



# First United States Army

## Fort Gillem, Georgia





## *Who We Are...*

First U.S. Army is one of two continental armies in the U.S. It is a highly specialized team of active Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve soldiers, and Department of the Army civilian employees.

Located in the Atlanta suburb of Forest Park, First Army executes its mission through three reserve divisions (training support): the 78th Division (TS) in Edison, NJ; the 85th Division (TS) in Arlington Heights, IL, and the 87th Division (TS) in Birmingham, AL.

## *Who We Serve...*



### US ARMY RESERVE

**120,000 Soldiers**  
**6 Regional Support Commands**  
**10 Direct Reporting Units**  
**1,100 Units**



### ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**230,000 Soldiers**  
**5 Divisions**  
**8 Enhanced Brigades**  
**1,200 Units**



### TOTAL

**350,000 Soldiers**  
**30 States & Territories**  
**44 Major Commands**  
**2,300 Units**  
**400 Detachments**

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# *What We Do...*

## **First Army Core Functions**

- Training and Training Support
- Mobilization
- Homeland Security



## **Additional Functions**

- Civilian Aides to Secretary of the Army
- National Scout Jamboree Support

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# Forward

Over 70 years ago, our first commander, General John J. Pershing said,

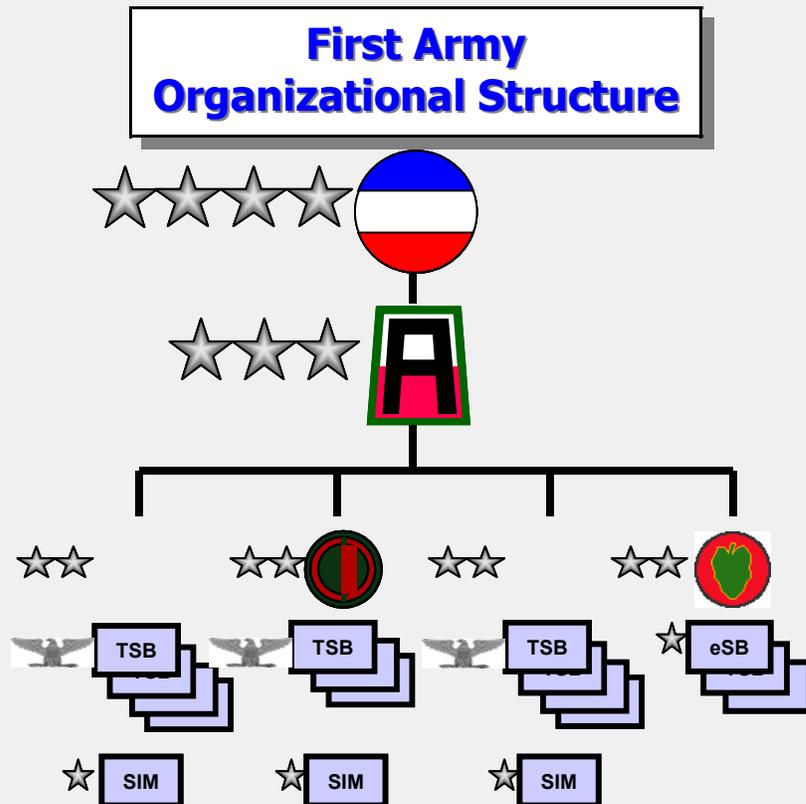
*“We no longer differentiate...between Army, National Guard and Reserve Forces. Every energy...is bent to the development of the Army of the United States. Our purpose is to think only of the American citizen...and to prepare him in time of peace for duties in war.”*

The truth of General Pershing’s words have become timeless as we progress through the new millennium and the challenges awaiting us in our tumultuous world.

First Army’s mission of training and training support, mobilization, and homeland security is critical to our national security. From nowhere else in the force structure does the Army get such value at so little cost. It is imperative that we get this message out to people in our communities and, in many respects, to the Army at large.

We are in the business of training soldiers to fight our nation's wars. We never lose sight of that core function. We improve the readiness of Reserve Component units and soldiers by providing training and training support. Our training responsibilities and priorities for that mission have not changed.

Our Army — Active and Reserve Components — are true partners in meeting the Army’s worldwide missions.

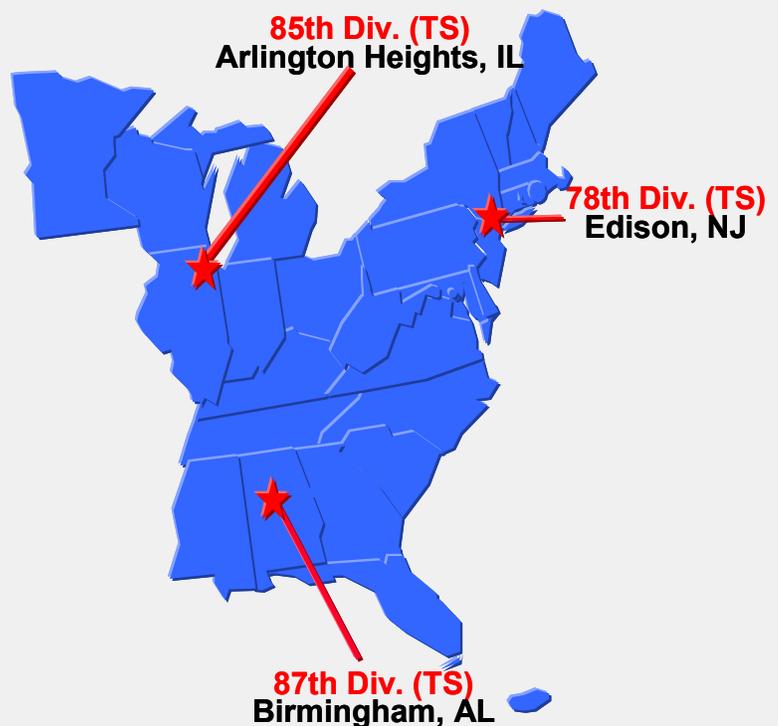


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# First Army Mission

First U.S. Army **trains, mobilizes and deploys** Army Reserve and National Guard units in the eastern United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As directed, conducts **Homeland Security (HLS)** in support of national objectives.



*...three Divisions (Training Support) in the First Army area of responsibility provide support to units east of the Mississippi River and Minnesota*



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## First Army Mission Essential Task List

**Improve readiness** by providing training and training support to Reserve Components

**Mobilize, prepare and deploy** Army Reserve and National Guard units for worldwide employment as directed by Department of the Army

As directed, **conduct Homeland Security (HLS)** in support of national objectives

**Certify training** of Defense Coordinating Officers (DCOs), Weapons of Mass Destruction—Civil Support Teams (WMD-CST), deploying units, and Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training (TSIRT)

**Execute** the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) Program

**Protect** the force



***.....Fully Prepared To Accomplish The Mission.***

*First United States Army enhances the combat readiness of Reserve Component soldiers and units in the eastern United States, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.*

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## Training Support XXI

Today's Army, at its lowest force structure size since World War II, faces a multitude of challenges in the 21st century. Those challenges have significantly increased the dependence of the Active Component (AC) on Reserve Component (RC) forces to fulfill the numerous mission and operational support requirements placed on it.

Training Support XXI initiative is the vehicle our leaders have designed to build the bridge of trust and respect between the Active and Reserve Components.

Training Support XXI (TS XXI) has revolutionized the training support provided to Army



National Guard (ARNG) and Army Reserve (USAR) units and soldiers. Implemented in October 1999, TS XXI is designed to employ the Combat Training Center (CTC) training model at platoon and company levels while building support organizations focused solely on training and training support. The initiative increases efficiency in the use of scarce training resources and maximizes the training benefit to the RC forces.

First Army has three of the Army's five Divisions (Training Support) in our area of responsibility. The function and responsibilities of the Divisions (TS) to our RC component units include:

- Exercise span of control for the Training Support Brigades (TSBs)
- Provide realistic simulation training exercises for RC brigades and battalions through the assigned simulation brigades
- Provide 90% of the personnel in the combat support and combat service support training structure
- Facilitate binding of AC and RC into an integrated team
- Provide the expertise on Army Reserve unique programs and procedures

The TSB is designed and staffed to function as an "operations group," similar to the National Training Center (NTC) or the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC). The TSBs provide CTC-quality lanes and training support at the platoon and company level to RC units. The exciting dynamic is that the TSBs are mobile and deployable with the capability to bring lane training to RC units at their home training area. Reserve Component units have their own Observer-Controller/Trainer (OC/T) package during each exercise to optimize the feedback process. The potential to coach, teach and share lessons is tremendous.

Finally, Training Support XXI places over 4,100 active duty soldiers in the field focused on contributing to the training readiness of the Reserve Component on a daily basis. The program's structure ensures soldiers from the Active and Reserve Components are training together to plan and execute as an AC/RC team. This partnership will pay huge dividends in the future.

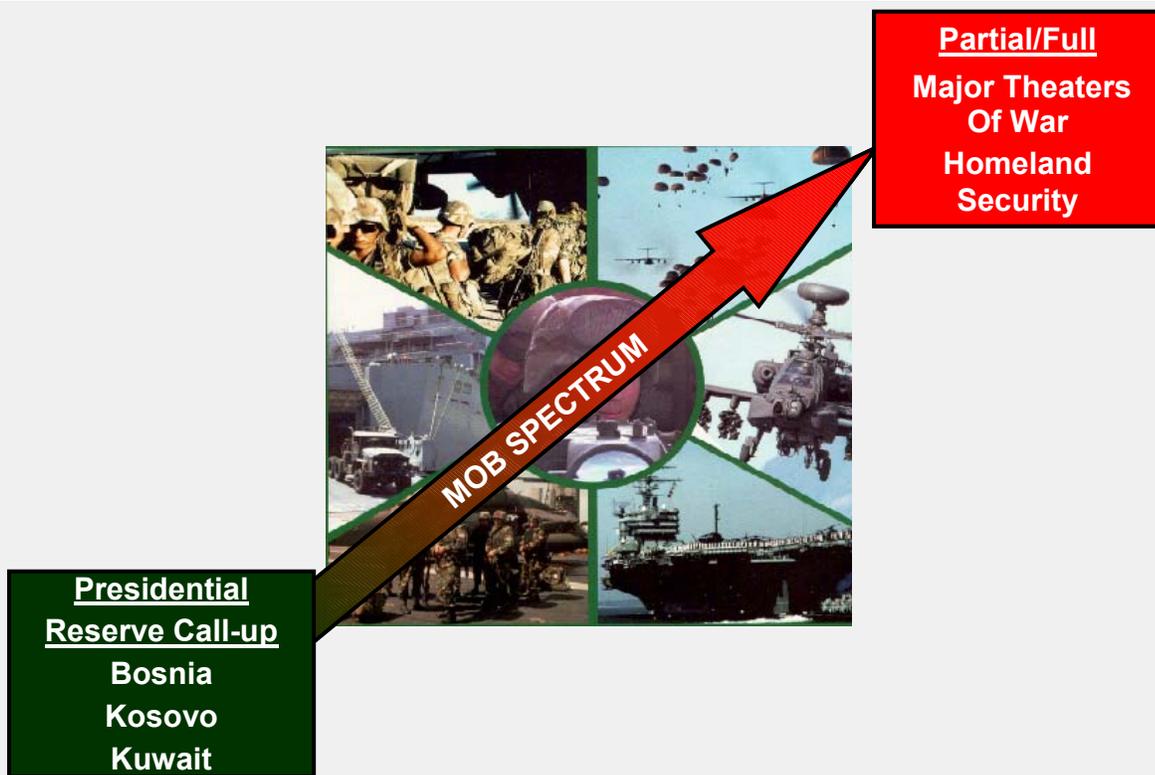
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## Mobilization Responsibilities

- Responsible for planning, preparation and execution.
- Exercise operational control of mobilization and deployment planning/execution.
- Approve mobilization plans for Power Projection Platforms (PPPs), Power Support Platforms (PSPs) and State Area Commands.

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- Determine PPP/PSP ability to accomplish mobilization mission.
- Coordinate mobilization plans among service components within AOR.
- Validate General Officer commands for deployment.
- Ensure assistance team supports each PPP/PSP in training and validation.

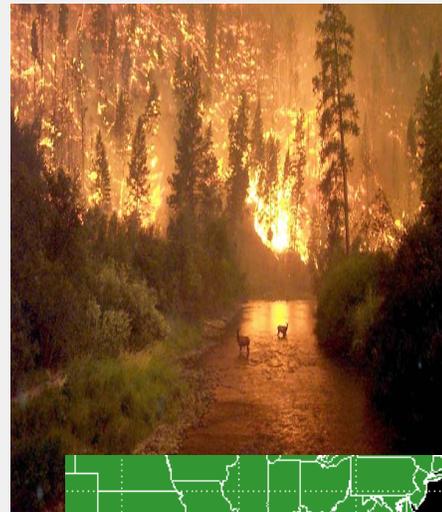
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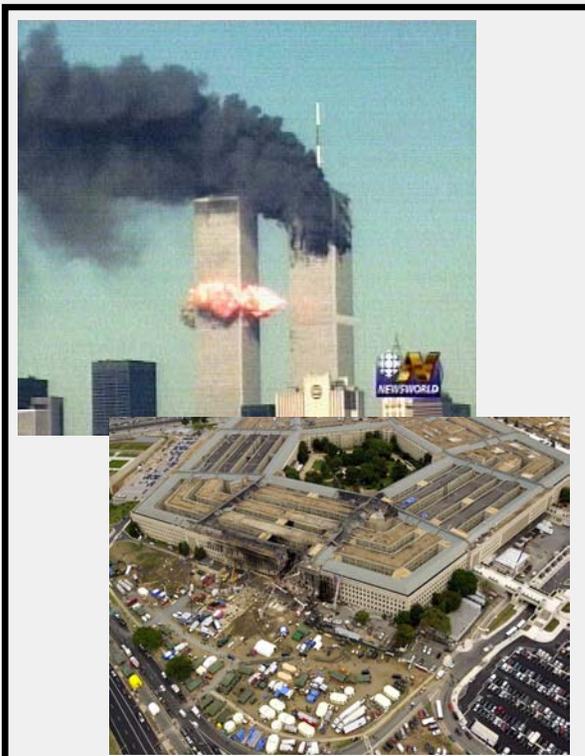
## Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA)

### Natural Disasters

- First Army provides [Military Support to Civil Authorities \(MSCA\)](#).
- First Army commander is the lead DoD regional planning and executive agent for all services.
- Provides command and control of DoD assets provided by the Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO) and staff during execution.
- Lead agency is the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) which generates requests for assistance (RFAs) to the DCO.
- DCO validates the requirement, executes the mission, or requests assets from First Army/Forces Command.



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### Man-Made Disasters

- Provides DoD command and control by deploying a Response Task Force (RTF) for [Weapons Of Mass Destruction](#) incidents.
- Lead agency is the [Department of Justice](#) which coordinates with the RTF for DoD support.
- FEMA sends RFAs from the Field Coordinating Officer (FCO) to the DCO as done for natural disasters.
- DCO is OPCON to the RTF.

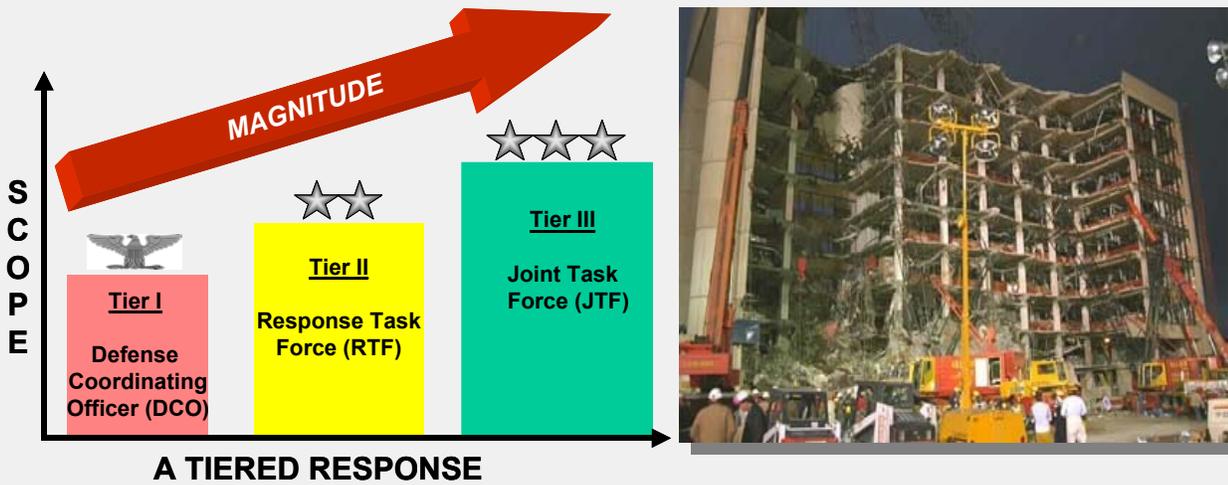
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## Civil Support Actions

### Response Task Force-East (RTF-E)

- When directed, First U.S. Army activates and deploys **Response Task Force-East (RTF-E)** in the vicinity of the incident.
- Establishes a fully functional **command post** within 24 hours.
- Supports the **lead federal agency**.
- Assumes **operational control** of all committed Department of Defense elements.
- Coordinates military support of **crisis and consequence management** operations.
- Performs functions of a **Joint Task Force-Consequence Management (JTF-CM)**.



## Homeland Defense Actions

### *Protect Critical Infrastructure and Defend Sovereign Territory*

- Supports and assists in **training and mobilizing** deploying Reserve Component units.
- Provides **command and control** of a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) in support of a lead federal agency during a crisis.
- **Activates JTF-CM** in response to Weapons of Mass Destruction incidents.
- Supports lead federal agencies in **securing the U.S. borders** by providing command and control of mobilized, federalized forces.
- Commands and controls RC units deployed to **protect critical sites**.

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## Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army

Civilian Aides are selected on the basis of their demonstrated patriotism, interest in the Army, business or professional leadership, and their ability to increase the public's understanding of the Army. For protocol purposes, Civilian Aides are ranked just below 3-star general officers and are considered to be the Secretary of the Army's personal representatives in their respective geographical areas.



Civilian Aides serve as the local adviser to the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and senior Army commanders whose areas of responsibility involves his or her state. Civilian Aides primarily advise these leaders on how the civilian community perceives

the Army and its current activities, and serve as spokespersons to the civilian community regarding Army missions, programs, and objectives.

Civilian Aides represent each state plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They are normally appointed to two-year terms and serve without pay. They participate in training exercises and Army conferences to enhance their awareness and understanding of today's Army.



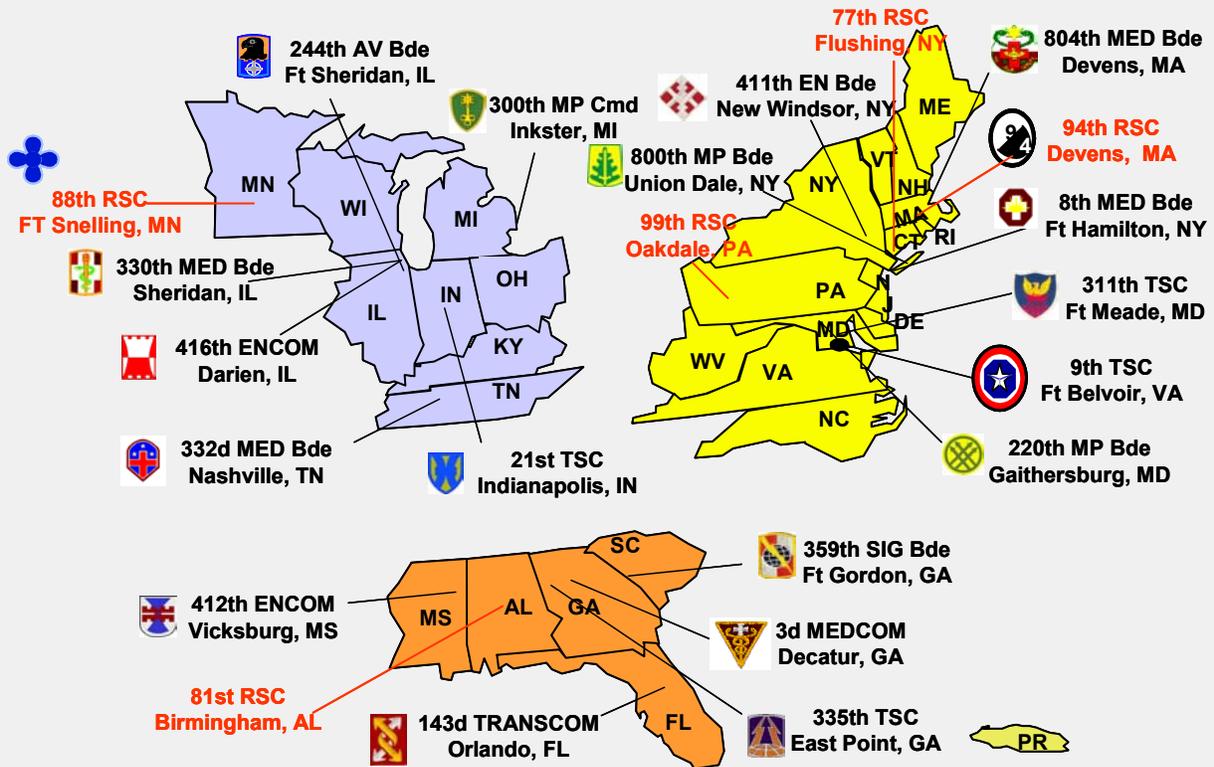
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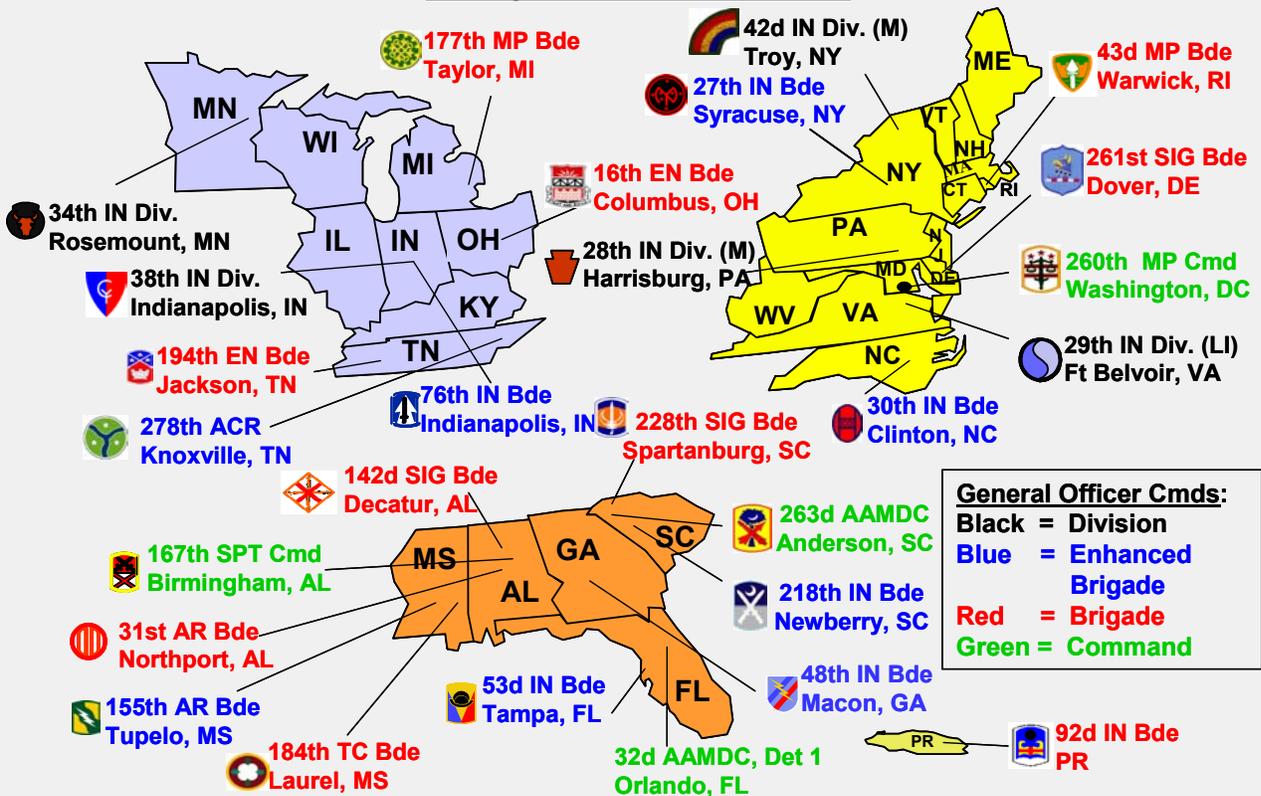


# Major Commands Within First Army Area of Responsibility

## United States Army Reserve



## Army National Guard



**General Officer Cmds:**

- Black = Division
- Blue = Enhanced Brigade
- Red = Brigade
- Green = Command

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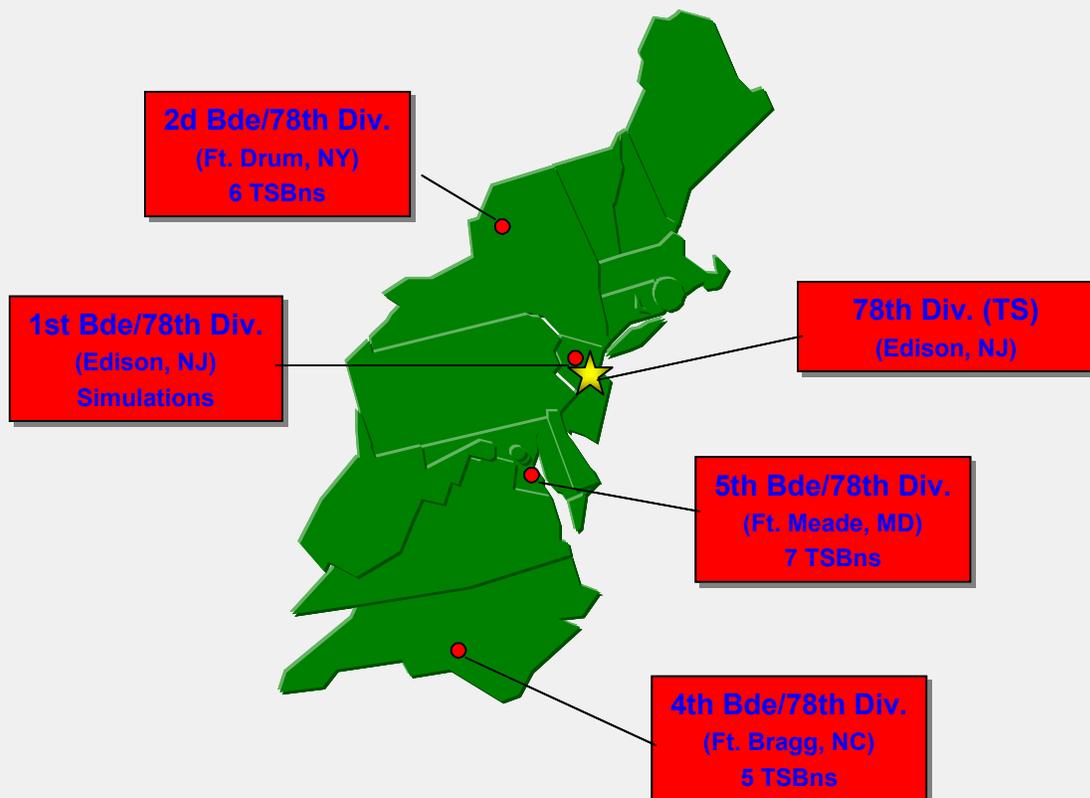


# 78th Division (Training Support) Edison, New Jersey



## MISSION

The 78th Division (TS) provides training assistance and support to Reserve Component (RC) units in accordance with established priorities, provides command and staff training exercises through the simulations brigade, and discharges other missions as directed by First Army to enhance the combat readiness of RC soldiers and units. On order, coordinates and synchronizes mobilization assistance and support to RC units within the area of responsibility.



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## 85th Division (Training Support) Arlington Heights, Illinois

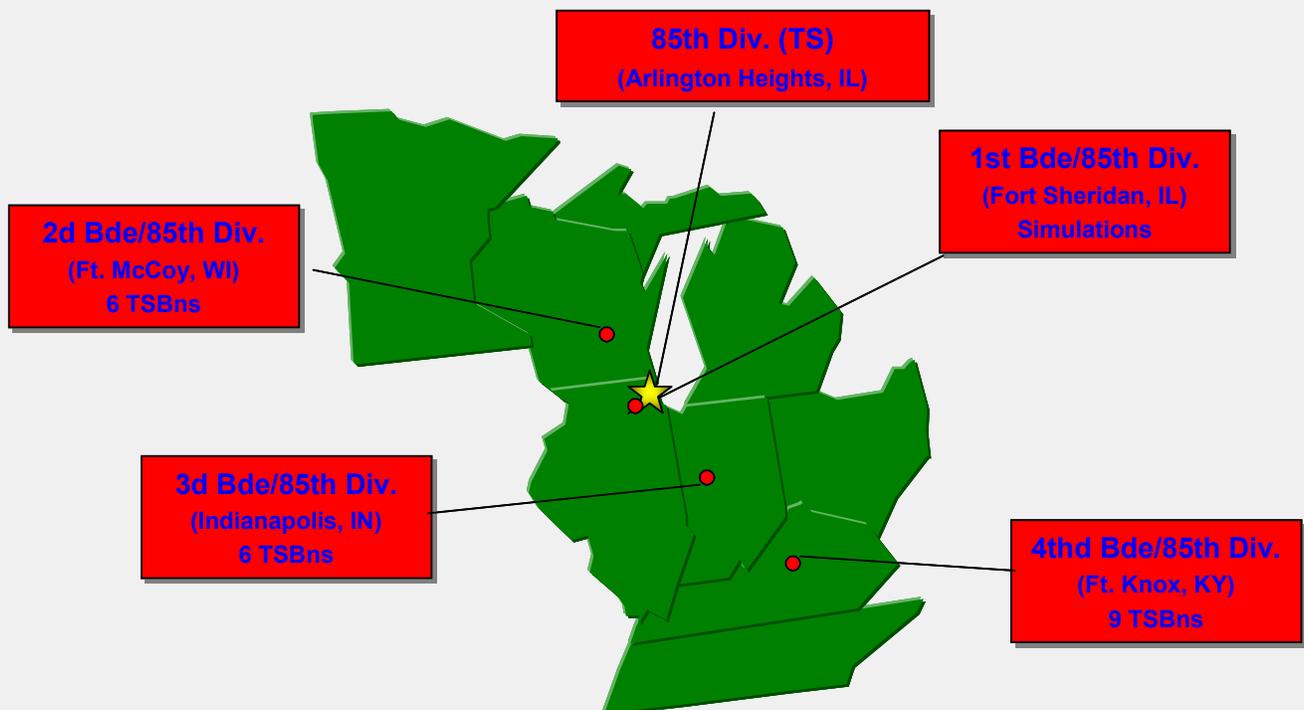


### MISSION



The mission of the 85th Division (TS):

- Provide training assistance, support, and evaluation to Reserve Component units in accordance with established priorities.
- Provide simulations training exercises through the simulations brigade assigned to the division.
- Discharge other missions as directed by First Army.
- Exercise Administrative Control (ADCON) of all brigades (TS) in the division area of responsibility.



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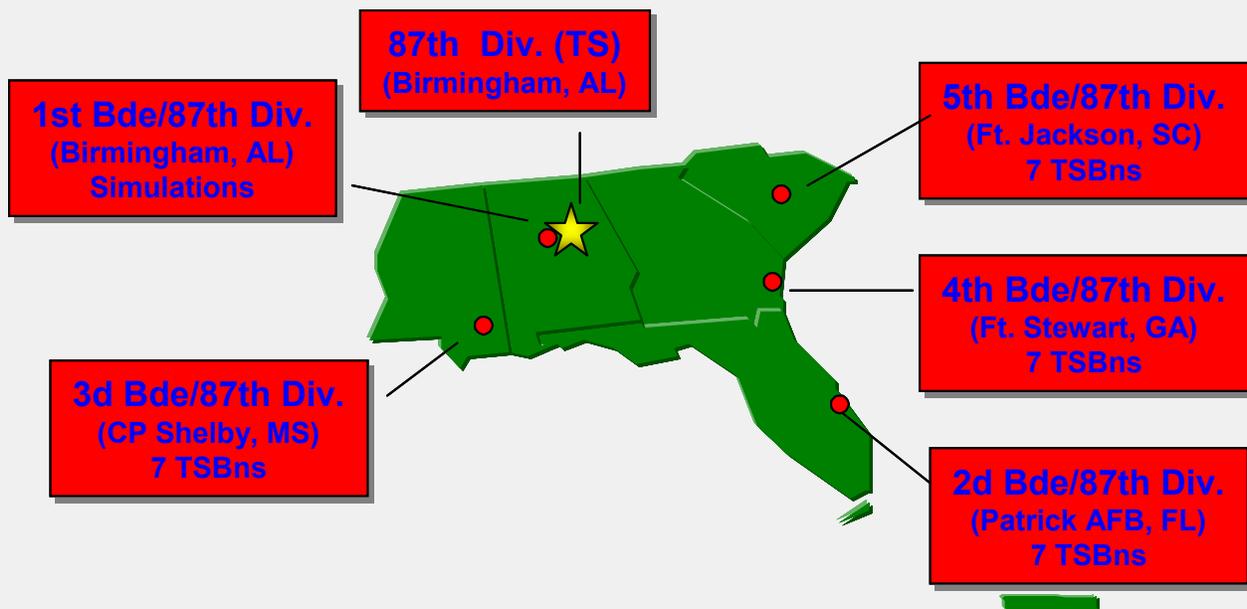


# 87th Division (Training Support) Birmingham, Alabama



## MISSION

The 87th Division plans, conducts and evaluates training exercises for Army Reserve and National Guard units. Our primary mission requirements include LANES Training for combat support and combat service support units and Battle Command Staff Training for unit staffs and command elements. The 87th Division also provides training and mobilization support to Reserve Component units upon their mobilization. The Division's Training Support Brigades also serve to support Military Assistance to Civil Authorities (MSCA) missions in response to natural disasters or emergencies.



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# 24th Infantry Division (Mech) Ft. Riley, Kansas

## Mission

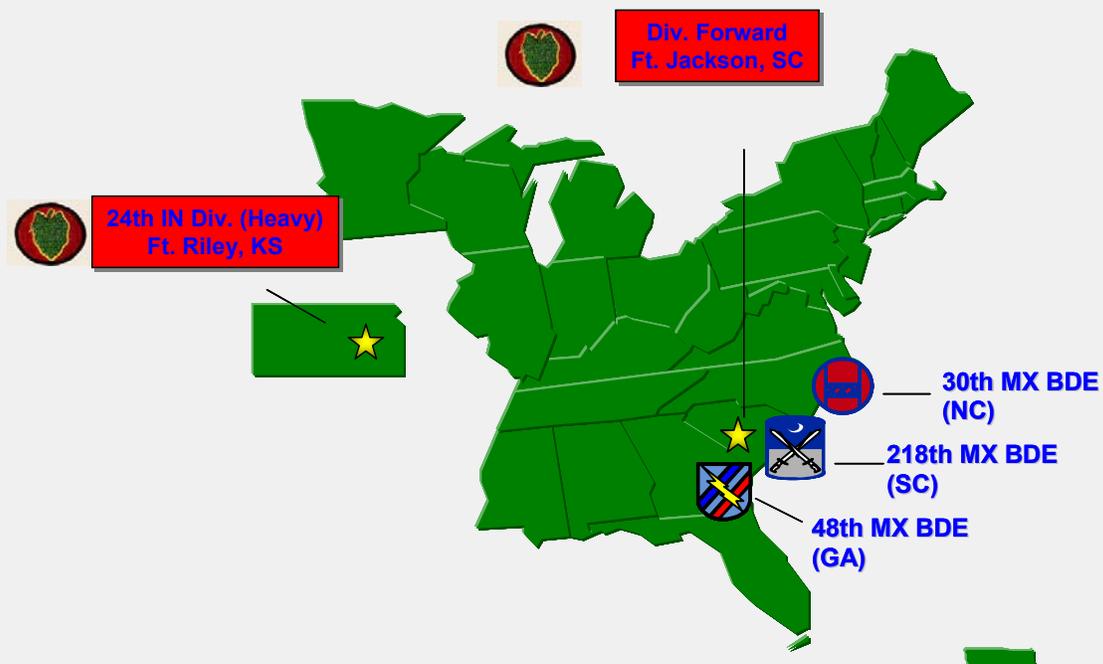


On order, the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) plans, coordinates, and conducts, pre- and post-mobilization operations and training to deploy three enhanced separate brigades with or without equipment to any location in order to conduct combat and/or stability and support operations and redeploys them to home station.

## Concept

On Oct. 1, 1998, the commanding general of Fort Riley, KS assumed the responsibility for the training readiness and oversight of three National Guard brigades. The new unit was deemed the Integrated Division (IDIV) and is composed of an Active Division Headquarters at Fort Riley, an Active Forward Headquarters at Fort Jackson, SC and three National Guard brigades.

The 24th Infantry Division (Mech) is composed of three enhanced separate brigades: the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade at Clinton, NC, 218th Heavy Separate Brigade at Columbia, SC, and the 48th Separate Infantry Brigade in Macon, GA. Each brigade consists of two mechanized infantry battalions, one armor battalion, a field artillery battalion, an engineer battalion, a forward support battalion, and several specialty companies to include: cavalry troop, military intelligence company, and an air defense artillery battery.



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# First United States Army History

First U.S. Army was formed in France on Aug. 10, 1918 under the command of Gen. John J. Pershing. First Army was America's first numbered Army and engaged in two major operations in World War I - the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient, east of Verdun, and the great Meuse-Argonne offensive, west of Verdun. Listed among First U.S. Army's distinguished soldiers are Lt. Gen. Hunter Liggett, Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Col. George C. Marshall, Maj. Eddie Rickenbacker, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell and Sgt. Alvin York.

Following World War I, and after a short period of occupation in Europe, First U.S. Army was deactivated in 1919.

Reactivated at Fort Jay, NY in 1933, First Army's mission became one of training and readiness, much like its mission today.

On D-Day, June 6, 1944, with Gen. Omar N. Bradley commanding, First Army troops landed on Omaha and Utah beaches at Normandy.



- ***First on the beaches of Normandy***
- ***First out of Normandy beach-head***
- ***First into Paris***
- ***First to break Siegfried Line***
- ***First to cross the Rhine***
- ***First to meet the Russians***

After World War II, First U.S. Army headquarters was located on Governor's Island, NY. On Jan. 1, 1966, First and Second Armies merged and First Army headquarters moved to Fort Meade, MD.

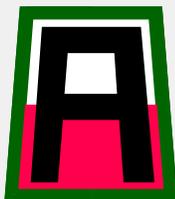
In 1973, First U.S. Army transitioned from an active army-oriented organization to one dedicated to improving the readiness of Reserve Components. Once again, in 1983, another reorganization took place. Second U.S. Army was reactivated at Fort Gillem, GA., and assumed responsibility for Reserve Component matters in eight states and two territories formerly belonging to First Army.

In 1991, Fourth U.S. Army was deactivated and its seven Midwestern states became part of First Army.

In 1995, Headquarters, First U.S. Army left Fort Meade and was reorganized at Fort Gillem.



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It is commonly accepted that the first letter in the alphabet was selected by the War Department for the first United States field army. First U.S. Army's "big A" shoulder patch was officially approved by Commanding General John J. Pershing on November 16, 1918. The letter "A" was worn on an olive drab patch until November 1950 when the red and white patch was approved.



The interlaced fleur-de-lis alludes to the initial organization of First U.S. Army in France. The grouping of stars represents the eight total campaigns in which First U.S. Army participated in World Wars I and II. The red arrow refers to the assault on Normandy beaches. The motto "First in Deed" is a play on the numerical designation, purpose, and achievements of the First United States Army.

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