

# FORT SHAFTER

## HAWAII

### LOCATION

Under the BRAC study, Fort Shafter installation is comprised of Fort Shafter (FS), Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR), and Ft DeRussy (FD). All posts are located on the island of Oahu, Honolulu County, Hawaii. The posts are non-contiguous and separated by freeways and urban development. FS Post's central location facilitates the Army's Pacific mission with its close proximity to other DoD Services (5 miles to Camp Smith and Hickam Air Force Base, 6 miles to Pearl Harbor, and 18 miles to Kaneohe Marine Corps Base), 10 miles to the State Capitol, and a short distance to civilian and military airports and harbors. AMR is two miles west of FS. FD is located at the edge of Waikiki, a major tourist destination on the southern shore of Oahu.

### SIZE

**Acres:** 1,266

**Square Footage of Buildings:** 7,832,579 SF

**Plant Replacement Value:** \$1,031,687,000

### HISTORY

Fort Shafter was the first permanent Army post in Hawaii. Construction began in 1905 on the *ahupua'a* of Kahauiki (an *ahupua'a* is a Hawaiian land division that extends from the sea to the mountains), former Hawaiian crown lands that were ceded to the United States government after annexation. By statute, ceded land eventually declared surplus returns to the State of Hawaii. There would be no payment for the return of ceded land to the State, other than for purchase of buildings, unless Congress directs otherwise. In 1907, Kahauiki Military Reservation was renamed Fort Shafter, in memory of MG William R. Shafter (1835-1906). Palm Circle was laid out as a cantonment for an infantry battalion; the first unit stationed at the new post was the 2d Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment. Palm Circle, 14 sets of general officer quarters on Palm Circle, and 19 Administrative buildings on or adjacent to Palm Circle are listed on the National Historic Register and are National Historic Landmarks. Preceding the outbreak of World War II, the Hawaiian Department was charged with a variety of operational, administrative, and logistical functions. In 1943, the newly activated U.S. Army Forces, Central Pacific Area superseded the Hawaiian Department. As the war progressed, the command headquarters was reorganized and renamed successively US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas (1944-45); and US Army Forces, Middle Pacific (1945-47). In 1947, the old Hawaiian Department was formally inactivated and US Army Ground Forces, Pacific (1947) was redesignated Headquarters, U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC). For most of the next half century, Fort Shafter has been the site of the senior Army headquarters for the Asia-Pacific region. Aliamanu Military Reservation was acquired by Executive Order soon after 1898 and designated as Red Hill Military Reservation. In the mid-1970s, the Reservation transformed from an ammunition depot and command post into a modern

military residential complex. Fort DeRussy was initially designated the Kalia Military Reservation and was established to build a coast defense fortification designed to defend Honolulu Harbor and Pearl Harbor against enemy attacking by the sea. The Reservation was renamed Fort DeRussy in memory of Brevet Brigadier General Rene Edward DeRussy. By 1914, Fort DeRussy had two fully operational coastal defense gun batteries. Fort DeRussy first served as a recreation area for Armed Forces during World War II and as a Rest & Recuperation Center from 1966 to 1974.

## **MISSIONS**

Fort Shafter is the focal point for command, control, and support of all Army forces in the Asia-Pacific region (less the Korean Peninsula). Fort Shafter is home to HQ U. S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), the Army Service Component to USPACOM, HQ Installation Management Agency, Pacific Region (IMA, PARO), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command (9<sup>th</sup> RRC), 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 516<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade and numerous other organizations.

AMR provides 2070 family housing quarters and a wide range of community and recreational facilities for Army, Navy, and Marine Corps junior enlisted through O5 Officers. Fort DeRussy’s primary missions include the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), a Department of Defense regional study, conference, and research center supporting the USPACOM and complementing USPACOM’s theater security cooperation strategy of maintaining positive security relationships with all nations in the region. Fort DeRussy is also home to the Hale Koa Hotel, a 2-tower hotel servicing active duty, retired, and eligible DOD civilians of all Services.

## **MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

FS: HQ USARPAC; HQ IMA, PARO; 9<sup>th</sup> RRC, 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 516<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers – Pacific Ocean Division & Honolulu District Organizations. Fort Shafter is being considered as possible site for selected Army units being relocated from South Korea, as part of the announced U.S. force reductions in Korea. HQ USARPAC will, at a time to be designated, convert to the modular Unit of Employment, Type Y (UEy) design.

AMR: Family Housing Occupants; U.S. Army Garrison, HI elements

FD: Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies; Hale Koa Hotel

## **POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	1,258
Civilian	2,016
Contractor	569
Student	32
Other	1,865
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,740</b>