

Armor officially leaving Fort Knox; New home Ft. Benning, GA

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FORT KNOX, Ky. (AP) - Fort Knox has ended its long association with the tank as its Armor Center departs for a new home.

A transfer of command on Thursday ended the armored vehicle's prominence at Fort Knox after seven decades.

The Army is moving its Armor Center from the hills of central Kentucky to Fort Benning in Georgia as part of a military reorganization announced five years ago.

The transfer ceremony shifted the senior authority at the post to Accessions Command, making Fort Knox the Army's home base for recruiting, training and human resources.

Military leaders created the 1st Armored Division at Fort Knox after noting the successes of German tanks that conquered France in 1940.

More than 180 M1 tanks and about 1,000 other vehicles will depart Fort Knox over the next year and a half.

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