



Fort Rucker, Alabama Info Sheet

Home of Army Aviation:

Fort Rucker is home to the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE). USAACE is responsible for all Army Aviation rotary wing, fixed wing, and unmanned aerial system flight training, aviation technical training, and aviation professional military education across all three components: Active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve. USAACE is geographically dispersed in three locations: Fort Rucker, Fort Huachuca, and Joint Base Langley-Eustis. USAACE is commanded by a MG (08) who also serves as the Fort Rucker Senior Commander, Army Aviation Force Modernization Proponent, and the Army Aviation School Commandant. USAACE subordinate units include: 3 x Colonel (06) level subordinate Aviation Training Brigades, and 9 x Colonel (06) level Directorates and Capabilities Managers.

In addition to flight training and professional military education, USAACE serves as the Army Aviation Force Modernization proponent responsible for the development and integration of aviation doctrine, organizational structures, combat development for material and non-material solutions, training, leader development, personnel structure, and aviation facilities integration for all Army Aviation operational and TDA forces for Compo 1, 2 and 3. Other key aviation enabling organizations and tenant units at Fort Rucker include: one BG (07) level HQDA Combat Readiness Center Command (Safety Center), one Colonel (06) level Garrison Command, one Colonel (06) level Aviation Maintenance Command (ACLC), 5 x Colonel (06) level Aeromedical Commands and directorates, and one Colonel (06) level Air Traffic Services Command and Theater Aviation Operations Group.

Key Fort Rucker/USAACE Training facts:

- USAACE trains and educates over 23,000 Army Aviation Soldiers and leaders annually (here and at Joint Base Langley-Eustis and Fort Huachuca).
- 100% of U.S. Air Force initial entry rotary wing training conducted at Fort Rucker.
- USAACE trains and educates over 700 international students from 42 countries annually.
- USAACE flies over 200,000 flight hours per year -- 24% of the entire Army flight hour program.
- USAACE has over 600 Army Rotary and Fixed Wing Aircraft -- 14% of the entire Army fleet.
- Fort Rucker has over 14,000 Military and Department of the Army Civilians permanent party.
- Has a daytime population of over 20,000 personnel.
- Fort Rucker Aviation Infrastructure includes: 4 x base airfields, 14 x stagefields, and 72 x remote training sites covering over 29,000 square miles in lower Alabama and Northern Florida.
- 100% of the Army Flight Surgeons and Flight Medics are trained at Fort Rucker.
- All Aviation Medicine Research and Development is conducted at Fort Rucker.
- Fifth largest employer in Alabama; largest employer (\$1.5B+) South of Montgomery.
- Installation supports over 130,000 Retirees, Veterans, and Gray-Area Reservists - tristate area.
- Fort Rucker provides support to ~3,500 Soldiers assigned to Eglin AFB, and Camp Shelby.