

Fort Sam Houston

BRAC 2005 recommendations expand Fort Sam Houston to become DoD's premier medical training base and the home of Army installation management, and management of family support activities and community programs.

Incoming Activities

What: Inpatient medical function of the 59th Medical Wing from Lackland AFB, TX.

Why: This relocation establishes Brooke Army Medical Center as a Regional Military Medical Center and reduces excess capacity in a geographical area currently served by two Military Medical facilities.

What: Enlisted basic and specialty medical training from Naval Air Station Great Lakes, IL, Sheppard AFB, TX, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA and Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA.

Why: These relocations support the co-location of all medical basic and specialty training at Ft. Sam Houston providing Army medical specialists better training in a joint environment.

What: Combat Casualty Care research and Dental research from the Naval Medical Research Center at the Forest Glenn Annex of Walter Reed, the Naval Training Station Great Lakes, IL and Brooks City Base, TX.

Why: These relocations support the creation of a tri-service dental and combat casualty care science and technology center at Ft. Sam Houston, the only current biomedical science and technology location with a military trauma center. The combined research center will provide more improved joint capabilities for development of new combat care techniques and technology.

What: Enlisted histology technician training from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Walter Reed AMC.

Why: This relocation supports the co-location of multi-service medical training at Ft. Sam Houston.

What: Installation Management Agency (IMA) Northwest Region Office and the Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) Northwest Region Office from Rock Island, IL.

Why: These relocations support the consolidation of the IMA Northwestern and Southwestern Region Offices into a single Western Region and the consolidation of the NETCOM Northwestern and Southwestern Region Offices into a single Western Region at Ft. Sam Houston. This initiative improves the oversight of Army installations by co-locating regional and HQs elements with the agencies that support installation development with family issues and community management.

What: Installation Management Agency Headquarters, the Army Contracting Agency Headquarters and E-Commerce Region, the Community and Family Support Center and the Substance Abuse Center from various NCR leased locations.

Why: These relocations support the consolidation of the Installation Management and other service providing organizations at Ft. Sam Houston. This initiative improves the oversight of Army installations by co-locating regional and HQs elements with the agencies that support installation development with family issues and community management.

What: The Army Contracting Agency (ACA) Southern Region from Ft. McPherson, GA.

Why: This relocation supports the consolidation of the Southern Region with the ACA Southern Hemisphere Region at Ft. Sam Houston where it will co-located with its biggest customer, the Installation Management Agency. This will provides for greater coordination between the two agencies and aligns the regional structures of the two organizations.

What: Relocate the Army Environmental Center from Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Why: This relocation is part of a larger initiative to co-locate functions that support installation management at Ft. Sam Houston. This move also places the Army Environmental Center in San Antonio providing easy accessibility to the Air Force Environmental Agencies.

AFRC Camp Bullis (New Facility)

Close the United States Army Reserve Center, Boswell, Texas and the United States Army Reserve Center, Callaghan, Texas and relocate units to a new Armed Forces Reserve Center on existing Federal property on Camp Bullis, Texas. The new AFRC shall have the capability to accommodate Texas National Guard Units from the Texas ARNG Readiness Center in Hondo, Texas, A Company and Headquarters Company, 1st of the 141st Infantry, the Fifth Army ITAAS, the Regional Training Site-Intelligence, and the Texas Army National Guard Area Support Medical Battalion, if the state decides to relocate those National Guard units.

Why: Transform Reserve Component facilities in the State of Texas into multi-functional installations that will enhance unit readiness, increase training opportunities, and generate operational efficiencies.

Departing Activities

None.

Other

What: Consolidate installation management of Lackland AFB, Randolph AFB and Ft. Sam Houston under Lackland AFB.

Why: This recommendation seeks to provide better services at better prices by consolidating the installation management of the installations in the region and consolidating management of commonly provided functions.

Quantitative Results

Net Personnel Impacts ¹			MILCON Cost Estimate
Military	Civilian	Student	
+2,620	+1,613	+4,995	\$ 800 Million

Implementation Timeline: According to BRAC law, these actions must be initiated within two years and completed within six years from the date the President transmits the report to Congress.

Internal Communications: (Fort Sam Houston Work Force)

- The Secretary of Defense’s BRAC 2005 recommendations demonstrate that Fort Sam Houston is a valuable installation to the Army and DoD.
- Over 4,300 professional jobs are coming to Ft. Sam Houston (approx. 3,000 are already in the San Antonio Area).

External Communications: (Civilian community)

- The Secretary of Defense’s BRAC 2005 recommendations demonstrate that Fort Sam Houston is a valuable installation to the Army and DoD.
- It is a part of the plan to transform our Armed Services.
- The missions of Ft. Sam Houston will expand significantly.
- We expect the demands on the community and the benefits to the community from the change in mission to increase significantly.
 - There will be more military families living in the local community, more children attending local schools and more customers at local businesses.
 - Recommendations include road and infrastructure improvements to balance demands on existing commuter routes.
- The expansion of medical facilities at Ft. Sam Houston will improve the quality and availability of care for local military members, their families and retirees.

Approving BRAC Recommendations - Statutory Steps :

- 16 May 05 SECDEF forwards Recommendations to BRAC Commission
- 08 Sept 05 BRAC Commission recommendations due to President
- 23 Sept 05 President approves/disapproves Commission recommendations
- 20 Oct 05 Commission resubmits recommendations (if initially rejected by President)

¹ Based on FY03 ASIP data. Does not reflect any personnel changes resulting from standard programming and Command Plan actions since FY03.

07 Nov 05 President submits final recommendations to Congress. Once submitted, the plan becomes final within 45 legislative days, unless Congress passes a joint resolution to block the entire package.

BRAC Recommendations impacting Ft. Sam Houston

- Close Ft. McPherson
- Establish Joint Bases
- Relocate Army NCR Headquarters and FOAs
- Realign Walter Reed
- Joint Medical Training
- Joint Biomedical Research, Development & Acquisition