



US ARMY AVIATION CENTER AND FORT RUCKER HOME OF THE ARMY AVIATION BRANCH

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RECOMMENDATION
TO
MOVE AVIATION LOGISTICS SCHOOL
FROM
FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA
TO
FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA

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- ❖ WHY IT MAKES SENSE
- ❖ TRANSITIONING FROM FORT EUSTIS TO FORT RUCKER
- ❖ AVAILABILITY OF INSTRUCTORS
- ❖ SUMMARY

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- ❖ **GREAT SYNERGY** in training the Total Flight Crew in one place.
 - ❖ Recommendation will allow Pilots, Crew Chiefs, and Mechanics to train together at one installation so they will fight better together as a **UNITED FLIGHT CREW**. They are joined together as a **TEAM** at the training base instead of meeting at an operational unit.
 - ❖ Would it be wise for M1 tank drivers to be trained at a different location from tank gunners?

WHY IT MAKES SENSE

- ❖ **GREAT SYNERGY** in training the Total Flight Crew in one place - Continued.
 - ❖ Aviation is the only Army Branch that does not train Officers and Enlisted at the same location - the only Branch not adhering to this important principle.
 - ❖ Aviation is no different than Armor, Artillery, Infantry, or even the Eustis Transportation Branch - they all train together so they can fight better together.

WHY IT MAKES SENSE

- ❖ Recommendation to consolidate fosters consistency, standardization, and training proficiency
 - ❖ Allows the Chief of the Army Aviation at Fort Rucker to standardize every aspect of Army Aviation (develop equipment, procedures, tactics, fighting doctrine and training) at one location.
- ❖ Recommendation will allow Army Aviation leaders to more quickly adapt training to changing landscape based on lessons learned in Afghanistan and Iraq.

WHY IT MAKES SENSE

❖ Recommendation supports Army Initiatives

- ❖ Recommendation allows the Army to reduce the number of Military Occupational Skills (MOS) Training Locations, a major Army Initiative.
- ❖ Recommendation supports Army Transformation by collocating institutional training, a major Army Initiative.

WHY IT MAKES SENSE

- ❖ Recommendation finally completes the establishment of a CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ALL ROTARY WING AND ARMY AVIATION TRAINING.
- ❖ Recommendation allows SYNERGY and more efficient use of Army and Contract Instructors.

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- ❖ Fort Rucker has a PHASED RELOCATION PLAN which insures there will be no degradation of training during the transition.
- ❖ The Fort Rucker community and the State of Alabama will do everything possible to insure a smooth transition.
- ❖ Moving the simulation training devices from Fort Eustis to Fort Rucker will require a "joint effort"; however, these types of devices are moved all the time with great care.

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- ❖ The Fort Rucker community will make every effort to insure a high percentage of instructors relocate to Fort Rucker; accordingly, the exact number of new instructors required to be hired will not be known until current employees are given the opportunity to relocate.

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- ❖ For those positions that need to be filled, it is important to recognize the following:
 - ❖ Fort Rucker is located in what is known as the AVIATION CORRIDOR OF EXCELLENCE that runs from Tennessee to Eglin Air Force Base.
 - ❖ This CORRIDOR OF EXCELLENCE attracts thousands of aviation personnel to the area that are available to teach all aspects e.g. avionics, power plants, platforms, ground handling equipment.

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- ❖ For those positions that need to be filled, it is important to recognize the following - Continued:
 - ❖ The Ozark-Enterprise Aviation College is located 10 miles from Fort Rucker. The State of Alabama made a special \$6,000,000 Grant to upgrade the facilities of this institution.
- ❖ 58% of Fort Rucker employees are contractors-providing flexibility to surge to support new/increased training requirements.

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❖ WHY IT MAKES SENSE

- ❖ Synergy
- ❖ Aviation is the only Branch not training Officers & Enlisted at same location.
- ❖ Fosters Consistency, Standardization and Training Proficiency.
- ❖ Allows Training to be adapted to changing landscape based on lessons learned.
- ❖ Supports Army Initiatives
 - ❖ Reduces number of MOS Training Locations.
 - ❖ Support Army Transformation by collocating institutional training.

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- ❖ **TRANSITIONING FROM FORT EUSTIS TO FORT RUCKER**
 - ❖ Fort Rucker has a viable **TRANSITION PLAN**
 - ❖ No Training Degradation
 - ❖ Equipment can be moved
- ❖ **AVAILABILITY OF INSTRUCTORS**
 - ❖ Instructor Availability is not an issue