



DSI Top Priorities

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Childcare Development Center



The EGTTR provides areas of opportunities enabling multi-service test and training supporting our nation's security.



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2023 Military Priorities Summary

DoD's effectiveness and survivability in near-real-world combat conditions is dependent on military readiness capabilities, capacity and support infrastructure; today and tomorrow.

Santa Rosa – Okaloosa – Walton Counties, Florida



Defense Support Initiatives

One Okaloosa EDC originated the Defense Support Initiatives Committee to support local military installations and missions, and their resultant economic impact. As a military advocacy group, the DSI leverages community leadership and expertise from across the three-county region of Northwest Florida housing the Eglin Complex; Okaloosa - Santa Rosa - Walton Counties.

Military Facilities Include

Eglin Air Force Base

96th Test Wing, Eglin's host wing, is the test and evaluation center for Air Force air-delivered weapons, navigation and guidance systems

Hurlburt Field

Headquarters for Air Force Special Operations Command conducting global special ops

Duke Field

919th Special Operations Wing, the only Air Force Reserves Special Operations Unit

Camp Simons

Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), elite forces conducting special operations

Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal School

Jointly staffed school for detection and disposal of conventional surface and underwater ordnance

NAS Whiting Field

Training Air Wing Five, fixed wing aviation and helicopter training; the busiest Naval air complex

Military Mission Line



Federal policies have protected the Eastern Gulf Test & Training Range since 1983 with a buffer zone. The 2006 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act defines the Military Mission Line restricting oil and natural gas drilling and exploration east of the line. The Military Mission Line moratorium protecting the EGTR from encroachment by incompatible energy sector activities expired 30 June 2022.

EGTR Maximization Plan

The Eastern Gulf Test & Training Range (managed by 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB) is the largest asset in the Department of Defense's MRTFB structure and is vital for testing the next generation of air armaments. It provides airspace, land, water, and electromagnetic environments to conduct multi-service air-to-surface, air-to-air, and surface launched operations. The entire EGTR must be configured to support rapid response solutions for war-fighters engaged in conflict. The 96th Test Wing Plans and Programs office conducted a 2020 EGTR Maximization Study documenting future mission requirements, solutions and recommendations.

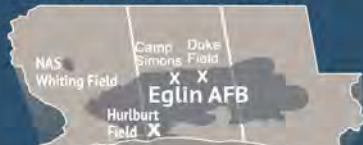
Gulf Range Enhancement Plan



The Gulf Range Enhancement (GRE) plan is a modernization program to expand instrumentation within the EGTR and along Florida's west coast. The GRE plan replaces aging Range Support Aircraft, provides advanced threat emitters, and provides resilient telemetry relay infrastructure. It also improves secure and encrypted data relay/transmission capabilities to support required autonomous and hypersonic platforms.

Tri-County Economic Impact

Santa Rosa Okaloosa Walton



Economic Impact	\$10.8 Billion
Total Defense Spending	\$4.9 Billion
Jobs	Over 89,555

Source:
Florida Military & Defense Economic Study 2022

In addition to direct military economic benefits, \$1.5 Billion were awarded to private sector defense contractors in the tri-county region in 2021.

Eglin Gulf Test & Training Range

The EGTR provides military range capabilities across the eastern Gulf; from NW FL to Key West. It includes 180,000 square miles of DoD controlled air-space, 724 square miles of adjacent land ranges, 3,200 square miles of airspace over adjacent land, 17 miles of Gulf shoreline, inter-connected radars to track test/training assets, and designated launch areas. Due to its tremendous capabilities, it is an integral part of DoD's MRTFB and Training Resources Strategy.

Multi-service basing and test and training utilization are of paramount importance in mission capabilities. Air, land and sea test and training areas associated with the EGTR can host large and complex joint exercises simultaneously.

Eglin AFB, in northwestern Florida, is one of ten Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) host bases. As a critical part of the MRTFB, Eglin's primary functions are to support research, development, testing, and evaluation of conventional weapons and electronic systems and warfare, and to support multi-service air and ground training of operational units. Protection and enhancement of the EGTR is necessary to ensure these capabilities.

On-Base Housing

Team Eglin is experiencing a critical housing crisis which is effecting military readiness and retention. Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field will experience significant growth in the next five years. The 2022 housing requirements market analysis identified a combined deficit of 1,424 homes. There is an extensive wait list for on-base housing with a wait time averaging to 10 months.

Childcare Development Center

There is an identified deficit in quality & quantity of daycare centers. Duke Field, Eglin Auxiliary Field 3, and Camp Simons, Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), are located on the northern section of the Eglin range and have an additional challenge with the required commute time to the Eglin Main CDC; an hour-long 19-mile drive on congested roadways. In addition to being a family priority, the inadequate facility challenge also negatively impacts military readiness and retention.



Weapons Integration

The rapid advancement in technology is changing the character of war, increasing the speed and complexity of multi-domain warfare, and the effects of contested actions in the air, land, sea, space and cyberspace. This complexity drives the need for advanced weapon systems that can operate at the speed necessary. The Weapons Technology Integration Center is a state-of-the-art collaborative labs and secure space for weapons development and testing. The 350 Spectrum Warfare Wing consolidates and modernizes the Electronic Warfare Enterprise. These entities support the National Defense Strategy and our national security.

