



# The Avion Pilot

Avion Place Apartment  
5470 SW Military Drive, San Antonio, TX 78242

**July 2011**

Dear Residents,

Did you know?!? Resident Services is here for you, our valued resident! I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the newest residents of Avion Place. Resident Services are provided to the residents of Avion Place free of charge. If you are in need of referrals to agencies that can help you with rent or utility payments or if you need to find low-cost medical or dental services, please call resident services at 210/645-4837. Resident Services can also help you with a resume or a job search. For more information, stop by the community center.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to two individuals who have been a tremendous help to the resident services program. Mr. Kerry has been kind enough to water our garden on a regular basis to ensure it thrives. Thank you so much Mr. Kerry for your help! The garden would not have survived without you! I would also like to thank our neighbor Mr. Mesa, who was a long time Avion resident, for supporting our bingo games by providing prizes. Thank you Mr. Mesa! Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated!  
— Elizabeth

## Resident Meeting

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 19

**WHERE:** Community Center

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend our monthly resident meetings. These meetings provide a time and place for residents and management to come together to discuss how we can improve Avion. We want to hear from you!

## Garden Workday

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**DATE:** Friday, July 22

**WHERE:** Community Garden

The new irrigation system is helping our garden grow by leaps and bounds! Please join us as we harvest ripe vegetables and pull weeds. This season we are growing tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons and basil. For more information about our community garden, please call resident services at 210/645-4837.

**Recycling containers** are now onsite at Avion Place! Please place all recyclables in the smaller green bins with the yellow lids.

These bins are located next to the dumpsters throughout the property.

Recyclable items include, but are not limited to, glass, plastic, paper and cardboard. If you are unsure about what is recyclable, please call the leasing or resident services offices. Please recycle whenever possible! Our environment and community thank you!

## Bingo!!

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 19

**WHERE:** Community Center

Would you like to get to know your neighbors? Join us for **free** bingo!! Prizes and refreshments provided!

## New Leasing Office Hours

The leasing office will be open from Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**PHONE:** 210/673-9225

## Project HOPE Food Distribution

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**DATE:** Monday, July 18

**WHERE:** Community Center

The San Antonio Food Bank sponsors Project HOPE which provides seniors with **FREE** groceries every month. If you are 60 and would like to sign up, please call the community center at 210/645-4837.



## RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Resident Services Coordinator, **PHONE:** 210/645-4837

## OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday- 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; other hours by appointment.

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# MERCED'S MILITARY MINUTE



This section of our newsletter provides information about services especially available to our military residents and their families. For more information on these and other resources, please contact Elizabeth Rodriguez, Resident Services Manager for Merced Housing Texas at Avion Place Apartments 210/673-4837.

## Veteran Benefits Assistance

**Phone:** 210/335-6775

**Service Hours:** 8:00 - 5:00 weekdays

**Website:** <http://www.bexar.org>

**Email:** [vets@bexar.org](mailto:vets@bexar.org)

**Service Description:** Assists all veterans in applying for federal and State of Texas veterans benefits; primarily for compensation and pension based on disability conditions; assists veterans with obtaining military records, discharge upgrades and requests for Board For Correction of Military Records (BCMR) actions; and assists dependents and survivors of veterans with applying for available benefits. Assists veterans with applying for burial benefits with Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Eligibility:** Military veterans, their dependents and survivors

**Fees:** No fees

Attention Military residents!!! Jeanette Davolt, LPC, is a veteran. She specializes in providing mental health and wellness support to soldiers and their loved ones. She has offered her services to residents who would like to talk about issues regarding service, combat, and life-styles. She leads a class called Peer to Peer Support. Call Elizabeth for more information at 210/645-4837.

## Reintegration Counseling

**Phone:** 210/688-0606

**Service Hours:** 8:00 - 4:30 weekdays

**Website:** <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov>

**Service Description:** Provide community agencies with information via presentation, such as lectures, regarding the issues, that combat veterans are experiencing. The objective of this effort is to identify, and to increase contact with, eligible veterans and our center. Above services are available for those who served 180 days or more on active duty during period of combat hostility in any of the following: Vietnam War; Korean War; World War II; American Merchant Marines during period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941 to August 15, 0945; Lebanon; Grenada; Panama; Persian Gulf; Somalia; Operations Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, Joint Forge.

**Fees:** No fees