



BRAC NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL TOPICS OF INTEREST:

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- Transfer of Property at Kansas AAP
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Top News

Ms. Diane Randon is appointed as the new DACSIM

Ms. Diane M. Randon was selected for the Senior Executive Service in June 2007. Since February 2012, she has served as the Director, Installation Services in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. She has

almost 27 years of experience in resource and program management from a variety of assignments within the Department of the Army, both in the continental United States and abroad, and with the Department of Defense.



Ms. Diane Randon

FY12 Property Conveyances & FY 13 Projections

The BRAC property conveyance effort for FY12 culminated on 30 September having conveyed a total of 8,099 acres. The largest single conveyance was the 6,248 acre parcel at the former Kansas Army Ammunition Plant. These successes

raised the end of FY total BRAC 2005 property conveyed to 40,177 acres; fully 57% of the total excesses just over 7 years ago. The Army has set its FY13 conveyance goal of 13.7K excess acres which constitutes approximately 20% of all remaining excess

acres. The FY13 projection includes conveyance of approximately 4,000 acres of the former Kansas Army Ammunition Plant and the disposal of all but a handful of remaining U.S. Army Reserve Centers.

“BRAC 2005: An Army Success Story” Video

The new “BRAC 2005 – An Army Success Story” video provides Army leaders a detailed and impactful strategic communications tool that effectively demonstrates BRAC 2005’s role as the primary driver in the largest transformation of the Army since World War II. The 12-minute video builds on the “BRAC 2005, On Time,

On Target” video produced in April of 2011. That film, taken during the final year of BRAC 2005 implementation, highlighted BRAC’s potential impact on the Army. The new version details the results. The film includes updated footage and photographs of completed BRAC facilities, key leader interviews and an up to date narrative with final



statistics and results. The Video can be viewed on the BRAC Webpage <http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/index.html>



Army Major Gen. Al Aycock speaks to the more than 275 people gathered for the Great Plains Industrial Park ribbon cutting ceremony.

Great Plains: The State's biggest industrial park ready to go

"Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, Joint Munitions Command 1942-2009, KSAAP, having faithfully served the nation for 67 years is transferred to Great Plains Development Authority, Parsons, Kansas." Once a part of the arsenal of democracy, providing munitions for World War II, Gov. Sam Brownback told those gathered that the property transferred from the U.S. Army to the Great Plains Development Authority (GPDA) will serve in the arsenal for the Kansas economy. Brownback said there is a need to grow jobs in Kansas, and the industrial park is a means of making that happen.

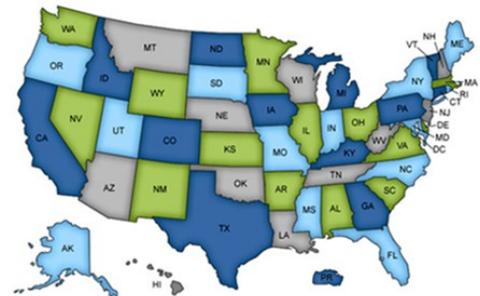
Crashing through all the federal red tape to make the transfer happen took more than an act of Congress. It took people willing to "dog it," to see it through to the end, Brownback said. The Base Realignment and Closure Commission announced in 2005 the KSAAP was slated for closure. Rather than watching former ammunition plant contract operator Day & Zimmermann Inc. shut down, and having the property sit deteriorating, local citizens stepped forward to find out what needed to be done to enable the property to be transferred from the Army

so it could be used as a resource for economic development in Southeast Kansas. The transfer was long awaited, having taken 7 1/2 years, Great Plains Development Authority chair Bob Wood said, noting it was one of the most challenging projects he has ever been involved in. Without the cooperation of the U.S. Army in working with the GPDA through the processes of the last 7 1/2 years, no transfer could have taken place. Major Gen. Al Aycock, director of operations, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (OACSIM), was essential to the negotiation's process, Wood said.

BRACD Introduces New Website

BRACD has recently redesigned their website making it user-friendly and easy to find information. The new website provides information about all BRAC and Non-BRAC Excess Installation properties to include the process for their disposal. Along with the latest BRAC news, the site shares the many success stories of previous BRAC rounds along with valuable references regarding the budget and environment. The new site offers a graphic interface

of a U.S. map allowing the user to drill down to the individual state(s) of interest. The home page offers Property Conveyance on its main menu bar so users can quickly find information about Properties For Sale and Conveyance Status. The Properties For Sale page lists the states that have properties for sale (currently seventeen) allowing the user to view those that are of interest. The site provides additional and detailed information for



each property along with the appropriate BRAC point of contact. Please visit the new site at <http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/index.html> and provide any comments and/or suggestions for further improvement to [BRACO Webmaster](#).