

FORT JACKSON

SOUTH CAROLINA

LOCATION

Fort Jackson is located in central South Carolina in an area that is referred to locally as the Midlands. The installation, which is entirely situated in the county of Richland, is adjacent to the eastern side of the city of Columbia (State Capital) which has a population of approximately 120,000. The installation is approximately 15 miles east of the Lake Murray Dam and near the confluence of three interstate highways (26, 77, and 20), bounded by I-77 on the west (which connects with I-26 nine miles south of post) and I-20 on the north. Interstate 95 is approximately 60 miles east of the installation. Despite the proximity to the State Capital, there are no encroachment issues and the potential exists for expansion of the installation through rolling farmland, east along the I-20 corridor. Commercial airports include Columbia Metropolitan (approximately 12 miles), Charlotte (Douglas) International (approximately 102 miles), and Charleston International (approximately 110 miles). Fort Jackson enjoys all four seasons with an average annual temperature of 65° and over 255 days of partly cloudy to sunny weather.

SIZE

Acres: 52,301

Square Footage of Buildings: 10,141,144 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$1,946,899,000

HISTORY

On June 2, 1917, a new Army Training Center was established to answer America's call for trained fighting men in World War I. This installation would become the largest and most active of its kind in the world. First known as the Sixth National Cantonment, and later as Camp Jackson, the initial site of the cantonment area consisted of almost 1,200 acres. The citizens of Columbia donated the land to the federal government, thereby initiating the long tradition of respect, cooperation and friendship between the city and the installation. Named in honor of Major General Andrew Jackson, a native son of the Palmetto State and the seventh president of the United States, Camp Jackson was designated as one of 16 national cantonments constructed to support the war effort. Three months after construction began, some 8,000 draftees arrived for training. For a period after World War I, control of the camp reverted to the Cantonment Lands Commission, but in 1939, Fort Jackson was organized as a training center. Units which have trained here over the years include the 81st "Wildcat" Division, the 30th "Old Hickory" Division, the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 26th, 77th, 87th 100th, 101st and 106th Divisions and the 31st "Dixie" Division. In June 1973, Fort Jackson was designated as a U.S. Army Training Center.

MISSIONS

The primary mission of the USATC&FJ is the conduct of Initial Entry Training, which includes Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training. The specific mission of the USATC is to provide the Army with basically trained, disciplined, motivated, and physically fit Soldiers who espouse the Army's core values and are focused on teamwork. Other major missions include 1) the Soldier Support Institute, which has responsibility for doctrine, personnel proponentcy and combat developments within the areas of human resource management, financial management, recruiting and retention; 2) the Chaplain Center and School (CHCS) which trains chaplains and chaplain assistants for ministry to soldiers and their families in peace and war; 3) the Department of Defense Polygraph Institute (DODPI) whose mission is to train and manage certification of all federal forensic psycho-physiologists and provide continuous research in forensic psychophysiology; and 4) the 24th Infantry Division (Forward) which provides training and readiness for three Reserve Component Enhanced Separate Brigades located in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, respectively. In addition to the convergence of three interstate highways, the proximity of commercial airports and numerous freight and passenger rail systems; military airfields are available within approximately 12 miles at McEntire ANG Base, 30 miles at Shaw AFB and 100 miles at Charleston AFB giving Fort Jackson the ability to support or project power, as required.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

United States Army Training Center
Soldier Support Institute
US Army Chaplain Center and School
DoD Polygraph Institute
24th Infantry Division (Forward)

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	4,287
Civilian	1,889
Contractor	926
Student	18,973
Other	1,507
TOTAL	27,582