

Recommendation Supporting Information

Closure - Ft. Gillem

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Competing Recommendations and Other Information:

The closure of Ft. Gillem allows the Army to pursue several transformational options. These include co-locating common business functions with other agencies and creating multifunctional, multi-component and multi-Service installations that provide a better level of service at a reduced cost. The closure also allows the Army to reshape installations to support home station mobilization and demobilization and successfully implement the Train/Alert/Deploy model.

Force Structure Capabilities:

This recommendation ensures that the Department will retain necessary capabilities to support the Force Structure Plan. Army installations currently contain an overall excess of 1.72M square feet of excess administrative space. The closure of Ft. Gillem vacates a total of 6.0M square feet of administrative and warehouse space, and recommends the occupation of excess space at Ft. Benning, Ft. Campbell, Redstone Arsenal, Rock Island Arsenal, Pope AFB and Shaw AFB. The totality of the candidate recommendations for administrative facilities retains sufficient capacity to ensure the Department has the capability to support the Force Structure Plan.

MVA Results:

The closure of Ft. Gillem enhances the Army's military value by closing an administrative installation with a military value ranking of 52nd, and moving the Headquarters organizations to installations with more value to the Army and with greater flexibility than Ft. Gillem (see Army Military Value Table). Rock Island Arsenal ranks 53rd in Army military value, but it provides an ideal low-cost location for 1st Army HQs, has excess administrative space and provides the Army with extensive logistics and production capabilities. Redstone Arsenal ranks 30th in overall Army value, is the lowest cost installation in the Army, provides training assets and has extensive research, development and testing facilities. Ft. Campbell (14th) and Ft. Benning (9th) provide the Army extensive training land and operational basing assets.

The Air Force ranks both Pope AFB and Shaw AFB in its top 20 installations for fighter missions and airlift missions (see Air Force Military Value Table). Shaw AFB ranks 7th for fighter mission and 9th for airlift, Pope AFB ranks 17th for fighter and 6th for airlift. The Air Force has recommended the closure of Pope AFB, with the turn-over of the installation to the USA Army. The installation will become part of Ft. Bragg, which the Army ranks 5th in its Military Value.

Capacity Analysis Results:

This recommendation makes use of the total Army excess in administrative facilities and buildable acres. While Ft. Benning has no existing excess administrative space for HQs

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activities, it does have 2,508 buildable acres (excluding housing and training land). While Ft. Campbell has no existing excess administrative space for HQs activities, it does have 3,825 buildable acres (excluding housing and training land). While Redstone Arsenal has no existing excess administrative space for HQs activities, it does have 3,230 buildable acres (excluding housing and training land). Rock Island Arsenal has 547,000 square feet of excess administrative space and 274 buildable acres.

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