

## Committee on the Epidemiologic Study on the Health of Veterans Who Served at Fort McClellan, 1979-1999

### Meeting 2

March 26, 12:00–1:00 pm EDT  
March 27, 1:00–2:00 pm EDT  
April 1, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 pm EDT

## Perspectives on Service at Fort McClellan

### DRAFT Agenda (see page 3 for specific timing)

**Purpose of this meeting:** The National Academies committee welcomes input from veterans who served at Fort McClellan between 1979 and 1999, as well as others with relevant perspectives (e.g., Fort McClellan veterans from other periods, family members, caregivers, and organizations). Register here.

**Why we are asking:** Your input will help the committee think about what topics and experiences to cover as it develops a health status survey and plans its analyses in the coming months.

**How to participate:** [Register to attend the public sessions on March 26-27 & April 1 here](#). Please indicate when registering for the public sessions if you would like to provide verbal feedback. Spots to provide verbal feedback are limited. **The committee will hold additional meetings to hear from veterans and other members of the public in May.**

**Written comments:** Members of the public may also submit written comments for consideration by the study committee (as individuals or on behalf of an organization) [via this form](#) through May 15, 2026 (all questions are optional, including name and email).

Written comments you provide will be placed in the committee's Public Access File and may be quoted or summarized in the committee's report. Please do not include private medical details, Social Security numbers, VA claim information, addresses, or other sensitive personal information.

**What information would be most helpful?:** You may share as much or as little as you wish, and you may focus on general themes rather than personal details. Please do not include sensitive personal information (for example: full date of birth, address, phone number, Social Security number, VA claim numbers, or detailed medical records).

Specifically, the committee appreciates input on any of the following, with a focus on information that will inform the survey the committee is developing:

1. **When were you at Fort McClellan, and why were you there?**

Examples: year(s) (or approximate), basic training, advanced/specialty training, instructor, cadre, permanent party/staff, TDY/temporary assignment.

2. **Where did you spend most of your time, and for about how long?**

Examples: weeks/months; on-post vs off-post housing; barracks; specific training areas; classrooms; ranges; maintenance shops; field training sites; dining facilities; clinics; other places on or near the installation (general descriptions are fine).

3. **What did you do day-to-day while you were there?**

Examples: job or MOS-related duties; training school/course; typical daily routine; field exercises; weapons/range activities; vehicle/equipment maintenance; chemical-related training; administrative work; instructor responsibilities.

4. **Were there any materials, environments, or situations (including acute or repeated exposures, for example inhalation or skin contact with toxicants/substances) that you believe may have posed health risks—and how might contact have happened?**

Also, if you remember: any safety practices, warnings, training, or protective equipment used (or not used)—for example, gloves, masks/respirators, ventilation, decontamination, signage, briefings.

5. **What health outcomes or health topics are you most concerned about related to service at Fort McClellan?**

Examples: cancers; respiratory/lung issues; skin conditions; neurologic symptoms; reproductive or pregnancy-related concerns; thyroid/endocrine issues; autoimmune conditions; mental health concerns; hearing/vision; other chronic conditions.

*You can speak generally—no private medical details are needed.*

6. **Is there anything else you want the committee to understand about service at Fort McClellan as it plans its work?**

Examples: job types, schools/units, or locations the committee should pay attention to; groups who may have had different experiences (trainees vs permanent staff, instructors, range staff, maintenance, specific schools/facilities, on-post vs off-post housing).

***See the following page for the March 26-27 & April 1 agenda.***

## **March 26, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00pm EDT**

- 12:00 pm EDT**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Karl T. Kelsey, MD, MOH  
Committee Chair
- 12:05 pm – 12:55**    **Perspectives on Service at Fort McClellan**  
• If time permits, Q&A/discussion with committee
- 12:55**                **Closing Comments and Open Session Adjourns**  
Karl T. Kelsey, MD, MOH  
Committee Chair

## **March 27, 2026, 1:00 – 2:00 pm EDT**

- 1:00 pm EDT**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Karl T. Kelsey, MD, MOH  
Committee Chair
- 1:05 pm – 1:55**    **Perspectives on Service at Fort McClellan**  
• If time permits, Q&A/discussion with committee
- 1:55**                **Closing Comments and Open Session Adjourns**  
Karl T. Kelsey, MD, MOH  
Committee Chair

## **April 1, 2026, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT**

- 11:00 am EDT**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Karl T. Kelsey, MD, MOH  
Committee Chair
- 11:05 – 11:50**      **Perspectives on Service at Fort McClellan**  
• If time permits, Q&A/discussion with committee
- 11:50 – 12:00 pm**   **Break**
- 12:00 – 12:25**      **Perspectives on Service at Fort McClellan**
- 12:30**                **Closing Comments and Open Session Adjourns**  
Karl T. Kelsey, MD, MOH  
Committee Chair