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Community Update

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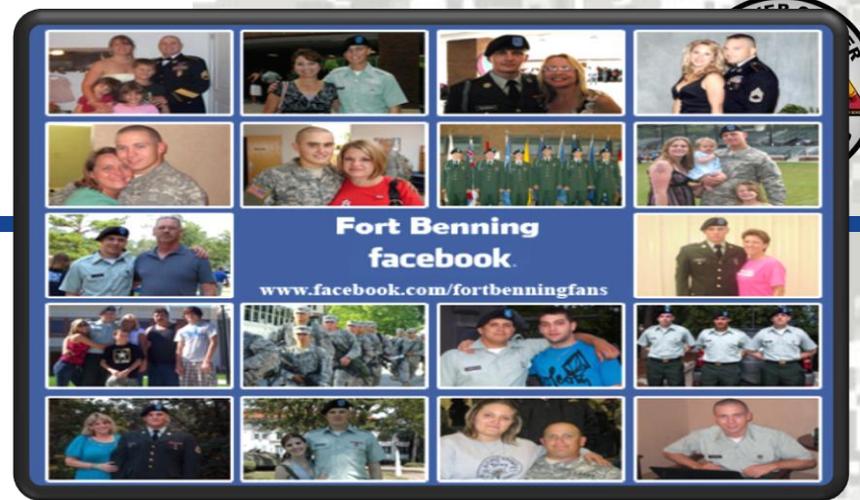
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- Online and social media initiatives
- Armor School
- Infantry School
- Leader development
- Road, Bridge, Design-build construction
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Happy holidays! This is a joyous time of year and one that reunites family and friends. Patti and I hope you have a chance to enjoy this special time in your own unique way. We wish each other and

every one of you a prosperous new year. As we reflect on our blessings, I ask each of you to remember our many deployed service members serving far from home and just as importantly, the loved ones who are missing them.

This season we celebrate and thank those who keep our freedom safe. I ask each of you to do your part, consider the risks, and make the right decisions. See you in 2011. One Force, One Fight!

Major General Robert B. Brown
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Black Knights aspire to wear Ranger tabs



As the college football season draws to an end, many athletes' helmets are inundated with stickers representing...

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What's that noise?

There will be heavy weapon firing on Fort Benning from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 7, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 12 and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 18.

Reclamation Sale

A reclamation sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 7 in Building 224A. 8 to 9 a.m. is designated to E-6 and below only. Cash only. ACU uniforms will be sold to active duty military personnel. National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers on active status must bring duty orders. For more information, call 706-545-1972 or 706-545-1104.

Transfer of authority ceremony

The commanders of the 1st Battalion, 378th Infantry Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, are hosting a transfer of authority ceremony 10 a.m. Jan. 10 at Pomeroy Field on Sand Hill, weather permitting. Dress code is duty uniform and business attire.



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Soldier honors fallen brother in Iraq



When 11-year-old Dominic Wheeler watched his brother DJ leave for Iraq in 2003, his mother asked how he felt about his brother going to war...

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Fort Benning

US Army Fort Benning Good Morning! Do you live in the area and would like to know the latest on the status and impact of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)? Then we invite you to join us for the monthly community update 3 p.m. at the National Infantry Museum. 8 seconds ago clear

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Paula Fitz My Son Just left for Fort Benning to finish his training he graduates in three weeks. I'm looking for a hotel near Fort Benning any suggestions?

about an hour ago · Like · Comment



Jamie Elizabeth My boyfriend will be heading over for OCS training in a few weeks. Looking forward to all the site has to offer along this journey! I have heard and read so many wonderful things about him coming to train here, and I am looking forward to Trivia Tuesdays :)

5 hours ago · Like · Comment



Megan Weigel hello, ft. benning. i was wondering if you could tell me the set up for the address in order to send things to guys in airborne school. thank you!

7 hours ago · Like · Comment

Christina Montero likes this.

Write a comment...



Margie Harper I will be putting my soldier on a plane to return to you to continue his journey, I Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing my son to come home for the Holidays. I raised him to be a "Gentleman" and now I Thank You for making him a "Soldier" PROUD ARMY MOM.. HOOAH!!!

7 hours ago · Like · Comment

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Write a comment...



Melinda Edwards What time do the soldiers have to be back tomorrow?

7 hours ago · Like · Comment



Don Low They have to be at the airport in Atlanta (if they're flying in) no later than 8PM.

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Melinda Edwards what if there coming in by private car

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Insights

US Army Fort Benning Happy Monday Fort Benning fans--it's 2011! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break, now we're getting right back at it--training the nation's finest! We'll resume Tuesday Trivia this week, along with some other new features in the upcoming weeks. Welcome back, and happiest of New Year wishes to all :) ! 13 hours ago clear

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Focused Conversations

Our fan page is the official site for conversations.

Every day hundreds of people discuss a wide range of topics from living on Fort Benning, training Soldiers to fight and developing adaptive and agile leaders. These conversations are an excellent way for us to engage with our online community and leverage these "hot topics" and concerns of our fans. As a result, we've develop a new initiative where we will feature "Focused Conversations" each week for our fan base. You'll drive the discussion during each conversation; we'll help with facilitating and moderating each session so everyone gets the maximum benefit. So we have set aside just few things, ground rules, to ensure each conversation is a positive and effective effort.

Join a discussion hosted by Fort Benning's Garrison Commander Col. Tom Macdonald Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. right here on Fort Benning's Official Facebook page!

Col. Macdonald and representatives from many different agencies and programs will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about living or working on the Best Installation in the World.

"KEEP IT REAL"

We appreciate and invite your honest comments. Tell us what's working, what needs improvement, and what services are exceptional.

"KEEP IT CLEAN"

We want you to be honest, but we need the conversations to be constructive. Let's use these conversations to solve problems, not create more. We will remove any posts that are abusive or use profanity.

"KEEP IT TO AN HOUR"

The subject matter experts that we'll have answering questions or providing information will only have an hour to spend with us.

"KEEP IT IN MIND"

This is a new effort, so we may experience some growing pains along the way. Please be patient with us. Some questions we can answer on the spot, some we'll have to look into, and some questions may not be

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Facebook Townhall

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- Fort Benning's first Facebook "Focused Conversations"
 - Wed., Jan. 12, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
- To join, go to www.facebook.com/fortbenningfans, **like** the page and **join** the discussion

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Post transformation |
Fort Benning takes strides in meeting BRAC 2011 deadline

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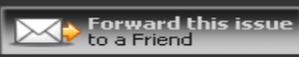
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Hot Topics

Holiday Block leave for Soldiers is Dec. 20 - Jan. 3.

Beginning January 2011,

first is Jan. 5.

From the Top

A New Year and a new way of doing business when it comes to communicating with our Soldiers, families and civilians at Fort Benning - that's the goal in offering the first Facebook Fort Benning town hall meeting from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12.



This is an important first for Fort Benning. Town hall meetings are a great way to share information and have two-way conversations. With this Facebook town hall - we are going virtual with our efforts.

Our hope is that folks, who may have not been able to attend town hall meetings in the past, have a convenient way to participate in the dialogue. We thought FaceBook would be a great tool in taking these conversations virtual as statistics show more than 500 million people use FaceBook.

In fact, Fort Benning's FaceBook page has more than 47,000 fans. While it may be a new year, focusing on what is important to our Soldiers, families and civilians is not new to us. You have a dynamic and dedicated team working every day that cares about the quality of life on Fort Benning.

SIGN UP: <http://bit.ly/fbenews>



Fort Benning Leaders



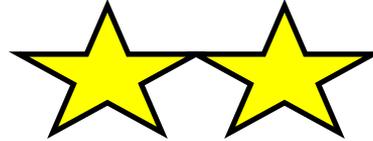
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Infantry School Commandant



BG Bryan Owens



MCoE Commander



MG Robert Brown



Armor School Commandant



COL (P) Ted Martin



Fort Benning By the Numbers



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- Fort Benning comprises 182,000 square acres
 - 170,000 Square Acres in Georgia
 - 12,000 Square Acres in Alabama
- 120,000 military, family members, retirees, civil service employees and defense contractors here daily
- 52% of Army's Soldiers complete training on Fort Benning





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39,411 Soldiers
19,907 Retirees
52,472 Family members
8,690 DA Civilian, Contractors
120,480



BRAC By the Numbers



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- BRAC 2005 established 8 Centers of Excellence
 - MCoE
- Will re-shape over 20,000 acres
- 30,000 additional personnel will train here annually
 - Currently trains 114,000 personnel annually
 - Increase its course load from 62 to 100
 - Bring 28,000 additional residents to the Chattahoochee Valley
 - Bring about 6,800 families and more than 6,200 school age children
 - Create an estimated 10,000 jobs





New Year Kicks Off



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- The 2-46th TOA (192nd) Ceremony Jan. 10
- Armor School 1st teach (Bradley Mechanic) Jan. 10
- Infantry and Armor developing plan to integrate tanks, live fire in combined hands-on training exercises (HOTEX) on Carmouche Range





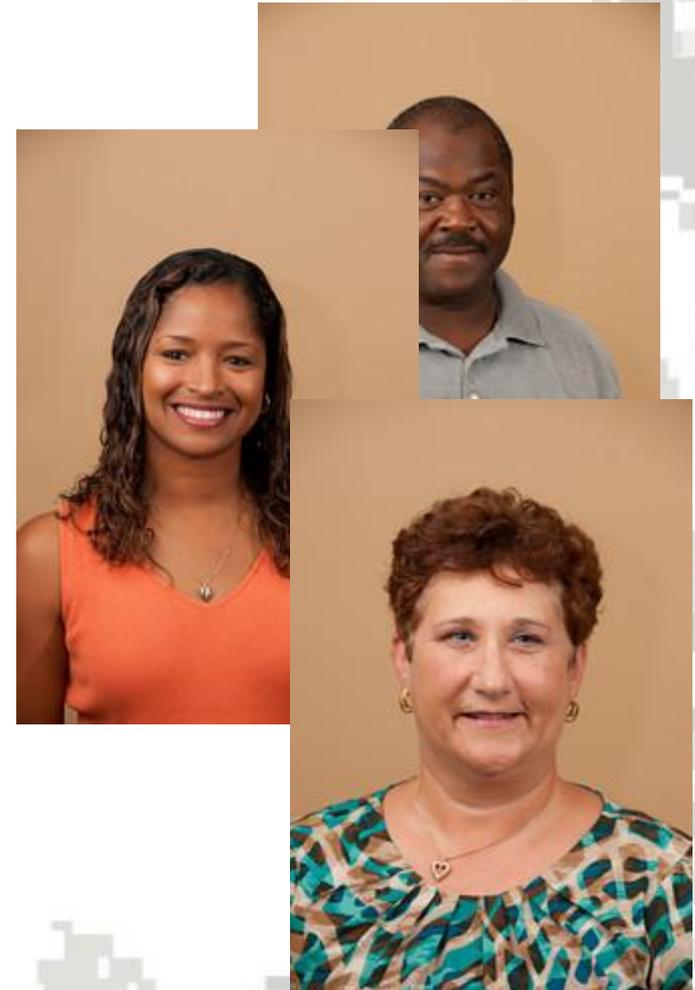
We're Hiring



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- Target goal: 933
- Remaining vacancies: ~388
- Vacancy announcements posted daily

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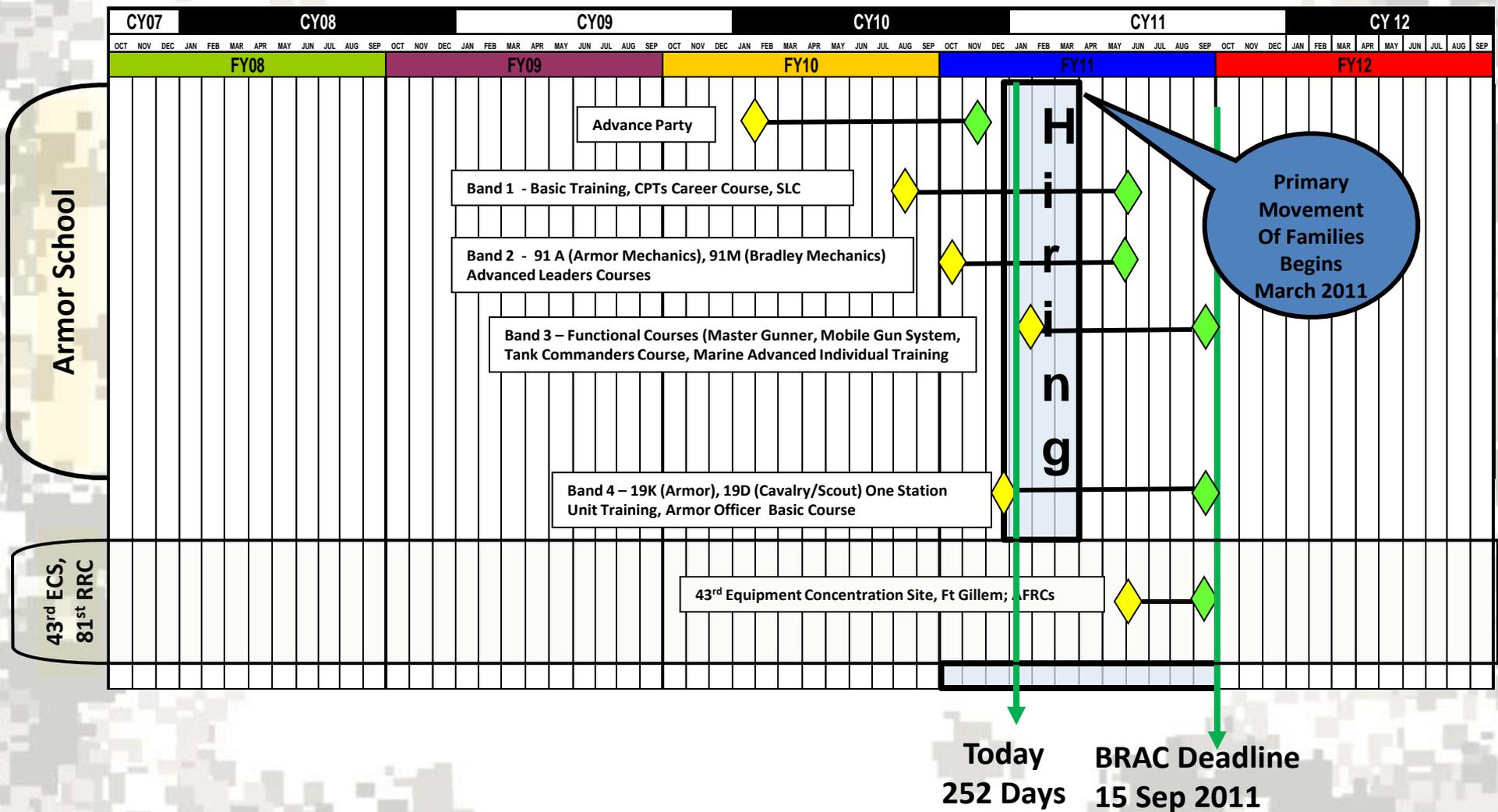




BRAC Unit Relocation Timeline

As Of 4 Jan. 2011, 252 Days Remain To Complete BRAC

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Major Construction



TOTAL: \$3.5B



Sand Hill



Kelley Hill

Harmony Church



Warrior Transition Unit 2011

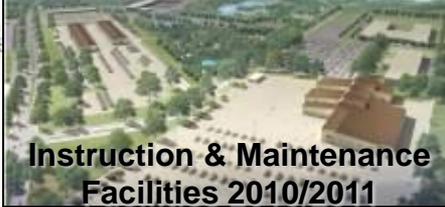
Logistics Warehouses 2010

Main Post

Roads 2011



OCS and NCOA Complex





Quality of Life Expansion



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Residential Communities Initiative

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- 4,000 homes (no increase from current)
- New homes 2,377
- Renovating 272 historic homes
- 1,290 non-historic building
- 4 village centers
- 1 neighborhood center
- 1 Welcome Center
- 2 cabanas
- 6 outdoor swimming pools
- 5% handicap accessible





MCoE



Maneuver Center Headquarters (Building 4)



- Future Home of:
MCoE Commander
Armor Commandant
Infantry Commandant
Garrison Commander
Staff and Directors

- \$172 million Renovation,
- Two Phase 3.5 year project
- Tower phase complete Apr 2011
- Wing phase complete Apr 2012
- Expected to meet LEED Gold standard
- 80% of materials recycled



Warrior Transition Barracks



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- Provides support to wounded Soldiers who will require more than 6 months of rehabilitative care
- Expected to open Oct. 2011
- Houses 120 Soldiers
- Will have a Soldier Family Assistance Center and a Battalion Company Operations Facility
- 120k SF



Harmony Church ACP



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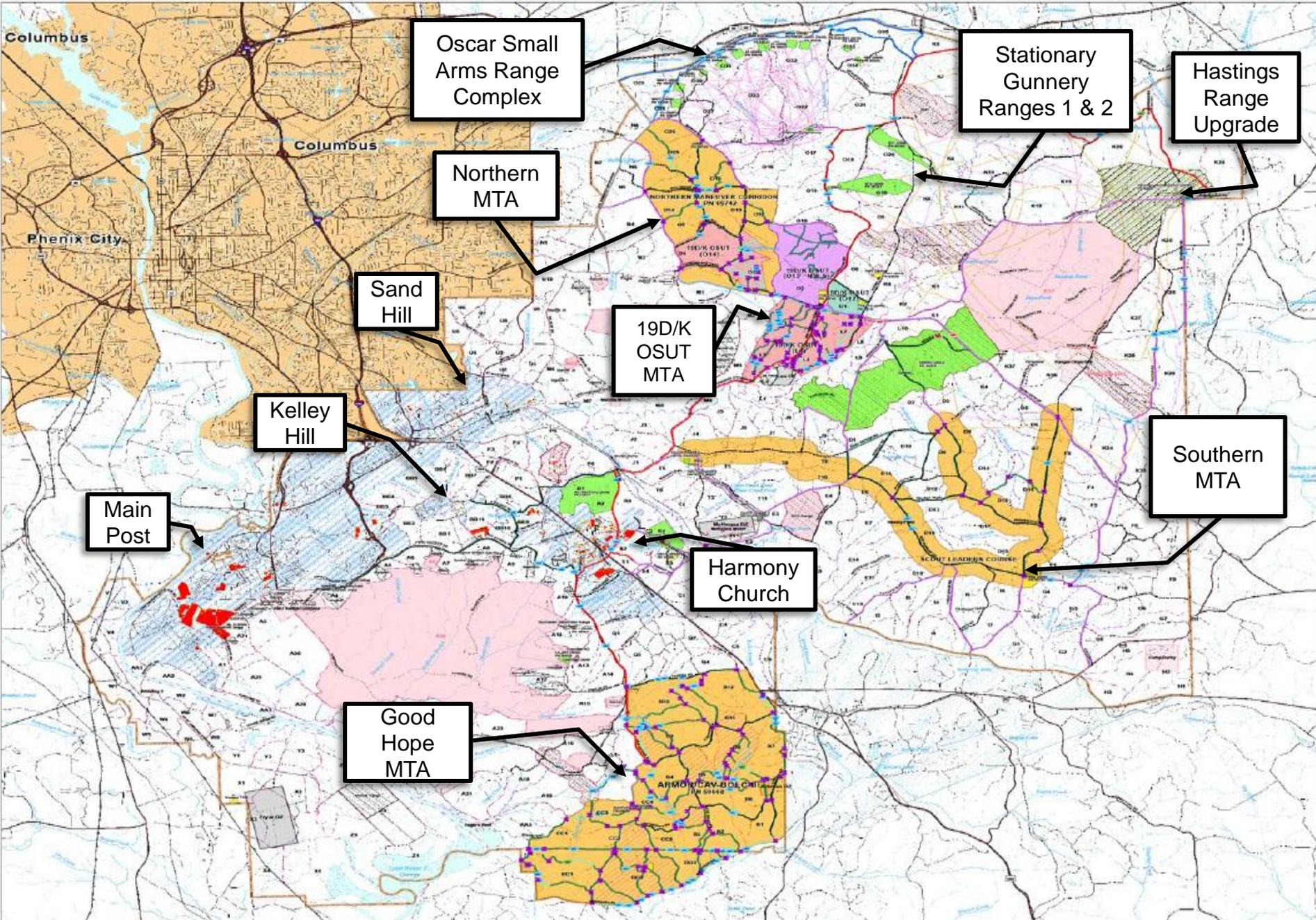


Harmony Church



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Oscar Small Arms Range Complex

Stationary Gunnery Ranges 1 & 2

Hastings Range Upgrade

Northern MTA

Sand Hill

19D/K OSUT MTA

Southern MTA

Main Post

Kelley Hill

Harmony Church

Good Hope MTA



MACH

AAFES PX

Marne Road Interchange

1st Division Road End Work

Lindsey Creek Interchange

Dixie Road Ends/1st Division Road Begins

Ingersoll Street

Dublinsky Street

Edwards Street

Dixie Road Start Work

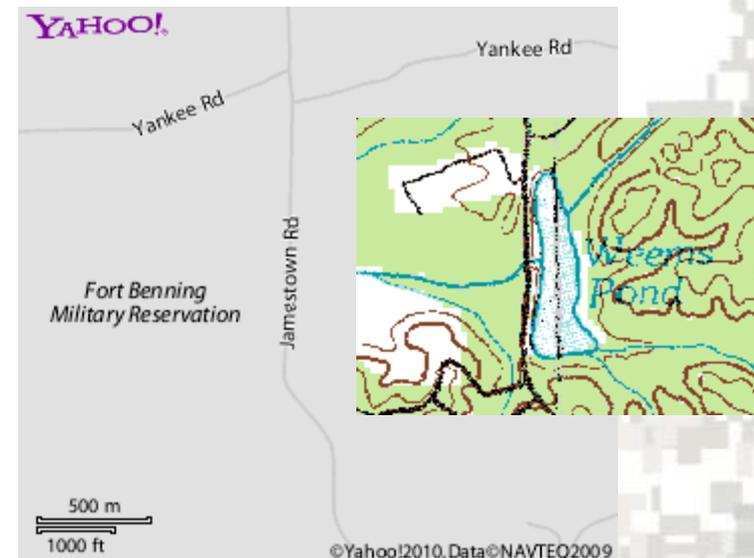
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Road Closures

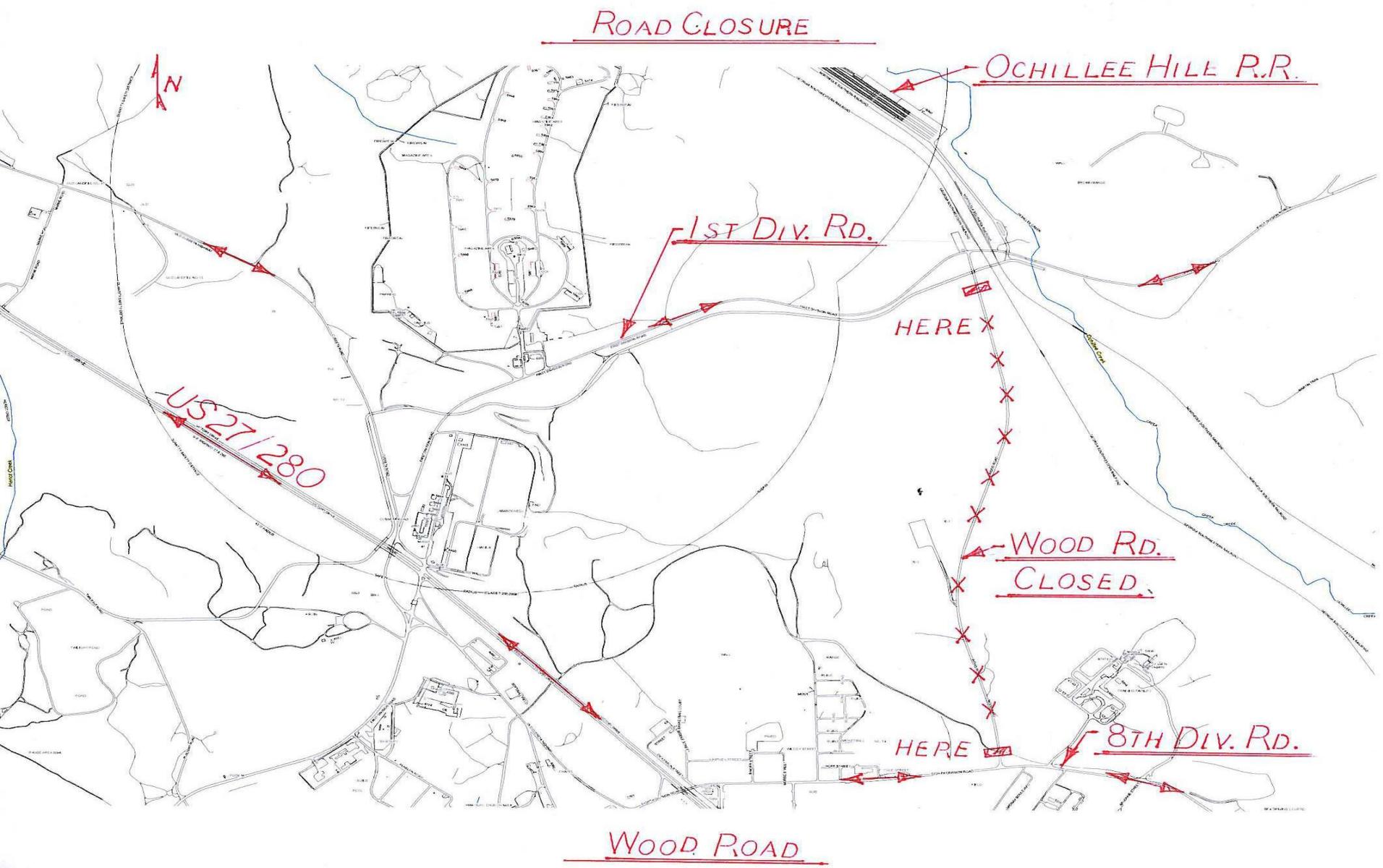
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- Lumpkin Rd. at Dixie Rd. closes Jan. 11-24
- More detours, expect lane shifts in January at Lindsey Creek interchange and Marne Rd. bridge
- Jamestown Road closed beyond Weems Pond
 - Use Sunshine Road as an alternate route
 - Should be complete by mid January





Wood Rd. closed thru Feb.





Addition of Harris and Talbot Counties in the Land Study Area



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- At the June 2010 Public Scoping Meetings, comments were received from citizens asking why Harris and Talbot Counties were not included in our initial study area.
- The two counties were not originally considered due to rapid population growth, higher land prices and the fact that our Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program was focused on the northeast boundary of Fort Benning.
- The ACUB program is a land conservation partnership between the Army and outside organizations to protect land from development that is incompatible with the military mission and ACUB land cannot be used for training.
- The National Environmental Policy Act law states we must address any comments received at scoping meetings, therefore we now have a legal requirement to consider possible land purchase options in Harris and Talbot Counties.



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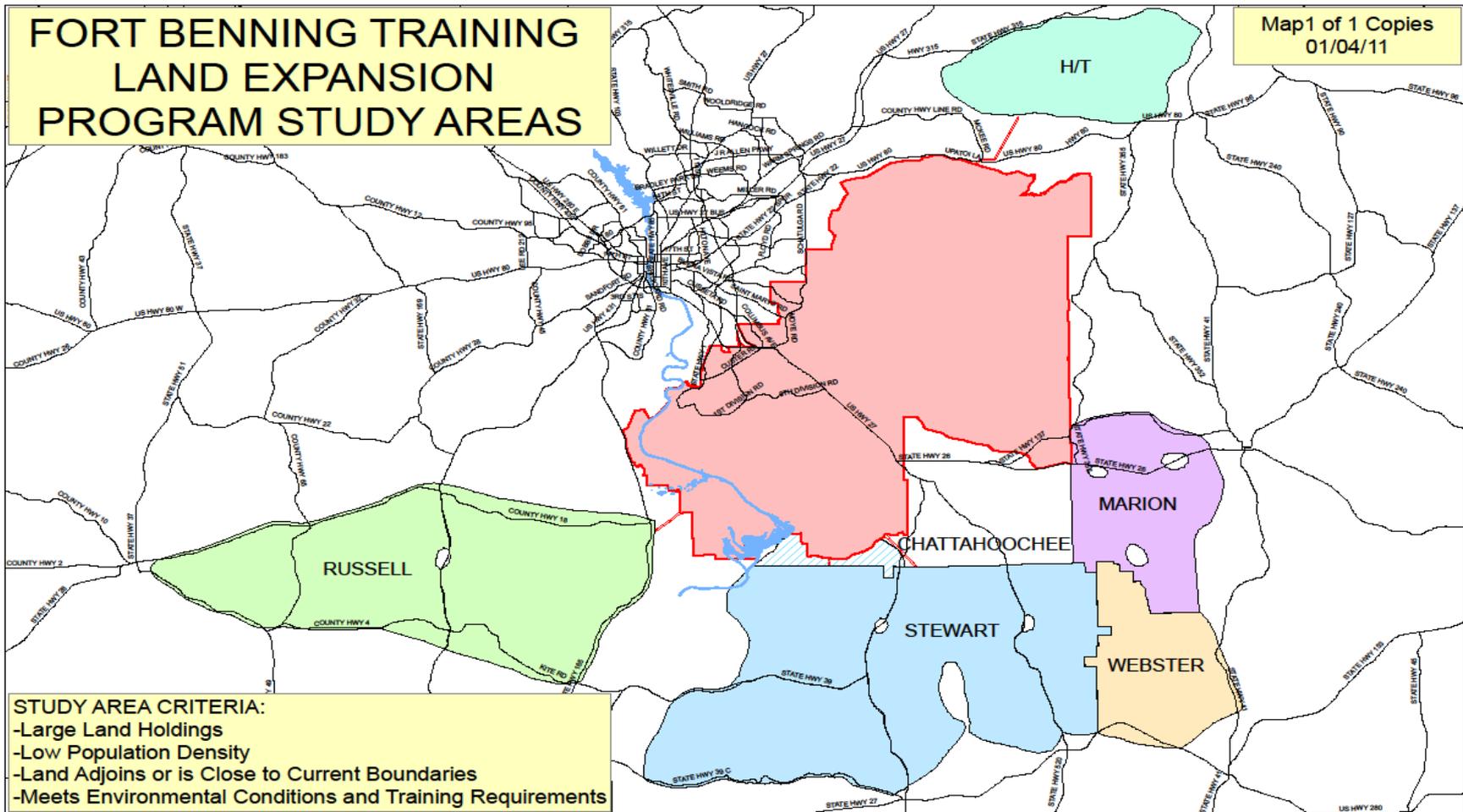
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- Additionally, the Savannah District Corps of Engineers (Real Estate Division) was contacted by a land management agent representing Mead Westvaco during one of the June Public Scoping Meetings.
- The agent proposed we consider approximately 23,000 acres of contiguous lands located in Harris (5,700 acres) and Talbot (17,400 acres) counties.
- From the onset of this process, our preference has been to focus on large tracts of commercial timberland, as purchasing land through timber companies would allow us to limit the number of real estate transactions and insure the land is purchased from a willing seller.
- We have now added the 23,000 acres located in Harris and Talbot Counties to the study areas already identified.

New Map of the Fort Benning Training Land Expansion Study Areas



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