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FROM: BRAC Commission

SUBJECT: Request Comment on Maneuver Training Recommendation Related Topics.

1. Fort Benning related topics identified during the Commissions visit to Fort Benning on 4 June 2005.

- a. Fort Benning indicates it can support the relocation of the Armor School and Center to Fort Benning. It believes its available training area acreage is sufficient. A question was raised on 26 May by Fort Knox regarding availability of training space at Fort Benning. Please confirm Fort Benning's training space adequacy.

Fort Benning indicates its net maneuver training area consists of 142,126 acres. The maneuver area is further divided into 63,694 acre for light maneuver and 78,432 acres for heavy maneuver. The available training days to support Armor School training is in excess of 190 days. Based on the data submitted by the Armor School (major training requirements, training land categories, and required days to train) Fort Benning believes it can meet Fort Knox's training area requirements.

- b. Please indicate whether there is a cost advantage to the Army to accomplish this BOLC II training mission at Fort Benning versus Fort Knox.

Fort Benning tested the second phase of Basic Officer's Leader's Course (BOLC II). In July Fort Benning will execute the pilot course to train initial students and certify all BOLC II instructors in a train the trainer format. In January 2006 Fort Benning will stand-up two companies of BOLC II for classes. With the establishment of the Maneuver Center at Fort Benning, and the currently available facilities, Fort Benning can accept the additional two companies programmed to operate at Fort Knox in FY06. Additionally, Fort Benning can accommodate this decision for \$10M where Fort Knox requires \$15M to establish facilities for the two companies, train for two years, and then relocate, at an unknown cost, to Fort Benning and Fort Leonard Wood. According to Fort Benning if \$10M of the \$15M

is redirected to Fort Benning, BOLC II can begin with four companies in FY06 at Fort Benning.

- c. Please indicate if DoD/DA does not concur with Fort Benning's concept or schedule for implementation of the Maneuver Center at Fort Benning.

Fort Benning presented an initial concept plan and schedule for the Maneuver Center's implementation at Fort Benning. The plan implements the recommendation by activating the Maneuver Center in FY07, consolidating the Armor School's non-tank specific programs of instruction in FY08, and consolidating the Armor School's tank specific programs of instruction in FY09.

- d. Please comment on whether or not the Maneuver Training recommendation's provision affecting ARI realignment correctly reflects the Army's intention.

An Army Research Institute (ARI) field office at Fort Knox supports with research the Armor Center, and similarly at Fort Benning another ARI field office supports the Infantry Center. When the implementation of the Maneuver Center recommendation causes the Armor Center to relocate to Fort Benning, the Fort Knox ARI field office is directed by BRAC recommendation to relocate to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD, to perform assigned research. The Fort Knox ARI field office has indicated that the BRAC recommendation (Maneuver Training) for ARI realignment does not meet ARI research needs. ARI officials confirmed in an email (attached) on 3 June 05 via the Fort Benning ARI office that the recommendation as written is inconsistent with ARI's view of Army needs.

## 2. Ft. Benning provided briefing document

Please provide comments related to the content of the attached Ft. Benning documents.

Regards,

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Army Team Leader



### Recommendations Impacting Fort Benning

- Realign Installations to Create Joint and Combined Centers of Excellence**
1. Consolidate the Armor & Infantry Centers and Schools to create a Maneuver Center at Fort Benning, GA
  2. Drill Sergeants Training is realigned from three locations (Fort Benning, GA; Fort Jackson, SC; and Fort Leonard Wood, MO) to one location (Fort Jackson)

- Close Fort Gillem, Georgia**
3. Relocate the 81st RRC Equipment Concentration Site to Ft. Benning, GA.

- RC Transformation in Georgia**
4. Close the United States Army Reserve Center, Columbus, Georgia and relocate and consolidate those units together with Army Reserve Units currently on Fort Benning into a new United States Army Reserve Center on Fort Benning, Georgia.



### Realign Installations to Create Joint and Combined Centers of Excellence

- (Gain) Consolidate the Armor & Infantry Centers and Schools to create a Maneuver Center at Fort Benning, GA

#### Considerations:

1. Fully support and have a plan to implement the recommendation.
2. Identify Command & Control architecture for Maneuver Center in order to implement no later than FY07.
3. Identify Armor Center and School validated requirements for planning in order to fully integrate into Maneuver Center operations no later than FY07 and commence phased realignment actions no later than FY08.
4. Identify Infantry Center and School validated requirements for planning in order to fully integrate into Maneuver Center operations no later than FY07.



### Realign Installations to Create Joint and Combined Centers of Excellence

- (Loss) Drill Sergeants Training is realigned from three locations (Fort Benning, GA; Fort Jackson, SC; and Fort Leonard Wood, MO) to one location (Fort Jackson)

#### Considerations:

1. Fully support the recommendation and prepared to execute Fort Jackson's plan to implement the recommendation.
2. 21 enlisted TRADOC TDA positions. No significant adverse impacts.
3. Can execute in FY06.



### Close Fort Gillem, Georgia

- (Gain) Relocate the 81st RRC Equipment Concentration Site to Ft. Benning, GA.

#### Considerations:

1. Fully support and have a plan to implement the recommendation.
2. 81<sup>st</sup> RRC/43<sup>rd</sup> Equipment Concentration Site requires construction of facilities programmed in existing DD 1391. Expect beneficial occupancy in FY09.



## RC Transformation in Georgia

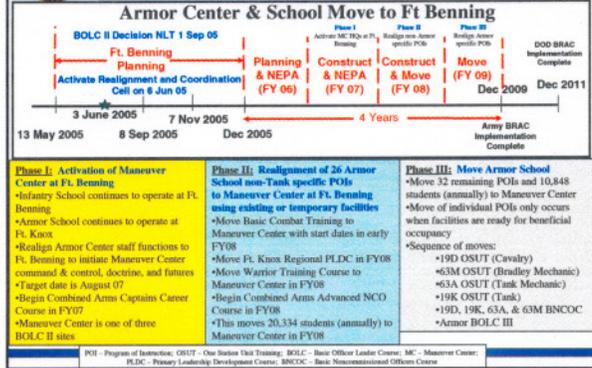
– (Gain) Close the United States Army Reserve Center, Columbus, Georgia and relocate and consolidate those units together with Army Reserve Units currently on Fort Benning into a new United States Army Reserve Center on Fort Benning, Georgia

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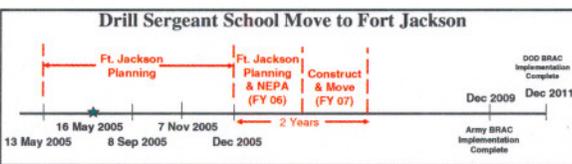
1. Fully support and have a plan to implement the recommendation.
2. US Army Reserve Center Fort Benning requires construction of facilities programmed in existing DD 1391. Expect beneficial occupancy in FY09.



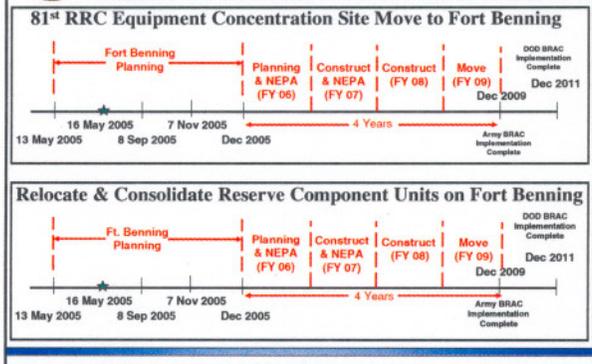
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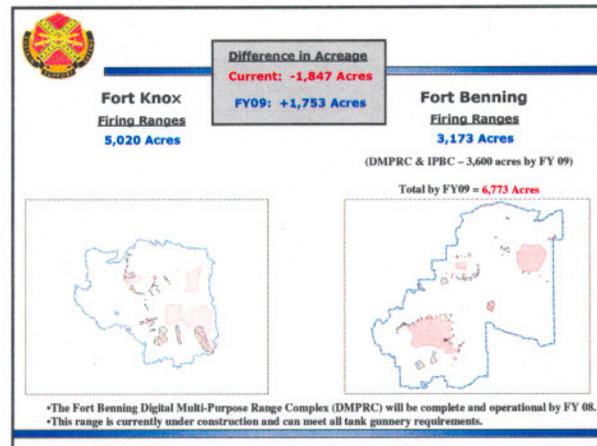
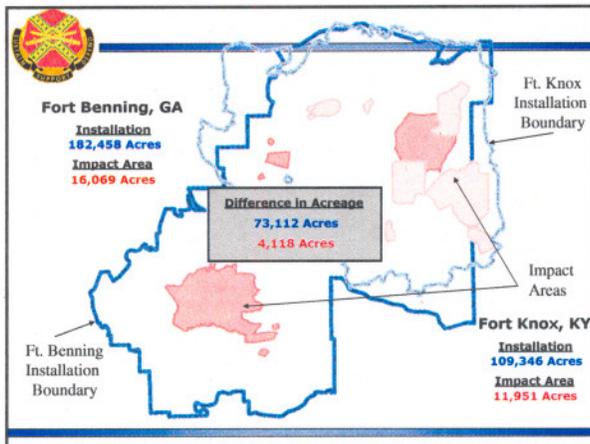
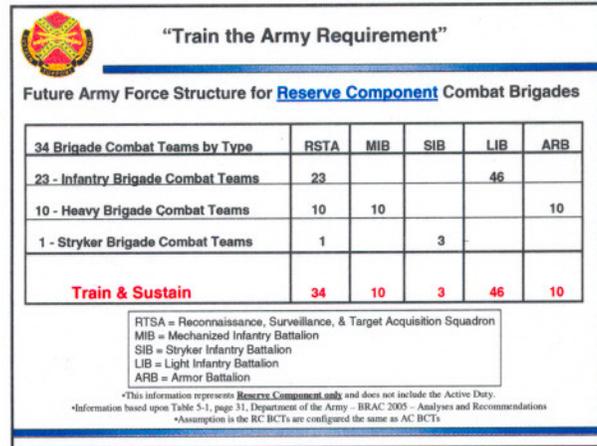
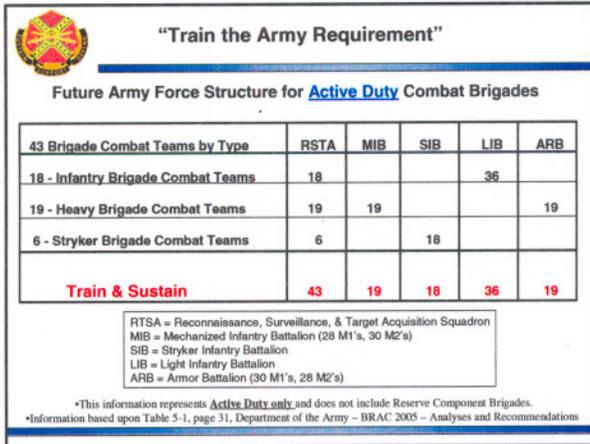


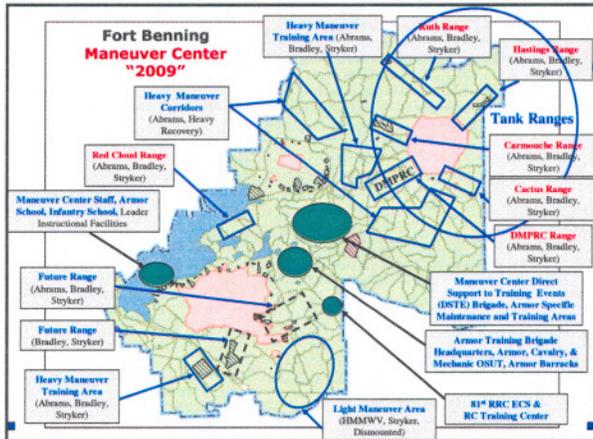
## Implementation Timelines (continued)



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**Proposed Maneuver Center Mission**

The United States Army Maneuver Center will:

- Provide the nation with the world's best trained Armor, Cavalry, Reconnaissance and Infantry Soldiers and adaptive leaders imbued with the Warrior Ethos.
- Act as a Power Projection Platform capable of deploying and redeploying Soldiers, civilians, and units anywhere in the world on short notice.
- Define Armor, Cavalry, Reconnaissance Surveillance, & Target Acquisition and Infantry requirements for materiel developers to meet the needs of the Future Force.



### Response to E0343

**Question:**

Please provide requested information on the Armor School move to Ft. Benning

**Answer:**

Question:

Fort Benning indicates it can support the relocation of the Armor School and Center to Fort Benning. It believes its available training area acreage is sufficient. A question was raised on 26 May by Fort Knox regarding availability of training space at Fort Benning. Please confirm Fort Benning's training space adequacy.

Answer:

Fort Benning has the necessary capacity to effectively create the Maneuver Center. Maneuver/training area and range requirements of the Armor School were major areas of consideration in our analysis in determining the feasibility of creating the Maneuver Center at Fort Benning. To determine the adequacy, Training Circular 25-1 on Training Land, was used to determine maneuver/training area requirements. The primary purpose of this circular is to state the Army's core Maneuver/training area requirements for Army activities based on Army Training and Evaluation Program Mission Training Plans. This provided a solid doctrinal basis to determine requirements. Each course requirement of the Armor School was analyzed, by appropriate members of the Fort Benning Garrison staff, to determine if the installation could effectively train Armor School in addition to their current and projected requirements. Through the efficient use and scheduling of training/maneuver land and ranges, it was determined and certified that sufficient capacity was available to effectively train the Armor School's requirements. This analysis included the planned addition of a light brigade being stood up at Fort Benning. The decision to stand this brigade up at Fort Knox will free up additional training resources.

Question:

Please indicate whether there is a cost advantage to the Army to accomplish this BOLC II training mission at Fort Benning versus Fort Knox.

Answer:

This cost comparison was not analyzed as part of the Maneuver Center recommendation. Clearly the BOLC II training mission belongs to a school house; therefore, it would only make sense to train BOLC II at the Maneuver Center at Fort

Benning. If the commission chooses to leave the Armor Center & School at Fort Knox, then a detailed analysis comparing the costs of conducting BOLC II at each installation should be conducted.

Question:

Please indicate if DoD/DA does not concur with Fort Benning's concept or schedule for implementation of the Maneuver Center at Fort Benning.

Answer:

This question should be directed to the BRAC Division of ACSIM.

Question:

Please comment on whether or not the Maneuver Training recommendation's provision affecting ARI realignment correctly reflects the Army's intention.

Answer:

"The BRAC recommendation from the Technical Joint Cross Service Group (TJCSG) to move the Human Systems Research function from Ft. Knox to APG is not a part of the Maneuver Training Recommendation that moved the Armor School.. The TJCSG recommendation transforms C4ISR research and development for Land Combat to enable Network Centric Warfare. The C4ISR to APG Recommendation collocates the resources to integrate research in individual and networked human behavior with the more traditional C4ISR technologies. The Network is a network of humans. The research and development of concepts and training must be done in concert with that of the sensors, information systems, and communications systems if we are to achieve the potential of Network Centric Warfare. The ARI element at Ft. Knox is the Army element doing human systems research in networks and C4ISR. Their relocation to APG is an essential element of transforming for the future. "\*\*

**References:**

**Approved By:**

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**Date:** 13-Jun-05