



FACT SHEET



Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma



LOCATION

Located 90 miles north by northwest of Oklahoma City at Enid, Okla.; elevation of 1,307 feet above sea level; Vance Air Force Base is the northernmost Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training base in Air Education and Training Command.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

Besides family housing, there are 136 buildings and 344 facilities on Vance as of January 2012. Vance is currently constructing a new aerial control tower. Additionally, Vance has 242 housing units - 125 officer family units, 117 enlisted family units, 309 unaccompanied units, 62 visitor units, and 10 temporary lodging units. The base is approximately 2,122 acres, which includes fee-owned land and easements. Kegelman Auxiliary Field is 1,066 acres with seven buildings and 40 facilities, and is located near Jet, Okla.

BASE POPULATION

Vance has 1,293 active duty and Reserve military, as well as approximately 1,279 family members, living here. The base also employs more than 1,310 Federal civilian employees, non-appropriated fund civilian employees, contractors and private business employees. There are an estimated 5,000 retired military members in the local area.

ANNUAL FLYING HOURS AND SORTIES

The wing flew 50,865 sorties totaling 73,740 flying hours in the T-1A Jayhawk, T-6A Texan II and T-38C Talon and graduated 335 pilots in fiscal year 2012, with no Class "A" mishaps.

GENERAL REVIEW

The mission of the 71st Flying Training Wing is to develop professional Airmen, deliver world-class pilots and deploy combat ready warriors. Vance is responsible for training Air Force and allied student pilots for worldwide deployment and Aerospace Expeditionary Force support. The wing reports to Air Education and Training Command.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) is divided into three phases that cover 52 weeks. Phase I (preflight) is 24 days long and is split into two units: five hours of ground training, including emergency procedures, aircraft operating limitations, checklist usage and local radio procedures; and 220.9 hours of academic training including aerospace physiology/human factors, T-6 systems, flying fundamentals and introduction to aerodynamics. As part of the primary training syllabus developed at Vance, water survival training was added to Phase I in April 1998.

Phase II (T-6) primary training is 90 flying training days (28 calendar weeks) long and split into five units: Contact, instrument, navigation, formation and low-level. These units include 50.6 hours of academic and ground training, including instruments, weather, navigation and mission planning; 48.3 hours of flight simulator training; and 86.8 hours of aircraft flying training.

Phase III fighter-bomber track (T-38C) advanced training is 120 days long and is split into five units: 60 hours of ground training, 80 hours of academic training, including T-38C systems, aerodynamics, flight planning, and an instrument qualifying examination; three hours of cockpit familiarization; 29 hours of simulator training; and 119 hours of aircraft flying training.

Phase III tanker-airlift track (T-1A) advanced training is 120 days long and is split into five units: 10 hours of ground training; 140 hours of academic training, including T-1A systems, aerodynamics, instruments and an instrument qualifying examination; three hours of cockpit familiarization; 42 hours of simulator training; and 87 hours of aircraft flying training.

Vance Air Force Base is named for Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance, a local World War II hero and Medal of Honor recipient. Originally a flight school that trained more than 9,000 pilots for the Army Air Corps between 1941 and 1945, the base was activated Jan. 13, 1948, within the Air Training Command of the newly formed Air Force.

Vance was the first base in AETC to have extensive civilian contractor support for base functions ranging from aircraft maintenance to fire department to child care services. The support contract began in 1960 with Serv-Air. Northrop Worldwide Aircraft Services assumed the contract in 1972 and then on Feb. 1, 2001, the support contract transferred to DynCorp Technical Services. DynCorp's contract was assumed by Computer Sciences Corporation in 2005 and they presently perform in that capacity.

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