

# FORT DRUM

## NEW YORK

### LOCATION

Fort Drum is located in northern New York and is surrounded by Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The installation is 30 miles from Canada, with the Great Lakes to the west, the Adirondack Mountains to the east, and the St. Lawrence River and Thousand Islands in between. The southwestern two-thirds of the installation lie within a lowland plain, which slopes westward from the Adirondack Mountains to Lake Ontario. The northeastern one-third lies in the western foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. Land use in the region is dominated by agriculture, particularly dairy farms. The closest city is Watertown, located 10 miles southeast of the installation. Annual temperatures range from a mean low of 9 degrees Fahrenheit in January to a mean high temperature of 79 degrees Fahrenheit in July. Average annual precipitation is 42.6 inches per year, with an average annual snowfall over 100 inches per year.

### SIZE

**Acres:** 107,648

**Square Footage of Buildings:** 14,638,186 SF

**Plant Replacement Value:** \$2,667,187,000

### HISTORY

Fort Drum has been used as a military training site since 1908. With the outbreak of World War II, the area known as Pine Camp was selected for a major expansion and an additional 75,000 acres of land was purchased. The three divisions to train at Pine Camp were General George S. Patton's 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division (Gen. Creighton Abrams was a battalion commander here at the time), the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the 5<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. Pine Camp became Camp Drum in 1951, named after Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum who commanded the first Army during WW II. During and after the Korean Conflict a number of units were stationed and trained here to take advantage of the terrain and climate. The post was designated Fort Drum in 1974 and a permanent garrison was assigned. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1984, the announcement was made that Fort Drum would be the new home of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry). Between 1985 and 1992 Fort Drum was the site of the largest peacetime military construction expansion in the continental United States since World War II. A \$1.3 billion investment resulted in the construction of a new cantonment area and improved airfield to support deployment of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry), producing the most modern military installation in the continental United States.

## **MISSIONS**

The installation provides administrative and logistical support to tenant units and support to active and reserve units from all services in training at Fort Drum to include Canadian Forces. The installation also provides planning and support for mobilizing/demobilizing units and training for approximately 45,000 reserve component service members annually. Our Aerial Port of Embarkation, Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield is located right on the installation. The airfield has a 10,000 foot main runway, parking for 6+ C5A's and a 1,200 passenger terminal. Fort Drum is a Power Projection Platform capable of rapidly deploying the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and Mobilized forces by air, sea or land anywhere in the world. As the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division transforms into a modular capabilities based structure the installation stands ready to provide the new larger force with the same great quality of service that has made the Division what it is today.

## **MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry)  
2<sup>nd</sup> BDE, 78<sup>th</sup> Division (Training Support)  
174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (New York Air National Guard/F-16)  
725<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD)

## **POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	11,212
Civilian	1,829
Contractor	1,436
Student	96
Other	771
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,344</b>