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## Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan

November 2010

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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



Ceremony for new CG conducted at the National Infantry Museum

On Thursday, November 4, 2011, The Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) and Fort Benning welcomed a new Commanding General (CG) and bid farewell to the inaugural commander of The Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE).

Major General Robert Brown succeeded Major General Michael Ferriter during a change of command ceremony on Soldiers Field beside the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park.

Major General Brown arrives after serving as chief of staff for U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. Major General Ferriter has since been nominated for Lieutenant General and assignment to duty in Afghanistan.

[→ Armor School's first Bradley arrives at Fort Benning](#)

ALABAMA

Barbour  
Lee  
Russell

GEORGIA

Columbus -Muscogee  
Cusseta - Chattahoochee  
Harris  
Marion  
Stewart  
Talbot  
Taylor



Three M2A2 Operation Desert Storm Bradley fighting vehicles arrived Friday on Fort Benning, where soldiers steered them into the new Vehicle Maintenance Instruction Facility on Harmony Church. Three more came in Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, and the total initial shipment of 10 from Fort Knox, KY is expected to be in place by mid-November.

The Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) is receiving another 28 vehicles from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team's Left Behind Equipment inventory, which saves the Army money in training aid acquisition costs, 194th Armored Brigade officials said. All 38 Bradleys will be used to conduct the M2/M3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle System Maintainer class, advanced individual training for Bradley maintainers. That includes the Advanced Leaders Course.

"This is a big maneuver in the history of the Armor School," said CW4 Trent Hanson, officer in charge of the Armor School's 194th Armored Brigade's advance party. "There are a lot of first going on right now...We have a lot of pieces involved in our relocation. It's a change for all of us."

**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.](#)

[MCoE Community Update](#)



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Fort Knox, Kentucky Relocation & Information Fair Scheduled for March 2011**

We have received a request from The Maneuver Center of Excellence's Chief of Staff COL Terry Sellers to schedule another Relocation and Information Fair in Fort Knox, KY. The dates will be near the end of March, 2011, and as soon as the details have been worked out, we will send out Registration Forms and other important documents of information to prepare for this event. STAY TUNED!!

**→ New Soldiers Attend Newcomer's Orientation at Fort Benning**

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest soldiers assigned to Fort Benning attend the Newcomer's 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 relocating here from Fort Knox, Kentucky.

**For the month of October, there were a total of 335 additional soldiers plus spouses.** Many 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!

## Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley

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

- [MG Robert Brown takes command of U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence](#)
- [Armor School's First Bradleys Reach Fort Benning](#)

## 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: [lbrady@columbusgachamber.com](mailto:lbrady@columbusgachamber.com). 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.

## [FORT BENNING Population Estimates & Growth Timeline](#)

## BRAC Countdown



As of November 18, 2010, there are 300 days or some ten (10) months remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

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- [Fort Benning](#)
- [Small Business Contracting Information](#)
- [MCoE Employment](#)

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