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Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan

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RGMP

The Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) is a major planning effort designed to assess the challenges and opportunities facing communities impacted by the Fort Benning BRAC growth and to find solutions that address these issues. The RGMP study produced a plan for the region and for each of the 10-counties within a 35 mile radius of Ft. Benning, as listed below. For more information, go to the [RGMP website](#).

RGMP Counties

ALABAMA

Barbour
Lee
Russell

GEORGIA

Columbus -Muscogee
Cusseta - Chattahoochee

→ Fort Benning Receives the Last Tanks from Fort Knox, Kentucky

Thirty-nine vehicles representing the final BRAC rail shipment of Armor equipment from Fort Knox are now at their new home at Harmony Church on Fort Benning.

Arriving at Fort Benning were 21 Abrams tanks, 11 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, four Stryker vehicles and three M88 Tank Retrievers. All were unloaded at the Ochille Rail Head on Thursday, August 11, 2011 before being moved to nearby motor pools at Harmony Church.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Healy drove the last Abrams tank from its rail car shortly after 9 a.m. More than 48 million pounds of equipment from Fort Knox, KY has been relocated to Fort Benning as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

By the end of this month, 26 trucks will deliver the last 63 pieces of wheeled equipment from the post.

All equipment will be used by the 194th Armored Brigade and the 316th Cavalry Brigade, the main training units of the Armor school headquartered at Harmony Church.

→ New Soldiers Attend Newcomers Orientation at Fort Benning

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest soldiers assigned to Fort Benning attend the Newcomers Orientation as part of their "in-processing". During this time, the military and their families are provided information about many services available on the installation and the local communities.

New on the scene are those assigned to the Armor School at the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) at Fort Benning. It is a pleasure to welcome and assist these BRAC-related soldiers

Harris
Marion
Stewart
Talbot
Taylor

MCoE Community Update



Each month, Fort Benning hosts a Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) Update that provides BRAC and other general information to both on-post personnel and to the region's communities. These Updates are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm, at the [National Infantry Museum](#).

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relocating here from Fort Knox, Kentucky.

For the month of July, there were a total of 516 additional soldiers plus spouses. The bulk of these new arrivals will be living external to Fort Benning and living right in your neighborhoods. So be on the lookout and welcome them to the Chattahoochee Valley family!

For the year of 2010, we welcomed over 3,000 new soldiers!

As of August 1, 2011, we have welcomed over 3,227 soldiers and family members who have in-processed at Fort Benning this year.

→ [Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley](#)

Check out these articles about the many good things happening in the Chattahoochee Valley by reading in our [Newsroom](#).

→ [Let Us Promote Your Products and Services](#)

Have you been wondering how your business can participate with the BRAC movement? One easy and beneficial way is to tell me about any military discounts you offer for your products or services. We will be happy to share that information and spread the word about your business FOR FREE! All you need to do is email that information to [Linda Brady](#). This is a valuable way of introducing your business to those transitioning here who are in need of your products and services. It also sends a message to all those relocating to the Chattahoochee Valley that we are happy they're here and we want to welcome them in a special way.

→ [BRAC Countdown](#)



As of August 18, 2011, there are 27 days remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

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