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U.S. MILITARY DRONE DOMINANCE IS PROVEN IN PENDLETON

Pendleton UAS Test Range and DelMar Aerospace offer a battlefield-ready training and testing environments for next-generation drone warfare

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In full alignment with the Secretary of Defense’s directive “Unleashing U.S. Military Drone Dominance,” the Pendleton UAS Test Range (PUR) offers military units access to 14,000 square miles of secure, low-traffic training and testing airspace in Northeast Oregon. With no red tape, Pendleton is purpose-built for tactical drone training, rapid UAS development, and battlefield assembly.

As America’s most turnkey UAS test range, having supported over 65,000 UAS operations, Pendleton’s cutting-edge infrastructure, experienced staff, and proven track record help military units build, test, and deploy drone capabilities quickly and cost-effectively. “Flexibility, security, affordability, and speed are what make Pendleton stand out from the rest. Military units and defense contractors come here because we remove the red tape and take the tedium out of testing for operational success. Pendleton is where U.S. drone dominance is built, tested, and proven,” said Steve Chrisman, Economic Development & Airport Director for the City of Pendleton.

In alliance with DelMar Aerospace, Pendleton now offers modular two-week UAS training courses at the Apprentice, Journeyman, and Master levels. These include curriculum tracks in both general sUAS and FPV drone operations that cover Part 107, ISR flight planning, swarm operations, counter-UAS, GPS-denied navigation, and more. Each course is offered at a fixed per-person rate, making training affordable, scalable, and repeatable. Lodging is available through local partners or at the Oregon Army National Guard Rees Training Center. Custom training and R&D programs are also available to match unit-specific mission profiles.

Pendleton is proud to support the Department’s mission to grow the domestic UAS manufacturing base, power a technological leapfrog, and simulate the modern battlefield in a secure, discreet environment. We’re ready to serve as a designated national UAS training range and a trusted partner to commanders, accelerating drone readiness across the force.

For inquiries and scheduling, visit: www.pendletonuasrange.com/military-drone-training

About Pendleton UAS Test Range

Pendleton UAS Test Range (PUR), owned and operated by the City of Pendleton, is America's most turnkey test range for fast, safe, and affordable UAS testing and development. PUR covers 14,000 sq. mi. of FAA-approved airspace in NE Oregon with operations approved to 15,000 ft. MSL in over 50 diverse climates and terrains. Purpose-built infrastructure and facilities include state-of-the-art hangars, 16 UAS test pads with water, power, and 10 Gbps fiber, a UAS-friendly air traffic control tower, three mobile command centers, machine shops, and a 160-acre UAS industrial park with shovel-ready ground. Led by an experienced team that takes the tedium out of testing, PUR is on a mission to fuel UAS innovation, stimulate economic growth, and attract investment to the State of Oregon.

Learn more at: www.pendletonuasrange.com

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