

**PUERTO RICO**

<b>Reserve Component</b>	
<b>Gains</b>	<b>Losses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Armed Forces Reserve Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close 1 Army Reserve Center</li> <li>• Close 4 National Guard Readiness Centers with State permission</li> </ul>
<b>Ft Buchanan</b>	
<b>Gains</b>	<b>Losses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 new Armed Force Reserve Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Army Contracting Agency Southern Hemisphere Region Headquarters to Ft Sam Houston</li> </ul>

<b>Army Net Personnel Impacts</b>			<b>Active Army MILCON (\$M)</b>	<b>Army Economic Impact (\$M)</b>
<b>Military</b>	<b>Civilian</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Total State Salary Change</b>
-9	-47	0	\$26.3	-\$3.2

- Ft Buchanan is a centralized location for the Command and Control and the Logistical Support Platform for all Army Reserve forces in Puerto Rico.
- The ACA Southern Region Office is relocating to Fort Sam Houston to consolidate with the ACA Southern Hemisphere Region office that is relocating from Fort Buchanan.
- Closing RC facilities is offset by the construction of modern AFRCs that will be the right size and design to support units that will be stationed there. Transforming RC facilities will improve training, readiness and quality of life for more than 1820 RC soldiers, full-time unit support personnel, and their families.

## **Transform Reserve Component Facilities in Puerto Rico**

**BRAC 2005 recommendations transform Reserve Component facilities in Puerto Rico into multi-functional installations that will enhance unit readiness, increase training opportunities, and generate operational efficiencies. These transformed facilities will provide the capability to conduct Soldier Readiness Processing and Home Station Mobilization, reduce the number of substandard / undersized Reserve Component facilities, enhance Anti-Terror / Force-Protection, promote effective recruiting and retention, and enhance the Homeland Security and Homeland Defense capabilities of the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard.**

### **AFRC Fort Buchanan, PR (New Facility)**

Close the US Army Reserve Center 1st Lieutenant Paul Lavergne, Bayamon, Puerto Rico and relocate the 973rd Combat Support (CS) Company into a new Armed Forces Reserve Center on United States Army Reserve property in Ceiba, Puerto Rico, and relocate all other units into a new Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC) on Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. Realign the US Army Reserve Center Captain E. Rubio Junior, Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico, by relocating the 807th Signal Company into a new Armed Forces Reserve Center on Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. The new AFRC on Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico shall have the capability to accommodate units from the Puerto Rico Army Guard San Juan Readiness Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico, if Puerto Rico decides to relocate those National Guard units. The new AFRC facility in Ceiba, Puerto Rico shall have the capability to accommodate Puerto Rico National Guard units from the following PRARNG Readiness Centers: Humacao, Juncos, and Ceiba, Puerto Rico, if Puerto Rico decides to relocate those National Guard units.

### **AFRC Fort Allen, PR (New Facility)**

Realign United States Army Reserve Center Captain E. Rubio Junior, Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico, by relocating the 8th Brigade, 108th DIV (IT) to a new Armed Forces Reserve Center on Fort Allen, Puerto Rico.

### **AFRC Mayaguez, PR (New Facility)**

Realign United States Army Reserve Center Ramey, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico by relocating the 249th Quartermaster Company into a new Armed Forces Reserve Center in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, if the Army is able to acquire suitable land. The new facility shall have the capability to accommodate Puerto Rico National Guard units from the Puerto Rico Army National Guard Readiness Center Mayaguez, if Puerto Rico decides to relocate those National Guard units.

Why: The implementation of this recommendation will enhance military value, improve homeland defense capability, greatly improve training and deployment capability, create significant efficiencies and cost savings, and is consistent with the Army's force structure plans and Army transformational objectives.

This recommendation considered feasible locations within the demographic and geographic areas of the closing facilities and affected units. The sites selected were determined as the best

locations because they optimized the Reserve Components ability to recruit and retain Reserve Component soldiers and to train and mobilize units impacted by this recommendation.

This recommendation provides the opportunity for other Local, State, or Federal organizations to partner with the Reserve Components to enhance Homeland Security and Homeland Defense at a reduced cost to those agencies.

**Other**

The Department of Defense understands that Puerto Rico will close PRARNG Readiness Centers: Humacao, Juncos, Ceiba, and Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The Armed Forces Reserve Centers will have the capability to accommodate these units if the State decides to relocate the units from these closed facilities into the new AFRCs.

**Quantitative Results**

Number of USAR Centers Closed for that state	1	Number of opportunities to close ARNG Armories for that state	4
Approximate Closing Square Footage	130,700	Approximate New Military Construction Square Footage	320,649

**Estimated Implementation Timeline:**

Design new AFRCs and acquire land	FY06	Construct new AFRCs	FY07
Relocate units to new AFRCs	FY08	Shut down closing facilities	FY08

**Internal Communications:**

- The Army knows that transforming Reserve Component facilities is the key to enable Reserve forces to better meet current and future operational requirements. BRAC helps us get there.
- Closing these Reserve Component facilities is offset by the construction of a modern Armed Forces Reserve Center that will be the right size and design to support our unit and other local Guard and Reserve units that will be stationed there.
- Transforming Reserve Component facilities in Puerto Rico will improve training, readiness and quality of life for more than 1820 Reserve Component soldiers, full-time unit support personnel, and their families.

### **External Communications: (Civilian community)**

- The Secretary of Defense's BRAC 2005 recommendations demonstrate that Reserve Component facilities are valuable installations to the Army and DoD.
- The Department of the Army has more than 4000 Reserve Component facilities across the United States. Because of the sheer numbers of these facilities, the process the Army had developed for arriving at a quantitative military value score for its 97 major installations (including leases) was not practical for its Reserve Component facilities. Additionally, if measured by the active process, which valued training lands and ranges among other things, the Reserve Component facilities would not have compared well against the active installations. For these reasons, it was the military judgment of the Department of the Army that it needed to craft a unique approach for ascertaining the overall military value of Reserve Component facilities.
- A team of functional experts from Headquarters, Department of the Army, the Office of the Adjutant General, and the Army Reserve Regional Readiness Command conducted a military value assessment of state-owned and Army Reserve sub-threshold facilities. These facilities were assessed, specifically against DoD Criteria one through four, in their ability to support joint stationing options that enhance Army and DoD transformation.
- The Department of the Army decided to consolidate multiple Army Reserve Centers and, where allowed, Army National Guard Armories into modern Armed Forces Reserve Centers because of their potential to enhance Reserve Component operations, training, mobilization and power projection capabilities, and their ability to sustain recruiting and retention.
- The sites for the new AFRCs are also based on their ability to consolidate functions wherever appropriate, to include schools, personnel, logistics, and other management functions.
- New AFRC sites were also selected based on their ability to relocate Reserve Component units and activities from leased and encroached properties that do not meet anti-terrorism and force-protection requirements onto established military facilities, and their ability to ensure the future readiness of Army forces while reducing the long-term costs of sustaining the base structure.
- It is a part of the plan to transform our Armed Services.
- We expect the demands on the community and the benefits to the community from the closure of these Reserve Component properties and the construction of a new Armed Forces Reserve Center will be minimal.

### **Approving BRAC Recommendations - Statutory Steps:**

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| 08 Sept 05 | BRAC Commission recommendations due to President   |
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According to BRAC law, these actions must be initiated within two years and completed within six years from the date the President transmits the report to Congress.

## **Fort Buchanan**

**BRAC 05 recommendations expand the Reserve Component Command and Control, Training Support and Mobilization missions at Fort Buchanan by establishing multi-functional installations that will enhance unit readiness, increase training opportunities, and generate operational efficiencies. These transformed facilities will support Soldier Readiness Processing and Home Station Mobilization, reduce the number of substandard / undersized Reserve Component facilities, enhance Force-Protection, promote effective recruiting and retention, and enhance the Homeland Security and Homeland Defense capabilities of the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard.**

### **Incoming Activities:**

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Why: To enhance military value, improve homeland defense capability, greatly improve training and deployment capability, create significant efficiencies and cost savings. This transformation is consistent with the Army's force structure plans and Army transformational objectives.

The site selected was determined as the best location within the demographic and geographic areas of the closing facilities and affected units. It optimizes the Reserve Components' ability to recruit and retain soldiers and to train and mobilize units impacted by this recommendation.

This recommendation provides the opportunity for other Local, State, or Federal organizations to partner with the Reserve Components to enhance Homeland Security and Homeland Defense at a reduced cost to those agencies.

### **Departing activities:**

What: Realign Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, by relocating the Army Contracting Agency Southern Hemisphere Region headquarters to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Why: the ACA Southern Region Office is relocating to Fort Sam Houston to consolidate with the ACA Southern Hemisphere Region office that is relocating from Fort Buchanan. The ACA Headquarters and ACA E-Commerce Region will also co-locate with the ACA Southern Region at Fort Sam Houston.

**Quantitative Results**

Net Personnel Impacts			MILCON	
Military	Civilian	Student	Square Feet	Cost Estimate
+105*	-47	NONE	115,079	\$26,251,000

*\* Military figure includes Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) numbers of Reserve Component soldiers relocating from inactivating commands. The FTE number is derived by multiplying the number of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted soldiers by 65 days (48 drill days plus 17 annual training days per year), divided by 365 days per year to calculate the full-time equivalent number of personnel. This number is then added to active duty personnel numbers to provide a total.*

**Internal Communications:**

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- Transforming Reserve Component facilities in Puerto Rico will improve training, readiness and quality of life for the Reserve Component soldiers, full-time unit support personnel, and their families.
- Fort Buchanan has played a long and storied role in the history of the US Army and it was recognized for its strategic importance to the Army and DoD.

**External Communications: (Civilian community)**

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**BRAC Recommendations that impact Fort Buchanan:**

Department of the Army - Transform Reserve Components in Puerto Rico

Headquarters and Support Activities - Relocate Army Headquarters and Field Operating Agencies