

The American Legion, Department of Texas

12th District Logo

Organized in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), the 36th Infantry Division was originally activated as a National Guard Division from Texas and Oklahoma in July 1917.

The unit was sent to Europe in July 1918 conducting major operations during World War I. The unit was again activated for World War II on November 25, 1940. The unit deployed overseas on April 2, 1943 seeing action in North Africa, Italy and Southern France; returning to the United States in December 1945.

Our "T-Patchers" have been training and serving since their beginning and currently (2013) have teams from our Tarrant County armories serving in overseas theaters.

In 1951 Bell Helicopter came to Tarrant County (Hurst). In 1956 Bell 204 "Huey" (UH-1) helicopters started moving into the Army arsenal, followed in 1966 by Cobra's (AH-1) and now the Bell/Boeing 901 Osprey (V-22).



Tarrant County started as a small outpost of the 2nd Dragoons and 8th Infantry Regiment in 1849. Named for General Edward H. Tarrant, commander of militia forces of the Republic of Texas at the Battle of Village Creek.

We are also home to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, formerly Carswell Air Force Base and one of the first SAC bases with B-29, B-36, B-58 and B-52 bombers. Naval Air Station JRB Fort Worth now hosts 18 Commands with units from the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Texas Air National Guard.

Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Company produced B-24, B-36 and B-58 Bombers. The facility is still in operation (now Lockheed Martin) and produced F-111's, F-16's and is now starting production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.