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## Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan September 2011

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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

[ALABAMA](#)  
Barbour  
Lee  
Russell

### → Fort Benning Hosts the 2011 Maneuver Conference



Robert B. Brown  
Major General,  
U.S. Army

The first Maneuver Conference was held at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center Monday, September 12th through Thursday, September 15th. This year's theme was "21st Century Maneuver Training."

The conference showcased the unity of the Maneuver Force, while focusing on issues affecting not only the combined force but the Infantry, Armor and Cavalry communities, as well as the entire force.

The agenda included presentations given by some of the Army's top leadership on current best practices for Live, Virtual, Constructive, and Gaming training; a two hour panel/audience discussion on training initiatives and emerging technology; and Breakout Groups to address training solutions.



James C. Hardy  
Command Sergeant  
Major, U.S. Army

### → Revised Benning Growth Estimates

Anticipated population growth about 20% lower than initial projections.

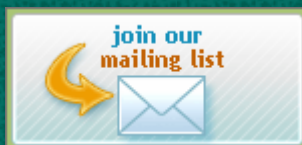
GEORGIA  
 Columbus - Muscogee  
 Cusseta - Chattahoochee  
 Harris  
 Marion  
 Stewart  
 Talbot  
 Taylor

### MCoE Community Update



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



The Fort Benning growth estimates relating to BRAC have been lowered due to budget constraints, units leaving or being deactivated at the post, and efficiencies designed into the new Armor School.

### [Analysis of Fort Benning Growth Estimates](#)

## → New Soldiers Attend Newcomers Orientation at Fort Benning

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest soldiers assigned to Fort Benning attend the Newcomers 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 August, there were a total of 697 additional soldiers plus spouses.** The bulk 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!

**For the year of 2010, we welcomed over 3,000 new soldiers!**

**As of September 1, 2011, we have welcomed over 3,924 soldiers and family members who have in-processed at Fort Benning this year.**

## → Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley

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

## → 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 [Linda Brady](#). 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.

## → BRAC: To the Future! Celebration for 9/23

A festival has been planned to celebrate the Armor and Infantry. It will be held at York Field, facing the recently renovated Maneuver Center of Excellence headquarters, and will close the event that evening with a spectacular fireworks show.

This will be a time to welcome all soldiers, retirees and civilian employees of the Fort Benning community and their families. All these groups have been patient while they endured the lengthy construction process that took place the past few years... as well as those families who uprooted and replanted far from home and all that was familiar to them.

This event highlights both the Congress-mandated end of Base Realignment and Closure September 15, 2011 and the "future" that is just starting at the Fort Benning installation between the Infantry and Armor units.

Several community agencies, civic organizations and schools will be present also to help celebrate.

We welcome all those who have now relocated to Fort Benning and are our newest members of the Chattahoochee Valley family. We thank you for making this transition a success!!

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