

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable John M. McHugh  
Secretary of the Army  
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Washington, DC 20310-0101

Dear Secretary McHugh:

We write you regarding the proposed relocation of the Army Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) to Fort Knox, Kentucky from its current location at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

On December 4, 2012, Senator McConnell wrote the Under Secretary of the Army, Dr. Joseph W. Westphal, expressing why the Army should move the LDAC to Fort Knox. In Dr. Westphal's response dated January 2, 2013, he noted:

The Army is assessing the relocation of LDAC to Fort Knox, because Fort Knox is the home of the USACC and of the USACC's other major training program, the Leadership Training Course (LTC). The Army is considering the co-location of the USACC headquarters with LDAC and LTC because it would simplify command and control, reduce redundancies, and create new efficiencies that would improve the effectiveness of our Reserve Officers' Training Course (ROTC) training.

Since the Army concedes that moving LDAC to Fort Knox "would simplify command and control, reduce redundancies, and create new efficiencies that would improve the effectiveness" of ROTC training, logically it follows that—from training and cost efficiency standpoints—LDAC should be relocated to Fort Knox.

Not only would LDAC's moving to Fort Knox make sense on the grounds of quality of training and cost, it would also be prudent from a quality-of-life perspective. The Fort Knox community has been recognized by the Army for providing a high quality of life for service members and their families and we have no doubt it would welcome LDAC participants with the same enthusiasm.

Finally, it cannot go unremarked that in the recent Army decision to deactivate twelve Army Brigade Combat Teams, no other installation and no other Army community experienced losses as heavy as those of Fort Knox. More than 40 percent of its soldiers are slated to be moved elsewhere. Moving LDAC to Fort Knox would help provide some relief to an installation and a community that have been hit especially hard in the Army's downsizing.

For all of the above reasons, we strongly believe that consolidation of LDAC and LTC with the USACC at Fort Knox is the best course of action.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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