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Dear XXxx Xxxxxx,

Congratulations on your assignment to Ft Riley Kansas. I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the squadron and introduce myself; I'm Chief Hansen, your new Superintendent. I'm sure you're excited about your assignment here, eager to learn more about the Big Red 1 and the nearby communities of Junction City and Manhattan.

As you probably know by now, the 10 ASOS is a Tactical Air Control Party consisting of about 200 Amn whose probably duty is support to the Army's Big Red 1, America's First Division. We provide the Commanding General world class Close Air Support and an Air Support Operations Center, the principal air control agency of the theater air control system responsible for the direction and control of air operations that firstly supports ground combat. But you'll learn more about that when you arrive, for now I'll tell you know what you really want to know.

Housing off-base is plentiful although most people spend 20-30 minutes or more commuting as the post is about 15 miles from Manhattan. Many who work on base choose to live in Manhattan which is a small community consisting of mostly military residents and college students. Some members also choose to live in the military town of Junction City (JC) which borders the post; this will cut your drive time in half. The waiting list for on-base housing has been about 6 month so you'll probably want to look for off-base housing as soon as you arrive. Rents around Manhattan and JC range from \$800-\$1500 depending on what kind of apartment or house you want. Base housing is satisfactory. Don't forget to apply in advance for base housing here from your current duty station. It'll shave months off your wait for base housing (if you choose to move on post). Oh, I forgot to mention Manhattan is home of Kansas State University and is also a strong supporter of the military, so I know you will feel at home wherever you choose to reside.

I don't know what you've heard about Kansas, I know when I received orders here the first thing I did was watch storm chasers on the weather channel. Thankfully I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived as the location was totally opposite of my first opinion. This tour at Ft Riley and Manhattan, Kansas has been the most rewarding of my career and I hope it is for you as well.

Again, welcome to 10 ASOS, feel free to visit the Ft. Riley home page at www.riley.army.mil and look for the unit or call me at the squadron if you have any additional questions. The DSN# for the 10th ASOS/CSS is 856-0410/3374 or Commercial (785) 239-0410/3374. My work number is (785) 239-8304 and cell: (808) 738-7655. You can also reach me at john.p.hansen2.mil@mail.mil anytime.

If there is anything else I can do to make your transition a smooth one, don't hesitate to call or write. Again safe travels and I look forward to meeting you.

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Superintendent