

## **FORT BELVOIR**

### **VIRGINIA**

#### **LOCATION**

Fort Belvoir is located in northeastern Virginia in the general National Capital Region of Washington, D.C. This military installation is located approximately 10 miles south of the Pentagon in Southeastern Fairfax County; one of the oldest and most historic areas of Virginia and one of the fastest growing. Nearby communities include Franconia, Mount Vernon, Newington, Springfield, and Lorton.

Fort Belvoir is an 8,657-acre post and is one of the larger installations in the National Capital Region. The distance from Fort Belvoir to Washington D.C. is fifteen miles. The distance to the Virginia state capital of Richmond is 83 miles. The scenic Potomac River runs south along this beautiful installation.

#### **SIZE**

**Acres:** 8,657

**Building Square Footage:** 11,193,936 SF

**Plant Replacement Value (PRV):** \$2,047,451,000

#### **HISTORY**

Fort Belvoir's modern history began in 1910 when the District of Columbia acquired the property with plans to build a reformatory for juvenile offenders. Because of community opposition, the land was turned over to the War Department to be used as a tactical training area by the troops at Washington Barracks. With the advent of World War I in 1917, the Engineer School began construction of Camp A.A. Humphreys. The Army Engineer School was formally transferred to the camp in 1919. In 1922 the name was formally changed to Fort Humphreys, and the post became a permanent army installation.

In 1935 President Franklin D. Roosevelt formally changed the name to Fort Belvoir to restore the site's colonial links, and to commemorate the plantation site of Colonel William Fairfax who built his manor house on the site in 1737. In World War II, Fort Belvoir was home to the Engineer Replacement Training Center which trained thousands of engineer soldiers and officers for deployment to theatres of operations around the globe. The Engineer School was formally transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in 1989 and command of Fort Belvoir was then transferred from the Training and Doctrine Command to the Military District of Washington. Today Fort Belvoir is an administrative installation, home to many Army, DoD, and other service tenants.

## **MISSIONS**

Fort Belvoir's primary mission is to provide essential administrative and base operations support to its Soldiers, families, employees and tenant organizations. Fort Belvoir is a "joint" facility for tenants from all armed forces, and several DOD agencies. The installation and its staff is dedicated and focused on meeting the needs of the Army world-wide. Tenant missions include providing superior technology, acquisition support and logistics to ensure dominant land force capability for Soldiers, the United States and our Allies. They also develop, produce, field and sustain everything that the soldier wears, carries and operates. Other missions focus on joint war fighting concepts, tactical and non-tactical information technology and communications; research and development, professional and skills training; and criminal investigations. While Fort Belvoir is not a mobilization station; we have mobilized and demobilized soldiers of the Individual Ready Reserve, Individual Mobilization Augmentees, retirees, civilians and some units.

We make use of various transportation networks to accomplish this mission. Located near the installation is Reagan National Airport and Andrews Air Force Base (both approximately 20 miles), Amtrak Railroad (4.4 miles), and Baltimore port (69.6 miles). The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Fairfax County Transit system provide for mass transit both on and off post.

## **MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

Major Units on the installation are 29th Infantry Division (L) Headquarters; 12th Aviation Battalion; 737<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company; Company E, 302<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Army Signal Battalion; 9<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command, and the Operations Support Airlift Command. Our major tenants include the Defense Acquisition University, Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Federal Deployment Center, Army Management Staff College, Army Intelligence and Security Command, Army Materiel Command, Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, US. Army Security Assistance Command, Criminal Investigation Command, National Geospatial and Intelligence School, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, and the Concepts and Analysis Agency. Located on a sub-installation at Charlottesville, Virginia, is the National Grounds Intelligence Center.

## **POPULATION**

|              | <b>Authorized</b> |
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| Military     | 3354              |
| Civilian     | 10,597            |
| Contractor   | 4466              |
| Student      | 452               |
| Other        | 1,559             |
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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>20,428</b>     |