

**FORT GILLEM, GA  
BASE VISIT  
10 JUNE 2005**

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**Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
Itinerary for Fort Gillem Visit, 10 Jun 05  
By Commissioner**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>Action</b>
9 Jun 05, 1709-1844	Commissioner Arrives	LV Orlando 1709, Air Tran #844 and AR Atlanta 1844	Mr. Don Manuel / Mr. Aaron Butler	Meet Commissioner at Airport
10 Jun 05, 0830-0845	En route from hotel (Holiday Inn Select; 450 Capitol Ave; Atlanta, GA)	To Fort McPherson, Bldg 65	Mr. Don Manuel / Mr. Aaron Butler	
10 Jun 05, 0845-0900	En route	To FORSCOM Headquarters, Bldg 200		
10 Jun 05, 0900-0930	Office Call with Gen McNeill	FORSCOM	COL Angela Manos / Mr. Plunkett	Visit
10 Jun 05, 0930-1000	En route	To Fort Gillem	COL Manos / Mr. Plunkett	
10 Jun 05, 1000-1015	Break	The Getaway Club		
10 Jun 05, 1015-1145	Command Briefing	The Getaway Club	COL Manos / Mr. Plunkett	Installation Overview and Presentation on recommendation's that effect Ft. Gillem
10 Jun 05, 1145-1200	Break			
10 Jun 05, 1200-1300	Lunch	The Getaway Club	COL Manos / Mr. Plunkett	Informal Discussion of BRAC Recommendation's effect on Ft. McPherson
10 Jun 05, 1300-1430	Windshield Tour	Fort Gillem	COL Manos / Mr. Plunkett	Tour
10 Jun 05, 1430	En route	To Fort McPherson, Bldg 65	COL Manos / Mr. Plunkett	Response to Commissioner's questions.
10 Jun 05, 1500	En route	To Atlanta Airport	Mr. Manuel / Mr. Aaron Butler	
10 Jun 05, 1804	Commissioner Departs	LV Atlanta 1804 Air Tran #105 and AR Las Vegas 2039		

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# DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

## BASE SUMMARY SHEET

### Fort Gillem

#### INSTALLATION MISSION

Fort Gillem, a 1,500-acre Military Camp, is a logistical support hub for Fort McPherson and is home to a number of tenants including organizations from the Active Component, Reserve Component, Georgia Army National Guard, and other Department of Defense and federal agencies. The fort houses the Army's Atlanta Distribution Center, the equipment concentration site #43 for the 81st Army Reserve Command, and the Army's CID Criminal Investigation Laboratory. A multi-phase capital investment program has been planned for the fort. It includes the expansion of the reserve center, the construction of a new crime investigation and forensics laboratory, and the location of a second recruitment brigade.

#### DOD RECOMMENDATION

Close Fort Gillem, GA. Relocate the Headquarters, 1st US Army to Rock Island Arsenal, IL. Relocate the 2nd Recruiting Brigade to Redstone Arsenal, AL. Relocate the 52nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group to Fort Campbell, KY. Relocate the 81st RRC Equipment Concentration Site to Fort Benning, GA. Relocate the 3rd US Army Headquarters support office to Shaw Air Force Base, SC. Relocate the Headquarters US Forces Command (FORSCOM) VIP Explosive Ordnance Support to Pope Air Force Base, NC. Close the Army- Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) Atlanta Distribution Center and establish an enclave for the Georgia Army National Guard, the remainder of the 81st RRC units and the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Forensics Laboratory.

#### DOD JUSTIFICATION

This recommendation closes Fort Gillem, an Army administrative installation and an AAFES distribution center. The recommendation moves the major tenant organizations to Rock Island Arsenal, Redstone Arsenal, Fort Benning, and Fort Campbell. It also moves small components of the Headquarters 3rd US Army and US Army Forces Command to Pope AFB and Shaw AFB. It enhances the Army's military value, is consistent with the Army's Force Structure Plan, and maintains adequate surge capabilities to address future unforeseen requirements. This closure allows the Army to employ excess capacities at installations that can accomplish more than administrative missions.

The closure of Fort Gillem also enables the stationing of its tenant units at locations that will increase their ability to associate with like units and promote coordination of efforts. Both the 52nd EOD Group and the 2nd Recruiting Brigade have regional missions in the Southeastern United States. The 52nd EOD Group was co-located with operational forces at Fort Campbell to provide training opportunities. The 2nd Recruiting Brigade is recommended to relocate to Redstone Arsenal because of its central location in the Southeast and its access to a transportation center in Huntsville, AL. The Army is converting the 1st US Army Headquarters into the single Headquarters for oversight of Reserve and National Guard mobilization and

demobilization. To support this conversion the Army decided to relocate 1st Army to Rock Island Arsenal, a central location in the United States. The 81st RRC Equipment concentration Site is relocated to Fort Benning Site where there are improved training opportunities with operational forces.

#### COST CONSIDERATIONS DEVELOPED BY DOD

- One-Time Costs: \$56.8 million
- Net Savings (Cost) during Implementation: \$85.5 million
- Annual Recurring Savings: \$35.3 million
- Return on Investment Year: Calendar Year ( 1 Year)
- Net Present Value over 20 Years: \$421.5 million

#### MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION (EXCLUDES CONTRACTORS)

Baseline	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Students</u>
Reductions	71	211	0
Realignments	446	359	0
Total	517	570	0

#### MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING THIS INSTALLATION (INCLUDES ON-BASE CONTRACTORS AND STUDENTS)

	Out		In		Net Gain (Loss)	
	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
This Recommendation	(517)	(570)	6	0	(511)	(570)
Other Recommendation(s)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	(517)	(570)	(6)	0	(511)	(570)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Closure of Fort Gillem will necessitate consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure that historic properties are continued to be protected. The closure of ranges at Fort Gillem will require clearance of munitions and remediation of any munition constituents. The remediation costs for these ranges may be significant and the time required for completing remediation is uncertain. Groundwater and surface water resources will require restoration and/or monitoring to prevent further environmental impacts. Significant mitigation measures to limit releases to impaired waterways may be required at Rock Island, Fort Campbell, and Fort Benning to reduce impacts to water quality and achieve USEPA Water Quality Standards. Air Conformity determination and New Source Review and permitting effort and consultations with tribes regarding cultural resources will be required at Fort Campbell. This recommendation has the potential to impact noise and threatened and endangered species or critical habitat at Fort Campbell. An Air Conformity Analysis will be required at Fort Benning. Construction at Pope

AFB may have to occur on acreage already constrained by TES. This recommendation has the potential to impact wetlands at Pope AFB and Shaw AFB. This recommendation has no impact on dredging; marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries; or waste management. This recommendation will require spending approximately \$1.3M for environmental compliance costs. These costs were included in the payback calculation. Fort Gillem reports \$18M in environmental restoration costs. Because the Department has a legal obligation to perform environmental restoration regardless of whether an installation is closed, realigned, or remains open, these costs were not included in the payback calculation. This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities. The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the installations in this recommendation has been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.

## REPRESENTATION

Governor: Sonny Perdue  
Senators: Saxby Chambliss  
          Johnny Isakson  
Representative: David Scott

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Potential Employment Loss: (1851) jobs (1081 direct and 734 indirect)
- MSA Job Base: 2,777,548 jobs
- Percentage: -0.1 percent decrease
- Cumulative Economic Impact (Year-Year): -0.4 percent decrease

## MILITARY ISSUES

Potential mission disruption associated with the relocation of organizations and the support that they provide.

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ISSUES

A review of community attributes revealed no significant issues regarding the ability of the infrastructures of the local communities to support missions, forces, and personnel. When moving from Fort Gillem to Rock Island Arsenal, the following local area capability improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are less robust: Housing, Education, Employment, and Medical. When moving from Fort Gillem to Fort Campbell, the following local attributes are improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Housing, Education, Employment, Medical, Safety and Transportation. When moving from Fort Gillem to Redstone Arsenal, the following local attributes are improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Child Care, Housing, Medical, and Transportation. When moving from Fort Gillem to Fort Benning, the following local capability is improved: Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Housing, Employment, Medical, and Safety. When moving from Fort Gillem to Pope AFB, the following

capabilities are improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Housing, Employment, Medical, Safety and Transportation. When moving from Fort Gillem to Shaw AFB, the following local capabilities are improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Housing, Education, Medical, Transportation and Safety. There are no known community infrastructure impediments to implementation of all recommendations affecting the installations in this recommendation.

#### ITEMS OF SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Will relocation of any of the organizations at Fort Gillem adversely affect their ability to perform their mission?

What will be the scope of the enclave that is planned for the Georgia National Guard?

How significant will cleanup be at Fort Gillem and did the Department adequately describe the situation in its report?

What are the concerns regarding the tenants that were not addressed in the Department's report?

Donald Manuel/Army/June 1, 2005



## SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION

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## **MILITARY VALUE:**

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## **Military Value of Installations (MVI)**

The Army's MVI model ranked Army installations from 1-to-97, based on an analysis of 40 attributes across all installations. Fort Gillem ranked 52.

### **Major Headquarters and Support Activities**

The Army's analysis indicates that through coordination with and the leadership of the Headquarters and Support Activities, Medical, and Intel JCSGs, the Army developed recommendations to collocate headquarters at installations that supported the missions overseen by those headquarters, or to establish joint campuses by stationing the organizations with their counterparts from other Services. These principles enabled the closure of Fort McPherson, GA and Fort Monroe, VA, by relocating the Headquarters, Forces Command (FORSCOM) to Pope AFB, NC, and Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command to Fort Eustis, VA. Pope AFB provides a joint environment and close proximity to operational commanders at Fort Bragg, NC. Fort Eustis provides a continued joint training relationship with the US Joint Forces Command at Norfolk Naval Base, VA. A third major command, Army Materiel Command, is relocated to Redstone Arsenal, AL, in order to enable a large restructuring of the National Capitol Region and to collocate it with one of its Major Subordinate Commands. Other recommendations collocate the US Army Reserve Command with FORSCOM at Pope AFB; collocate Headquarters, 3rd US Army with the Air Force component of US Forces Central Command, CENTAF (9th Air Force), at Shaw AFB, SC; realign Headquarters, 1st US Army to the central United States at Rock Island Arsenal, IL (closing Fort Gillem, GA) to prepare for its transformation into the single Army Headquarters overseeing Reserve mobilization; and collocate the Army Criminal Investigative Division Headquarters with its Air Force and Navy counterparts at Quantico Marine Corps Base, VA.

An additional recommendation creates a new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda, MD, by relocating Walter Reed Army Medical Center's specialty care to Bethesda, and its primary and secondary care to Fort Belvoir, VA, to enhance Soldier and other patient quality of care. Smaller headquarters are relocated to pursue efficiencies by consolidating geographically-split organizations and aligning the regional structures of multiple missions. The Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) and the Army Evaluation Center are moved to Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD where they will consolidate with other portions of ATEC and other test and evaluation organizations. The Human Resources Command is moved to Fort Knox, KY, where it is consolidated with other personnel commands to form a personnel Center of Excellence. The Installation Management Agency (IMA), the Network Enterprise Technology Command and the Army Contracting Command collapse their regional headquarters structures into Eastern and Western Region Commands at Fort Eustis, VA, and Fort Sam Houston, TX. Headquarters, IMA is also relocated to Fort Sam Houston.



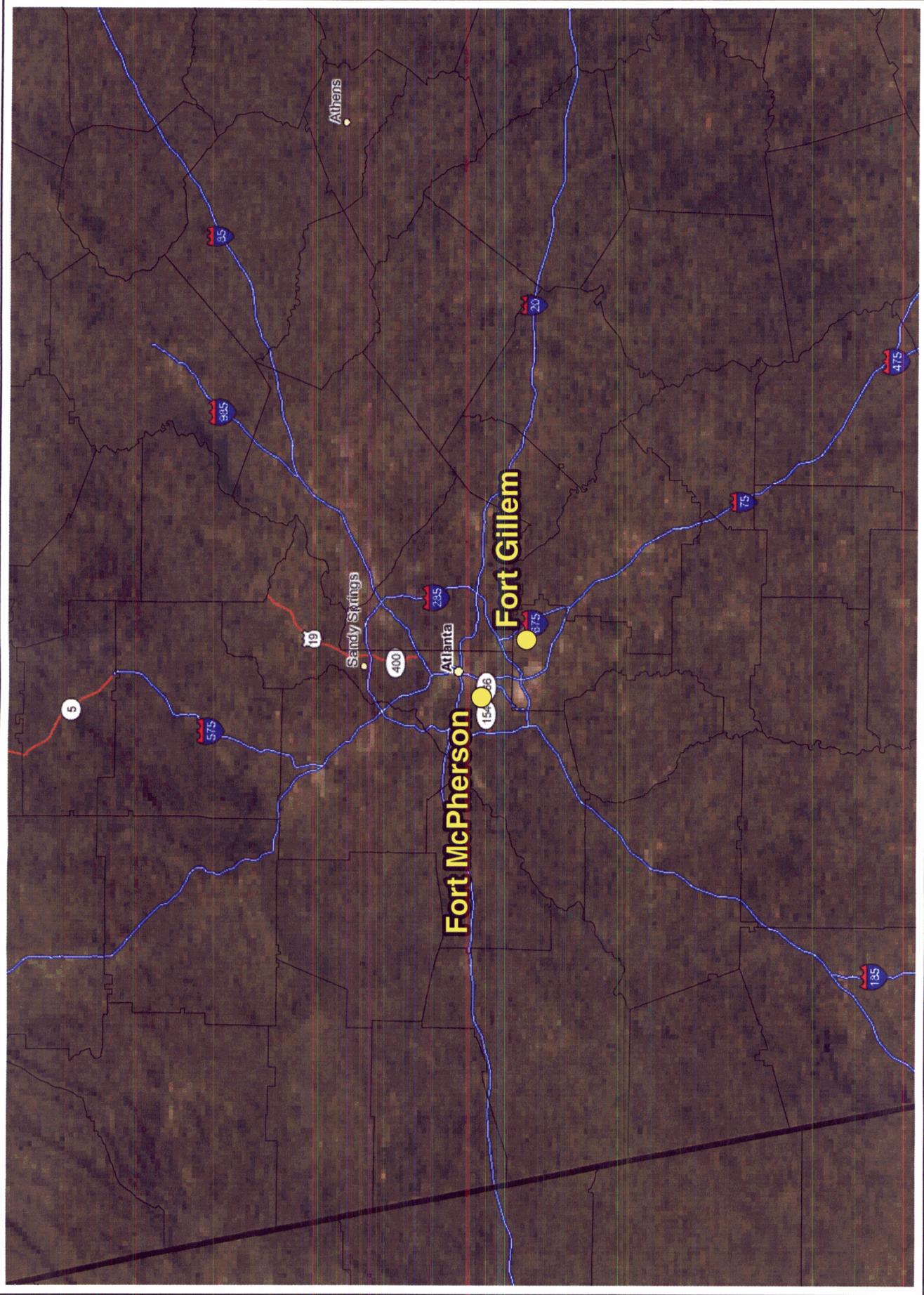
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Fort Gillem was formerly known as the Atlanta Army Depot. For over fifty years, Fort Gillem has worked side by side with the surrounding Clayton County community. The relationship began in 1941 when the Atlanta General Depot moved its Candler Warehouse to what is now Fort Gillem. The depot saw many name changes as it served as trainer and supplier throughout World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Berlin Airlift, the Cuban Crisis and the Vietnam War. Thousands of soldiers trained at the installation's facilities, and tons of equipment destined for the war zones processed through the warehouse system. On June 18, 1973, responsibility for the installation was transferred from Army Materiel Command to U.S. Army Forces Command, renamed Fort Gillem and made a satellite installation of Fort McPherson. The name was selected in memory of Lieutenant General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., who began his career as a private at Fort McPherson in 1910 and retired 40 years later as commanding general of Third U.S. Army, now headquartered at Fort McPherson.



# Recommended Georgia Backcountry Realignments and Closures



**Fort McPherson Statistics**  
Total Acres: 487    Total Personnel: 3,885  
Acres Owned: 487    Mil: 1,131  
Civ: 1,805    Other: 949

**Fort Gillem Statistics**  
Total Acres: 1,531    Total Personnel: 3,818  
Acres Owned: 1,474    Mil: 1,491  
Civ: 617    Other: 1,710

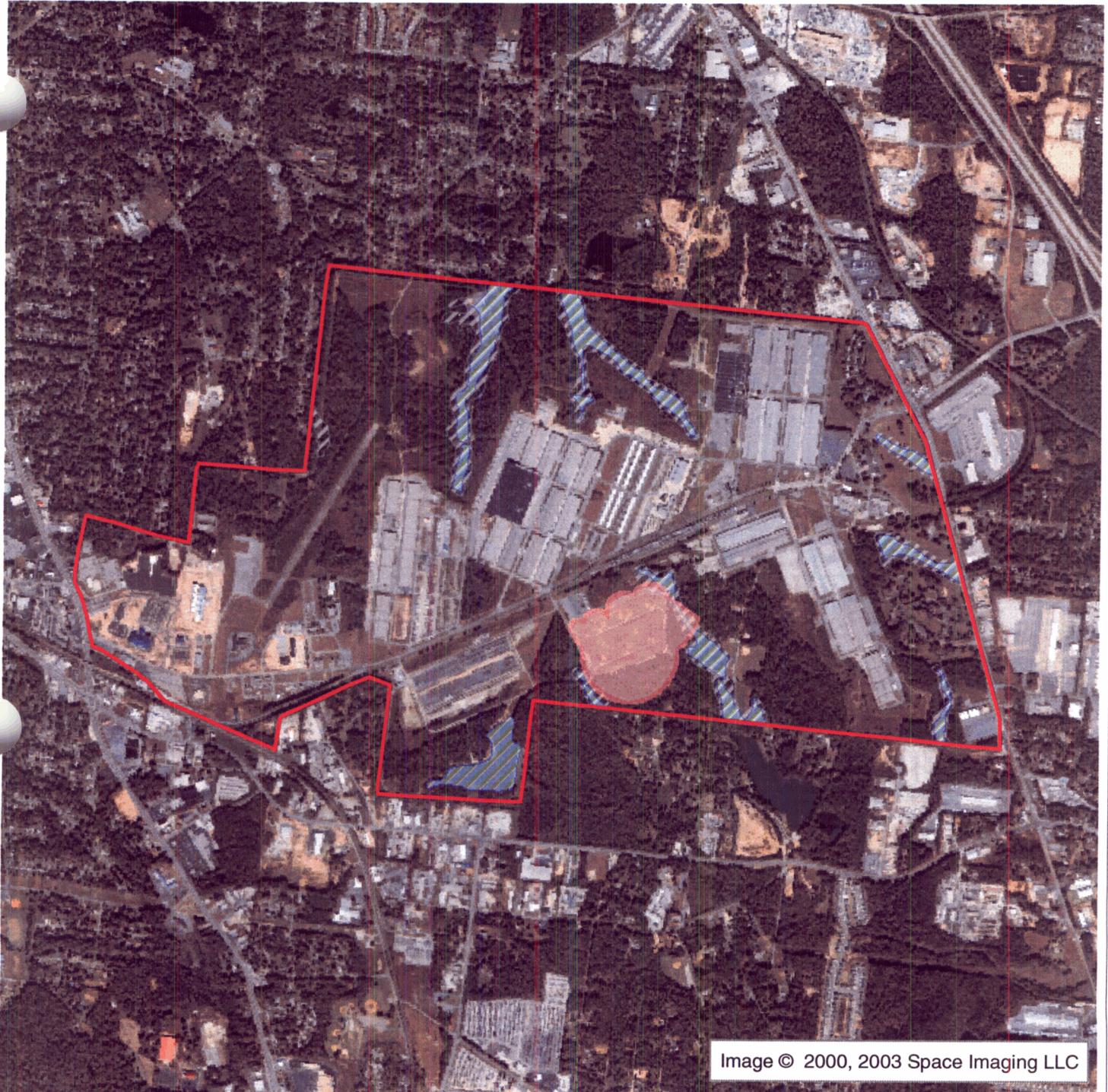


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**Legend**

-  Installation Boundary
-  ESQD Arcs
-  Wetland Area
-  Flood Zone Area



**IVT Overlay Layers  
Composite View  
for Fort Gillem  
5 Mar 04**



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Map Prepared in Support of the DoD Installation  
Visualization Tool (IVT) Program



GEORGIA BASE CLOSURE HISTORY

GEORGIA		MIL	CIV
FORT MCPHERSON	Realign	(4)	(17)
NAS, ATLANTA	Realign	183	0
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE, KINGS BAY	Realign	1884	2
DEF CONTRACT MGMT DISTRICT SOUTH	Close	(5)	(154)
DOBBINS ARB	Realign	139	52
FORT GORDON	Realign	94	0
NAS ATLANTA	Realign	319	7
ROBINS AFB	Realign	47	324



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### Georgia Delegation urges Bush for BRAC data

May 26, 2005

Senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson and members of the Georgia congressional delegation sent the below letter to President Bush regarding the release of BRAC data.

May 26, 2005

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

We write to you to express our concerns with the integrity of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. The confidence of the American public in the fairness of the process and the ultimate decisions that will be made to close or realign military installations relies on the accuracy of the data used by the various services, as well as the validity of the calculations and comparisons made using this data.

As members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation, it is imperative that we, the Governor, the communities affected by the BRAC process, and the BRAC Commission itself, have full access to all the data on which these decisions were based. To date, only limited and sketchy data has been made available. With the site visits already underway today in Georgia and regional hearings set to begin shortly, we feel that the Department of Defense is long overdue in meeting its requirements under the BRAC statute.

The BRAC statute requires that all information used in the decisions by the Secretary of Defense be made available not later than 7 days after the transmittal of the Secretary's list of recommended realignments and closures. We request that you immediately direct the Secretary to release all information, and further, strongly urge you to consider requesting a delay in moving forward with the BRAC process until it is confirmed that all information has been made available and given ample time to be reviewed.

Thank you for your attention to our letter. We are certain you will act in an appropriate manner.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Friday, May 13, 2005

## **Chambliss, Isakson Vow to Vigorously Defend Georgia Bases** *List puts Georgia 2nd in the Nation for military gains*

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Senators Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., and Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., today said that Defense Donald Rumsfeld's recommendation to close Naval Air Station Atlanta, Ft. McPherson, Ft. the Athens Naval Supply School will be met with strong opposition from Georgia's entire congressional delegation, Governor Sonny Perdue and Georgia communities. The four bases were included in the list of Defense's recommendations to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission for military bases to be closed or realigned nationwide.

The Senators pointed out that despite four Georgia bases being targeted for closure, the recommendations put Georgia as the 2nd in the nation for net gains – nationwide. This means Georgia will stand to benefit from other closures and realignments from other states – including employment, missions, personnel and

**"We will make the strongest possible case that these bases are vital to the national security of the United States,"** said Chambliss. **"We will do everything possible to impress upon the Commission that these bases make valuable contributions to the national security of the United States. Having fought through this process before, I know we have a fight on our hands, but as a team, the Governor, Senator Isakson, our congressional delegation, community leaders and myself, we will make a compelling case based on the key criteria in defense of these bases."**

**"Georgia has fought this battle before and we are well prepared to fight it again this time,"** said Isakson. **"These bases that are on the list are invaluable to our state and to our nation's military. We will waste no time in making a very strong case to the Commission that these bases should not be closed. Our state and community leaders have joined together to defend these installations. We will do everything in our power to save them."**

Chambliss and Isakson said the announcement making Georgia the 2nd net gainer in the country as a result of the recommendations was also significant in that it means the several Georgia bases would gain new missions and responsibilities. For example, the list recommends that Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ft. Benning, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Moody Air Force Base, Robins Air Force Base, Submarine Base Kings Bay and Savannah International Airport Air Guard Station would all take on additional missions.

**"While we have a fight on our hands to defend Georgia bases, I am pleased DOD has recognized the value of Georgia by assigning Georgia additional missions,"** said Chambliss. **"This further validates the work Georgia bases contribute to the national security of the United States."**

**"The overall impact of these recommendations is that Georgia has been recognized for its role as a major contributor to our national defense and our national security. We will make gains in employment, gains in missions, gains in personnel and gains in payroll,"** Isakson said.

The Senators said the announcement marks the beginning of a process that will last several months. The Base Realignment and Closure Commission, which was appointed by President Bush, will review the recommendations.

The review process will include congressional hearings, visits to the bases and their communities and public hearings. At the regional hearings, the Governor, Senators Chambliss and Isakson and community leaders will testify on behalf of the bases. By September 8, 2005, the Commission will make its final recommendations to President Bush. By November 2005, the President will make his final recommendation to the Congress for approval.

For more information, please **click here** to visit the Department of Defense BRAC website.

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### Rep. John Lewis Says Ft. McPherson Plays Major Role in National Defense

**May 13, 2005** Today the Pentagon released a list of its recommendations for Army Base Realignment and Closure, also known as BRAC. Ft. McPherson, Ft. Gillem, and the Naval Air Station in Atlanta are on the BRAC list, along with four other installations in Georgia: the Naval Supply Corps School in Athens, the Peachtree Leases, and the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Columbus. Ft. McPherson is in the 5th District, represented by Congressman Lewis.

"I think there is still a need for Ft. McPherson," said Rep. Lewis this morning. "It plays a major role in our national defense. It is a very historic base with 40 of its buildings listed in the National Historic Registry. It has made a lasting contribution to the defense of our country since it was established in 1889. Even before I was a member of Congress, I had the opportunity to visit Ft. McPherson. I know the good work of the people there, and I support our troops who are protecting American interests around the world. They should not have to return from the front lines to find their base closed. The closing of Ft. McPherson will have a major impact on the economic vitality of Atlanta and the surrounding area."

The Pentagon's Detailed Assessment of the economic impact of Ft. McPherson's closure maintains the potential loss of 7,123 jobs. Added to the closure of Ft. Gillem and the Naval Air station, the Atlanta area stands to lose over 11,000 jobs.

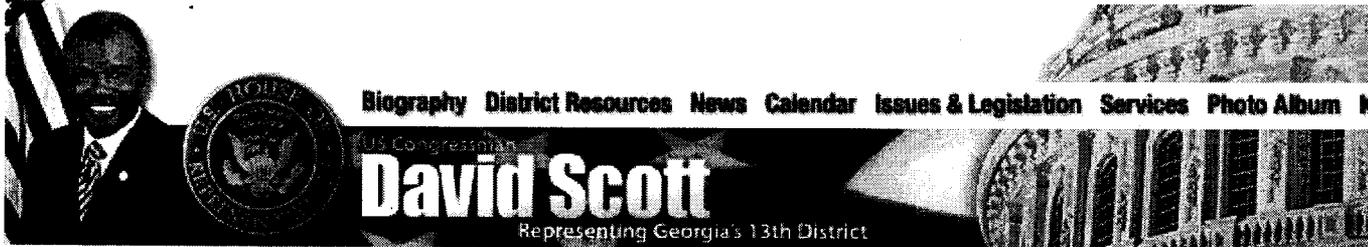
The BRAC process is in keeping with the Bush Administration's sense that U.S. military forces should be trimmed to restructure the costs and deployment of military defense.

"Current [military] arrangements pretty much designed for the Cold War," said the Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld yesterday, "must give way to the new demands of war against extremists."

Even though the list is shorter than expected, it still encompasses hundreds of thousands of jobs nationwide and job loss in almost every state in the nation.

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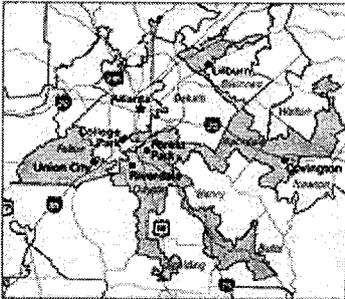
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**Forts Gillem and McPherson Provide Critical Link for '**   
*Guest Column for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 30, 2005*

**WASHINGTON, May 30** - Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson have extraordinary and unique military value for our defense and national security. These two bases provide critical links for our troops abroad and at home as we face difficult military needs today and in the future.



Congressman Dav  
 local officials at Fo  
 McPherson press (

In the wake of the recent announcement that Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson are on the list of base closures, two key factors critical to our national security and defense were ignored: We are not at peace and our military force is becoming overextended because of a lack of recruitment.

If we focus on the primary factor the Pentagon used for evaluating the bases — military value — the closure of Forts Gillem and McPherson w  
 to our military mission and strategic mobility, a step backward in our recruitment eff  
 war, and would hurt homeland security.

Gillem and McPherson are ideally located to support the military's need for rapid de  
 strategic mobility. The forts are home to four major Army command headquarters that t  
 deploy, sustain and reconstitute combat-ready active and Reserve forces directly er  
 worldwide war on terrorism.

The proximity of these bases to Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, as  
 rail and ground transportation, ensures the strategic mobility needed in today's rapid  
 our forces to various hot spots around the world. Closing these bases and moving f  
 remote bases in the United States would severely curtail this ability.

Gillem and McPherson are major components in the nation's ability to recruit and m  
 volunteer army, the backbone of which is the Army Reserves and National Guard unit  
 include the U.S. Army Reserve Command, which provides command and control fo  
 Army Reserve forces.

In addition, the First U.S. Army ensures the training, mobilization, deployment, rede  
 reconstitution of Army Reserve and National Guard units in the eastern United States  
 of the metro Atlanta area in terms of affordable housing, employment and world-class t  
 educational, medical and recreational facilities are important factors in our nation's al  
 Army Reserve and National Guard units.

The closing of these forts would further weaken our country's recruitment ability at a t  
 military is overextended and is failing to meet recruiting deadlines.

Finally, the forts provide a critical link to federal and state agencies directly engagec

security, homeland defense and domestic disaster relief operations. The U.S. Army Investigation Laboratory based at Gillem provides worldwide forensic laboratory training for the Department of Defense, Department of Justice and other authorized use

Also, regional headquarters, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Management Agency, and the Red Cross coordinate homeland security. The proximity of these services to major infrastructure is crucial to our nation's ability to respond to a terrorist threat or attack at home.

As a businessman, longtime elected official and supporter of the smart growth of this district, I understand the eagerness to highlight the economic benefits that development can bring in peaceful times.

But this is a time of war, and we cannot afford the cost to our military value if we shut down the links between the military and the community. The proximity of these services to major infrastructure is crucial to our nation's ability to respond to a terrorist threat or attack at home.

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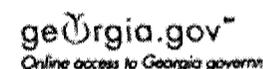
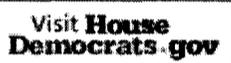
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### Historic Fort McPherson on List

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Historic Fort McPherson, one of the nation's oldest military bases, is on the Pentagon chopping block in a move that could cost more than 4,000 jobs.

Vowing to fight to keep the base open, Gov. Sonny Perdue, two U.S. senators, a U.S. Congressman, Atlanta's mayor, and Fulton County Commission's chairwoman gathered outside the base Friday.

"This was not anything that we will accept without a vigorous defense of this historic and traditional installation that has contributed to national defense for many, many years and continues to contribute," said Gov. Perdue.

Fort McPherson is Atlanta's seventh largest employer. Its projected loss of 4,141 jobs is the most of any of the four bases slated for closure in Georgia.

"This is a great civilian infrastructure that contributes to overall national defense sitting here between Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem," said Perdue.

Fort Gillem, also on the Pentagon's hit list, is a satellite base of Fort McPherson. Gillem sits in nearby Forest Park and is Clayton County's third largest employer. Gillem houses the headquarters for the U.S. Army Recruiting Brigade and 1st U.S. Army.

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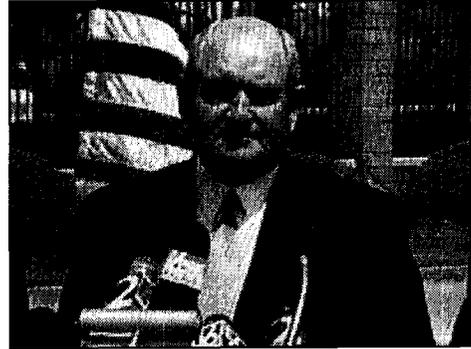
"Closing Fort McPherson is simply not one of the options that's acceptable to us as legislators nor to the military affairs committee nor to the support group that's worked very hard to make sure that we keep Fort McPherson open," said Sen. Saxby Chambliss.

"We were all a little shocked," said Dennis Maguire, whose restaurant is located in East Point, Ga. "It will hurt us, but at the same time, East Point is growing so fast, we don't solely depend on Fort McPherson, we don't solely depend on Delta, or South Fulton Medical. It's a combination of everything and more businesses will come and it will keep going."

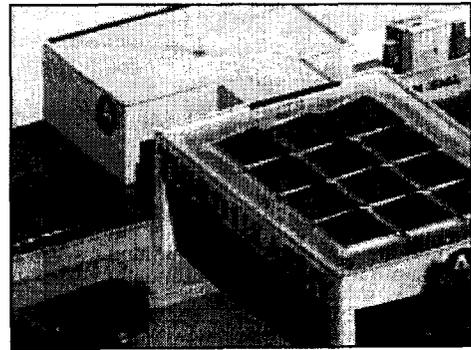
Tom Salter, the leader of the Save Fort Mac and Fort Gillem Foundation, believes Metro Atlanta's economy will be able to absorb the losses if both bases close. "My biggest concern is the adverse impact on national security and on homeland defense," he said.

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Gov. Perdue, shown outside Fort McPherson



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Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin said she was confident that both bases will survive. "I'm a fighter and I'm glad I have such a strong team in the governor, and the senators, and the congressmen," she said.

A federal base closing committee will consider the closings.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report).



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Closure Plan a Mixed Bag for State

Georgia Considered a Gainer in Realignment

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ATLANTA -- The bad news: four Georgia military bases are targeted for closure. The good news: the state stands to net more than 7,000 military jobs under the Pentagon's plan unveiled Friday.



While state leaders vowed to fight the planned shutdown of four bases in the Atlanta area and Athens, they were pleased to learn that Georgia looked to gain more troops and personnel than any other state except Maryland.

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47 states that would change places with Georgia on this report," Rep. Jack Kingston, a Georgia Republican who sits on a panel that directs defense spending.

The bases slated for closure -- Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Fort Gillem in Forest Park, the Naval Air Station-Atlanta in Marietta and the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens -- are in urban or suburban areas of fast-growing north Georgia.

They were among 180 military installations recommended by the

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Pentagon in its latest round of base closures. Historically most bases on the list for closure end up being shut down; a Georgia loss would be the state's first.

Slated to Close  
 4 Ga. Bases on  
 Pentagon Hit List

"We're not taking defeat as an option," pronounced Gov. Sonny Perdue, standing outside the gates of Fort McPherson and vowing the state would lobby hard to avoid being on the final closure list expected late this year.

Fort McPherson, Atlanta's seventh largest employer, would lose the most jobs of any base on Georgia's hit list -- 4,141 jobs. Even if all four bases were shuttered, though, Georgia would end up with 7,423 more defense jobs because of gains at other bases.

Among the winners are Fort Benning near Columbus with 9,839 new jobs -- the third largest gain for any base in the nation -- and Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base near St. Marys with 3,367 new personnel -- an increase of more than a third of its current 8,000 workforce.

"We were expecting some additions to our base, but this going to be just phenomenal," said St. Marys mayor Deborah Hase.

Georgia's state economist, Rajeev Dhawan of Georgia State University in Atlanta, has examined the impact of Georgia's 13 military installations and said closures would be a huge economic blow for the locals.

"It may turn out to be a wash" for the state, Dhawan said. "But it will be painful for those areas around the base. All the businesses that supply the base -- the local gas station, food vendors, all of that -- they will have a very tough time to deal with the closing."

His point hardly needed to be repeated to David Evans of Royal Trophy, less than a mile from Fort McPherson. His trophy shop is full of American flag cases and eagle designs, with about a third of the business coming from the base that locals call "Fort Mac."

"Cutting that much business is a very big deal. We're going to suffer," he said.

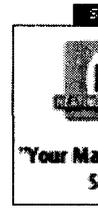
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"The fight has just begun," said Rep. David Scott, a Democrat whose district includes Fort Gillem.

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In Marietta, the Naval Air Station-Atlanta is targeted for closure -- a loss of 1,274 military personnel and 224 civilian workers with a total payroll of \$48 million. However, the adjacent Dobbins Air Reserve Base, which currently has a workforce of about 1,000, will grow by 118 jobs.

Also on the plus side for the state, Robins Air Force Base near Warner Robins will have a net gain of 749 new jobs -- all contractors, and Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta, Ga., will net 575 -- all military.

No personnel changes were proposed for Fort Stewart near Savannah and Fort Gordon near Augusta.

Two other Georgia military installations, the Inspector/Instructor facility in Rome and the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Columbus, were also on the closure list. They each have nine military employees and no civilian employees.

Supporters of Athens' Navy Supply Corps School, which has a total of 513 personnel, said they were plotting their next move to try to get the school off the closure list.

"We certainly hold out some hope. It ain't over 'til it's over, but it may be close to being over. It doesn't look good right now," said Tom Chasteen, member of the Athens-Clark County Commission.

The proposed list will now be considered by a federal base closing commission. State politicians insisted Georgia would go all-out to persuade the commission that bases here should remain.

But already work has been done to consider new uses for the four bases if they were closed. The same community groups that lobbied to keep their bases off the list will now start mapping redevelopment strategies, said retired Brig. Gen. Philip Browning, head of the Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee.

Browning said earlier this week that the closure round was so sweeping it would've been foolish to think Georgia could escape.

"We weren't naive; we thought we'd lose something," he said.

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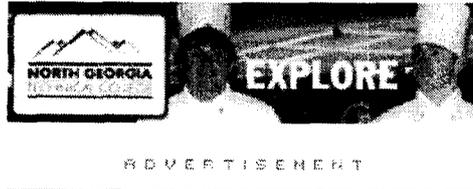


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**Four Georgia bases recommended for closure**

The Associated Press - WASHINGTON

Four Georgia military bases \_ including three in the Atlanta metropolitan area \_ are being recommended for closure by the Pentagon, The Associated Press has learned.

Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Fort Gillem in Forest Park, the Naval Air Station-Atlanta in Marietta and the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens were included on a nationwide list given to members of Congress and expected to be officially announced by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld later Friday.

"We're disappointed. We think the community action group did a great job. ... We're prepared to challenge the recommendation," said Fred Bryant, deputy director, Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee. "We don't know yet what were the key factors in the decision."

The four bases slated for closure in Georgia represented almost one-eighth of the total closures nationwide, yet the state actually stands to gain 7,423 defense jobs through gains at other bases. Fort Benning in Columbus would gain the most \_ 9,839 jobs. Fort McPherson, which is Atlanta's seventh largest employer, would lose the most \_ 4,141 jobs.

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Georgia's governor and U.S. Sens. Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson were planning a news conference to react, followed by visits to the affected bases.

The proposed list will now be considered by a federal base closing commission. In four previous rounds of closures since 1988, past commissions have signed off on 85 percent of bases the Pentagon recommended for closure or consolidation.

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Gillem is Clayton County's third largest employer. Together McPherson and Gillem have military personnel numbering 6,133 and a civilian workforce of 4,952 \_ for a total annual payroll of \$512 million.

The Navy Supply Corps School in Athens is Georgia's smallest military installation, open since 1954. It's a training school and a support center for active duty personnel stationed at ROTC units and recruiting stations in northeast Georgia. It has a military population of 130, a civilian workforce of 193 and an annual payroll of \$8.7 million. Supporters of the often-forgotten training school insist it plays an important role for the military.

"We are the smallest base in Georgia, but we may be the most efficient," said Len Sopera of Athens, who lobbied for the base.

The Naval Air Station-Atlanta, in Marietta, has an annual payroll of \$48 million. It has 2,764 military personnel and a civilian work force of 140.

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The latest round of closures \_ the first in 10 years \_ is part of Rumsfeld's transformation of a military designed to confront the Soviet Union into one better positioned to protect against foreign terrorists and threats from Asia.

Only one Georgia installation \_ Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta \_ was targeted by the Pentagon in its previous three rounds of post-Cold War base closings. It was on the list in 1991 and 1993. In both cases, it was saved by a vote of the independent commission that passed final judgment on the Pentagon list.

Closures in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 eliminated or realigned 451 installations across the country, including 97 major ones, resulted in a net savings to the government of about \$18 billion through 2001. The Pentagon projects recurring annual savings of \$7.3 billion from those four rounds combined.

By Sept. 8, this latest commission will have to submit its recommendations to the president, then must accept or reject the list in its entirety. Congress then has to accept or reject the report, also with no changes allowed.

One surviving base that had been speculated as a candidate for closure in the latest round was the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany. The base is one of the top employers in southwest Georgia, and its economic impact to the community tops \$1 billion annually.

"I could not be happier with the news, but I am not surprised," said Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Ga. "We have worked hard and done well, but I have found that the exceptional job being done at MCLB speaks for itself."

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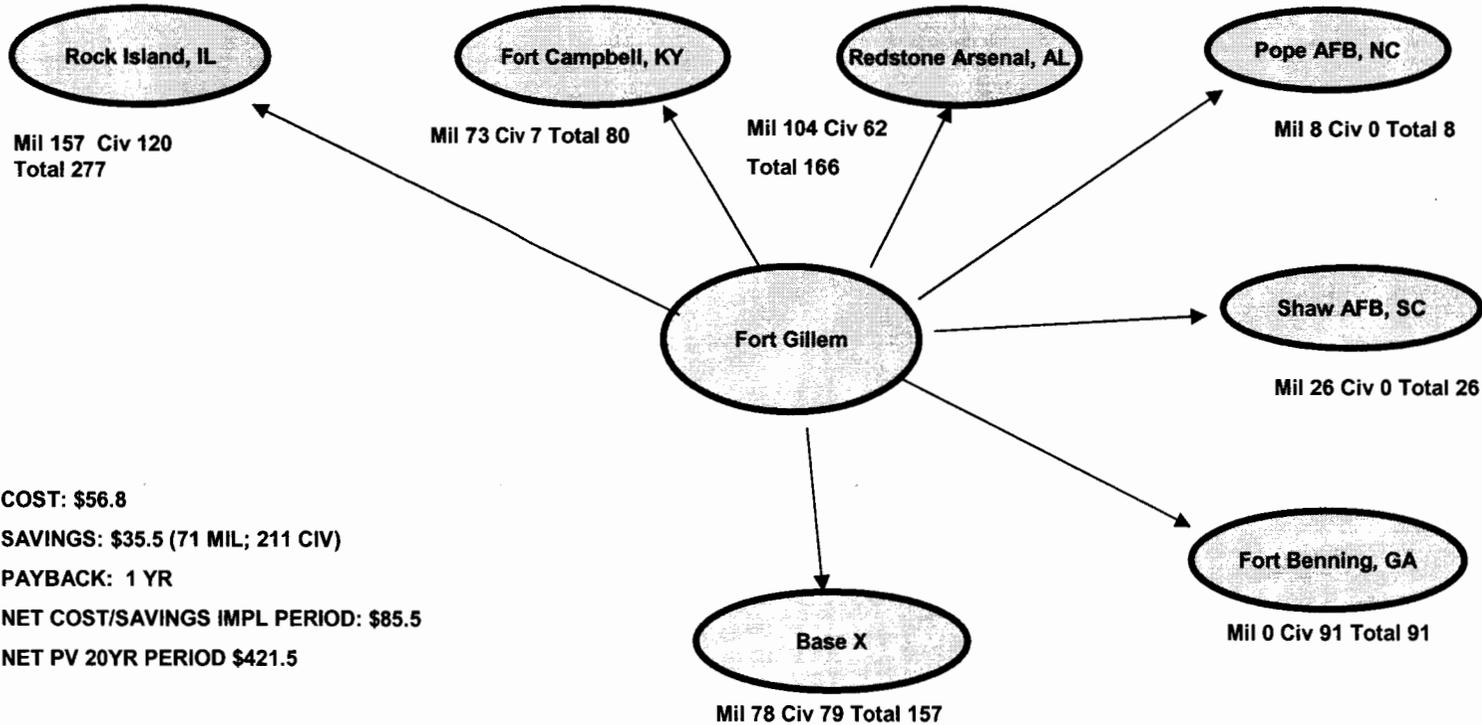
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# Fort Gillem Close

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<b><u>Justification</u></b>		<b><u>Military Value</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ft. Gillem has only admin &amp; storage capabilities, no flexibility to accept other missions</li> <li>✓ Operational capabilities enhanced by moving 1<sup>st</sup> Army</li> <li>✓ AAFES wishes to close distribution facility</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increases Military Value by moving from a low ranking installation to higher ranking installations</li> <li>✓ Ft. Gillem (52), Ft. Benning (9), Ft. Campbell (14), Redstone Arsenal (29), Rock Island Arsenal (53)</li> </ul>	
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### **Closure - Ft. Gillem**

#### **Competing Recommendations and Other Information:**

The closure of Ft. Gillem allows the Army to pursue several transformational options. These include co-locating common business functions with other agencies and creating multifunctional, multi-component and multi-Service installations that provide a better level of service at a reduced cost. The closure also allows the Army to reshape installations to support home station mobilization and demobilization and successfully implement the Train/Alert/Deploy model.

#### **Force Structure Capabilities:**

This recommendation ensures that the Department will retain necessary capabilities to support the Force Structure Plan. Army installations currently contain an overall excess of 1.72M square feet of excess administrative space. The closure of Ft. Gillem vacates a total of 6.0M square feet of administrative and warehouse space, and recommends the occupation of excess space at Ft. Benning, Ft. Campbell, Redstone Arsenal, Rock Island Arsenal, Pope AFB and Shaw AFB. The totality of the candidate recommendations for administrative facilities retains sufficient capacity to ensure the Department has the capability to support the Force Structure Plan.

#### **MVA Results:**

The closure of Ft. Gillem enhances the Army's military value by closing an administrative installation with a military value ranking of 52nd, and moving the Headquarters organizations to installations with more value to the Army and with greater flexibility than Ft. Gillem (see Army Military Value Table). Rock Island Arsenal ranks 53rd in Army military value, but it provides an ideal low-cost location for 1st Army HQs, has excess administrative space and provides the Army with extensive logistics and production capabilities. Redstone Arsenal ranks 30th in overall Army value, is the lowest cost installation in the Army, provides training assets and has extensive research, development and testing facilities. Ft. Campbell (14th) and Ft. Benning (9th) provide the Army extensive training land and operational basing assets.

The Air Force ranks both Pope AFB and Shaw AFB in its top 20 installations for fighter missions and airlift missions (see Air Force Military Value Table). Shaw AFB ranks 7th for fighter mission and 9th for airlift, Pope AFB ranks 17th for fighter and 6th for airlift. The Air Force has recommended the closure of Pope AFB, with the turn-over of the installation to the USA Army. The installation will become part of Ft. Bragg, which the Army ranks 5th in its Military Value.

#### **Capacity Analysis Results:**

This recommendation makes use of the total Army excess in administrative facilities and buildable acres. While Ft. Benning has no existing excess administrative space for HQs

## **Recommendation Supporting Information**

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### **Closure - Ft. Gillem**

activities, it does have 2,508 buildable acres (excluding housing and training land). While Ft. Campbell has no existing excess administrative space for HQs activities, it does have 3,825 buildable acres (excluding housing and training land). While Redstone Arsenal has no existing excess administrative space for HQs activities, it does have 3,230 buildable acres (excluding housing and training land). Rock Island Arsenal has 547,000 square feet of excess administrative space and 274 buildable acres.

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Starting Year : 2006  
 Final Year : 2008  
 Payback Year : 2009 (1 Year)

NPV in 2025(\$K): -421,537  
 1-Time Cost(\$K): 56,786

Net Costs in 2005 Constant Dollars (\$K)								
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Beyond
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MilCon	1,596	15,577	0	0	0	0	17,173	0
Person	0	-16	-9,282	-22,246	-22,246	-22,246	-76,035	-22,246
Overhd	-5,903	-5,241	-8,817	-12,214	-12,214	-12,214	-56,604	-13,049
Moving	175	159	14,716	0	0	0	15,050	0
Missio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4,455	0	10,498	0	0	0	14,953	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>10,479</b>	<b>7,115</b>	<b>-34,460</b>	<b>-34,460</b>	<b>-34,460</b>	<b>-85,463</b>	<b>-35,295</b>
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	
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<b>POSITIONS ELIMINATED</b>								
Off	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	
Enl	0	0	66	0	0	0	66	
Civ	0	0	211	0	0	0	211	
TOT	0	0	282	0	0	0	282	
<b>POSITIONS REALIGNED</b>								
Off	0	1	173	0	0	0	174	
Enl	0	4	268	0	0	0	272	
Stu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Civ	0	4	355	0	0	0	359	
TOT	0	9	796	0	0	0	805	

Summary:

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 USA-0121. Close Ft. Gillem, GA. Relocate the Headquarters, 1st US Army to Rock Island Arsenal, IL. Relocate the 2nd Recruiting Brigade to Redstone Arsenal, AL. Relocate the 52nd EOD Group to Ft. Campbell, KY. Relocate the 81st RRC Equipment Concentration Site to Ft. Benning, GA. Close the AAFES Atlanta Distribution Center and establish an enclave for the Georgia Army National Guard, the remainder of the 81st RRC units and the CID Forensics Laboratory.

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Costs in 2005 Constant Dollars (\$K)								
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Beyond
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MilCon	1,596	15,577	0	0	0	0	17,173	0
Person	0	31	5,802	2,993	2,993	2,993	14,812	2,993
Overhd	1,165	1,899	5,814	2,417	2,417	2,417	16,128	2,417
Moving	175	170	15,869	0	0	0	16,213	0
Missio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4,455	0	10,498	0	0	0	14,953	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,391</b>	<b>17,676</b>	<b>37,983</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>79,280</b>	<b>5,410</b>

Savings in 2005 Constant Dollars (\$K)								
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Beyond
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MilCon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Person	0	46	15,084	25,239	25,239	25,239	90,847	25,239
Overhd	7,068	7,140	14,631	14,631	14,631	14,631	72,732	15,466
Moving	0	10	1,153	0	0	0	1,163	0
Missio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,068</b>	<b>7,197</b>	<b>30,868</b>	<b>39,870</b>	<b>39,870</b>	<b>39,870</b>	<b>164,742</b>	<b>40,704</b>

## Fort Gillem

**BRAC 05 recommendations close Fort Gillem and enclave the Reserve and National Guard Facilities and the Forensics Laboratory. This supports the Army's objective of retaining multi-functional installations capable of meeting a variety of Army requirements, while eliminating excess capacity.**

### Incoming Activities

What: Naval Reserve Intelligence Unit from NAS Atlanta.

Why: The Ft. Gillem enclave supports a US Army Reserve Intelligence Activity and the addition of the Navy organization will create a joint training environment for these functions.

### Departing Activities

What: 1<sup>st</sup> US Army to Rock Island, IL.

Why: First Army is designated to assume responsibility for all Reserve mobilization and demobilization in the continental United States. It was moved to a location in the central U.S. to support this coast-to-coast mission.

What: HQs 52<sup>nd</sup> EOD Group to Ft. Campbell, KY.

Why: The 52<sup>nd</sup> EOD Group has a southeastern US regional mission and was co-located with operational forces in the region to provide better training opportunities.

What: 2<sup>nd</sup> Recruiting Brigade to Redstone Arsenal.

Why: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Recruiting Brigade has a southeastern US regional mission and was relocated to an installation centrally located in the region with a robust transportation hub.

What: 81<sup>st</sup> RRC Equipment Concentration Site to Ft. Benning, GA.

Why: This relocation support Reserve initiatives to station equipment at locations where Reserve units train.

What: FORSCOM VIP EOD support unit to Pope AFB, NC and the HQs 3<sup>rd</sup> US Army offices to Shaw AFB, SC.

Why: These relocations co-locate these units with the HQs that they support.

What: Close the Army-Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) Atlanta Distribution Center.

Why: Eliminates excess capacity and consolidates and integrates supply distribution within the AAFES system.

### Other

What: Several CID offices with Eastern Regional missions and other small Navy, Air Force and DoD offices.

Why: These small offices will be placed after the major BRAC movements in coordination with their agencies guidance.

**Quantitative Results**

Net Personnel Impacts <sup>1</sup>			MILCON Cost Estimate
Military	Civilian	Student	
-511	-570	0	\$ 0

**Implementation Timeline:** According to BRAC law, this action must be initiated within two years and completed within six years from the date the President transmits the report to Congress.

**Internal Communications:** (Fort Gillem Work Force)

- Ft. Gillem has a long and storied history, and has made significant contributions to supporting the Army's missions; however the Army must now look to future requirements and develop an installation portfolio that can support and sustain its new force structure, and missions as the Army transforms to an expeditionary force.
- Each unit and activity transferred from Ft. Gillem has been placed to enhance its operational or support capability through consolidations or co-locations.
- The result of these hard decisions is a basing configuration that better supports our transforming Army and saves money.

**External Communications:** (Civilian community)

- Ft. Gillem has a long and storied history, and has made significant contributions to supporting the Army's missions; however the Army must now look to future requirements and develop an installation portfolio that can support and sustain its new force structure, and missions as the Army transforms to an expeditionary force.
- The indirect economic impact of this closure (combined with that of Ft McPherson) is estimated at 1,800 jobs. The impact is mitigated by Ft. Gillem's proximity to Atlanta, with its robust economic development.
- The Army is committed to working with local communities as Ft. Gillem closes to smooth the transition process.

**Approving BRAC Recommendations - Statutory Steps:**

16 May 05    SECDEF forwards Recommendations to BRAC Commission  
 08 Sept 05    BRAC Commission recommendations due to President

<sup>1</sup> Based on FY03 ASIP data. Does not reflect any personnel changes resulting from standard programming and Command Plan actions since FY03.

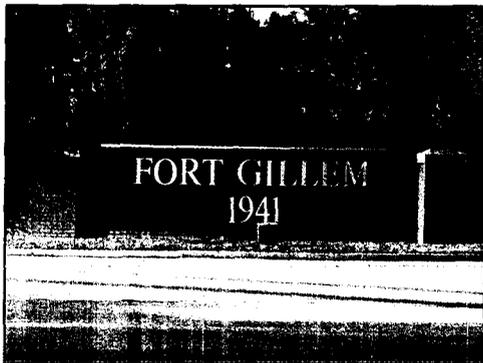
- 23 Sept 05 President approves/disapproves Commission recommendations
- 20 Oct 05 Commission resubmits recommendations (if initially rejected by President)
- 07 Nov 05 President submits final recommendations to Congress. Once submitted, the plan becomes final within 45 legislative days, unless Congress passes a joint resolution to block the entire package.

**BRAC Recommendations that impact Ft. Gillem**

- Close Ft. Gillem

# Fort Gillem Base Closure Fact Sheet

## Major Organizational Missions



**First U.S. Army:** Ensures the training, mobilization, deployment, redeployment, and reconstitution of Army Reserve and National Guard units in the eastern United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As directed, conducts Homeland Defense (HLD) in support of national objectives. First Army serves as the conduit to DoD resources in times of natural disasters and emergencies.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Medical Command:** Deploys worldwide in support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff contingencies to provide command and control of assigned and attached medical forces, with a focus on the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. Coordinates and synchronizes world class force health protection and Health Services Support (HSS) between services, coalition forces, and host-nations as allocated by the U.S. Central Command/Commander, Third U.S. Army.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Group (CID):** Provides a full range of quality criminal investigative support and services for commanders, installations, and other areas of Army interest in the 28 states east of the Mississippi, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Provides criminal investigative support to all Army interests within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility including: criminal investigations of felony crimes, logistical security, criminal intelligence assessments, personal security protection for Department of Defense officials and visiting foreign dignitaries, force protection and safeguarding of critical resources in peacetime, combat and contingency operations and prevention of gang and extremist-related activities.

**U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL):** USACIL is the Department of Defense's only forensic criminal laboratory. It supports all Defense Criminal Investigation Organizations worldwide. USACIL currently handles more than 3,000 cases per year. It is staffed with the very best technical experts. The laboratory, equipped with the latest technical equipment, sets the standard for analysis in several forensic disciplines. USACIL recently moved into a newly constructed, state-of-the art, \$33.6 million laboratory complex on Fort Gillem. New mission requirements are adding two additional phases to this facility. Phase I, will support the DNA database for DoD world wide, with a projected cost of \$3.5 million. Phase II, will consolidate the Navy's two DNA crime labs in this single facility. The Phase II project will encompass 35,000 square feet and with a projected cost of \$13.7 million. The current TDA grows from 94 to 153 personnel.

**AAFES Atlanta Distribution Center:** The Army and Air Force Exchange Services' Atlanta Distribution Center distributes merchandise world-wide. It has 760 permanent employees and up to 200 continuous temporary employees with a payroll of \$28 million. The on hand inventory in exceeds \$190 million with an annual inventory throughput of \$1.4 billion per

year. The net book value of the buildings and equipment used by AAFES is **\$480 million**. The new **420,000 square foot**, automated robotic distribution center supports the loading and handling of storage inventory located in over **2.7 million square feet** of warehouse space. The cost of equipment, robotic arms, computers, communications, and conveyor system used throughout the AAFES complex is **\$52 million**.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** FEMA is part of the Homeland Defense mission and provides support for all natural and terrorist disasters occurring on the East and South Coast of the U.S. FEMA stages, repairs and maintains inventory, and prepares to be proactive in emergencies. FEMA also works with the Red Cross and Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide full support to U.S. citizens, both CONUS and throughout the Island chains. During the 2004 hurricane season, after Hurricane Charley alone, more than 8,000 vehicles were moved through Fort Gillem with supplies needed for people in Fort Myers, Port Charlotte, and Punta Gorda, Florida. Fort Gillem is stocked with bottled water, cots, blankets, tents and ready-to-eat meals, known as MREs, and those items were shipped as well. Drivers from Quality Driveaway in Goshen, Indiana, manufacturers of the 32-foot travel trailers that served as temporary homes, brought in several hundred two-bedroom dwellings which were staged at Fort Gillem. About 100 trailers a day were transported out of Fort Gillem to meet housing needs in disaster areas.

**52d Explosives Ordnance Group (EOD):** Is a unique organization headquartered at Fort Gillem. It has command and control over four Battalion Headquarters and 39 Companies geographically separated throughout the United States, with world-wide EOD missions. The Group also runs the U.S. Army Very Important Persons (VIP) Protective Service Agency, which is responsible for joint service coordination and tasking of EOD support to the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. State Department. The facility is equipped with two video teleconference rooms at a cost of \$300,000.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade conducts recruiter operations with integrity in its assigned area of responsibility to meet combined Regular Army, Army Reserve, and Special Mission Requirements. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade directs the efforts of nine recruiting battalions located in North and South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee. Groundbreaking for the new **\$5.8 million** facility is schedule for June 17, 2005.

**Army Reserve Military Intelligence Readiness Center (AR MIRC):** ARMIRC's mission is to collect, analyze and process world-wide military intelligence information. It also trains reserve military intelligence analysts and linguists to support combatant commanders.

**Atlanta Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS):** The MEPS at Fort Gillem is one in a network of 65 MEPS nationwide. It is responsible for 92 counties in the state of Georgia. It supports all of the military services and is staffed with personnel from all military services. The MEPS is designed to process 300 people per day and averages 200 people per day.

**Naval Reserve Intelligence Units, Atlanta:** Under the current BRAC plan, the Naval Reserve Intelligence Units will be relocated from the Naval Air Station Atlanta to the 81<sup>st</sup> Readiness Reserve Command enclave that is located at the west end of Fort Gillem. The plan is to move the new units into the existing Special Compartmental Information Facility (SCIF) located at Fort Gillem. This type of joint services consolidation is also being considered for the two Navy crime labs being added to the USACIL located at Fort Gillem.

## Issues With COBRA Analysis & Data

- It appears the cost of relocating Army facilities is underestimated. Building new Command and Control facilities with all communication requirements for Headquarters FORSCOM, USARC, and Third U.S. Army is not accurately accounted for in the DoD analysis. We believe the costs are closer to \$315 million as opposed to the COBRA total of \$60 million.
- The cost of relocating the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) regional communications hub located at Fort McPherson is not accounted for in the DoD analysis. The current investment stands at \$1.1 billion. DISA chose Atlanta as the location for this hub because of the significant communications infrastructure available. DISA is in the early stages of developing relocation options and decisions cannot be made until detailed research and analysis is completed.
- The BRAC 1993 Commission cost analysis of closing Forts McPherson and Gillem differs significantly from the DoD BRAC 2005 cost analysis.
- Impact of civilian workforce expertise when the Command and Control Headquarters move from Atlanta to smaller rural areas at a time when the commands are all actively engaged in the Global War on Terrorism.
- Impact to operational capabilities will be incurred by moving to an area with only regional airport capability.
- Fort Gillem borders Forest Park, Georgia, which is a Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUB). The Garrison provides capital infusion to the community through contractual support of HUB Zone areas and contractual agreements with two apartment complexes and one hotel to provide continuing support to personnel on Temporary Change of Station at a lease cost of \$4.11 million per year.
- The Ammo Supply Point has six earth covered bunkers capable of holding various types of explosives. It is the only Army Ammo Supply Point in north Georgia and also supports the Federal Transportation Security Administration. The Ammo Supply Point is used by the Army Reserve Command, the National Guard, First Army, Third Army, 81st Regional Readiness Command, 52nd Explosive Ordnance Group and other military units.
- Fort Gillem is the third largest employer in Clayton County

## Items of Special Interest

- Will the relocation of the headquarters organizations from Gillem adversely affect their ability to perform their mission? *No appreciable impact.*
- What will be the scope of the enclave that is planned for the Georgia National Guard? *Currently Fort Gillem hosts two units, with 600 personnel, of the Georgia Army National Guard in 77,000 square feet of building space. Future plans call for the addition of a combined support maintenance shop of 50,000 square feet of building plus five acres of hardstand; a 70,000 square foot United States Property and Fiscal Office (USP&FO); and a 20,000 square feet facility maintenance warehouse.*
- How significant will cleanup be at Fort Gillem and did the Department adequately describe the situation in its report? *Cleanup is ongoing and currently on track to reach Industrial/Commercial Level Use by 2020. The environmental restoration planned will not*

*restore the land for use by family housing, childcare development center, or schools. The Annual Work Plan estimates this cost to be approximately \$14 million to complete. After 2008 requirement will have been reduced to continue monitoring for a projected period of 20 years. Our environmental annual work plan does not forecast the cost of additional sites and restoration required following the projected closure of AAFES. Closure would generate additional sites such as the AAFES gases station and fueling points, underground storage tanks, maintenance facilities, hardstands, and storage sites.*

- *What are the concerns regarding the tenants that were not addressed in the Department's report? The BRAC analysis addresses the disposition of five of the activities located at Fort Gillem. There are a significant number of existing tenants supported by the Garrison that the BRAC report fails to address. Some of the organizations that have a significant presence at Fort Gillem are FEMA, the Red Cross, and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.*

#### **Unique Transportation Synergy:**

- Hartsfield Jackson International Airport: 11.27 miles and 21 minutes away
- Light and Heavy Rail Systems
- Three major interstates run through Atlanta
- Atlanta is a Hub for the Trucking Industry
- The CTRAN station provides both bus and light rail transit services throughout metropolitan Atlanta. The local CTRAN transportation system results in low cost and low
- In fiscal year 2004 Fort McPherson Transportation moved more than 29.5 million pounds of cargo, issued nearly 40,000 airline tickets, processed 2,600 rotator flight passengers, provided support to 48,500 Rest & Relaxation Soldiers, and provided 70 K-9 Kennels for Iraq at a total cost of \$1.98 million, all in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

#### **Unique Communications Synergy:**

- **The Defense Red Switch** is connected to Fort McPherson, Ga.; Offut AFB, Neb.; McDill Air Force Base, Fla.; and the Pentagon. This switch provides alternate switching and redundancy for direct secure communication between commanders and key staff.
- **The Atlanta Trunk Radio System:** The Fort Gillem Atlanta Trunk Radio System (ATRS) provides secure digital radio support for the Army, Air Force, Federal Emergency management Agency and Federal Protective Services in the southeastern quadrant of Metro Atlanta area.

#### **Communications Consideration:**

- One essential point under the present configuration is that FORSCOM, First Army, Third Army and the U.S. Army Reserve Command are essentially located together. Closing Fort McPherson will require the Army to establish three new 24/7 communications facilities to satisfy the listed major commands communications mission. The current investment at Fort McPherson for existing sensitive and classified circuits is believed to be **\$1.1 billion**. Estimated costs for recreating and rerouting these circuits to other locations would be equally significant. Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)

infrastructure, located at Fort McPherson, currently serves as the major network backbone for the Southeast Region. Communications circuits and physical infrastructure provide world-wide connectivity for mission support to all organization on Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem and 42 counties in Georgia. Should Fort McPherson close, all infrastructures currently at Fort McPherson would relocate. Fort Gillem may be a viable location. However, DISA is in the early stages of developing relocation options and decisions cannot be made until detailed research and analysis is completed.

**Unique Educational Synergy: Produces educated, capable work force**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia Tech</li> <li>• Georgia State University</li> <li>• Emory University</li> <li>• Clark Atlanta University</li> <li>• Morehouse College</li> <li>• Kennesaw State University</li> <li>• Clayton State University</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southern Polytechnic State University</li> <li>• American Intercontinental University</li> <li>• DeVry Institute of Technology</li> <li>• Mercer University</li> <li>• Agnes Scott College</li> <li>• Morris Brown College</li> <li>• Brenau University</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spelman College</li> <li>• West Georgia College</li> <li>• Life College</li> <li>• Oglethorpe College</li> <li>• Oxford College</li> <li>• Atlanta Christian College</li> <li>• Shorter College</li> <li>• University of Phoenix</li> </ul> |
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**Unique Business Synergy:**

- Ford Motor Company
- Coca Cola
- CNN
- Delta Airlines
- The Home Depot
- United Parcel Service

**Spouse Employment Task Force**

A significant synergy and impact on spousal employment has occurred in Atlanta due to the work of personnel at Ft. McPherson/Gillem in the founding of a Spouse Employment Task Force. Through this Task Force, post officials worked to educate state leaders in the area of employment compensation for military spouses who must leave employment in order to follow their military sponsor to the next duty station. The Governor of Georgia recently signed House Bill 404 into law in support of these spouses and it is being used as a model for other states.

The Task Force has worked closely with Home Depot Corporate Headquarters located in Atlanta in order to develop marketing and training materials aimed at the military market.

The Task Force efforts have resulted in a pilot program with the Georgia Department of Labor to increase community awareness of the tremendous pool of quality employees (in the greater metro area) coming from within the military family.

Spouse career and work opportunities hold a 53.1 percent dissatisfaction rate according to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Quality of Life Review published in May of 2004. This dissatisfaction is not an issue in the Atlanta area

**Unique Partnerships with the Community:**

- Fort Gillem/McPherson provides more than 150 mentors for 9 metro Atlanta public schools
- Fort Gillem/McPherson has Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with 12 area School Superintendents
- We actively participate in more than 50 special event activities with local schools annually
- In 2004, we had 982 individuals volunteer in the local communities, providing more than \$1.43 million worth of service
- The Army in Atlanta Museum is one of two Army museums in Greater Metro Atlanta. It is a unique educational forum for Civic Organizations and Schools. It provides more than 75 Living History tours annually. Additionally, USARC HQ's has both museum displays, artifacts and contains the Historical Archives for the United States Army Reserves.
- Partnership Advisory Council has initiated more than 400 initiatives since 1998
- General David A. Bramlett Character Bound Program promotes self confidence, character building, career exploration through team-based two-day event; 136 youth graduates and 70+ Soldier mentors since 1999
- Fort McPherson/Gillem have Memorandums of Agreement with the Cities of Atlanta and Forest Park to be first responders and augment municipal capabilities dealing with emergency situations such as the release of hazardous materials (either biological or chemical).



**City of Forest Park, GA**

The communities surrounding both Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem have low per capita income, and suffer high unemployment rates. The unemployment rate for the City of Forest Park, which is outside Fort Gillem, is 8.3 percent. The National average is currently 5.1 percent. Both communities have high percentage minority populations. Loss of Fort Gillem to the City of Forest Park would result in an estimated negative economic impact of \$366.2 million to this already economically depressed, predominantly minority community. Fort Gillem is the third largest employer in Clayton County behind Delta Airlines and the Clayton County School System.

**Environmental Considerations**

Note: Information in red was provided by the BRAC Commission

- Closure of Fort Gillem will necessitate consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure that historic properties are continued to be protected. *There are no properties on the Historic Register at Fort Gillem. However, there are buildings and facilities that have been nominated for such designation. The State Historic Preservation Office would be involved due to the current age of existing structures and their eligibility.*

- The closure of ranges at Fort Gillem will require clearance of munitions and remediation of any munitions constituents. The remediation costs for these ranges may be significant and the time required for completing remediation is uncertain. *Fort Gillem does not have an active range; however, it did have a range at one time. The cost for environmental remediation of the existing range at Fort Gillem is included in the projected costs of \$14 million. The level of remediation is industrial/commercial.*
- Groundwater and surface water resources will require restoration and/or monitoring to prevent further environmental impacts. *Current Annual Work Plan puts this out to 2020 with a remaining cost of approximately \$14 million. Closure of existing facilities will generate additional sites for environmental remediation. The costs for this cannot be estimated at this time.*
- Significant mitigation measures to limit releases to impaired waterways may be required at Rock Island, Fort Campbell, and Fort Benning to reduce impacts to water quality and achieve U.S. EPA Water Quality Standards. Air Conformity determination and New Source Review and permitting effort and consultations with tribes regarding cultural resources will be required at Fort Campbell.
- This recommendation has the potential to impact noise and threatened and endangered species or critical habitat at Fort Campbell.
- Air Conformity determination and New Source Review and permitting effort and consultations with tribes regarding cultural resources will be required at Fort Campbell.
- An Air Conformity Analysis will be required at Fort Benning.
- Construction at Pope AFB may have to occur on acreage already constrained by the Threatened and Endangered Species Act.
- This recommendation has the potential to impact wetlands at Pope AFB and Shaw AFB.
- This recommendation has no impact on dredging; marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries; or waste management.
- This recommendation will require spending approximately \$1.3 million for environmental compliance costs. These costs were included in the payback calculation.
- Fort Gillem reports \$18 million in environmental restoration costs. Because the Department has a legal obligation to perform environmental restoration regardless of whether an installation is closed, realigned, or remains open, these costs were not included in the payback calculation. *This amount has been reduced to \$14 million in the Annual Work Plan. Fiscal Year 2003 was \$18 million. Closure of existing facilities will generate additional sites for environmental remediation. The costs for this cannot be estimated at this time.*

- This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities. *Closure of existing facilities will generate additional sites for environmental remediation. The costs for this cannot be estimated at this time.*
- The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the installations in this recommendation has been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.
- The local CTRAN mass transit system impacts federal clean air efforts. We have more than 200 Fort Gillem Soldiers and civilians participating in the Federal Government Mass Transportation Program.
- The local area around Pope AFB will have to build significantly in order to house, transport, educate the increase number of personnel located there, where this infrastructure is already in existence in the Atlanta area

### **Political Representation**

Governor:	Sonny Perdue
Senator:	Saxby Chambliss
Senator:	Johnny Isakson
Representative:	John Lewis
Representative:	David Scott

### **Community Concerns/Issues**

A review of community attributes revealed no significant issues regarding the ability of the infrastructures of the local communities to support missions, forces, and personnel.

- When moving from Fort Gillem to Rock Island Arsenal, the following local area capability improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are less robust: Housing, Education, Employment, and Medical. *It is believed that the cost of living in Atlanta is no greater than Rock Island Arsenal.*
- When moving from Fort Gillem to Fort Campbell, the following local attributes are improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Housing, Education, Employment, Medical, Safety and Transportation. *It is believed that the cost of living in Atlanta is no greater than Fort Campbell.*
- When moving from Fort Gillem to Redstone Arsenal, the following local attributes are improved: Cost of Living and Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Child Care, Housing, Medical, and Transportation. *It is believed that the cost of living in Atlanta is no greater than Redstone Arsenal.*
- When moving from Fort Gillem to Fort Benning, the following local capability is improved: Population. The following capabilities are not as robust: Housing, Employment, Medical,

and Safety. *It is believed that the cost of living in Atlanta is no greater than Fort Benning.*

- Southeastern rural communities normally have extremely limited employment opportunities for military family members which dramatically impacts the stability, readiness, and satisfaction of military families, which then negatively impacts retention. More than 86 percent of military spouses are employed Army wide, with more than 68 percent working because they need dual incomes. The Atlanta area fosters long term economic and career stability which positively impacts military retention.
- The lack of local community support systems impacts readiness because military families today are highly educated, sophisticated and demand high quality employment opportunities as evidenced through the Army Family Action Process.
- Military members and their families at many installations must travel great distances to obtain specialized care. That is not the case at Fort Gillem.
- Fort Gillem provides reliable, accessible and dependable service to tremendous numbers of National Guard and Reserve families following the activation of their military member in all areas.
- There are no known community infrastructure impediments to implementation of all recommendations affecting the installations in this recommendation.

### **Cost Considerations Developed by DoD**

Note: These figures are disputed in the narrative that follows.

One-Time Costs:	\$56.8 million
Net Savings (Cost) during Implementation:	\$85.5 million
Annual Recurring Savings:	\$35.3 million
Return on Investment Year:	Calendar Year (1 Year)
Net Present Value over 20 Years:	\$421.5 million

*Cost for First U.S. Army and 52<sup>nd</sup> EOD is approximately \$50 million. Of that \$50 million, no military construction is included for First Army. The number does not seem to account for personnel moves, and OMA and OPA tails. Communication infrastructure upgrade to support 2<sup>nd</sup> Recruiting Brigade, 52<sup>nd</sup> ORD, 81<sup>st</sup> ECS, 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Army, USARC Reg Data Center, and ARISC was \$20 million in fiscal year 2004. Closing of Atlanta Distribution Center affects cost of transportation, timeliness of transportation and may require additional resources and construction elsewhere to continue the mission. AAFES currently utilizes 2.6 million square feet of warehouse space, a 420,000 square foot automated shipping/receiving warehouse that is supported by these warehouses and supplies the entire East Coast, Europe, Southwest Asia and worldwide support for specific items from Ft. Gillem Hub. One of four in CONUS. Cost to replace warehouse space, automated distribution center and robotic equipment is estimated to be in excess of \$580 million.*

### **BRAC 1993 Analysis**

The BRAC 1993 Commission studied Fort Gillem as a possible addition to the base closure list. The Commission used the COBRA model to develop cost estimates, return on investment, and break even year. Since 1993 there have been significant improvements in major construction Army projects at Fort Gillem. The cost of improvements exceeds \$232 million. Costs were significantly higher in 1993 dollars than the current DoD 2005 estimate. Model calculations were as follows:

One-Time Costs:	\$349.9 million
Return on Investment:	Never
Break Even Year:	Never

### **Employment and Payroll**

People	Fort McPherson	Fort Gillem	Off Post	Total
Active Duty Officers	521	139	13	673
Warrant Officers	42	8		50
Enlisted	766	251	168	1,185
<b>Total Active Duty</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1,908</b>
Army Reserve	878	1,454	1,066	3,398
Civilians*	2,064	1,796	811	4,671
<b>Other Agencies**</b>				<b>18,727</b>
Army Retirees				16,789
Retirees – Other Services				19,632
Retiree Family Members				54,632
Active Duty and Civilian Family Members				16,448
<b>TOTAL***</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>136,205</b>

\*Civilians include AAFES and NAF

\*\*Totals based on fiscal year 2003

\*\*Total paid personnel – Atlanta Metro area: 9,977

Money	Fort Gillem
Active Duty Payroll	\$50,304,675
Military Construction	\$89,600,000
Temporary Duty	\$3,644,009
Civilian Payroll	\$80,413,365
Tuition / Education	\$371,098
Local Contracts	\$141,920,890
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$366,254,037</b>
School Impact Funds****	\$6,612

\*\*\*\* Total based on 2004 school year; 2005 totals should increase due to military connected student enrollment expansion.

Land Assets	Fort McPherson	Fort Gillem	Lake Allatoona
Building Space (sq. footage)	2,209,558	5,315,442	46,015
Family Quarters	102	10	N/A
Acreage	488	1,427	85*****

\*\*\*\*\*Land leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### DoD Recommendation and Justification

Recommendation	Justification
Close Fort Gillem GA (Atlanta Metro Area)	Enhances the Army's military value, is consistent with the Army's Force Structure Plan, and maintains adequate surge capabilities to address future unforeseen requirements. This closure allows the Army to employ excess capacities at installations that can accomplish more than administrative missions. The closure of Fort Gillem also enables the stationing of its tenant units at locations that will increase their ability to associate with like units and promote coordination of forts.
Relocate HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Army to Rock Island Arsenal IL	The Army is converting the 1st U.S. Army Headquarters into the single Headquarters for oversight of Reserve and National Guard mobilization and demobilization. To support this conversion the Army decided to relocate 1st Army to Rock Island Arsenal, a central location in the United States.
Relocate 2nd Recruiting Brigade to Redstone Arsenal AL	The 2nd Recruiting Brigade is recommended to relocate to Redstone Arsenal because of its central location in the Southeast and its access to a transportation center in Huntsville, AL.
Relocate 52 <sup>nd</sup> Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group to Fort Campbell KY	Both the 52nd EOD Group and the 2nd Recruiting Brigade have regional missions in the Southeastern United States. The 52nd EOD Group was co-located with operational forces at Fort Campbell to provide training opportunities.
Relocate 81 <sup>st</sup> RRC Equipment Concentration Site to Fort Benning GA	The 81st RRC Equipment concentration Site is relocated to Fort Benning Site where there are improved training opportunities with operational forces.
Close AAFES Atlanta Distribution Center and establish an enclave for the Georgia Army national Guard, the remainder of the 81 <sup>st</sup> RRC units and the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Forensics laboratory	

### Miscellaneous Information of Importance

- We have 91,053 combined Army retirees, retirees from other Services, and retiree family members in the greater Atlanta metropolitan area. These retirees rely on the facilities and services located at both Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem.
- Fort Gillem has seven designated training areas with a significant amount of installation property being used for military common task training, Sergeant's Time Training, physical training and specific military occupational specialty training for Reserve and National Guard personnel. On an average weekend the Fort Gillem

population can grow to as much as 3,000 personnel on post training and performing military drill activities. In addition, property is used for such things as fishing and outdoor activities, sports events, and other community support.

- Business Executives for National Security are actively seeking an agreement with the Garrison Commander to participate in an enhanced leasing opportunity to provide for the construction of a future plan facility in exchange for lease land opportunity within Fort Gillem.
- We have plans for a new 8,930 square foot shooting range at a site that is located over the footprint of a former range at Fort Gillem. This new range would allow the training and qualifications of GaANG, 81st RRC, local and state police and law enforcement officials and active army troops without having to schedule time and transportation to Fort Stewart or Fort Benning. The project is currently in the Future Years Defense Plan for fiscal year 2009 at an estimated cost of \$4.4 million dollars.

# WORKTEC

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**FROM:** Dorothy Young Cochran, Executive Director  
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**RE:** WORKTEC at Ft. Gillem

WORKTEC has been extremely fortunate to have provided services at Ft. Gillem for the past 20 years. Under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act, we have been able to provide janitorial, commissary, litter pick up, and assembly of FEMA survival kits to this installation during that period. Currently we are providing janitorial services to 58 different sites, including the MEPS building, the Army Reserve Center, First Army, Neal Fitness Center, and the Garrison building. In August, 2005, we are scheduled to assume responsibility for two newly constructed buildings, and in September, 2005, we are scheduled to begin hospital grade janitorial services for the new CID Forensic Lab.

We currently have a total of twenty nine (29) employees providing janitorial services at the site. Of this number, twenty five individuals are primarily providing hands on services, five working supervisors, and one Site supervisor-Ms. Angie Watkins. Twenty three of these individuals experience a severe disability, therefore enabling us to provide these supports under the JWOD program. All of our employees especially those with severe disabilities have proven themselves to be exceptional workers when given the proper supports, training and ongoing WORKTEC Support. Our service area includes 269,175 feet of carpet, and 167, 134 feet of hard floor. A majority of the buildings are serviced two times per week.

Our payroll as of 2/28/05 (fiscal year is July 1-June 30) was \$ 223, 805. Additional personnel benefits brought this total cost to \$263,727. Total personnel cost for Ft. Gillem for the 2004 Fiscal year was \$420,456.00. This potential loss of jobs is not only devastating to these individuals, but it will also put a strain upon their families and other support services.

The Federal economic impact as it affects these individuals with severe disabilities is tremendous. The economic impact on other federal and state agencies that will now have to assume more economic supports and benefits for these individuals is potentially quite significant. For example, many will no longer have the ability to buy their own medical insurance and will need to regain eligibility for Medicaid. They will more than likely require other assistance like the need for food stamps, and increased support from SSI and or SSDI benefits. There will be a significant impact to the other federal agencies that must be picked up within their respective budgets.

WORKTEC has received local and national recognition for the quality of services provided to our customers and our employees. Since 1984, we have received –fifteen Certificates of Achievement from NISH-with three in the last three years. NISH is the agency responsible for administering the JWOD Act. We are nationally accredited by CARF in the employment areas of Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services, Employee Development Services, Employment Skills Training Services and Community Employment Services. During our last accreditation in 2003, we were not

cited with any recommendations, which is a feat only accomplished by 3% of the agencies seeking accreditation. Our mission is to providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Nationwide, over 70% of those with severe disabilities are unemployed. The Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act and WORKTEC has insured that some of these people have an opportunity to participate as full citizens who pay taxes and who contribute a needed service each and every day. The impact for these individuals, many of whom will not be able to fully recover from losing their jobs, is not only economic, but present significant psychological and social implications for them and their extended family. We truly appreciate you including this information in your presentations regarding impact to employees and contractors.