

Dobbins Air Reserve Base



Mission

Located 16 miles northwest of Atlanta, Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia, supports more than 5,700 personnel from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The base is home to the 94th Airlift Wing, the host unit, and tenant organizations including the 22nd Air Force headquarters, Navy Operational Support Center and the Georgia National Guard Headquarters.

Personnel

The population includes more than 2,000 Air Force Reservists and civilians assigned to the 94th AW and 22nd Air Force; and nearly 4,000 members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

The largest military tenant units include the 22nd Air Force, the Georgia National Guard Headquarters and the Navy Operational Support Center. Additional units include Army Reserve aviation units, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Hosted government tenants include: Selective Service System (Region 2 & Regional HQ), Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Defense Contract Management Agency, the SAF/IEE Eastern Region (Environmental, Safety, & Occupational Health), and AAFES.

Hosted private organizations include: Lockheed Martin, The Georgia Tech Research Institute, and the Associated Credit Union.

Economic Impact

The total 2019 fiscal impact to Cobb County was \$181 million, which is on par with recent years. This includes military payroll as well as money spent in the local area, expenses paid to local civilian contractors, and other related expenses.

Organization

As the host unit at Dobbins, the 94th AW is responsible for providing combat-ready units ready to deploy on short notice to support operations around the world. The wing is also responsible for providing security, civil engineering, fire protection, air traffic control and other services to the base and its tenant units. The wing also provides maintenance for the airfield, which is used by the Air Force Reserve, Georgia National Guard, Lockheed Martin, and a number of other federal organizations.

With eight C-130s, the wing flies and provides constant maintenance to keep them in a condition to allow the wing to meet mission requirements.

The **Operations Group** is responsible to the wing commander for most flight-related functions throughout the wing. These functions include aerial delivery operations, aeromedical evacuation, operations support and flying squadron activities, deployable airlift control flight, airfield management, base weather, and air traffic control.

The group has a diverse mission set including certification of equipment and supplies for air shipment; cargo and passenger manifesting and load planning; airfield operation; routine and tactical combat airdrop of personnel and equipment; aeromedical evacuation, triage, and treatment of casualties; and forward deployed austere operational command and control of airlift support forces.

The **Maintenance Group** maintains the aircraft and keeps it mission ready.

The **Mission Support Group** is the most diverse organization on base, providing security, infrastructure maintenance and support, personnel records and processing.

Additionally, the 94th is home to two medical squadrons that support both aerospace medical staging and evacuation.

These units are capable of deployment anywhere in the world at short notice in the event of heightened tension, outbreak of hostilities or to support humanitarian missions as dictated by the Nation Command Authority.

Recent exercises have strengthened bilateral relationships with allies.

Recent Events:

2020:

Silver Arrow, Germany

Grand Princess passengers housing

ASTS COVID-19 support, New York City

Ongoing deployments to SW Asia

2019:

Exercise Red Flag, Alaska

Eager Lion, Jordan

Real Thaw, Portugal

2018:

Market Garden, The Netherlands

TAC Week, Youngstown Air Reserve Station

Patriot Warrior, Fort McCoy & Dobbins ARB

Swift Response, Germany

Real Thaw, Portugal

2016:

Saber Junction, Italy

Eager Lion, Jordan

Maple Flag, Canada

Sky Fist, Latvia

Atlantic Resolve, Poland

Additionally, in 2016 and 2017 more than 25% of the wing deployed in support of various contingency operations around the world.

During recent hurricane relief efforts for Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Dobbins was designated an Installation Support Base for FEMA and a Federal Coordinating Center for the National Disaster Medical System. Dobbins served as an air logistics hub, preparing and transporting cargo to and from affected areas, and a reception location for medical patients, evacuees and responders moving in and out of the Caribbean. In total, Dobbins supported 134 flights of both military and civilian aircraft and received over 200 patients for assessment and transport to Atlanta medical facilities.

Community Outreach & Support

The wing partners with the community in many ways to strength the relations with local organizations and further shared goals.

- Honorary CCs events
- Georgia Congressional Academy Day
- 2018 Boss Lift
- Hurricane Relief
- FEMA Staging

Explosive Ordnance Disposal assistance to state and local governments

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History

Dobbins ARB was built in 1943 and was originally called Marietta Army Airfield. In 1950, the named changed to Dobbins Air Force Base to honor Capt. Charles Dobbins, a pilot from Marietta. Captain Dobbins was killed during World War II when his C-47 aircraft was shot down over the Mediterranean Sea. In June 1992, the name was changed to Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Dobbins Airmen are stationed locally, but provide mission ready forces worldwide.

(Current as of Nov 2020)