FORT KNOX

KENTUCKY

LOCATION

Fort Knox is located in northern Kentucky surrounded by rural Hardin, Meade, and Bullit counties; 30 miles from Louisville with access to commercial air travel, fine dining, sports, entertainment, and the arts. Fort Knox enjoys low cost of living, low airfare, adequate per diem, and a high quality of life for its residents and visitors. It is subject to all seasons; however, the lack of extremes in temperature, snowfall, and rain allow for infrastructure preservation, moderate utility consumption, and minimal storm damage and deterioration. No encroachment problems exist to restrict training or operations.

SIZE

Acres: 109,228.25

Square Footage of Buildings: 16,304,424 SF

Plant Replacement Value: $3,249,747,000

HISTORY

Fort Knox has been part of this nation's key to victory since 1918 – the home of armor and cavalry. Every tanker and scout has been trained at Fort Knox. Peak training load was in 1942—10,000 Armor School students at one time. Fort Knox is forging the future force, while maintaining a regional responsibility, transforming Soldier and Leader training to meet the needs of the current and future force. Fort Knox continues to improve its infrastructure in an effort to provide the premier facility for Mounted Force and Joint training. Many of our facilities, though built from 1930-1950, were constructed with quality and have been renovated to today's standards with state-of-the-art communications, heating, and air conditioning systems, office space, and general quality of life considerations. The installation, including the training and range complex, has fiber optic connectivity. New transportation infrastructure and our centralized location make Fort Knox a great location for rapid deployments worldwide; access to interstate highways (North – South, East – West), heavy rail (nine permanent rail-loading ramps), riverine/barge (Ohio River), and air movement capability. Godman Army Airfield opened in 1918 as one of first operational airfields in KY (expansion capable); rotary and C-17 fixed wing capability. Seventy years ago Fort Knox was selected as the site for the US Treasury Gold Bullion Depository due to its central location in the country, far removed from the seaboards and potential invasion. In the late 1940s, the Army selected Fort Knox for implementation of its Universal Military Service Experimental Unit. This unit bore responsibility for training newly drafted soldiers in a compressed timeline. In 1972 the Main Battle Tank Task Force and Board was established at Fort Knox to design and filed what became known as the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank; last board disbanded in 1991. Until 1994, Fort Knox was home to the largest, deployable FORSCOM brigade

in the U.S. Army, 194th Separate Armor Brigade. Fort Knox became the home to the United States Army Recruiting Command in 1992.

MISSIONS

Fort Knox is home of the Armor Center and School, training over 30K soldiers, NCOs and officers annually. Courses include Basic Combat Training and One Station Unit Training, Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, all NCOES courses and other specialty courses. We train all Army and United States Marine Corp tank crewman and mechanics, and are currently scheduled to begin instruction of the Basic Officers Leadership Course in FY06. Combined arms live fire exercises and demonstrations are conducted at some of the most modern ranges in DoD, with annual throughput of more than 40K AC/RC/NG Soldiers and service members. Fort Knox supports missions that cannot be met at other CONUS stations including dynamic entry R&D and training (above/below ground), riverine operations with live fire (SEAL/SPECOPS), combined arms MOUT, and combined arms live fire exercises. Zussman Mounted Urban Combat Training (MUCT) a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility trains DoD and Homeland Defense forces in today's common operating environment. The Unit of Action Maneuver Battle Lab (UAMBL) is the specified proponent for Future's work providing the building blocks of the first FCS equipped UA. TRADOC Systems Managers for Tank, Future Combat Systems and Force XXI Battle Command, Brigade and Below (FBCB2) are responsible to manage development of FCS and ensure its consistency across the Family of Systems. United States Army Recruiting Command Headquarters recruits America's best, prepares them to become Soldiers, and accesses them to meet current and future Army requirements. Eastern Region Cadet Command (ROTC) oversees seven regional brigades; 7th Brigade co-located with the HQ. 4th Brigade, 85th Division (FORSCOM) provides training assistance, support and evaluation to Reserve Component units to meet directed mobilization and/or wartime requirements.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

United States Army Armor Center and School
United States Army Recruiting Command
Eastern Region Reserve Officers Training Command
United States Army Accessions Command (-)
United States Army Garrison Fort Knox
Reserve Component: 100th DIV (IT)(-) and 8-229 Aviation Regiment

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	6,618
Civilian	2,782
Contractor	2,084
Student	8,326
Other	1,813
TOTAL	21,623