

CRANE ARMY AMMUNITION ACTIVITY

INDIANA

LOCATION

Crane Army Ammunition Activity (CAAA) is a tenant located at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Indiana. Crane is located in southwest Indiana approximately 75 miles southwest of Indianapolis and 71 miles northwest of Louisville, Kentucky. Neighboring communities include Bloomington, Bedford, Mitchell, Loogootee, Mitchell, Bloomfield and Linton. Crane Army Ammunition Activity extends over the 64,473 acres (100 sq miles) and into Martin, Daviess, Green and Lawrence counties. CAAA employs personnel from 25 different Indiana counties. CAAA has access to three airports; Indianapolis, Louisville, and Bloomington. The area surrounding Crane Army Ammunition Activity is predominantly rural and hilly making an excellent location for an ammunition facility and military base. There are no encroachment problems surrounding the 100 square mile facility. For the most part, CAAA is surrounded by woodlands or farm ground on the entire perimeter of the base. CAAA is linked internally with an extensive transportation infrastructure including 407 miles of surface roads and 160 miles of railways. Rail access to the base is via the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Lake Greenwood, an 800-acre lake, provides water to the base. CAAA is subject to all four seasons with little impact to mission. Crane Army Ammunition Activity shares the base with its host, Naval Support Activity; Crane, Indiana.

SIZE

Acres: 51, 200 leased from Navy

Building Square Footage: 7,231,511 SF

Plant Replacement Value : \$2,030,218,000

HISTORY

Commissioned in December 1941, the installation started out as a Naval Ammunition Depot. Crane was constructed inland to minimize the dangers of an enemy air attack. It is remote from any congested populated areas and the hilly terrain provides camouflage protection for munition magazines. The Single Manager concept gave the Army the task of providing conventional ammunition to all services. Consequently, CAAA was activated on 1 October 1977. On 1 Oct 2000, Letterkenny Munitions Center came under the authority of the Commander, Crane Army Ammunition Activity.

MISSIONS

CAAA stores, ships, produces, renovates, and demilitarizes ammunition for the war-fighter. With extensive experience in pyrotechnics, CAAA is a recognized center of technical experience for military pyrotechnic devices. CAAA is also a leader in projectile loading. As a logistics Power Projection Platform, CAAA is a crucial provider for ammunition to the war-fighter. Our mission includes providing munitions for both the first 30 days of a contingency and for training. With a storage capacity of 650,000 tons of ammunition, CAAA is one of the largest Department of Defense Storages sites. CAAA also handles Category I and Category II munitions. With an 80-acre demolition range and a 40-acre ammunition burning ground, CAAA can dispose of most unneeded or unsafe munitions.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	4
Civilian	455
Contractor	0
Student	0
Other	0
TOTAL	459