



MILITARY MEDICINE

The Department of Defense (DoD) received Congressional authorization for a Base Realignment and Closure Round in 2005. BRAC is a means to achieve several goals: eliminate excess infrastructure; reshape the military; pursue jointness; optimize military readiness; and realize significant savings in support of transforming the DoD. BRAC 2005 is designed to reconfigure current infrastructure into one in which operational capacity maximizes both war fighting capability and efficiency. By creating joint organizational and basing solutions, DoD will facilitate multi-service missions, reduce waste, save money, and free up resources to recruit quality people, modernize equipment and infrastructure, and develop the capabilities needed to meet 21st Century threats.

JOINT BASING

Under the BRAC Joint Basing Plan, installation support functions at the Army's Fort Sam Houston will combine with those at Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases to form what could be the largest base organization in the DoD when actions are completed by 2011. More than 40 support functions will combine to form the Joint Base Wing, which a brigadier general will command, with three subordinate support groups, one at each San Antonio installation. This joint installation will service: more DoD students than any other installation, more active runways than any other installation, more widely diverse tenant units and house DoD's largest hospital.

- Joint Center of Excellence for Battlefield Health and Trauma Research will integrate all of the combat casualty care research missions and functions from each service into a multi-faceted synergistic research center with a clinical foundation. The center will be the only DoD Level 1 trauma facility and burn center with strong support from the civilian community and continued collaboration with the University Health System. An addition and alteration project is required to support new biomedical research laboratories, vivarium, administrative and support space. The project will support the establishment of the Joint Center of Excellence for Battlefield Health and Trauma and will include:

- Army Medical Research Detachment
- Combat Casualty Research, Bethesda
- Air Force Dental Investigative Service
- Naval Institute for Biomedical Research
- Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Combat Casualty Care
- Naval Medical Research Center Combat Casualty Care



- Once BRAC law in San Antonio has been implemented, San Antonio will be the location where every enlisted military medic is trained, the only location with four Centers of Excellence. Most importantly, San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC), with facilities at two locations, will serve the same number of beneficiaries, with no reduction in current capacity.

SAMMC-N (BAMC)

Brooke Army Medical Center will serve as the area's only military medical center providing inpatient care as well as Level 1 trauma and emergency medical care. The facility will be known as SAMMC-North. Additionally, the facility will serve as a world class health science center for inpatient and ambulatory care, consisting of Graduate Medical Education and Training, a Level 1 trauma center, and the only American Burn Association verified Burn Center within the DoD.

SAMMC-S (WHMC)

The Air Force's Wilford Hall Medical Center will be realigned as a large outpatient clinic designed to meet the medical needs of Lackland Air Force Base and the surrounding eligible population. The facility will be known as SAMMC-South. In addition to primary care a full range of specialty clinics, ambulatory surgery, diagnostic imaging, laboratory and pharmacy will be provided.

- **BROOKS CITY-BASE**

Brooks City-Base, a former Air Force installation, is one of the most innovative economic development projects in the United States. Today, Brooks City-Base stands as San Antonio's premier center for bioscience, biomedical, academic, environmental, and technical research. On July 22, 2002, a new era of innovation was born at Brooks when the Air Force conveyed the entire Brooks Air Force Base property to the Brooks Development Authority creating the nation's first-and only City-Base. As a result of BRAC 2005, prime property on Brooks City-Base will become available for development, and a number of potential incentives for investment already exist.

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