

U.S. Air Force

MELROSE AIR FORCE RANGE : NEW MEXICO

Melrose Air Force Range (MAFR) is located approximately 25 miles west of Cannon Air Force Base (AFB), in the New Mexico plains, outside the town of Melrose. The U.S. Air Force began using the range in 1952, when it leased the land from the State of New Mexico and private landowners.

Today, the U.S. Air Force owns the majority of Melrose AFR. Recently, the State of New Mexico, the New Mexico State Land Office, and the United States Air Force collaborated on a 74-year



lease, adding approximately 10,000 acres of State Trust Land to MAFR.

The 27th Special Operations Wing (SOW) manages the range and it is

available to U.S. and Allied forces. The range provides a unique place for realistic training of ground and air force general purpose and special operations forces.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Curry County (near Melrose)**
- » Land Area: **~70,000 acres**
- » Sorties: **~3,400 per year**
- » Special Use Airspace: **~2,500 miles²**

For more information, please see < <http://www.cannon.af.mil/> >



Above top: Members of the 27th Special Operations Contracting Squadron and 27th Special Operations Comptroller Squadron set up tents and organize equipment during an exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Above bottom: Medics conduct training at Melrose Air Force Range. Twenty-one teams of elite EMTs from 22 installations across the Air Force convened at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., for two days of innovative, high-octane competition. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Left: A Serviceman from Cannon AFB fires a 50-caliber weapon out the back of a CV-22 Osprey while flying over Melrose AFR. (U.S. Air Force photo)

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Electronics Countermeasure facility for advanced training
- » In January 2012, U.S. Air Force accepted a land grant of 10,000 acres from the State of New Mexico, expanding the ranges live-fire ranges and desert and urban warfare training operations.

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