

# ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

## ALABAMA

### LOCATION

Anniston Army Depot (ANAD) is located in Calhoun County, which is in northeast Alabama. The depot is 63 miles east of Birmingham and 95 miles west of Atlanta just off Interstate 20. The installation is located on rolling foothills of the southern Appalachian Mountain chain. The cities of Anniston and Oxford are located approximately ten miles from the headquarters building. There are also two small airports located within an eight-mile radius. To the north, the installation is bordered by Pelham Range, a 20,000 acre training range operated by the Alabama Army National Guard. There are no encroachment issues. ANAD is subject to all four seasons, with relatively mild winters and humid summers. The average annual temperature is 60.4 degrees Fahrenheit with monthly averages ranging from 40.6 in January to 80.3 in July. With a \$1.1 billion economic impact, ANAD is not only a major economic component in the area, but also, and just as important, it is an integral part of both Calhoun and surrounding counties and is one of the contributing forces that serves to shape and define the area.

### SIZE

**Acres:** 15,279.35

**Square Footage of Buildings:** 8,971,016 SF

**Plant Replacement Value:** \$1,486,412,000

### HISTORY

Anniston Ordnance Depot (AOD) was constructed in 1941 with storage igloos, magazines, warehouses and several administrative buildings. By 1942, the depot workforce totaled 4,339. Nearly a decade later, in the 1950's, AOD began an assignment to overhaul and repair combat vehicles. In 1961, the first chemical weapons arrived for storage. AOD was renamed in 1962 under the jurisdiction of the Army Materiel Command. The maintenance and storage missions began the next year under the name Anniston Army Depot (ANAD). ANAD began repair and overhaul of the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank and its' components in the mid 1980's. Major infrastructure improvements were required as a result of this mission to include increased heavy lift capabilities throughout the Nichols Industrial Complex and replacing existing roads designed to withstand repeated 70 ton + combat vehicle traffic. As a result of BRAC 1995 and the realignment of Letterkenny and Red River Army Depots, ANAD was the recipient of towed and self-propelled artillery and light combat vehicle missions. In 2000, ANAD assumed responsibility for the Defense Generator and Rail Center (DGRC), which is physically located at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah. The Chemical Demilitarization Facility started operations in August 2003 to safely destroy approximately 31.5 thousand tons of the national stockpile of chemical weapons. Over the years, ANAD has developed into America's Combat Vehicle Support Center and has maintained robust ammunition and Defense Logistics Agency storage missions. ANAD is

transforming with the Army and utilizing innovative initiatives to include but not limited to Workforce Revitalization, Lean/Six Sigma, and Partnering with Industry.

## **MISSIONS**

Anniston Army Depot provides industrial and technical support, both at home and abroad to joint services, for repair and overhaul of light to heavy combat vehicles, artillery systems, bridge systems, small arms, and secondary components of all these systems. ANAD is the premier DOD Center for Industrial and Technical Excellence capable of the overhaul and refurbishment of the above described systems. The new STRYKER Vehicle is being produced at ANAD with commercial partner, General Dynamics. ANAD leads all other DOD industrial installations in partnering with private industry programs. The most valuable resource existing at ANAD is the multi-skilled work force that would take decades to replace. DGRC is the only facility of its kind in DOD providing all levels of rail equipment (DOD's locomotive fleet and rail cars) maintenance and the modification of non-tactical generators. The mission of Anniston Defense Munitions Center (ADMC) is to receive, inspect, renovate, modify, demilitarize, issue, and ship conventional ammunition and missiles. ADMC has DOD's only Missile Recycling Center. Missions of the Anniston Chemical Activity are to safely manage, store, and demil the chemical stockpile at ANAD. This organization, along with matrix support from all other major organizations on the installation, maintains preparedness for chemical accidents/incidents. With \$8.6 billion in inventory and 5.3 million square feet of storage space, the Defense Distribution Depot Anniston has the missions of supply support to ANAD, repository and worldwide distribution for DOD small arms, and CONUS depot for worldwide distribution of ground combat and combat support systems. The primary mission of the U.S. Army Historical Clearinghouse is to receive, ship, and store historical artifacts and property on behalf of the U.S. Army Center of Military History.

## **MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Alabama (Defense Logistics Agency)  
Anniston Defense Munitions Center (Joint Munitions Command)  
Anniston Chemical Activity (Chemical Management Agency)  
U.S. Army Center of Military History Clearing House

There are a total of 19 tenants within the fence lines of ANAD.

## **POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	255
Civilian	3,368
Contractor	1,334
Student	0
Other	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,013</b>