# KEESLER HOUSING MONTHLY UPDATE

# FOR SPONSORS & PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Congrats on your assignment to Keesler, we are excited to welcome you and assist in your families' transition to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our goal is to provide comfortable and safe homes for every family. We encourage you to maintain contact with your sponsor, your unit leadership, the Hunt Housing Office, and the Keesler Military Housing Office as you transition to Keesler. See you soon!







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ON-BASE FAMILY HOUSING

Hunt Military Communities operates 1,188 homes on Keesler at 5 locations.

198 homes E1-E6 1.5 miles West on Pass Road

THROWER PARK

EAST FALCON

194 homes E1-E6 .5 mile West on Pass Rd. 303 homes E1-E6 .75 miles West on Pass Road

WEST FALCON

# **SANDHILL LANDING**

160 homes • E1-E6 17 miles East of the Base off I10 Exit 57 N

#### WHO IS KEESLER ON-BASE FAMILY HOUSING OPEN TO?

Housing is primarily available to Active Duty with dependents stationed at Keesler (Priority 1 tenants). Pending occupancy rates, housing may open to other tenants in priority order. Due to popularity and active renovations, Keesler is currently only focused on Priority 1 (Permanent Party) families. Applications are not being accepting for other priorities at this time including those in student status.

#### WHAT TYPE OF HOME DO I QUALIFY FOR?

Your rank and number of dependents (minus your spouse) distinguish your eligibility for specific homes. 3 or more non-spouse dependents qualify for 4-bedroom homes and 2 or less qualify for 3-bedroom homes.

#### HOW & WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT A HOUSING APPLICATION?

Once you have received an official assignment notification to Keesler AFB, you may begin your housing application through HEAT (Housing Early Assistance Tool). The website is <a href="https://homes.mil/heat/apply">https://homes.mil/heat/apply</a>. Follow the directions to be put in contact with our Military Housing Office and Hunt Communities for further requirements to complete your application. Your application does not guarantee that base housing will be offered to your family. You are responsible to continue to pursue other resources of housing as well. The earliest you may be contacted with a possible home offer will be 30 days out from your arrival date. Please keep your arrival date updated with Hunt Communities as your travel plans change.

#### HOW LONG IS THE WAIT TO GET ON BASE?

As of 3 January 2023, there are 19 families on the waitlist. Due to a high demand to live on base, the wait time is often 3+ months. We highly encourage you actively be pursuing off-base housing options while you wait on the base housing waitlist. This information changes daily and we anticipate that the wait time will increase and availability of homes will decrease as we move through the upcoming PCS season. There is an extreme shortage of homes on Keesler AFB, being on the waitlist may not actualize to a home on base being offered to your family within a reasonable time frame.

### PRIORITY 1

Active Duty with dependents stationed at Keesler

#### **PRIORITY 2**

Other Active Duty with Dependents stationed in the local area

#### **PRIORITY 3**

National Guard & Reserve Members with Dependents

#### **PRIORITY 4**

Federal Civil Service Employees

#### **PRIORITY 5**

Retired Military with Dependents

#### PRIORITY 6

DoD Contractor Permanent Employees

# **KEESLER AFB HOUSING HELPING AGENCIES OFFICES**

Military Housing Office Sablich Center | Room 242 228-376-8610/8612/8640

Keesler Military Housing Resident Advocate (Mr. Erik Stiers) 228-377-2348 228-365-4664

Keesler Housing Referral Office Sablich Center I Room 204 228-376-8614/8615 www.homes.mil

Keesler Family Housing 300 Patrick Dr, Keesler AFB 228-687-9969 www.keeslerfamilyhousing.com



#### **WAITLIST BY RANK**



\*Numbers of families currently waiting by rank designation. These numbers change daily based off the waitlist.

#### WHY IS THE WAITLIST SO LONG?

Keesler is currently repairing HVAC duct condensation problems across Keesler AFB housing, which have created moisture issues in some of the homes. Since Jan 2021, 127 homes have gone through the moisture remediation process completing needed repairs. Over 340 additional homes are under repair or waiting for repair. The Air Force and Keesler Family Housing leadership are strongly advocating for additional resources to increase repair capabilities.

## ARE KEESLER HOMES READY TO LIVE IN?

Families are only being moved into homes that are fully-repaired or show no signs of visible moisture issues. All homes are inspected by a licensed Industrial Hygienist and by the Air Force prior to movein. Families with active-moisture issues are eligible to move into fully-repaired homes as they become available with a Keesler Family Housing-funded move.

#### WHAT ARE MY OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS?

Keesler AFB has a referral office that can assist members/families who are interested in renting or purchasing a home off-base. The Keesler AFB Housing Referral Office contact info is below.

GRADE	BEDROOM	AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE	BUILDING
Jr Enlisted	3	1760	Duplex
Jr Enlisted	4	1980	Duplex
Sr Enlisted	3	1950	Duplex
Sr Enlisted	4	2230	Duplex
CGO	3	1950	Duplex
CGO	4	2230	Duplex
FGO	3	2060	Stand Alone
FGO	4	2350	Stand Alone
Sr Officer	4	3160	Stand Alone

# IF I CAN'T GET A HOUSE NOW, WILL I BE ABLE TO GET A HOUSE LATER?

If you are not able to immediately move into a house, you can stay on the waitlist until a house is available for you at no cost. Due to the expanding waitlist demand it could be 3+ months before a house becomes available for you and your family. If you are able to find temporary housing off-base until a Keesler AFB house becomes available, that is the recommended option right now.