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# MCoE Community Update

July 5, 2011

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# Armor School Change of Command

- Col. Thomas S. James assumed command of the U.S. Army Armor School from Brig. Gen. Ted Martin at a change of command ceremony June 28
- BG Martin has been reassigned to his alma mater, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he will serve as the next commandant of cadets





# Fort Benning/MCoE Leaders



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MCoE Commander

Infantry School Commandant



COL Terrance McKenrick



MG Robert Brown

Armor School Commandant



COL Thomas S. James

# Future Headquarters U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence (Building 4)



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1964 - 2009

## **Future Home of:**

- MCOE Commander
- Armor Commandant
- Infantry Commandant
- Garrison Commander
- Staff and Directors



2010

- **\$172M renovation**
- **2-phase 3.5 yr project**
- **Tower phase Summer 2011**
- **Wing phase Summer 2012**
- **LEED Gold standard**
- **80% materials recycled**

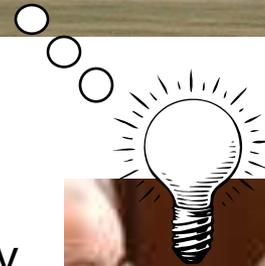


June 2011



# Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC 2005)

- Reduce expenditures, increased efficiency
  - Close excess military installations
  - Realign asset inventory
- Most complex round ever
  - Reconfiguration of operational capacity to maximize war fighting capability and efficiency
  - Goal is to relocate (redistribute) assets from around the Army
    - Bring units back from overseas, Europe and Korea, and reestablishing them back in the U.S.
    - Reduce the number of federal activities that occupy leased space and bring them onto federal installations





# BRAC Commission Recommendations



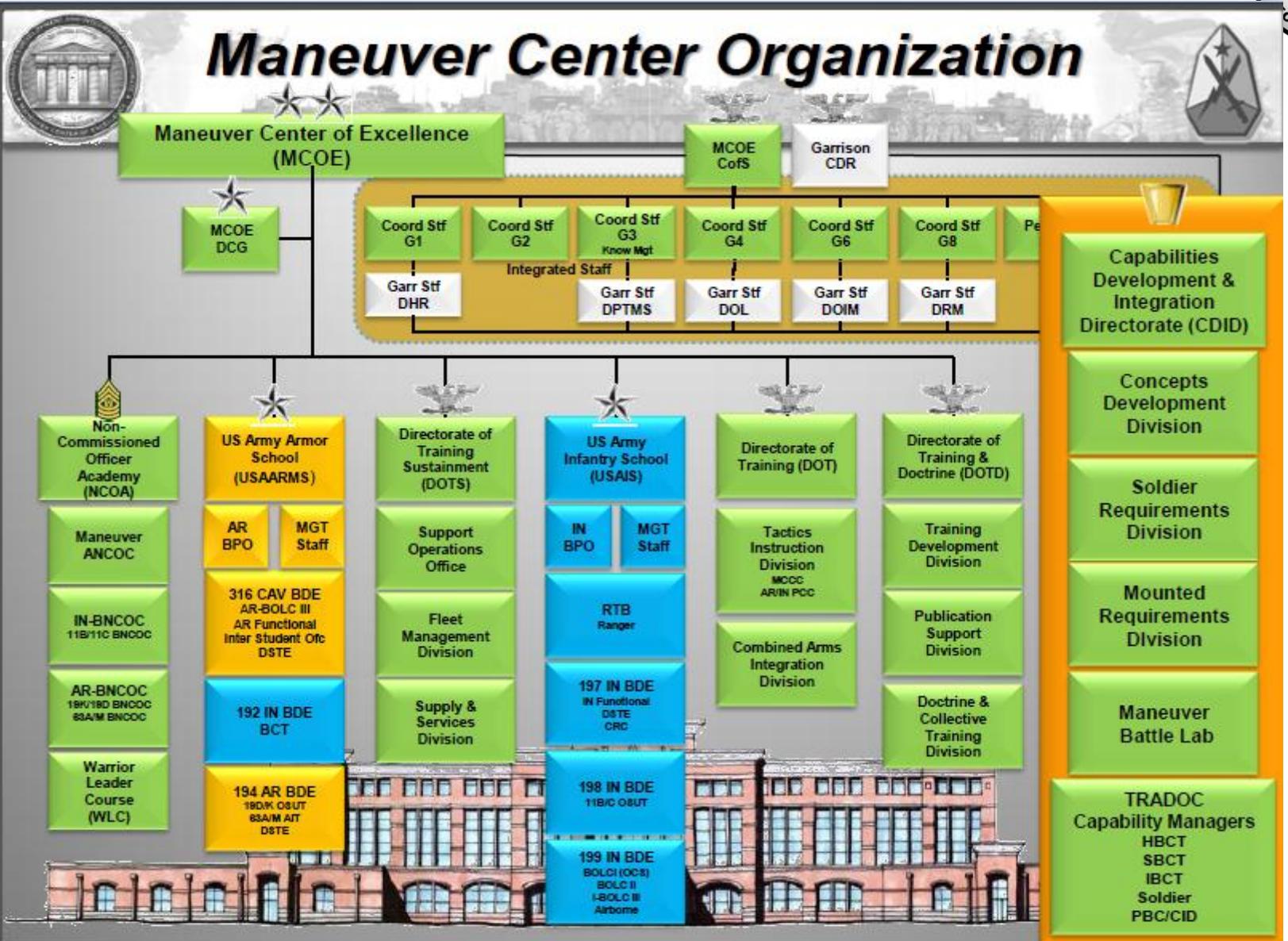
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- Establish a Maneuver Center of Excellence by moving the Armor Center and School from Ft. Knox, KY
- Consolidate 7 local Reserve Units into an Armed Forces Reserve Center
- Relocate Reserve Equipment Concentration Site from Ft. Gillem, GA
- ✓ Move Drill Sergeant School to Ft. Jackson
- Complete these actions by 15 Sep 2011





# Maneuver Center Organization



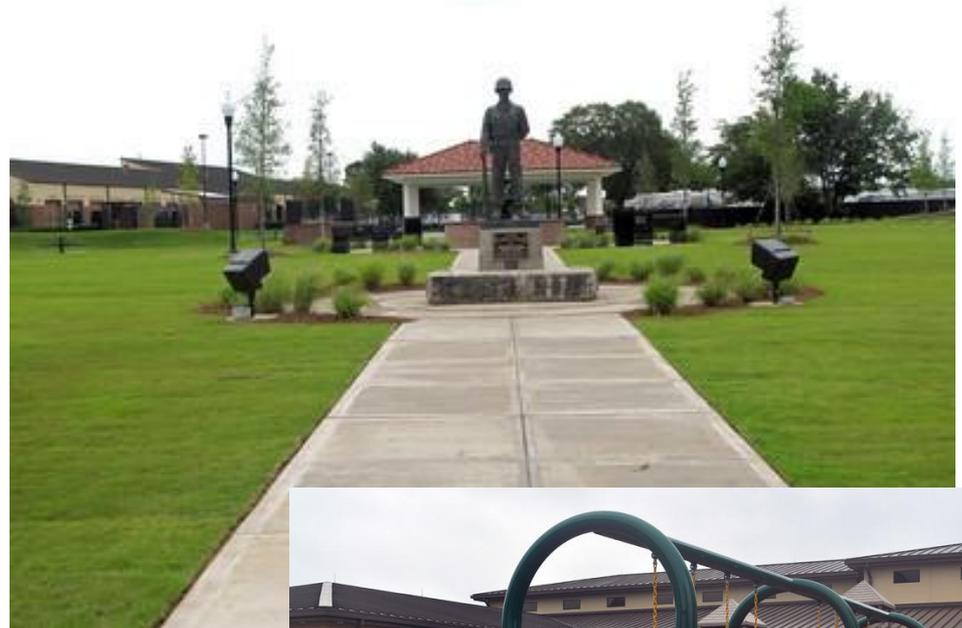
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# Army Family Covenant



- 2 new, renovated child care centers
  - ~55% of Soldiers are married
  - ~48% percent have children
  - ~9% are dual military
- Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program 5 dimensions
  - Physical, family, social, spiritual and emotional fitness





# Housing Services Office



**Located in Soldiers Plaza Bldg 2619**

**Office Phone Numbers:  
(706) 545-3921 Or (706) 545-6610**



# Residential Communities Initiative



- 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





# Employment

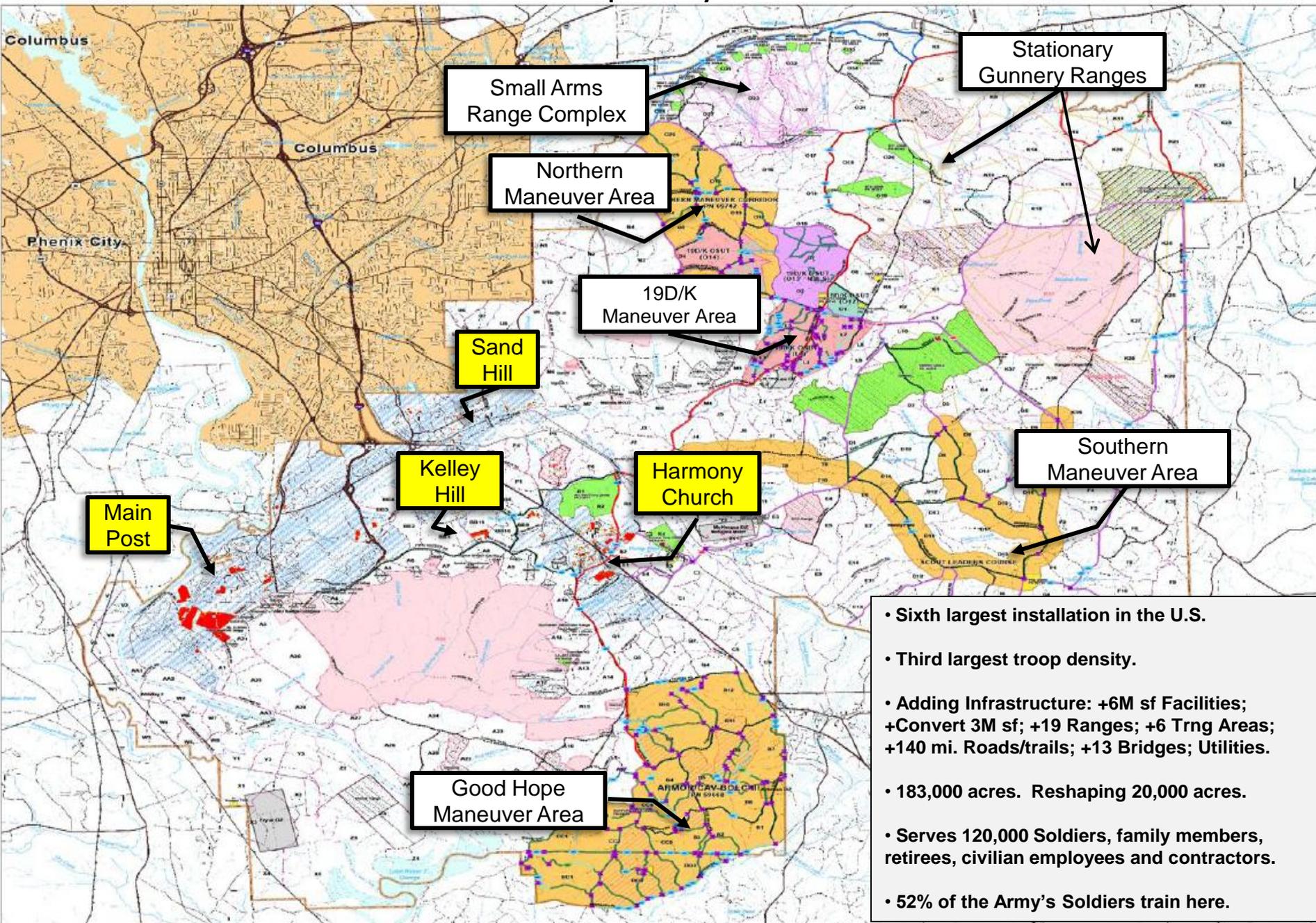


- Vacancy announcements posted daily

[www.armycivilianservice.com](http://www.armycivilianservice.com)



# Fort Benning Areas Impacted by BRAC Actions



Main Post

Kelley Hill

Sand Hill

Small Arms Range Complex

Northern Maneuver Area

19D/K Maneuver Area

Harmony Church

Good Hope Maneuver Area

Stationary Gunnery Ranges

Southern Maneuver Area

- Sixth largest installation in the U.S.
- Third largest troop density.
- Adding Infrastructure: +6M sf Facilities; +Convert 3M sf; +19 Ranges; +6 Trng Areas; +140 mi. Roads/trails; +13 Bridges; Utilities.
- 183,000 acres. Reshaping 20,000 acres.
- Serves 120,000 Soldiers, family members, retirees, civilian employees and contractors.
- 52% of the Army's Soldiers train here.

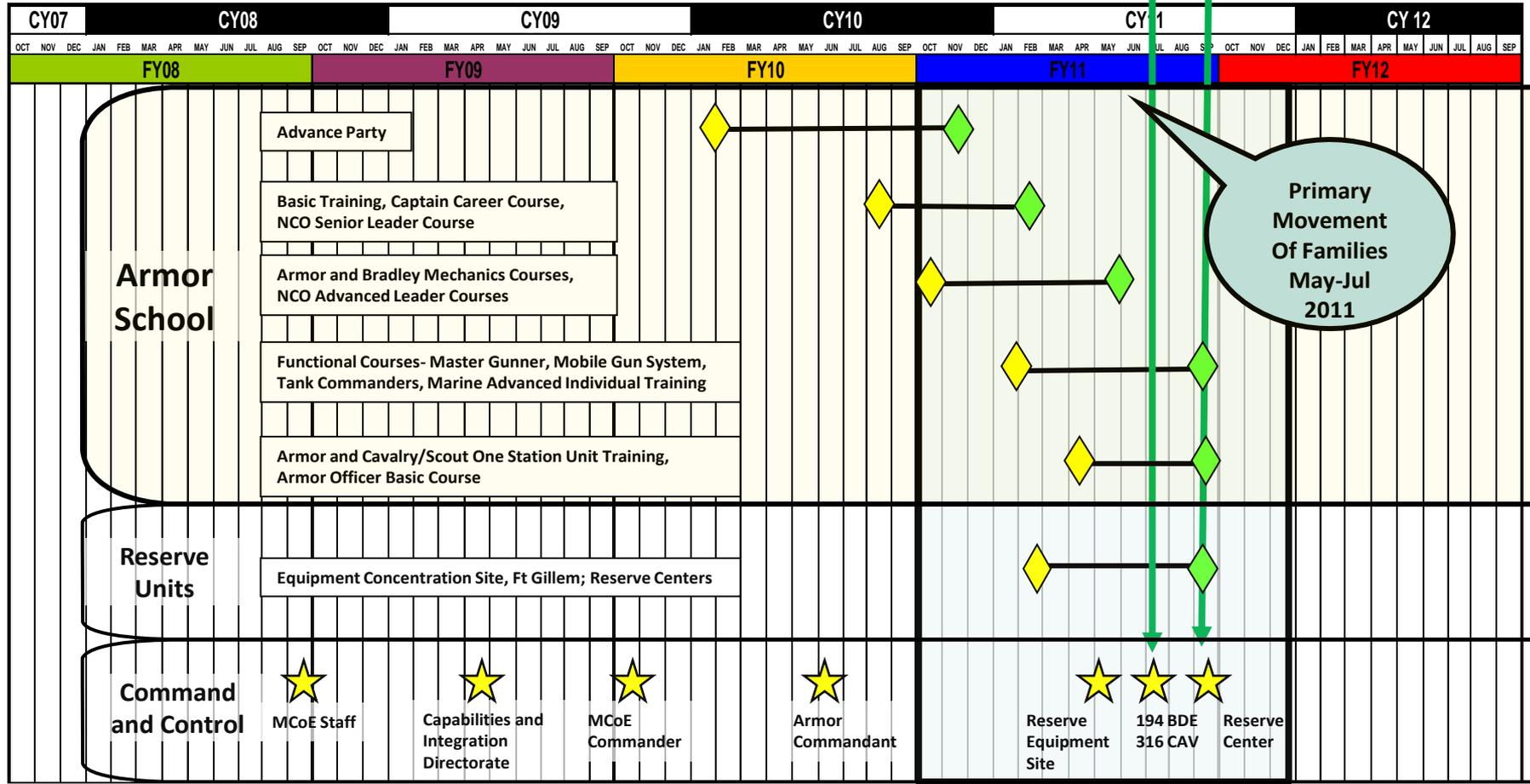


# BRAC Relocation Timeline

## 71 Days Remain To MCoE FOC



Today      15 Sep (Full Capability)



Primary Movement Of Families May-Jul 2011

Hiring Civil Service Employees and Defense Contractors



# The Armor School – 2011 Course Arrivals



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The first of many Armor School Course Activation Ceremonies – 12 January 11



**Scout Basic Training (OSUT)**  
16 Weeks  
185 Soldiers/Class

**Tanker Basic Training (OSUT)**  
16 Weeks  
168 Soldiers/Class

**Armor Basic Officer Course**  
17 Weeks  
90 Officers/Class

**Master Gunner Course**  
9 Weeks  
18 Soldiers/Class

**Cavalry Leader Course**  
3 Weeks  
28 Officers/Class

**Tank Maintenance**  
14 Weeks  
40 Soldiers/Class

**Army Recon Course**  
4 Weeks  
60 Leaders/Class

**Bradley Maintenance**  
14 Weeks  
40 Soldiers/Class



Personnel	268	751	2804	
Above w/ Families	~ 500	~ 1300	~ 5000	~7,500

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# Largest Rail Shipment to Date

- 70+ armored vehicles downloaded June 21
- ~500,000 pieces of equipment weighing 60 million pounds





# Uncasing Ceremony on Braves Rifles Field



Unfurling the 194th Armored  
Brigade colors



Uncasing the 316th Cavalry  
Brigade colors



# Armor School picks up its first cavalry scout trainees at Fort Benning

- 80 trainees arrived June 13 for in processing via 30<sup>th</sup> AG
- AIT began June 23
- Media coverage of training begins this week





# ABOLC



Media coverage begins July 12 with gunnery training

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# New Facilities Naming Ceremonies

- Mizener Wheel & Track Sustainability Facility naming ceremony set for July 27
- 8 buildings, 42 acre site
- Enables DOL\* to consolidate Maintenance operations within one footprint at Harmony Church



\*DOL: Directorate of Logistics



Mr. David Jacob, Installation Materiel Maintenance Officer



# Equipment Concentration Site 43



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- 1350 vehicles expected
- 1057 here now
- 430 line items/5,459 pieces
- 14.7 acre parking lot
- Maintenance and storage for 9 SE states/120 units
- 150,000 sf storage
- 101 employees; 15 at FBGA; remainder arrives July 17
- Construction nearly complete



Photos taken June 2011

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# Armed Forces Reserve Center



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- 120 full time employees
- 245 vehicles
- 2 wings support AFRC
- 1 wing supports GA National Guard
- 876 total personnel supported (including weekend Reserve drills)
- Macon Rd Reserve Center & Reserve units currently at FBGA will move to AFRC Sept. 2011

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# MACH Groundbreaking



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# Wounded Warrior Transition Barracks



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- Provides support to wounded Soldiers who require 6+ months' rehabilitative care
- Opening Spring 2012
- Houses 120 Soldiers
- Will have a Soldier Family Assistance Center and a Battalion Company Operations Facility
- [www.WTC.army.mil](http://www.WTC.army.mil)
- PLAY VIDEO



**Official Online Home  
of Fort Benning**  
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 +100K visitors per month



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