

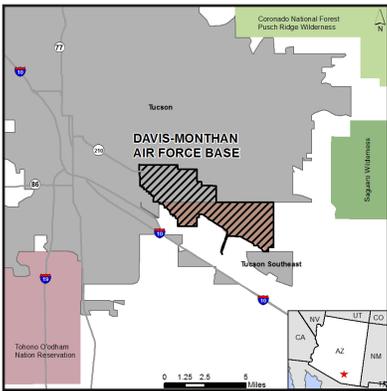


U.S. AIR FORCE :

DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB : ARIZONA



Davis-Monthan AFB (DMAFB), located in Tucson, Arizona, is home to the 12th Air Force, the 214th Reconnaissance Group, and the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG), better known as the “Boneyard”, which manages more than 4,500 aircraft that have been sent for storage or retrofitting. AMARG and other missions leverage the base’s 13,645-foot runway—one of the longest in the Air Force—which can accommodate any aircraft



in the Air Force inventory. DMAFB also hosts the Arizona Air National Guard, which stands alert 24/7 to ensure aerospace control over a 225,000-square mile area that reaches across six states.

Development on DMAFB’s northwestern boundary has already forced 90% of all approaches and departures to the southeast, and approximately 20% of sorties with live

munitions are impeded by wind shifts that would normally dictate takeoff to the northwest. Areas to the installation’s southeast are developing quickly enough that five to ten more years of incompatible development may severely impact DMAFB flying missions, including night and weekend flying missions. DMAFB is working with state, county, city, and local stakeholders through programs such as the Air Force Community Partnership to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, encroachment. Partner efforts to develop and adopt restrictive land-use and development compatibility policies and acquire restrictive-use easements are ongoing.

Pima County is working with DMAFB to find compatible uses and solutions for undeveloped lands surrounding the base that will also maintain natural desert areas, grasslands, and the natural habitat. Acquiring restrictive-use easements will help ensure the preservation of ranching heritage. These combined efforts will also benefit local residents through reduced noise levels and reduced safety concerns.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports new and existing regional planning objectives
- Preserves habitat

MILITARY

- Preserves aviation maneuver and night flying training that produce significant noise or require minimal light pollution
- Supports multiple Service missions

- Preserves training and operations for various tenant units
- Protects the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group’s unique mission
- Ensures that existing compatible areas remain compatible
- Ensures the ability to conduct operations and training activities



An A-10C Thunderbolt II conducts close-air support training (top). An F-22 Raptor performs a heritage flight during the 2017 Heritage Flight Training Course at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Feb. 9, 2017. The program was established in 1997, allowing certified civilian pilots and Air Force pilots to perform flights together. (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Pima County
- City of Tucson

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019

- » Acres preserved: **55**
- » Transactions conducted: **18**
- » Total funds expended: **\$1.7 million**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

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