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Civil-service employees furloughed after government shutdown

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – More than 900 civilians at Travis Air Force Base were placed on furlough until further notice after Congress and the President were unable to come to an agreement on the Defense Appropriation and National Defense Authorization Act by midnight Jan 19.

Civilian employees should report on Monday, January 22, to receive instructions and conduct an orderly shutdown of operations.

“It is distressing on our civilian teammates to suffer another furlough,” said Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander. “Every member of the Air Force team is important in accomplishing our mission. Our hope is that the shutdown will be lifted and the appropriations bill will be passed.”

During the shutdown, the Mitchell Memorial Library and base education services (formal/base training and voluntary education). The Commissary will begin an orderly shutdown and close at 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 24. The Airman and Family Readiness Center will be closed and classes canceled, however emergency assistance will remain available, if needed.

The Teen Zone, Child Development and Youth Centers and will remain open to support military personnel. The Dining Facility, which is currently operating out of the Delta Breeze Club while the Sierra Inn undergoes facility upgrades, and Knucklebusters Café will remain open during normal business hours. The Westwind Inn lodging facilities, the Travis Fitness Center and all other morale, welfare and recreation facilities, such as the Cypress Lakes Golf Course, Travis Bowl, Arts & Crafts Center, Auto Hobby Shop, base theater, Outdoor Rec, Aero Club and Marina, will remain open during regular hours. The Base Exchange will also remain open during regular hours.

Media representatives are invited to a press conference being held at 11 a.m. on base and have the chance to interview base representatives.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs at 707-424-2011 or email 60AMWPA@us.af.mil.

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About Travis Air Force Base: Travis is comprised of our host unit, the 60th Air Mobility Wing, along with the 621st Contingency Response Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing and more than 50 partner organizations, with more than 26,000 Travis active duty, reservists and civilian employees assigned. The 60th Air Mobility Wing is the largest air mobility organization in the Air Force with a versatile fleet of C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III cargo and KC-10 Extender refueling aircraft. As the host unit of Travis Air Force Base, the wing controls more than \$11 billion in total resources and handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States. Travis is the West Coast terminal for aeromedical evacuation aircraft returning sick or injured patients from the Pacific area. For more information, go to www.travis.af.mil.