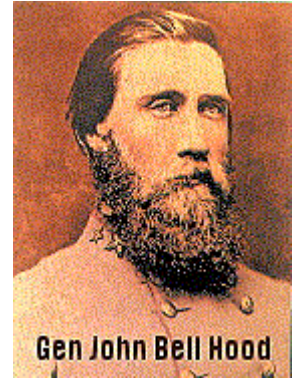


FACT SHEET

Fort Hood Quick Facts

A 340 square mile installation (214,968 acres), Fort Hood is the only post in the United States capable of stationing and training two Armored Divisions.

The rolling, semiarid terrain is ideal for multifaceted training and testing of military units and individuals. Fort Hood is "The Army's Premier Installation to train and deploy heavy forces."



In addition to the [1st Cavalry Division](#) and [1st Army Division West](#), Fort Hood is also residence for Headquarters Command III Corps, [3d Armored Cavalry Regiment](#), [3d Air Support Operations Group](#), [13th Sustainment Command \(Expeditionary\)](#), [13th Finance Management Center](#), [21st CAV Brigade \(Air Combat\)](#), [36th Engineer Brigade](#), [41st Fires Brigade](#), [48th Chemical Brigade](#), [69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade](#), [89th Military Police Brigade](#), [504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade \(BfSB\)](#), the [Dental Activity \(DENTAC\)](#), the [Medical Support Activity \(MEDDAC\)](#), [U.S. Army Operational Test Command \(USAOTC\)](#), and various other units and tenant organizations.

A Brief History

Fort Hood was named for the famous Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood, an outstanding leader who gained recognition during the Civil War as the commander of Hood's Texas Brigade.

The original site was selected in 1941, and construction of South Camp Hood began in 1942. North Camp Hood, located 17 miles to the north, was established shortly after the first land acquisition and the founding of the cantonment area.

South Camp Hood was designated as Fort Hood, a permanent installation, in 1951.

North Camp Hood became North Fort Hood and what is now West Fort Hood was formerly a U.S. Air Force Base. Both the airfield and the base were run by the U.S. Air Force from 1947 to 1952.

From 1952 to 1969, the facilities were run by the U.S. Army under the Defense Atomic Support Agency. It became part of Fort Hood in 1969.

For more history on Fort Hood and III Corps, visit the 1st Cavalry Division and 4th Infantry Division museums.

Location

Fort Hood is adjacent to Killeen, Texas in the beautiful "hill and lake" country of the Great State of Texas.

Fort Hood is located approximately:

- 50 miles Southwest of Waco
- 60 miles Northeast of Austin
- 150 miles Northeast of San Antonio
- 160 miles South of Dallas / Fort Worth
- 180 miles Southeast of Abilene

- 180 miles Northwest of Houston
- 230 miles South of Wichita Falls/Oklahoma border
- 245 miles Southwest of Marshall/Louisiana border
- 275 miles Northeast of Del Rio/Mexico border
- 280 miles Southwest of Texarkana/Arkansas border
- 280 miles Northeast of Laredo/Mexico border
- 290 miles West of Orange/Louisiana border
- 315 miles East of Midland / Odessa
- 340 miles Southeast of Lubbock
- 385 miles North of Brownsville/Mexico border
- 425 miles Southeast of Amarillo
- 575 miles East of El Paso/New Mexico border

More Quick Facts

Major Command	III Corps
Primary Weapon Systems	All
Mission and Vision	Maintain combat readiness
Temperature	Summer/Winter averages 94/49
Annual precipitation	30-35 inches
Population served	218,003
Active Duty (Officer)	4,929
Active Duty (Enlisted)	45,414
Family Members - On Post	17,954
Family Members - Off Post	89,933
Retirees, Survivors & Family Members	246,718
Civilian/NAF/Other Employees	8,909
Fort Hood Switchboard	(254) 287-1110

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