

# IMPACTS Deployment Guide

# Hunter Army Airfield

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## Introduction

Welcome to Hunter Army Airfield (Hunter AAF). This orientation package was created to help you become familiar with the area and to answer some of the questions you may have when you arrive. If you have questions regarding the contents of this package, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the ESPO team.

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## Background

### Hunter Army Airfield

The city of Savannah transformed 900 acres of forest, pasture and swamp into the Savannah Municipal Airport in 1929. It was not until 1940 that the airport was renamed Hunter Municipal Airfield after the Savannah native and WWI pilot Lieutenant Colonel Frank O'Driscoll Hunter. This airfield served as an operational training unit during WWII and after.

### Savannah, Georgia

Savannah was founded as a British colonial capital in 1733 and is the oldest city in Georgia. It is also the state's 5th largest city and sits on the Atlantic Coast. As an early port city, Savannah became a hub for commerce. Today it is known for its quaint charm, southern hospitality, and historic buildings.

### Climate and Weather

Savannah Georgia is a coastal city, making its temperature swings a little less extreme. Daily temperatures December through February average in the low 60s with overnight lows around 40. There are very few days that reach temperatures near freezing. Pack for a wide range of weather during your visit as you may experience both warm and cold days in the same week.

## Arrival and Badging Information

### Before Arrival

Every project participant must register for IMPACTS. Access to the Hunter Army Airfield can only be granted with a DoD badge (CAC) or a visitor pass which can be obtained at the Hunter Visitor Control Center (VCC). All Hunter visitors must have filled out the Hunter Base Access Form prior to arrival. This information will be entered into their system, which will allow non DoD members access to the base.

### Directions

To access the Hunter Visitor Control Center you will need to go to the **Montgomery Gate** located at [5710 White Bluff Rd, Savannah, GA 31405](#). This gate is located 5 minutes away from the Residence Inn Midtown Savannah.

## Arrival at Hunter

Our operations will be based at **Hangar 7901**. You can use the address [1409 N. Lightning Road, Savannah, GA](#) with Google Maps to get close to the hangar parking area.

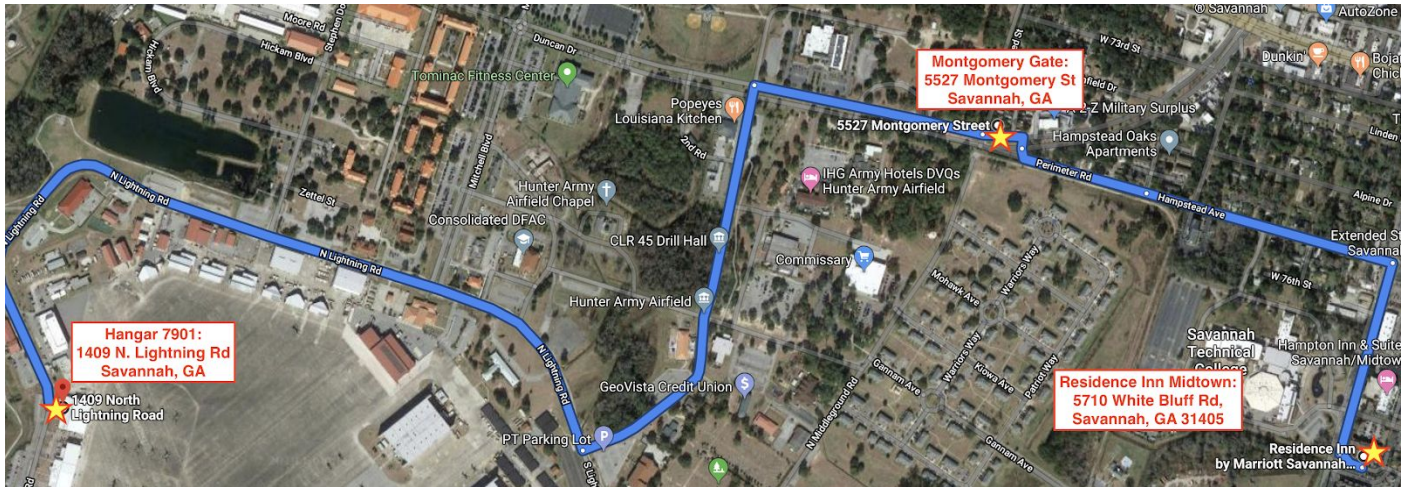


Image 1: Aerial view of Hangar 7901, Montgomery Gate, and the Residence Inn.



Image 3: Aerial view of parking at Hangar 7901

For individuals entering Hunter with a CAC card (NOAA, Navy, etc.):

- Every participant coming to Hunter AAF for IMPACTS must enter their information on the ESPO database, even if you are a NASA employee with a NASA hard badge. This is the only way we can make sure you have area access.

- Show your CAC at the Montgomery Gate (main gate) or Wilson Gate (auxiliary gate).

For non-gov't employees and contractors entering Hunter AAF:

- Persons without DoD badges need to proceed to the Hunter VCC located at the Montgomery Gate: [5710 White Bluff Rd, Savannah, GA 31405](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5710+White+Bluff+Rd,+Savannah,+GA+31405).
- Please bring one government issued photo ID with you (Driver's license or passport). The full name you entered in the ESPO database must match the full name on your photo ID.
- Let the officer on duty know that you are part of the "NASA pre-screened group".
- The badging office hours are Monday - Friday 5 am – 5 pm, as well as on weekends & training holidays from 9 am - 4pm. It is closed on Federal Holidays.
- Once you have your visitor pass you will show both your visitor pass and your driver's license (or passport) at the gate every time you enter the base. Do not lose this paper as it is the only way you will be permitted access to the base.
- The Montgomery Gate (main gate) and Wilson Gate (auxiliary gate) are open 24/7 to DoD badge holders and individuals with a visitor pass.

### Information on Lodging

ESPO has set up room blocks at the [Residence Inn Savannah Midtown](https://www.residenceinn.com/hotels/savannah-midtown) which is about a 5-minute drive to the hangar. The rooms in these blocks are offered at per diem rates. Their number is (912) 356-3266.

## Lab & Office Information

### Network

Wireless Internet services will be available in all labs and offices via Comcast. The network will be called "ESPO" and the password is **Blake7]Owned**

Bandwidth on all networks is limited and internet usage should be restricted to appropriate use. For example, checking email is fine but no video streaming (Netflix, Hulu, etc.).

### Office Equipment

ESPO will supply printers, paper, and general office supplies. There will also be a power strips available for those that need them. A coffee maker, tea kettle, and a first aid kit will also be on hand.



Image 3: Forecast briefing area at Hunter.

## Shipping/Storage

### Shipments to Hunter Army Airfield

ESPO will ship science equipment from NASA AFRC to Hunter AAF. If you need to ship equipment directly to Hunter use the address below. Use this address only for small FedEx/UPS type shipments. If you are shipping large items of equipment on pallets contact ESPO for an alternate address and additional instructions.

Before you ship your items to Hunter AAF, please email **Brent Williams and Rick Mansford** with the arrival date and the amount of equipment you plan ship. Also inform them of any hazardous material. **Clearly label each box with “IMPACTS,” the instrument name, the PI's name, and a contact phone number.** Your shipment will arrive at a central shipping center at Hunter and will be dropped off daily at Hangar 7901.

#### Shipping Point of Contact (POC) Info:

ESPO: Brent Williams [brent.a.williams@nasa.gov](mailto:brent.a.williams@nasa.gov) (831) 247-8242

Hunter AAF: Rick E Mansford (912) 315-2523

Central Shipping Address: Hunter Army Airfield

Hunter Army Airfield

240 North Lightning Road

Building 1252

Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409

ATTN: IMPACTS/Rick E Mansford (912) 315-2523

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## Safety

There will be a mandatory IMPACTS All Hands Meeting when the PI teams arrive. Details will be provided by email. If you cannot attend, see ESPO upon arrival for a briefing.

### Lab, Hangar, & Ramp Safety

- Closed-toe shoes are required in the hangar and on the ramp. No high heels, sandals, or open-toed shoes allowed.
- Long pants are required when aboard the aircraft.
- Safety vests will be provided if you do not have one. Wear it at all times.
- No IMPACTS personnel are allowed on the ramp. See ESPO regarding requests for ramp access.
- Never approach any aircraft in the hangar without permission from the crew chief or the payload manager. Please coordinate all such requests for aircraft, or on-aircraft instrument access with the payload manager. The crew chief and the payload manager will typically be on the hangar floor. Their alternate is any ESPO manager.
- No smoking allowed in any building. Smoking is only allowed in outside areas where designated. Be aware that there are fuels, liquid oxygen, and other hazards nearby.
- Boxes of hearing protection plugs can be found in the lab area.
- If you bring hazardous materials into the hangar, you need to provide ESPO with a copy of the SDS in advance. Also, provide notice if a hazardous materials cabinet will be needed. All hazardous materials will need to be stored in designated lockers.
- Use proper protective clothing when you are handling hazardous products/materials or performing tasks that would require additional protection (like LN2 refilling).
- Always make sure someone in your group knows your whereabouts in case of emergency.

### Emergency Services

- Dial 911 from any on-base telephone for any on-base emergency
- From a cell phone on base call the tower/flight ops. 912-315-5110
- Main Base Fire Department (non-emergency) 912-315-2495

### Other Important Contacts

- Hunter Health Unit 912-315-2776
- Memorial Health University Medical Center 912-350-8000

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## Mission Information

### Mission Schedule

A daily plan of the day will be posted on the IMPACTS website under Mission Planning → [Daily Schedule](#). An email will be sent out on the IMPACTS listserv and WhatsApp as well.

### Reporting & Archiving

Flight plans should be posted to Mission Tools Suite (<http://mts.nasa.gov>) in a timely manner. Aircraft Flight Reports and Mission Science reports will be submitted through the Airborne Science Website. MTS does have chat capability (although the Pilot chat is only for pilots).