

<b>Armored Force key dates</b>	
Jan. 26, 1918	U.S. Tank Corps established
1920	National Defense Act of 1920 abolishes Tank Corps and assigns responsibility for tank development to Infantry Branch
1928	Experimental Mechanized Force established at Fort George G. Meade, MD
1930	Mechanized Force created at Fort Eustis, VA
1931	Army implements new mechanization policy that permits Cavalry development of a mechanized component
1931	Mechanized Force disbanded; remnant element renamed Detachment for Mechanized Cavalry and Camp Knox, KY, becomes home of mechanized cavalry
1933	1 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized) arrives at Fort Knox
July 10, 1940	Army authorizes creation of the Armored Force at Fort Knox as a “service test” to centralize mechanized development
1942	Office Chief of Cavalry abolished
1943	Armored Force redesignated Armored Command
1944	Armored Command redesignated as Armored Center
1945	Armored Center inactivated
1946	Armored Center reactivated
1948	Organization of the first armored-cavalry regiments
June 28, 1950	Army Organization Act establishes Armor as separate branch of Army
1972	Main battle tank task force established at Fort Knox to develop requirements for new tank, which becomes the Abrams tank
1973	Arab-Israeli October War triggers changes in Army doctrine and increased emphasis on platforms capable of fighting on highly mechanized battlefield
1980	Fielding of M1 Abrams tank begins
1981	Fielding of M2/M3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle begins
1990	Army authorizes fielding of humvee to all maneuver-battalion scout platoons
1992	First light armored cavalry regiment created when 199 <sup>th</sup> Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade is reflagged as 2 <sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment
1994	Desert Hammer VI becomes first test of prototype armored brigade at National Training Center
1995	Fort Knox hosts advanced warfighting experiment Focused Dispatch, which demonstrates ability to integrate virtual and live training
1999-2000	Fort Knox hosts platform-performance demonstration to assess available vehicles for use in new medium brigade, later designated the Stryker Brigade Combat Team (BCT)
2003	Modularity initiative restructures Army around BCTs as principal maneuver elements
Oct. 1, 2013	Maneuver Center of Excellence reorganizes into the university design with training brigades focused and aligned specifically for initial military training and functional training
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