

## **FORT HUACHUCA : ARIZONA**

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Fort Huachuca is located at the base of the Huachuca Mountains, near a ponderosa pine forest. It was established in 1877 to protect settlers and trade routes from the Apache. In 1886, General Nelson A. Miles used Fort Huachuca as his headquarters against Geronimo. The



Fort also considers itself the “real” home of the Buffalo Soldiers, as it has served as home for all four of the historic black regiments (24th and 25th Infantry Regiments and the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments) from 1892-1945.

Congress declared Fort Huachuca a National Historic Landmark in 1976.

Currently, Fort Huachuca is the home of several units, including the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence, which is the U.S. Army’s school for training military intelligence personnel. It is also home to the largest Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) training center in the world and it operates the Army’s Electronic Proving Ground.

Fort Huachuca has consistently been Cochise County’s top employer. With an estimated economic impact of \$2.4 billion annually, Fort Huachuca has the largest economic impact of any of Arizona’s five major military installations.

### **FAST FACTS**

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- » Location: **Cochise County, AZ (near Sierra Vista)**
- » Land Area: **100,539 acres (incl. Willcox Playa)**
- » Special Use Airspace: **964 miles<sup>2</sup>**
- » Military Personnel: **4,979**
- » DoD Civilian/Contractor Personnel: **7,559**



**Top:** Entrance sign to Historic Fort Huachuca. (U.S. Army photo)



**Bottom:** The unmanned RQ-7 Shadow prepares for launch at Fort Huachuca. The Army’s 2nd Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment at Fort Huachuca, trains Soldiers, Marines, and civilians in the operation and maintenance of the Shadow, Hunter, and Gray Eagle systems. (U.S. Army photo)

**Left:** 2010 overlook of Historic Brown Parade Field on Fort Huachuca. (Public domain photo)

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## UNIT MISSIONS

- » **United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence (USAICoE):** Leads, trains, equips, and supports Army Military Intelligence personnel. Includes the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, which itself includes the 304th, 305th, 309th, and 344th Military Intelligence Battalions.
- » **Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) - 9th Army Signal Command:** Plans, engineers, installs, integrates, protects, and operates Army cyberspace, enabling Mission Command through all phases of joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational operations.
- » **Information Systems Engineering Command (ISEC):** Provides systems engineering, installation, integration, implementation, and evaluation support for communications and information technology systems worldwide to Army organizations, combatant commanders, the Department of Defense, and other federal agencies.
- » **Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC):** Professionally tests, operationally evaluates, and certifies information technology capabilities for joint interoperability, thus enabling information dominance and increasing warfighter effectiveness.
- » **The Electronic Proving Ground:** Plans, conducts, and analyzes the results of technical tests for command, control communication, computers and intelligence systems, signal intelligence, and electronic combat/electronic warfare equipment.
- » **Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate (IEWTD), Operational Test Command:** Provides operational testing of new and unique intelligence and electronic warfare, counter-improvised explosive device, and biometric equipment and systems being developed and procured for the Army.
- » **Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Training-Joint Center of Excellence (HT-JCOE):** Provides advanced, professional HUMINT training to Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen to fully prepare them to meet current and emerging requirements.
- » **2nd Battalion 13th Aviation Regiment:** Conducts Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operation, repair, warrant officer technician, and leader training in order to provide ground force commanders with highly trained, combat ready Aviation Soldiers. Currently, it trains U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, and foreign military personnel on the Shadow UAS platform, as well as the Warrior A, Gray Eagle, and Hunter platforms.
- » **Communication Security Logistics Activity (CSLA):** Serves as the Army's Commodity Manager for Communications Security material. Only one of two Tier 1 sites in in the U.S. Government for managing Cryptographic Key for all national security systems.
- » **The Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center (AATTC):** Provides current academic and combat flying training tactics to airlift air crews of the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, active duty United States Air Force, sister services, and allied nations. AATTC also supports an annual Tactics Symposium, which functions as a clearinghouse for gathering and disseminating airlift tactics information.
- » **United States Army Garrison:** Manages the functions and services that keep Fort Huachuca operating. Provides civil services, including but not limited to legal support, fire and rescue, housing, public affairs, logistical, health, welfare, and recreational activities.



**Above:** A C-130 from the AATTC performs a training mission over Fort Huachuca. (U.S. Air Force photo)

## COMMANDER RANK

Major General

## TESTING & TRAINING RANGES

- » Buffalo Soldier Electronic Test Range
- » Willcox Playa
- » R2303 Restricted Airspace Complex

## UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Established in 1877
- » Headquarters of the U.S. Army campaign against Geronimo and the Chiricahua Apache
- » Home of the "Buffalo Soldiers" from 1892-1945
- » Declared a National Historic Landmark in 1976
- » Libby Army Airfield, which is jointly used with the City of Sierra Vista
- » Hubbard Assault Strip, which is the only unimproved military dirt assault strip at elevation in excess of 4,000 ft.
- » Fort Huachuca Historical Museum
- » Recognized with numerous energy and water conservation awards across the Army and DoD
- » Recognized and designated in 2015 as one of the first Sentinel Landscapes by DOD, Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture.