

FORT BUCHANAN

PUERTO RICO

LOCATION

Fort Buchanan is located six miles south of San Juan Bay, on the north coast of the island. It lies within the densely urban San Juan metropolitan area, surrounded by the municipalities of Guaynabo, Bayamón, and Cataño. The property lies in the municipality of Guaynabo. Its geography is flat, though surrounded by limestone (“Karst”) hills, some of which have caves containing archaeological artifacts. The area is also a wildlife refuge with protected species like the Puerto Rican Boa.

SIZE

Acres: 746.16

Square Footage of Buildings: 2,156,673 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$641,412,169

HISTORY

Camp Buchanan was established in 1923, it was originally located on a 300 acre tract of land some 6 miles south of San Juan Bay.

In 1940 it was designated Fort Buchanan and expanded to 1,514 acres then ultimately to 4,500 acres including an industrial complex, pier facilities, ammunition storage areas and extensive railroad network connecting it to the bay. It served as a citizens training camp and soldier processing station, the origin of our mobilization mission. Puerto Rican soldiers were deployed for WW II and Korea right from our train station located where our golf club now lies, to our own, rail-connected Army terminal by the bay.

After WW II the Post was gradually reduced to its current 746 acres. Buchanan continued to be used as an Army facility until the deactivation of the Antilles Command December 31, 1966, when it came under Navy control.

In December 1971 it returned to Army control under Third US Army. At that time it also became host to a number of tenant activities of the Reserve components, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and some non-military federal agencies.

July 1, 1973 Fort Buchanan came under direct control of Forces Command.

Following the Department of Defense Unified Command Plan, Fort Buchanan came under control of Southern Command, and on August 13, 1999 became the home of US Army South.

On October 1, 2002, the Garrison became part of the Installation Management Agency’s Southeastern region under Forces Command, within the Northern Command area of responsibility.

Finally, on October 1, 2003, we became the third Army Reserve installation within IMA, along with Forts McCoy and Dix, with the Deputy Commanding General of the US Army Reserve Command as our Senior Mission Commander

MISSIONS

- As a Power Support Platform (PSP): plan, prepare, and execute mobilization of National Guard and the US Army Reserve units in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.
- Provide BASOPS support to authorized tenants and customers.
- Develop and execute contingency plans.
- Support US Forces operating in the Caribbean, Central, and South America.
- Execute oversight for the Army Anti-Terrorism/ Force Protection (AT/FP) program.
- On order, serve as Base Support Installation (BSI) for the conduct of Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA) operations.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS (DOD)

65th Regional Readiness Command
2/348th Theater Support Brigade
Puerto Rico National Guard's U.S. Property Fiscal Office

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	944
Civilian	1459
Contractor	96
Student	40
Other	1137
TOTAL	3676