

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE

MARYLAND

LOCATION

A city in itself, Fort Meade is located on the western edge of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, almost midway between the cities of Baltimore (14.5 miles north) and Washington, D.C (19.9 miles south); and just 10 miles east of Annapolis, Maryland. Our neighboring communities include Odenton, Laurel, Columbia and Jessup. On our southwestern border sits the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, about 9000 acres of wooded undeveloped land, used for hunting and other recreational activities. We have a Federal campus like environment, surrounded by areas zoned for residential, commercial and office uses with a variety of improved, easy accessible transportation avenues. Fort Meade is subject to all four seasons and can experience hot and humid weather in the summer and mild temperatures through the Thanksgiving holiday season.

SIZE

Acres: 5,067.17

Building Square Footage: 9,463,496 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$1,849,938,000

HISTORY

Fort George G. Meade became an Army installation in 1917. Authorized by an Act of Congress in May 1917, it was one of 16 cantonments built for troops drafted for the war with the Central Powers in Europe. The present site was selected on June 23, 1917. Actual construction began in July. The first contingent of troops arrived that September. The post was named Camp Meade for Major General George Gordon Meade, whose defensive strategy at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War. During World War I, more than 100,000 soldiers passed through Fort Meade, a training site for three infantry divisions, three training battalions, and one depot brigade. Fort Meade became a training center during World War II; its ranges and other facilities used by more than 200 units and approximately 3,500,000 soldiers between 1942 and 1946. The wartime peak military-personnel figure was reached in March, 1945--70,000. BRAC 88 identified 8,900 acres which included our ranges and Tipton Army Airfield for disposal, and positioned Fort Meade to change from a mobilization installation to an administrative one. The 8,900 acres went to the Department of Interior. Tipton Airfield is owned and operated by Anne Arundel County. In August 1990, under First U.S. Army, Fort Meade began mobilizing Army Reserve and National Guard units from several states for the presidential call-up in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Approximately 2,700 personnel from 42 units deployed from Fort Meade during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. As part of Base

Realignment and Closure Act, Fort Meade realigned to the U.S. Military District of Washington as an administrative installation, October 1995. Headquarters, First U.S. Army was inactivated in 1995.

MISSIONS

Fort Meade provides Base Operations Support (BASOPS) for facilities and infrastructure, Quality of Life and protective services in support of Department of Defense activities and Federal agencies. Fort Meade is the 4th largest installation by workforce in the Continental United States (CONUS), the largest intelligence center and joint service installation, and home of the National Security Agency. Fort Meade primarily supports intelligence, knowledge capital and information management organizations. Fort Meade also provides support services to units and organizations in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware and West Virginia. Fort Meade’s centralized location on the eastern seaboard, proximity to Washington D.C., and access to transportation corridors, make it a prime location for new partners and tenants. It is surrounded by six major highways. Two commuter railways connecting Baltimore and Washington straddle Fort Meade. To the east is the Odenton station, 500 yards away. On the west is the Savage station less than a mile away. The Baltimore-Washington International Airport is less than 20 minutes to the north (6.7 miles); and to the south Andrews Air Force Base, 20 miles. Located on our western border is the Tipton Airfield and heliport.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

Fort Meade provides BASOPS for more than 50 multi-service and DOD tenant units and their families which include; Army: 1st US Army Recruiting Brigade (and subordinate units), 5th Brigade, 78th Division (TS) (and subordinate units), 55th Signal Company, 99th Regional Readiness Cmd (RRC) (and subordinate units), 704th Military Intelligence Brigade (and subordinate units), 744th Ordnance Company (EOD), 902th Military Intelligence Group (and subordinate units); Air Force: 70th Intelligence Wing (and subordinate units); Navy/Marine: HQs and Bravo Company, Marine Support Battalion and the Naval Security Group Activity; Department of Defense Activities; National Security Agency, Defense Security Service, Defense Courier Service, Army/Air Force Exchange Service, Baltimore Military Entrance Processing Station, Defense Information School and subordinate units, and the Defense Commissary Agency/Baltimore.

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	8,292
Civilian	18,432
Contractor	917
Student	726
Other	1,837
TOTAL	30,204

