



HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY TRAINING MISSION
TO SAUDI ARABIA
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Welcome and congratulations on your selection for assignment to the United States Military Training Mission (USMTM) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom is at a strategic inflection point with Saudi Arabia Vision 2030, and we have a once in a generation opportunity to effect lasting change.

You will soon be embarking on a challenging, instructive, and professionally-rewarding tour of duty here at USMTM. We are the largest Security Assistance Organization in the world. Established by the 1977 Accords, USMTM traces its roots to the historic 1945 meeting of President Roosevelt and King Abdul-Aziz aboard the Cruiser USS Quincy. You will help build on the tradition established by King Abdul-Aziz and President Roosevelt more than 70 years ago.

Our mission is to build, equip, train, and advise the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces to develop a capable joint force in order to establish conditions for security, stability, and prosperity of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the region. Our first priority is to execute U.S. national objectives with regard to the Saudi Arabia. We do this with our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and civilians in USMTM, and our professional relationships with our Saudi partners and in coordination with CENTCOM, the Service component headquarters, and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency enterprise. During your time here, you will be viewed as an "ambassador" of the United States. We must be stewards of our profession, and continuously strive to uphold policies and standards while executing the mission.

Our force protection procedures are strong and mitigate risk, but stay alert. You will find the Kingdom as a relatively safe, modern and growing country with an opportunity for you to experience Saudi customs and culture. Overall, this will be a challenging and rewarding assignment with time to have fun and experience a country too few people understand.

The quality of life on Eskan Village is good and provides a wide range of facilities and activities. Everyone is assigned quarters (villas). Villas are fully furnished with TVs and basic cable, dishes, sheets, and bath towels. Transportation for work and incidentals is provided. Also, depending on your position, you may be provided a cellular phone for Official Use Only. Internet access is made available in common areas through wifi routers, and can also be individually purchased. However, be forewarned it is not yet super-speedy like back home.

Eskan Village has a robust spousal support group that can be reached at desertspousegroup@gmail.com and a wide variety of community services to include a pool, jacuzzi, steam room, gym, tennis courts, batting cage, video library, sports lounge, and the Eskan Community Club Restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

You will be appointed a sponsor who will make every effort to answer any questions and provide assistance in making your move as smooth as possible. It is also highly encouraged for you to take the free Arabic language training provided by the Defense Language Institute at <http://hs2.dliflc.edu/msa.html>.

Again welcome. I am excited about you joining our team and wish you a safe trip. If you need any assistance before your arrival, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,


ROBERT E. LEE MAGEE
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Welcome to Saudi Arabia!
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