

BASE VISIT REPORT**ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, ANNISTON, ALABAMA****23 JUNE 2005****LEAD COMMISSIONER:**

none

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none

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BASE'S PRESENT MISSION:

Anniston Army Depot (ANAD) performs maintenance on both heavy and light-tracked combat vehicles and their components. The depot is designated as the Center of Technical Excellence for the M1 Abrams Tank and is the designated candidate depot for the repair of the M60, AVLB, M728 and M88 combat vehicles. ANAD has assumed responsibility for the Towed and self-propelled artillery as well as the M113 Family of Vehicles (FOV).

Under partnership agreements a wide range of vehicle conversions and upgrades are currently underway. The depot also performs maintenance on individual and crew-served weapons as well as land combat missiles and small arms. Additionally, the maintenance and storage of conventional ammunition and missiles, as well as the storage of seven percent of the Nation's chemical munitions stockpile until the stockpile is demilitarized, are significant parts of the depot's overall missions and capabilities.

Key tenant organizations on the depot include the Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston (DDAA), the Anniston Munitions Center (ANMC) the Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA), the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization (PMCD), the Center of Military History Clearing House, the 722nd Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal – EOD) and the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO).

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Commodity Management Privatization Recommendation: Realign Defense Supply Center Columbus, OH, Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA, Naval Station Norfolk, VA, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA, Robins Air Force Base, GA, Anniston Army Depot, AL, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL, Tinker Air Force Base, OK, Corpus Christi Army Depot, TX, Naval Station Bremerton, WA, Naval Station San Diego, CA, Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, CA, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA, and Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI, by disestablishing storage and distribution functions for tires, packaged petroleum, oils, and lubricants, and compressed gases at each location.

2. Supply, Storage, and Distribution Management Reconfiguration Recommendation: Realign Anniston Army Depot, AL, by consolidating the supply, storage, and distribution functions and associated inventories of the Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, AL, with all other supply, storage, and distribution functions and inventories that exist at Anniston Army Depot, AL, to support depot operations, maintenance, and production. Retain the minimum necessary supply, storage, and distribution functions and inventories required to support Anniston Army Depot, AL, and to serve as a wholesale Forward Distribution Point. Relocate all other wholesale storage and distribution functions and associated inventories to the Warner Robins Strategic Distribution Platform.

3. All other impacts to ANAD are as a result of other base realignments as noted below:

- Movements in from RRAD:
 - Relocate the depot maintenance of Armament and Structural Components, Combat Vehicles, Depot Fleet/Field Support, Engines and Transmissions, Fabrication and Manufacturing, Fire Control Systems and Components, and Other to Anniston Army Depot, AL.
 - Relocate the depot maintenance of Construction Equipment to Anniston Army Depot, AL, and Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, GA
- Realign Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, CA. Consolidate depot maintenance of Engines/Transmissions, Other Components, and Small Arms/Personal Weapons at Anniston Army Depot, AL.
- Realign Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA, as follows: relocate the depot maintenance of Other Components to Anniston Army Depot, AL
- Realign Rock Island Arsenal, IL, by relocating the depot maintenance of Combat Vehicles and Other to Anniston Army Depot, AL

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION:

Commodity Management Privatization Justification: This recommendation achieves economies and efficiencies that enhance the effectiveness of logistics support to forces as they transition to more joint and expeditionary operations. This recommendation disestablishes the wholesale supply, storage, and distribution functions for all tires; packaged petroleum, oils and lubricants; and compressed gases used by the Department of Defense, retaining only the supply contracting function for each commodity. The Department will privatize these functions and will rely on private industry for the performance of supply, storage, and distribution of these commodities. By doing so, the Department can divest itself of inventories and can eliminate infrastructure and personnel associated with these functions. This recommendation results in more responsive supply support to user organizations and thus adds to capabilities of the future force. The recommendation provides improved support during mobilization and deployment, and the sustainment of forces when deployed worldwide. Privatization enables the Department to take advantage of the latest technologies, expertise, and business practices, which translates to improved support to customers at less cost. It centralizes management of tires; packaged petroleum, oils, and lubricants; and compressed gases and eliminates unnecessary duplication of functions within the Department. Finally, this recommendation supports transformation by privatizing the wholesale storage and distribution processes from DoD activities.

In addition to the actions described in this recommendation, the Department is also disestablishing storage and distribution functions for tires, packaged petroleum, oils, and lubricants, and compressed gases at Red River Army Depot, TX. The storage and distribution functions at this additional location are now being disestablished as part of a recommendation for the full closure of the Red River Army Depot installation. The recommendation to close the installation fully supports all objectives intended by this recommendation.

Supply, Storage, and Distribution Management Reconfiguration Justification: This recommendation achieves economies and efficiencies that enhance the effectiveness of logistics support to operational joint and expeditionary forces. It reconfigures the Department's wholesale storage and distribution infrastructure to improve support to the future force, whether home-based or deployed. It transforms existing logistics processes by creating four CONUS support regions, with each having one Strategic Distribution Platform and multiple Forward Distribution Points. Each Strategic Distribution Platform will be equipped with state-of-the-art consolidation, containerization and palletization capabilities, and the entire structure will provide for in-transit cargo visibility and real-time accountability. Distribution Depots, no longer needed for regional supply, will be realigned as Forward Distribution Points and will provide dedicated receiving, storing, and issuing functions, solely in support of on-base industrial customers such as maintenance depots, shipyards and air logistics centers. Forward Distribution Points will consolidate all supply and storage functions supporting industrial activities, to include those internal to depots and shipyards, and those at any intermediate levels that may exist. This consolidation eliminates unnecessary redundancies and duplication, and streamlines supply and storage processes.

MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED:

- Building 400, Combat Vehicle Assembly/Disassembly

- Building 130, Reciprocating Engine Facility
- Building 414, Stryker Production
- Small Arms Repair
- United Defense Steel Products Anniston Foundry and Track Shoes Manufacturing Site
- United Defense Steel Products Combat Vehicles Partnership with ANAD Buildings

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

1. With the exception of the Supply, Storage, and Distribution Management Reconfiguration recommendation, Anniston Army Depot is a gaining installation from other closure or realignment recommendations.
2. Key issues are to ensure the depot's ability to integrate all new work and any building that will need to occur.

INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED

A copy of the installation briefing will be included with this report.

1. With the closure of Red River Army Depot, Anniston gains the combat vehicles, construction equipment, component workload and the rubber manufacturing facility. There is concern regarding the timeframes which are currently planned within the COBRA data. COBRA realigns personnel from RRAD to ANAD in 2007, however, the MILCON for facilities at ANAD is planned for 2007 (\$14,269K) and 2008 (\$134,283K). There seems to be a conflict between personnel moves in 2007 and the bulk of the MILCON in 2008 given the time required to construct said facilities at ANAD. What are the sequential plans for the integration of the personnel moves and MILCON?
2. What are the specific systems that are meant to transfer from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach? Hours of workload are noted, but what is the "other" quoted in each of the recommendations?
3. What is the interpretation of the Supply, Storage, and Distribution Management Reconfiguration recommendation? How far down and to what level will DLA take ownership through the retail or installation stocks?
4. Concern that all unique test equipment will transfer with the Bradley transmission mission and the timing of that movement from RRAD.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED:

There was no community participation in this visit.

REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT:

There were no requests of the staff as a result of this visit.