

FORT RILEY

KANSAS

LOCATION

Fort Riley is located in northeast Kansas and is surrounded by Geary, Clay, and Riley counties. The installation is located along I-70 approximately 125 miles west of Kansas City, between Junction City and Manhattan. Lands north of Fort Riley support row crop and cereal grain production. The Republican, Smoky Hill, and Kansas rivers form part of the installation's southern boundary. Milford Lake forms part of the installation's west boundary. The major cantonment areas are on the south end of the installation next to Interstate 70. Fort Riley has a temperate continental climate characterized by hot summers, cold, dry winters, moderate winds, and low humidity.

SIZE

Acres: 100,656.08

Square Footage of Buildings: 13,718,830 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$2,800,090,000

HISTORY

Fort Riley's history stretches back over one hundred fifty years as the nation began to focus its attention on overland trails such as the Oregon and Santa Fe – arteries of immigration and commerce. Selection of the Fort's site occurred in the fall of 1852 and soldiers began to garrison the post the following spring. Following the end of the Civil War, Fort Riley's mission changed to protect the workers who were building the transcontinental railroad from hostile Plains Indians. The 7th Cavalry was organized here under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer. During the next three decades, soldiers used Fort Riley as a staging area in protecting the expanding frontier.

As a new century neared the Fort became an important fixture in the Army's educational system. In 1892, the School of Cavalry and Light Artillery began operation, succeeded by the Mounted Service School in 1907 and eventually was renamed the Cavalry School following World War I. The schools served as the center for the evolution of cavalry tactics and training. The principles learned by officers such as Jonathan Wainright, Terry Allen, and George S. Patton, Jr. would be put to use in future campaigns. Fort Riley served as a training center during all of the major wars of the 20th century. These centers were established at Camp Funston and later, Camp Forsyth, where soldiers learned skills that would be tested in the trenches of World War I and far-flung battlefields of World War II, the cold of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam and the sands of Southwest Asia.

The 1st Infantry Division came to Fort Riley in 1955 from Germany. Following the end of the Cold War, the Department of Defense reduced its force structure and realigned its remaining forces. The 1st Infantry Division transferred its flag to Germany in 1996, leaving

the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Armored Division and the 937th Engineer Group (Combat) at Fort Riley. In 1999, Fort Riley became the Headquarters for the reactivated 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). Under the integrated AC/RC concept, the 24th consists of Headquarters at Fort Riley and three separate brigades with a forward Headquarters at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

MISSIONS

24th Infantry Division (M) and Fort Riley provides training, readiness and deployment support for 2 Brigade Combat Teams and 1 Engineer Group; serves as a higher headquarters providing training and readiness oversight, and post mobilization training and mobilization validation for 3 enhanced Brigades; provides planning, mobilization, validation and demobilization for regional AC and RC units. Fort Riley is one of the Army's 15 Power Projection Platforms. A modern railhead supports unit movements with a throughput capacity of 400 rail cars per day. Our immediate proximity to the Union Pacific main line allows for the rapid movement of trains to various SPOEs. We are capable of shipment to ports across the U.S. in time to meet loading dates. Fort Riley is located within a mile of Interstate 70 allowing rapid movement via commercial trucking. We utilize Forbes Field in Topeka (approximately 65 miles due east) as our primary APOE that provides an extremely large ramp area capable of holding 17 C-5s and 3 B747s simultaneously, and Manhattan Regional Airport (approximately 5 miles due east) as an alternative site with the capability of holding 2 C-17s and 2 B737s. Fort Riley is the second largest Mobilization Station in Fifth Army. Our ability to provide year around training and housing for the reserve component places us in the top 10 of all installations for mobilization. Our range and maneuver capability (all contiguous to the installation) allows us to train Active Component as well as mobilized Reserve Component soldiers simultaneously.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

24th Infantry Division Headquarters
 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division
 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division
 937th Engineer Group (Combat)
 3d Brigade, 75th Division (TS)
 Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	9,836
Civilian	2,186
Contractor	1,688
Student	10
Other	1,109
TOTAL	14,829