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Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Ideal Community to Support Current and Future Needs of the Air National Guard

Northeast Indiana is an ideal location for the Department of Defense and the Indiana Air National Guard. Northeast Indiana and the Fort Wayne International Airport, home of the 122nd Fighter Wing (FW), provides mission critical and physical attributes that cannot be replicated anywhere else in the Midwest region of the United States. In addition to having the largest commercial runway in the State of Indiana, the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County and Fort Wayne International Airport have designated over 225 acres of land for use by the Indiana Air National Guard.

Physical Size and Capabilities Makes It Attractive to Consolidate Future Missions: With over 3,400 acres of land, including 1,250 acres of undeveloped property, and the largest commercial runway in the State of Indiana at 12,000 feet, the Fort Wayne International Airport is an attractive location for the Air National Guard to consolidate like missions.

No Encroachment or Environmental Concerns: As the Airport continues to develop, the City, County and Airport Authority have reserved over 225 acres for the 122nd FW to ensure they have the land necessary to accommodate future mission capabilities and requirements.

Readily Available Range Complexes & Special Use Airspace for Training: The 122nd is fortunate to have a variety of special use airspace and range complexes nearby and readily available for training. There are four locations within the State of Indiana available for use by the Air National Guard, including: Hilltop MOA, 12 Mile MOA, Atterbury Range Complex and Jefferson Proving Grounds.

State of the Art Facilities: Thanks to the strong support from the Indiana Congressional Delegation over the last five years, the 122nd FW and the Airport have completed over \$50 million in construction for the following projects and new facilities:

- **New Air Traffic Control Tower (offers 24 hour services)**
- **New Parking Ramp and Taxiway**
- **New Fuel Cell and Corrosion Facility**
- **New Medical Training Facility**
- **New Dining Hall**
- **New Hanger for on-loading and off-loading equipment and munitions**
- **New Security Gate Entrance**
- **Realignment and Repair of Perimeter Base Roads Completed**

104%

Commercially Viable Airport: The Airport is easily accessible to the U.S. and world markets, as it currently serves American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, and United Airlines. Daily commercial flights are offered to the following hub destinations: Atlanta, Chicago O'Hare, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, and Detroit.

Strong Community Support and Recruitment: Northeast Indiana, the City of Fort Wayne and Allen County have a proud tradition of supporting the needs of our warfighters. At a time when the National Guard and the armed services are having difficulty attracting new recruits, the 122nd FW is currently manned at 104.2% man strength.

Growing Defense Industry: The City of Fort Wayne and Allen County have experienced significant growth in the defense industry, which employs over 3,500 Hoosiers in Northeast Indiana. The Air Guard is a significant asset to the defense industry, which includes the following contractors: General Dynamics, Raytheon, Northrop Gruman, ITT Industries, BAE Systems, and UltraElectronics.

5th largest Guard

Wanting to make sure they still had what was coming to them -