

U.S. Army

FORT CARSON : COLORADO

Fort Carson, “The Mountain Post”, is located just south of Colorado Springs at the base of the Rocky Mountains. It was established in 1942, following Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor. The city of Colorado Springs purchased land south of the city and donated it to the War Department. Construction began immediately and the first building, the camp headquarters, was completed Jan. 31, 1942. Camp Carson was named in honor of the legendary Army scout, Gen. Christopher “Kit” Carson, who explored much of the West in the 1800s. Camp Carson became Fort Carson in 1954. An additional training area was purchased in September 1983 and is called Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS).

Currently, Fort Carson is the home of 4th Infantry Division and several other units, including 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), the Colorado National Guard Regional Training Institute and PCMS, which is a maneuver-training site for Fort



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Carson located near Trinidad, Colorado. The installation totals approximately 137,000 acres and PCMS is approximately 236,000 acres. Fort Carson has approximately 3,000 family housing units and 66 Soldier barracks with 8,132 rooms. Services on the installation include four elementary schools, one middle school, commissary, an Exchange, and Evans Army Community Hospital as well as Army Community Service facilities to include child development centers and youth centers and Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities to include a bowling alley, golf course and numerous parks.

Fort Carson’s economic impact on Colorado Springs and the surrounding communities was approximately \$2.3 billion during fiscal year 2014.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Colorado Springs, CO (El Paso County)**
- » Land Area: ~ **137,000-acre (550 km²)**
- » Military Personnel: **24,300**
- » Veterans: **8,000**
- » Civilian Personnel: **3,300**



Above: Fort Carson “The Mountain Post” entrance. (U.S. Army photo)

Left: Soldiers of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, combat a simulated enemy counterattack with small arms and a training Javelin missile during a company combined arms live-fire exercise April 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo)



Above: Mounted Color Guard during the division change of leadership (U.S. Army photo)

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » During World War II, over 100,000 soldiers trained at Camp Carson
- » Camp Carson was also home to nearly 9,000 Axis prisoners of war
- » The 89th Infantry Division was the first major unit to be activated at Camp Carson

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **4th Infantry Division:** The most balanced division in the Army. It has a heavy brigade, a Stryker brigade, a light brigade, an aviation brigade and a sustainment brigade. It prepares trained and ready expeditionary forces for deployment in support of Combatant Commander requirements, provides first class support to Soldiers, Airmen, Civilians, and Families and enables unified action with community, state, and interagency partners to accomplish all assigned missions.
- » **U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Carson:** Provides units mission support and services including quality of life programs for the Fort Carson Soldiers, Families and the community to enable forces to execute expeditionary operations and to minimize stress on Soldiers and Families in a time of persistent conflict.
- » **U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Fort Carson and Evans Army Community Hospital:** Supports the community with a trusted, integrated system for health, wellness, and readiness - responsive and accountable to those entrusted to our care - distinguished by compassion, quality, and safety.
- » **10th Special Forces Group (Airborne):** Conducts special operations primarily within the U.S. European Command and the U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility and as directed, globally through a variety of direct action, unconventional warfare, and foreign internal defense or security force assistance engagements by utilizing a synchronized network of people and technology including Joint U.S. Forces, Allies, and Partner Nations. The 10th SFG (A) employs unique tactics, techniques and procedures, while applying special skills in adaptability, improvisation, and innovation often in hostile, denied, or politically and/or diplomatically sensitive environments in order to achieve United States Government objectives.
- » **71st Explosive Ordnance Group:** Provide explosive ordnance disposal support to unified land operations by detecting, identifying, conducting on-site evaluation, rendering safe, exploitation and disposal and disposition of explosive ordnance including weapons of mass destruction, and provide support to joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multi-national operations as required.
- » **10th Combat Support Hospital:** Committed to saving lives by deploying to any location in the world to establish an 84 and/or 164 bed hospital in support of combat operations or peacekeeping missions. We are capable of providing high quality comprehensive level III medical care and health services to conserve the fighting strength of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines.
- » **4th Engineer Battalion:** Deploys, receives, integrates, and provides command and control of attached units in order to conduct full spectrum engineering operations in support of an Army, Joint, or Coalition Task Force.



Above: Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, rush out of their vehicle to assault a building at the air assault lane during Warhorse Strike exercise. (U.S. Army photo)



Above: 1st Shaye Haver, one of the first female Rangers going through pre-Ranger training. (U.S. Army photo)



Above: UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter assigned to 4th Combat Aviation Brigade. (U.S. Army photo)

COMMANDERS' RANKS

Major General
Brigadier General
Command Sergeant Major

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