

# 230731 MEM BRA Fort Benning (Hal Moore) Georgia

Fort Benning is located in the state of Georgia along the Chattahoochee river. It is one of many military installations that recently has been renamed. This has been a result of the federal effort to align current federal installations that are named after contentious historical figures, such as confederate officers, with more acceptable contemporary figures. Fort Benning is now named Fort Moore.



Fort Moore is the home of the airborne school. Airborne training consists of equipping and instructing soldiers on how to jump from military aircraft using a static line parachute. In 1978 I attended this school as a young second lieutenant.

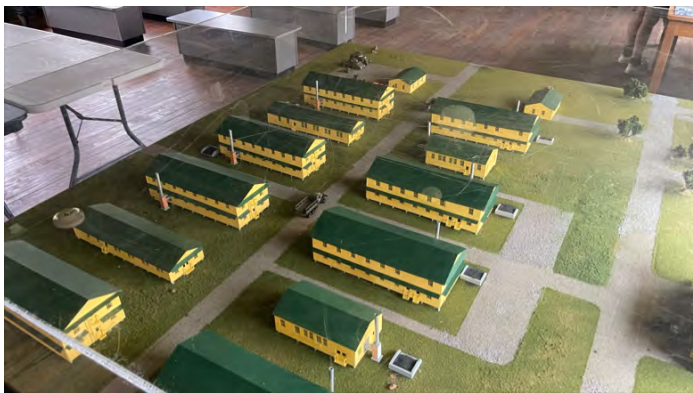


It has been 43 years since my training here at the fort. It was incredible to come back and see the same installations that I attended earlier. Many things have changed, but some of the older facilities,

like the world fair parachute towers, are they still the same as they were four decades ago.



I was sad when I heard that the training Barricks, which I used in 1978 through 1980 had been demolished. But I found out that representative samples of each type of building had been preserved.



The world war two wooden Barricks were built in 1941. I was assigned to Charlie company of the 197th infantry training brigade. My Barricks, of course had been demolished, but there is no way of knowing if by some chance the buildings that I visited may have been in fact, the ones that I served in.



It was fantastic to see that someone cared enough about these old buildings to preserve them for prosperity. It was a

delight for me to to the Tour Guide who found them interesting.



Of particular interest to anyone who is near Fort Moore is the national infantry Museum. This is a first class museum and is a must see if you are in the area.



The museum has many artifacts. The statuary that is included is stunning, and very lifelike. The museum covers two full floors, and the exhibitions are first rate.



You will be taken through different periods of history. Each has meticulous recreations of the soldiers, the campaigns and explanations of key battles. If history is of interest to you, then this museum is a must see.

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The museum highlights, the United States, army, and the infantry men. It's a great statement that is found in the initial areas of the exhibit that states no matter when war is fought the last hundred yards belongs to the infantry. Only the infantry can close that gap and provide a final victory. You cannot do it any other way.



Fort Moore and the National infantry museum are very interesting to visit. If you find yourself along the western edge of

Georgia, make time for these two sides.

A visitors pass can be obtained at the security office. Just state that you will be entering to visit and see the airborne facilities. They will be happy to give you a pass and let you enter.

The infantry national museum is not on the base. You do not need a security pass to visit this must see facility.