

MILAN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

TENNESSEE

LOCATION

Milan Army Ammunition Plant is located in rural western Tennessee and is equally divided longitudinally between the counties of Gibson and Carroll. Milan AAP is 50 miles west of the Mississippi River. The city of Milan lies immediately to the west of Milan AAP and has a population of approximately 8,000. The remainder of the plant is mostly surrounded by private agriculture land. The city of Jackson is 25 miles south of the installation and has a population of 65,000. The city of Memphis is 100 miles southwest and Nashville is 120 miles to the east. The terrain of Milan and the surrounding area is gently rolling. Milan does experience all four seasons with mild winters and dry to humid summers. The average mean temperature is 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

SIZE

Acres: 22,357

Square Footage of Buildings: 3,818,724 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$1,106,965,000

HISTORY

Construction was authorized 18 December 1940, started January 1941, and was completed January 1942. The size of the installation was over 28,000 acres. At that time, there were two separate activities, Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant and the Milan Ordnance Depot. Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant was operated by the Procter and Gamble Defense Corporation, and the Milan Ordnance Depot was operated by the government with civil service and military personnel. The mission included production of fuzes, boosters, small to large caliber ammunition, the operation of an ammonium nitrate plant, and the receiving, storage, and shipping of ammunition. In July 1943, the ordnance plant and the depot merged into one activity in which Procter and Gamble Defense Corporation became the operating contractor for the entire installation. The installation was then called the Milan Ordnance Center. In October 1945, the Milan Ordnance Center was designated as the Milan Arsenal. In November 1945, the installation reverted to government control and was placed in a standby status. The mission then included extensive receipt, storage, and processing of ammunition returned from overseas, normal maintenance, surveillance, renovation and demilitarization, and limited new ammunition production. In January 1951, the Procter and Gamble Defense Corporation again assumed operation of the entire facility as the country was becoming increasingly engaged in the Korean Conflict. The mission changed to reflect increased production of new ammunition. In October 1957, the installation again reverted to an inactive status and the Procter and Gamble Defense Corporation terminated their contract. At that time, Harvey Aluminum Sales, Inc. became the operating contractor of the Milan Arsenal. In January 1960, the manufacturing portion of the facility was placed back in an active status. In November 1961, the manufacturing portion of the Milan Arsenal was

designated as Milan Ordnance plant and the storage portion as Milan Ordnance Depot Activity. In August 1962, the ordnance depot activities were discontinued at Milan Ordnance Plant, although the field service mission was still performed. In July 1963, Milan Ordnance Plant was designated Milan Army Ammunition Plant. Harvey Aluminum Sales, Inc. was the operating contractor until 1972. From 1972 to 1992, Martin Marietta was the operating contractor of the facility. From 1992 to 1996, Lockheed Martin was the operating contractor. From 1996 to 1998, General Dynamics was the operating contractor. In 1998, a newly formed company, American Ordnance LLC became the operating contractor and continues to operate Milan Army Ammunition Plant.

MISSIONS

Load, assemble and pack (LAP) numerous quality ammunition items for the warfighter, using safe, economical, and environmentally responsible production processes. Perform receipt, surveillance, maintenance, renovation, storage, physical inventory, issue, demilitarization, and salvage of Department of Defense (DoD) ammunition. Receive/ship containerized cargo and perform special missions. Milan AAP is located near four major interstates; I-40 is 20 miles south, I-55, I-65, and I-24 are within a 2-hour drive. Milan does have capabilities for receiving and out-shipment by rail. Milan is centrally located to most major military installations. Significant installations within an 8-hour driving distance include Ft. Campbell, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Leonard Wood, Ft. Polk, and Eglin Air Force Base.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

No major tenants.

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	2
Civilian	23
Contractor	500
Student	0
Other	0
TOTAL	525