

# Relocation Guide for Valdosta, Georgia & Moody Air Force Base

## Welcome from Jamill Williams

Hi, I'm Jamill Williams with Canopy Realty Group! Whether you're moving to Moody Air Force Base, relocating for work, or buying your first home here in South Georgia, welcome to Valdosta! I love helping families and military clients find a home that fits their lifestyle — whether that's a starter home near base, a family-friendly neighborhood like Grove Pointe, or a luxury property in Kinderlou Forest or Stone Creek. Valdosta is full of southern charm, great food, amazing schools, and a true sense of community — and I can't wait to help you discover it.

## About Valdosta & Moody Air Force Base

Valdosta is known as the “Azalea City” or “Tittletown.” The city is full of friendly neighborhoods, great dining, and year-round sunshine. We have one of the biggest football rivalries in the state between the Valdosta Wildcats and Lowndes Vikings. Located just minutes from Moody Air Force Base, the area offers a variety of housing options and a low cost of living. Many service members and their families choose Valdosta for its convenience, small-town feel, and proximity to major destinations.

## Neighborhoods to Explore

- 1 **Grove Pointe** – Convenient to town, perfect for families with kids looking to play with other kids.
- 2 **Kinderlou Forest** – Luxury/higher-end homes, with a golf course and gated community.
- 3 **Stone Creek** – Luxury homes, convenient to Lowndes County schools, includes a golf course.
- 4 **Knights Landing** – Only 5 minutes from Moody Air Force Base.
- 5 **Nelson Hill** – Perfect for starter homes, growing families, and military families.

## Schools & Education

Valdosta offers strong public and private school options for families. Top schools include:

- 1 Sallas Mahone Elementary School
- 2 Lowndes High School
- 3 Valdosta High School
- 4 St. John Catholic School (Private)

- 5 Pine Grove Elementary & Middle School – Near base, located together
- 6 Dewar Elementary School – Close to base
- 7 Valwood School – Private, strong academics and athletics

## Local Dining & Shopping

Valdosta has amazing dining options including Big Nick's for barbecue, Fancy Girl Farms in Hahira, Rico's Tacos in Valdosta, Smokin' Pig BBQ, Steel Magnolias, and King's Grill. Shopping options include Valdosta Mall, downtown boutiques, and the local farmers market for fresh produce and handmade goods.

## Things to Do & Nearby Getaways

Have fun at Wild Adventures Theme Park for family entertainment. Visit Recoil Trampoline Park or Skate 'n Play for kids. There's a golf course directly across from Moody Air Force Base for golf lovers. Valdosta is also just a couple of hours from Florida's beautiful Gulf Coast beaches. Atlanta is only 3 hours away — perfect for parents wanting a city escape or a fun vacation.

## Homebuying Tips for First-Time & Military Buyers

- 1 Get pre-approved before you start home shopping – it makes your offers stronger.
- 2 If you're military, ask about VA loans – they offer 0% down and no PMI.
- 3 Work with a local REALTOR® (me, of course – Jamill Williams!) who understands military timelines and PCS moves.
- 4 Budget for closing costs, inspections, and home warranties.

## Moving Checklist

- 1 ■ Research neighborhoods & schools
- 2 ■ Get pre-approved for a mortgage
- 3 ■ Schedule movers and set your moving date
- 4 ■ Transfer utilities and update your address
- 5 ■ Explore Valdosta and connect with your new community!

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