FORT SILL 2015 ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE

Welcome to Fort Sill, Oklahoma!
“Community of Choice!”

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Greetings from the Fires Center of Excellence (FCoE) and Fort Sill. We trust 2015 was a great year for our soldiers, civilians, families, retirees and friends in the community. Creating a larger sense of community outside the gates of Fort Sill and finding ways to communicate a better understanding of "who" and "what" your Army stands for has been a special priority of ours. We have come a long way and we are proud to say, the premier relationship enjoyed by Fort Sill and our surrounding communities serves as a model of cooperative living that cities and Army installations can benefit from nation-wide. To point a fact, over 80 percent of our married permanent party soldiers and all but one of our Fort Sill Army civilians live off post. The permanent party group as well as the thousands of soldiers who annually rotate through our ADA and FA schools contribute to the success of our local community and surrounding cities in the greater Southwest Oklahoma region. In 2015 Fort Sill supported Oklahoma's economy with over $1.7 billion. Today we continue to coordinate with the local community through what we recognize as the seven pillars for quality of life: Emergency Services; Housing; Medical Care; Education; Retail and Employment; Religious Support; and Recreation. All seven contribute to the high standard of life our Fort Sill community and partner cities want to enjoy. Thank you again for your partnership with our FCoE vision of national defense and local prosperity. Working as a team, we are getting the job done!

Team Sill, Oklahoma Pride, Fires Strong!

Victory Starts Here

History

The history of Fort Sill isn't just that of the Army or Fort Sill, it has a much broader scope. Fort Sill's history is interwoven with the history of the region to include Texas and Kansas, it is inseparable from the Native American tribes, the settlement of the American southwest and what would become Oklahoma. ***It is a story of national significance.*** Fort Sill has played an important role in our Nation's defense in times of war and peace since its founding in 1869. The Fires Center of Excellence was established in 2009, bringing the Air Defense Artillery School to link with the Field Artillery School. Today Fort Sill is a national treasure, designated a National Historic Landmark. It comprises the most complete original Indian wars frontier fort in existence anywhere in the nation. We encourage you to take time to visit all of our museums on Fort Sill. We have over 30,000 artifacts, the 4th largest collection in the U.S. Army Museum system of over 55 museums.

Retired Lt. Col Claude Matchette portrays Capt. Dan Moore, the first commmandant of the field artillery school, during the Candlelight Stroll on the Old Post Quadrangle in December.

Training Mission

Thousands of soldiers, marines and allied students train annually at Fort Sill's schools and mission simulation centers and firing ranges. ***We train Soldiers from the rank of Private to Colonel in critical artillery skills.*** Our 434th Field Artillery Basic Combat Training Brigade grows the Army by over 19,000 soldiers every year. Our 428th Field Artillery and 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigades prepare branch weapons specialists to fulfill the Army's missions around the world. Fort Sill's Marine Detachment trains hundreds of artillery officers and artillery crewmen annually. Sheppard Air Force Base flies 80,000 training sorties in Fort Sill's special use airspace each year. Altus Air Force Base conducts Joint Precision Air Drop System (JPADS) GPS-Guided Cargo Pallet, Assault Strip Landing, and Equipment Load training at Henry Post Army Airfield regularly. Fort Sill's International Student Division trains hundreds of Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery soldiers from 52 countries every year. Our world-class mission simulation center, named in honor of Field Artillery Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant First Class Jared Monti, provides real-life simulated training scenarios that prepare the Fires Force for combined operations around the world. Last year's opening of the Air Defense Artillery Terminal High Altitude

Area Defense (THAAD) Instructional Facility established a one-of-a-kind capability to train on this critical Army ballistic missile defense system.

Projecting the Force

The military planning, training and application of the latest tactics and procedures that take place on Fort Sill have far reaching implications for national security at home and abroad. ***Readiness is the #1 priority on Fort Sill.*** Fort Sill has been a platform for preparing and projecting America's forces since 1869. Fort Sill's 75th Field Artillery and 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigades deploy world-wide to protect our Nation and partners' interests. Army-wide units come to Fort Sill for pre-deployment training on weapon systems such as C-RAM (Counter-Rocket, Artillery, and Mortar) to prepare for overseas deployments. Our Joint Fires Observer Mobile Training Teams train soldiers around the world with Close Air Support targeting skills. From new soldier basic combat training to brigade command-level artillery training, Fort Sill makes a tremendous contribution to our Nation's readiness.

Local Impact

While the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill's impact on national defense is far reaching, the impact to the local Lawton and greater Southwest Oklahoma region cannot be overstated. ***Fort Sill is the third largest single site employer in Oklahoma,*** bringing more than $24 billion into Oklahoma over the last 12 years. This averages out to roughly $2 billion in outlays each year. The economic impact includes high-dollar items such as contractor construction and work force salaries, and the infusion of cash into local surrounding community businesses. In 2015, the soldiers, students, civilians, families and retirees associated with Fort

Sill impacted Lawton's economy directly by spending in areas such as housing, dining, and retail.

Advancing the Fires Force

Air defense and field artillery are in high demand and are extremely relevant to our Army. Patriot units are the most highly deployed in the Army and in 2015 the active component stood up 10 division artillery headquarters. Confidence is growing in our training and deployments; maneuver commanders are frequently asking for more Fires forces. In the most recent National Defense Authorization Act and omnibus spending bill, Fires procurement and acquisition programs were generously resourced.

2015 POPULATION

Military (Permanent Party)	7,624
National Guard/Reserve Military	852
Military (Basic Training)	19,500
Military (Students All Other)	14,942
DA Civilians	2,527
Contractors	1,485
Other Civilians (NAF, Commercial, AAFES, etc.)	1,892
Retired Military/Survivor Dependents	28,473
Family Members	25,290
Total	**102,585**

Members of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association salute during the playing of the national anthem during the dedication of the Code Talker Hall on Fort Sill in March.

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015

		In Millions
Appropriated Funds Expenditures		**$982**
Civilian Pay	$204	
Military Pay	$506	
Contracts	$151	
Other	$121	
(Travel, Transportation, Utilities, Supplies and Equipment)		
Military Construction, Army		**$36**
Other Retail Expenditures		**$35**
AAFES	$4	
Commissary	$9	
Non-Appropriated Funds	$18	
Red Cross	$4	
TRICARE		**$70**
Legal Claims Paid		**$1**
Other Federal Expenditures		**$590**
Federal School Impact Aid Contributions	$6	
Retired Military Pay	$584	
Total		**$1,714**

Freedom Elementary School ribbon-cutting in August.

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

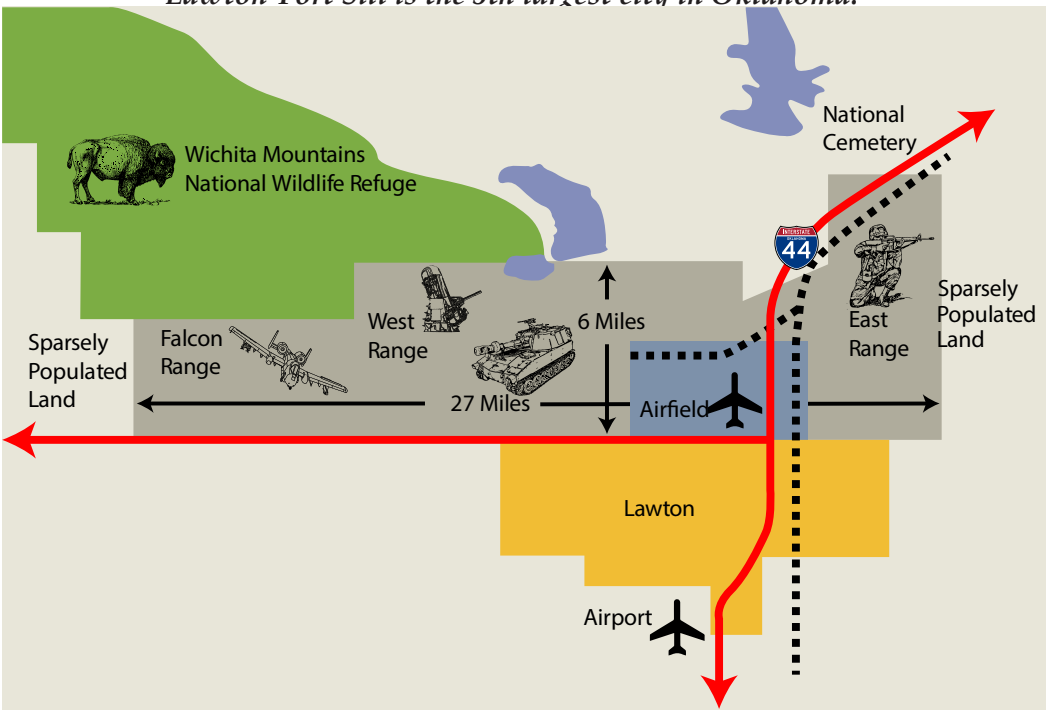
Marine Artillery Detachment (MARDET)
434th Field Artillery Brigade (Basic Combat Training)
Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA)

31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade
75th Field Artillery Brigade
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)

The Fort Sill Artillery Half Section opened the annual Lawton Rangers Rodeo in August.

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 Pyles Family - Fort Sill's 2015 Family of the Year.

Optimizing the Home Fires

ocusing on our "Seven Pillars of the Community of Choice" in 2015, Fort Sill worked together with Lawton and surrounding cities to improve our soldiers' lives. Alongside our local community partners we determined best practices in Emergency Services; Housing; Medical Care; Education; Retail and Employment; Religious Support; and Recreation. We enjoyed local shopping and employment opportunities, contributed to the rich religious support life the area provides through church attendance and volunteering, took part in many recreational opportunities, and participated in healthy activities among our Fort Sill community with an emphasis on personal fitness in our gyms and intramural sports. Fort Sill's Family of the Year, the Pyles, (pictured above) contribute to the community greatly with their volunteerism and selfless service.

In 2015, Fort Sill's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) successfully completed its mission of providing quality programs and services that focus on readiness and retention. Funded through a mix of congressionally appropriated and Fort Sill retail sales funds,

DFMWR generated more than $17 million in 2015 to reinvest in quality of life programs and facilities for soldiers, retirees, DoD civilians, and their families. Over the past 11 years, DFMWR has generated and reinvested more than $190 million.

Lawton-Fort Sill truly is one community, dedicated to the continuous strengthening and support of our surrounding cities. Fort Sill leadership serve and liaise on numerous community and educational boards. The Lawton-Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce Legislative Affairs Committee works closely with Fort Sill leadership to identify community priorities and encourage legislative support from state and federal lawmakers. The Co-Op Program creates joint volunteer opportunities for organizations and units on Fort Sill, numerous local and regional businesses, and community schools in order to improve the overall quality of life throughout the community. ***Lawton Fort Sill is a proven Community of Choice where soldiers, civilians, and their families can thrive!***

Enrique Iglesius performed in front of more than 15,000 fans from the Lawton-Fort Sill community on the Fort Sill Polo Field in June.

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