



# Texas Military Preparedness Commission

## Office of the Governor

### Laughlin Air Force Base 2020

#### MISSION

Laughlin AFB is home to the 47th Flying Training Wing where pilots earn their silver wings flying the T-6A Texan II, T-38 Talon, and T-1A Jayhawk. Laughlin's mission is to graduate the world's best military pilots, deploy mission-ready warriors, and develop professional, resilient, and innovative airmen.

#### TENANT COMMANDS

Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB) is the largest pilot training base in the U.S. Air Force. The **47th Flying Training Wing** conducts specialized undergraduate pilot training for the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and allied nation air forces. The **47th Mission Support Group** oversees base activities including personnel management, administrative services, security, and resource protection, disaster preparedness, recreational activities, family and transient housing, airmen dormitories and dining facilities. Other responsibilities include the upkeep of base facilities, environmental protection, energy conservation, and base communications. The **47th Medical Group** promotes and ensures wellness, optimal healthcare, and readiness. The **47th Operations Group** is responsible for training pilots by providing management, control, standardization and evaluation.

#### OUTLOOK

Laughlin AFB has access to extensive open skies for training which makes it an extremely important installation for training future pilots. The City of Del Rio and Val Verde County have both been recipients of grants from the Office of the Governor for security projects and aircraft protection sheds. A previous grant from the Office of the Governor included creating a "Grow-your-own" program at Southwest Texas Junior College which helps to train and fill the gap of maintainers needed for aircraft and mission-dependent equipment.

#### PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the "Grow-Your-Own" program at Southwest Texas Junior College, there is strong civic and community support for multiple projects. Val Verde County Sheriff's Office shares a small arms firing range with the base, joint training with the Texas Department of Public Service, and the Val Verde Regional Medical Center partnership. Val Verde Regional Medical Center (VVRMC) and the Laughlin AFB clinic have worked to implement pediatric-focused clinical protocols including Phototherapy protocol. Other initiatives include a clinical lecture series and clinical rotation for Laughlin nurses and medics.

Variable	Total Impact
Direct Employment	3,961
Output to the Texas Economy (in billions)	\$2.0
GDP (in billions)	\$1.2
Disposable Personal Income (in millions)	\$613

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2019

