



F O R T B R A G G RESEARCH I N S T I T U T E

Optimizing Military Performance Through Scientific Innovation

THE FORT BRAGG RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FBRI) originated from the recognized need to link the vast infrastructure of science and technology regionally available to Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC) with the growing needs of operational readiness at Fort Bragg, NC.

The specific factors that led to the creation of FBRI include:

1. The Cape Fear Research Consortium (CFRC) was created in 2016 to bring together local institutions and generate collaborative research activities. This organization now boasts as its partners Womack Army Medical Center, Fayetteville State University, Methodist University, Campbell University, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville Veterans Administration Medical Center, North Carolina Military Business Center, Cape Fear Valley Health System, and the Southern Region Area Health Education Center.
2. In January 2017, the U.S. Army Medical Command authorized the creation of five new physician training programs in the Army, and four of these will be housed at WAMC to include General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, and Internal Medicine. Each of these programs is extremely relevant for the Warfighter and will enhance additional surgical and medical sub-specialists. These programs all have a research requirement for accreditation.
3. Fort Bragg is uniquely qualified to be the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) platform for clinical and operational medicine research. Already assembled are the Soldiers, deployments, operational subject matter experts, and the necessary research personnel such as molecular biologists, infectious disease specialists, preventive medicine and sports medicine experts, and biostatisticians already assembled.

The Fort Bragg Research Institute is positioned to accomplish the RDT&E mission, support ongoing research interests of WAMC and Fort Bragg scientists and clinicians, and enhance the operational readiness of our soldiers. To achieve these goals, WAMC will partner with The Geneva Foundation to establish the FBRI. Geneva will pursue grants and support the FBRI's goals to raise funds for their mission to *optimize military performance through scientific innovation*.



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