

FROM FT. BENNING TO FT. MOORE

A COLUMBUS TRANSITION

FORT BENNING



- Established in October 1918 as Camp Benning
 - Opened for basic training during World War I
 - Named Columbus native and Confederate General Henry Benning
- Became a permanent military installation in 1920
- Has grown tremendously due to World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Iraq War, the War on Terror, and the Cold War
 - 2005 BRAC brought the Armor School to Benning

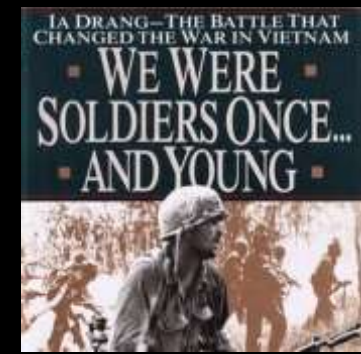
Fort Benning

- Naming Commission
 - On August 8, 2022, the congressionally-mandated Naming Commission recommended that Benning be renamed Fort Moore.
 - The renaming is in honor of the late Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and his wife, Julia
- May 11, 2023, is the official day of transference

NAMING COMMISSION



- Established in the US Congress in 2021
- Mandated by the Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
- Focused on renaming military assets with names associated with the Confederacy
- Renaming Ft. Benning to Ft. Moore was chosen after review of several name change submittals
- DOD ordered full implementations on January 5, 2023



LT. GEN. HAROLD G. MOORE

Appointed from Georgia, Hal Moore graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1945 and retired as a Lieutenant General after 32 years of active service. Notable assignments included occupation duty in Japan, serving with the 82d Airborne, testing experimental parachutes, NATO, and multiple Army staff assignments.

During the bloody outpost battles of the Korean War, Hal commanded Rifle and Heavy Mortar companies, served as a Regimental S3 and Division Assistant G3, earning two Bronze Star Medals for Valor. In Vietnam, Hal commanded at the battalion and brigade level with the 1st Cavalry. Hal is best known for his leadership in the first major battle of the Vietnam War in the Ia Drang Valley.

JULIA MOORE

Mrs. Moore's actions to change Pentagon death notification policy in the aftermath of the historic battle of the Ia Drang Valley represents a significant contribution to our nation. Prior to Mrs. Moore's intervention, Pentagon policy was to notify families by a telegram delivered by cab drivers. It serves today as a shining example of one of Mrs. Moore's many contributions to the morale and welfare of the Army family.



POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON COLUMBUS

- The Naming Commission has advised local governments to look at following their recommendations and initiating name changes to local assets named after the Confederacy.
 - This is NOT a mandate.
- There are two main entrances into the post:
 - Fort Benning Road
 - I-185



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- There are several others in the immediate area that reflect names from the Confederacy.
 - Keep in mind there may be a street or two that we can't verify as honoring the Confederacy (Hood Street)
 - Non-Confederate: Forrest Road (Dr. Forrest Crosby) and Jackson Road/Avenue (Mayor Harry Jackson)
 - Also need to review other CCG entities, such as Benning Park and the Follow Me Trail signs

IMPACTS TO COLUMBUS



Street Name	Mileage	Type	Location	Land use	Business	Homes	*Signs
Benning Dr	1.50	Collector	Benning Park Riverland Terrace	GC, RMF, SFR	50	73	8/5
Dixie St	.45	Local	Schatulga Rd	LMI	5	0	1
Fort Benning Rd	2.82	Arterial	Benning Hills Baker Village Benning Park	GC, NC, RO, RMF, SFR	45	35	17/6
Hood St	.38	Local	Wynnnton	RMF1, SFR4	0	60	3
Pickett Dr	.04	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	0	2

Street Name	Mileage	Type	Location	Land use	Business	Homes	*Signs
Robert E. Lee Dr	.18	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	19	3
Shelby St	1.00	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	4	77	11
Stonewall Dr	.20	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	16	3
Stuart Dr	.15	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	7	3
Totals					104	337	54/11

IMPACTS TO CITIZENS

- Each business or homeowner has to give their concurrence to have each street name changed.
- This will require time and effort by the city to contact each owner and get their concurrence, and then the owners will have to bear the financial and personal time burdens of notifying friends, family, and businesses.
- Coordination with GIS and GPS sites (Google, Waze, etc.) will have to be accomplished



IMPACTS TO CITIZENS

- All maps will have to be updated
- Business letterheads, licenses, external signage, etc. will have to be updated
- All utilities, public safety, and USPS will need to be involved regarding address changes



Current Status

- Gateway
 - “Benning” has been removed
 - Unknown costs for replacement due to:
 - Traffic control
 - Environmental procedures
 - Cleaning
 - Replicating letters
 - Manpower (letters are cast bronze, 30 lbs. each – 28” long)

Current Status

- No allocated funding
- New names?
- GDOT – update directional signage
- Coordinate with Ft. Benning
- Council direction:
 - Local streets
 - CCG facilities

QUESTIONS?