

U.S. Army

FORT IRWIN : CALIFORNIA

Fort Irwin is located in the high Mojave Desert, surrounded by desert hills and mountains.

The Army designated Fort Irwin as home of the National Training Center (NTC) in 1981 due to its isolation from densely



populated areas. NTC is the Army's premier training facility, providing a full range of joint, live-fire, combined arms training in an elaborate environment using expansive airspace

and ground maneuver capabilities. NTC trains 50,000 US and multinational forces each year across a wide range of military operations and is the Center of Excellence in Improvised Explosive Device Defeat. NTC trains combat ready units for worldwide contingencies in the most realistic environment available.

Ft. Irwin/NTC's economic impact is approximately \$1 billion dollars annually.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **San Bernardino County, CA (near Barstow)**
 - » Land Area: **1200 square miles**
 - » Special Use Airspace: **996 square mi.**
 - » Military Operations: **10 Rotations per year**
 - » Military Personnel: **4,971**
 - » Civilian Personnel: **7,376**
-



Above: 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, TX during a training exercise at the National Training Center. (U.S. Army photo)

Left: The Fort Irwin Garrison and the surrounding National Training Center. (U.S. Army photo)

MISSION STATEMENT

The National Training Center conducts tough, realistic, Unified Land Operations with our Unified Action Partners to prepare Brigade Combat Teams and other units for combat while taking care of Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members.

CONTACT

Public Affairs Office:
760-380-5960
760-380-4511

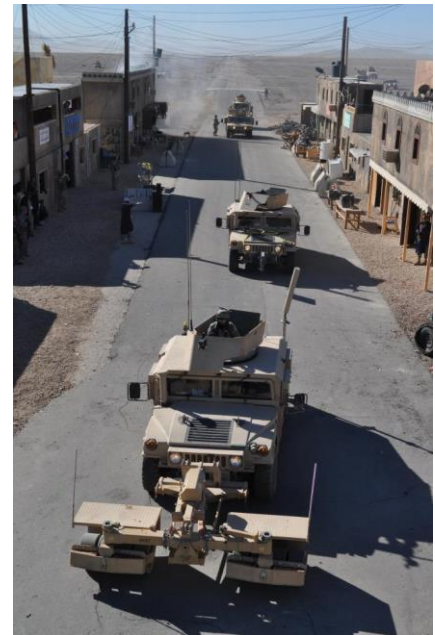


U.S. Army

FORT IRWIN : CALIFORNIA

UNIT MISSIONS

- » **11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (“Blackhorse”):** Provides the U.S. Army with the most capable and lethal combined arms opposing force in the world, helping enable US Army Brigade Combat Teams to better fight and win against any opponent, anywhere in the world.
- » **916th Support Brigade:** Provides world class integrated Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, Multinational (JIIM) contracted support. It also provides rotary-wing aviation sustainment to rotational units, NTC customers and other government and civilian agencies.
- » **Operations Group:** Provides Observers, Coaches and Trainers, OC/Ts, for control coverage of Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and coalition units to a combat ready standard, using realistic force on force and live fire scenarios. Includes the Bronco Team, Cobra Team, Dragon Team, Eagle Team, Expeditionary Training Capability Team, Goldminer Team, Lizard Team, Lynx Team, Raven Team, Scorpion Team, Sidewinder Team, Tarantula Team, Vulture Team, Wolf Team, Wrangler Team and the Combat Trainer Academy.
- » **US Army Garrison:** The US Army Garrison keeps the installation running with a fire department, police station, shopping center, post office and chapels, where government and contracted civilians ensure service members and their families are taken care of. US Army Medical and Dental Activities provide top notch healthcare to keep troops and their families healthy.
- » **Reserve Component, Plans & Training (RC-OPT):** Provides operations, training, logistics and funding guidance to reserve component units training at the NTC. Facilitates staff integration, coordination and information sharing between active command units and reserve component enablers supporting rotational units up to brigade size elements. RC-OPT also serves as principal advisor to commanders on matters relating to reserve component utilization and policies.
- » **106th Signal Network Enterprise Center:** Executes and implements Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Management (C4IM) policies, standards, architectures, programs, plans and budget for automation, telecommunications and information system security. Includes the 7th Signal Command and the 106th Signal Brigade.



Above: Soldiers from the 570th Engineer Company, 14th Engineer Battalion from Fort Lewis, WA, patrol a “village” at Fort Irwin’s National Training center. (U.S. Army photo)

COMMANDER RANK
Brigadier General

MILITARY TRAINING RANGES
National Training Center

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Located in the Mojave Desert
- » Plans to build a 500-megawatt solar power plant that will provide Fort Irwin with "energy security."
- » Tradition of visiting units painting a design on one of the large rock formations near the main gate
- » Only place in CONUS a Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) can truly maneuver and fight a determined opposing force

For more information, please see < <http://www.irwin.army.mil> >