



Military Asset List 2015

Arizona Army National Guard

SILVERBELL ARMY HELIPORT : ARIZONA

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**



Above: Aerial view of Silverbell Army Heliport. (National Guard provided photo)

Left: An Apache Helicopter flying over desert. (National Guard provided photo)

MISSION STATEMENT

Conduct individual and unit level aviation training, operate regional aviation simulation facilities, and provide aviation support operations for the Army, the State of Arizona and international military customers.

COMMANDER RANK

Lieutenant Colonel

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Located on Pinal Airpark, home of Marana Aerospace Solutions, one of the world's largest storage facilities for non-military aircraft
- » One of only four Army National Guard Aviation Training Sites training AH64D Apache Longbow, UH60A Blackhawk, UH72A Lakota, and OH58A/C Kiowa
- » Regular user of the 1.7M acre Barry M. Goldwater Range for AH64D aerial gunnery training

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