Established in 1986, Silverbell Army Heliport (SBAHP) is currently the home of the Western Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (WAATS), 1-285th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, Army Aviation Support Facility #2, Singapore Peace Vanguard Detachment, and the Silverbell Armed Forces Reserve Center. SBAHP, collocated with Pinal Airpark, is surrounded by the vast Sonoran desert 13 miles northwest of Marana, Arizona’s city edge. The remote desert location lends itself to unencumbered aviation training due to the diverse terrain, ideal year-round weather, and proximity to the Barry Goldwater Range Complex in Gila Bend, Arizona.

Managed by the Arizona Army National Guard, SBAHP is one of the Army's premier aviation training locations, training in excess of 300 pilots annually. Pilot and support personnel from all three components of the U.S. Army (the Regular Army; the Army Reserve; and the Army National Guard), as well as allied countries in Europe and Asia receive advanced training in three advanced airframes and multiple state-of-the-art flight simulators.

It is estimated that the Arizona National Guard had an economic impact of approximately $515 million in 2009.

**FAST FACTS**

- Location: **Pinal County, AZ (near Marana, AZ)**
- Land Area: **160 acres**
- Local Flying Area: **3,600 nautical miles²**
- Military Personnel: **Approx. 270**
- Civilian Personnel: **Approx. 350**

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