



WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 115TH FIGHTER WING (ACC) (ANG)
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Truax Field is located at the Dane County Regional Airport, just on the northeast side of Madison, Wisconsin. Truax Field was activated as an Army Air Base in June of 1942. It was deactivated as an active military base in 1968, when it was taken over by the Wisconsin Air National Guard. It was named in honor of Lieutenant Thomas L. Truax, a Wisconsin native, who was killed in a P-40 training accident in November 1941.

Truax Field is currently home to the 115th Fighter Wing, which flies the F-16 aircraft. Truax Field is approximately 130 acres in size and has 44 buildings with a square foot total of approximately 400,000. The weekday workforce is approximately 350 persons and increases to about 1000 persons on a Unit Training Assembly weekend.

The 115th Fighter Wing has two distinct missions. The Federal mission is to staff and train flying and support units to augment Air Combat Command general purpose fighter forces to effectively and rapidly project F-16 combat power anywhere in the world to perform wartime or peacetime missions as well as operations other than war. 115 FW will maintain mobilization readiness and conduct training in support of Total Force capabilities as directed by gaining commands. The State mission is to provide trained and equipped units to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order, and public safety as directed by the Governor of Wisconsin.

Dane County Regional Airport (Truax Field) occupies 4000+ acres, has 110 buildings, 4500 employees, and an economic impact to the area, exceeding \$100 million annually. Dane County Regional Airport is no longer just regional. Located in Madison, WI it's a gateway to the world, offering travelers a full range of flights to regional, national and international destinations; and the sophisticated array of services that are to be expected in a top-notch facility serving a thriving metropolitan area. Commercial air carriers that offer service from the Dane County Regional Airport include Northwest, United Express, Midwest Express, American Eagle(American), Trans World Express(TWA), Comair(Delta), and Skyway (Midwest Express), Continental Express, Chicago Express (ATA).

In 1994, citing noise abatement and capacity needs, the Dane County Regional Airport proposed adding a new runway. The preferred option involves building the new runway across Messerschmidt Road, which would be ended in cul-de-sacs on either side. In spring 1997, work began on the new runway -- estimated to cost more than \$17 million. That project was expected to take two to three years to complete and was designed to reduce noise in nearby neighborhoods. On July 24, 2001 Wisconsin Governor Scott McCallum approved a \$3.8 million project to complete improvements and a variety of design and study work at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison. The project includes \$2.4 million to expand the west apron area this year. The remainder of the project involves completing the east ramp drainage study, a wildlife study, an environmental assessment for the Runway 13 and 18 safety area, and designing improvements to the east general aviation area.

Protective covenants govern Truax Air Park development; providing architectural review and guidance during project planning and construction. These covenants outline specific standards for architectural control, parking, and landscaping that assure only high quality development throughout the Park.