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# MCoE Community Update

September 6, 2011

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2. Bookmark the link:

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**Smoke & Sound**

Smelling smoke? Hearing loud sounds? Visit our Smoke & Sound site to find out more.

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**THE BAYONET**

**Letter to the Editor: WWII Merrill's Marauders to meet for 65th reunion**

Wednesday, August 31, 2011 9:57:00 AM

Merrill's Marauders, the tough Infantrymen who were the first American troops to fight the Japanese on land in Asia during ...

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More options will now be available to:

1. Learn why Fort Benning conducts the training.
2. Check out a map to show you where we are training.
3. A regularly updated schedule to let you know when we are training.
4. An invitation to come out to one of our 'Hands on training exercises'
5. An opportunity for you to give us some feedback or ask questions.



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## 1 Why does Fort Benning conduct this training?

Did you know that Fort Benning fires more ammunition than all other installations? The Maneuver Center fires 42.2 million rounds each year. All of this firing is necessary to train the greatest fighting force in the world. Every day, tens of thousands of Soldiers are deployed to combat environments, and the training they receive at the Maneuver Center ensures they are equipped with the skills necessary to achieve victory against our Nation's enemies.

## 2 Interactive Sound Map

## 3 Training Schedule

## 4 COME SEE THE TRAINING FOR YOURSELF. HANDS ON TRAINING EXERCISES

## 5 Sound Off!



# Interactive Sound Map

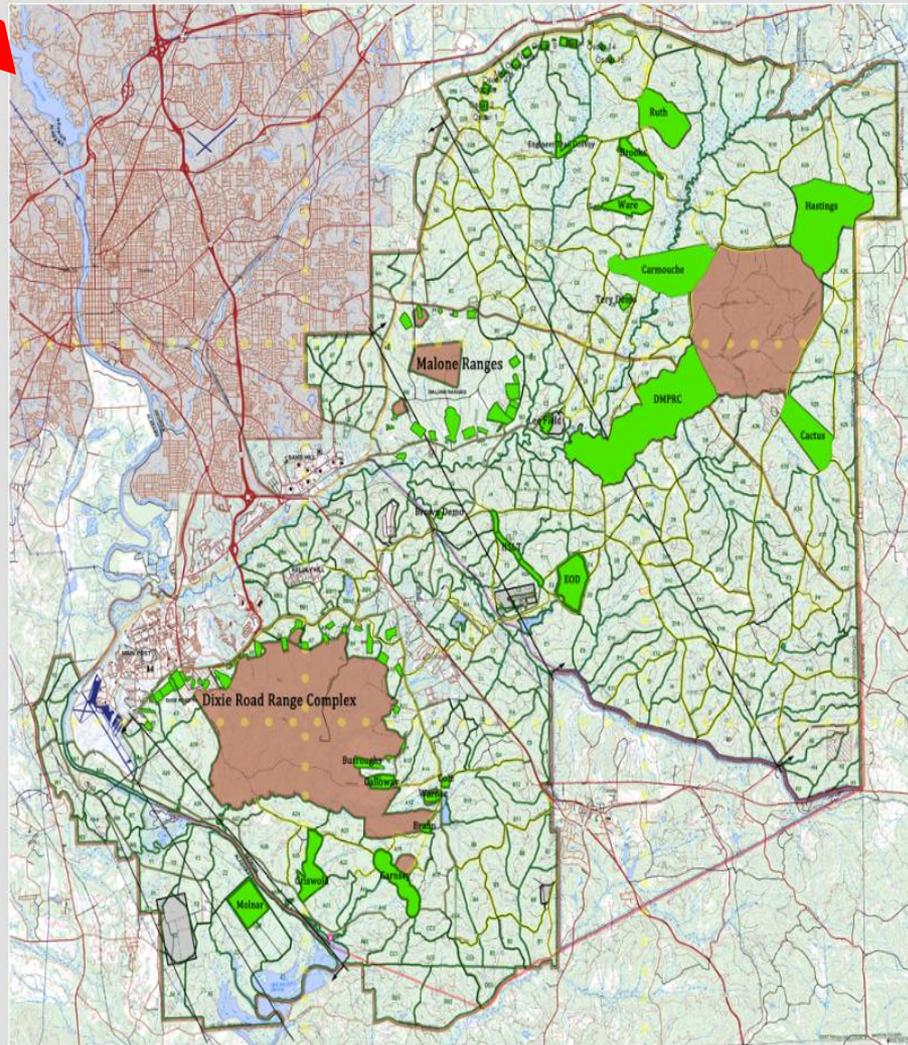
Did you know that Fort Benning firing is necessary to train the training they receive

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## Interactive Sound Map

[Click here for a full sized version of the map](#)

Move your mouse over a range to find the name of that area. Click on a range for a description of the training held



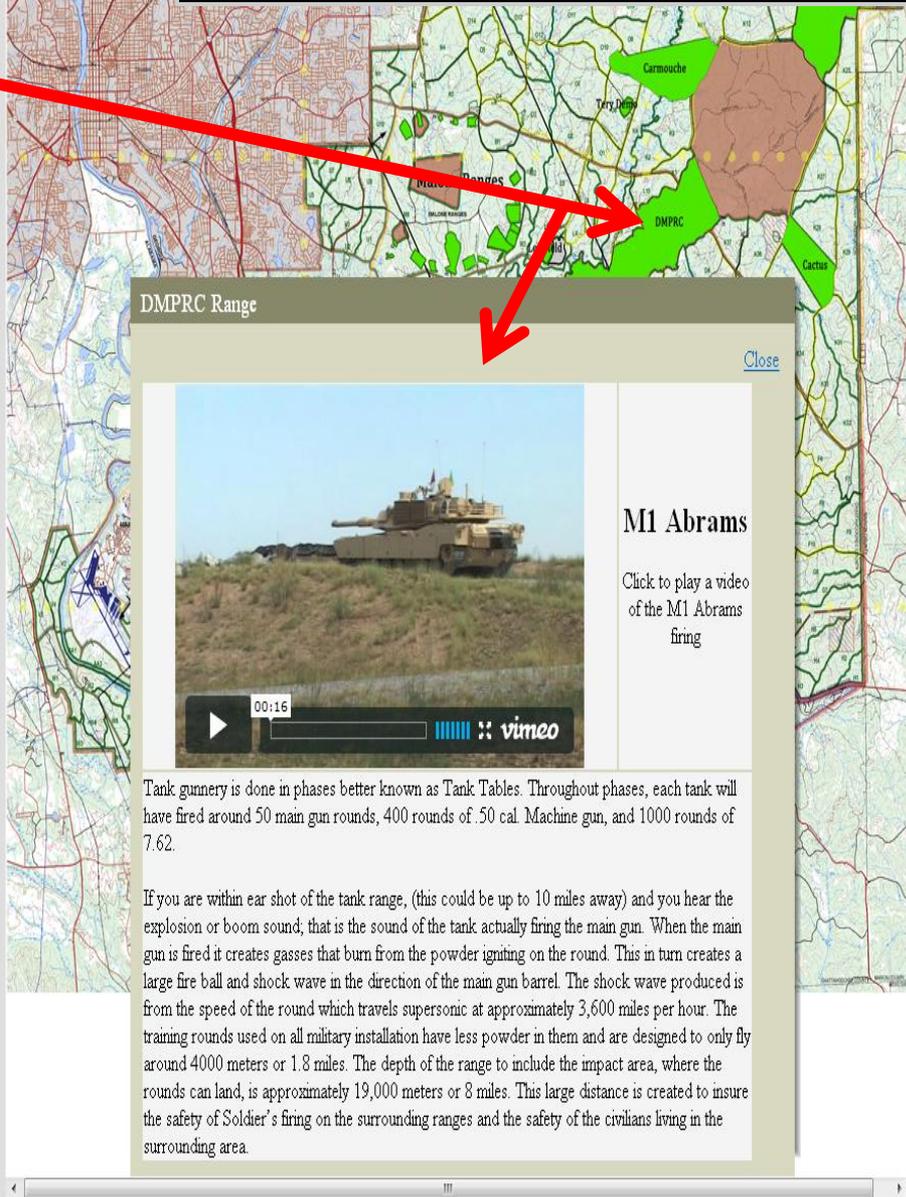
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We are working on creating 'pop-ups' that will tell you more about the types of training being conducted on a range that you click on.



The image shows a screenshot of an interactive sound map. The background is a map of the Benning Army Range area, with various training ranges highlighted in green and brown. A red arrow points from the text on the left to a specific location on the map labeled 'DMPRC'. A pop-up window titled 'DMPRC Range' is open, featuring a video player showing an M1 Abrams tank firing. The video player has a play button, a progress bar at 00:16, and the Vimeo logo. To the right of the video, the text reads 'M1 Abrams' and 'Click to play a video of the M1 Abrams firing'. Below the video, there is a detailed paragraph of text describing tank gunnery training phases and safety measures.

**DMPRC Range** [Close](#)

**M1 Abrams**

Click to play a video of the M1 Abrams firing

Tank gunnery is done in phases better known as Tank Tables. Throughout phases, each tank will have fired around 50 main gun rounds, 400 rounds of .50 cal Machine gun, and 1000 rounds of 7.62.

If you are within ear shot of the tank range, (this could be up to 10 miles away) and you hear the explosion or boom sound, that is the sound of the tank actually firing the main gun. When the main gun is fired it creates gasses that burn from the powder igniting on the round. This in turn creates a large fire ball and shock wave in the direction of the main gun barrel. The shock wave produced is from the speed of the round which travels supersonic at approximately 3,600 miles per hour. The training rounds used on all military installation have less powder in them and are designed to only fly around 4000 meters or 1.8 miles. The depth of the range to include the impact area, where the rounds can land, is approximately 19,000 meters or 8 miles. This large distance is created to insure the safety of Soldier's firing on the surrounding ranges and the safety of the civilians living in the surrounding area.

Training Schedule

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Sound Off!

	Bradley Fighting Vehicle	0001-2400	RUTH
	DEMO	0830-1730	TERRY DEMO
	Bradley Fighting Vehicle	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-0400	DMPRC
31-Aug	Bradley Fighting Vehicle	0900-2400	CARAMOUCHE
	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-2400	BROOKS
	Tank	0001-2400	BROOKS
1-Sep	Bradley Fighting Vehicle	0900-2400	CARAMOUCHE
	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-2400	BROOKS
	Tank	0001-2400	BROOKS
2-Sep	NONE	-----	-----
3-Sep	NONE	-----	-----
4-Sep	NONE	-----	-----
5-Sep	NONE	-----	-----
6-Sep	Heavy Machine Gun	0900-2400	RUTH
7-Sep	Heavy Machine Gun	0900-1800	RUTH
	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Tank	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Heavy Machine Gun	0800-2400	DMPRC
	Tank	0800-2400	DMPRC
8-Sep	Heavy Machine Gun	0900-1800	RUTH
	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Tank	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Heavy Machine Gun	0800-2400	DMPRC
9-Sep	Heavy Machine Gun	0400-1300	RUTH
	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Tank	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Heavy Machine Gun	0800-2400	DMPRC
	Tank	0800-2400	DMPRC
10-Sep	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Tank	0800-2400	DMPRC
11-Sep	Heavy Machine Gun	0001-0400	DMPRC
	Tank	0800-2400	DMPRC
12-Sep	Heavy Machine Gun	0800-2400	BROOKS
	Tank	0800-2400	BROOKS
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**What we burn:**

**When we burn:**

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5. Prescribed burn notices will also be added to this area during the major burning timeframes.



# Fort Benning is a Training Installation



~21,000 Soldiers here everyday on transient status



In/Out Processing

DFAC

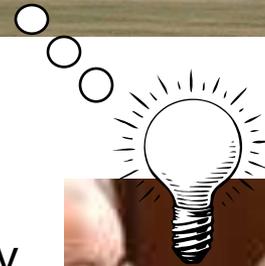
Barracks

DOL  
DOTS  
GSMMD



# 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

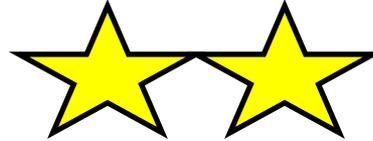




# Fort Benning/MCoE Leaders



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MCoE Commander

Infantry School Commandant



COL Walter E. Piatt



MG Robert Brown

Armor School Commandant



COL (P) Thomas S. James

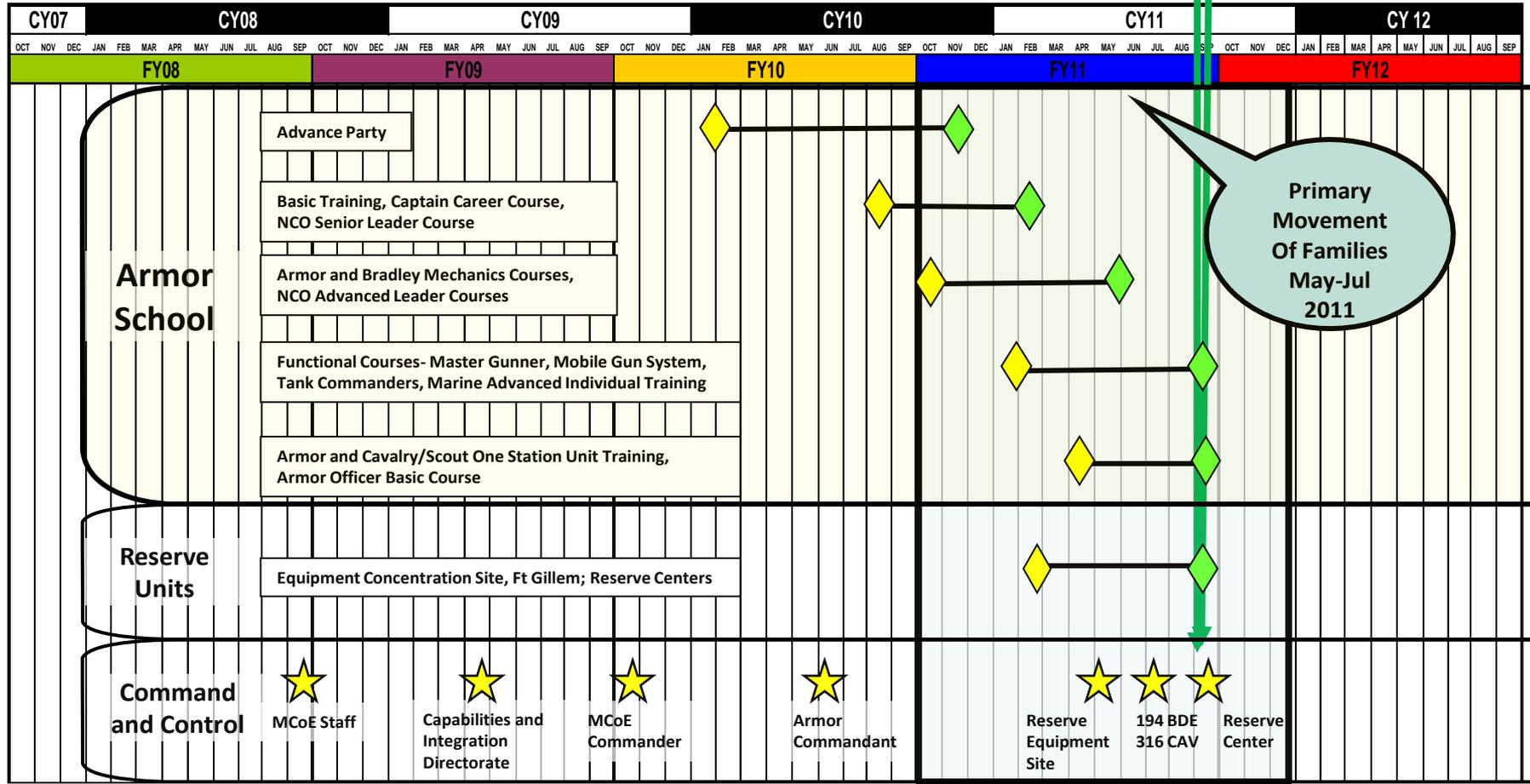


# BRAC Relocation Timeline

## 9 Days Remain To MCoE FOC

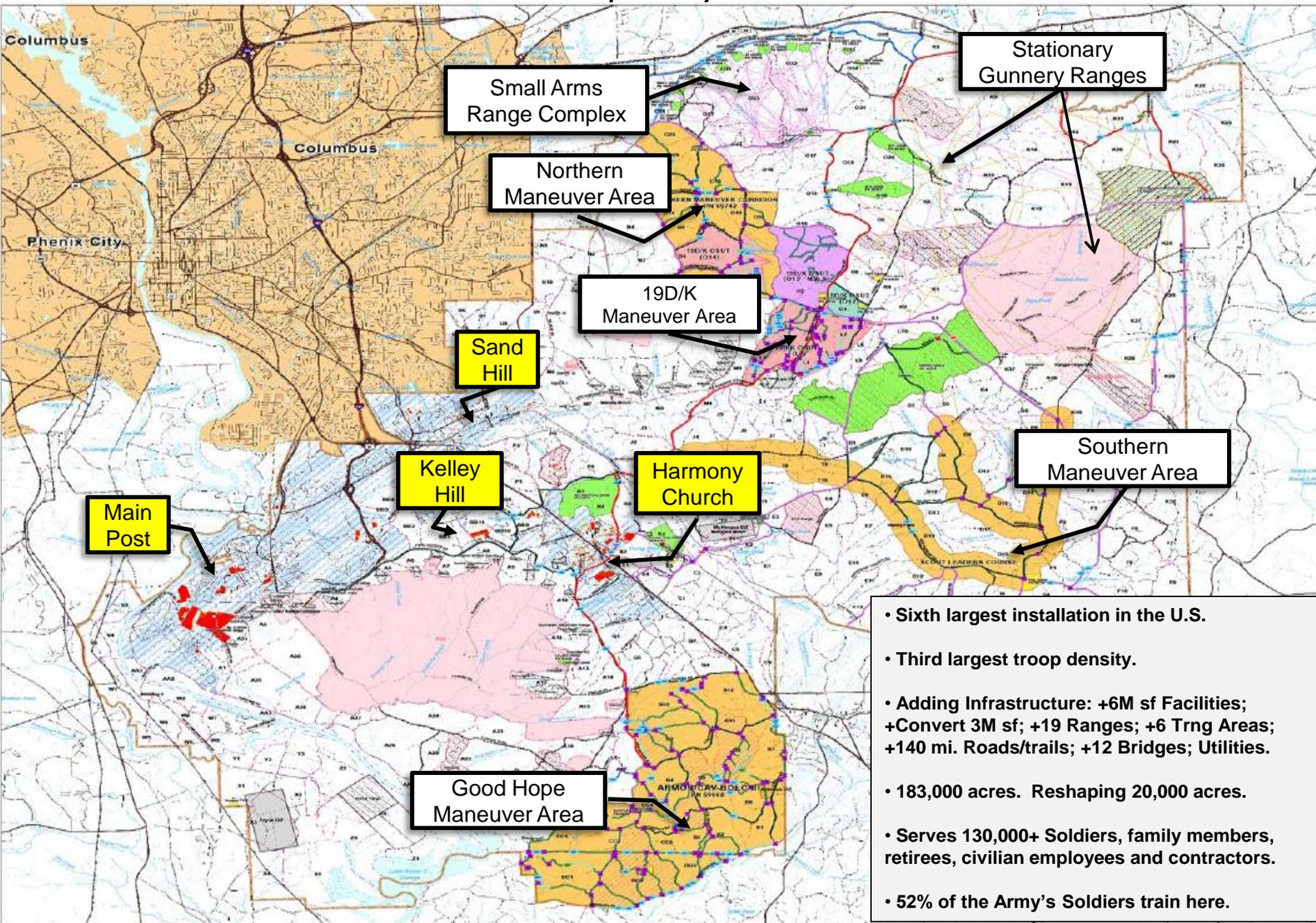


Today      15 Sep (Full Capability)



Hiring Civil Service Employees and Defense Contractors

# Fort Benning Areas Impacted by BRAC Actions



Main Post

Small Arms Range Complex

Northern Maneuver Area

19D/K Maneuver Area

Sand Hill

Kelley Hill

Harmony Church

Good Hope Maneuver Area

Stationary Gunnery Ranges

Southern Maneuver Area

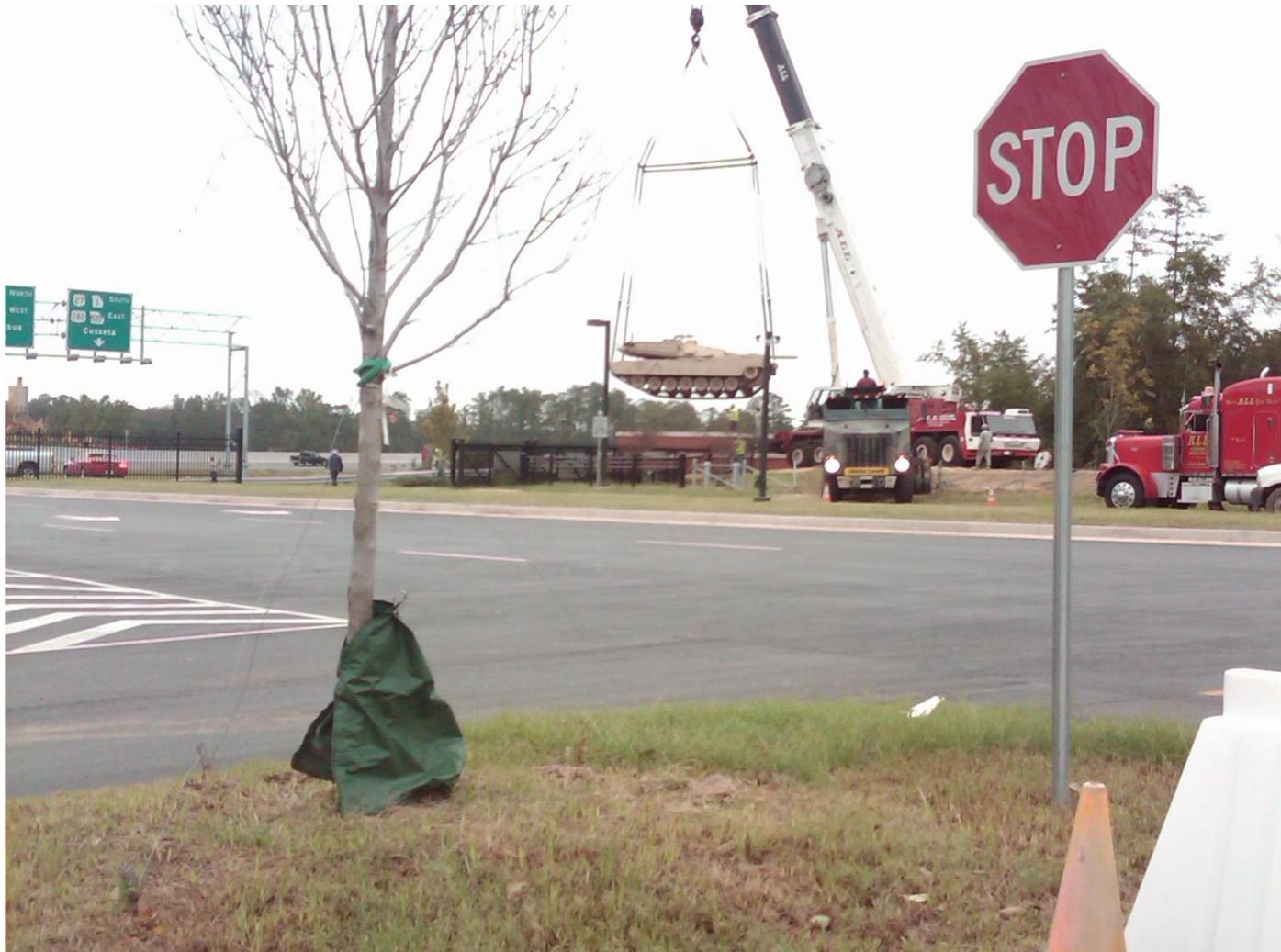
- Sixth largest installation in the U.S.
- Third largest troop density.
- Adding Infrastructure: +6M sf Facilities; +Convert 3M sf; +19 Ranges; +6 Trng Areas; +140 mi. Roads/trails; +12 Bridges; Utilities.
- 183,000 acres. Reshaping 20,000 acres.
- Serves 130,000+ Soldiers, family members, retirees, civilian employees and contractors.
- 52% of the Army's Soldiers train here.



# Fort Benning Growth Estimates

(12 August 2011)

<b>Growth Categories</b>	<b>Number Jobs</b>	<b>Number Spouses</b>	<b>Number Children</b>	<b>Number School Age Children</b>	<b>Number Total</b>
<b>Military Service Members: Permanent Change Of Station</b>	2,995	1,730	2,785	1,760	7,510
<b>Government Civilians: Permanent Change Of Station</b>	1,252	1,002	962	726	3,216
<b>Contractors</b>	4,802	2,641	3,963	2,972	11,406
	<b>Population +</b>	<b>Spouses +</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Total Growth</b>
<b>Total</b>	9,049	5,373	7,710	5,458	22,132



- **M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank raised on 10-foot high pad at Harmony Church ACP today**

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# Move-in Day AFRC



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

# Headquarters U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence Building 4 Naming Ceremony Sept. 23



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## Home of:

- MCoE Commander
- Armor Commandant
- Infantry Commandant
- Garrison Commander
- Staff and Directors
  
- \$172M renovation
- 2-phase 3.5 yr project
- **Tower phase Summer 2011**
- Wing phase Summer 2012
- LEED Gold standard
- 80% materials recycled



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# Transportation Network Sept. 15



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# Last Abrams Arrives from Fort Knox



- Final rail operations as part of the BRAC move Aug. 11
- M1A1/A2 Tanks, Bradley's, STRYKERS, and M88s



# Cavalry Scouts Receive Sabers



- Cavalry Scout trainees with E Troop, 5th Squadron, 15th Cavalry Regiment "rite of passage" ceremony Aug. 10 inducting them into the U.S. Cavalry.
- First 'rite of passage' ceremony at MCoE since the Armor School relocated here
- Graduation was Aug. 18



# New Facilities Naming Ceremonies

- Pfc. Jesse D. Mizener Wheel & Track Sustainability Facility naming ceremony July 27
- \$39M, 8 buildings, 42 acre site
- Enables DOL to consolidate Maintenance operations within one footprint at Harmony Church



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# 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 continues through September
- Tanker trainees arrive Aug. 5





# MarDet Uncasing Ceremony



- About 500 additional U.S. Marines will train at MCoE
- *Abrams Tank Maintenance Instructional Facility (1<sup>st</sup> teach 2 Aug.)*

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# Uncasing Ceremony on Braves Rifles Field



Unfurling the 194th Armored  
Brigade colors



Uncasing the 316th Cavalry  
Brigade colors June 10, 2011



# ABOLC



Media coverage begins July 12 with gunnery training

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# Equipment Concentration Site 43



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- 1350 vehicles
- 14.7 acre parking lot
- Maintenance and storage for 9 SE states/120 units
- 150,000 sf storage
- 101 employees



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# MACH Groundbreaking



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# Wounded Warrior Transition Barracks



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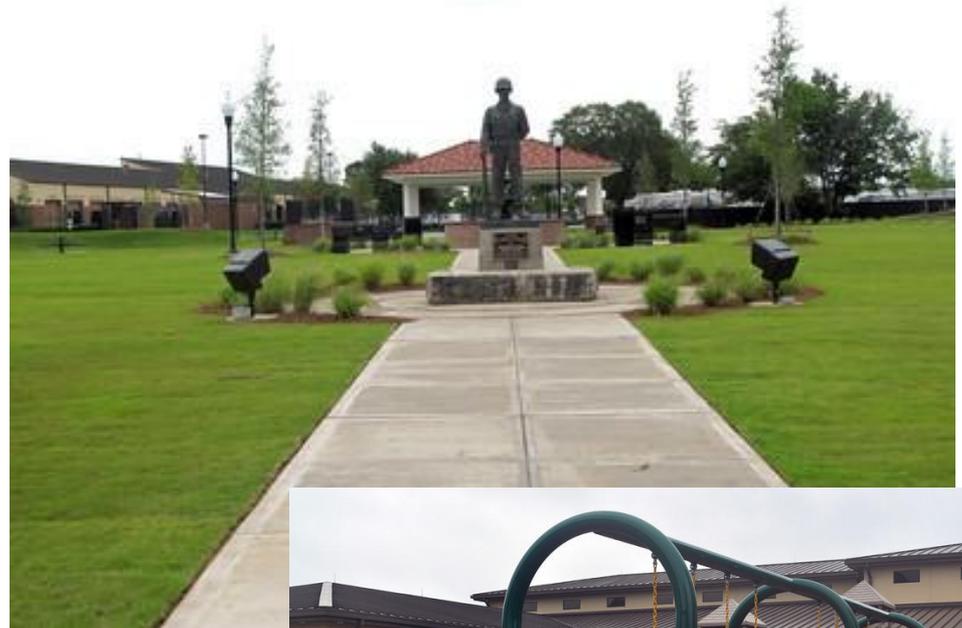
- Provides support to wounded Soldiers who require 6+ months' rehabilitative care
- Opening Spring 2012
- Houses 120 Soldiers
- Will have a Soldier Family Assistance Center and a Battalion Company Operations Facility
- [www.WTC.army.mil](http://www.WTC.army.mil)
- PLAY VIDEO



# 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)

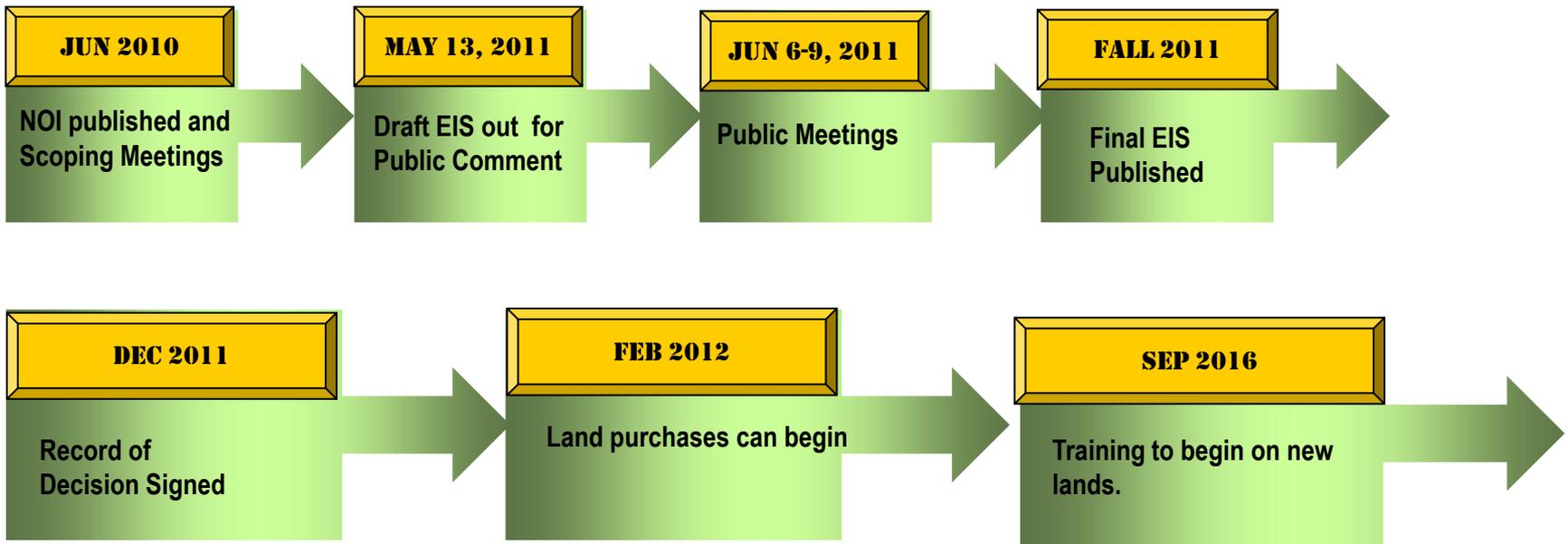




# TLEP



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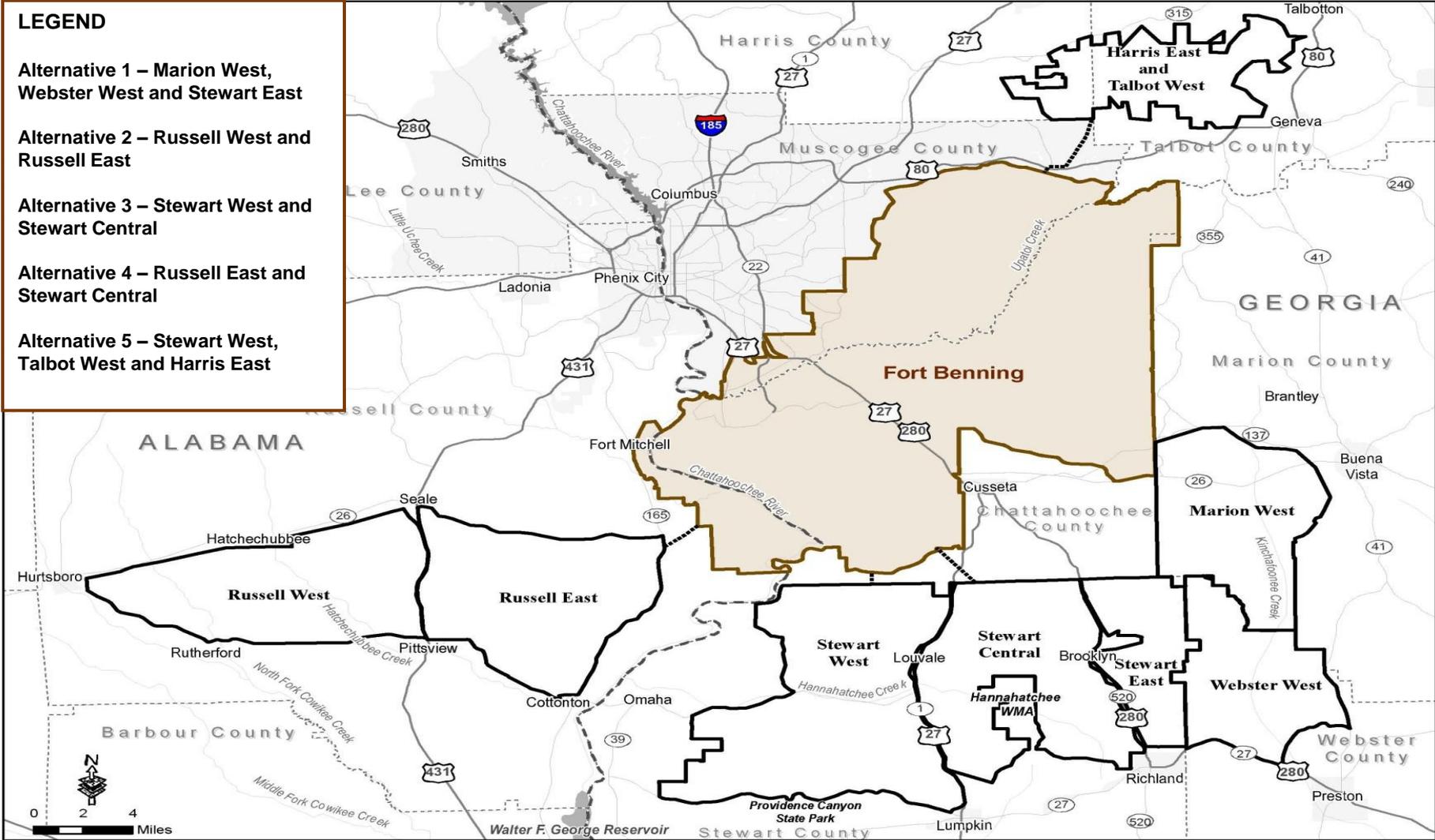
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# Training Land Expansion Study Areas



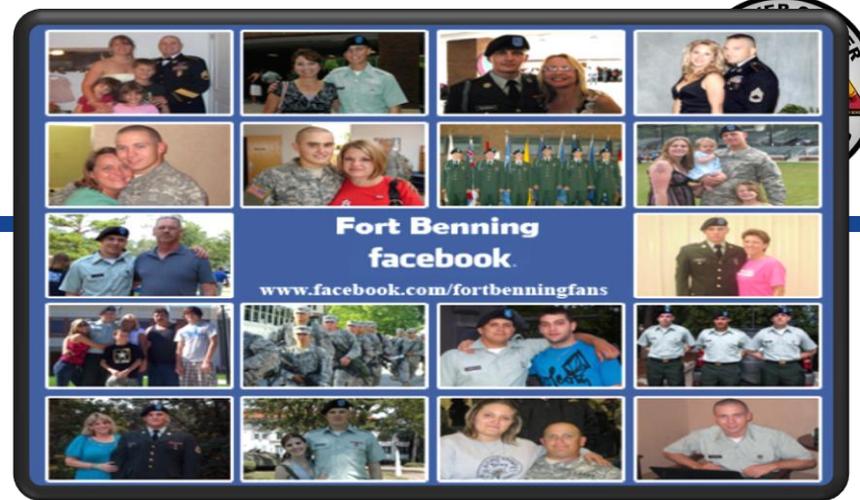
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- LEGEND**
- Alternative 1 – Marion West, Webster West and Stewart East
  - Alternative 2 – Russell West and Russell East
  - Alternative 3 – Stewart West and Stewart Central
  - Alternative 4 – Russell East and Stewart Central
  - Alternative 5 – Stewart West, Talbot West and Harris East





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