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**Briefing for the
Advisory Council on
Historic Preservation (ACHP)
Federal Agency Programs Committee**

28 March 2022





**Proposed Program Comment for
Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and
Structures, and Landscape Features (1963-1975)***

Briefing Agenda:

- I. Introduction
- II. Army Vietnam War Era Housing Numbers, Distribution and Examples
- III. Initiation of the Program Comment and Public Participation
- IV. Ongoing Nationwide Consultation
- V. Development Process and Schedule

* **Learn more about Army Historic Preservation from the [Army Cultural Resources Story Map](http://www.denix.osd.mil/army-cr/home/) at www.denix.osd.mil/army-cr/home/.**



I. Introduction

- The Army's proposed Program Comment for Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing (1963-1975) builds on the successful precedents set by the ACHP's issuance of the Program Comment for Army Capehart and Wherry Era Historic Housing (1949-1962) in 2002, and the Program Comment for Army Inter-War Era Historic Housing (1919-1940) in 2020.
- ACHP issued Program Comments for historic Army housing have resulted in significant cost savings and process efficiencies, and successful preservation outcomes. The Program Comments have successfully integrated historic preservation as part of the solution to the Army's most critical military family housing issues.
- With over 30,000 historic homes actively occupied by military families, the Army has the extraordinary challenge of managing compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the largest inventory of historic housing in the Federal government.
- The magnitude of our inventory of historic housing and the associated management challenges require the Army to continue to seek the innovative NHPA compliance solutions offered by Program Comments.



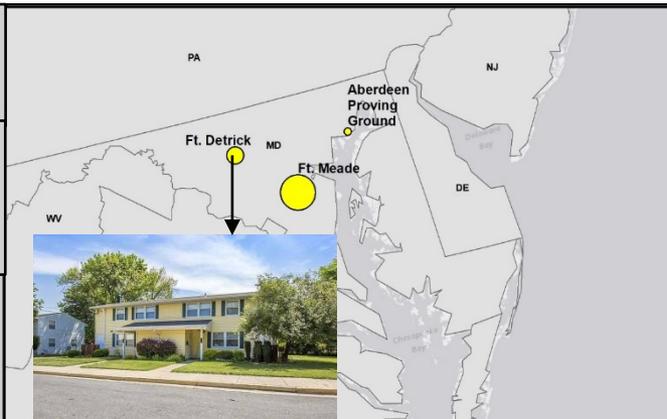
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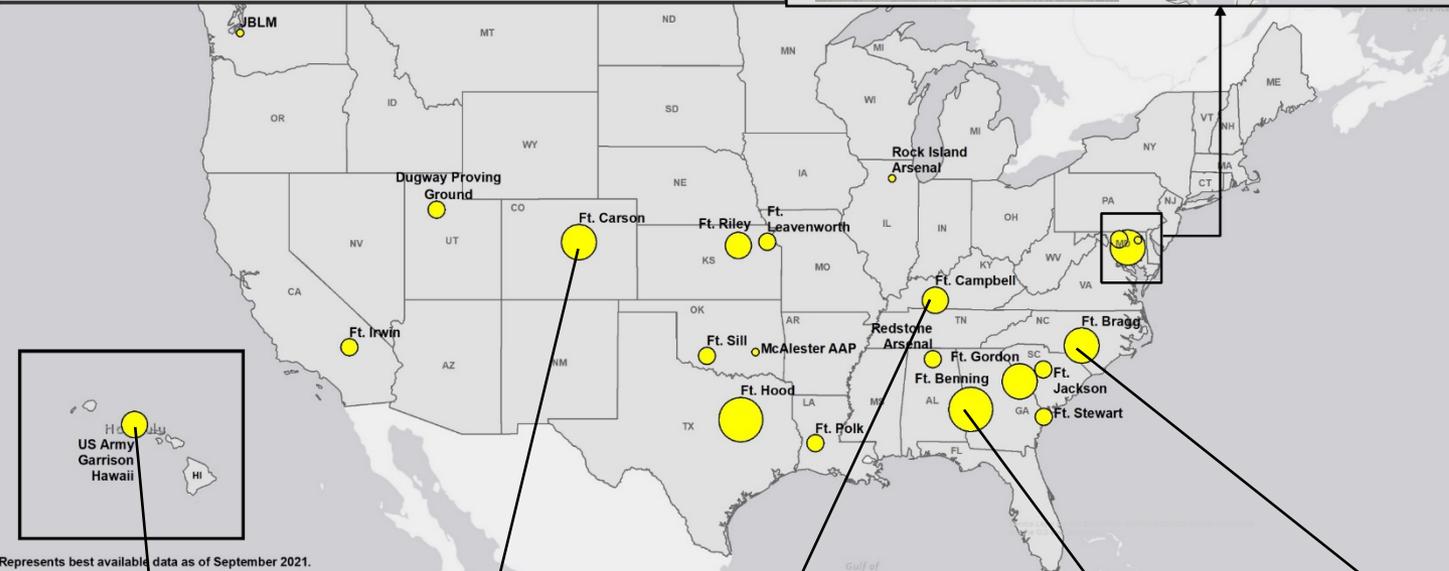
II. Army Vietnam War Era Housing Numbers, Distribution and Examples

Army Vietnam War Era Housing 1963-1975:
7,519 homes on 22 Army installations in 16 states

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- 11 - 200
- 201 - 500
- 501 - 1000
- 1001 - 2000



Installation	Number of Homes
Fort Hood TX	1832
Fort Benning GA	1292
Fort Carson CO	839
Fort Gordon GA	740
Fort Meade MD	675
Fort Bragg NC	615
USAG-Hawaii HI	256
Fort Campbell KY	230
Fort Riley KS	211
Fort Sill OK	199
Fort Polk LA	182
Fort Irwin CA	120
Fort Jackson SC	119
Fort Leavenworth KS	44
Fort Detrick MD	40
Dugway Proving Ground UT	39
Fort Stewart GA	38
Redstone Arsenal AL	18
Joint Base Lewis	
McChord (JBLM) WA	10
Rock Island Arsenal IL	10
McAlester Army Ammunition Plant OK	6
Aberdeen Proving Ground MD	4
Total	7,519



Represents best available data as of September 2021.





III. Initiation of the Program Comment and Public Participation

- In Jul 2021, the Army Federal Preservation Officer (FPO) began discussion with ACHP staff from the Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP) regarding the need for a Program Comment for Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing.
- On 22 Sep 2021, an ACHP Program Comment Panel issued recommendations to improve the use of Program Comments as a tool for NHPA Section 106 review efficiency. In response to the Program Comment Panel recommendations the Army FPO drafted a Program Comment Plan for Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing, submitted it for review by OFAP staff, and made revisions based on OFAP staff comments.
- On 8 Oct 2021, the Army FPO formally notified the ACHP Executive Director (A) of the Army's intent to seek a Program Comment for Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing.
- On 15 Nov 2021, the Army initiated public participation by publication of a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register (86 FR 63003) releasing the draft Program Comment Plan for Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing for a 30-day public review.
- On 28 Dec 2021, the *Final Program Comment Plan for Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features (1963-1975)* was published on the Program Comment website <https://www.denix.osd.mil/Army-vwehh-pc>.



IV. Ongoing Nationwide Consultation

- The Final Program Comment Plan addressed public comments received and is being used to guide and inform a series of nationwide consultation conferences on the Program Comment.
- Monthly consultation conference calls hosted by the Army FPO began in Jan 2022, are open to all interested parties, and are continuing for a six-month period through Jun 2022.
- Scheduled Program Comment Consultation Conferences and Topics in 2022:
 - Jan 26: Introduction, Scope, Purpose and Need, Goal and Objective, Process
 - Feb 23: Vietnam War Era Army Housing Property Type, Category of Undertaking
 - Mar 30: National Register Significance and Potential Effects
 - Apr 27: Mitigation Measures and Benefits of the Program Comment
 - May 25: Applicability, Implementation, Effect, and Duration
 - Jun 29: Consultation Summary and Conclusion
- A briefing on each consultation topic is made available on the Army Program Comment website in advance of each consultation meeting. A detailed Army-wide historic context and extensive inventories of Army Vietnam War Era Housing are also on the website.
- Written comments to the Army FPO on the proposed Program Comment are invited at any time during the six-month consultation period.
- The Army plans to formally submit the Program Comment to the ACHP in August 2022.



V. Development Process and Schedule

