

FORT WOLTERS TRAINING CENTER – MINERAL WELLS, TX



Established: 1925 (as Camp Wolters)

Facility Commander: Major Ben Garcia

Area: 3,985 acres

Trainees: 47,300 (2014)

Branches represented – Texas Army
National Guard

About the Facility:

Originally established as Camp Wolters, the site grew to become one of the most important infantry training facilities during WWII. After being recommissioned in 1951 as an Air Force site, it became an important helicopter training facility for the wars in Korea and Vietnam. Today, the site serves as a training center for the Texas National Guard.

Types of Operations:

Fort Wolters provides pre-mobilization and sustainment training for all units stationed west of IH 35 in the northern part of the state. Training activities include simulation exercises, small arms and explosives training, and engineering training. There are seven live fire ranges on the site. The site also serves as a drop zone for guard units at NAS Fort Worth, JRB. An ancillary site is located at Eagle Mountain Lake in Tarrant County which supports aviation operations and hosts field training.

Community Context:

Fort Wolters is located in the City of Mineral Wells, which is in Parker and Palo Pinto counties. Mineral Wells is home to 16,980 residents. 9.6 percent of residents are veterans. Major industries in Mineral Wells include manufacturing, healthcare, education, and retail.

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