

FORT BLISS

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LOCATION

Fort Bliss is headquartered in El Paso, TX, a city of over 637,000 located on the north bank of the Rio Grande on the United States-Mexico border. Whether traveling by plane, train, bus or car, the international cities connect to every important city in Mexico or the United States. The main cantonment area is just five minutes from the El Paso International Airport. The city's area is 240 square miles and El Paso County's area is 1,054 square miles. Major highways to and from El Paso include Interstate 10, U.S. 80, U.S. 180, U.S. 62, U.S. 54, U.S. 85, Mexico 45, and the Border Freeway.

SIZE

Acres: 1,117,501.61

Square Footage of Buildings: 16,970,099 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$4,049,489,000

HISTORY

Originally established in 1848 to protect American settlers from Indians and bandits, Fort Bliss is one of the Army's oldest posts with a rich history of service to our Nation. Since 1940 we have been the home of the Anti-aircraft/Air Defense Artillery and have provided forces for: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Bosnia/Kosovo and Iraq. Fort Bliss is a giant among military installations in sheer size and the products and services we provide our Soldiers worldwide. Current missions we support include: Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MISSIONS

Fort Bliss is a prototypical installation for the XXI century, and is home to the Air Defense Artillery and other joint, interagency and multinational units. The Air Defense Artillery School and the 6th ADA Training Brigade are responsible for training tactics and procedures to both U.S. and allied nation soldiers. The United States Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) (also a TRADOC entity) provides the Army's only graduate level (9 months) education for senior Non-Commissioned Officers. Fort Bliss is also home to several of the Army's premier warfighting units, including 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, 11th ADA Bde, 31st ADA Bde, 108th ADA Bde, and the 978th Military Police Company, all of which played an extensive part of Operations Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom. Other Commands and agencies located here include, Joint Task Force North, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, 204th

Military Intelligence Battalion, 204th Security Squadron of the Texas Air National Guard, Marines, and the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC).

As a Power Projection Platform, Fort Bliss administers, mobilizes, trains, and deploys active duty Army, National Guard, and Army Reserves personnel, and personnel of other services. Fort Bliss also operates the only CONUS replacement center in DOD for SWA and provides support and execution of Annual Service Practices for Army and foreign air defense units.

MAJOR UNITS / PARTNERS

USAADACENFB

6TH ADA BDE

32nd AAMDC

11 ADA BDE

108th ADA BDE

31st ADA BDE

USASMA

WBAMC

Joint Task Force North

USAOTC (OP Test CMD)

Germany Air Force Air Defense (GAFADS)

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	10,014
Civilian	3,088
Contractor	2,085
Student	1,910
Other	1,928
TOTAL	19,025