

Eglin Air Force Base



Assigned under the 96th Test Wing and Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin AFB spans across three counties and is a joint service installation supporting Air Force, Army and

Navy test and training units and hosts major organizations for numerous development programs, operational units, military schools, and various federal agencies. The largest military base in the Department of Defense, Eglin hosts the Joint Gulf of Mexico Range Complex.

Duke Field

Duke Field, Auxiliary Field 3, is home to the 919th Special Operations Wing (SOW), the only special operations unit in the Air Force



Reserve. The 919th SOW reports to the Air Force Reserve Command's Tenth Air Force in peacetime, and becomes part of AFSOC at Hurlburt Field if mobilized for conflict.

Hurlburt Field



Hurlburt Field, Auxiliary Field 9, is headquarters for Air Force Special Operations Command. The command's special operations forces (SOF) are highly trained, rapidly deployable Airmen,

conducting global special operations missions ranging from precision application of firepower to infiltration, exfiltration, resupply and refueling of SOF operational elements.

NAS Whiting Field

Whiting Field is home to Training Air Wing Five consisting of two primary airfields and 13 Outlying Landing Fields. NASWF trains Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and international



student aviators in primary and intermediate phases of fixed wing aviation, and advanced helicopter training. NASWF is the busiest Naval air complex in the world.



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DEFENSE SUPPORT INITIATIVES
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2018 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Advocating for
Eglin Air Force Base,
Hurlburt Field, Duke Field &
NAS Whiting Field



In Support of



Northwest Florida Defense Coalition
Washington D.C. Delegation
Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay

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Defense Support Initiatives

The Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County (EDC) originated the Defense Support Initiatives (DSI) committee in 1996 to support local military installations and missions, and their resultant economic impact. The DSI leverages community leadership and expertise from across a three-county region of Northwest Florida; Okaloosa - Santa Rosa - Walton Counties housing Eglin Air Force Base.

The 2017 Florida Defense Handbook reports the annual economic impact of the Military presence in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties **exceeds \$11,178,000,000**; accounting for more than 87,500 jobs in the three counties.

Northwest Florida Defense Coalition

Initiated in 2005, the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition is a five-county partnership focused on preserving and enhancing Northwest Florida's contribution to national defense. The Coalition advocates for the region's 7 military installations, missions, and community related needs supporting the installations.

In 2017, these installations represented an annual economic impact exceeding \$22 Billion. The NWFDC facilitates synergistic collaboration between the communities associated with each northwest Florida installation and their missions.

Areas of Interest

- **Air Armament Enterprise**
 - Major Range and Test Facility Base Support
- **Eglin's Test & Training Center (ETTC)**
 - Military Mission Line Permanent Sustainment
 - Development Test & Evaluation Infrastructure
 - NexGen Funding Support
 - Gulf Range Enhancement Plan Funding
- **NAS Whiting Field**
 - Readiness & Environmental Protection Integration
 - Fixed Wing Training Runway MILCON
- **Air Force Research Laboratory / RW**
 - Advanced Munitions Complex MILCON
 - Virtual Warfare Munitions Facility Support
- **Mission Support**
 - 96th Cyberspace Infrastructure Funding
 - 505 CCW Cyberwarfare Capabilities Funding
 - 20 SCS Power Infrastructure Funding
 - FL Strategic Intermodal Military Access Priority
- **Public-Public Public-Private Partnerships**
 - Streamline Enhanced Use Lease Process
 - Underutilized Parcel Pre-Qualification
- **DoD Contract Services**
 - Adequate RDT&E Contracts Funding
 - Best Value Contract Approach

Supporting our Warfighters



Eglin Gulf Test & Training Range

The EGTTTR connects test & training ranges and capabilities across the eastern Gulf of Mexico extending from Key West to NW Florida. It includes 180,000 square miles of DoD controlled air-space, as well as 724 square miles of adjacent land ranges, 3,200 square miles of airspace over adjacent land, 17 miles of shoreline access, interconnected radars and 2 launch areas. The training area supports simultaneous maritime, air and land training exercises. Due to its tremendous capabilities, the EGTTTR complex is an integral part of DoD's Major Range & Test Facility Base and its Training Resources Strategy.

Joint (multi-service) basing and test and training usage are of paramount importance in installations' missions capabilities. Air, land and sea test and training areas associated with the EGTTTR can host large, complex joint exercises.

The NWDFC, consisting of 3 organizations, brings together collaborative efforts to protect and sustain NW Florida installations, missions and the Gulf Test & Training Range.

- 1) Bay Defense Alliance
- 2) Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
- 3) Tri-County Defense Support Initiatives

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