



# Texas Military Preparedness Commission

## Office of the Governor

### Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base - Houston, TX



**MISSION:** Ellington Airport is a joint use civil and military airport that supports multiple tenants including the Texas Air and Army National Guard, hence the name Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base (EF JRB). The major units at Ellington are tasked with reconnaissance and Air Sovereignty alert missions and providing support for natural disasters among many other missions supporting Texas.

#### TENANT COMMANDS

The **147th Reconnaissance Wing** (147th RW) is under the Texas Air National Guard. The 147th RW provides a trained MQ-1 Predator Reconnaissance Squadron and other functions for worldwide combat and peacetime tasks that support the community, the state of Texas, and national interests. They conduct persistent unmanned intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and light strike missions. The 147th RW also conducts constant protection of Houston and the Port of Houston, the nation's only manned spaceflight mission control facility.

The **1-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion** is under the Texas Army National Guard. The 1-149th equips and trains for combat with AH-64 Apache helicopters and has deployed to multiple countries and natural disasters.

The 75th Training Command (U.S. Army Reserve) provides training to Army Reserve, Active Army, and National Guard soldiers. The 75th also oversees Medical Readiness Training Command.

Additional units at EF JRB include the **United States Coast Guard Houston, Naval Operations Support Center Houston, and the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines.**

#### OUTLOOK:

The Office of the Governor has recently awarded \$3.1 million to the City of Houston support Ellington Field JRB by constructing a new air traffic control tower. The current tower was damaged by Hurricane Ike.

Variable	Total Impact
Total Employment (indirect included)	4,155
Output to the Texas Economy (in millions)	\$777.3
GDP (in millions)	\$452
Disposable Personal Income (in millions)	\$260

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2015

#### PARTNERSHIPS:

EF JRB has a unique combination of units. EF JRB is supported by the Ellington Field Task Force which was established by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. The Houston Military Affairs Committee (HMCA) supports military and veteran activities in the Houston area. HMCA also has a strong working relationship with local active, reserve, and national guard units. The Houston area supports over 20,800 retirees, survivors, and family members.

Item	Personnel
Active Duty Military	1,462
Government Civilians	4,164
Contractors	1,795
National Guard & Reserve	502
Total	7,923

Source: Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, 2015

