

Recommendation Supporting Information

Close Ft. McPherson

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Competing Recommendations and Other Information:

This proposal encompasses two HSA candidate recommendations and a portion of one other. HSA-0128 moves the USARC HQs to Pope AFB and HSA-0124 moves FORSCOM HQs to the same installation. Further; HSA-0077 recommends relocating IMA Southeast Region to Ft. Eustis, ACA Southern Region to Ft. Sam Houston and NETCOM Southeast Region to Ft. Eustis, as part of a larger consolidation of Army Service Providing organizations. The Air Force is recommending the closure of Pope AFB and the turn-over of the property and facilities to Ft. Bragg (USAF-0221). The cost for the Army of assuming the operation of Pope is approximately \$11,797,742 per year in BOS, sustainment and recapitalization costs. The Air Force plans to leave some active and reserve component forces on Pope and will share in these costs. The Air Force portion of the costs are estimated at \$4,175,224 per year. The net costs to the Army (\$7,622,518 per year) are included in this recommendation.

Several other Service and DOD offices resident on Ft. McPherson are moved to Base X. These include, a Corps of Engineers South Atlantic District office, an Army Audit Agency office, a 3rd CIDC Region office, a JTF 6 office, an Army Veterinary unit, elements of the Army Logistics Management Agency, a military history detachment, the US Army Center for Health & Preventative Medicine, and several other Service and DOD units.

The closure of Ft. McPherson allows the Army to pursue transformational options by co-locating multi-location headquarters in single locations and co-locating institutional training, MTOE units, RDT&E organizations and other TDA units in large numbers on single installations to support force stabilization. This recommendation supports the BRAC objectives to retain the DoD installations with the most flexible capability to accept new missions, to co-locate common business functions with other agencies and to create multifunctional, multi-component and multi-Service installations that provide a better level of service at a reduced cost.

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. McPherson shuts down 1.06M square feet of administrative facilities and recommends the occupation of excess space at Ft. Sam Houston, 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:

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The closure of Ft. McPherson enhances the Army's military value by closing a single-purpose administrative installation with a low overall military value ranking (51st) and moving the Headquarters organizations to installations with more value to the Army and with greater flexibility than Ft. McPherson (see Army Military Value Table). Ft. Eustis ranks 38th in Army military value and provides the Army with power projection and joint logistics capabilities. Ft. Sam Houston ranks 43rd overall, but ranks 2nd in Army C2 and administrative capabilities and it is the Army's prime Medical training facility. The Army identifies Ft. Eustis and Ft. Sam Houston as more militarily valuable than Ft. McPherson.

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 US Army. The installation will become part of Ft. Bragg, which the Army ranks 5th in its Military Value.

The Headquarters & Support Activities (HSA) JCSG identifies all four gaining installations as providing better environments for Major Administrative Headquarters Activities. The HSA JCSG ranks Ft. McPherson 108th out of 150 installations, Ft. Eustis ranks 46th, Ft. Sam Houston 19th, Pope AFB 27th and Shaw AFB 86th (see HSA Military Value Table). The gaining installations in this recommendation rank higher than Ft. McPherson across the 40 Army capabilities assessed in its military value model and also rank higher when considering the installation environments for hosting headquarters activities.

Capacity Analysis Results:

This recommendation makes use of the total Army excess in administrative facilities and buildable acres. While Ft. Eustis has no existing excess administrative space for HQs activities, it does have 496 buildable acres (excluding housing and training land). When considered in conjunction with US Army recommendations to move the Transportation school and the Aviation Logistics schools off of Ft. Eustis, an estimated 10 of the buildable acres are required for MILCON. Ft. Sam Houston currently has 766,000 excess sq. ft. of administrative space.

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