services. All eligible beneficiaries can call during duty hours Monday through Friday for an appointment.

Electronically filed prescriptions are accepted from non-military members. Please view the flier at https://www.redstone.amedd.army.mil/docs/misc/pharmacy_escript_document.pdf for instructions on electronic prescriptions, or call 256-313-0300 for assistance. When you get a confirmation that your order has been accepted, come to the pharmacy for pickup.

Dental care is available only to active-duty military. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

NASA/MSFC Medical Center

4249 Morris Road256-544-2390

The Marshall Space Flight Center has its own Occupational Health Clinic. While not a primary care clinic like Fox Army Health Center, the NASA/MSFC Medical Clinic provides voluntary annual physicals for the NASA civil servant workforce. Additionally, it offers monitoring/surveillance physicals for its civil servants and on-site contractors performing hazardous activities. HEMSI paramedics are also on site.

HOUSING

Housing Service Office

302 Hughes Road.....256-876-6666

The Housing Service Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Redstone Arsenal, visit the HSO for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

302 Hughes Road256-876-6666

There are no barracks at Redstone Arsenal. The HSO will provide you with a certificate of non-availability that will allow you to receive basic housing allowance at the without-dependent rate.

Redstone Communities Welcome Center

320 Hughes Road.....256-430-1517
www.redstonefamilyhousing.com

Redstone family housing is privatized. Redstone Communities offers the quality living your family deserves and the pricing and flexibility your family needs. Located at Redstone Arsenal, just minutes from Huntsville, Alabama, Redstone Family Housing is composed of seven distinct, vibrant communities encompassing 354 traditional and renovated homes. For comprehensive information about homes and amenities available in the Redstone privatized housing community, visit the Redstone Family Housing website.

MAIL

Post Office

3710 Aerobee Road.....256-650-1153

The full-service Post Office on post provides window service on weekdays, and the lockbox lobby is always open.

PETS

Veterinary Services

Building 3583.....256-876-2441
<https://www.redstone.amedd.army.mil/Pages/Redstoneveterinaryservices.aspx>

Redstone Veterinary Treatment Facility is professionally staffed by Army Veterinary Corps personnel to provide care for all government-owned animals. It offers wellness services, vaccinations and treatment for sick pets of military families by appointment only. Because of limited staff and resources, veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

Personnel living on Redstone Arsenal must register their dogs and cats with the Veterinary Treatment Facility within three working days of moving into family housing or acquiring the pets. The animals must be current on

vaccinations. Proof of rabies vaccination and microchip must be presented at the time of registration.

Housing may limit the number and breed of pets that can live in on-post housing. Contact on-post housing for more information.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Religion Support Office

.....256-842-2964/2176

The Religious Support Office provides religious/spiritual care for Soldiers, DA civilians, military retirees, families and all others with authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. Worship services; religious education programs for adult, youth and children; music programs; and pastoral care are available at Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road.

The Arsenal's chapel entrance into the chapel features stained glass depicting Gen. George Washington with his soldiers at Valley Forge. The entrance to the sanctuary has the overhead view of the Greek letters of the Alpha and Omega. Fourteen stained glass windows dedicated in July 1992 line the sanctuary and commemorate the 13 original states, while additional windows commemorate high points of U.S. history. For specific information about events, education, etc., contact the chapel team.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Private vehicles do not have to be registered with Redstone Arsenal, but all vehicles on base must be insured and license plates must be current. Alabama state traffic laws apply on base; see the Getting To & Around Madison and Morgan counties chapter on Page 18 for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving base are subject to search.

SERVING YOU

DINING

For hours, menus and special event information, visit <https://redstone.armymwr.com/categories/social-and-dining>.

Greek Gyros Express

Building 114256-876-7957

Brooklyn's Sports Bar

Building 3424, Bowling Center ..256-842-2695

Strike Zone

Building 3424, Bowling Center ..256-842-2695

Clubs at Redstone

Building 130.....256-842-9600
.....256-313-3255

Java Cafe

Building 3443.....256-842-1819



Weeden Mountain Grill

Building 4140, Redstone Golf Course
 256-842-0012

Post Restaurants

Administrative Office..... 256-876-8741
 Software City Cafeteria, Building 6263
 Software City Sandwich &
 Coffee Shop, Building 6264
 Ctrl + Alt + Eat Sandwich &
 Coffee Shop, Building 5400
 Sparkman Center Cafeteria, Building 5302
 Café 5224 & Starbucks Coffee
 AMC HQ Lakeside Cafe, Building 4403

Sustainer Grab-N-Go

Sandwich & Coffee Shop
 Building 4400

FBI, TEDAC Café 4945 & Coffee Shop

Building 4945
 For hours, menus and special event information, visit <https://redstone.armymwr.com>.

EDUCATION

Army Education and Training Center

Building 3495..... 256-876-9761
www.goarmyed.com/public/facility_pages/Redstone_Arsenal_Education_Center

The Education and Training Center provides educational opportunities and counseling services to the military community at Redstone Arsenal. Four colleges and universities are on post: Athens State University, Columbia College, Florida Institute of Technology and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Five others are in the local community: University of Alabama Huntsville, Alabama A&M University, Oakwood University, Calhoun Community College and Drake State Technical College.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Building 4488 (DFMWR Director)
 256-876-2073
<https://redstone.armymwr.com>

Family and MWR is a network of support and leisure services designed to serve the needs, interests and responsibilities of each individual in the Army community and to enhance the quality of their lives, from family, child and youth programs to recreation, sports, entertainment, travel and leisure activities.

Army Community Service

Building 3443..... 256-876-5397
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service>

Army Community Service helps commanders maintain readiness of individuals, families and

communities by developing, coordinating and delivering services that promote self-reliance, resilience and stability. ACS programs include Family Advocacy, New Parent Support Program, Financial Readiness, Exceptional Family Member, Information and Referral, Relocation Assistance, Mobilization/Deployment, Army Family Team Building and Army Family Action Plan. ACS also provides services for Sexual Harassment & Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) and Military and Family Life Counseling (MFLC).

Child Development Centers

<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/childcare>

Child Development Centers offer weekly care for children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. Hourly care can be reserved on a space-available basis. The nationally accredited centers provide a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, cognitive, language and physical development of youngsters.

Child Development Center-Goss Road

Building 3145..... 256-876-7952

Child Development Center-Mills Road

Buildings 5600..... 256-842-5631

School Age Center

Building 3155..... 256-876-6595

Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 3443 256-876-5397
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/efmp>

The Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical and personnel services to families with special needs.

School Support Services

Building 3443..... 256-842-9642
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/school-liaison-officer>

School Support Services, a branch of Child, Youth and School Services, provides Army school-aged youth with the educational opportunities, resources and information they need for academic success.

School Support Services specializes in education transitions and ensures that incoming and exiting families have information about local schools, graduation requirements, after-school services and programs, youth sponsorship programs and homeschooling. It also helps parents better understand the education process, school organization and how best to interact.

School Liaison Office

Building 3443..... 256-842-9642

<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/school-liaison-officer>

The School Liaison Office, under School Support Services, helps deliver the best educational resources and information for your children by building relationships and fostering communication among Army families and the local school community, informing and assisting parents with school transitions and deployment challenges, establishing school and community partnerships, facilitating access to home-schooling resources for parents and providing information about college and other post-secondary opportunities, as well as preparation materials.

Parent Central Services

Building 3443..... 256-876-3704
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/cys-services>

Child and Youth Services (CYS) provides programs and services for children of eligible military and civilian families. Within CYS you can find something to meet your children's needs, whether it is for full-time, or hourly child care, or after-school care, camps, programs for middle schoolers and teenagers, instructional classes, or sports and fitness activities.

Youth Center

Building 3148..... 256-876-5437
<http://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/youth-services>

Youth Sports

Building 3708..... 256-313-3699
<http://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/youth-sports>

Seasonal team sports leagues are offered for children from 5 to 18 years old.

Team sports are offered in partnership with the City of Huntsville Recreation Services; fees vary depending on the sport and include the uniform. All team sports require a sports physical at the time of registration. Sports offered throughout the year may include baseball, soccer, basketball, flag football, tennis, golf and more. All registration takes place at Parent Central Services, Pershing Welcome Center, Building 3443. For registration information, call 256-876-3704.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Redstone Federal Credit Union

Building 3227..... 256-722-3740
www.redfcu.org

Regions Bank

Building 3226..... 256-535-0246
www.regions.com



LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Building 3439 Honest John Road
 256-876-9005
<https://osja.redstone.army.mil>

All services require an appointment except for notaries and powers of attorney. Notaries and powers of attorney are done on a walk-in basis anytime during normal hours.

LIBRARY

Building 3323..... 256-876-4741
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/library>

The Redstone MWR Library is open to everyone in the Redstone Community including military, civilians, retirees and contractors. It has summer reading programs for children and adults as well as an outdoor StoryWalk for children and their parents to enjoy reading a picture book together as they stroll.

PERSHING WELCOME CENTER

Building 3443..... 842-3202
 Army Community Service 876-5397
 Java Café..... 842-1819
 Information, Tickets,
 and Reservations 876-4531
 Leisure Travel 313-0090
 MWR Membership Office 313-4006
 Parent Central Services 876-3704

RECREATION

For information about recreational programs at Redstone Arsenal, visit the Redstone Arsenal Family and MWR online at <https://redstone.armymwr.com/categories/recreation>.

Challenger BINGO

Building 1500..... 256-955-3727
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/challenger-bingo>

Participants must be at least 19 years of age to play, and all guests are welcome. Guests must pay a guest fee and be signed in.

The Links at Redstone Golf Course

Building 4140..... 256-842-7977
<http://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/golf-course>

This is a regulation 18-hole golf course with a driving range, pitching and putting greens, a pro shop, golf lessons, a snack bar and a grill.

Fitness Centers

<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/fitness>
 MWR Sports, Fitness, & Aquatics has two fitness centers (COL Stephen Scott Fitness Center & Pagano Gym) and an indoor lap swimming pool, the Redstone Aquatics Center.

Col. Scott Fitness Center

Building 4460..... 256-955-6844
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/fitness>

Pagano Gym

Building 3474..... 256-876-6701
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/fitness>

Aquatics Center

Building 3705..... 256-313-1200
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/aquatics-center>

Information, Ticket and Reservations Office

Building 3443..... 256-876-4531
<http://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/itr>

The ITR office inside the Pershing Welcome Center offers discount tickets to local and regional attractions such as theme parks, historic and cultural sites and special events. Regularly discounted tickets include Disney World, SeaWorld, Universal Studios Florida, Six Flags Over Georgia and more. Discount tickets are also available to dozens of celebrity theaters, dinner theaters, museums and other attractions. Principal travel destinations include Orlando, Pigeon Forge and Atlanta.

Outdoor Recreation

Building 5139..... 256-876-4868
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>

Outdoor Recreation provides multiple opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors throughout the year through camping, fishing, hunting, canoeing, personalized skeet shooting lessons and other outdoor adventures.

Building 5139 houses Cottage Rental, Storage Rental, and the MWR Frame Shop. Building 5138 houses the Equipment Checkout Program.

Outdoor Recreation emphasizes skill development and opportunities to acquire lifetime leisure abilities; specialists are available to assist with activities such as camping, canoeing, boating, fishing, hunting and more.

And don't forget Outdoor Recreation when it comes to unit organizational days, backyard parties or weekend recreational getaways.

Swimming Pools

Aquatics Center, Building 3705 ... 256-313-1200
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/swimming-pool>
 Outdoor Pool 3 (Goss Road)..... 256-876-6713

Redstone Lanes Bowling Center

Building 3424..... 256-842-2695
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/bowling-center>

Strike up family fun at the bowling center. Shoe rental, bowling leagues, professional instruction and a snack bar are available.

Flying

Building 4828..... 256-876-6962
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/flying-activity>

Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity is northern Alabama's premier flying club where individuals in the authorized patron category can learn to fly or take their rating to a higher level. Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity offers safe, low-cost flying lessons, professionally certified flight instructors, pilot-related equipment and services. Resources include a low-traffic 7,200-foot runway and a control tower staffed during daylight.

Automotive Skills Center

Building 3617..... 256-955-7727
<https://redstone.armymwr.com/programs/auto-skills>

Do your own automobile maintenance at the center using its stalls, lifts and tools. It also offers auto classes for do-it-yourselfers and mechanics if you prefer to leave the repairs in expert hands.

MWR Auto Detailing

..... 256-876-3900
 Have your car hand washed and detailed at the Auto Detailing Shop located on the corner of Goss/Vincent Roads. Services include, but not limited to: hand wash, vacuum, glass cleaning, tire rim cleaning, exterior wax, engine detail, leather conditioning, headlight restoration, and more. This facility is by appointment only. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment.

SHOPPING

Redstone Arsenal Commissary

Building 3224..... 256-876-3517
www.commissaries.com

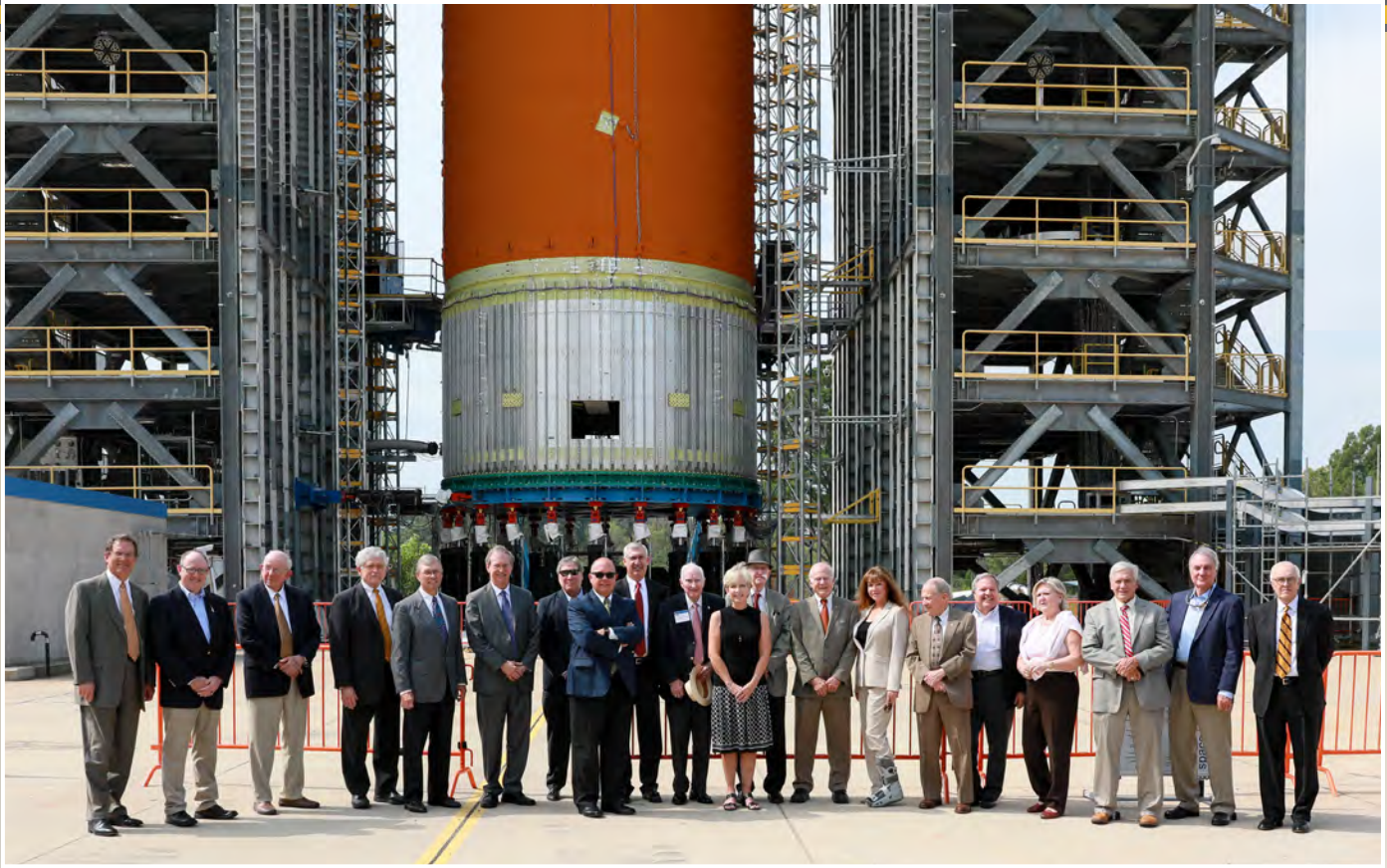
Save an average of 30 percent of your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the Commissary. In-store amenities and specialties include a bakery, a deli, fresh sandwiches to go, party cakes, plants, sushi and rotisserie chicken.

Redstone Arsenal Main Exchange

www.shopmyexchange.com
 Redstone Arsenal Exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours of operation for services outside of the Main Exchange vary so call or visit the website for detailed information.

Main Exchange

Building 3220..... 256-883-6100



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Welcome

to Madison and Morgan counties

SITUATED IN THE HEART of the Tennessee River Valley, Madison and Morgan counties lie amid the rolling hills and scenic vales of northern Alabama. Nashville, Tennessee, is just 100 miles to the north, with Mississippi to the west, and to the east, Georgia.

Madison County is the state's third-most-populated county with a per capita income second only to Shelby County, Alabama. Madison County has a population of 372,909, according to the 2019 U.S. Census, and is home to Huntsville, the county seat, and the U.S. Army's Redstone Arsenal. Madison County includes 806 square miles stretching from the southernmost ridges of the Appalachians to the Tennessee River.

Morgan County and its county seat, Decatur, lie along the banks of the Tennessee River. Morgan County, which covers 580 square miles, is just southwest of Redstone Arsenal. The county has 119,679 residents, according to the 2019 Census, and offers big-city conveniences with the warmth and charm of a small

community. Decatur, less than 30 minutes from Huntsville, is home to the Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic every Memorial Day weekend.

Madison County is the site of Alabama's top paid tourist attraction, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The space museum celebrates America's space program, which was forged in Huntsville, known as "Rocket City" because Huntsville is where the rockets were developed that put men on the moon. The Huntsville Botanical Garden, a 112-acre flowering oasis, is at the city's heart, and the county also prides itself on its welcoming Southern hospitality, a vibrant culture and arts scene, and local sports teams.

With its location along the Tennessee River, Morgan County offers almost endless opportunities for fishing, boating, water skiing and other outdoor activities. At 35,000 acres, Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge is a grand place to hike the five interpretive trails, observe wildlife, bird-watch, fish, hunt and

boat. Recreation facilities abound: The 750-acre Point Mallard Park and Aquatic Center is in Decatur, and so are numerous golf courses and recreation centers. The state's largest and oldest champion winged elm tree stands along the Green Mountain Nature Trail.

Both counties offer a favorable cost of living and quality of life, excellent schools and universities, beautiful neighborhoods, top-notch health care, shopping, dining and nightlife for residents to explore.

HISTORY

Madison and Morgan counties were carved out of lands acquired from the Chickasaw and Cherokee nations through treaty after the area was largely depopulated by disease, land disputes and pressure from the U.S. government.

Madison County was established in 1808 by the governor of the Mississippi Territory. It is recognized as the birthplace of Alabama, founded there 11 years later. In 1811, Huntsville, the county seat, became Alabama's first

incorporated town. Twickenham Historic District encompasses one-half of the original Town of Twickenham, Huntsville's first official name. The district is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For much of Madison County's history, the economy rested on agriculture. Madison was one of the largest cotton-producing counties in the state, and textile mills operated across the county.

This changed when a group of German rocket scientists, led by Wernher von Braun, came to Redstone Arsenal in 1950. They developed, among others, the Redstone rocket, which was modified to launch the first two Americans into space. Tens of thousands of jobs flowed into the area as a result of the Space Race with the then-Soviet Union, and the population of Madison County grew from 72,903 in 1950 to more than 350,000 today.

Morgan County was created by the Alabama Territorial Legislature in 1818 and was originally called Cotaco County for a creek that flows through it. In 1821, it was renamed after Revolutionary War Gen. Daniel Morgan of Virginia. The county seat was Somerville until 1891 when it was transferred to Decatur. Decatur prides itself on its arts-based economy and industrial roots and includes the Alabama Center for the Arts, the Cook Museum of Natural Science and the restoration of the Historic Train Depot.

One of the greatest treasures of both counties is the natural beauty of northern Alabama. Combined with the counties' historical significance, affordability, thriving economy and Southern charm, Madison and Morgan counties are rich with the best that Alabama has to offer.

SAFETY

State of Alabama

Emergency Management Agency
5898 County Road 41
Clanton, AL 35046..... 205-280-2312
<https://ema.alabama.gov>

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordinating the emergency activities of all state departments and agencies with local governments, private agencies, organizations, federal agencies and other state governments for peacetime emergency and disaster situations. These activities include hazard mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery operations. Visit the division's website for a severe weather awareness guide and other preparedness information.

Madison County

Emergency Management Agency
320 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, AL 35801..... 256-427-5130
<http://madisoncountyyema.com>

The Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency is a city-county government agency that provides you with information about Emergency Management, individual emergency preparedness and how we can mitigate the effects of the hazards we face. Visit the office's website for the county's disaster planning guide and other disaster preparedness information.

Morgan County

Emergency Management
302 Lee St. N.E.
Decatur, AL 35601..... 256-351-4620
www.co.morgan.al.us/ema/index.html

Morgan County EMA is dedicated to protecting the health, safety and economic interests

of the residents by reducing the impacts of natural and technological hazards through hazard mitigation planning, awareness and implementation. Visit the department's website for the county's hurricane guide and other disaster preparedness information.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Madison and Morgan counties enjoy warm, sunny days year-round, with mild winters and an average of 4 inches of snow per year. Moderate to high humidity is offset by 200 sunny days each year. The warmest month is July, with an average high of 91 degrees and an average low of 65. The coldest month is January, with an average low of 32 degrees. Both counties get from 50 to 60 inches of rain per year, compared with a U.S. average of 37.

LOCAL HAZARDS

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

Alabama's disaster preparedness and response is managed by the state Emergency Management Agency. It gives residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools valuable information and resources for various emergency scenarios. The website provides information on creating an emergency plan and emergency kit, pet preparedness and disaster preparedness for seniors. For more information about local disaster preparedness, visit <https://ema.alabama.gov>.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County

225 Church St. NW
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-535-2000
www.hsvchamber.org

Decatur-Morgan Chamber of Commerce

515 Sixth Ave. NE
Decatur, AL 35601 256-353-5312
www.dcc.org



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HUNTSVILLE/MADISON COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Getting To & Around

Madison and Morgan counties

MADISON AND MORGAN COUNTIES link easily to other parts of Alabama and to neighboring Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia via major highways. Nashville, Tennessee — Music City USA — is only 100 miles to the north, on Interstate 65, and Atlanta is 185 miles to the southeast, on U.S. Highway 72 and I-75.

For those flying, there are four major airports within 200 or so miles — two in Alabama and two in Tennessee — with numerous air carriers.

Both counties have public transportation, and the area is also served by a Greyhound Bus Station.

AIRPORTS

Huntsville International Airport — Carl T. Jones Field

1000 Glenn Hearn Blvd.
Huntsville, AL 35824 256-772-9395
www.flyhuntsville.com

Huntsville International Airport is about 11 miles from Redstone Arsenal and is the largest commercial airport in northern Alabama,

servicing more than 1.2 million passengers annually. It provides nonstop service to Atlanta; Charlotte, North Carolina; Chicago; Dallas; Houston; Denver; and Washington, D.C. The airport's major passenger carriers include American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, limo and rental car service. Rental car counters and other ground transportation options are on the first floor in the baggage claim area. The airport is served by eight rental car companies.

Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

5900 Messer Airport Highway
Birmingham, AL 35212 205-595-0533
www.flybirmingham.com

Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport is about 78 miles from Redstone Arsenal, serving just under 2.7 million passengers annually. The airport is served by American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and United.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, limo and rental car services on the ground level of the parking deck. There are nine rental car companies.

Nashville International Airport

One Terminal Drive, Suite 501
Nashville, TN 37214 615-275-1675
www.flynashville.com

Nashville International Airport is 121 miles from Redstone Arsenal. Serving more than 11.6 million passengers annually, Nashville International is one of the fastest growing airports in the country. It is served by Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines and WestJet.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, limo and rental car services. The airport is served by 10 rental car companies.

Memphis International Airport

2491 Winchester Road, No. 113
Memphis, TN 38116 901-922-8000
www.mscaa.com

Memphis International Airport is 190 miles from Redstone Arsenal. Major airlines include American Airlines, Frontier Airlines, United, Delta Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, limo and rental car services. The airport is served by nine rental car companies. To get to the Ground Transportation Center, where rental car services are located, start in Terminal B and go one level below baggage claim to the lowest level, using an escalator or elevator. Follow signs that read Economy Parking/Rental Cars.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

North Central Alabama Regional

Council of Governments

Regional Transit Agency

216 Jackson St. SE
Decatur, AL 35601 256-580-2088
www.narcog.org/serving-communities/transportation

NARCOG provides transportation planning for communities in the rural areas of the region outside of the Decatur metropolitan area. For more information on fares and service area, visit the NARCOG website.

Huntsville Shuttle Bus System

500B Church St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-427-6811
www.huntsvilleal.gov/development/streets/public-transportation

Huntsville’s bus system, Orbit, provides service on 10 routes within Huntsville from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturday fixed route service runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The system also serves handicapped passengers.

For more information about fares and schedules, visit the website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Madison and Morgan counties are traversed by two U.S. highways and various state routes.

Interstate 565 is a 22-mile interstate spur that connects I-65 in Decatur with U.S. Route 72 in Huntsville. I-565 serves the cities of Decatur, Madison and Huntsville and also provides the route to Redstone Arsenal as well as Huntsville International Airport.

Within Madison County, U.S. 231 pairs with unsigned State Route 53 from Huntsville to the southeastern corner of Alabama and pairs with U.S. 431 north to Tennessee.

Within Morgan County, I-65 meanders across 367 miles of the Alabama countryside joining six of the state’s 10 largest cities. The highway links many important roadways that make commerce inside and outside the state’s boundaries possible. It starts at Interstate 10

near Mobile. The route passes through the major cities of Montgomery, Birmingham and Decatur before crossing into Tennessee near the town of Ardmore.

Alabama Department of Transportation

1409 Coliseum Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36110 334-353-6554
www.dot.state.al.us

State of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

Licensing Bureau
P.O. Box 1471
Montgomery AL 36102 334-353-1470
<https://www.alea.gov/dps/driver-license>

Redstone Arsenal
Building 3220
Huntsville, AL 35808 256-539-0681

Madison County
1115-A Church St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-539-0682

Morgan County Courthouse
402 Lee St.
Decatur, AL 35601 256-351-4665

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency’s Driver License Division issues driver’s licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find general information at www.alea.gov/dps/driver-license.

Driver’s Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Alabama from elsewhere may

continue to drive with a valid driver’s license from their home state. They are not required to obtain an Alabama driver’s license while stationed in Alabama, even if their assignment in Alabama may be of long duration.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its Alabama Driver Manual, which can be downloaded at www.alea.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/driverlicensemanual.pdf.

Distracted Driving

Except for novice drivers, Alabama does not prohibit drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. However, because localities are allowed to enact their own cellphone laws, making or receiving calls without a hands-free device may be illegal in some towns. Texting while driving is prohibited in Alabama.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at <https://revenue.alabama.gov/forms>, including DMV forms, requests for driving records and more.

Alabama Department of Transportation

www.dot.state.al.us
Visit the Alabama Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, and to view live traffic cameras.



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Housing & Real Estate

in Madison and Morgan counties

A LOW COST OF living, affordable housing, abundant recreational opportunities and high-quality jobs in Madison and Morgan counties contribute to an exceptional quality of life there. Madison County, which includes Huntsville, is the center of population and economic growth in the metropolitan area. In 2019, an estimated 372,909 people called Madison County home; about 119,679 resided in Morgan County, according to the U.S. Census.

Redstone Arsenal, in Madison County, is the largest employer in the metropolitan area, employing 35,500 people, many of whom choose to live in the surrounding communities, according to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's 2015 Housing Market Profiles. NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center employs 6,000 people.

Many people employed at Redstone Arsenal fall in love with the Tennessee Valley Region and choose to stay after retirement. Redstone reports that about 150,000 retirees and their families reside in the North Alabama area.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Alabama Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and services. Visit www.alabamarealtors.com to find expertise and professional services for those interested in purchasing a new home.

MADISON COUNTY

Recognized as the birthplace of Alabama, the county's economic history has revolved around agriculture. Madison County was one of the largest cotton-producing counties in the state, but that changed in 1950 when a group of German rocket scientists, led by Wernher von Braun, arrived at Redstone Arsenal.

As the state's fastest-growing metropolitan area and the third-most-populated county, Madison County's population is projected to increase even more over the next several years.

Madison County covers 813 square miles in northern Alabama. The southern and eastern portions of the county are dominated by the dissected remnants of the Cumberland Plateau. Nearby is Monte Sano Mountain — Spanish for “mountain of health” — which rises nearly 1,000 feet above the floor of the Tennessee Valley. Monte Sano State Park lies on its eastern slopes. The northern and western portions of the county are flatter. Morgan County lies to the southwest, Jackson County to the east, Marshall County to the southeast and Limestone County to the west.

The county boasts trails for exploring Monte Sano State Park, with adjoining trails to one of the largest trail systems in the state. For more information, check out a Madison County trails website at www.bamatrails.com/pages/madison-county-trails.asp.

Communities in Madison County near Redstone Arsenal include Huntsville, Madison and New Hope.

Huntsville

308 Fountain Circle
 Huntsville, AL 35801256-427-5000
www.huntsvilleal.gov

Centrally located in Madison County and extending west into neighboring Limestone County, Huntsville lies in the northernmost part of Alabama. Huntsville is part of the greater Tennessee Valley Region and Madison County. It is nestled between the Tennessee River and the Appalachian Mountains, which provide a varied terrain of mountains and valleys that hold valuable water resources. Huntsville is the county seat.

Huntsville sits 9 miles northeast of Redstone Arsenal and NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center. Huntsville’s relationship with Redstone Arsenal spans seven decades and is an enduring economic success story of a partnership that strongly supports the U.S. Army mission and the quality of life of soldiers, veterans and civilians who call this region home.

The city’s 209 square miles are home to 200,574 residents, according to 2019 Census estimates.

Technology, space and military defense industries are a major presence in Huntsville with Redstone Arsenal, NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center and Cummings Research Park. The community has a large defense sector and a diverse and broad-based market of other industrial sectors. Huntsville ranked No. 1 on the list of “Best Affordable Places to Live” by Livability in 2016.

Newcomers to the community will find that housing is readily available and affordable. Median gross rent in 2019 was \$804 a month, and median selected owner costs with a mortgage were \$1,2535. Mean travel time to work is 19 minutes.

Madison

100 Hughes Road
 Madison, AL 35758256-772-5644
www.madisonal.gov

Just 6 miles northwest of Redstone Arsenal, Madison is known for its high-quality schools, well-educated residents and high-tech companies.

More than 1,000 businesses call Madison home, enjoying a low cost of doing business, educated professionals and a hard-working labor force. The largest employers include Intergraph Corp., STI and Tyonek and other growing corporations.

Today, Madison is one of the fastest-growing cities in the southeastern United States, with one of the highest per capita incomes and a



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school system that is recognized for scholastic excellence.

Madison is 29 square miles with an estimated population of 51,593 in 2019, according to the U.S. Census. Median gross rent was \$887 in 2019, and median selected owner costs with a mortgage were \$1,595 a month. Mean travel time to work is just under 20 minutes.

New Hope

5484 Main Drive
 New Hope, AL 35760256-723-2616
www.cityofnewhope.org

Originally named Cloud’s Town in 1829 by its founder, William Cloud, the settlement was incorporated in 1832 as Vienna. The town was destroyed during the Civil War, and all that survived was the post office and Masonic Lodge. From that destruction, the town was rebuilt and named New Hope, taking its name from the local New Hope Methodist Church, since there was already a post office called Vienna.

New Hope lies 24 miles southeast of Redstone Arsenal and boasts a population of about 2,900 people — a quiet, laid-back community in which to live and work.

MORGAN COUNTY

Situated amid rolling hills and scenic valleys of the Tennessee River, Morgan County covers nearly 600 square miles in the northcentral part of Alabama. The county seat and largest city is Decatur. Morgan County lies just southwest of Redstone Arsenal. In 2019, about 119,700 people called Morgan County home, according to the U.S. Census.

Today the county has a strong industrial base with one full industrial park and another that is beginning to fill. The county is increasing its technology base, and major retail chains have located here.

For more information about Morgan County, go to www.co.morgan.al.us.

Communities in Morgan County near Redstone Arsenal include Decatur and Hartselle.

Decatur

402 Lee St. NE
 Decatur, AL 35601256-341-4500
www.decaturlabamausa.com

Decatur straddles Morgan and Limestone counties in northern Alabama. Known as “River City,” Decatur lies along the Tennessee River, on the banks of Wheeler Lake. Decatur is Morgan County’s largest city and the county



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seat with an estimated population of 54,445, according to the U.S. Census in 2019. Decatur covers nearly 54 square miles.

Median gross rent was \$645 in 2019, and median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage were \$1,056. Mean travel time to work is 19 minutes.

Hartselle

200 Sparkman St. NW
Hartselle, AL 35640.....256-773-2535
www.hartselle.org

Hartselle is the second-largest city in Morgan County, about 10 miles south of Decatur. The town's 16-plus square miles are home to 14,466 people, according to the 2019 Census estimates. Redstone Arsenal is 32 miles to the northeast.

Hartselle was founded in 1870 with the arrival of the South and North Alabama Railroad and is named for George Hartselle, one of the railroad's owners. The post office opened in 1873. The town was incorporated in 1875. Most of the oldest buildings were destroyed by fire in 1916.

Attractions include the Quail Creek Golf Resort and the Hartselle Military Museum, with exhibits from the Revolutionary War to the present. The Chamber of Commerce, in the restored historic Depot Building, offers displays of the region's rich history.

Median gross rent was \$664 in 2019, and median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage were \$1,112. Mean travel time to work is 24 minutes.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to

get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

The website for Legal Services Alabama features handy information about landlord and tenant rights. Find more information online, visit www.alabamalegalhelp.org/issues/housing.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Alabama Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.alabamarealtors.com.

State Programs

Alabama provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit <http://portal.hud.gov>.

Huntsville Programs

Huntsville provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit <https://hsvha.org> or contact the Huntsville Housing Authority at 256-539-0774. The city also offers programs to rehabilitate homes and for first-time home buyers.

The HOME Program partners the Department of Community Development with local businesses and nonprofits to help first-time home buyers obtain quality housing at a reasonable price. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3bK7Lo8>.



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Employment & Economy

in Madison and Morgan counties

THE GREATER TENNESSEE VALLEY regional economy — which includes Madison and Morgan counties — depends heavily on Redstone Arsenal, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and high-tech companies that support defense, aerospace and scientific research. Redstone Arsenal provides the economic engine for the entire region.

Industry clusters identified by the Alabama Department of Labor include aerospace, agriculture, automotive, bioscience, chemical, distribution centers, information technology, robots nanotechnology and manufacturing. Many of those industries are in Madison and Morgan counties.

One of the region's most valuable resources is its concentration of a highly trained and educated workforce. Additionally, educational and research facilities and government laboratories fuel innovation and creativity as well as provide experience for professionals in computer science, mathematics, engineering, science and physics.

Madison County constitutes the industrial center of northern Alabama, anchored by its defense and aerospace sector. Madison County is home to Huntsville, its county seat, and Redstone Arsenal. The county's top employer is Redstone Arsenal. NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and Huntsville Hospital System are also major employers in the county.

Huntsville borders Redstone Arsenal on the north and east. Huntsville, the fastest-growing metropolitan area in Alabama, is expected to grow 9 percent in the next five years, according to Moody's, fueled by manufacturing and technical services.

Morgan County, and its county seat of Decatur, have a diversified industrial base built on the area's proximity to raw materials and easy access to markets. Transportation and Decatur's location on the Tennessee River have played important roles in the county's history, especially in business and industry development and in providing a gateway to markets across the country.

The median age in Madison County is 38 years, and 39 years in Morgan County. Median household income in Madison County is \$63,417, and \$49,907 in Morgan County, according to the 2019 U.S. Census Bureau. Alabama has three brackets for its state income tax with a maximum rate of 5 percent.

Rail and Transit Access

Strategically located along the Tennessee River, Morgan County serves as a major transportation hub for the southeastern United States. The Tennessee River connects North Alabama to the nation's inland waterway system that flows from the Great Lakes and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. From North Alabama, the Tennessee River connects with the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway just across the state line in Mississippi. This waterway provides a 234-mile route to Mobile Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

In Decatur's early history, it was chosen as the eastern terminus for the first railroad line west



of the Appalachian Mountains. This provided a boost to the city’s economy, and a rapid population growth ensued. With two major outlets for industry — the Tennessee River and the Tusculum, Courtland and Decatur Railroad — Decatur became an important industrial hub in Alabama.

Today the region’s economy continues to rely heavily on cargo transit by rail and river, as well as on manufacturing and high-tech industries. Interstate 65 runs north and south through Morgan County, providing a major highway route for cargo.

Madison County is home to Cummings Research Park, one of the world’s leading science and technology business parks. It has 300 companies employing more than 25,000 people. Tenants include Fortune 500 companies, local and international high-tech enterprises, U.S. space and defense agencies and competitive higher-education institutions.

The growth of technology-based companies in Cummings Research Park has benefited hundreds of companies and created thousands of new jobs. Cummings Research Park lies about 5 minutes from Redstone Arsenal and provides quick access to Huntsville International Airport.

Redstone Arsenal

Redstone Arsenal, the largest employer in the metropolitan area, has a workforce of about 44,000 people, including active-duty military, government-employed civilians and contractors. In addition, it supports indirect employment of about 108,000 people in the region and about \$2 billion in infrastructure.

Federal support for the arsenal — provided primarily through Department of Defense activities — funds highly paid civilian positions. It routes billions of dollars each year to Tennessee Valley-area contractors, who generate significant economic activity as they provide goods and services to support the arsenal, according to Huntsville’s 2016 Community Information Report.

By funding substantial research in engineering and aerospace, Redstone Arsenal has helped Huntsville develop a labor force with a high concentration of engineers and knowledge-industry professionals.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or

military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

Alabama Department of Labor

649 Monroe St.
Montgomery, AL 36131 334-242-8620
<https://alabamaworks.com>

Alabama Works maintains an internet portal for job seekers looking for work and for employers needing workers. The website serves as a one-stop employment and training service. Job hunters can get help in job preparation and exploring careers, labor market information, job fairs and unemployment insurance information. Job hunters can get help in job preparation and exploring careers, labor market information, job fairs and unemployment insurance information. Most cities, including Decatur and Huntsville, have a workforce center.

State of Alabama

State Personnel Department
300 Folsom Administrative Building
64 N. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130 334-353-3492
www.personnel.alabama.gov

Employment opportunities with the state of Alabama are posted online. Click “Career Opportunities” for current job listings and find other helpful info for completing a job application and applying in person, by mail, by fax or online.

Madison County

100 Northside Square
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-532-3614
www.madisoncountyhr.org

Madison County employs more than 1,000 people in its workforce. Jobs are posted online with benefits information, and applications are available for download with submission instructions.

Morgan County

Human Resources
302 Lee St. NE
Decatur, AL 35601 256-301-8700
www.co.morgan.al.us

Current job openings are posted on the website, and applications are available for download with submission instructions. For questions or comments, email HRDirector@co.morgan.al.us.

City of Huntsville

Human Resources
308 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-427-5240
www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/jobs

Huntsville is a major employer in the area, with about 1,925 full-time workers. Click on “Job Openings” for a list of available jobs,

frequently asked questions and job specifications. You can apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in, then clicking on the “Application” link.

City of Madison

Human Resources
100 Hughes Road
Madison, AL 35758256-772-5612
www.madisonal.gov/jobs

Jobs are posted online with benefits information, and applications are available for download with submission instructions.

City of New Hope

5496 Main Drive
New Hope, AL 35760256-723-2616
www.cityofnewhope.org

From the main menu on city’s website, click “Employment” to connect with job opportunities and the city’s online application process.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position. Be aware that many employers now accept only online applications so get comfortable with computers.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor

may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It’s not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don’t take it personally if you’re not notified that you didn’t get the job.

**REDSTONE ARSENAL
CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES**

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Redstone Arsenal. Or visit Redstone Arsenal’s human resources office website for links to job listings at <https://cpac.redstone.army.mil>.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings in lodging, child care, recreation areas and more, call the Redstone Arsenal’s 24-hour NAF hotline at 256-876-7772.

Exchange Jobs

For Base Exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange> and search for Redstone.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Alabama Small Business

Development Center

The Alabama Small Business Development Center network is a statewide program to enhance economic growth in Alabama by providing management and technical assistance to small businesses. Certified business counselors are available in 10 Small Business Development Centers at member university partners across the state. Visit www.asbdc.org or visit the Alabama Small Business Development Center at 621 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. Call 205-348-1582 for more information.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov’s Small Business website. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS		
Madison County		
Company	Industry	Employment
1. Redstone Arsenal	Federal Government	37,000
2. NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center	Federal Government	6,500
3. Huntsville Hospital	Health Care	6,341
4. Huntsville City Schools	Education	3,000
5. Boeing Co.	Aviation	2,900
6. Madison County Schools	Education	2,389
7. Science Applications International Corp.	Aerospace, Systems	2,229
8. City of Huntsville	Local Government	2,277
9. University of Alabama Huntsville	Higher Education	1,660
10. ADTRAN Inc.	Telecommunications Manufacturing	1,549
<small>Source: Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, June 2016</small>		
Morgan County		
Company	Industry	Employment
1. GE Appliances	Appliances	1,381
2. Wayne Farms Prepared Foods	Chicken Processing	1,151
3. Wayne Farms Fresh	Chicken Processing	960
4. 3M	Industrial Chemicals	750
5. United Launch Alliance	Rocket Boosters	720
6. Nucor Steel	Steel Mill	620
7. Gemstone Foods	Poultry Processing	486
8. Indorama Ventures Xylenes & PTA	Terephthalic Acid	425
9. Daikin America	Fluoropolymers	405
10. Toray Composite Materials America	Polyacrylonitrile	329
<small>Source: Morgan County Economic Development Association</small>		



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Health Care

in Madison and Morgan counties

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Madison and Morgan counties for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making

sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a list of county health department clinics in Alabama, visit the Alabama Department of Public Health website at www.alabamapublichealth.gov and click the "Health Departments" pulldown tab, then select Madison or Morgan County for the clinics in your area.

DENTAL CARE

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama website, www.dentalboard.org, is a good place to start in finding a dentist. Select the "Public" pulldown tab from the home page and select an option under "License Lookup" to find or verify a dentist or hygienist. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Oral Health Office of Alabama Public Health can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the American Board of Family Medicine's online directory at www.theabfm.org. You can browse for a provider by type or by location. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners & Medical Licensure Commission at www.albme.org or call 334-242-4166.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Madison and Morgan counties are served within the Veterans Integrated Service Network 7 (VISN 7) — the Southeast VA Health Care Network — with the nearest major medical center in Birmingham, about 90 minutes from Redstone Arsenal. VISN 7 serves about 500,000 veterans each year with nine medical centers and community-based outpatient clinics throughout Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. The closest community outpatient clinic is in Huntsville.

Birmingham VA Medical Center

700 S. 19th St.
 Birmingham, AL 35233 205-933-8101
www.birmingham.va.gov

The Birmingham VA Medical Center is a 313-bed facility in the historic southside district of the city. The facility provides acute tertiary medical and surgical care to veterans of Alabama and surrounding states. The center provides health care services to eligible veterans in VISN 7.

The medical center serves as a referral center for this population area with 131 operating beds. Recent construction provides state-of-the-art facilities and equipment in all clinical programs. Care is provided in many medical and surgical specialties and subspecialties. Most staff physicians have joint appointments with VA and its primary affiliation, the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The BVAMC operates eight community-based outpatient clinics in North Alabama. For a list of clinics, visit www.birmingham.va.gov.

Huntsville VA Clinic

500 Markaview Drive NW
 Huntsville, AL 35805 256-535-3100

VA Southeast Network (VISN7)

3700 Crestwood Parkway, Suite 500
 Duluth, GA 30096 678-924-5700
 VA Suicide Lifeline 800-273-8255

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs

Madison County Vet Center

415 Church St., Bldg. H, Suite 101
 Huntsville, AL 35801 256-539-5775
va.alabama.gov

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for Alabama's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

It operates two service offices in the area:

Madison County Service Office

115-B Washington St.
 Huntsville, AL 35801 256-532-1662



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Morgan County Service Office

Morgan County Courthouse
 302 Lee St. NE, First Floor
 Decatur, AL 35602 256-351-4636

HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Huntsville Hospital

101 Sivley Road
 Huntsville, AL 35801 256-265-1000
www.huntsvillehospital.org

Decatur Morgan Hospital

1201 Seventh St. SE
 Decatur, AL 35601 256-973-2000
 1874 Beltline Road
 Decatur, AL 35603 256-973-6000
www.decaturmorganhospital.net

Decatur Morgan Hospital (West campus-Behavioral Medicine)

2205 Beltline Road SW
 Decatur, AL 35603 256-973-4000

Madison Hospital

8375 Highway 72 W
 Madison, AL 35758 256-265-2012
www.madisonhospital.org

Heart Center Inc.

930 Franklin St.
 Huntsville, AL 35801 256-539-4080
www.theheartcenter.md

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Family Resources

in Madison and Morgan Counties

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware

www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top

goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Alabama Department of Human Resources

Gordon Persons Building, Suite 2104

50 N. Ripley St.

Montgomery, AL 36130.....334-242-1310

www.dhr.state.al.us

The Alabama Department of Human Resources is responsible for the protection, well-being and self-sufficiency of Alabama's children and adults. The department's programs include adult protective services, child protective services, food assistance, child support, adoption,



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foster care, family assistance, family services and child care.

Madison County Children’s Services

2206 Oakwood Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35810..... 256-427-6200
<https://dhr.alabama.gov/family-services>

The Alabama Department of Human Resources’ website has information on family programs and services, child support, day care, family and children’s services, child welfare and food assistance for residents in Madison County.

Morgan County Children’s Services

507 14th St. SE
Decatur, AL 35601 256-301-8800
<https://dhr.alabama.gov/family-services>

Go to the state department of human resources’ website for information about adult and child protective services, food assistance, child support, adoption and foster care, family assistance and services and child care in Morgan County.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil
Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org
Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free

transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org
Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That’s My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans’ return to civilian life after completing their military service. Visit the USO’s website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip’s contact information up-to-date.

Your pet faces new outside dangers in Alabama, such as alligators and snakes. Six species of venomous snakes, including rattlesnakes, cottonmouths, coral snakes and copperheads, pose a danger for a dog in wooded and watery areas. Keep your dog on a short leash in wooded areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Alligators pose another threat. They live wherever there is water, so avoid allowing your dog to walk around or swim in unknown waters.

Animal Services

Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Outdoor Alabama..... 334-242-3469
www.outdooralabama.com

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources advises the governor and Legislature on management of freshwater fish, wildlife, marine resources, state lands, state parks and other natural resources.

Madison County Animal Control
100 Hughes Road
Madison, AL 35758 256-722-7190
www.madisonal.gov/index.aspx?NID=369
Animal shelter 256-722-5694

Madison Animal Control is part of the Madison Police Department and is responsible for protecting the residents and domesticated animals of Madison. The agency website includes links for how to adopt a pet, how to license your pet, how to report a barking dog and how to report animal abuse or a lost animal.

Huntsville Animal Services

4950 Triana Blvd. SW
Huntsville, AL 35805..... 256-883-3782
www.huntsvilleal.gov/environment/animal-services

Huntsville Animal Services provides care for pets at its adoption facility. Other services include animal control, spay and neuter programs, and enforcement of animal ordinances and laws. To volunteer at the shelter, call 256-883-3794.

Morgan County Animal Control

1314 Industrial Drive SE
Hartselle, AL 35640..... 256-773-2934
www.co.morgan.al.us/animalcontrolindex.html

Morgan County Animal Control runs the animal shelter for the county and is responsible for complaints concerning dogs and cats, from picking up strays to dog bites, abuse and injured animals.

Decatur Animal Services

300A Beltline Road SW
Decatur, AL 35601 256-341-4790
www.decaluralabamause.com/departments/animal-services

Decatur Animal Services is a municipal animal shelter responsible for cruelty investigations and enforcing animal ordinances; programs include adoptions, education, volunteerism and rescue.

Pets for Patriots

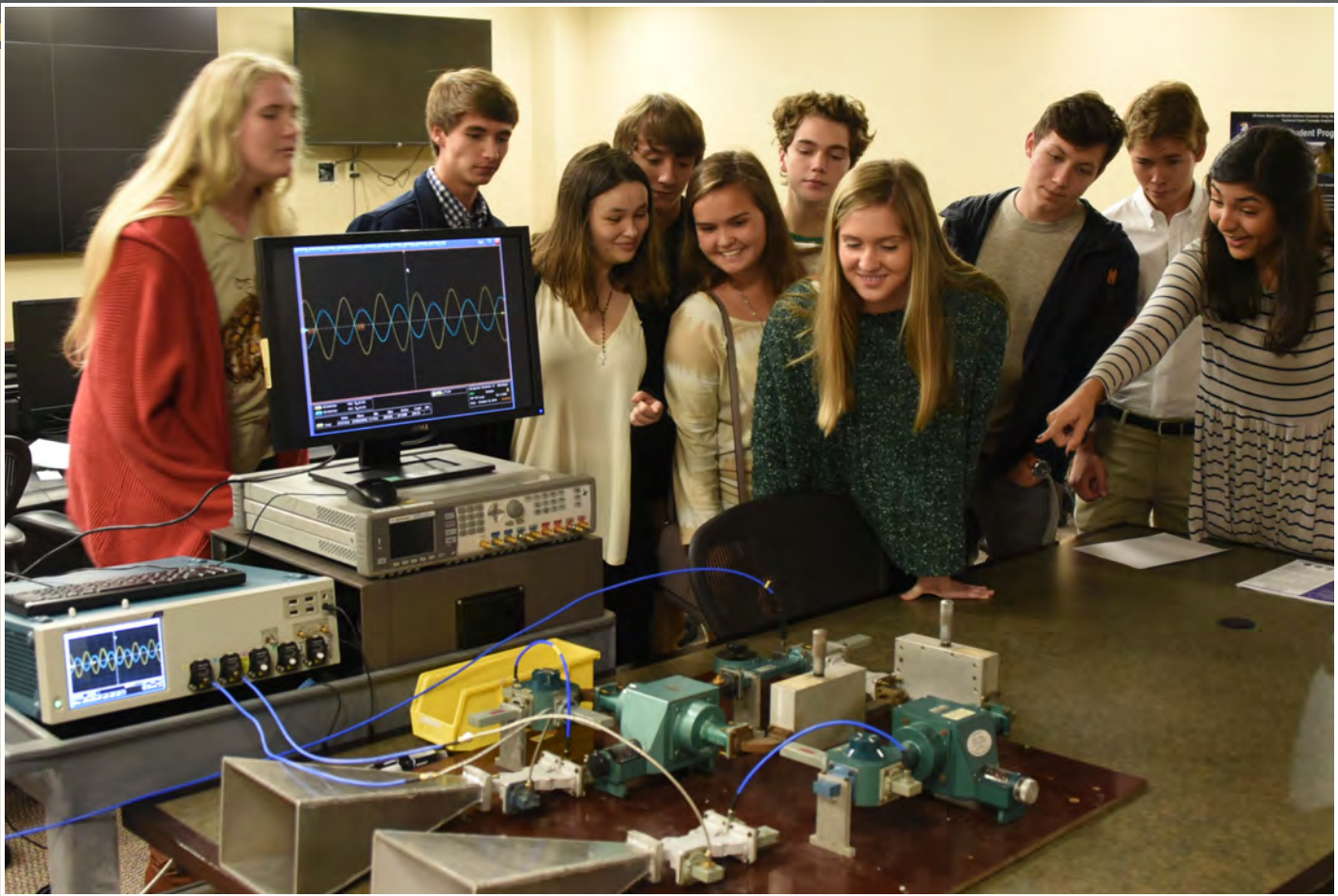
<https://petsforpatriots.org>
Pets for Patriots’ vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest “thank you” of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Madison and Morgan counties are plentiful; see the Advertiser Directory in this guide to connect with local providers. A good source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association’s website, www.alvma.com.





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Education & Academics

in Madison and Morgan counties

FOR THOSE MOVING TO a new location, it's important to know what educational options are available. This chapter outlines the public schools systems in Madison and Morgan counties, along with information about local libraries and higher education. There are private schools, charter schools and home schooling available to children in both counties as well.

To be enrolled in an Alabama school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, the child's previous school records and immunizations records. Check with the school for additional requirements. For more information on Alabama's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the Alabama State Department of Education's website at www.alsde.edu.

In 2010, Alabama, along with most other states, the District of Columbia, Guam,

American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity adopted Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students, regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics, with science and social studies in development, though Alabama has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit www.corestandards.org.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is important, so be sure to research each one before deciding.

Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about school district statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. Alabama recently passed

legislation to allow charter schools in the state. New Schools for Alabama lists information at its website at www.newschoolsforalabama.org.

For more information about local charter schools, visit the Alabama State Department of Education's website at www.alsde.edu/ofc/cs.

HOME SCHOOLING

A law enacted in 2014 clarified that private, nonpublic and church schools offering instruction in grades K-12 are not subject to licensure or regulation by the State Department of Education, thereby authorizing much broader private home-schooling in Alabama. For information on the legal requirements of home-schooling in Alabama, visit the Home School Legal Defense Association's website at <https://hsllda.org/legal/alabama>.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Alabama, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type or other categories.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Huntsville City Schools

200 White St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-428-6800
www.huntsvillecityschools.org

Huntsville City Schools includes: six high schools, nine magnet schools, 11 middle or junior high schools and 26 pre-K through elementary facilities. Each elementary school includes a pre-K program with the mission of preparing students to begin school. The district has an enrollment of approximately 24,000 students.

Madison County School District

1275 Jordan Road
Huntsville, AL 35811 256-852-2557
www.mcask12.org

The Madison County district has 29 schools, with an enrollment of approximately 20,000.

Morgan County Schools

235 Highway 67
Decatur, AL 35603 256-309-2100
www.morgank12.org

The Morgan County school system has five high schools, four junior high schools (K-8), three middle schools and five elementary schools. The district has an enrollment that fluctuates between 7,800 and 8,000.

UNIVERSITIES/HIGHER EDUCATION

Madison and Morgan counties offer plenty of opportunity for continuing education. The Redstone Arsenal Education Center provides education counseling, college programs, testing services and more in its multi-use learning facility. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Alabama A&M University

4900 Meridian St. N
Huntsville, AL 35811 256-372-5000
www.aamu.edu

Athens State University

300 N. Beaty St.
Athens, AL 35611 256-233-8100
www.athens.edu
Calhoun Community College

102 Wynn Drive NW

Huntsville, AL 35805 256-890-4700
www.calhoun.edu

Columbia College

Army Education Center
Building 3495, Suite 106
Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898 256-881-6181
www.ccis.edu/nationwide/redstone

Drake State Technical College

3421 Meridian St. N
Huntsville, AL 35811 256-539-8161
www.drakestate.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

3495 Patton Road
Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898 256-489-0481
<http://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/huntsville>

Florida Institute of Technology

Toftoy Hall — Patton Road
Building 3495, Room 105A
Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898 256-876-1581
www.fit.edu/huntsville

Oakwood University

7000 Adventist Blvd. NW
Huntsville, AL 35896 256-726-7000
www.oakwood.edu

University of Alabama Huntsville

301 Sparkman Drive
Huntsville, AL 35899 256-824-1000
www.uah.edu

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Madison and Morgan counties offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition,

EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

Alabama State Department of Education:
www.alsde.edu

Alabama PTA: www.alabamapta.org

Reading is Fundamental: www.rif.org

U.S. Department of Education:
www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.

school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Alabama Public Library Service, <http://apls.wsl.apls.state.al.us/aplsnew>, supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loan and other assistance.

Residents can enjoy multiple academic and public libraries in Madison and Morgan counties. For a full list of libraries in the state, visit the Alabama Public Library Service website.

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library
915 Monroe St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-532-5940
<https://hmcpl.org>

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, the oldest public library system in Alabama, features 12 branches, a BookMobile and Outreach services. Its collection comprises more than half a million items, circulating those items more than 2 million times every year to our patrons. Services include computer training, an extensive digital collection, public-use computers, free Wi-Fi, meeting spaces and more.



Living

in Madison and Morgan counties

YOU'LL FIND PLENTY OF entertaining activities — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping — in Madison and Morgan counties. Dip your fishing line in a calm county lake, or tee off at one of several 18-hole golf courses in northern Alabama. And be sure to check out the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Madison and Morgan counties can enjoy a variety of annual events, festivals and community gatherings.

Concerts in the Park

www.artshuntsville.org/concerts-in-the-park

An increasingly popular local tradition, the 10-week Concerts in the Park series highlights local music across many genres, including rock, swing, country, jazz and bluegrass. These free events take place in beautiful Big Spring International Park in the heart of downtown Huntsville from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Galaxy of Lights

hsvbg.org/seasonal-festivals/#Galaxy

The Galaxy of Lights is a holiday light extravaganza featuring larger-than-life animated light displays at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. See Santa soaring over a delightful winter village, while nursery rhyme characters dance and frolic among traditional scenes of the season. This annual event opens with walking weekend strolls (including some dog-friendly nights) that begin a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving. Then the Galaxy of Lights opens for cars, which can drive through the path nightly from Thanksgiving into the New Year.

Panoply Arts Festival

www.artshuntsville.org/panoply-arts-festival-2

Held the last weekend in April in Big Spring International Park, the Panoply Arts Festival is the premier arts weekend in the Southeast. Each year visual artists from all types of disciplines display and sell art, while local musicians and

even national headliners perform throughout the weekend.

Redstone Arsenal Oktoberfest

<https://redstone.armymwr.com>

Hosted by Redstone Arsenal Family and MWR each September, Oktoberfest is a German tradition with an Alabama twist. Sample authentic German cuisine like schnitzel, bratwurst and sauerkraut, then polka your way around the music and carnival rides.

WhistleStop Weekend

<https://whistlestopweekend.com>

At WhistleStop Weekend, located downtown on the grounds of the Historic Huntsville Depot, grill masters from across the region gather to compete in both amateur and professional divisions while visitors gather to enjoy their barbecue, wings and sides, vote in the People's Choice Awards, take part in the Alabama Corn Hole Championship and listen to some of the best live headliners each night.



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ARTS

Madison and Morgan county residents have a wealth of artistic endeavors at their disposal, from theaters to music to dance and more.

Broadway Theatre League

700 Monroe St., Suite 410
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-518-6155
<https://broadwaytheatreleague.org>

Since 1959, the Broadway Theatre League of Huntsville has brought Broadway's best shows to Tennessee Valley residents.

Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater and Academy

3312 Long Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35805 256-539-6829
<https://fantasyplayhouse.com>

Each season, Fantasy Playhouse produces three shows and its annual season extra, "A Christmas Carol," all presented at the Von Braun Center's Playhouse. The Fantasy Academy of Theater offers over 100 classes, reaching 700 students per year.

Huntsville Ballet Company

800 Regal Drive SW
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-539-0961
www.huntsvilleballetcompany.org

Huntsville Ballet Company brings quality dance to the region, performing ballets such as "Romeo and Juliet," "The Firebird" and "The Sleeping Beauty," among others. Each year "The Nutcracker" ballet affords students from HBC's school the opportunity to audition and perform with the company at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra.

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra

Von Braun Center
700 Monroe St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-539-4818
www.hso.org

Long considered the region's premiere performing arts group, the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra has set the standard in North Alabama for artistic quality, community support and service through education.

Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment

2211 Seminole Drive
Huntsville, AL 35805 256-533-0399
www.lowemill.net

Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment is the largest privately owned arts facility in the United States. With a focus on visual arts, this huge historic factory building has been redeveloped into 133 working studios for over 200 artists and makers, six fine art galleries, a multiuse theater and performance venues.

Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center

3320 Triana Blvd.
Huntsville, AL 35805 256-534-6455
www.merrimackhall.com

Located in the historic Merrimack Mill Village neighborhood, this 25,000-square-foot building was built in 1898 and expanded in 1920. The facility is home to a 300-seat, state-of-the-art performance hall, a 3,000-square-foot dance studio and community spaces.

SPACES Sculpture Trail

700 Monroe St. SW, Suite 2
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-519-2787
www.spacessculpturetrail.org

Designed to engage and enliven the Huntsville/Madison County community through a large-scale public art installation, the space's trail features 37 sculptures by 25 artists from 13 states. Visit the trail's website for maps detailing each sculpture's location.

Von Braun Center

700 Monroe St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-533-1953
www.vonbrauncenter.com

A multi-purpose indoor arena, meeting and performing arts complex, the Von Braun Center includes Propst Arena, the Mark Propst Arena, the Mark C. Smith Concert Hall, a South Hall, North Hall and East Hall and a theater playhouse, which welcome big-name musicians, comedians, sports events and more.

MUSEUMS

Learn about Alabama's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

Alabama Constitution Hall Park

109 Gates Ave. SE
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-564-8100
www.earlyworks.com/alabama-constitution-hall-park

Step inside the picket fence and be transported back to 1819. Hear the whir of the spinning wheel, smell the aroma of bread baking over an open fire, turn the great wheel lathe in the cabinetmaker's shop and visit with villagers busy with their daily tasks, seemingly unaware that nearly two centuries have come and gone.

Burritt on the Mountain

3101 Burritt Drive
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-536-2882
www.burriftonthemountain.com

These open-air museum grounds on Round Top Mountain, a plateau connected to Monte Sano Mountain, were the estate of local physician William Burritt, who willed his house and land to the city for use as a museum upon his death in 1955.

Earlyworks Childrens Museum

404 Madison St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-564-8100
www.earlyworks.com/earlyworks-childrens-museum

Touch, climb, pull, explore — it's all encouraged at the Earlyworks Children's Museum. Kids can hear stories from the Talking Tree, play a tune on the giant-sized instruments at the Alabama bandstand and try their hand at building in the Kidstruction Zone.

Huntsville Depot and Museum

320 Church St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-564-8100
<https://earlyworks.com/huntsville-historic-depot-museum>

Hear the rattle of the tracks and the engineer's whistle as you experience life on the rails in 1860. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the depot is maintained as a cherished part of Huntsville's transportation history and the city's growth.

Huntsville Museum of Art

300 Church St.
Huntsville, AL 35801 256-535-4350
<http://hsvmuseum.org>

The Huntsville Museum of Art, North Alabama's leading visual arts center fills its seven galleries with a variety of exhibitions throughout the year, including prestigious traveling shows and the work of nationally and regionally acclaimed artists.

U.S. Space & Rocket Center

One Tranquility Base
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<http://rocketcenter.com>

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center was the first official NASA Visitors' Information Center and showcases Huntsville's role in the emerging field of manned spaceflight. It is filled with interactive exhibits and simulators and houses nearly 1,500 artifacts from America's space program. The center is also home to weeklong Space Camp and Aviation Challenge Camp programs.

PARKS

Whether you want to ramble among azaleas or zebras, Madison and Morgan countries have plenty of open places to explore. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Big Spring International Park

200 Church St.
Huntsville, AL 35801.....256-883-3754
www.huntsville.org/listing/big-spring-international-park/862

Built around its eponymous "Big Spring," this park contains the original water source for the city of Huntsville. Children will love the famously friendly ducks, geese and koi that call the Big Spring home.

Harmony Park Safari

431 Clouds Cove Road
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www.huntsville.org/listing/harmony-park-safari/100

Harmony Park Safari is a federally licensed nature preserve of free-ranging exotic and endangered animals. Remain in your car on a 2-mile route to see zebras, zebu, antelope, buffalo, a camel, ostriches, pythons and crocodiles.

Huntsville Botanical Garden

4747 Bob Wallace Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35805.....256-830-4447
<http://hsvbg.org>

Centrally located, the 120-acre Huntsville Botanical Garden is a serene oasis of peace and tranquility that blooms throughout the year. Enjoy the spectacular colors of the wildflower, daylily, herb, butterfly, annual and perennial gardens, as well as the nation's largest open-air butterfly house.

Monte Sano State Park

5105 Nolen Ave. SE
Huntsville, AL 35801.....256-534-3757
www.alapark.com/monte-sano-state-park

Monte Sano sits on 2,140 acres with spectacular vistas from atop the mountain, especially

when the fall leaves show off their colors. Fourteen rustic cabins perched on the mountainside are equipped with kitchens, fireplaces, separate showers and baths, cable television, outdoor grills, picnic tables and porches. The park also has 89 improved campsites, a primitive campground and a camp store.

SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Bridge Street Town Centre

365 The Bridge St., Suite 106
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www.bridgestreethuntsville.com

Bridge Street Town Centre is a 2.1-million-square-foot mixed-use development with more than 70 upscale shops and restaurants, the 210-room Westin Huntsville Hotel, a 14-screen Monaco Pictures and a six-story office tower. The property also features a lake with authentic Venetian gondolas and paddle boats, walking trails and green open spaces.

MidCity Huntsville

5901 University Drive
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www.midcityhuntsville.com

The former home of Madison Square Mall is part of a 100-acre, \$350 million redevelopment project featuring 350,000 square feet of specialty retail.

Parkway Place

2801 Memorial Park S
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www.parkwayplacemall.com

Parkway Place is home to Dillard's, Belk and more than 80 specialty stores and restaurants. Many retailers within the mall offer discounts to military families. Phase I of the extensive retail, hotel, park and office space complex was completed in 2017. Check the website for updates on the project's status.

The Shops at Merchants Walk

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Morgan counties offer numerous recreational opportunities.

Golf

This region proffers some of the best golf courses in Alabama. A variety of public and country club courses are available in Madison County, including the Becky Peirce Municipal Golf Course and the Huntsville Country Club. For a bit more seclusion, golfers can choose to go just over the mountain at Hampton Cove, part of the storied Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. Morgan County rolls out some of the area's best greens at the Point Mallard Golf Course, Decatur Country Club and Burningtrees Country Club. For a full list of public and private courses in northern Alabama, visit www.northalabama.org/explore/golf.

Huntsville Havoc

700 Monroe St.
Huntsville, AL 35801.....256-518-6160
<http://huntsvillehavoc.com>

Get ready to cheer for a face-off at the Von Braun Center downtown. Established in 2004, the Havoc, a pro ice hockey team in the Southern Professional Hockey League, has been drawing thousands of fans to its matches each season.

Huntsville Speedway

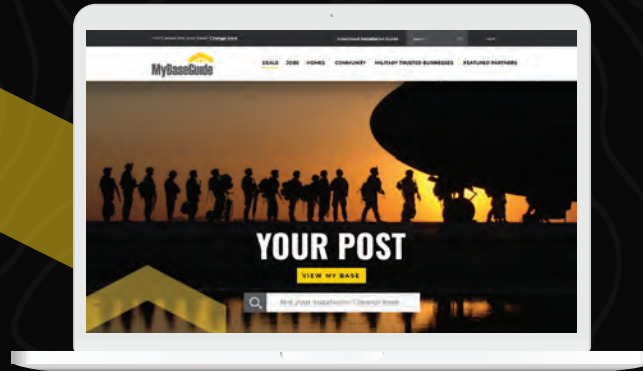
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www.huntsvillespeedway.com

The Huntsville Speedway is a quarter-mile track in south Huntsville that holds races for stock and modified cars. Many racing legends, including Richard Petty, had early career wins on this track.

Madison County Lake

2501 County Lake Road
Gurley, AL 35748.....256-776-4905
www.outdooralabama.com/alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls/madison-county-pfl

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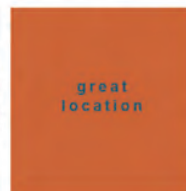
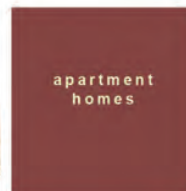
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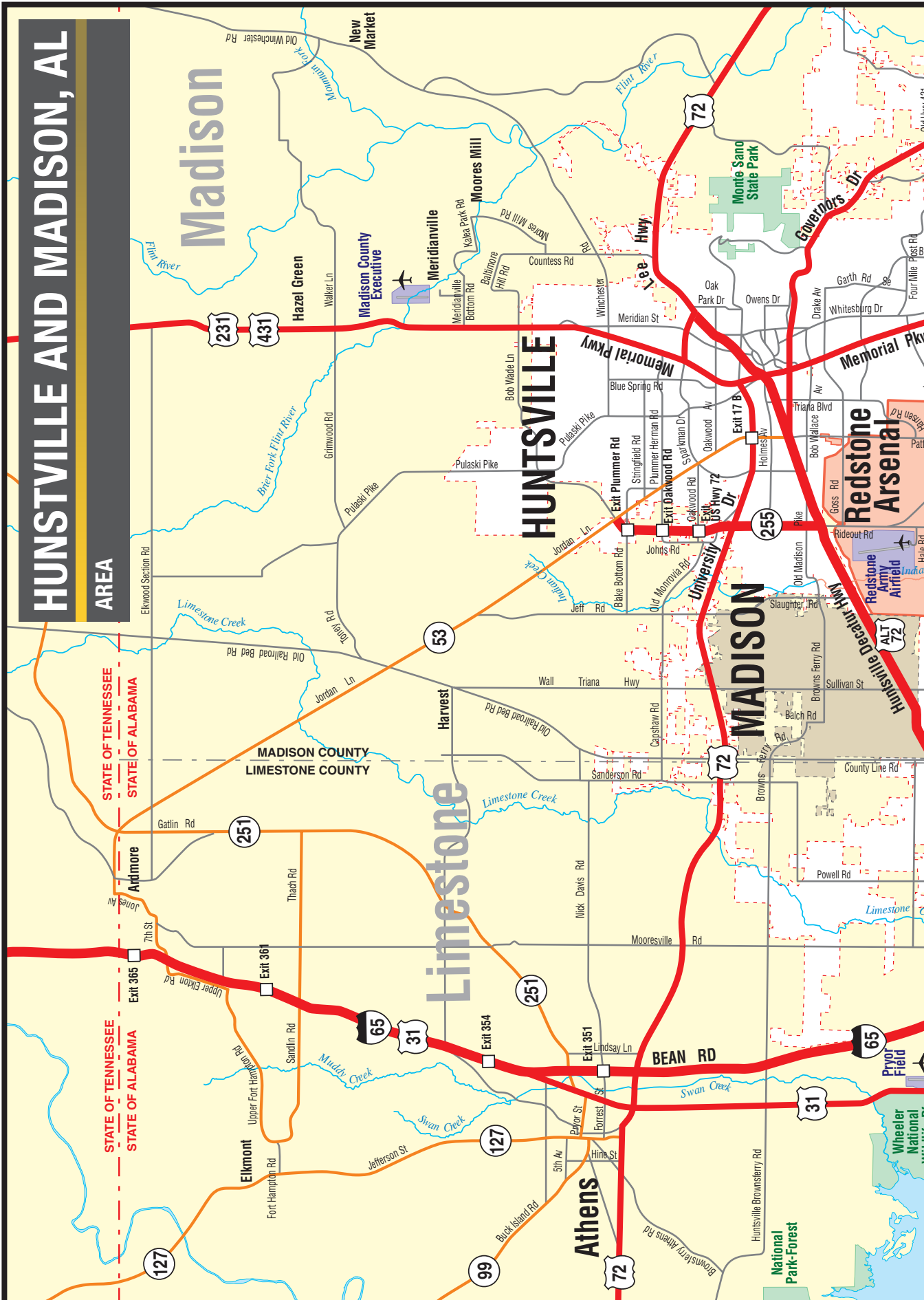
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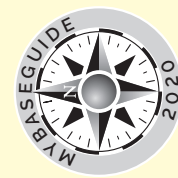
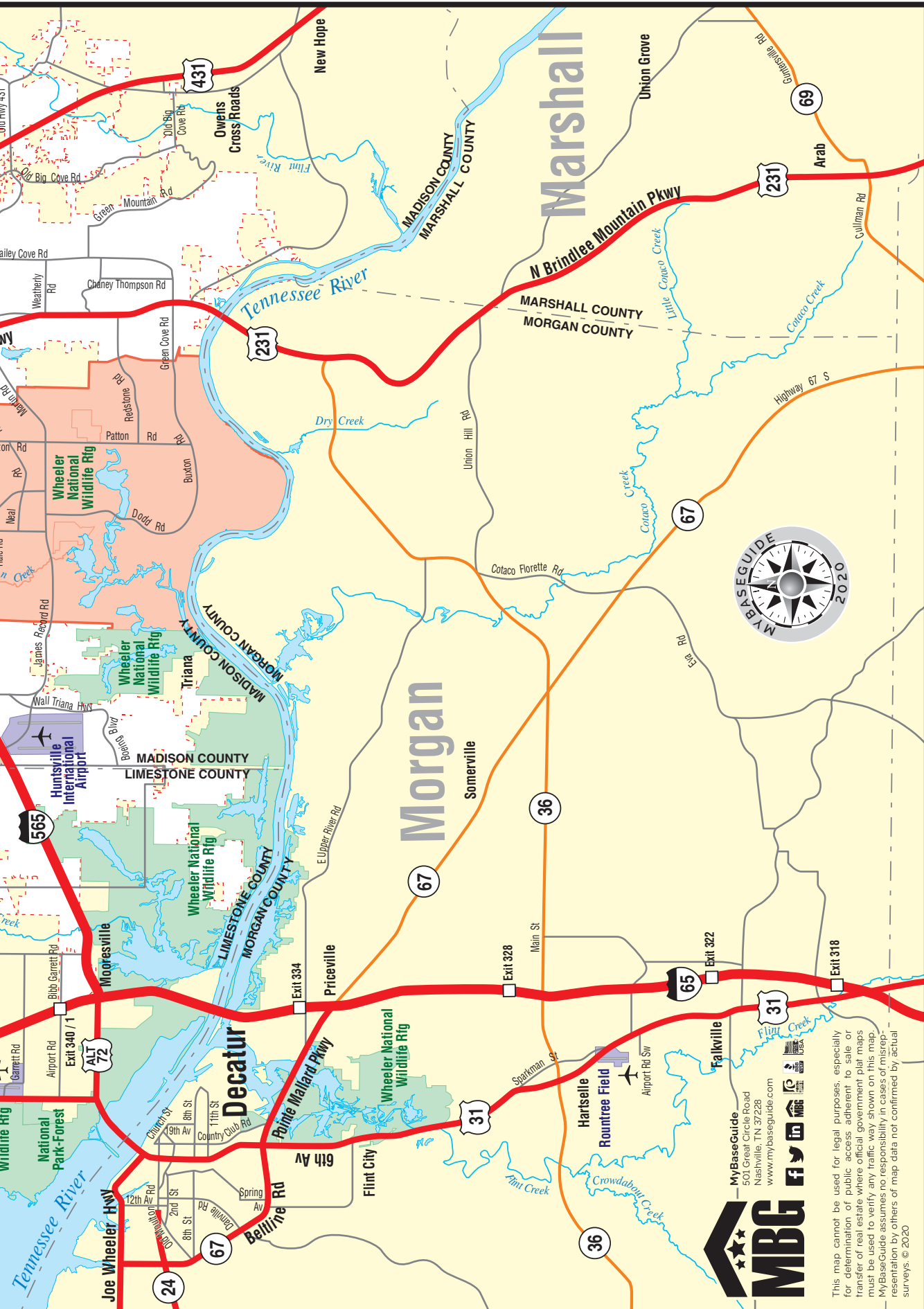


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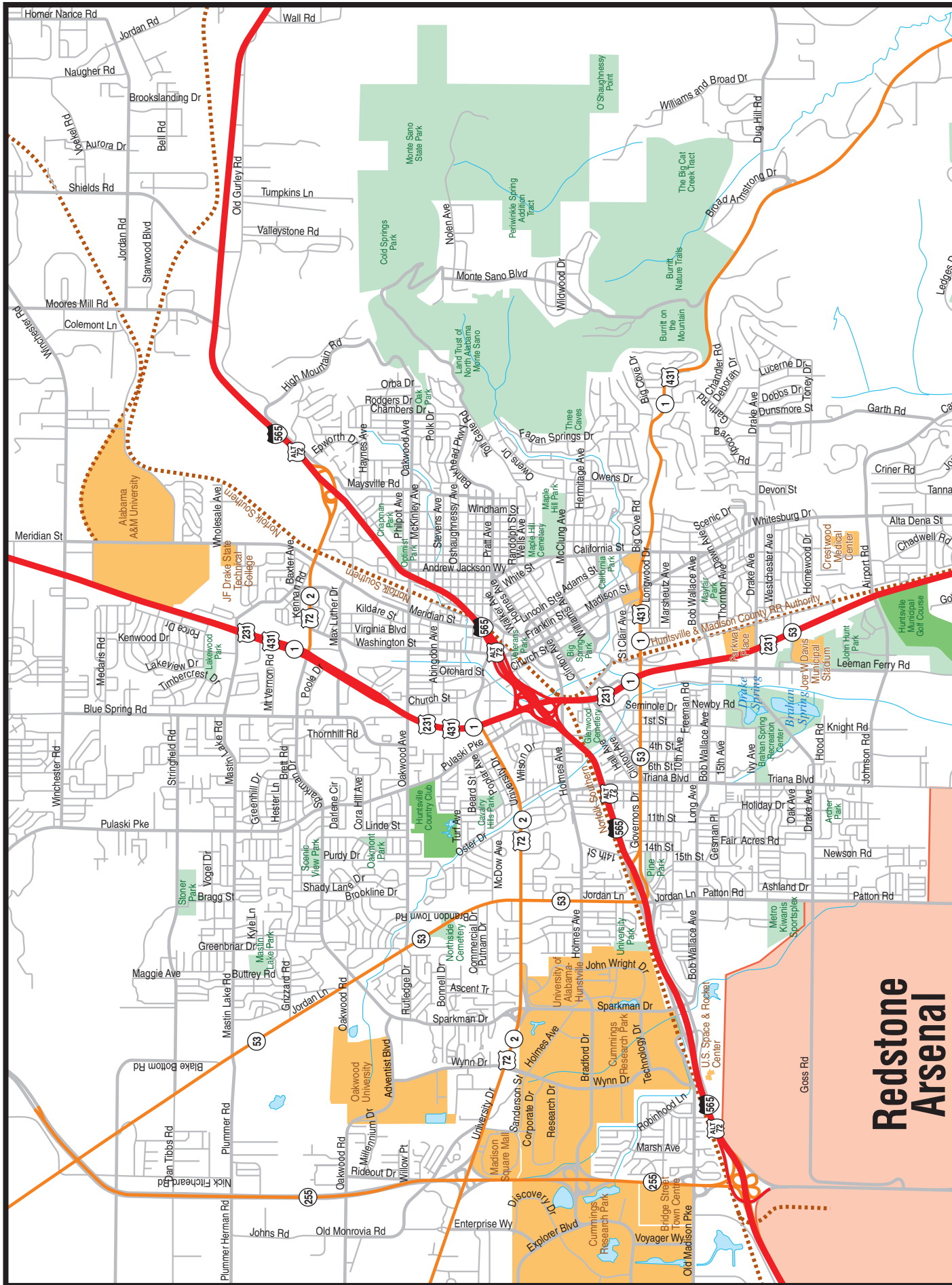


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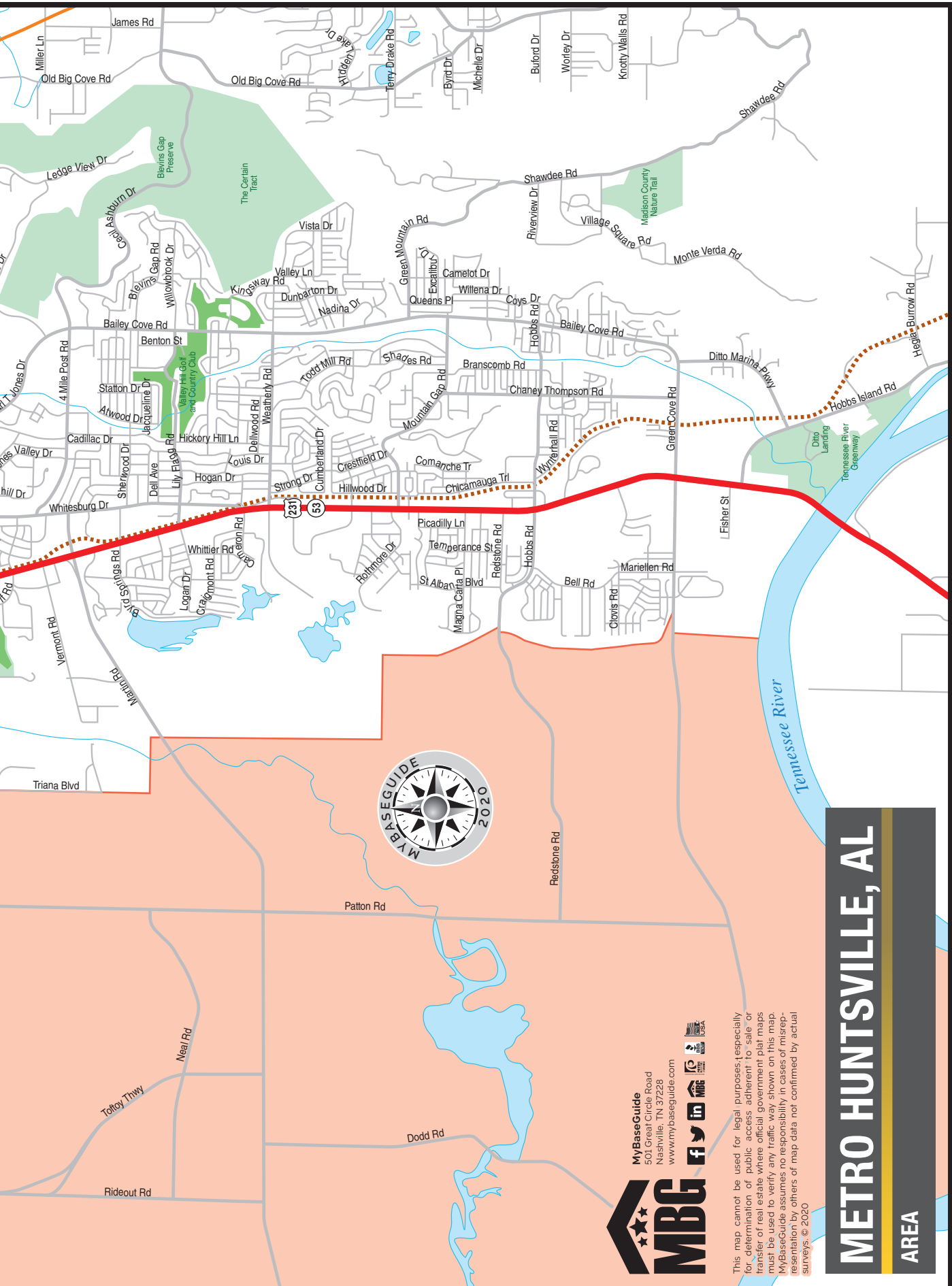
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Healthy Living

- Baby Contest
- Bible Study
- Christmas You Missed
- Family Meals
- Fitness Classes
- Food Pantries or Emergency Food Assistance
- Healthy Kids Day
- Kids Cooking
- Military Family Outreach
- Military Family Recognition
- NICU Reunion
- Operation Kid Comfort
- Parent/Child Dances/Teas
- Programs for Children with Special Needs
- Recreation Therapy
- Spouse Activities
- Summer Food for Children
- Troop Fishing Trips
- Trunk or Treat
- Wounded Warrior Support
- Youth Basketball

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- Guardian Angel
- Holiday Activities; Food and Gift Assistance
- Infant Car Seat
- Local Community Outreach
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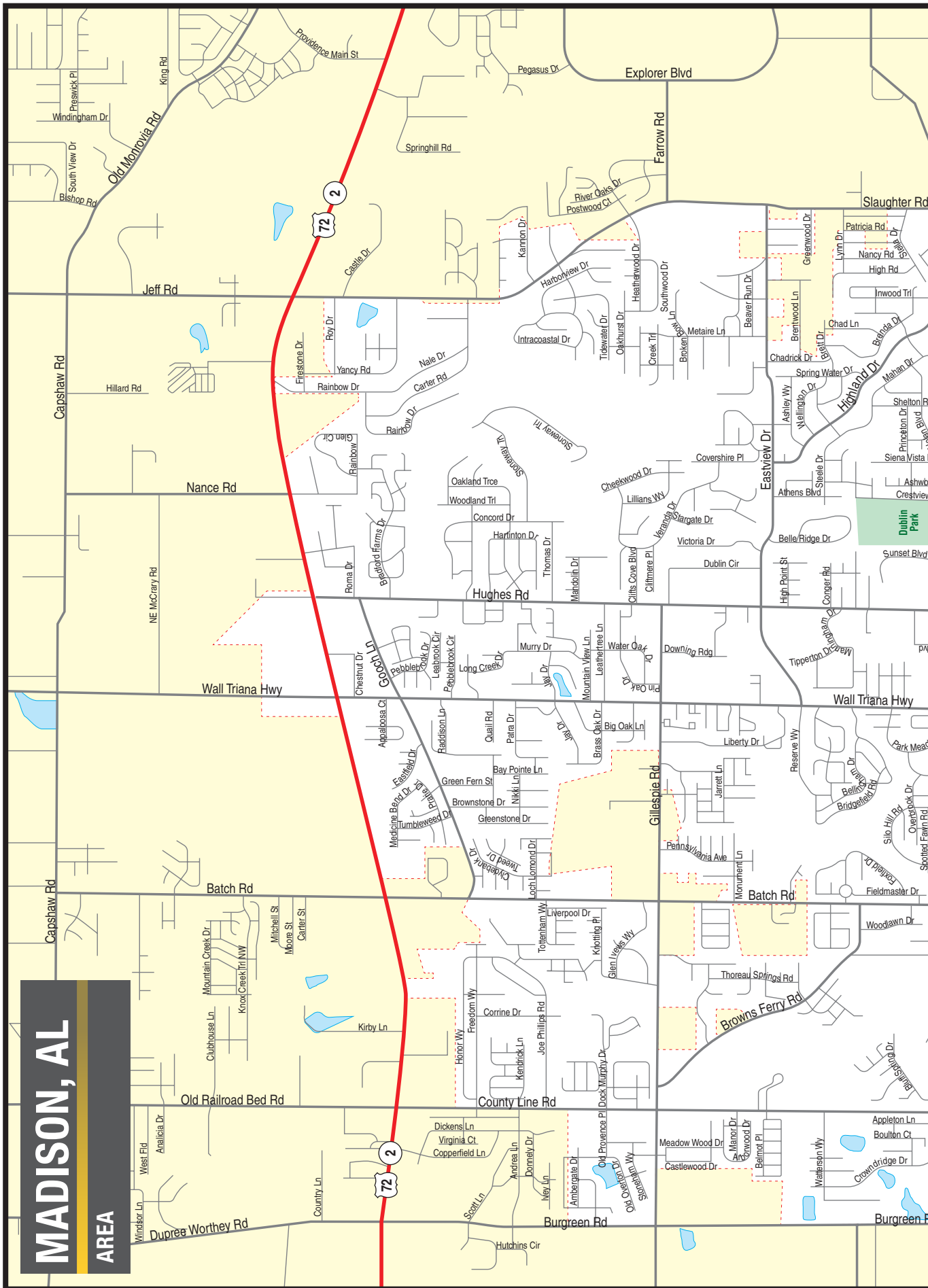
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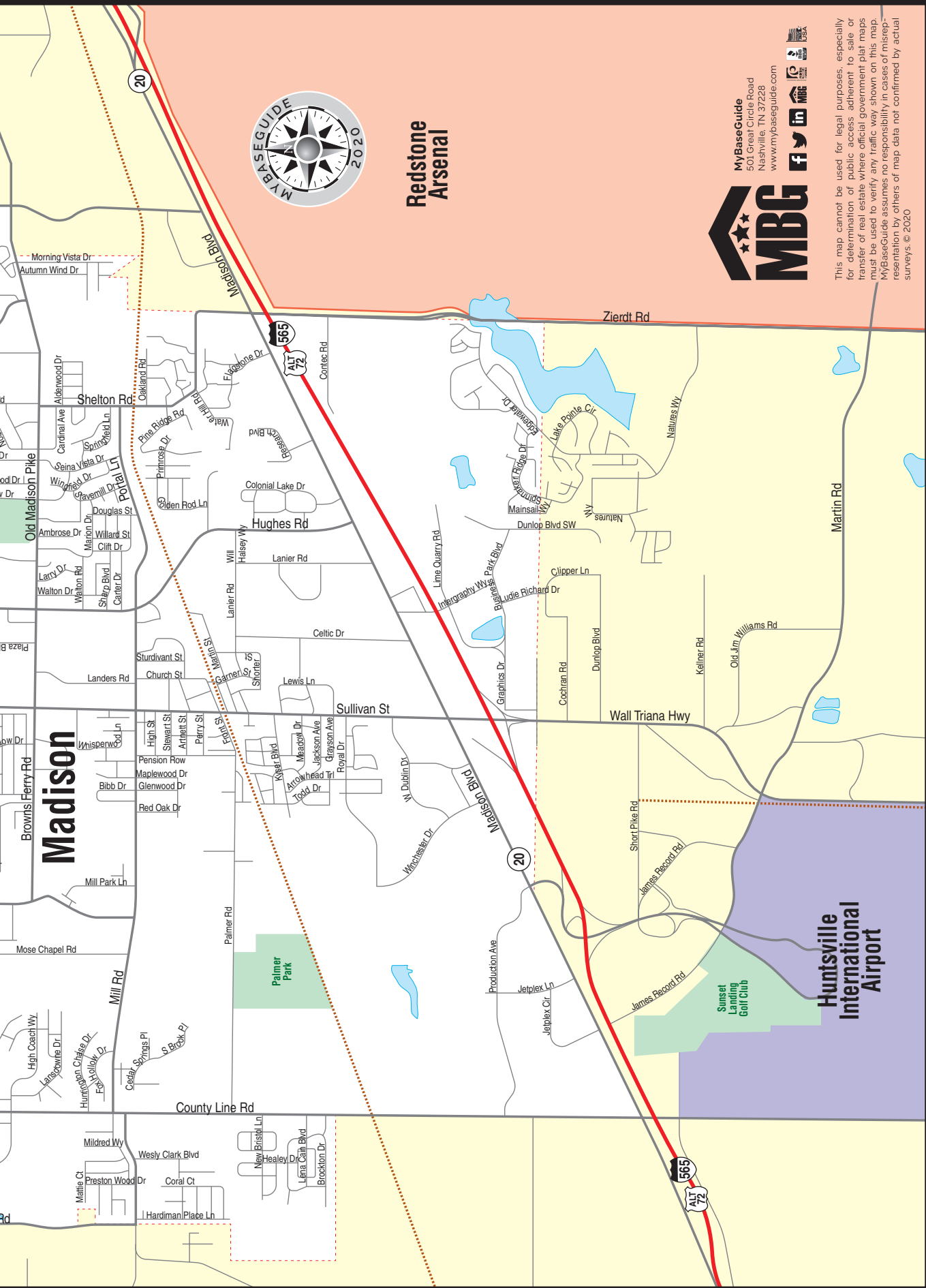
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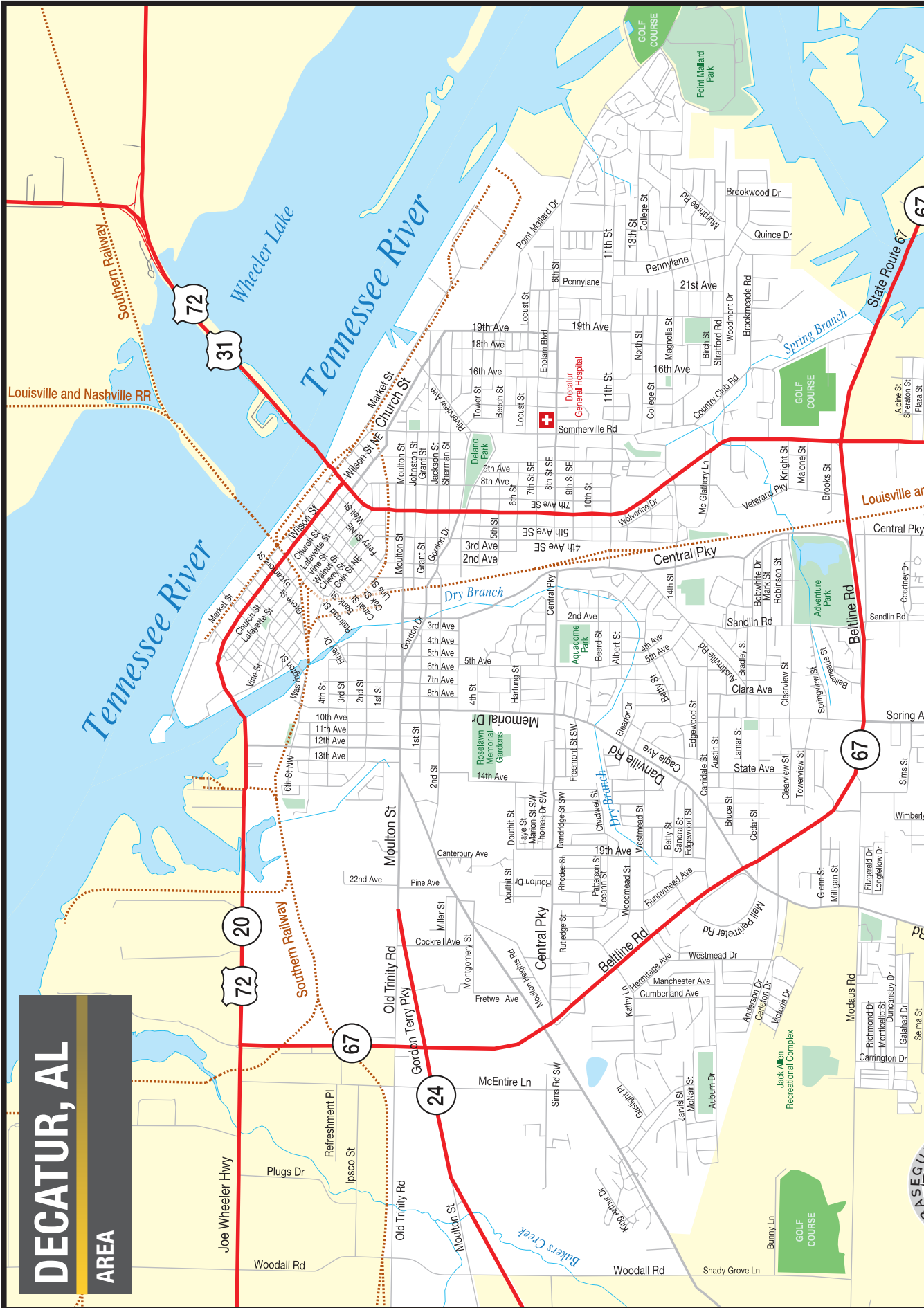
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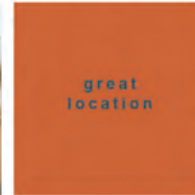
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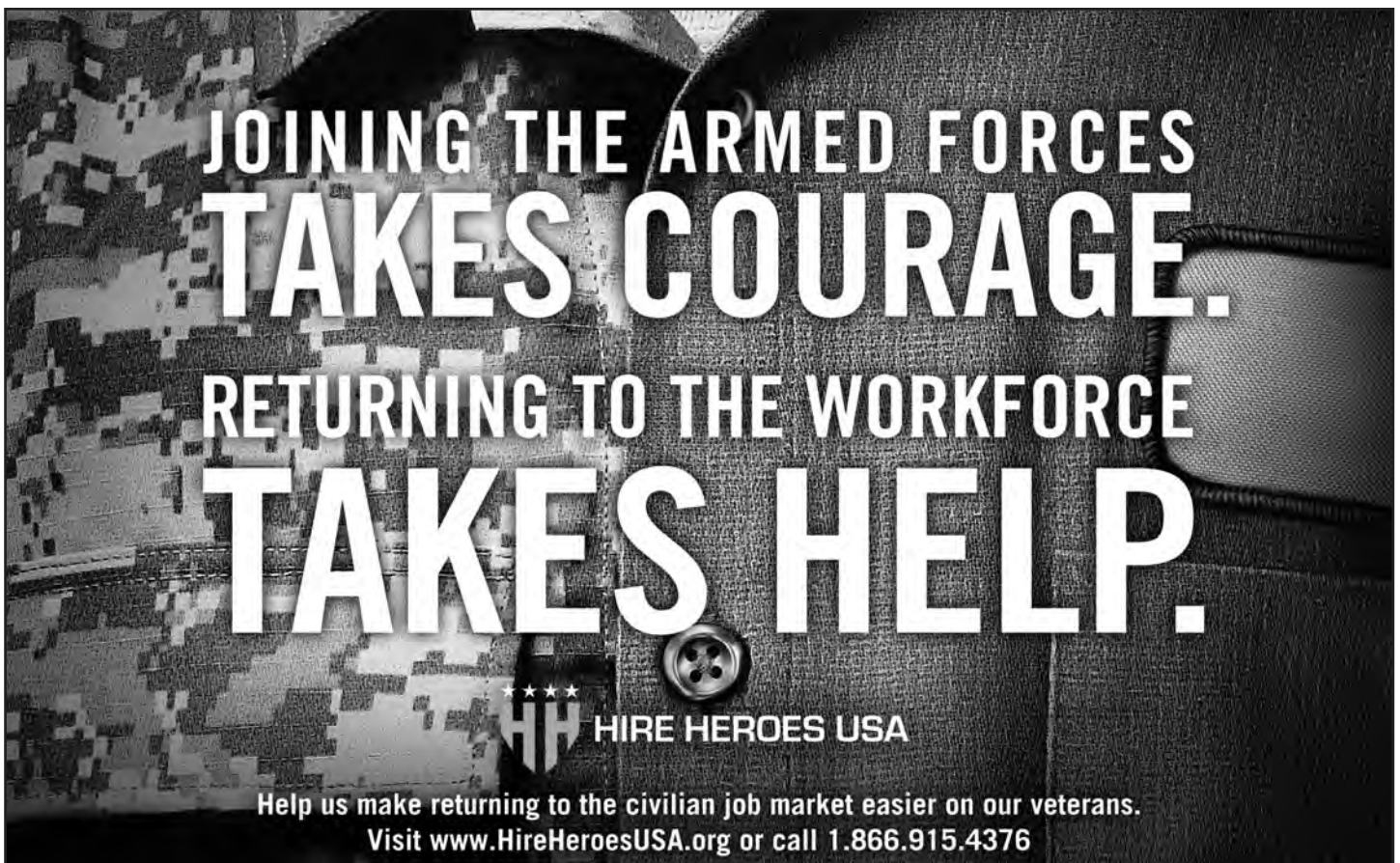
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