

FORT CAMPBELL

KENTUCKY

LOCATION

Fort Campbell is located in southwestern Kentucky and north central Tennessee in portions of four counties: Montgomery and Stewart counties in TN, and Christian and Trigg Counties in KY. Fort Campbell is positioned between Clarksville, TN and Hopkinsville, KY, Exit 86 off I-24. The nearest large cities and major airports are located in Nashville, TN, 55 miles and Louisville, KY, 190 miles. Fort Campbell is adjacent to Clarksville, TN and is approximately three miles south of the Hopkinsville, KY corporate limits. Farm and woodlands account for approximately 50% of surrounding lands.

SIZE

Acres: 105,199 (164 square miles)

Square Footage of Buildings: 19,243,335 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$4.4B

HISTORY

The site of current day Fort Campbell was selected on July 16, 1941, with construction beginning Feb. 4, 1942. From that time until the end of World War II, Camp Campbell was the training ground for the 12th, 14th and 20th Armored Divisions, Headquarters IV Armored Corps and the 26th Infantry Division. In the spring of 1949, the 11th Airborne Division arrived at Campbell following occupation duty in Japan. In April 1950, the post became a permanent installation and was redesignated Fort Campbell. On Sept. 21, 1956, Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Bruckner and the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, presented the colors of the 101st Airborne Division to Maj. Gen. T.L. Sherbourne, the first Commander of the Reorganization of the Airborne Division (ROTAD). This was the official ceremony reactivating the famed "Screaming Eagles" of World War II. On May 2, 1966, Third Army General Order 161 directed the activation of a Basic Combat Training Center at Fort Campbell. The 1st Brigade was sent for duty in Vietnam in July 1965. After the war escalated, the rest of the division joined the "Always First Brigade." The 6th Infantry Division was reactivated at Fort Campbell on Nov. 24, 1966, and inactivated July 25, 1968. On Aug. 18, 1969, the U.S. Army Training Center and headquarters, Fort Campbell, was combined. The 173rd Airborne Brigade got its official homecoming on Sept. 2, 1971, welcomed by Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird. The 173rd was redesignated as the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). On April 15, 1972, the U.S. Army Training Center was inactivated. Fort Campbell has been home to several airborne, armored and infantry divisions and has grown to be one of the Army's most important permanent installations. Throughout this 60-year period, Fort Campbell has provided training and support to front-line Army units in our nation's wars, starting from WW II through Vietnam and up to the current Global War on Terrorism.

MISSION

Fort Campbell's mission is to support training, mobilization, and deployment of mission-ready forces. Fort Campbell provides services, facilities, and a safe and secure environment to our soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans and their families, while transforming for the future. Fort Campbell is the home of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), with a mission to deploy in 36 hours worldwide, to destroy enemy armed forces and to control land area, including populations and resources by employing the unique capabilities of the Air Assault Division. To fulfill its mission, Fort Campbell maintains 63,364 acres of maneuver space, 58 live fire ranges, 3 impact areas, 172 artillery firing points, 51 maneuver/training areas, a special operations training center, 3 Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training facilities, 2 shoot houses, 9 drop zones, 5 landing zones, 1 flight landing strip and two airfields. Campbell Army Airfield is the Army's largest, spanning 2,500 acres and can accommodate any aircraft in the DoD inventory, as well it serves as a secondary landing site for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration and the space shuttle transport. Due to its strategic location, Fort Campbell is capable of deploying soldiers and equipment by air, rail, road, and is currently the only active component Army installation to transport equipment via inland waterway barge. Soldiers and equipment can be deployed directly to the Theater of Operations from Campbell Army Airfield and/or equipment can be transported for seaport debarkation in Jacksonville, FL via fast sealift ships.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

Major Units - 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

Separate & Tenant Units - The six major tenant units at Fort Campbell include 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (ABN), 716th Military Police Battalion, U.S. Army Medical Activity, TN Valley District, Veterinary Command and U.S. Army Dental Activity.

POPULATION

Fort Campbell supports the 3rd largest military population in the Army and the 7th largest in the Department of Defense. Additionally, the installation provides support services to family members, National Guard and Reserve units, and retirees. Fort Campbell is the largest employer in the TN/KY area.

	Authorized
Military	23,412
Civilian	2,964
Contractor	5,394
Student	155
Other	1410
TOTAL	33,335