



Texas Military Preparedness Commission

Office of the Governor

Dyess Air Force Base - Abilene, TX



MISSION: Dyess AFB hosts the 7th Bomb Wing, which operates 33 B-1B Lancer bombers and is comprised of many units working to support logistics, operations, medical, and additional support functions. The mission of the 7th Bomb Wing is to provide dominant air power and combat support to combatant and joint force commanders. It is charged with producing combat ready air crews in the Air Force's only B-1B training unit.

TENANT COMMANDS

Groups assigned to the wing include:

317th Airlift Group - The largest C-130J Group in Air Mobility Command. The unit transports troops, supplies, and equipment around the world and routinely supports humanitarian disaster relief.

7th Operations Group - This group is responsible for executing global conventional bombing and provide firepower worldwide at any time.

7th Maintenance Group - This groups provides support to the bomb wing, deployed units, and associate units.

7th Mission Support Group - This group maintains the base by ensuring administrative, educational, and communications requirements for the wing.

7th Medical Group - provides healthcare for all personnel and families.

Other commands include the **489th Bomb Group** (US Air Force Reserve), **1 Motor Transport Maintenance Company** (US Marine Corps Reserve), **413th Civil Affairs Battalion** (US Army Reserve), **111th Engineer Battalion** (Texas Army National Guard).

OUTLOOK:

Dyess is located on 5,303 acres and holds an additional 1,017 acres in easements. The base has 17 hangars and 13,500 foot runway to accommodate the B-1 mission. Recent upgrades include two renovated dormitories, water main repair, an improved small arms firing range, and a successful partnership program.

Variable	Total Impact
Total Employment (indirect included)	20,208
Output to the Texas Economy (in billions)	\$3.7
GDP (in billions)	\$2.1
Disposable Personal Income (in billions)	\$1.2

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2015

PARTNERSHIPS:

Dyess AFB has a strong relationship with the Abilene, founding the city's Military Affairs Committee (MAC) in 1956. The community support helps Dyess AFB provide a solid foundation for power projection. The Chamber of Commerce houses MAC, which oversees various programs and events like the "World's Largest Barbecue", quarterly luncheons featuring the top Team Dyess performers, and social and working events to foster the relationships between military and civilian leaders. The relationship between Dyess AFB and Abilene is considered a benchmark for base-city relationships, which is illustrated by the "Abilene Trophy" which was renamed after the community won the award enough times to forfeit future eligibility. The award is now sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

Item	Personnel
Active Duty Military	4,794
Government Civilians	601
Contractors	192
National Guard & Reserve	357
Total	5,944

Source: Dyess Air Force Base, 2015

