



Did you know?

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Army select Sill range branch as best

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Did you know the Fort Sill Range Control Branch was selected by the Department of the Army as the best range control for a Tier II installation in 2009?

Fort Sill's ranges operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That means Fort Sill units, National Guard and Reserves can train, including live firing, at all hours

The Fort Sill Range and training areas consist of 70 range facilities including two convoy live fire courses and more than 125 firing points. The ranges are supported by more than 30,500 acres for small arms and artillery impact areas.

Adjoining the ranges are 84 maneuver training areas, covering 48,580 acres, which are capable of supporting field artillery fires brigade, battalion and brigade combat support, service support, light brigade combat team and an aviation support battalions.

There are two airborne drop zones and a tactical airstrip embedded in three of the maneuver training areas.

There are three different improvised explosive device defeat lanes that stretch about 45 miles.

Fort Sill's impact area is covered by restricted air space which supports live drops with F-16 Fighting Falcons and FA-18 Hornets with up to 2,000 pound MK-84 bombs in two live close air support boxes and one for inert bombs. Helicopter crews use the live-fire range for aerial gunnery training and I've even seen Air Force AC-130 Spectre gunships fire their 105mm howitzers from 3,000 feet.

Units wanting to schedule a range facility or a training area can go to <https://range.sill.army.mil/>.

Fort Sill's range staff is comprised of 77 personnel, including six Intergrated Training Area Management personnel who keep the land up to standard and two contractors operating and maintaining the IED lanes.

The staff duties include scheduling, safety oversight, range maintenance, land management, supply functions and experts in room clearance, IED procedures, surface clearance in the impact area for unexploded ordnance for target insertions and building new ranges.

Range Control operates a combat conditioning course and a confidence obstacle course, for physical training and confidence building. All staff are trained to do whatever is needed to assist leaders in training.

Fort Sill is recognized in the standard garrison organization as a Tier II installation. This will increase our range authorizations to ensure adequate maintenance and operations of our ranges.

There are more than 500 fixed and 1,000 targets arrayed on Fort Sill's ranges.

That figure is expected to grow by the end of fiscal 2010, with the addition of new ranges such as the Fire and Movement Range and an Infantry Squad Battle Course and a Modified Record Fire Range in fiscal 2013.

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Thanks and have a great Fort Sill day.