JOINING FORCES
ALIGNING COMMUNITY & MILITARY MISSIONS

Fort Wolters and Communities
Mineral Wells, Texas
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STUDY PURPOSE

- *Joining Forces* is a collaborative effort among local governments, military installations, citizens and other stakeholders
- It identifies encroachment issues affecting both surrounding communities and current and future military missions; and
- Recommends strategies to promote compatibility through communication, education and the local planning process
Joining Forces is an advisory document and a framework to support local actions and regional partnerships.

It is not a “no growth” plan but an opportunity to encourage compatible development patterns.
Joining Forces has been part of a year-long effort that has included:

- Policy Committee meetings
- Stakeholder interviews
- Public meetings (July/August of 2016)
- Web site
- Technical analysis of existing conditions and issues
- Development of draft recommendations
STUDY AREA

- Major Installations
  - Fort Wolters Training Center
  - Camp Maxey Training Center
  - Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base
  - Redmond Taylor Army Heliport

- Ancillary Sites
  - Eagle Mountain Lake Facility
  - Colonel Stone Army Reserve Center
  - Military Operating Areas (training airspace)
STUDY AREA
Representatives from:

- Palo Pinto County
- City of Mineral Wells
- Fort Wolters
- Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Mineral Wells State Park/Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Texas Military Forces – Tx Army National Guard
COMPATIBILITY ISSUES

- The purpose of the JLUS is to reduce or prevent encroachment.

- Encroachment arises when conditions:
  - Limit the ability of the military to perform its mission safely and effectively.
  - Create potential safety issues or affect quality of life in the surrounding community.
The JLUS analyzed compatibility in the following areas:

- Air Quality
- Aviation and Airspace Safety
- Communication and Coordination
- Economic Development
- Energy Infrastructure
- Environmental/Cultural Resources
- Land Use
- Local Government Plans
- Military Plans/Operations
- Noise Management/Avoidance
- Outdoor Lighting/Signs
- Physical Security
- Statewide Policy/Legislative Actions
- Stormwater Management
- Transportation
- Water
- Wildfire
● *Joining Forces* identifies 152 compatibility strategies for the North Texas region and each set of installations and adjacent communities.

● Strategies are part of a menu that partners - including military installations and local governments - can adopt to reflect their resources, needs, and interests.
COMPATIBILITY ACTIONS

High priority and short-term actions at Fort Wolters:

- Identify specific off-installation areas as “no fly zones” for drones
- Create formal, ongoing channels of communication and coordination among Fort Wolters, local communities, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- Support implementation of new state property disclosure law by making compatibility-related studies available to the public
- Coordinate on the siting of energy infrastructure to reduce safety threats to aviation activity and radar
COMPATIBILITY ACTIONS

- High priority and short-term actions at Fort Wolters:
  - Work with the Lake Mineral Wells State Park to explore strategies to reduce the risk of trespass
  - Explore use of State of Texas authority to establish a Joint Airport Zone (JAZ) Board to prevent aviation related hazards around the Fort Wolters
NEXT STEPS

- Look for the full *Joining Forces* document and technical resources at:

  www.JoiningForcesNTX.org

- Briefings for local governments

- Seek grant funding to assist with implementation