



# Texas Military Preparedness Commission

## Office of the Governor

### Sheppard Air Force Base - Wichita Falls, TX



**MISSION:** Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB) hosts the 82nd Training Wing which provides technical training to over 65,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and international students. Sheppard AFB is the largest, most diverse training base in Air Education and Training Command (AETC). It is the only Air Force base that is home to technical and specialized flight training.

#### TENANT COMMANDS

The **82nd Training Wing** is responsible for aircraft maintenance, armament, and munitions training including nuclear munitions. The range of training satisfies multiple requirements for the U.S. Air Force including officer and enlisted skills, advanced and supplemental courses, maintenance courses, and the Mission Generation Road Course. More than 1,000 courses are taught at Sheppard AFB and at an additional 61 locations around the world.

The **80th Flying Training Wing** has thirteen NATO nations participating. This wing provides combat air power for NATO by producing top quality pilots. The program, the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT), provides training to over 200 pilots a year.

#### OUTLOOK:

Sheppard AFB has hosted the ENJJPT program since 1981 with strong success. In 2014, Sheppard AFB provided over 930 courses, 12,200 classes, and 1.71 million instructional hours to their pilots. In fiscal year 2016, the Office of the Governor awarded \$1.75 million to the City of Wichita Falls to support a security project on the installation. Sheppard AFB is one of the busiest airfields in the Air Force and is the largest economic driver and employer in a 50-mile radius including Wichita, Archer, and Clay Counties. Additionally, Sheppard AFB supports 3,700 retirees in the area.

Variable	Total Impact
Total Employment (indirect included)	36,970
Output to the Texas Economy (in billions)	\$5.6
GDP (in billions)	\$3.4
Disposable Personal Income (in billions)	\$2.0

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2015

#### PARTNERSHIPS:

The ENJJPT program partners with Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom for training. Each country sends students and an officer to represent their country during training. In North Texas, Sheppard AFB is supported by community leaders and citizens, ensuring the success of Sheppard's missions. In 2012, Wichita Falls was awarded the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Altus Trophy for outstanding community support. Sheppard AFB personnel provide hours of community service in support of programs like Hope for the Homeless, Falls Fest, and the Texas-Oklahoma State Fair.

Item	Personnel
Active Duty Military	5,291
Government Civilians	1,696
Contractors	1,465
National Guard & Reserve	72
Total	8,524

Source: Sheppard Air Force Base, 2015

