



United States Army Garrison- Detroit Arsenal

OUR MISSION:

We are dedicated to providing installation support services enhancing the quality of life for Soldiers, Families and Civilians supporting our Warfighters!

Vision: Customer Focused - Quality Service

Vital Statistics

*Clean Corporate Citizen
Since 2006*

*Neighborhood
Environmental Partner
(NEP)*

Gold Award 2007

NEP Award 2009-2012

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Facility write-up.

The Detroit Arsenal is the Army's home in Michigan and is the only active duty military installation in the state. It covers 177 acres of mainly industrial and administrative space within the city of Warren, Michigan, just 10 miles north of Detroit, and employs more than 8,000 civilians and nearly 300 military. The installation hosts several commands including the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command and the Tank Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center.

The original Detroit Arsenal was established in the Michigan Territory along the banks of the Detroit River in 1817. Built to support American troops from Indian warfare, the Arsenal also served as an Army depot for repairing guns and storing gun powder and ammunition. The inventory included small brass cannons, powder horns, howitzers, and horse harnesses. In 1832, the Arsenal moved to a site which is now in the city of Dearborn. Construction of the installation was completed in 1837 and consisted of eleven buildings surrounded by a high brick wall. The Arsenal remained active through the American Civil War until 1875, at which time it was closed and sold by the government. During World War II, the Detroit Arsenal was reestablished in Warren and served as a "Product Center." Efforts concentrated on supervising the development, engineering, procurement, manufacturing, field maintenance and scrapping of automotive material used by the Armed Forces. In August of 1940, Chrysler Corporation was awarded the contract for erection and operation of the first manufacturing factory in the United States to mass-produce tanks. In just a little more than eight months, the first tank had been produced. The facility was originally called the Detroit Ordnance Plant, but was officially renamed the Detroit Tank Arsenal on May 29, 1941. During the Second World War, the Arsenal produced 22,234 new tanks and refurbished 2,825 armored vehicles. After 56 years, the plant closed in 1996.

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The Detroit Arsenal strives to be the leader in Environmental Stewardship. The mission of the Environmental Division at the Detroit Arsenal is to ensure that all residents, employees, contractors, and visitors are provided a safe and healthy living and working environment and that all operations are conducted in a manner that protects the community and the environment and assures the success of the Garrison's mission and all tenants.

Accomplishments at the Detroit Arsenal as Good Stewards include:

- Active member of the van pool program with over 900 members in over 135 vans
- Active recycling program to include: batteries, cardboard, computer cartridges, glass, metal, paper, and plastic,
- Actively collecting cell phones with over 3000 phones going to charitable organizations
- Continue to incorporate energy efficiency in everyday work practices
- Continue to partner with the local community during Earth Day events hosted at the Detroit Arsenal
- Continued collection of eyeglasses with over 2800 donated to the Lions Club
- Diversion of 24 tons of personal computer electronics
- Donation of good usable materials to local nonprofit organizations
- Green Procurement program requiring the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services
- Landscaping practices that utilize less water
- Maintaining the mandated solid waste diversion as identified in “Executive Order 13514 Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance.”
- Mandated two-sided printing
- New building and structures that meet the LEED certification requirements
- On-site office furniture reutilization
- Partnered with energy company to incorporate energy savings measures at the Detroit Arsenal
- Reducing the use of hazardous material for nonhazardous materials