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Welcome to Selfridge Air National Guard Base

Selfridge Air National Guard Base located approximately 20 miles north of metro Detroit on the western shoreline of Lake St. Clair in Harrison Township, Michigan. Selfridge Air National Guard Base is home of many diversified Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security units, including the Air National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection and Border Patrol.

Selfridge takes pride in being the only reserve forces base to have permanently assigned units from all five of the uniformed services. Selfridge is hosted by the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing which has elements reporting to Air Combat Command (A-10s), Air Mobility Command (KC-135s) and Air Force Special Operations Command (107th Weather Flight).

Selfridge ANGB is a 3000 acre military airfield prepared for expansion and new mission opportunities, posturing the 127th Wing and SANGB for future missions and a sizeable increase of the federally-friendly community. With about 350 buildings, 25 miles of roads, and 1.2 million square yard of runways/taxiways and apron space, Selfridge Air National Guard Base has room for mission growth while maintaining support of the community that has surrounded the airfield for almost 100 years.

The 127th Wing

The mission of the 127th Wing is to provide trained equipped and motivated air refueling, righter and support resources serving the community, state and nation. The 127th Wing effectively triples mission capability by utilizing a single cost-efficient mission support group dedicated to supporting three MAJCOMS (ACC/AMC/AFSOC), including two distinctly separate flying missions – the A-10 and the KC-135.

The Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing is also host at the joint service installation supporting more than 40 tenant units, a variety of flying operations, a daily work force of approximately 1,200 and a traditional guard/reserve force of close to 6,000 personnel.

The 127th Wing's Selfridge ANGB airfield and facilities are constructed and maintained to a level that will allow expansion, improvement and future missions. This mindset and direction will allow the 127th Active Associate Wing to easily accept and per-

form future KC-X and 5th Generation Fighter missions in support of the State of Michigan, the ANG, and the USAF.

Visiting Selfridge

If you are planning to arrive by commercial airlines and are TDY, note that Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) is a major stop for most airlines and a hub for Delta Airlines. Commercial transportation is readily available at the airport. Visitors should allow approximately 45 minutes to an hour to travel from DTW to Selfridge Air National Guard Base, depending on Detroit traffic. There are several hotel options listed in Clinton Township, Chesterfield Township, and Utica/Sterling Heights which are close to Selfridge.

You can reach the base by Interstate 94 (east/west), Exit 240 East (Hall Road/M-59). Note, many GPS devices route visitors to the base through Harrison Township off North River Road; however, Selfridge Air National Guard Base has two entry control gates. The main gate off Hall Road and I-94 is open 24 hours a day and houses a visitor's center. The Golf Gate, off North River Road, is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is closed on federal holidays. Visitors and deliveries cannot gain access through this gate.

The 3000-acre base is divided geographically into a west side and east side. Major organizations on the West side include the 127th Wing and many components of the Army. The west side of the base houses the Border Patrol, CBP and Homeland Security Air and Marine Wing, the Navy's Operations Support Center and SeaBees, Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, Michigan Army National Guard units, and Marine Wing Support Group 47 HQs, Det B, and 1st Bat/24th Marine Regiment. Also located off the northwest side of the base is Star Base and the Michigan Air National Guard Historical Association's Air Museum.

Military Newcomers

While many active duty members are stationed at Selfridge, the base is largely a reserve forces installation. Currently there is no lodging at the base and local hotels should be used for immediate lodging needs.

The nearby US Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal located in Warren, Michigan, supports all Department of Defense services, Homeland security and other federal government agencies and has a Housing Services Office ready to assist new arrivals in finding suitable housing on the local economy. For local housing opportunities, register with the Automated Housing Referral Network

(AHRN.com) viewing the Detroit Arsenal/U.S. Army Garrison area. The Transportation Management Office for household goods shipping can be reached at 586-282-5745.

There is a chapel on base that holds Mon-Fri operations of a Family Readiness Center (586-239-5582), Retiree Affairs Office (586-239-5580) and Red Cross offices.

Civilian Personnel

Civilian employees being assigned to Air Force/Air National Guard appropriated fund positions should report to the Civilian Personnel Office in building 304, telephone 586-239-4792.

Pass and Registration

The Pass and Registration Office is in the Visitor's Center at the Front Gate (M-59/Hall Road) entrance. Application for civilian and contractor identification cards must be obtained from the respective personnel office and restricted area badges, are requested through your unit security manager. For military identification cards, contact the Military Personnel Flight, Customer Service Section at 586-239-4516.

Building 304 houses the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Force Support Squadron which can assist with ID cards and DEERS enrollment. For info call 586-239-4387.

Postal Service

Selfridge Air National Guard Base has a U.S. Post Office off Jefferson Avenue. It is a fully operational post office with express and priority mail, stamps and rental post office boxes. For additional information, stop in to see the Postal Service Center Monday-Friday, between 1000-1230 or 1330-1530.

Weapons and Firearms

Concealed weapons permits issued by civil authorities are not valid on Selfridge Air National Guard Base. If you plan on bringing a firearm on base, you must inform the gate guard of the intended use and destination. Call the Law Enforcement desk for more information at 239-4673.

Public Schools

Selfridge ANGB is located in Macomb County which offers public school programs through the Macomb Intermediate School District. Macomb County is home to 21 public school districts and 225 public schools. Each strives to provide a progressive and effective education to nearly 130,000 students in grades k-12. There are also 10 public school academies in the county and nearly 50 private and parochial schools in the county.

There are 28 public high schools in the county. Each provides students with opportunities to participate in a Career Technical Education to prepare them for successful career entry, advancement and/or continuing education. Some of the most popular programs include business services/technology, marketing, drafting, graphics/print communication, hospitality and food service and auto service technician.

Area high schools also participate in a variety of school-to-work programs which enable students to work while earning credits necessary for graduation. While this provides a very valuable lesson for youth, it also provides opportunities for employers to "grow-their-own" employees while reinforcing positive work ethics.

Base Exchange

The Selfridge Base Exchange is located off George Avenue in the shopping complex and it operates a variety of activities on Selfridge ANGB. The Exchange offers a great selection of clothing, electronics, house wares, health and beauty aids, cosmetics, linens, luggage, outdoor furniture and garden shop (seasonal). Visit the AAFES Web page at www.aafes.com and click on military locations for more information or call 239-465-0960 for in-store information. The BX is home to numerous vendors and restaurants.

Child Development Center

The CDC at Selfridge was closed per BRAC 2005 when the US Army Garrison closed off the installation and relocated to TACOM in Warren. However, the CDC at Selfridge is currently under renovation and the US Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal has plans to operate the Child Development Center as a satellite center from their main center at TACOM in the near future. The CDC will offer full-time care for children of military members, DOD

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civilians and DOD primary contractors, ages six weeks through kindergarten. Contact CYS Central Registration at 586-292-3010 for more information.

Commissary

Selfridge Air National Guard Base Commissary is located on George Avenue has over 18,000 items stocked daily, serves thousands of active duty, Guard and Reserves, and military retirees. The store recently underwent a major renovation. For more information contact the store at 586-239-4876.

Joint Dining Facility

The Dining Facility located off George Avenue between Birch and Wagner Streets, is operated by the 127th Force Support Squadron. Lunch is served on drill weekends only. The facility is open daily and is available as a conference space for up to 300 people at Selfridge with complete audio visual capabilities. Contact the 127th Force Support Squadron at 586-239-5582 for more information.

Credit Union

Central Macomb Community Credit Union has a branch office at Selfridge Air National Guard Base off Jefferson Avenue. The credit union proudly serves the military and civilian personnel of Selfridge. The credit union's main branch is located in Clinton Township and also operates a branch in Sterling Heights. Central Macomb Community Credit Union has many programs available for its members. For more information, stop by one of their branches, call 586-466-7800, or visit their Web site at www.cmccu.com.

Honor Guard

The Selfridge Honor Guard is an elite group of extraordinary Airmen who have dedicated themselves to honoring those who have served our country with honor and dignity. The unit has a history rich with military tradition, professionalism and dedication, and the Selfridge Honor Guard members are proud to represent Selfridge ANGB and the U.S. Air Force throughout Michigan. Are you up for the challenge? Contact the Honor Guard at 586-239-4352.

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Legal Office

The Selfridge Legal Office offers free legal help to valid military identification card holders, including active duty military members and their immediate family members, retired military members and their immediate family members, widows and dependents of deceased retired military members. All services are free of charge upon proof of eligibility. Limited services are provided, but include wills, living wills, powers of attorney, notary services, consumer problems, landlord/tenant issues, and financial problems. The base legal office is located in building 303. Call 586-239-4078 for more information on legal assistance hours or to schedule an appointment.

Joint Medical Training Facility

The 127th Medical Group provides daily operational medical support to the 127th Wing. **The facility is not a medical treatment facility.**

To access medical treatments, including primary care or urgent care appointments, please call your designated primary health care physician, or in the case of emergency call 9-1-1.
TRICARE is a health care program for members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors, and retirees and their family members. More information on TRICARE can be found at www.tricare.mil.

Golf Club

The US Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal's Family Morale and Welfare division runs an 18-hole golf at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The Selfridge Golf Course was originally established in the late 1940s and is situated at the southeast end of the Selfridge Air National Guard Base flight line.

A 2.6 million dollar project in October 1997 resulted in an improved par 72, PGA-sanctioned course complete with large undulating greens, well-drained sand traps, and challenging new hole layouts. The Driving Range features 2 tiers with ample tee space, 5 artificial mats, and 3 large practice target greens along with a practice sand trap. Adjacent to the clubhouse is an 8000 square foot putting green surface with many levels, mounds, and rolls to challenge all players, beginner to pro. For fees and scheduling, contact the Golf Club at 586-239-4653.

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Mulligans Club House

US Army Garrison-Detroit's FMWR operates Mulligan's Restaurant at the Selfridge Golf Course. Menu items vary from sandwiches to complete dinners with specials offered monthly. Lunch is served daily throughout the year, while dinners are available nightly in the summer and on weekend nights during the winter months. Additionally, breakfast is available during golf season! Holiday specials and events are planned in advance and advertised throughout the base. Club membership is also available. Please call 586-239-4344 for more information.

Patriot Pub

The Patriot Pub is located in the old Bowling Alley facility at Selfridge. The pub is open to all active duty, retirees, veterans, contractors and DoD civilians with access to Selfridge ANGB. It has a menu of items ranging from sandwiches to pizzas, specialty baskets, salad bar and 12 beers on tap. The pub offers a great sports-themed atmosphere to watch all big sporting events in HD on six large screen TVs, a pool table and electronic dart board. The pub is open Tuesday-Friday 11a.m.-9 p.m., with kitchen hours between 11a.m. and 2 p.m. It's also open on drill weekends.

Selfridge Military Air Museum

The Air Museum is the primary outreach effort of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association, a non-profit organization since 1975 with the State of Michigan. The Air Museum and Park are open to the general public from April through October on weekends, Memorial Day, and Independence Day from noon to 4:30 p.m. The Museum and Air Park can be opened at other times by appointment for groups by contacting the Museum at 586-239-6768. Admission is $4 per guest over 12 years old, and $3 for children between 3-12.

Former Services

Housing, family campgrounds, base gymnasium, swimming pools, and full-time chapel staff are some of the most frequently requested services of patrons to Selfridge; however, these services are not currently offered at the base due to BRAC 2005.

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Star Base One

Selfridge Air National Guard Base is home of the very first Star Base program. The DoD STARBASE offers a positive, proven approach to engendering excitement and interest in science, technology, engineering and math for 5th grade children. After 18 years of success, the DoD STARBASE dream has blossomed from a single classroom at Selfridge ANGB, to classrooms in 34 states, Washington DC, Indian reservations, and U.S. Terrorities. The program has provided 20-25 hours of experiences at military bases for over 600,000 students!

For information on the Star Base Programs offered Selfridge ANGB, contact their office at 586-239-4884.

Installation History

In 1910, with aviation still in its infancy, Henry Joy set aside several hundred acres of marshland for what would eventually become Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Originally known as Joy Aviation Field, within a very short period of time the land became known as Selfridge Field to honor the memory of Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge, the first member of the armed forces to die in an aviation accident. As World War I was coming to a close in Europe, and recognizing the value of aviation for military purposes, Selfridge Field became home to the first aerial gunnery school in 1918. After the war, the 1st Pursuit Group returned from France and reorganized at Selfridge in 1919, but left to Texas shortly after. In 1921 Mr. Joy sold the property to the U.S. government. The group returned to Selfridge in 1922, bringing life back into the base with famous war aces and the National Air Races setting a record for the first airplane to mark over 200-mph. In 1924, both Charles Lindbergh – straight out of the Air Cadet Training Center for his first duty assignment, and Major Carl "Tooey" Spaatz found their way to Selfridge.

Surviving the lean 1930s, Selfridge Field underwent major construction to its facilities under the Work Projects Administration (WPA). In 1935, the Field became part of the General Headquarters of the Army Air Corps and by 1940 had increased missions to include four new pursuit groups. America again became embroiled in global war. Members of the 17th Pursuit Squadron were reassigned to the Philippines and more Selfridge pilots and mechanics volunteered to serve with General Claire Chennault and the Flying Tigers. After the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the 1st Pursuit Group was moved to San Diego, but by 1942, the field

had grown to 3,700 acres. During the war years many units trained at Selfridge, including the famous 332nd Fighter Group's "Tuskegee Airmen" commanded by Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

With victory in 1945 and the U.S. Army Air Corp's evolution into a separate service in 1947, Selfridge Field became Selfridge Air Force Base. As years passed, Selfridge AFB became a critical link in the Cold War defense of the northern United States. In 1949, the 661st Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron was activated and a year later Headquarters for the Tenth Air Force had moved to Selfridge, responsible for all records and Reserve training for a 13-state area. Air-defense of the Detroit area was part of the mission of the 56th Wing, reorganized to the 575th Air Defense Group and eventually the 1st Fighter Group, and over the decades of the 1950s and '60s, many units, groups, and wings were stood up at Selfridge for the Air Force, the Air Force Reserves, Army, Marine Reserves, Navy Reserves and Coast Guard. In 1967, the base was used as a staging area for the C-130 airlift bringing thousands of paratroopers and their supporting elements to the Detroit area to assist police and Michigan National Guard units during the civil disturbances in Detroit. It was also during this time that the base became known as "The Home of the Generals" as more than 100 general officers served at Selfridge during some part of their distinguished careers. Some most notable are: Charles Lindbergh, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, General Curtis LeMay, Carl "Tooey" Spatz, Earl Partridge, Francis Griswold, Jimmy Doolittle, and Joseph Cannon.

In 1971, the base was formally transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard and the 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, equipped with three dozen aging RF-84F reconnaissance jets, four T-33 jet trainers, and one C-54 transport. The 127th TRW, which had been stationed at the local commercial air terminus, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, instantly became the base's largest flying unit and has remained the host organization on base ever since. Over the following year, the 127th's two groups (the 127th and the 191st) converted to an inventory of 32 FR-101 photo reconnaissance jets, four F-101 trainers, six T-33 trainers, and the C-54 transport, and in time the 191st became the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group. Then, the 127th Tactical Fighter Group converted to F-100 Super Sabres in 1972 and in 1973 the F-106 Delta Darts were assigned to the 191st. By 1975, 191st was performing a full-time, 24-hour-a-day alert mission. With 13 different types of aircraft, the base was now home to more than 70 planes assigned to 10 units. To assist the Air National Guard in the management of the base, the Army established a support adjunct that was responsible for base housing and non-appropriated fund special services.

In 1990, the 127th and the 191st transitioned to the F-16 Fighter Falcons. Both units participated in Operation Desert Storm. In

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1993 the 191st began conversion to the C-130 Hercules and in 1995 the two groups were consolidated into the 127th Wing. In the latter part of the '90s, the 127th Wing continued to support global missions, including Operations Southern Watch, Coronet Oak and Joint Forge. With the 9-11 attacks on the United States and the subsequent Global War on Terrorism, the 127th wing's 107th Fighter Squadron F-16 fighters provided combat air patrols over the northern U.S., continuing Selfridge's proud air-defense heritage with the new Operation Noble Eagle mission. It was also the first F-16 flying unit to be based inside the Iraqi border in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004, flying mostly reconnaissance and close-air support missions in the Global War on Terror. The wing's 171st Airlift Squadron was activated also in 2004 and deployed aircraft, crews, maintenance and support personnel continuously to the southwest Asia Theater for a period of almost 24 -months. For several weeks in the fall of 2005, the 171st ALS was deployed to missions in three different theaters, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in CENTCOM, Operation Coronet Oak in SOUTHCOM, and providing airlift support for Hurricane Katrina relief in NORTHCOM.

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission brought many changes to Selfridge: The Army's Garrison support was closed at the base, closing base housing and many MWR facilities and services. The 127th Wing again converted aircraft: C-130s converted to KC-135 Stratotanker Refuelers and the F-16s converted to A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft. Both flying units' new missions have deployed in support of ongoing global contingencies and continue to prove that the 127th Wing STANDS READY to serve anywhere!

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