Redmond Taylor Army Heliport – Dallas, TX

Established: 1929

Facility Commander: Lieutenant Colonel James Hardy

Area: 110 acres

Active Personnel: 200

Trainees: 250 per weekend

Branches represented: Texas Army National Guard, Republic of Singapore Peace Prairie Program

About the Facility:
The Redmond Taylor Army Heliport site has been used as a military installation since 1929, when reserve pilots trained at what was then Hensley Field. The site functioned as Naval Air Station, Dallas beginning in 1943. NAS Dallas was decommissioned in 1998 but the site later came to house Redmond Taylor AHP and its supporting facilities and the Grand Prairie Armed Forces Complex.

Types of Operations:
Fifteen CH47 "Chinook" helicopters are based at the Redmond Taylor AHP. In addition to their wartime mission, these helicopters are used for fighting fires and assisting during natural disasters. Members of the Republic of Singapore Peace Prairie Program also train at the site.

Community Context:
The Redmond Taylor AHP is located in the City of Dallas and is adjacent to the City of Grand Prairie. Dallas has 1,222,167 residents and Grand Prairie is home to 178,195 residents. 5.4 percent of Dallas County residents are veterans. City plans call for low-density residential and light industrial uses in the area surrounding Redmond Taylor AHP.