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## **COMMUNITY NOTICE:** Fort Benning weapons firing in the Northern Range Complex February 2021

## DATE: Feb. 17, 2021

**FORT BENNING, Ga. –** Fort Benning weapons firing throughout February include Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Abrams tanks, .50-caliber, and other small-arms firing. There will be multiple ranges firing various small arms, and community members may notice more sounds during these times. Cloudy days amplify sounds resulting in sound waves traveling farther and sounding louder.

For more information or to sign up to receive these notices, visit www.benning.army.mil/garrison/SmokeandSound.

DATE	WEAPONS	FIRE TIME	RANGE
Feb. 1-4	25 mm, M240 MG	9 a.m midnight	DMPRC
Feb. 3-4, Feb. 5	25 mm, M240 MG	9 a.m midnight	Carmouche
Feb. 8-11	Abrams 120 mm	9 a.m midnight	Ware
Feb. 18	M2 .50 caliber	9 a.m 5 p.m.	Brooks
Feb. 23-26	M240 MG	9 a.m 5 p.m.	Carmouche
Feb. 24-25	M2 .50 caliber, M240 MG	9:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Ruth
Feb. 24-26	Stryker Bradley Mobile Gun System	9 a.m midnight	Ware

Proficiency only comes from practice, and this is especially true on the battlefield. That's why our Soldiers train; they must be ready to inflict harm on the country's enemies while protecting themselves on the battlefield. We do minimize the noise and costs by using simulation, but we don't want our Soldiers to experience firing the main gun of an M1 Abrams tank for the first time when they are facing an enemy on the battlefield. Instead we make sure they get realistic training and experience on Fort Benning's training areas that are required for success.

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