

Green Zones: A Map of the US Military's Golf Courses

From California to the Korean DMZ, the Pentagon runs nearly 200 golf courses.

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The United States military is [undeniably massive](#). In 2012, the Pentagon spent [4.4 percent of our GDP](#) on defense, with hundreds of billions going to [contractors](#) for assorted weapons, equipment, and essentials.

What is not known is exactly how much money funds the military's international golf habit. Mother Jones has found that the Pentagon currently operates at least 194 golf courses and 2,874 holes of golf worldwide. Hover over any flag to tee up more information about the location, name, and size of these courses.



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Nearly all of the military golf courses are on US bases. Unsurprisingly, most are in the United States. However, greens can also be found throughout the Middle East, the Caribbean,

Europe, and Asia. They somewhat coincide with strategic military locations, leaving states like Florida, Hawaii, and Virginia and countries like Germany and Japan covered with flags. The military's [Morale, Warfare, and Recreation](#) and [Marine Corps Community Services](#) programs, which run the courses (as well as library programs, youth programs, fitness centers, and bowling alleys), say they are designed to maintain troop morale and combat readiness during stressful situations or down time.

According to MWR officials, military golf courses must "[generally](#)" be self-supporting; however, they are quite expensive to run. As journalist Nick Turse pointed out in [2008](#), fairways and greens regularly need refurbishing. The US Golf Association estimates a standard 18-hole course can cost around [\\$384,000 to \\$636,000](#) a year in maintenance fees. (Building a golf course can cost \$1.6 to \$4.5 million.) Just last year, the Pelican Bay Golf Course at Florida's Tyndall Air Force Base shut down after running a [\\$270,000 average annual deficit](#) since 2006.

The quality of military golf courses can differ dramatically, ranging from the sprawling [54-hole championship complex](#) outside Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, DC, to a couple of holes plopped in the highlands of [Mosul](#), Iraq. The terrain is further varied. The military operates its golf courses in [volcanoes](#), surrounded by [landmines](#), and just outside the notorious detention center in [Guantanamo Bay](#). It also boasts the "[World's Most Dangerous Golf Course](#)"—a single par 3 just below the demilitarized zone separating North and South Korea.

Estimates of the total number of courses vary. In [1975](#), Wisconsin Sen. William Proxmire called out the Pentagon for spending \$14 million a year to maintain 300 courses. Today, the most commonly reported number of courses is [234](#), but a thorough search turned up 194.

For more information, check out our list of military golf courses below. If you know of a course that's not here, leave a comment.

base	location	course	courses	holes	branch
Fort Rucker	Alabama	Silver Wings	3	27	Army
Redstone Arsenal	Alabama	Links at Redstone	2	36	Army
Maxwell Air Force Base	Alabama	Cypress Tree	2	36	Air Force
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Alaksa	Moose Run Hill and Creek	2	36	Air Force, Army
Fort Wainwright	Alaska	Chena Bend	1	18	Army
Fort Huachuca	Arizona	Mountain View	1	18	Army
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	Arizona	Blanchard Course	1	18	Air Force
Luke Air Force Base	Arizona	Falcon Dunes	1	18	Air Force
Pine Bluff Arsenal	Arkansas	Pine Haven	1	9	Army
Little Rock Air Force Base	Arkansas	Deer Run	1	18	Air Force
Naval Air Station North Island	California	Sea 'n' Air	1	18	Navy
Naval Base San Diego	California	Admiral Baker	2	18	Navy

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Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach	California	Navy Golf Course	2	27	Navy
Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake	California	China Lake Golf Course	1	18	Navy
Naval Base Ventura County at Port Hueneme	California	Seabee	1	18	Navy
Naval Support Activity Monterey	California	Monterey Pines	1	18	Navy
Beale Air Force Base	California	Coyote Run	1	18	Air Force
Edwards Air Force Base	California	Muroc Lake	1	18	Air Force
Travis Air Force Base	California	Cypress Lake	1	18	Air Force
Vandenberg Air Force Base	California	Marshallia Ranch Golf Course	1	18	Air Force
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms	California	Desert Winds	1	18	Marines
Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow	California	Tees N Trees	1	9	Marines
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar	California	MCAS Miramar Golf Course	1	18	Marines
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	California	Marine Memorial Golf Course	1	18	Marines
Fort Carson	Colorado	Cheyenne Shadows	1	18	Army
United States Air Force Academy	Colorado	Eisenhower Golf Club	2	18	Air Force
Peterson Air Force Base	Colorado	Silver Spruce Golf Course	1	18	Air Force
Naval Submarine Base New London	Connecticut	Goose Run	1	9	Navy
Joint Task Force Guantanamo	Cuba	Lateral Hazards	1	18	All
Andrews Air Force Base	D.C.	East, South, and North	3	54	Air Force
Dover Air Force Base	Delaware	Eagle Creek	1	18	Air Force
Royal Air Force Lakenheath	England	Breckland Pines	1	9	Air Force
Naval Air Station Pensacola	Florida	A.C. Read	3	27	Navy
Naval Air Station Whiting Field	Florida	Whiting Field Golf course	1	18	Navy
Naval Station Mayport	Florida	Windy Harbor Golf Club	1	18	Navy

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Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Florida	Jacksonville Golf Club	1	9	Navy
Eglin Air Force Base	Florida	Eglin Golf Course	2	36	Air Force
Hurlburt Field	Florida	Gator Lakes	1	18	Air Force
MacDill Air Force Base	Florida	Bay Palms Golf Complex	2	18	Air Force
Patrick Air Force Base	Florida	Manatee Cove	1	18	Air Force
Fort Benning	Georgia	The Bradley, The Marshall, and The Patton	3	27	Army
Fort Gordon	Georgia	Gordon Lakes Golf Club	3	9	Army
Fort McPherson-Gillem	Georgia	Fort McPherson Golf Course	1	18	Army
Fort Stewart	Georgia	Taylor's Creek	1	18	Army
Hunter Army Air Field	Georgia	Hunter Golf Club	1	18	Air Force
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	Georgia	Trident Lakes	1	18	Navy
Moody Air Force Base	Georgia	Quiet Pines	1	9	Air Force
Robins Air Force Base	Georgia	Pine Oaks	1	18	Air Force
United States Army Garrison Bamberg	Germany	Whispering Pines	1	9	Army
Edelweiss Lodge and Resort	Germany	Alpental	1	18	Army
Garrison Heidelberg	Germany	Heidelberg Golf Club	1	18	Army
Garrison Stuttgart	Germany	Stuttgart Golf Course	1	18	Army
Garrison Wiesbaden	Germany	Rheinblick Golf Course	1	18	Army
Ramstein Air Base	Germany	Woodlawn	1	18	Air Force
Spangdahlem Air Base	Germany	Eifel Mountain	1	18	Air Force
Andersen Air Force Base	Guam	Palm Tree Golf Course	1	18	Air Force
Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks	Hawaii	Leilehua and Walter J. Nagorski	2	27	Army
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Hawaii	Ke'alohe and Mamala	3	45	Air Force, Navy
Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	Hawaii	Kaneohe Klipper	1	18	Marines

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Mountain Home Air Force Base	Idaho	Silver Sage Golf Course	1	18	Air Force
Naval Station Great Lakes	Illinois	Willow Glen	1	18	Navy
Scott Air Force Base	Illinois	Cardinal Creek	1	18	Air Force
Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane	Indiana	Eagle View	1	18	Navy
Mosul	Iraq	Al-Kindi	1	2	Army
Naval Support Activity Naples	Italy	Carney Park	1	9	Navy
Aviano Air Force Base	Italy	Alpine	1	9	Air Force
Camp Zama	Japan	Camp Zama	1	18	Army
Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	Japan		1	18	Marines
Naval Air Facility Atsugi	Japan	Atsugi Golf Course	1	18	Navy
Misawa Air Base	Japan	Gosser Memorial	1	18	Air Force
Yokota Air Base	Japan	Tama Hills	1	18	Air Force
Kadena Air Force Base	Japan	Banyan Tree Golf Course	1	18	Air Force
Marine Corps Community Services Okinawa	Japan	Taiyo	1	18	Marines
Fort Leavenworth	Kansas	Trails West	1	18	Army
Fort Riley	Kansas	Custer Hill	1	18	Army
Fort Campbell	Kentucky	Cole Park	1	18	Army
Fort Knox	Kentucky	Lindsey Golf Course	1	18	Army
Fort Polk	Louisiana	Warrior Hills Golf Course	1	18	Army
Barksdale Air Force Base	Louisiana	Fox Run	1	18	Air Force
United States Naval Academy	Maryland	Naval Academy Golf Club	1	18	Navy
Naval Air Station Patuxent River	Maryland	Cedar Point	1	18	Navy
Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head	Maryland	Naval Surface Warfare Center Golf Course	1	18	Navy
Aberdeen Proving Ground	Maryland	Ruggles	1	18	Army
Hanscom Air Force Base	Massachusetts	Patriot Golf Course	1	9	Air Force
United States Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod	Massachusetts	Falcon	1	9	Coast Guard

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Selfridge Air National Guard Base	Michigan	Selfridge Golf Course	1	18	Air Force
Naval Air Station Meridian	Mississippi	Ponta Creek	1	18	Navy
Columbus Air Force Base	Mississippi	Whispering Pines	1	9	Air Force
Keesler Air Force Base	Mississippi	Bay Breeze	1	18	Air Force
Fort Leonard Wood	Missouri	Piney Valley	1	18	Army
Whiteman Air Force Base	Missouri	Royal Oaks	1	18	Air Force
Offutt Air Force Base	Nebraska	Willow Lakes	1	18	Air Force
Nellis Air Force Base	Nevada	Sunrise Vista	1	18	Air Force
Joint Base McGuire-Fort Dix-Lakehurst	New Jersey	Fountain Green, Falcon Creek, and Pine Ridge	3	45	Air Force, Army, Navy
Picatinny Arsenal	New Jersey	Picatinny Golf Course	1	18	Army
White Sands Missile Range	New Mexico	White Sands	1	9	Army
Cannon Air Force Base	New Mexico	Whispering Winds	1	18	Air Force
Kirtland Air Force Base	New Mexico	Tijeras Arroyo	1	18	Air Force
Holloman Air Force Base	New Mexico	Apache Mesa	1	9	Air Force
United States Military Academy West Point	New York	West Point Golf Course	1	18	Army
Fort Bragg	North Carolina	Ryder and Stryker	2	36	Army
Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	North Carolina	Three Eagles	1	18	Air Force
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	North Carolina	Paradise Point Scarlet and Gold	2	36	Marines
Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	North Carolina	Sound of Freedom	1	18	Marines
Pope Air Force Base	North Carolina	Willow Lakes	1	18	Air Force
Grand Forks Air Force Base	North Dakota	Plainsview	1	9	Air Force
Minot Air Force Base	North Dakota	Rough Rider	1	9	Air Force
Defense Supply Center Columbus	Ohio	Eagle Eye	1	9	Army
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	Ohio	Prairie Trace and Twin Base	3	45	Air Force
Fort Sill	Oklahoma	Fort Sill	1	18	Army
Altus Air Force Base	Oklahoma	Windy Trails	1	18	Air Force
Tinker Air Force Base	Oklahoma	Tinker Golf Course	1	18	Air Force

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Carlisle Barracks	Pennsylvania	Carlisle Barracks Golf Course	1	18	Army
Fort Buchanan	Puerto Rico	Fort Buchanan Golf Club	1	9	Army
Arizona Golf Resort	Saudi Arabia		1	9	Army
Fort Jackson	South Carolina	Wildcat and Hickory	2	36	Army
Joint Base Charleston	South Carolina	Redbank Plantation and Wrenwoods	2	36	Air Force, Navy
Shaw Air Force Base	South Carolina	Carolina Lakes	1	18	Air Force
Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island	South Carolina	The Legends Golf Course	1	18	Marines
Ellsworth Air Force Base	South Dakota	Prarie Ridge	1	9	Air Force
Camp Walker	South Korea		1	9	Army
Camp Red Cloud	South Korea		1	9	Army
Camp Casey	South Korea		1	9	Army
Yongsam	South Korea	Sung Nam Golf Club	1	18	Army
Camp Bonifas	South Korea		1	1	Army
Kunsan Air Base	South Korea	West Winds	1	9	Air Force
Osan Air Base	South Korea	The Lakes	1	18	Air Force
Naval Station Rota	Spain	Captain Jack Dennis Memorial	1	18	Navy
Naval Support Activity Mid-south	Tennessee	Glen Eagles	1	18	Navy
Arnold Air Force Base	Tennessee	Arnold Golf course	1	9	Air Force
Fort Bliss	Texas	Underwood Golf complex, Sunrise and Sunset Courses	2	36	Army
Fort Hood	Texas	Armadillo Hill, Deer Run, and Panther Claw	3	27	Army
Fort Sam Houston	Texas	The La Loma and Salado Del Rio	2	36	Army
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi	Texas	Gulf Winds	1	18	Navy
Dyess Air Force Base	Texas	Mesquite Grove	1	18	Air Force
Lackland Air Force Base	Texas	Gateway Hills	1	18	Air Force

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Laughlin Air Force Base	Texas	Leaning Pine	1	9	Air Force
Randolph Air Force Base	Texas	Randolph Oaks Golf Course	1	18	Air Force
Sheppard Air Force Base	Texas	Wind Creek	1	18	Air Force
Incirlik Air Force Base	Turkey	Hodja Lakes Golf Course	1	9	Air Force
Dugway Proving Ground	Utah		1	9	Army
Hill Air Force Base	Utah	Hubbard Memorial Course	1	18	Air Force
Fort Belvoir	Virginia	Woodlawn and Gunston	2	18	Army
Fort Lee	Virginia	The Cardinal	3	27	Army
Naval Air Station Oceana	Virginia	Hornet and Tomcat	2	18	Navy
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story	Virginia	Eagle Haven	1	18	Navy
Naval Station Norfolk	Virginia	Sewell's Point	1	18	Navy
Naval Weapons Station Yorktown – Cheatham Annex	Virginia	Deer Cove	1	18	Navy
Joint Base Langley-Eustis	Virginia	The Pines and Eaglewood	3	45	Air Force, Army
Marine Corps Base Quantico	Virginia	Medal of Honor	1	18	Marines
Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	Washington	NAS Whidbey Gallery Golf Course	1	18	Navy
Joint Base Lewis-McChord	Washington	Eagle's Pride and Whispering Firs	3	45	Air Force, Army
F.E. Warren Air Force Base	Wyoming	Warren Golf Course	1	18	Air Force

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