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Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan

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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

→ Columbus Mayoral Candidates Briefed on BRAC And Economic Development



On Wednesday, September 8, 2010, the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority hosted an executive briefing for the four candidates for Mayor of Columbus. Wayne Anthony, Zeph Baker, Paul Olson and Teresa Tomlinson received the latest information about Economic Development and Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) during a 90 minute briefing.

Becca Hardin, Executive Vice President of Economic Development, talked about recent achievements, such as the relocation of NCR to Columbus and the impact of Kia on our region. She also discussed how the Valley Partnership works daily to attract high-quality jobs to the counties in our region.

Gary Jones, Executive Vice President of Military Affairs, gave an update on the growth of Fort Benning due to BRAC, and the impacts of the projected population growth of 28,000 new people moving to our region in the next 12 months. He also described the scope of construction on Fort Benning. We were fortunate that the Fort Benning Garrison Commander, COL Thomas Macdonald, was also in attendance to answer many of the candidates' questions about Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence.

→ Two Employment Fairs Scheduled in September

Omega Training Division Hosts Future Job Fair

Omega Training Division of Cubic Applications, Inc. and Dynamics Research Corp. conducted a "Future" Job Fair to identify candidates for potential positions that provide CONUS Support Base Services (CSBS), classroom instructors, New Equipment Training (NET) instruction, Training and Doctrine Development support, Combat Development support, Simulations Development and support, analysis

ALABAMA

Barbour
Lee
Russell

GEORGIA

Columbus -Muscogee
Cusseta - Chattahoochee
Harris
Marion
Stewart
Talbot
Taylor

MCoE Community Update



Each month, Fort Benning hosts a Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) Update that provides BRAC information to 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



services, logistics management, and program management in support of the Department of Defense and other customers.

This fair took place in Building 2 at the Omega Training Division site at 7201 Moon Road, Columbus, GA. on Wednesday, September 8th. Positions to be filled: Technical Writers, Programmers, Business System Analysts, Project Leaders and Program Managers. A list of possible positions is located on their website along with information about their benefit packages: www.omegatraining.com and www.drc.com.

VFW Job Fair 22-23 September

VFW Post # 665 is also hosting a job fair in September. The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Department of Labor and VFW Post 665 is hosting a Job Fair on September 22nd and 23rd, located at 1824 Victory Drive from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This job fair is geared for military veterans, military retirees, DA civilians, their family members and any other job seekers. Up to 40 businesses will be represented each day and most from the local area. It is recommended that you bring a minimum of 15 resume copies for possible on-site interviews. For more information, contact the Employment Readiness Program, (706)545.2836, (706)545.5385, (706)545.3402.

→ Chattahoochee River Virtual Tour Video



Take a virtual tour of the many cultural and recreational attractions along both sides of the Chattahoochee River, including a sneak peak at the whitewater course scheduled to open in 2012. You will find this and other videos, along with valuable information relating to this area, on our website. [Watch the video](#)

Education Funding Continues to be Available for Military Spouses

Up to \$6,000 over 12 months for Education is available to Military Spouses. To be eligible you must:

- * Be a spouse of an active duty Army Service Member stationed at Fort Benning
- * Reside in Columbus, Phenix City, Fort Mitchell, Fort Benning or surrounding area
- * Be able to complete your certification, diploma, degree or licensure within 24 months from an accredited institution

For more information and eligibility requirements, please visit www.BenningCAA.com or call 706.545.6075.

→ Look What's New at Fort Benning!

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest soldiers assigned to Ft. Benning are attending 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 (MCoE) Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning. It is now a reality to welcome those BRAC-related soldiers relocating here from Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Beginning with this issue of the RGMP Newsletter, we want to give you an idea of the number of new arrivals each month to Fort Benning. For the month of August, there were a total of 321 additional soldiers plus spouses. More than half of these new arrivals will be living external to Fort Benning. Many will be 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](#).

- [Local Housing Market Braces for Rebound](#)
- [Walbridge Aldinger Co. Wins \\$14.2 million U.S. Army Contract](#)
- [City Gets \\$881k for Benning's Gateway Project](#)
- [Hyundai Shifting Production of SUV to Kia Plant](#)
- [Governor Perdue Announces Extension of Grants for Spouses of Fort Benning Soldiers](#)
- [Columbus State University Named Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs Magazine](#)
- [Work on Whitewater Course May Start Early Next Year](#)
- [Muscogee to Open Temporary Tag Office on Post](#)
- [Marine Tankers Leave Fort Knox After 7 Decades](#)

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. 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.

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Population Estimates & Growth Timeline

BRAC Countdown



As of September 17, 2010, there are 362 days or less than one year remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

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