

TEXAS MILITARY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE – WICHITA FALLS, TX



MISSION: Charged with the mission to build, strengthen, and sustain global combat capability through technical training, Sheppard AFB is home to the 82nd Training Wing. As a key player in international defense training, Sheppard AFB hosts Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, a partnership providing pilot training to 13 nations of the NATO Alliance.



EXPENDITURES: With a 50-mile radius, Sheppard AFB's economic impact region includes Wichita, Archer, and Clay counties. Providing over 30,000 combined direct and indirect jobs, the installation is the largest economic driver and employer in the region. In FY11, operations at Sheppard AFB contributed approximately \$803 million to the local economy.

ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT TO TEXAS ECONOMY

Variable	Total Impact
Total Employment (<i>indirect included</i>)	34,913
Output (<i>in billions</i>)	\$ 5.61
GDP (<i>in billions</i>)	\$ 3.16
Disposable Personal Income (<i>in billions</i>)	\$ 1.97

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

PERSONNEL & SPENDING

Item	# of Persons	Total Payroll (<i>in millions</i>)
Active Duty Military	6,423	\$ 406.84
Government Civilian Employees	1,931	89.09
Contractors	1,661	111.27
Total	10,015	\$ 607.20
Total Direct Spending		\$ 794.28

Source: Sheppard Air Force Base, 2011

TENANT COMMANDS: Sheppard AFB hosts both the 82nd Training Wing and the 80th Flying Training Wing.

- ★ *82nd Training Wing* – provides technical training for 80,000 joint and international students each year; courses include aircraft maintenance, conventional and nuclear munitions maintenance, explosive ordnance disposal, telecommunications, and aircrafts system maintenance
- ★ *80th Flying Training Wing* – combat airpower pilot training for the NATO Alliance through the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program; provides combat pilot training for 13 NATO countries.

PARTNERSHIPS: The support of the community leaders and citizens of North Texas is vital for the success of Sheppard AFB's mission. Sheppard AFB's personnel devote hours of community service to the surrounding community, by volunteering for Hope for the Homeless, Falls Fest, and the Texas-Oklahoma Fair. The Sheppard Military Affairs Committee is charged with sustaining local cooperation and partnerships by advocating a regional approach to enhance, protect and grow the military presence in North Texas.

OUTLOOK: Sheppard AFB is the largest, most diverse training base in the Air Education and Training Command arsenal. As the only air force base home to both technical and aviation training, Sheppard AFB has its potential to expand its footprint on surrounding unencumbered lands. Sheppard AFB and the surrounding community look forward to hosting increased military missions.

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