



# FORT SILL ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE 2014





# Welcome to Fort Sill, Oklahoma!

## “Community of Choice!”





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Greetings from the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill! Enclosed we have included highlights of the impact the men and women based at Fort Sill have not only on the local community in Southwest Oklahoma but throughout our Nation's military and to security world-wide.

As the Command Team of the Fires Center and Fort Sill, we have three functional roles. As the proponent for modernizing the Fires Force, we focus on advancements in and the revolutionary progress of technology as it relates to Fires and our mission set. We are also the senior responsible officials for how Fires professionals are educated and training is enhanced, commonalities between the Air Defense Artillery and Field Artillery are seized, and tomorrow's leaders are developed today. Finally, as the senior command team for all military, Department of Defense Civilians, and Families based on Fort Sill, we are responsible for the well-being of those that work, live, and play on Fort Sill. Specifically within the Lawton Fort Sill community, the goal is to build upon the unparalleled community relationship already enjoyed while deliberately focusing on improvement in those aspects of our community that make an assignment here extraordinary. These areas are housing, education, employment opportunities, religious support, and medical services. A high standard in these areas will result in a positive experience for all stationed here and will reinforce that Lawton Fort Sill is truly a "community of choice."

**Team Sill, Oklahoma Pride, Fires Strong!  
Victory Starts Here!**



Fort Sill's role as Home of the U.S. Army Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery Fires Center of Excellence (FCoE) in Lawton is critical to both the defense of our national interests and the economic well-being of Southwest Oklahoma.

## Historic Relevance

Fort Sill has played an important role in our nation's Army in times of war and peace. As far back as 1869, Fort Sill stood as a frontier Army post, housing and supplying historically significant units like the 7th Cavalry, led by Colonel George A. Custer, and the 10th Cavalry, known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Before the Field Artillery arrived in 1902, Fort Sill was the home of the infantry; then called the Army's School of Musketry. In 1911 the School of Fires (Field Artillery) was officially established and Post Field (now Henry Post Army Air Field) was utilized as an Air Service training camp in order to train aerial observers leading into World War I. The proliferation of aerial combat necessitated the establishment of Fort Sill as the home of Army Aviation through World War I and World War II until it was moved in 1954. In 1951, the United States Marine Corps brought its artillery presence to Fort Sill and in 1977 established the school for Marine Artillery on Fort Sill. Recently, in 2009, the Fires Center of Excellence was established, bringing the Air Defense Artillery School to join with the Field Artillery School and establishing the Fires Center of Excellence as the Home for Army Fires. Fort Sill has played a significant role in the growing and preparing of the Army in every conflict since World War I.

## Training Mission

The Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill oversees and facilitates initial entry, combined, and joint training utilizing resources found exclusively on Fort Sill. 434th Field Artillery Brigade Basic Combat Training (BCT) grows the Army by transforming nearly 18,000 volunteers into Soldiers every year. 428th Field Artillery and 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigades are the units that implement the training shaped by the Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery Commandants respectively. As the home of Marine Artillery, the United States Marine Corps continues to train cannon crewmen and Marine artillery officers. In cooperation with Sheppard Air Force Base, over 75,000 sorties train through Fort Sill's special use airspace each year. Fort Sill's International Student Division facilitates the training of hundreds of Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery enlisted and officers from 52 countries around the world. Every two years a joint Fort Sill-based live-fire exercise called Daring Warrior is conducted in partnership with the Singaporean Armed Forces Field Artillery and Aviation units. Further, the United Arab Emirates Patriot Missile training takes place on Fort Sill continuously throughout the year. Our mission simulation center, named in honor of



Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant First Class Jared Monti, provides high fidelity simulated training scenarios that prepare the Fires Force and the Nation's joint and international partners for combined operations around the world. This year's opening of the Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) Instructional Facility, named in honor of Lieutenant General CJ LeVan, establishes a capability unique within the Army to train on this critical ballistic missile defense system protecting the United States and its partners. Thousands of Soldiers, Marines and allied students are trained annually in the schoolhouses, on firing ranges, and in the mission simulation centers on Fort Sill.

## Projecting the Force

From the early training missions of the infantry and aviation to the modern mission of Fires, Fort Sill has been a platform for preparing and projecting the force world-wide. Fort Sill's Forces Command (FORSCOM) units, the 214th Field Artillery Brigade and the 75th Field Artillery Brigade have deployed repeatedly to the Middle East and Southwest Asia theaters for more than a decade. The 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade deploys Patriot anti-missile units around the world in order to protect our Nation's interests and partners. Other Army units travel to Fort Sill to receive pre-deployment training on certain weapon systems, including the Land-based Phalanx Weapon System (LFWS) responsible for the Counter-Rocket, Artillery, Mortar (C-RAM) mission, in preparation for overseas deployments. For the past two years, the Joint Fires Observer (JFO) Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) from Fort Sill have trained Latvian soldiers in their proficiency and general knowledge of calling for fire. The training, planning, and equipping that take place on Fort Sill have far reaching implications for national security at home and abroad.





<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>2014</b>
MILITARY (PERMANENT PARTY)	8,797
NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVE MILITARY	953
DA CIVILIANS	2,993
CONTRACTORS	1,561
OTHER CIVILIANS (NAF, COMMERCIAL, AAFES, ETC.)	1,890
RETIRED MILITARY/SURVIVOR DEPENDENTS	28,473
FAMILY MEMBERS	25,027
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>69,694</b>

## Local Impact

While the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill’s impact is far reaching, the impact to the local Lawton and greater Southwest Oklahoma region cannot be overstated. Fort Sill is the largest single site employer in Oklahoma, bringing more \$22.5 billion into Oklahoma over the course of the last 12 years, averaging out to roughly \$2 billion in outlays each year. The economic impact includes high dollar items such as contractor construction and work force salaries as well as the infusion of cash into local surrounding community businesses. In 2014, the Soldiers, students, Civilians, Families and retirees associated with Fort Sill impacted Lawton’s economy directly by spending over \$1.7 billion in areas such as housing, dining and retail.





**IN MILLIONS**

<b>APPROPRIATED FUNDS EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$1,017</b>
Civilian Pay	\$194
Military Pay	\$550
Contracts	\$145
Other	\$128
(Travel, Transportation, Utilities, Supplies and Equipment)	
<b>MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY .....</b>	<b>\$85</b>
<b>OTHER RETAIL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$34</b>
AAFES	\$6
Commisary	\$9
Non-Appropriated Funds	\$16
Red Cross	\$3
<b>TRICARE .....</b>	<b>\$34</b>
<b>LEGAL CLAIMS PAID .....</b>	<b>\$.2</b>
<b>OTHER FEDERAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$577</b>
Federal School Impact Aid Contributions	\$6
Retired Military Pay	\$571
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,749</b>





## FIRES CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School  
U.S. Army Field Artillery School  
30th Air Defense Artillery Brigade  
428th Field Artillery Brigade

Marine Artillery Detachment (MARDET)  
434th Field Artillery Brigade (Basic Combat Training)  
Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA)

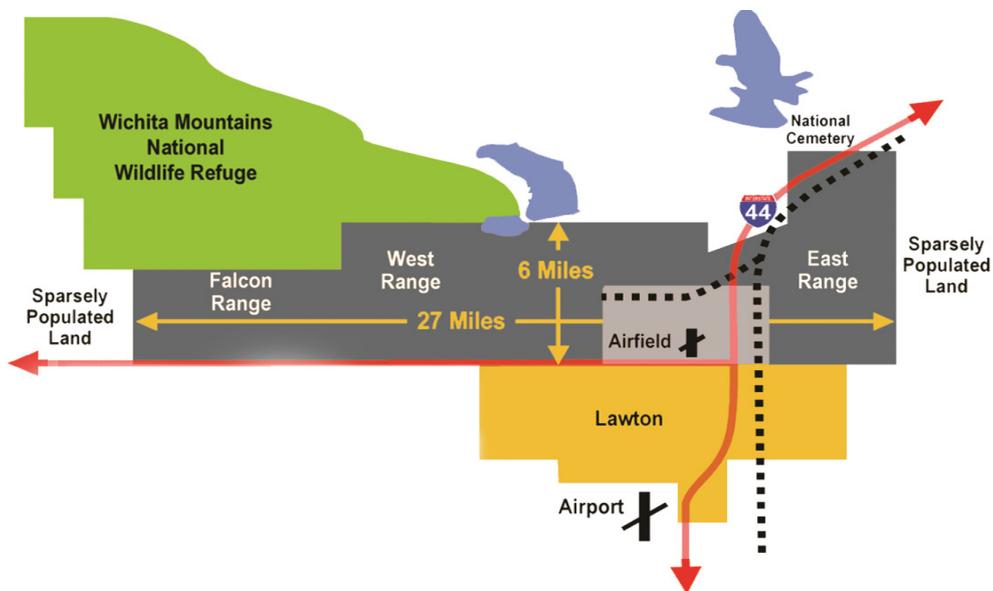
31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade  
75th Field Artillery Brigade  
214th Fires Brigade  
95th Division (USAR)

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Sill  
MEDDAC (Reynolds Army Community Hospital)  
DENTAC  
77th Army Band  
Network Enterprise Command (NEC)  
Mission Installation Contracting Command (MICC)  
Logistics Readiness Command (LRC)





*Lawton Fort Sill is the 5th largest city in Oklahoma.*



Installation Footprint

93,829 Acres

Main Post

9,318 Acres

Training Area

47,170 Acres

Recreation Area

1,068 Acres

Total On-Post Housing Facilities

1,811 Units





The mission of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) is to provide a comprehensive range of quality of life programs and services that focus on readiness and retention in the Fort Sill community. DFMWR stands ready to provide the best care, support, and community services for the Army community through initiatives such as Healthy Base Initiative that emphasizes the good health and welfare of the Army community.

The directorate is funded through a mix of appropriated and nonappropriated funds. Appropriated funds that finance the installation's base operations, including DFMWR, are provided through the congressional budget process. Nonappropriated funds that support DFMWR are made up of dollars generated from Fort Sill retail sales and participation fees.

The programs and services provided the Army community by DFMWR promote resiliency and serve as an outlet for the daily pressures of military life. In 2014, DFMWR generated more than \$18 million to reinvest in quality of life programs and facilities for Soldiers, retirees, DoD Civilians, and their Families. Over the past 10 years the Directorate has generated and reinvested more than \$170 million.





Fort Sill, the city of Lawton and the communities that make up the greater Southwest Oklahoma region are committed to creating a secure, safe, functional and hospitable environment that provides the requisite services and support for our community.

Fort Sill leadership serves in various capacities across numerous community boards, including the Lawton School Board and the Lawton Economic Development Corporation. The Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce (CoC) Legislative Affairs Committee works closely with Fort Sill leadership to identify community priorities and encourage legislative support from state and federal lawmakers. The Military Affairs Committee of the Lawton Fort Sill CoC promotes unity between Soldiers and the local population through social events, programs, and community service projects. Through the Cooperative Program, the organizations and units on Fort Sill team up with Lawton businesses to focus on improving the quality of life throughout the community.

In 2014 the city of Lawton completed significant retail improvements along 2nd Avenue, including a convention center and a new shopping center. Fort Sill and Lawton teamed together to improve the community education system by constructing the Freedom Elementary School on Fort Sill that will be ready to receive students in May 2015. Additionally, Lawton raised \$42 million for improvements to the existing schools across the community.

Lawton Fort Sill is truly one community, dedicated to a continuously strengthening relationship and supporting the numerous organizations and events that all can enjoy. Lawton Fort Sill is a place for Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families to thrive!





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