

FORT MYER

VIRGINIA

LOCATION

Fort Myer is located in Arlington, Virginia. The installation is 2 miles from the Pentagon and 4 miles from Washington, DC. The installation is bordered by Arlington County, Arlington National Cemetery, and Henderson Hall (Marine Corps Base). Fort Myer is a small and stand-alone, enclosed installation. There are no public roads or land running through Fort Myer. Fort Myer is subject to all four seasons, with winter snow being the most disruptive to operations. Fort Myer is a historical post and construction can be inhibited by requirements to have the National Capital Planning Commission, Commission of Fine Arts, and State Historic Preservation Office review and approve the installation's Master Plan.

SIZE

Acres: 261

Square Footage of Buildings: 2,371,986 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$373,116,900

HISTORY

Fort Myer was originally built during the Civil War as Fort Class in 1861 and Fort Whipple in 1863. The land was seized from the Custis Estate in 1861. It was designated Headquarters, US Army Signal Corps from 1869-1886. In 1881, the post was renamed Fort Myer in honor of BG Albert Myer, founder of the US Army Signal Corps. In 1887, Fort Myer was named "Cavalry Showcase of the Army" by the Commanding General of the Army, Philip Sheridan. In 1908-1909, the Wright Brothers conducted 34 aviation flights at Fort Myer. This was the birth of military aviation in both America and the World. Machine Gun Troop of the famous 10th Cavalry Regiment (Buffalo Soldiers) served here from 1931-1949. They were the last of the "Horse Soldiers."

MISSIONS

Fort Myer's mission is to operate the Army's showcase community in the National Capital Region; serve as the Army Flagship supporting the US Army Military District of Washington and Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region Homeland Security operations, ceremonies, and special events honoring the nation; and providing for the well-being of the community's Soldiers, civilians, family members, and retirees. Due to our proximity to the Pentagon, Fort Myer is often called upon to provide short-notice support to federal agencies and mission support to the 3d US Infantry (The Old Guard) and The US Army Band (Pershing's Own) in support of their ceremonial function at Arlington National Cemetery. Following 9-11, Fort Myer housed the Joint Operations Center for the FBI/Federal Emergency Management Agency and housed the Joint

Personal Effects Depot until that mission was completed. Fort Myer's Conmy Hall is a premier ceremonial venue that hosts high-level ceremonies attended by the President, Vice-President, cabinet members, and various heads-of-state and foreign dignitaries during inclement weather situations and ceremonial events on Summerall Field.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

3d US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)
The US Army Band (Pershing's Own)
Washington District, 3rd MP Group CID
US Army Andrew Rader Health Clinic
Army and Air Force Exchange Service Washington District Headquarters

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	2,781
Civilian	682
Contractor	100
Student	0
Other	583
TOTAL	4,146