

**SECURED AIRSPACE FOR FORT
WOLTERS: TECHNICAL MEMO**

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SUMMARY

Fort Wolters is located west of the Dallas-Fort Worth region near Mineral Wells, on the border of Parker and Palo Pinto Counties. Though population growth is getting closer to this area, Fort Wolters is still considered to be in a generally rural area. This provides a good location for National Guard air drop training that originates from either Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth or from the Dallas Army Aviation Support Facility. There are Military Training Routes that traverse Fort Wolters used by a variety of military units as well as Lockheed Martin for test flights of F-35 aircraft. However, the airspace over Fort Wolters is unsecured Class G airspace. At this time only a Notice to Airmen is issued at times when aircraft operations will be conducted at Fort Wolters. A need has been identified to some additional securing of the airspace as Fort Wolters will continue to be heavily used for air drop training. This effort was not able to be completed during the current grant term, but discussions have been initiated on what options might be and contacts at the Federal Aviation Administration who could assist. These efforts will continue into the future.