

## Appendix H

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# Closures and Realignment

The following recommendations constitute those required by Title II, P.L. 100-526. An index of affected installations begins on page 82.

### ARMY

#### Fort Dix, New Jersey

The Commission recommends the realignment of Fort Dix to semi-active status and relocation of entry level training functions (Basic Training (BT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT)) from Fort Dix to other Army training base installations. This decision will consolidate similar training accomplished at various locations and will increase the availability of training areas at Fort Dix to support active and reserve training. This category has excess capacity allowing these consolidations. The net cost of this realignment will be paid back in five years. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$84.5 million.

In reviewing Fort Dix, the Commission noted opportunities to improve overall effectiveness of the training base through the realignment of training. As BT and AIT training are relocated from Fort Dix to other training installations, related adjustments can be made to better distribute, consolidate, and manage training load requirements.

The realignment of Fort Dix to semi-active status will give the Army an improved capability to meet active and reserve component training requirements

in the Northeast. It also will permit expansion of training capability to meet mobilization requirements when needed. The size and location of Fort Dix, which is contiguous to McGuire AFB, will also provide capability to absorb future Army force structure changes resulting from possible adjustments in overseas unit stationing.

Implementation of the realignment will require careful planning. There must be adequate provisions for security and maintenance of retained facilities to meet future expansion and mobilization requirements. Infrastructure to operate residual active facilities, such as Walson Army Hospital, and support for McGuire AFB, Naval Air Engineering Center (NAEC) Lakehurst, and the Fort Dix training area may also be required. In reviewing the overall health care requirements within the Delaware Valley area, the Department of Defense should determine whether the Walson Army Hospital should be retained or downgraded to a clinic.

No negative environmental impacts are anticipated since Fort Dix will remain in semi-active status. Relocation actions

involved with this recommendation will not significantly alter the environmental situations at the gaining installations as comparable training presently exists there.

The realignments will have moderate impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends the following relocations of Basic and Advanced Individual Training:

-- Basic Training at Fort Dix, as follows: approximately 30 percent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to include Air Base Ground Defense, 20 percent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and 50 percent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

-- Basic Training at Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Jackson.

-- Motor Vehicle Operator (88M) Combat Service Support AIT from Fort Dix to be consolidated with other 88M AIT training at Fort Leonard Wood.

-- Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic (63B) Combat Service Support AIT from Forts Dix and Leonard Wood to be consolidated with other 63B AIT training at Fort Jackson.

-- Administrative and Legal Specialist (71C/D) Combat Service Support AIT from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, to be consolidated with other 71C/D AIT training at Fort Jackson.

-- Personnel Specialist (75 D/E) Combat Service Support AIT load and cadre from Fort Jackson to be consolidated with other 75 D/E AIT training at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

-- Supply Specialist (76Y) Combat Service Support AIT from Fort Jackson to

be consolidated with other 76Y AIT training at Fort Lee, Virginia.

-- Food Service Specialist (94B) Combat Service Support AIT from Fort Dix and Fort Jackson to be consolidated with other 94B AIT training at Ft Lee.

The Commission recognizes that the relocations prescribed above may require modification. The Secretary of the Army may modify them if necessary. These modifications must be at no greater cost and payback than currently calculated and follow the stated intent of the Commission to consolidate like AIT training at single installations and to consolidate basic training at fewer installations.

### **Fort Douglas, Utah**

The Commission recommends Fort Douglas for closure. It is positioned in the center of the University of Utah campus which severely restricts its operational flexibility. Its regional support mission can be relocated to another location. The Reserve Component facilities will be segregated and retained within the Fort. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within six years. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$250 thousand.

The activities assigned to Fort Douglas support the regional Reserve-Component functions and pay actions, and support area recruiting efforts.

Construction potential is also limited by the historical landmark status of the central portion of the installation. The facilities have a high backlog of maintenance and repair, requiring substantial capital investments to upgrade.