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Custom-Built for Air Force Families

By Emily Hoxworth

Maryland's Joint Base Andrews partnership delivers new and renovated homes

Privatized development is redefining Joint Base Andrews in Maryland, transforming outdated housing into high-quality, cohesive communities for Air Force residents. In October, developer Clark Realty Capital, in partnership with the Department of the Air Force and AMC East Communities, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Liberty Park at Andrews, the

first privatized family housing community at Joint Base Andrews.

"Clark Realty Capital has developed an outstanding community here at Liberty Park that far exceeds the quality that we've seen in the past," said Colonel Steven M. Shepro, Commander, 316th Wing and Joint Base Andrews Installation. "The homes and amenities that Clark has created for our Airmen and their families demonstrate not only the success of our

partnership, but our joint commitment to providing only the best for our deserving service members."

Working with architect Torti Gallas and Partners and general contractor Clark Builders Group, Clark developed Liberty Park with participation from Joint Base Andrews residents through a charrette process, allowing homes and community amenities to be tailor-made for Air Force families. Traditional, beautiful town-homes range from three to four bedrooms and provide spacious, open floor plans, two-car garages, two-and-a-half baths, and extra storage space to accommodate military residents' unique needs. All new homes meet Energy Star standards, and meters for electricity, water, and gas encourage further conservation. Durable, high-quality finishes ensure that homes will stand the test of time, while large front porches and walkways encourage neighborhood connectivity.

Welcoming features

A focal point of the Liberty Park community is an expansive welcome center surrounded by abundant green space, benches, gazebos, and a reflecting pool. Complete with great room, community kitchen, fitness center, and Olympic-sized outdoor pool, the welcome center encourages resident camaraderie and provides a relaxing atmosphere for residents to escape from the daily stresses of life in the military. The center also houses both government housing specialists and property management staff, allowing for continued teaming and best-in-class resident services. An adjacent tot lot, dog park, and sports courts present outlets



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for recreation right outside of residents' doorsteps.

The October ribbon-cutting ceremony unveiled the completed Liberty Park community to more than 100 residents and attending guests. Remarks were made by Colonel Shepro; Major General Ralph J. Jodice II, Commander, Air Force District of Washington; Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics; and Sean Callahan, development executive at Clark Realty Capital. Following the ceremony, the

partnership hosted a reception and tour of the welcome center and model home.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to partner with the Air Force to develop Liberty Park at Andrews," said Callahan. "With all our projects we strive to create a strong sense of community. I believe we have achieved that goal here at Liberty Park, and we look forward to strengthening our partnership with the Air Force to better serve Air Force families here at Joint Base Andrews and at other installations across the country."

Future plans

The completion of Liberty Park at Andrews marks the delivery of 85 out of 415 total new and renovated homes planned for Joint Base Andrews under the AMC East development plan. The full project scope will be completed in 2013.

As families settle into their new homes at Liberty Park, the success of this public-private partnership is already evident through the sense of pride in community coming to life for residents of Joint Base Andrews. ■

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