

## Count Down to BRAC

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COLUMBUS, GA (WTVM)-Come this time next year, Fort Benning will be home to around 10-thousand new employees. Add in close to 20-thousand spouses and children. It's all part of BRAC and it's already changing the face of the Army installation.

"We have about 3.5 billion dollars worth of construction going on as well as movement of both personnel and equipment from Fort Knox down here," said Deputy Garrison Commander George Steuber.

Leaders with the Maneuver Center of Excellence, which unites Fort Benning's infantry school with fort Knox's armor school, presented a year in review of BRAC preparations Tuesday, and what will happen next year. MCOE deputy garrison commander George Steuber says that two-thousand new homes are being built on the Army post and four-thousand trucks will be bringing more than a billion dollars of new equipment to Fort Benning.

"It's all a well orchestrated plan, almost like a ballet, in terms it's a well orchestrated plan, almost like a ballet, in terms of all the inter-moving parts that have to work together," Steuber said.

And he tells us that the transition is not just on Fort Benning, but will impact people for miles and miles, including new jobs.

"Actually the lion's share of folks will be hired locally to provide the manpower to be able to service the armor school," Steuber said.

Another ingredient of BRAC, area schools can expect to be more crowded soon.

"We have approximately 6,800 new students that are going to be coming with the folks from Fort Knox and so we have to be prepared for them," Steuber said.

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