

# **CHARLES E. KELLY SUPPORT FACILITY**

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **LOCATION**

The Charles E. Kelly Support Facility (CEKSF) is surrounded by Allegheny County in western Pennsylvania. CEKSF is comprised of a Main Post and two satellite sites. The Main Post is located approximately 12 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, PA. The Neville Island Maintenance Facility is located 15 miles north of the Main Post and 3 miles west of Pittsburgh on Neville Island, an island in the Ohio River. The second satellite site is Site 62, which is located 1.5 miles from the Main Post. CEKSF is surrounded on the north, west and east by forested hills and pasture land. To the south is a small housing development. CEKSF is located 11.3 miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport and the Pittsburgh International Airport Joint Air Reserve Station, which can handle large transport aircraft. There is easy access to all CEKSF sites from Interstate 79. The climate for CEKSF is temperate.

### **SIZE**

**Acres:** 283.92

**Square Footage of Buildings:** 358,822 SF

**Plant Replacement Value:** \$49.8M

### **HISTORY**

In 1961 the facility was first occupied by the Headquarters, US Army Support Detachment, the Headquarters Battery, 18<sup>th</sup> Artillery Group and the 662nd Radar Squadron of the United States Air Force with the mission of operating Pittsburgh's Air Defense System. In 1972 the Federal Aviation Administration assumed the complete radar mission and continues to operate the radar tower that provides real time information to the Cleveland Regional Direction Center. It remains the primary backup radar support to the Pittsburgh International Airport. In 1974 Forces Command (FORSCOM) implemented a plan to support reserve components in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The cost savings plan cancelled costly leases for the 99<sup>th</sup> ARCOM (now the 99<sup>th</sup> RRC) Headquarters, Leetsdale Reserve Center, and the Consolidated Supply Activity at Neville Island and moved military units to land owned by the US Army. The US Army Support Detachment mission became supporting Army Reserve units' readiness. In June 1977, the post was designated as the Oakdale Support Element and the support activities reported to Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA. In 1987 the Oakdale Support Element, now a sub-Installation of Fort George G. Meade, was renamed the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility in honor of Congressional Medal of Honor winner Charles E. "Commando" Kelly. In 1993, as a result of BRAC 91, CEKSF was realigned as a sub-Installation of Fort Drum, NY. In 1997 CEKSF was realigned as a sub-Installation of Fort Dix, NJ as a USARC facility. This realignment was a result of BRAC 95 and recognized the role that CEKSF fills in supporting Reserve units. In

October 2001 CEKSF implemented an in-house Most Efficient Organization after an in-house win in a base-wide commercial activities study.

**MISSIONS**

The Charles E. Kelly Support Facility’s (CEKSF) mission is to provide base operations support to the surrounding armed forces community and to provide installation services to four (4) army reserve units and four (4) other federal agencies located on the installation. CEKSF also provides various base operations support services to over 400 Army Reserve Units/Detachments within six states surrounding the Installation (PA – 196 units, OH – 2 units, WV – 46 units, DE – 13 units, VA – 103 units, MD – 67 units). The DS/GS Maintenance Facility ensures that all equipment is fully mission capable by providing maintenance and repair of tactical vehicles, commercial vehicles, night vision equipment, weapons and electronic equipment. The Neville Island Maintenance Facility’s location, with easy access to Interstate 79 and the Ohio River, makes it an ideal, centralized maintenance support facility for the 99<sup>th</sup> RRC Reserve units located in western Pennsylvania. CEKSF’s Transportation Division provides and manages approximately \$20.0M of transportation services annually. In FY03 CEKSF arranged the transportation of 9,697 soldiers in support of pre-mobilization and mobilization. In addition to the pre-mobilization and mobilization movements, the division arranges approximately 60,000 personnel movements, 1,300 unit movements, 5,000 personal property transactions, and 2,400 Commercial and Government Bills of Lading for military and other freight. CEKSF has an ID card section, warehousing facilities, a Distance Learning Center, a Commissary, an Exchange, and MWR Facilities supporting active duty personnel, reservists, dependents, and retirees of all military services. According to the Defense Management Data Center - East, CEKSF’s potential customer base within a 50 mile radius is 69,478 personnel including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and DOD civilians.

**MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

2/312 <sup>th</sup> Training Support Battalion, 78 <sup>th</sup> Training Division	
303 <sup>rd</sup> Psychological Operations Company	
864 <sup>th</sup> Replacement Company	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Adjutant General Company	
Defense Commissary Agency	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
Federal Aviation Administration	General Services Administration

**POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	354
Civilian	123
Contractor	23
Student	0
Other	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>504</b>