



Texas Military Preparedness Commission

Office of the Governor

Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base 2020

MISSION

Ellington Airport is a joint use civil and military airport that supports multiple tenants including the Texas Air and Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Navy. 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 Strike Wing** (147th SW) is under the Texas Air National Guard. The 147th SW provides a trained MQ-9 Reaper 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 **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 Innovation 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**.

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. EF JRB is close to the NASA's Johnson Space Center. The Houston Military Affairs Committee (HMAC) supports military and veteran activities in the Houston area. HMAC 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.

| Variable | Total Impact |
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| Direct Employment | 753 |
| Output to the Texas Economy (in millions) | \$470 |
| GDP (in millions) | \$286 |
| Disposable Personal Income (in millions) | \$143 |

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2019

OUTLOOK

The City of Houston has recently completed the construction of a new air traffic control tower, partially funded by DEAAAG and the Office of the Governor. The current tower was damaged by Hurricane Ike.

