

## South Carolina At A Glance

When Soldiers of the 81st Infantry Division trained near Fort Jackson's Wildcat Creek during World War I, they created a shoulder patch reflecting the native wildlife. Army officials initially balked at the patch, a black wildcat on an olive green disk, but Gen. John J. Pershing liked the patch and the spirit it represented. He personally approved what became the Army's first shoulder patch that shows unit affiliation. Today, Soldiers of the 81st Regional Support Command continue to wear that same patch.



The headquarters of the 81st returned to Fort Jackson in 2006. Today, they provide operational support to nearly 600 Army Reserve units and 54,000 Soldiers in nine southeastern states and Puerto Rico.

South Carolina is also home to the 415th Chemical Brigade, headquartered in Greenville. Soldiers in the 415th regularly participate in Red Dragon—a training exercise for disaster relief and emergency response.

In addition, South Carolina has 38 positions as drill sergeant leaders at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy at Fort Jackson.

These Soldiers instruct drill sergeant candidates from the Army Reserve, Active Army and the National Guard in a 63-day course designed to mimic training a new recruit would receive in initial entry training.

### SC CAPABILITIES

MEDICAL  
TRANSPORTATION  
LOGISTICS  
ENGINEER  
CHEMICAL  
CIVIL AFFAIRS  
SIGNAL  
PERSONNEL SERVICES  
TRAINING SUPPORT

BY THE NUMBERS



**\$201,032,580**  
ECONOMIC IMPACT

**2,225**

NON-DOD JOBS SUPPORTED

**\$59,318,927**

NON-DOD WAGES

**\$143,827,039**

DOLLARS SPENT

**\$81,568,147**

TOTAL MIL PAYROLL

**\$32,756,419**

TOTAL CIV PAYROLL

SEQUESTRATION IMPACT FY 16

**-\$1.1 Million**  
STATEWIDE

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LEFT: Army Reserve drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Angelina Senghor, E Company, 1-518th Inf. Regt., 98th Training Division (IET), watches as a Soldier finishes firing at the zero range on Fort Jackson, S.C. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hamilton)

TOP RIGHT: Drill Sgt. candidates from the active component Army, Army Reserve and National Guard receive on the spot corrections from Drill Sgt. Leader, Staff Sgt. Logan Robbins on 'zero day' at the U.S. Army Drill Sgt. Academy at Fort Jackson, S.C. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hamilton)

**20**

FACILITIES

**70**

UNITS/DETS

**3,734**

SOLDIERS

**374**

CIVILIANS