



FIGHTER LINE

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301st takes aim on Falcon Range AFRC's best-kept secret

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Wing News

Focussing on the 301st; taking notice

The 301st Fighter Wing and its people are getting a lot of looks and recognition lately. Here is a glimpse at some of the highlights and visitors who have spent a part of their day with the wing during the past month..

Mr James Pettus, 301st Fighter Wing Antiterrorism Officer (center), receives the Civilian Meritorious Service Award from Navy Capt T.D. Smyers (far left) NAS Ft Worth JRB Commander. Brig. Gen. Bruce Miller, 301st Fighter Wing commander, joined Mr. Pettus on stage to show his support and appreciation for the outstanding service of Mr. Pettus. (U.S. Air Force Photo/TSgt Shawn David McCowan)



2nd Lt. Jennifer Trahan (center), 301st Logistics Readiness Flight Officer, shares the successes of the Logistics Readiness Flight in a joint forces setting with Lt. Gen. Loren M. Reno (foreground, right), Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. General Reno visited the wing to look at a Reserve wing working in a joint base environment. (U.S. Air Force Photo/TSgt Shawn David McCowan)



Betsy Price, new Mayor of Fort Worth (fourth from right), and members of Fort Worth City Council, visited NAS Ft Worth JRB and the 301st Fighter Wing July 7. They were led by Navy Capt T.D. Smyers (far left) NAS Ft Worth JRB Commander, and Navy Capt Robert Bennett (far right) soon-to-be the new base commander. LtCol Max Stitzer, 301st Maintenance Group commander, (second from right) escorted the group at the 301st. (U.S. Air Force Photo/TSgt Shawn David McCowan)

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101 Critical Days of Summer: Motorcycle safety

301st Fighter Wing Safety Office

Operating a motor vehicle, especially on public roads, is not a passive activity but a complex task that involves more than just knowing how to use the accelerator, brakes, and steering. Motor vehicle operators require visual, cognitive and motor skills.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has its own outline of key messages for drivers, with an eye toward protecting one particular vulnerable party -- motorcyclists:

- Look For Motorcyclists; Use your mirrors to check blind spots when changing lanes or turning
- Focus on Driving; Hang up the phone, put down the MP3 player, settle the passengers, and drive
- Use Turn Signals; Signal turning intentions
- Give Bikes Room; Don't tailgate or pass closely

Nothing is as important as the safety of loved ones and others sharing the road.



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Wednesday, 24 August 2011
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- Basic/Elementary-Level 25 Meter Competition
- Held at the Navy Range 1344/1345 Range Road, NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX
- Open to All Active Duty, Guard and Reserve in military status.
- Limited to 70 slots.
- M16A2 Rifles and ammo will be provided.
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- All competitors will clean their rifle immediately following the competition.
- All personnel must be in military status.

For registration and questions, please contact MSgt Anthony Lawrence at anthony.lawrence.2@us.af.mil (817) 782-3739, DSN 739-3739 with the following information:

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Upon receipt of your email, you will be emailed the Reporting Instructions and Competition Handout with rules.

Wing's best-kept secret weapon



One of dozens of hand-made ground targets at Falcon Range near Cache, Okla. Targets reveal the accuracy of air assaults by aircraft by the 301st Fighter Wing as well as other military services. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen)

Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen

301st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 301st Fighter Wing has a secret weapon when it comes to training its pilots in real-world scenarios.

The Wing is one of only two in Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) to run its own air-to-ground gunnery and bombing range. The range represents an invaluable tool in keeping the wing, other military units and U.S. allies skilled in the tactics needed to carry out their mission.

"Basically our mission is to support training for the warfighter," said Bryan Baker, one of two range-safety officers (RSO) working at Falcon and who are employed by the 301st FW. "That includes NATO programs, active-duty and Canadian forces programs too."

The Falcon Bombing Range is located near Cache, Okla., and is part of the Quanah Impact Area west of the Army installation Fort Sill, Okla.

"Falcon range provides a place where training and combat-ready air-

crews can employ tactics both on the basic level such as the students down at Sheppard Air Force Base and a more advanced level such as the 301st FW," said Mark Kessens, the other range safety officer and range control officer.

The range itself dates from 1947 when the Army acquired the private land for artillery practice. The range was used for various weapons tests during the 1970s and 80s.

As a result of the Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC) in 1993, Falcon Range became a "Geographically Separated Unit" (GSU) of the 301st Fighter Wing taking over the maintenance and operation of Falcon Range.

The 301st FW provides funding and some equipment for the range. The range operates on a very tight budget estimated to be less than \$ 1 million a year, but the return on investment is hard to measure in dollars.

"Falcon Range provides realistic

training at an affordable cost not only for the 301st FW but also to units all over the central U.S.," Mr. Baker said. "It provides the Air Force Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) school at Sheppard AFB with an ideal environment for its students to practice weapons deliveries."

The school at Sheppard AFB Tex., trains student pilots from all over the world in fighter basics.

"That includes VMFA-112 [Marines] from NAS Ft. Worth JRB, as well as airlift units," Mr. Kessens said. "Falcon Range is a place where they can employ munitions and practice threat reactions to both radar and visual threats.

Importantly it's a place where they can employ combat lasers; it has to be a range like this, they cannot do it anyplace else," Mr. Kessens said. We also provide score able data so they get immediate feedback not only on how effective their bombs are but also their lasers."



“We’re in close range of a number of customers,” Mr. Baker said. Those customers range from the Air Force, Army, Navy, both active and reserve, National Guard and even Oklahoma State University. “When you consider the cost of having to use a tanker to refuel or stopping to refuel while heading to a distant range, you can imagine there is a huge savings in fuel alone.”

“Because of our proximity to the Army we are very joint in operations and training,” Mr. Kessens said. “We interface with the Army extensively as far as range control and part of our job is to be a liaison with the Army.”

“Our location near Fort Sill allows joint forward observers (JFOs) from the Army to practice what they learn over at Ft. Sill and train with joint terminal attack controllers (JTACs) from other U.S. and Canadian forces,” he said.

“The Canadian Field Artillery School uses Falcon range for weapons practice and training for its Forward Air Controller (FAC) personnel,” Mr. Baker said.

The personnel working at the range are not only adept in operating the state-of-the-art electronics for scoring but also in scavenging components and parts to keep range equipment in useful working condition.

The range uses a variety of surplus government material to provide the most realistic threat environment possible at a low cost. The range uses everything from surplus CPR training dummies, trucks and tracked vehicles, to a crane formerly used on a Navy aircraft carrier.

“By using surplus, serviceable equipment we can save a lot of money while still providing a great service,” Mr. Baker said. And the beauty of using surplus vehicles and equipment is that it can be used down range as a target when it becomes completely unusable.”

The range is a continually improving operation, which combined with



Mark Kessens, range control and safety officer assigned to the 301st Operations Group, talks to inbound 457th FS F-16s via radio prior to their arrival at the range area west of Lawton Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen)



Pilots from the 457th Fighter Squadron begin a successful series of strikes near targets on Falcon Range, a bomb training facility owned by the 301st Fighter Wing. Falcon Range is one of only two unit-owned facilities of its kind in the Air Force Reserve. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen)

home-grown ingenuity and skill, provides the latest technology in practice and scoring for aircrews under as realistic conditions as possible.

In addition to the two RSOs the

range is maintained by a staff of eight contract personnel, responsible for everything from equipment maintenance to range “clean up,” said Anthony Drye, the contractor supervisor.

For more of the story, [Click Here...](#)



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