



U.S. ARMY OPERATIONAL TEST COMMAND

U.S. Army Operational Test Command (OTC) Overview

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Mission

The U.S. Army Operational Test Command, in collaboration with our Test and Evaluation partners, conducts independent operational testing to inform acquisition and fielding decisions for the Army and select multi-service Warfighting systems.







OTC executes the Army's Title X Operational Test Mission

The term "operational test" means the field test, under realistic combat conditions, of any item of (or key component of) weapons, equipment, or munitions for the purpose of determining the effectiveness and suitability of the weapons, equipment, or munitions for use in combat by typical military users.

(U.S. Code, Title X, Subtitle A, Part I, Chapter 4, § 139)



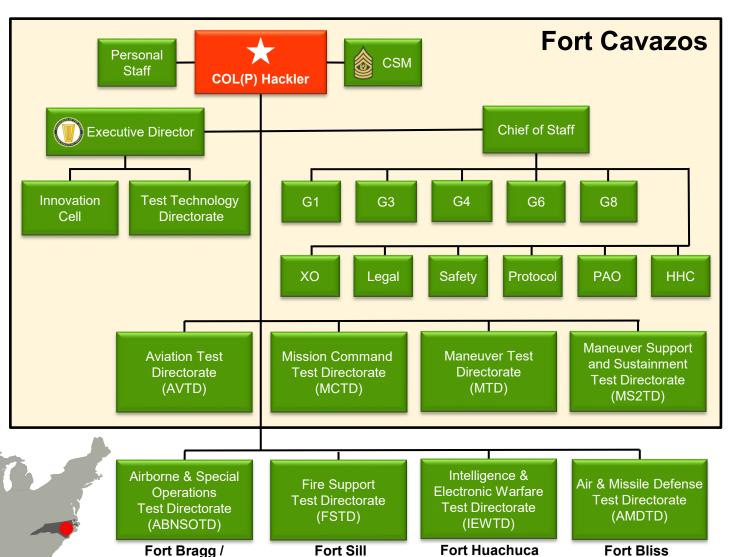


OTC Organization

Fort Liberty

All of OTC	Current	
Civilian	345	
Military	230	
Contractor (Annual Average)	331	
TOTAL	906	

Fort Cavazos	Current	
Civilian	245	
Military	115	
Contractor (Annual Average)	223	
TOTAL	583	

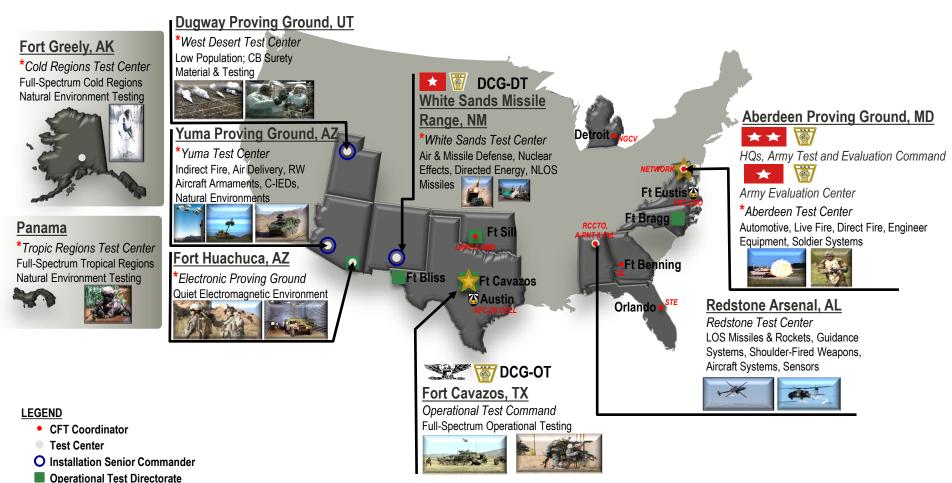




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We are Part of a Larger Team



These are the people, equipment and ranges necessary to test emerging capabilities, and enable rapid Army Modernization, to ensure the Operational Force has what it needs, when they need it, to fight, and win!



Theadquarters

★ Major Range and Test Facility Base (MRTFB)

ATEC Direct Support Cell/LNO



OTC's Role in Test and Evaluation





Operational Test Command





Produces Technical Test Data

Tests from a Fixed Facility

Test Design and Execution is Dynamic

Test-Fix-Test Model

Focuses on the Systems Ability to meet Capabilities Document Requirements

Close Cooperation Between Contractors and Developmental Testers

PMs have the Flexibility on the Amount of DT Conducted **Produces Operational Test Data**

Tests at the Soldiers Home Station

Test Design and Execution is Dynamic

Focuses on the Systems Value Added to the Warfighter

Production Representative Test Articles

Typical Military Users (Soldiers)

Realistic Combat Environment

Restrictions on the Role of System Contractors

Produces an Assessment/Evaluation Report

Focuses on the Continuous Evaluation of the System

Evaluates System using all Available Data

Works with the IPT to Develop Data Requirements to Support Evaluation

Chairs the ATEC System Team (AST)







OTC's Economic Impact within Killeen Area

Civilian Workforce

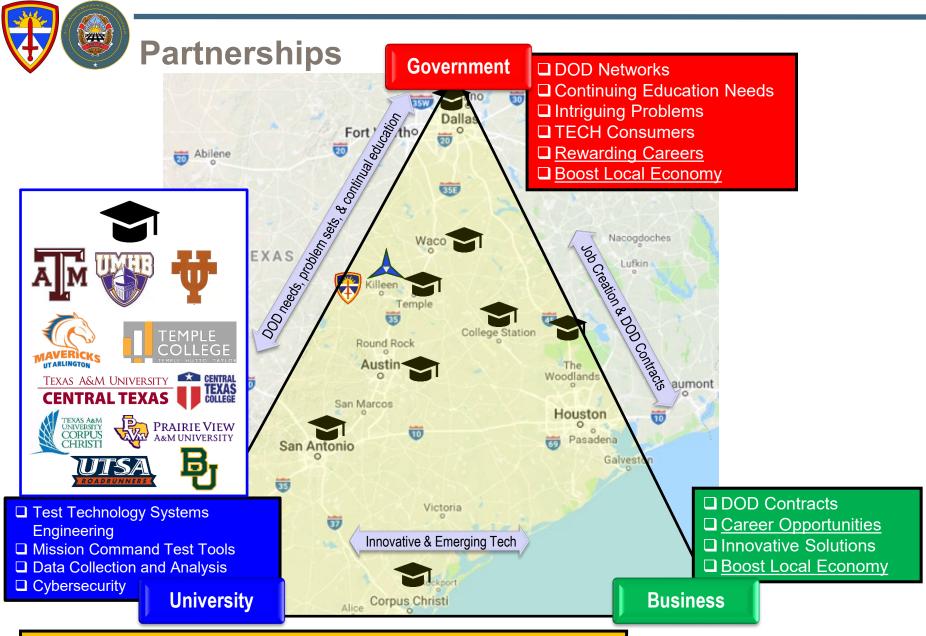
- Of the 245 OTC civilians who work at Fort Cavazos:
 - Their total combined annual salaries equate to \$32.5 million dollars and
 - Roughly 36% are eligible to retire this year.
- Over the last 12 months, 65 civilians have already retired within the local area or have taken positions elsewhere and OTC has been able to fill ~86% of those positions.
 - Many of those new to OTC are recent college graduates or former retired military members.

Contractor Workforce

 An average of 223 contractors support OTC at Fort Cavazos through 4 different vendors at an average annual cost of \$22 million dollars.

Contract Vendor	Support Provided	Average Annual Cost
Westech International, Inc.	Database administration & data collection personnel	\$10,705,000
Yulista/GaN Joint Venture.	Test technology support	\$6,700,000
Caelum Research Corporation	Information technology helpdesk support	\$4,591,000
Legacy Management Solutions	Mailroom support	\$180,000





DOD and Universities have a symbiotic relationship that create opportunities for a more prosperous Central Texas.





- OTC conducts independent operational tests to provide the necessary body of evidence for decision makers on the readiness to field equipment
- Operational testing adds the Soldier's voice to the Acquisition Process
- Operational testing is distinctly military, unique and detailed testing of new equipment with new units, new tactics at locations wherever the Army may send us
- OTC is partnered with academic, industry, and science & technology communities to enable the Army's Modernization Enterprise

OTC's objective is to ensure that the Army is getting the right equipment for the Soldier on the battlefield and that we are good stewards of the taxpayer's money.

