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## ORANG 142FW/Public Affairs Facebook Responses

-- "I am concerned with how much National Guard air traffic is happening all over Portland these days. I don't understand what we have done to deserve this increase in noise - and potential danger? The sky is a big place - it makes no sense to me that the Air National Guard is using our City as their flight path. any help?"

-- "Hello there. As a private pilot, I was wondering (curious really) why the Jets take off at full afterburner? I live near PDX and enjoy the sound, but it seems unnecessary for planes of that size? Wouldn't the plane safely takeoff at like 15-20% power? I think anyone it the cost of all that fuel and wonder if it is necessary?  
Also I am curious why there have been SO many flights lately? Have you stepped up training missions due to tensions in the North Pacific? I've lived 2 miles from PDX (by air) for 10 years and don't ever remember as many takeoffs as there were today (September 27th).  
Thanks for your service!"

-- "Just wanted to thank you all. I'm sitting at work right now and can hear you flying overhead. I spent a few years on Whidbey Island/Oak Harbor and grew up near Luke AFB in Phx. I know you're all different branches, but with the same goal and I wanted to let you to know - It's always nice to know you're up there! Thank you for your service and your commitment to protect our country and our families."

-- "My wife works at PDX for Horizon as a Boarding Agent, my son works as a baggage loader and my Son is a Major in the Marines. I absolutely love to hear those jets take off."

-- "Hi, I caught a glimpse of two fighters in formation with an F-15 today. Wondering who they are. They were smaller, and looked like they had single rudders. I can't figure out who that would be? Can you let me know?"

-- "They saw fly overs 35 minutes ago in Falls City, OR and then other residents at work in Sheridan/Willamina, OR about 28 minutes ago.  
Some are reporting just one, others are reporting up to three. Everyone has said they were flying terribly low.  
Thank you! I know it is silly and everything is alright. Is there some sort of email list or alert that we could subscribe to so we know when they'll be overhead?"  
Megan S----

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Public Information Officer

----- City Fire

-- "Thank you for your service and the free airshow this afternoon! I am dumbfounded that some of my neighbors are petitioning against these exercises. Know that many of us support you and your readiness to defend our country."

Sincerely,

M-----

East Columbia, Portland

-- "Was that your f-15 flying fairly low and fast in burners this afternoon over Beaverton?"

-- To whom it may concern,

A couple months ago one of our neighbors stopped by to request we sign a petition that limits where the F-15's can perform maneuvers, preferably somewhere other than the East Columbia neighborhood.

We didn't sign it because honestly it's pretty bitchin' seeing those planes take off! I mean sure, they're loud and they interrupt Law & Order but in my opinion, less people need to watch Law & Order. I mean Detective Benson only has one facial expression now and nobody else seems to notice. She just looks shocked all the time.

So seeing that ever-present look of disbelief sort of fits when an F-15 screams over the river! It's as though she's thinking "gosh, what an amazing piece of technology!"; Anyway, keep up the good work and if you could find it in your hearts to fly over the neighborhood during any the following terrible shows, I'd be forever grateful:

Criminal Minds

Bones

Access Hollywood

The 700 Club

Your neighbor,

Amy"

-- "I don't understand why you have to fly out of an area so close to so many residences...It's too loud for all of us residents, our animals, wildlife etc.... Why can't you fly out of some remote area...this is ridiculous."

-- "Today two F-15 Eagles flew over my apartment (1053 West 4th Ave #28, Eugene). Thank you! The bad ass F-15 were so loud, so cool, and so awesome! According to my girlfriend, when I heard the Eagles coming, I jumped off the couch and moved faster than she has ever seen me move, just to catch of a glimpse of the planes.

Please fly by again!

As a 46 year old man, with more than plenty of life experience, I can say with all confidence, thank God for you folks. You protect the United States of America and it's citizens.

Thank you so much."

## Extracted comments from NextDoor website thread as of October 26, 2017

### *Increased flight noise?*

Has anyone else noticed a significant amount of increased noise from airplanes today? Normally we get the occasional one, but today it seems like it's a constant roar.

3d ago · 16 neighborhoods in [General](#)



4 Thanks · [27 Replies](#)



Frank, Alameda · 3d ago

Agree. Quite noisy this morning.



Anita, Alameda · 3d ago

What I believe I heard was the fighter squadron. For me personally, I love hearing/seeing them, and usually stop what I'm doing to listen/see them.... [See more](#)

6 Thanks



Kathy, Concordia South · 3d ago

Yes, super loud.



Anita, Alameda · 2d ago

I feel better and safer knowing the squadron is so nearby. They do routine flights and have for many years - this is not something new. Hope they stay close for years to come.

2 Thanks



Jared, King · 2d ago

I just read something about trump drafting 1,000 retired airforce pilots back into active duty...



Stan, Alameda · 2d ago

Thanks Anita for your post and link explaining their mission. As a retired Army Aviator, I can assure all of you these pilots have numerous restrictions placed on them for flying... [See](#)

[more](#)

6 Thanks

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Ken, Alameda · 2d ago

we also noticed a recent increase in noise.



Julia, Alameda · 2d ago

We are closest to North Korea. It's the sound of fighter jets taking off.



Stan, Alameda · 2d ago

Thomas, sounds like you are familiar with the military. Recommend you organize a group and take a trip to the Oregon Air National Guard unit and voice your complaints. I am sure... [See more](#)

3 Thanks



Joel, Alameda · 2d ago

If you've ever been at the airport when one of the military jets take off, you realize how much louder they are than the commercial ones.

1 Thank



Anita, Alameda · 2d ago

My heart felt thanks to Thomas and Stan for your service in defense of our country. I am the proud wife of a retired CPO.

4 Thanks



Stan, Alameda · 2d ago

Thanks for your service Thomas. I can tell you that every duty station I served at in the US and abroad including combat areas has flying restrictions. If you feel there are times... [See more](#)

1 Thank



Tyla, King · 2d ago

They are doing military jet training through the 26th so you will be hearing them for a couple more days.

2 Thanks



Ty, Ainsworth Street Collective · 2d ago

I guess politely get use to it, I love the sound and could be worse by being at night time lol .... I feel for the ones who stay at the hotels in the airport area lol



Kelly, Alameda · 2d ago

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I'm not sure about air noise because the sound of construction workers remodeling historic cottage style homes and landscaping crews maintaining neatly manicured yards is... [See more](#)

1 Thank



Gloria, Alameda · 2d ago

It sounds like the fighter pilots are doing maneuvers, but that's just a guess.



Margie, Alameda · 2d ago

I think you're hearing the Oregon National Guard jet fighter planes which were mentioned in an earlier response. I was just doing some shopping at the Cascade Mall by the airport... [See more](#)

2 Thanks



Rick, Concordia South · 2d ago

Stan hit the nail on the head. As a pilot, rest assured that all of us, civilian and military, do our best to respect the ears below. Sometimes WX and wind direction... [See more](#)

2 Thanks



Stan, Alameda · 2d ago

To add to my earlier comments: The Airport Noise Complaint line is 503-460-4100.

1 Thank



Stan, Alameda · 2d ago

I also found the information from the link below after a quick google search. This gives great insight into the mission of this unit and also gives examples of historical plans to... [See more](#)



Dee, Sabin · 2d ago

Maybe do a search on ND. This is commented on every other month.

1 Thank



Paul, Concordia South · 2d ago

Jared, it ws an authority that presidents have had for decades and have used in the past. A retiree isn't "drafted" but recalled to active duty. It happened in WW2 and... [See more](#)



Sherryn, Ainsworth Street Collective · 2d ago

Military planes were out today.



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Lorrie, Beaumont Village · 2d ago

I was at Fernhill Park this morning with my dog and it was amazing to watch and listen to them fly over many times.

1 Thank



John, Laurelhurst · 2d ago

In NE we're usually out of the takeoff and landing pattern of PDX commercial and military traffic. But depending on wind and other operating conditions, we can get some traffic.

It... [See more](#)



Kirk, West Cully · 2d ago

The national guard fighters take off almost everyday, usually midday. They are awesome to watch. Very loud. They have increased activity a little bit but they have been active,... [See more](#)

1 Thank



Alison, Alameda · 22h ago

Thought you might like to have more information regarding some of the military landings you are hearing called ORANG Continuous Descent Overhead Approach. You can go to Google and... [See more](#)

## Comments from another NextDoor website thread as of October 26, 2017

### *Fighter Jets noise*

Fighter Jet maneuvers have drastically increased over our neighborhoods this year. If you want to stop the noise and pollution, you need to act now. The Port of Portland noise management folks want to hear from you in order to make decisions about whether to continue to allow the increased flights or not. Call the Port noise management at 503-460-4100 to voice your opinion! Please also call the Oregon Air National Guard Public Affairs # 503-335-4351. Leave messages so your concerns can be noted. They will have a public hearing at the airport across the from the Made in Oregon store Thursday, November 9th to make decisions about the level of Fighter Jet flights. Call the Port number noted for full details. If you care about the impact these jets have on you and our neighborhood now is the time to call. Thanks!

2d ago · 13 neighborhoods in [Crime & Safety](#)



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Tim, West Cully · Edited 1d ago

I "care" that we have a top notch air defense. I welcome their noise and always look skyward for them.

24 Thanks



Johnathan, Cully · Edited 2d ago

Have you look been in this area very long. 37 years for me. I'd get used to it or move to another area.

7 Thanks



Patricia, Concordia North · Edited 2d ago

I noticed lots of low-flying maneuvers yesterday while out walking & gardening. I'm pretty fascinated--and not really bothered by the noise. It seems an odd position for the likes of me, but there you have it. For what it's worth.

7 Thanks



Daniel, Cully · 2d ago

Johnathan, I don't understand what you are saying. You have been here 37 years and have gotten used to the current the jet maneuvers. Now they want to change them so they are consistently flying low directly over our neighborhood. Are you saying that after 37 years you want to get used to a whole new level of noise? Are you ready for commercial jets to start flying directly overhead too?

3 Thanks



Johnathan, Cully · 2d ago

Daniel, they have made changes over the years multiple multiple times. YES, I'm saying if you don't like airport traffic noise move to a neighborhood further away.

2 Thanks



Deborah, Woodlawn · 2d ago

I want our fighter pilots trained and ready to roll if a befuddled US pushes "the button" on North Korea. My father fought in Korea in "The Forgotten War" and always said "it was not over, it was just beginning" when it "ended" in 1953. "Stop, drop and roll" as personal protection probably won't work very well if The Hermit Kingdom actually gets their nuclear act together while they are not marching in colorful, robotic synchronized parades. It's looking very ominous. If you follow this stuff, Nicholas Kristoff throws some light on it here:

[https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/12/podcasts/the-daily/north-korea.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/12/podcasts/the-daily/north-korea.html?_r=0)

5 Thanks

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Lisa, Woodlawn · 1d ago

The Port and Air National Guard want to be good neighbors. If you have a concern, please give them a call. They are very responsive.

3 Thanks



Jacki, Beaumont-Wilshire · 1d ago

I like the fighter jet noise and like watching them. Considering it it only happens a few times a day it hardly seems a nuisance. I love the convenience of being so close to the airport so any noise is not a concern.

8 Thanks



Taylor, West Cully · 1d ago

It's not so bad. :) My three year old tells me it's dinosaurs. :)

7 Thanks



Jeff, Concordia South · 1d ago

For posterity: those jets don't exist to protect any of us, and they've only ever been used immorally to bomb populations and societies which posed no threat to our own - they're the weapons of US imperialism, and they burn through millions of dollars as they practice to kill iraqis, syrians, afgahns or whoever else the US decides to attack on some bogus pretext.

6 Thanks



Daniel, Cully · 1d ago

Jonathan I take a different view. Changes have been made over the years to mitigate the noise, to make the neighborhood more livable. I don't want to see those changes reversed. I have been her since 1993. Low flyovers of residential neighborhoods are not necessary for Oregon Air National Guards readiness.

6 Thanks



Rhonda, East Columbia · 1d ago

I am with the other two posters. I live in East Columbia and I rather enjoy when they fly low over my house. I usually go take pictures. I like planes so I really like when I can... [See more](#)

5 Thanks



Jeff, West Cully · Edited 1d ago

You should also realize that the more they fly over neighborhoods, the higher the chance of homes being taken out and people killed if a training mission goes wrong. You may say, that doesn't happen, but I witnessed it. I don't mind the occasional noise, but the flight patterns don't need to go directly over neighborhoods either. I think the flight paths should go over less populated areas as to minimize the risk.



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Pam, Beaumont-Wilshire · Edited 1d ago

I personally love the fighter jet noise and will stop and watch as they fly over. My dad was in the Air Force so to me it's a great sound. I'd rather have them practicing than not be ready when some bafoon pushes the button. My family has lived in the neighborhood over 50 years ... don't move near an airport if you don't want to hear airplanes. I love the early morning sounds of the airplanes starting up to start the day.

11 Thanks



Frank, Woodlawn · 1d ago

I love the jets, I have a few (smaller) of my own. Maybe I'll call and ask them to fly lower so I can get better pictures.



5 Thanks



Isaac, Woodlawn · 1d ago

@Frank Williams - Negative, Ghost Rider, pattern is full.

2 Thanks



Fran, Vernon · 1d ago

I've lived in the neighborhood since 1978. There's been different kinds of noise from the airport over the years. But for the day of 9/11 and several days afterwards, it felt strange not to hear any noise at all. The training runs are a reminder to me that safety comes at a cost.

4 Thanks



Marlane, King · 1d ago

I called about this months ago and was told that some of them are in training but that the other reason for the increase in noise level is that they have been changing some of the routes of the passenger planes to leave in a more southward direction. They said it is an experiment and that they are open to changing that if people don't like the noise and would like to hear from people. They said they have little influence on the military planes. I am a little shocked to see how this post does not feel very neighborly. The original poster was simply letting others know that she did not enjoy the increase in noise and if anyone else felt that way there are numbers to call.

7 Thanks

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Karen, Cully · 1d ago

Thank you to the neighbors who have attended the CNAC meetings (Citizens Noise Advisory Council). Your time and effort benefits all of us. Judging by the minutes from their last meeting, Cully is getting all this extra noise and low-flying aircraft because the airport and the military have been experimenting with expanded flights that violate previous agreements. A key point made by neighbors who spoke at the meeting is that noise at these levels is stressful. One added that studies show this to be true. Then a committee member spoke to say that residents should realize that perception of loudness is different from (subjective) data about loudness. This response by a committee person seems ironic, since the committee's primary answer to residents' questions was "We don't know" and "We don't have that data." So perception of loudness is the information we're working with, and it is a stressor. I realize this is a contentious issue in the neighborhood., which makes it important to continue the conversation about it. Ideally, it can be done civilly with respect for all different perspectives.

9 Thanks



Lisa, Woodlawn · 22h ago

Noise - Sound is measurable and while there may be various thresholds for individuals - the City Noise Bureau has a range of approved levels of noise for everything from attic fans to leaf blowers all the way through construction noise.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/article/327463> It has been documented that noise is a health risk (One of many studies)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1637786/> Sound is measurable and ranges of acceptability can be established and enforced. There are variables to account for short term increases in noise an location such as weather conditions and runway repairs. These are not what I have been experiencing the last month - which in the 38 years I have lived in this house have not experienced, and that is ongoing low flying aircraft that vibrates my house and rattles my windows along with the inability to hold a phone conversation etc...I noted that today at 8:33, between 10:13-15. at 10:31. 10:35 and 10:41 there has been air traffic loud enough to be disturbing, Our neighborhood associations are a vehicle to make our voices heard and perhaps this is the route those of us who are impacted negatively may want to take,

8 Thanks



Anne, Beaumont-Wilshire · Edited 13h ago

Karen thanks for the really helpful reply. When and where are the CNAC meetings? I am really interested in this issue. Concordia Neighbors have also raised concerns.

1 Thank



Karen, Cully · 20h ago

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Anne, the original poster says they're meeting the evening of 11/9 at the airport, across from the Made in Oregon store. If you'd like to read the minutes of their last meeting, 9/14, here's the link: [https://popcdn.azureedge.net/pdfs/CNAC\\_Summary\\_DRAFT\\_9.14.17.pdf](https://popcdn.azureedge.net/pdfs/CNAC_Summary_DRAFT_9.14.17.pdf)

1 Thank



Karen, Cully · 20h ago

Lisa, thank you for this helpful information!

1 Thank



Michelle, Ainsworth Street Collective · 15h ago

The site and sound of those jets thrills me every time. I hope they never stop.

3 Thanks



Allan, Beaumont-Wilshire · 15h ago

I like the jet noise. Its the sound of freedom. They are here to protect the air space and us.

3 Thanks



Allan, Beaumont-Wilshire · 15h ago

Ok if you think this noisy try living on an Air Force Base almost near the runway this is nothing.

1 Thank



Paul, Beaumont-Wilshire · 15h ago

Off topic: Allan comment made me remember years ago I was visiting Altus AFB in Oklahoma and went to a farmer who had advertised hay for sale. He spoke *\*very\** loudly and told me he was almost deaf. I didn't think much about it until a C-5 Galaxy flew by about 200 feet over our heads. It turns out we were close to the runway threshold and this poor guy had C-5's, C-141's, C-17's, and KC-135's buzzing him practically all day every day. Considering that base's mission I wouldn't be surprised if there were B-52's at one point. I don't know if that's how he lost his hearing but it was LOUD. Not to mention the visiting small jets like we have around here. So yes, it could be a lot worse. :)



Barb, Concordia South · 14h ago

I will agree with many. I've been here since 1971. The airport has been there longer than most people moving here so don't buy a house and then complain. It's like people moving into the country and then complaining about having to slow down for tractors. The world doesn't revolve around you whiners. MOVE!

3 Thanks



Mary, Beaumont-Wilshire · 14h ago

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I get a kick out of the sound of planes. The fighter jets don't do it enough.  
3 Thanks



[Daniel Berkman](#), Cully · 14h ago

It's like people buying a house then complaining about property taxes.  
1 Thank



Patricia, Concordia South · 14h ago

Thank all of you who support our fighter jets. I have lived here since 1957, and I also love the sound of the jets. I will never understand why people will move into a neighborhood, near an airport, and complain about the noise and planes.

2 Thanks



Daniel, Cully · 10h ago

It's like cutting taxes and then complaining about crime and homelessness.  
1 Thank



Pam, Beaumont-Wilshire · 33m ago

Before my parents moved here they literally lived at the end of a runway at O'Hare airport in a trailer park ... talk about loud! And when they bought a house here? Close to the airport ... part of my life for over 50 years in the neighborhood and love the sounds of the jets & airplanes. It was too creepy on 9/11 and the days after when there was NO commercial planes flying. I'll take the noise any day!