

# RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT

## TEXAS

### LOCATION

Red River is located in the center of Bowie County, in the piney woods of Northeast Texas. It is 18 miles west of Texarkana on Interstate 30. U.S. Highway 82 runs parallel to the North boundary between the depot and the interstate. Red River is adjacent to Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant on its eastern boundary and is separated, simply by a 6-foot fence. Both installations combined covers 34,015 acres. To the south, Red River is bordered by small communities, which are primarily agriculture (pine trees) and ranch lands. U.S. Highway 67 is about 5 miles south and runs parallel to the south boundary. To the west, the county seat of New Boston and a smaller community of Old Boston, lies adjacent to the western boundary. State Highway 8 runs north and south parallel to the western boundary connecting US 82 and US 67 Highways. Red River is subject to all four seasons and can often be extremely hot as a result of high humidity. The temperature can swing to severe cold during the winter as a result of air masses moving out of the central plains of Kansas and Oklahoma.

### SIZE

**Acres:** 18,316

**Square Footage of Buildings:** 7,775,251 SF

**Plant Replacement Value:** \$1,533,822,153

### HISTORY

Due to the efforts of a five-man Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Committee, beginning in 1939, the choice of the Red River site for an Ordnance Depot was decided months before Pearl Harbor. Red River was carved from 116 East Texas farms and ranches and was officially designated as Red River Ordnance Depot August 9, 1941. Originally, Red River was intended only as an ammunition storage depot but the demands of World War II, caused defense planners to expand the depot mission to include general supply storage and tank repair facilities (1943). From Nov 1945 to Nov 1951 Lone Star Ordnance Plant was deactivated and became Lone Star Division of Red River Ordnance Depot and then was reactivated in 1951. On 1 Jan 1946, presumably because of the addition of manufacturing capability, Red River became Red River Arsenal. The peak population was reached in 1951 during the Korean War with employment soaring over 6,000. On 1 August 1962, the Army reorganized and Red River became "Red River Army Depot" (RRAD). During the 1940s, 50s, 60s and into the 70s our mission remained relatively constant doing heavy combat and tactical vehicle maintenance on all variants as they evolved. Known as the M113 Carrier Capital of the World, Red River produced over 20,000 carrier vehicles from 1971 through 1997. Red River obtained full organic support on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Series and the Multiple Launch Rocket System in Oct 1984. Red River was realigned by BRAC from 1995 - 2001. The Bradley series (to include the MLRS) was retained and the remaining

workload was transferred to other sites. After BRAC, 24 Oct 2002, Red River was designated as a Center for Industrial and Technical Excellence by the Secretary of the Army. The designation was for tactical wheeled vehicles, MLRS, BFVS, Patriot Missile recertification, and for rubber products necessary for sustainment and support to the United States and Allied forces and agencies. Red River is a bustling defense complex that has visibility of a very large continuing workload. Personnel strength as of 31 October 2004, for the total Red River Complex exceeded 4100 personnel.

## **MISSIONS**

Red River is the Army's pre-eminent site for tactical wheeled vehicles with greater than 60% of the DoD organic workload being performed here. The variants currently being worked are the SEE, HEMTT, HMMWV, 5-ton truck, forklifts and 25-ton crane. Red River is the depot of choice for the Bradley series and the MLRS carrier/launcher maintenance and overhaul. Red River has the only Patriot Missile recertification facility and mission, with sites at Red River, Germany and Korea. Red River has the only rubber products facility within DoD capable of producing roadwheel and track. Red River is home to the Red River Munitions Center, which carries a major sustainment mission. Their mission is to receipt, issue, store, demil, renovate and maintain a wide variety of munitions and missiles. Also, located on Red River is the central DLA distribution center called Defense Distribution Depot Red River. Its primary mission is to provide the Armed Forces with materiel and tailored logistical support, on time and at the best cost. There is a tangible synergy within the Red River Defense Complex between RRAD, DDRT and RRMC. We perform all of our missions in concert, therefore getting the necessary equipment and supplies to the Warfighter at the quickest possible speed to support his operational tempo and to sustain him during the fight.

## **MAJOR TENANTS**

360th Chemical Company, 90th Regional Readiness Command (USAR)  
 Texas Army National Guard (ANG)  
 Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT)  
 Joint Munitions Command, Red River Munitions Center (RRMC)  
 Army Materiel Command Logistics Leadership Center (ALLC)  
 Defense Finance and Accounting Center (DFAS)

## **POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	8
Civilian	2,385
Contractor	584
Student	0
Other	270
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,247</b>