
19. THE VOLK FIELD REGION'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



The strategic location of Volk Field allows it to take advantage of all modes of transportation. The well maintained and easily accessible transportation system in and around Volk Field connects the base by highway, air, water or rail to the immediate region and the Nation, Map 19-1. As mentioned earlier, Juneau County orients toward western Wisconsin and the three counties of the Fort McCoy Region. These four counties are very interrelated for transportation system purposes, among many others.

Volk Field is centrally located near many metropolitan areas. Madison, Wisconsin's State Capitol is only one hour away, Milwaukee is only 150 miles away, and Chicago is only 220 miles away. The City of Wisconsin Dells is also about a half hour away offering nationally known tourist attractions and recreational opportunities.

Volk Field is conveniently located along Interstate 90/94 in central Wisconsin. This interstate is a heavily traveled connection between Chicago and Minneapolis/St. Paul. Four-lane traffic allows rapid transportation across the Midwest for heavy vehicles and equipment traveling to and from Volk Field.

Bus Service. Incoming personnel using Greyhound Bus Lines may disembark at Mauston along Interstate 90/94 or in Tomah. Both locations are approximately equidistant from Volk Field (about 15 miles away). Tickets may be purchased at the Tomah location.

The Canadian Pacific Railway (Soo Line) runs directly adjacent to the Volk Field Compound. This railway is connected to a network of two other railways in the immediate area: The Union Pacific Railroad and the Wisconsin Central Limited.

The closest Amtrak station is only 20 miles from Volk Field in the nearby City of Tomah. Wisconsin Dells to the southeast also has a station approximately 25 miles

away. Both stations may be accessed easily by traveling along Interstate 90/94.

The Volk Field Region has several nearby general utility airports aside from the airstrip of Volk Field itself. The longest of these airstrips, and the closest to Volk Field, is the Mauston/New Lisbon Union Airport located seven miles southeast of Volk Field along State Highway 12. The Airstrip consists of a paved runway 3,686' long and 75' wide and is directly connected to Volk Field by the state highway. Approximately 8 miles northeast of Volk Field is another paved runway known as the Necedah Airport. This airstrip is 2,700' long and 60' wide. The Elroy Municipal Airport is a gravel and turf runway measuring 3,085' long and 100' wide that could be utilized for general utility landings by military aircraft as well. The Elroy airstrip is located approximately 16 miles due south of Volk Field.

MAP 19-1

