

Military Family Partnership Award Travis Air Force Base, California

Partnership isn't simply a word at Travis Air Force Base; it is a commitment by all parties and it starts with the outstanding leadership of the Travis Air Force Base Wing Commander Col. James Vechery. In leading the installation's housing privatization project, Vechery has established a dynamic partnership between the Air Force and its privatization partner, Balfour Beatty Communities.

Vechery and other Travis leaders have made maintaining open communications with the entire Air Force community a priority. Key leadership and other stakeholders participate in frequent synchronization meetings. As a result, many problems that may have required intervention at higher levels of the Air Force have been resolved at the base level.

The close partnership between the Air Force and Balfour Beatty also has benefitted the greater community. Most notably, Team Travis assisted 2,600 distressed evacuating spouses and children of military members stationed in Japan in Operation Pacific Passage after the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami of March 2011. Similarly, Balfour Beatty Communities' annual Valentine's Day dinner for spouses of deployed personnel has become an enormously important event that assures service members that their support team back home is caring for their families.





