

HM 'A' SCHOOL - HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS BY CORPSMAN MOMS

Dawn, 5/31/11

I stayed at the **Antonian Inn**...VERY close to Ft. Sam. NO frills. LOW budget. It was adequate. I will probably stay there again, for the simple fact that the drive to base is less time than it took to drive from the main gate to his dorm! LOL.

Found it on hotels.com...\$63 a night...realize, you get what you pay for!

Kricia 6/9/11

You can go to Priceline and find super cheap rooms. Memorial day weekend, I stayed at the **Grand Hyatt on river walk** which averages \$150 - \$200 a night usually. I got it four nights at \$75 a night. So just shop around.. It's also cheaper to book a room with a flight (if you're flying)...

Also, if you're not going to have a car when you go, it's a \$16-20 cab fare from the base to downtown, and you don't HAVE to sign your Sailors in and out (to save 2 of those cab fares a day), all they have to do is walk through the door with a shipmate, they usually all go downtown anyways.

K&DsMom 7/17/11

We would stay at the **Staybridge Suites** again if we went. It is also a QUICK drive to Fort Sam.

NurseMom Lisa 7/17/11

I got a great room rate at **Wyndham, St. Anthony Hotel**. It was a very nice room and close to Riverwalk. Quick drive to Fort Sam Houston. Went through Hotwire and got room for \$73.00/night. I rented a car also through Hotwire for \$9.95/day for an economy car. Had to pay for parking at hotel but right across street for \$19.00/day. Used Valet last night because had to check out by 3:30am.

1Windhaven-Maria 8/2/11

We stayed at the **Marriott Plaza san Antonio**. It was reasonable, clean, everyone was nice. Within 1/2 from the Riverwalk. For dinner we went to Paesano's one night. Excellent Italian food.

The first time we stayed at the Hyatt on the riverwalk - it can be pricing but they were running a special so got a great price. The second time we stayed at the Marriot San Antonio. It was within walking distance from the Riverwalk. It was clean, convenient, and everyone was very helpful.

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UFQ202- Ship 12, Div 231 8/23/11

Lodging on base is <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/lodge.aspx>. We actually have to call as they don't have rooms on the web site. Here is the phone number 210-357-2705. They are really nice. They have lots of students staying in the 5 hotels they have on base. You might find something cheaper off the base but our room was really beautiful, clean and lots of choices at breakfast and cost us \$106/night.

Kris~Ship02Div927 A Sch 160

We stayed at **Comfort Inn on I-35** - bed was comfy, pillows great, towels very nice....clean room. It was a little noisy during the night from freeway traffic and train whistles but a good place to stay and close to post. Free breakfast.

HM Mom Ruth 9/20/11

Go to the **Casa Rio**. Great food, freindly atmosphere, outside dining, and the Original Riverwalk Restaurant.

CorpsmanWifeSchu

We ate at a little Mexican place called Cafe Ole. It was pretty good. Don't know how early you book it or who its through, but I saw one of the river boats being set up for dinner. I think that'd be fun! There was a movie theater there, various shops...we just walked around and listened to a band play "Can't Help Falling in Love with You."

I'm staying at the **Best Western Windsor Pointe** and got it for \$64 a night. The rooms are really nice and it wasn't too far from Post. I stayed there last time when I went to visit at the end of August.

Elizabeth

I bid on priceline for a hotel, I stayed **on the River Walk at the Hilton hotel** for \$69.00 a night. You definitely need a car, one taxi ride will cost you more then renting a car for a day. The one problem with staying at the River Walk is parking, it is expensive to get the hotels parking to get in and out privileges and it is not even on the same property, they have valet parking that is even more expensive, I did valet because I was staying there by myself. I am sure we will just bid on priceline, we are usually pretty happy with the hotels, 3 stars or above.

Tink on January 14, 2012 at 11:12am

I stayed at the **Sam Houston House on base**. I really liked it. It's almost like a bed and breakfast. My daughter's boyfriend stayed at Bldg 592 on base and really didn't care for it. He said it was not very clean. The SH House is around

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\$110 per night. It's located on the other side of the base by the officer housing and in a quiet area.

Judi(NavyMom) on February 7, 2012

@Proud2baNavyMom- Just got back from visiting this weekend. We stayed @ **Marriott Riverside**. It was spendy, but was attached to mall & was centrally located. I felt well worth it. The Alamo was a block away! We ate breakfast @ IHOP express in food court so saved some on meals during day and had a nice dinner. There was a LaQuinta across the street & Hampton Inn down the road.

talbertsb2800 on February 7, 2012

Hi Judi - I just spent the weekend there - this was my 2nd trip. I stayed at the **LaQuinta on Blum St right beside the Riverwalk** - AAA rate was \$94 and includes a really good breakfast. It is only a few minutes from the base and within walking distance of Alamo etc. The only downside is you have to pay an additional \$18 a day for parking but parking is a problem anyhow and costly if you drive into the city.

ArNavyMom on February 25, 2012 at 9:29pm

Those that are planning a trip to SA soon, **check out VRBO.com**. We **rented a vacation home** for 4 nights Presidents Day weekend. \$148 p/night for a four bedroom house. That included taxes and cleaning deposit. If you want the owners contact information in-box me. This owner has 3 fully furnished homes in SA and rents them for vacationers. Plenty of room for us and our Sailor. 25 minutes south of the Ft. Sam. Near AFB.

Definitely renting from this owner again in May. We saved tons of \$\$\$ eating in oppose to eating out every meal. Our Sailor liked that better anyway. Home cooking is something all of the love!

One last thing - we did eat mexican at the Riverwalk - Casa Rio or Rio Casa. Off Commerce. SCRUMPTIOUS!

gcnavymom HN on March 13, 2012 at 6:59pm

waterpologirl...just came back from visiting my daughter at A school. We stayed at the **Drury Inn Northeast**. It is right off of 35. Less then 7 miles to the base. They include huge breakfast and they also have a evening meal, hotdog, chicken fingers baked potatoes, salad, vegs and dip. The hotel was nice and clean. Really not that expensive. I paid about \$110 a night. I will be staying there again when I go back to visit. My daughter roommate lives in San Antonio and her family was the one to suggest this place to stay. It was close to everything we needed.

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Tink on March 18, 2012 at 3:53pm

Doreen, they are all bookable by civilians. I stayed at the **Sam Houston House**, very nice, my daughter and her BF stayed at bldg 592 and didn't really care for it. But, if it is only for one night, it will probably work. Bldg 592 is the cheapest

<http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com/>

kimberlydale (corpsmanmom) on May 11, 2012 at 10:43am

Hi All - so for what it is worthwe just got back from HM graduation. Here are a few suggestions for motels. The Homewood Suites is in a great location - you can go right out the back and your "literally" ON the Riverwalk. We stayed at the Hampton Inn (it was very nice and they serve breakfast , have outdoor pool, gated parking lot) - which was about a block away (easy walking) but if I did it over I would find one right on the Riverwalk. Also, Fort Sam is a 3-5 minute drive from downtown. Very close !!

CDMom on May 11, 2012 at 3:08pm

Hi Everyone, We just got back from HM graduation. We stayed at **the Historic St. Anthony's downtown**, it was beautiful, but no breakfast and you had to pay for parking or valet. It was two block from riverwalk so it was nice to be able to walk everywhere. A couple blocks from the Alamo. I would find one with parking and more amenities if I were going again.

Jana on May 21, 2012 at 9:29pm

We stayed at the **Homewood Suites on the Riverwalk**. It was very nice. We didn't have a chance to use the kitchen, but they do have a full size refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, and a 2 burner stove along with dishes and utensils. They have a hot breakfast in the morning. The day we ate there they had eggs, bacon, cereal, toast, bagels, etc. I paid \$125 with my AARP discount and we could see the Riverwalk right outside our bedroom window. They also have a rooftop swimming pool and spa, exercise room and business center. The staff was great. Unfortunately I got sick the morning we were checking out, and they were very nice in letting me take as long as I needed to check out. It is right on the Riverwalk so you have to either pay for valet parking or park in the parking garage across the street.

mome2jord on May 22, 2012 at 1:17am

Regarding hotels in San Antonio, **I booked ours through Priceline's** name your own price. It took me a couple tries, but I finally got our **4 star hotel booked by the Riverwalk for \$70 a night**. The regular price for or hotel was 180.00 a night,

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so it was a great deal. The only thing I would caution is that our parking was \$20 a night, but still even with that it was a great deal. I use Priceline often and got our car rental through there as well. When you bid you pick the star level but you don't choose the hotel. I have never gotten a bad hotel and I use them about once a month. It does save money. Also when bidding a car rental, the car rental company does not take an additional deposit. This is helpful if your traveling on a budget and don't want the extra money on hold from your credit or debit card. Just make sure to have a copy of your itinerary with you.

Navy2011Mom on June 1, 2012 at 11:51am

We ended up staying at the **Travelodge right next to the base**. In fact, the back fence of the parking lot is onto the base. It's not the nicest motel, but it's clean and wasn't bad at all. We couldn't have asked for a better location -- at least as far as we were concerned. We were much less than a mile from the Binz Engleman (sp) entrance to the base. Took us only minutes to get onto the base to pick up our son each time he called for us to meet him. There were **several places right there next to the Travelodge (Howard Johnson, Microtel, Clarion and more.)** The place was pretty much central to getting around S.A., so it really ended up working out well for us. The drive to the Riverwalk then was just minutes. I think it was about 5 miles away from where we stayed.

BTW, there are some GREAT museums on the base. The medical museum was AMAZING!!! Goes from before the Civil War to present.

KaylaRae on July 23, 2012 at 11:09am

So I know hotels are always a question on here so **here is one to avoid**. I have been in SA since the 13th spending time with my bf on the weekend and making dinner for him on the week nights. I chose **the Value Place an extended stay off of 35. DON'T STAY HERE**. They charge for everything! I paid a \$100 deposit that I found out about when I paid for it, they only provide 1 roll of toilet paper, if you need more you have to buy it. You have to pay \$7 a week for linen exchange and if there are any stains they charge for them. (I just got done washing the sheet in the bath tub because I scratched a bug bite on my leg that bled a little on the sheets). Also they really didn't explain how the paying works and I just figured they would bill when I left or I would pay when I checked out. Anyway the manager banged on my door this morning around 8:45 and then proceeded to walk in without giving me a chance to respond... I was getting ready for a shower so I had no clothes on. When I opened the door (with clothes of course) he got really upset at me that I hadn't paid and that I have till 11 to pay or I would be charged a \$45 late fee... their office didn't even open until 9am and I was going down anyway because my key would let me into the building but not my room.