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Army Cyber Command announces Augusta's Fort Gordon as new headquarters, creating 1,500 jobs



The United States Army announced today that the Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER) Headquarters will be located at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, consolidating and coordinating Army cyber and network operations under one commander for the first time in its history. The move will initially bring 1,500 active duty military, government civilian and contract personnel jobs to Augusta.

The news was hailed as a major victory for Georgia and the Southeast because the Augusta military installation has been in competition with Fort Meade, MD, for four years to lead a cyber corps of 21,000 soldiers and civilians that plans, coordinates and conducts operations in defense of all Army networks worldwide.

Cyber threats are real, sophisticated, growing, and evolving," said ARCYBER's commanding general, Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon. "The Army's decision demonstrates support for unity of command and the importance of cyber to our Army and our nation," he explained.

In addition to relocating its Cyber Command headquarters at Fort Gordon, the Army will establish a standing joint task force and a provisional cyber center of excellence on the post, along with a three-star commander.

The Army selected Fort Gordon as the permanent location for ARCYBER Headquarters for operational and cost reasons. Since its establishment in 2010, ARCYBER has been temporarily split-located in seven government buildings and leased space across the national capital region. The move to Fort Gordon will co-locate ARCYBER Headquarters with the Army's Joint Forces Headquarters-Cyber and NSA-Georgia, placing the Army's operational cyber headquarters with the majority its cyber mission forces.

Before selecting Fort Gordon, the Army evaluated its ability to support U.S. Cyber Command-directed missions and other operational factors such as installation capacity, environmental impacts, and human resource considerations. Community input was also solicited and considered through an environmental assessment public comment period conducted in the fall.

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Additional information about ARCYBER is available at the command website: <http://www.arcyber.army.mil/>
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