

FORT DETRICK

MARYLAND

LOCATION

Fort Detrick is in close proximity to Command and Control activities at the Pentagon, The Office of the Surgeon General and other commands such as Installation Management Agency (IMA) and Military District of Washington (MDW). The Installation is located in Frederick, MD, in the heart of Frederick County, the third fastest growing county and the second largest city in Maryland. We are located approximately one hour from the Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD, metropolitan areas, both easily accessible by major interstate highways. The Post is near a railhead (28 miles) and a major seaport in Baltimore. On weather patterns, the post is subject to all four seasons.

SIZE

Acres: 1,153

Square Footage of Buildings: 2,129,672 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$950,165,400

HISTORY

Camp Detrick was made a permanent training field for annual encampment of the 104th Aero Squadron of the 29th Division (Maryland National Guard) in 1931 and named Detrick Field in honor of the late Dr. Frederick L. Detrick, flight surgeon of the unit. In 1938, Detrick Field was removed from the list of military and emergency airfields; but in 1939, the federal government renewed its lease. With World War II looming, Detrick Field became home for a Cadet Pilot Training Program. Quartermaster Corps soldiers from Fort Ritchie, approximately 26 miles north near Sabillasville, MD, were assigned to Detrick Field and kept the facilities operating in the years immediately preceding the onset of World War II. The last airplanes departed Detrick Field in December, 1941, and January, 1942 after the Japanese Imperial Navy bombed US Military forces in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. After Declaration of War, the 104th and Cadet Training pilots were reassigned to conduct antisubmarine patrols off the Atlantic Coast. Camp Detrick was renamed Fort Detrick as part of the Nation's response to the World War II biological warfare threat. This conversion of the World War II-era program to an all-medical defensive effort reflects the ramp-up of national scientific and technical resources required to focus on and meet new critical needs. The adaptability of Fort Detrick to changing requirements and national priorities is the reason this community of excellence still exists and continues to play a vital role in national defense. Today, Fort Detrick is a premier quad-service Installation committed to excellence. Medical biological defense is just one area in which Fort Detrick units provide critical leadership. Through medical research and development, medical materiel acquisition, medical logistics, medical information technology development, global telecommunications, cancer research, and many other areas, Fort Detrick is leading the way to the ultimate goal of saving military

and civilian lives through improved health care delivery on the battlefield and in the hospital. Proud of its past, Fort Detrick is focused on a future of continued excellence in service to the Nation.

MISSIONS

Fort Detrick’s missions include base operations support (US Army Garrison– USAG) and strategic missions including national biomedical research and development, joint medical logistics, and global telecommunications. The USAG provides support to the Raven Rock Mountain Complex, Camp David and Communications Sites C and D. The USAG also provides morale, welfare, recreation, and other support services for authorized military and family members, and retirees. As an Army Medical Department Installation, Fort Detrick is under the command and control of the US Army Medical Command, and is recognized as a “Special Installation” under the IMA.

Fort Detrick’s missions support Department of Defense (DOD) organizations as well as other federal agencies operating on the Installation. The Garrison serves four of President Bush’s Cabinet-level agencies, which include DOD, Department of Agriculture, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Department of Health and Human Services. Within the DOD, Fort Detrick supports elements of all military services. As the key player in National Biodefense Strategy, the National Interagency Biodefense Campus (NIBC) will be constructed on the Installation over the next seven years. This Campus will bring together, at one location, several federal agencies. The Campus will enhance public health research, biomedical research, and biotechnology development and encourage scientific collaboration. USAG is the facilitator for the National Interagency Biodefense Coordinating Committee (NIBCC) and established a process for promoting federal interagency coordination in facilities planning and technology sharing to minimize duplication of effort, technology and facilities.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

- US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
- US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases
- US Army Medical Materiel Agency
- 21st Signal Brigade
- National Cancer Institute (National Institutes of Health)

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	1,181
Civilian	2,385
Contractor	2,485
Student	6
Other	165
TOTAL	6,222