

FORT McPHERSON

GEORGIA

LOCATION

Fort McPherson is located within the city limits of Atlanta, Ga., Fulton County. Sitting on the Southwest edge of Atlanta, the fort is adjacent to the cities of East Point and College Park to the South. Physically centered between the heart of downtown Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the fort is within four miles of each. A tightly contained installation situated within a large metropolitan area, Lee Street and GA Highway 166 provide immediate access to three of the major transportation arteries in the Southeast, Interstates 75, 85, and 20, which are adjacent to the fort. Located on the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Line (MARTA) between Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and downtown, the fort has immediate access to rail, air and ground transportation. Topographically the fort is located within the Piedmont Plains region and is situated on gently rolling hills. Subject to all four seasons, the weather conditions are generally mild with minimum exposure to harsh conditions.

SIZE

Acres: 572.45

Square Footage of Buildings: 2,247,829 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$389,778,400

HISTORY

The original intention of General Sheridan was to concentrate at the new post one regiment of artillery. Under the direction of the Quartermaster General, the work on Fort McPherson began in the fall of 1885. Capt. Joshua West Jacobs, Assistant Quartermaster, was assigned the task of supervising the construction of the post. He was assigned to Atlanta from 23 November 1885 to July 1891. The buildings included quarters, barracks, post headquarters, hospital, bakery, guardhouse, and stables. The 4th Artillery was selected to garrison the post and Col. Henry W. Closson became the first Post Commander of Fort McPherson.

From 1894 to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898, the 5th Infantry Regiment garrisoned at Fort McPherson. With the departure of the 5th Infantry Regiment, the post experienced a four-year period of constant rotations. In 1917, during the World War I Period, Fort McPherson became an officers training camp and a Base Hospital. By 1920 the garrison at Fort McPherson consisted of the hospital, a motor transport company, and a fire company. In 1922 Fort McPherson became the home of the 22nd Second Infantry. Lt. Col. W. G. Doane commanded the Regiment. At the outbreak of World War II over 120 structures were built at Fort McPherson to house the increased military population. The main objective was to improve the medical station from 256 to 558 beds through the construction of additional hospital buildings. Following World War

II, Fort McPherson became an administrative post to meet the growing need for a communications and transportation hub to support the command and control headquarters necessary to control the troops located throughout the world. The large urban population provided by Atlanta and adjacent cities, the vast infrastructure provided by the communications hub, the transportation provided by proximity to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, and the trains and truck shipping lines make the installation a premier location to support the highly evolved communications requirements needed to support current and future Army missions. Over the years it has served as the home for the headquarters of major commands such as: US Forces Command, Third Army, US Army Reserve Command, and the South East Region Office, Installation Management Agency.

MISSIONS

The primary function of Fort McPherson is to command, operate, and provide administrative support to execute Soldier readiness and well-being. An administrative post that serves as Army component headquarters and joint forces land component for US Central Command; provides command and control for all Army Reserve forces and provides management of Army installations in the southeastern US. Fort McPherson coordinates and synchronizes force health protection and health services support between services, coalition forces, and host nations as allocated by US Central Command. The installation provides support to U.S. Army Forces Command, Third U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve Command as well as all assigned and attached customer units and activities throughout the designated geographical areas of responsibility.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

US Army Forces Command
 Third US Army
 US Army Reserve Command
 335th Theater Signal Command
 Installation Management Agency – South Eastern Region Office
 Army Reserve Military Intelligence Unit
 US Army Contracting Agency Southern Region

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	2,025
Civilian	1,869
Contractor	374
Student	0
Other	397
TOTAL	4,665