



Ozark-Dale County Economic Development Corporation



Aerospace & Military Industry

South Alabama is known for its excellence in the aerospace and military industries and Dale County is a major contributor to that reputation because it has everything those industries need to thrive: a skilled workforce available at competitive wages, the facilities to train those workers, and the companies to employ them, especially in aerospace and government.

THE FORT RUCKER COMMUNITY

- POST POPULATION: **24,921**
- TOTAL MILITARY: **4,659**
- TOTAL CIVILIAN: **9,161**
- MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS: 5,000
- MILITARY RETIREES WITHIN A 50 MILE RADIUS: 30,240
- MILITARY RETIREE FAMILY MEMBERS WITHIN A 50-MILE RADIUS: 45,360



Defense Network Spurring Regional Growth

Dale County is home to Fort Rucker, which is the primary training location for Army Aviation. Fort Rucker is one of Alabama's largest employers and a key player in our country's military with an economic impact of over \$1 billion per year. Spanning 64,000 acres, the base is comprised of many components, including:

- U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center
- U.S. Army Operational Test and Evaluation Command
- U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center
- U.S. Army Warrant Officer Candidate School
- U.S. Army Aviation Center Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- U.S. Army Aviation Museum



One of the biggest impacts Fort Rucker has on its surrounding community is the attraction of contract employees who stimulate the local economy.

MILITARY WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY RESOURCES

- AIDT Military Transition Program
- Ft. Rucker Spouses Club
- Army Transition Program
- Alabama Career Center partnership with U.S. Department of Labor Veteran Services Division

Fort Rucker has a \$1.56 billion dollar impact on Southeast Alabama.

Fort Rucker is the fifth largest employer in Alabama, and it is the largest employer south of Montgomery.

