

HOME BASE

AT YEAGER AIRPORT

MILITARY TRAINING

WHO: All five branches of the military, Yeager Airport and Capital Jet Center, in partnership with the West Virginia Air National Guard.

WHAT: Yeager Airport will serve as a *home base* for any branch of the military while they train in our area. We will provide them with fuel, planning facilities, space to park aircraft, help with lodging arrangements, and recreational plans for units staying multiple days.

WHERE: Yeager Airport

WHEN: Yeager Airport is ready to serve the military's needs whenever they call. We have a military operations coordinator (MOC) on staff. Units call when they need to train, and the MOC facilitates their every need.

WHY: Having the military as our partner puts money into the local economy. Service members stay at hotels, eat at our restaurants, and visit our many tourism destinations. Fueling military aircraft is another way to diversify Yeager Airport's income, and support jobs at the airport.

FACTS:

- In less than two years, more than 125 military aviation units have come through Yeager Airport. These units come from all five branches of the military, including some allied nations training in the United States.
- Yeager Airport can hot fuel airplanes. This increases the training efficiency for military aircraft and allows them to keep their engines running while being fueled.
- Yeager Airport is the only civilian airport in the country with simulated ship markings painted on the ground.
- West Virginia's terrain is similar to what aviation units see when they are overseas.
- Yeager Airport has land agreements with coal companies to allow military aircraft to practice landing and taking off on their properties. Coal mines also provide a realistic atmosphere for aircraft taking off and landing, rescue missions, and simulated missions.