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03 — Military AI, Fort Huachuca, and How Base Access / DV Protocol Actually Work

Compiled 2026-10-04 for the Ana Escobar fact-check.

Her claim, summarized: an Army AI was introduced at Fort Huachuca in 2024 and tested there through 2025. It replaced the "old closed DEERS system." Each morning it takes every "distinguished visitor" (DV) by name and title from a ".gov directory," runs a Google image search to pull a current photo for the "protocol brief," and fills in a daily DV list at midnight. She says this is why Fort Huachuca visitors show up in Google Trends. She also says Fort Huachuca is "not classified" and "low profile."

Labels - **[CONFIRMED official]**: stated in a .mil/.gov primary source (or a government document hosted on a mirror, noted as such). - **[CONFIRMED secondary]**: stated in reputable trade or news press. - **[INFERENCE]**: my reasoning from the documented facts. It is not stated anywhere. - **[UNKNOWN]**: I searched and found no public record either way.

How the quotes were gathered. PDFs (AR 600-25, the Fort McCoy protocol policy, Fort Jackson Reg 1-2, the Carlisle access regulation and the ODASD motor-carrier memo) were downloaded and converted with pdftotext, so those quotes are exact. HTML pages were read with a fetch tool told to return verbatim text. Before you put a line on screen, re-check it against the live URL. The quotes from war.gov, defense.gov, esd.whs.mil (DoDM 5200.08 Vol 3 itself) and several af.mil/marines.mil pages could not be pulled because those sites returned HTTP 403 to automated fetches. Where that happened, the item says so and gives the next-best source.

1. Timeline of military generative-AI tools, 2023–2026

Date	Tool / body	Who could use it	Model / vendor	Internet / web search?	Source
10 Aug 2023	Task Force Lima (CDAO), a study task force, not a tool	DoD-wide study body	n/a	n/a	see 1.1
Fall 2023 dev; spring 2024 deploy	CamoGPT (Army AI2C)	Army; 75,000 users by Aug 2025	Meta Llama 3.3 70B (per DefenseScoop)	No internet , per army.mil	see 1.2
10 Jun 2024	NIPRGPT (Air Force CIO + AFRL, "Dark Saber")	Any DoD CAC holder	Not publicly specified	Not documented	see 1.3
10 Sep 2024	Ask Sage on cArmy (Azure OpenAI at IL5)	400 initial Army accounts	Microsoft Azure OpenAI	Not documented	see 1.4
16 Oct 2024	NETCOM Edge (data-science platform, <i>not</i> a chatbot), launched from Fort Huachuca	NETCOM data scientists	CDAO-built open-source AI/ML toolset	Runs on DODIN-A (internal Army network)	see section 2
11 Dec 2024	Task Force Lima ends; AI Rapid Capabilities Cell (CDAO + DIU) begins	Program office	n/a	n/a	see 1.1
15 May 2025	Army Enterprise LLM Workspace (Ask Sage IL5 SaaS in cArmy)	Army users with a CAC	Azure OpenAI Gov, Mistral, Llama, AWS Bedrock Gov, Google Gemini , others	Not documented; SIPR (classified) rollout planned	see 1.4
14 Jul 2025	CDAO frontier-AI contracts (Anthropic, Google, OpenAI, xAI; up to \$200M each)	Contracts, not a user tool	—	—	see 1.5

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9 Dec 2025	GenAI.mil , first tool Google Gemini for Government	All ~3M military, civilian and contractor personnel	Google Gemini	Yes: "web-grounded against Google Search" (only for this tool)	see 1.6
22 Dec 2025 (announced)	xAI Grok to be added to GenAI.mil, early 2026	Same	xAI Grok	Not documented	see 1.6
31 Dec 2025	NIPRGPT shut down; users told to move to GenAI.mil	—	—	—	see 1.3
Jan 2026	CamoGPT kept, but "transitioned back to a research and development capability"	—	—	—	see 1.2

Bottom line for section 1. The only DoD generative-AI tool publicly documented as connected to Google Search is **Gemini for Government on GenAI.mil, launched 9 December 2025**. That is DoD-wide, not Army-only and not Fort Huachuca-specific, and it came about three months *after* the September 2025 dates in her video. Gemini was also one of the models in the Army Enterprise LLM Workspace from May 2025, but no public record says that deployment used Google Search grounding [UNKNOWN]. CamoGPT is explicitly documented as having no internet access. No document I found describes any of these tools doing *Google Image* searches.

1.1 Task Force Lima → AI Rapid Capabilities Cell

- Task Force Lima was announced 10 Aug 2023 and directed by Deputy Secretary Kathleen Hicks. Its charge was to "develop, evaluate, recommend, and monitor the implementation of generative AI technologies across DoD." — CSIA/DTIC mirror of the DoD release: <https://csiac.dtic.mil/articles/dod-announces-establishment-of-generative-ai-task-force/> ; DefenseScoop: <https://defensescoop.com/2023/08/10/defense-department-generative-ai-task-force/> **[CONFIRMED official, via DTIC mirror; quote taken from search-result text]**
- The AI RCC replaced it in December 2024: "The cell is being stood up to implement those recommendations with the aim of accelerating the delivery of frontier models and next-generation AI capabilities across the department" (Radha Plumb, CDAO). Funding was about \$100M for FY24–25, partnered with DIU. — <https://defensescoop.com/2024/12/11/cdao-pentagon-generative-ai-rapid-capabilities-cell-sunset-task-force-lima/> **[CONFIRMED secondary]**
- Task Force Lima was a study and policy body. It did not field a visitor-screening tool. **[INFERENCE, based on how both articles describe its function]**

1.2 CamoGPT (Army AI Integration Center, AI2C)

- "Currently boasting 75,000 users" / "started development in the fall of 2023" / "first deployed in the spring of 2024" / "does not currently have access to the internet because it is still in a prototype phase" / "can process classified data on SIPRNet and unclassified information on NIPRNet." — army.mil, Army AL&T, 11 Aug 2025: https://www.army.mil/article/287605/army_intelligence **[CONFIRMED official]**
- The headline is "Army Intelligence," but the article is about AI2C. It does **not** mention Fort Huachuca, visitors, protocol or image search. **[CONFIRMED official]**
- DefenseScoop (27 Jan 2026) says CamoGPT "transitioned back to a research and development capability" after GenAI.mil launched, and calls it "a vital platform for testing agentic AI." — <https://defensescoop.com/2026/01/27/army-camogpt-dod-genai-mil/> **[CONFIRMED secondary]**

1.3 NIPRGPT (Air Force)

- Launched 10 Jun 2024. It was "an experimental bridge to leverage GenAI on the Non-classified Internet Protocol Router Network," open to users "who are CAC holders," and helped "with tasks such as correspondence, background papers and code." — Air Force release as reprinted at <https://www.aviationpros.com/aircraft/press-release/55087892/us-air-force-air-force-introduces-experimental-bridge-to-leverage-genai> ; <https://defensescoop.com/2024/06/10/air-force-gen-ai-chatbot-niprgpt-dark-saber/> **[CONFIRMED official text via reprint / secondary]**
- Shut down 31 Dec 2025. More than 700,000 DoD personnel had used it. Users were told to "shift their operations and data to the Pentagon's new GenAI.mil tool or other approved systems." — <https://defensescoop.com/2025/12/18/air-force-sunsetting-niprgpt-generative-ai-platform/> **[CONFIRMED secondary]**
- Whether it could reach the web or Google: not documented. **[UNKNOWN]**

1.4 Army Ask Sage / cArmy / Army Enterprise LLM Workspace

- Sep 2024: a generative AI capability built on "Microsoft's Azure OpenAI — a suite of artificial intelligence services that allows users to apply OpenAI models onto preexisting data" went into cArmy at IL5, starting with 400 accounts. — <https://defensescoop.com/2024/09/10/army-generative-ai-capability-carmy-cloud> **[CONFIRMED secondary]**
- 15 May 2025 (army.mil): "Army Enterprise LLM Workspace, which is powered by Ask Sage IL5 Software-as-a-Service, is hosted within the Army's cArmy Cloud and is controlled-unclassified-information accredited." Also: "The platform leverages technologies such as Azure OpenAI Gov, Mistral, LLM3A.3.3, AWS Bedrock Gov, Google Gemini and several open-source LLMs." Also: "Deploying by end of May to SIPRNET and higher networks to support classified workloads." — <https://www.army.mil/article/285537> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- The article does not say whether the workspace's Gemini access used Google Search grounding. **[UNKNOWN]**
- It does not mention Fort Huachuca, DVs, protocol or visitor vetting. **[CONFIRMED official, by absence in the article]**

1.5 CDAO frontier-AI awards (July 2025)

- CDAO gave Anthropic, Google, OpenAI and xAI contracts with ceilings of up to \$200M each, to "develop agentic AI workflows across a variety of mission areas." — CDAO release: <https://www.ai.mil/Latest/News-Press/PR-View/Article/4242822/cdao-announces-partnerships-with-frontier-ai-companies-to-address-national-secu/> (403 to my fetcher; wording taken from search-result text); https://www.theregister.com/2025/07/14/pentagon_ai **[CONFIRMED secondary]**

1.6 GenAI.mil / Gemini for Government

- Launched **9 Dec 2025**. Breaking Defense quotes Hegseth: "AI models on GenAI.mil can be utilized to conduct deep research, format documents, and analyze video and imagery at unprecedented speed." The rollout covers all ~3M personnel at IL5. — <https://breakingdefense.com/2025/12/pentagon-rolls-out-genai-platform-to-all-personnel-using-googles-gemini/> **[CONFIRMED secondary]**
- MeriTalk (10 Dec 2025) says the platform uses "retrieval-augmented generation and is linked to Google Search to reduce the risk of inaccurate outputs." Also: "AI tools are now accessible on desktops across its headquarters and military installations worldwide." — <https://www.meritalk.com/articles/pentagon-launches-new-genai-mil-platform/> **[CONFIRMED secondary]**
- The official release, per text shown in search results, says Gemini for Government "is web-grounded against Google Search to ensure outputs are reliable." — <https://war.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/4354916/the-war-department-unleashes-ai-on-new-genaimil-platform> and <https://www.ai.mil/Latest/News-Press/PR-View/Article/4355177/the-war-department-unleashes-ai-on-new-genaimil-platform/> **[CONFIRMED official in substance; both URLs returned 403 to my fetcher, so check the exact wording in a browser]**
- Grok was to be added to GenAI.mil in early 2026. — <https://war.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/4366573/the-war-department-to-expand-ai-arsenal-on-genaimil-with-xai> (403 to fetcher; summary from search results) **[CONFIRMED official, wording unverified]**
- What grounding means mechanically: the model issues Google *web* search queries to support its text answers. A Google *Image* search step is not described in any DoD or Google material I found. **[INFERENCE / UNKNOWN]**
- Do grounding queries from Gemini for Government count toward public Google Trends? Not documented by Google or DoD. **[UNKNOWN]** Google's own Trends FAQ says Trends uses "a largely unfiltered sample of actual search requests made to Google." It filters "Searches made by very few people" and "Duplicate searches," and "in very rare cases, Google Trends can also reflect irregular search activity, such as automated searches." — <https://support.google.com/trends/answer/4365533> **[CONFIRMED official (Google)]** For more on this, see file 02_GROUNDING_AND_GENAI_MIL.md.

2. Fort Huachuca: who is there, what NETCOM did with AI, and whether it is "classified"

2.1 Units and tenants

- "Home to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command, 2-13th Aviation Regiment, Electronic Proving Ground, Joint Interoperability Test Command and more than 48 supported tenants." — <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/index.php> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- The official tenant list: 111th MI Brigade; 2-13th Aviation Regt; 304th, 305th, 309th and 344th MI Battalions; Communications Security Logistics Activity; CECOM; Electronic Proving Ground; ISEC; INSCOM; JITC; JTF-Southern Border Inspector General;

Network Enterprise Center; NETCOM; NCO Academy; Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center; USAICoE. — <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/index.php/units-tenants> **[CONFIRMED official]**

- Since March 2025, the post has also been the **headquarters of Joint Task Force-Southern Border**. ArmyMil (25 Mar 2025) says JTF-SB "assumed control of the southern border mission on March 14, 2025," with HQ elements at Fort Huachuca. — <https://www.army.mil/article/284048> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- April 2025: the National Defense Areas were placed under Fort Huachuca, adding more than 100,000 acres "from here to the Texas New Mexico border." — garrison change-of-command article, 2 Jul 2026: <https://www.army.mil/article/293701> **[CONFIRMED official]** Stars and Stripes also reported the New Mexico NDA strip being made part of Fort Huachuca: <https://www.stripes.com/theaters/us/2025-04-21/new-mexico-border-military-zone-17537794.html> **[CONFIRMED secondary]**
- EPG: "unique within the Department of Defense because of its naturally quiet electromagnetic environment," with 970 sq mi of restricted airspace (congressional record text, seen in search results only). **[CONFIRMED secondary, not opened]**

2.2 What NETCOM did with AI ("Edge", October 2024)

- ArmyMil, dateline Fort Huachuca, 6 Jan 2025: NETCOM launched "NETCOM Edge" on 16 Oct 2024. It was "Developed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office" and is "the first government-owned artificial intelligence and machine learning data science development platform to integrate state-of-the-art open-source tools on the Department of Defense Information Network – Army, or DODIN-A." It is "strategically hosted on the Army Endpoint Security Solution platform." Uses: "Initial use cases on Edge include detecting DODIN-A threats and threat indicators, such as network beacons, as well as guiding incident response." — https://www.army.mil/article/282374/data_driven_innovations_in_aiml_capabilities_are_forging_netcoms_future **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **This is the only documented "AI introduced at Fort Huachuca in 2024" item I found.** It is a cyber and network-defense analytics platform. It is not a chatbot, not visitor or protocol software, and nothing in the article mentions Google, images, visitors or DEERS. **[CONFIRMED official + INFERENCE]**

2.3 Any public record of Gemini or GenAI pilots at Fort Huachuca?

- Searches for Fort Huachuca + Gemini / GenAI.mil / Ask Sage / CamoGPT / NIPRGPT found **no** Fort Huachuca-specific pilot. **[UNKNOWN / none found]**
- USAICoE has taught AI/ML content before, for example a one-day AI/ML seminar in the Warrant Officer Advanced Course: https://www.army.mil/article/253606/usaicoe_teaches_artificial_intelligence_and_machine_learning_to_warrant_officers **[CONFIRMED official, from search result]** That is coursework, not a visitor system.
- Air Force (not Army) example of AI in protocol work: Eglin's protocol staff were introduced to "using a natural language processing application to write invitations, emails, and letters" and building itineraries. — <https://www.eglin.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/3885055/protocol-team-sharpens-skills-at-special-training-opportunity/> **[CONFIRMED secondary-level: page returned 403, text from search results; ~2024]** This shows protocol offices use AI for *drafting*. It does not show automated photo pulls.

2.4 Is Fort Huachuca "classified" or a "closed" base?

- **The installation itself is not secret.** It has a public website listing its tenants, gate hours and phone numbers, and publishes news about itself. **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **Access is controlled, not open.** "All U.S. visitors, contractors and vendors, 18 years and older, who do not have a DoW identification card will be subject to a background check before being allowed access." "Non-U.S. citizens must be escorted at all times." — <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/about/visitor-information> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **It hosts classified work.** A 2026 article on the new Intelligence Consolidated Mission Facility describes "secure infrastructure" and "Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) workspace." — https://www.army.mil/article/293720/fort_huachuca_dedicates_intelligence_facility_in_honor_of_the_late_maj_gen_gary_w_johnston **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **"Low profile" is an opinion and is hard to square with the record.** Fort Huachuca is the home of Army Military Intelligence and NETCOM HQ. Since 2025 it has also been HQ of the JTF-Southern Border mission (20,000+ troops deployed) and the parent installation of the border NDAs. **[INFERENCE]**

3. How installation access and DV visits actually work

3.1 DEERS is the ID-card and benefits database, not a visitor log

- Federal Register SORN DMDC 02 DoD (31 May 2022): "DEERS is used to manage the issuance of DoD badges and identification cards, i.e., Common Access Cards (CACs) or beneficiary identification cards. In addition, this system of records is used to authenticate and identify DoD affiliated personnel (e.g., contractors) and manage physical and logical access to DoD facilities." — <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-05-31/html/2022-11610.htm> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- Who is in DEERS: "Members, former members, retirees, civilian employees ... and contractor employees of the DoD and all of the Uniformed Services; Presidential appointees of all Federal Government agencies; ... DoD and ... (DVA) beneficiaries..." The records include "primary and secondary fingerprints and photographs." — same SORN **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **Key point:** DoD-affiliated "distinguished visitors" (generals, SES, presidential appointees) **already have an official ID photo in DEERS**. There is no need to Google their photo. **[CONFIRMED official + INFERENCE]**
- Civilians with no DoD affiliation, such as a private citizen guest, are **not** in DEERS in that capacity. They are vetted at the Visitor Control Center (3.3). **[INFERENCE from the SORN's categories]**
- TRICARE: "You must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System to get your TRICARE benefit." "Sponsors are automatically registered in DEERS." — <https://www.tricare.mil/DEERS> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- Fort Huachuca still runs a DEERS/ID card office ("To add or remove Family members, visit a local DEERS office"): <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/about/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/military-personnel-division/deersid-cards> **[CONFIRMED official, page live as of 2026-10-04]**
- **I found no public record of DEERS being replaced or retired in 2024–2026.** I did find DMDC benefits-application modernization contracts (e.g., Peraton, reported by Potomac Officers Club), which are upgrades, not a replacement by an AI. **[UNKNOWN / none found]**

3.2 Gate systems: AIE (Army) and DBIDS (other services), both checked against DEERS

- Army's AIE: "The Army has developed scanning technology that will compare data embedded in the ID Card ... with information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database." "The system will also display to security personnel the photograph that is in the DEERS system for comparison to the person presenting the ID Card." "Visitors will be registered in the AIE system by having a photo taken and receiving a pass/badge for access." — ArmyMil (Picatinny Arsenal), 27 Oct 2020: <https://www.army.mil/article/240298> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **Key point:** non-DoD visitors have their photo **taken in person at the Visitor Control Center**. **[CONFIRMED official]**
- Fort Huachuca's prescreen link is AIE (<https://pass.aie.army.mil/>), which indicates it uses the Army AIE system. — <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/about/Garrison/DES/physical-security/visitor-access> **[CONFIRMED official link; "uses AIE" is INFERENCE]**
- DBIDS is DMDC's system used by the Air Force, Navy, USMC and DLA. GAO-19-649 (22 Aug 2019) says these access-control systems "electronically connect to" IMESA, which checks authoritative government databases and continuously re-vets people. — <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-19-649> ; FedScoop: <https://fedscoop.com/military-unsure-physical-access-handled-100-installations/> **[CONFIRMED official (GAO) / secondary]**
- DoD motor-carrier memo (ODASD(Logistics), 28 Jun 2019): "DoD Manual 5200.08 Volume 3 'Access to DoD Installations' was signed in January 2019." Also: "the visitor control staff will conduct a background check using United States Government criminal records and terrorism databases." Also: "Installations with sensitive missions may restrict access based on security clearance and citizenship." — <https://trucking.org/sites/default/files/2019-12/2019%2006%2028%20DoD%20Installation%20Access%20Update.pdf> **[CONFIRMED official document via ATA mirror]**

3.3 Policy: DoDM 5200.08 Vol 3 and AR 190-13 (NCIC-III)

- DoDM 5200.08 Vol 3, *Physical Security Program: Access to DoD Installations* (effective 2 Jan 2019; Change 1, 18 Sep 2020). It sets three kinds of access (unescorted, trusted traveler, escorted) and requires checks against NCIC and the Terrorist Screening Database for visitors seeking unescorted access. — Official PDF: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodm/520008v3.PDF> **[CONFIRMED official in substance; PDF returned 403 to my fetcher, so the content is taken from search-result text. Open it in a browser for exact quotes.]**
- Example Army implementing regulation (Carlisle Barracks Reg 190-7, 27 Apr 2016), exact text: "A check of records through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index (III) is the Army baseline background check for entrance onto Army installations for non-CAC holders to include visitors." "Unescorted access will not be granted without completing a favorable NCIC III screening." "AR 190-13 establishes NCIC-III as the Army standard for Installation access vetting." — <https://home.army.mil/carlisle/8815/0912/5632/CBKSREG190-7.pdf> **[CONFIRMED official]**

3.4 Fort Huachuca's own access rules

- "As of May 2025, all visitors must present a REAL ID Act-compliant identification to initiate the background check." Vetting is done through "the National Crime Information Center Interstate Identification Index (NCIC III)." The Van Deman Gate Visitor Control Center is open Mon–Fri, 5:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., and closed weekends and holidays. — <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/about/Garrison/DES/physical-security/visitor-access> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **Trusted Traveler is suspended:** "Beginning Feb. 14, 2024, Fort Huachuca suspended the Trusted Traveler program until further notice." — <https://home.army.mil/huachuca/about/Garrison/DES/physical-security/visitor-access/trusted-traveler> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **Key point:** a DoD ID holder cannot vouch a civilian guest in at the gate. Every non-DoD adult must show REAL ID at the VCC and pass NCIC-III, and gets an AIE photo and pass. That is a law-enforcement database check plus an on-site photo, not a Google search. **[CONFIRMED official + INFERENCE]**
- Note: 6–7 Sep 2025 was a Saturday and Sunday, when the Van Deman VCC is listed as closed. How weekend visitors are handled (pre-registration or after-hours processing) is not documented on the public page. **[UNKNOWN]**

3.5 How DV / official visits are handled: the visitor's office sends the bio, and notice comes in advance

- **AR 600-25, Salutes, Honors, and Courtesy (10 Sep 2019)**, exact text: "DA officials entitled to ceremonial honors ... will provide adequate advance notice to the appropriate installation commander of an impending official visit. Notification will include information such as the general purpose of the visit, items or areas of particular interest to the visitor, and which ceremonies may be dispensed with during the visit." Internal-control checklist: "Are protocol offices maintaining an accurate record of all ceremonies, visits, conferences, and special events for two years?" — copy hosted at <https://home.army.mil/sill/4317/7886/5483/AR600-25.pdf> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **DA Pam 600-60, A Guide to Protocol and Etiquette for Official Entertainment (11 Dec 2001)** is the Army protocol pamphlet cited by installation protocol policies. — cited in the Fort McCoy policy below **[CONFIRMED official]** (I could not retrieve the full text; its contents on bios and photos are **[UNKNOWN]**.)
- **Fort McCoy Policy #12, Policy for Protocol (19 Jul 2024)**, exact text: "USAG FMWI requires an official USAG FMWI Distinguished Visitor (DV) Notification of Visit (NOV) Form, Fort McCoy Form 302, accompanied by a current one-page biography, when a VIP plans to visit." "VIP staff may tentatively schedule office call appointments, but must follow-up with the required ... (NOV) Form and biography." Notice is required "no later than 6 business days for briefs and/or tours and 96 hours for an office call," and "Headquarters, Installation Management Command, requires CCIR reports 72 hours prior to VIP visits." A VIP is "Code 1-6 as defined on the Department of the Army Protocol Precedence List." — https://home.army.mil/mccoy/download_file/view/d65d5fad-811d-46a5-9a1f-f99288ee3365/848 **[CONFIRMED official]**
- **Fort Jackson Reg 1-2, Official Visit (1 Jun 2005)**, exact text: "Official visits are defined as those visits by General Officers, civilians of equivalent grades, officials representing State and local governments, and other invited guests of the command." The Executive Services Office acts "as Fort Jackson's primary point of contact (POC) for the visitor's office" and must "Request biography from visiting dignitaries when available." PAO provides "coverage by military photojournalists." — https://home.army.mil/jackson/download_file/view/422/631 **[CONFIRMED official]**
- NTC (Fort Irwin) protocol: "All requests must be submitted 60 days in advance." — <https://home.army.mil/irwin/about/visitor-information/ntc-protocol-office> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- Fort Polk protocol handles visits by "Senior military leaders (e.g., General Officers, Brigade Commanders)," DVs, CODELs, foreign partners and senior DoD civilians, using a Visitor Request Form. — <https://home.army.mil/polk/about/installation-leaders/protocol> **[CONFIRMED official]**
- National Guard GO bio guidance says it is the officer's responsibility to keep their resume and photograph current. — <https://www.nationalguard.mil/portals/31/Features/ngbgomo/ARNG-Biography-Handbook.pdf> **[CONFIRMED official in substance, from search-result text]**
- **What a "protocol brief" or DV brief contains:** I found no public Army form that requires a protocol office to obtain a "current photo" by web search. The public policies above show the bio, and in practice the official photo, being **supplied by the visitor's own office** in advance. **[CONFIRMED official for "bio supplied by visitor's office"; photo-by-Google requirement: UNKNOWN / none found]**
- I could not find a public Fort Huachuca protocol-office page. **[UNKNOWN]**

3.6 Foreign official visitors (FVS / FDO)

- *DoD International Programs Security Handbook*, Ch. 7 (FAS mirror; older document): FVS lets participating governments "create visit requests in an established format ... and submit them ... to the FVS communications processor in the Pentagon." Requests are routed to Defense Visit Offices (Army, Navy, Air Force, DIA). Visitors need "personal identification that contains a picture and an identification number, date of birth, and nationality." — https://sgp.fas.org/library/ipshbook/Chap_07.html **[CONFIRMED official document via FAS mirror; dated]**

- AR 380-10, *Foreign Disclosure and Contacts with Foreign Representatives* (14 Jul 2015), governs Army foreign visits and foreign disclosure officers. — summary via search results (irp.fas.org/doddir/army/ar380-10.pdf would not download) **[CONFIRMED official in substance; exact text not retrieved]**
- DoDD 5230.20, *Visits and Assignments of Foreign Nationals* (22 Jun 2005). — <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodd/523020p.pdf> (403 to fetcher) **[CONFIRMED official title/date from search results]**
- Fort Huachuca example: on 16 Sep 2024 USAICoE hosted foreign defense attachés "from 19 countries" as part of "the Department of the Army G2 Foreign Attaché orientation program." — <https://www.army.mil/article/279942> **[CONFIRMED official]** Foreign visits are therefore sponsored, pre-scheduled and run through official channels.

4. The "government directory" she says titles come from

Directories that actually exist:

Directory	Public?	Has titles?	Has photos?	Source
war.gov (defense.gov) Biographies	Yes	Yes	Yes (official portraits)	https://www.war.gov/About/Biographies/ [CONFIRMED official; 403 to fetcher, description from search results]
army.mil/leaders	Yes	Yes	Yes ("each leader with a photograph, their position title, and their name")	https://www.army.mil/leaders [CONFIRMED official]
af.mil Biographies	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.af.mil/About-Us/Biographies/ [CONFIRMED official, from search results]
Installation leadership pages (e.g., Fort Huachuca)	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://home.army.mil/huachuca/about/leadership [CONFIRMED official, from search results]
National Guard GO biographies (NGB GOMO)	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.nationalguard.mil/portals/31/Features/ngbgomo/ [CONFIRMED official]
DoD Global Address List / enterprise directory	No, CAC only	Yes	Not public	legalclarity.org explainer (weak source); FNN coverage of the 4.5M-person directory (403) [CONFIRMED secondary, weak]
DEERS	No. Privacy Act system of records	—	Yes (ID photos)	SORN above [CONFIRMED official]

- **[INFERENCE]** A ".gov directory" with names, titles *and* photos exists only for senior leaders (GO/SES/political appointees). Those people already have official photos on those same pages and in DEERS, so an image search would add nothing. Private-citizen guests are in no such directory.

5. Publicly documented senior-leader visits to Fort Huachuca, Jan–Sep 2025

Date (2025)	Visitor	Purpose	Source
Jan 2025 (date not given)	~1,000+ 10th Mountain Division soldiers arrive "with one weeks' notice" (a deployment, not a DV visit)	Border mission	https://www.army.mil/article/293701 [CONFIRMED official]
6 Mar	CW5 Carlos Terrones, Combined Arms Center Command Chief Warrant Officer (senior, but not a GO)	ICoE training modernization	https://www.army.mil/article/283636 (published 10 Mar 2025) [CONFIRMED official]

Date (2025)	Visitor	Purpose	Source
Between 10 and 14 Mar (exact day not given)	Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll and Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George	First CONUS trip: JBLM, Fort Irwin, Fort Huachuca	DVIDS video 958499: "visited Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Fort Irwin, and Fort Huachuca during Driscoll's first CONUS trip as Secretary, March 10-14, 2025." https://www.dvidshub.net/video/958499 [CONFIRMED official]
14 Mar (HQ at Huachuca by ~19 Mar)	JTF-Southern Border stands up (10th Mountain HQ); Gen. Gregory Guillot (USNORTHCOM) quoted	Border mission. The 14 Mar transfer article is datelined Fort Bliss.	https://www.army.mil/article/284048 [CONFIRMED official] Whether Guillot was physically at Fort Huachuca in Jan–Sep 2025: [UNKNOWN]
24 Jul	Gen. Gary M. Brito , CG, TRADOC (host: Maj. Gen. Rick Appelhans)	"engage with senior leaders, observe intelligence training, and recognize top-performing Soldiers"	https://www.dvidshub.net/news/543986/gen-brito-visits-fort-huachuca-emphasizes-leadership-modernization-and-army-profession (pub. 28 Jul 2025) [CONFIRMED official]
16 Sep	Brig. Gen. Shannon-Mikal Lukas , CG, U.S. Army Operational Test Command, with CSM Joe Johnson	Building dedication and Hall of Fame for the Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate	https://www.army.mil/article/288737 (pub. 17 Sep 2025) [CONFIRMED official]

Just outside the window: 10 Oct 2025, JTF-SB transfer from 10th Mountain to the 101st Airborne at **Libby Army Airfield** (Fort Huachuca), with Gen. Guillot presiding. — globalsecurity mirror of NORTHCOM release: <https://www.globalsecurity.org/security/library/news/2025/12/sec-251210-northcom01.htm> **[CONFIRMED official via mirror, from search-result text]**

Search errors to avoid repeating: a "Lt. Gen. Sterling, Jan. 24" visit is from **2010** ([army.mil/article/50777](https://www.army.mil/article/50777)), not 2025. The "Secretary of the Army to visit" KGUN story is **Ryan McCarthy** (2019–2020). The foreign attaché visit is **Sep 2024**. The Brito "first visit" piece is **Dec 2022**. None of these are 2025.

Gaps: DVIDS search was "temporarily unavailable," and army.mil search could not be read by my browser tool, so this list is **not exhaustive**. I found **no** army.mil or DVIDS record of any visitor to Fort Huachuca on 6–7 Sep 2025. **[UNKNOWN]**

6. How this maps to her claim

Her statement	What is documented	What is not documented	What is contradicted	Verdict in plain English
"The AI was introduced at Fort Huachuca in 2024 and tested there through 2025."	One AI platform did launch from Fort Huachuca in 2024: NETCOM Edge (16 Oct 2024) , a CDAO-built <i>network-defense data-science</i> platform for spotting cyber threats. Army-wide chatbots (CamoGPT spring 2024, Ask Sage/cArmy Sep 2024) were rolled out <i>Army-wide</i> , not at Huachuca.	No public record of any visitor, protocol or photo AI introduced or tested at Fort Huachuca.	The one real 2024 Huachuca AI (Edge) does something completely different: cyber threat detection.	Half-true at most. There was an AI at Fort Huachuca in 2024, but it is a cyber-analytics tool with no documented link to visitors or Google.
"It replaced the old closed DEERS system."	DEERS is DoD's ID-card and benefits database. It holds photos and fingerprints of DoD-affiliated people and is still in use. Fort Huachuca's gate system (AIE) checks IDs against DEERS , and its DEERS office page is live.	No record of DEERS being replaced 2024–2026. Only benefits-app modernization contracts.	DEERS was never a visitor log. Visitor vetting is NCIC-III plus TSDB via AIE/DBIDS and IMESA. DEERS is still the source of truth for ID photos, so it has not been replaced.	False as stated. It confuses the ID/benefits database with visitor screening.
"Protocol briefs require a current photo pulled by Google image search."	Army protocol policies require the visitor's own staff to send a NOV form and a "current one-page biography" in advance (Fort McCoy 2024; Fort Jackson "Request biography from visiting dignitaries"). Senior leaders' official photos are on army.mil/war.gov and in DEERS. Civilian visitors are photographed in person at the VCC for their AIE pass.	No Army regulation, pamphlet or installation policy found that requires web or Google image searches for photos. DA Pam 600-60 full text not reviewed.	The documented flow is visitor's office → protocol office , days to weeks ahead, not an automated morning-of web scrape.	Unsupported. Nothing public shows this. The photo already comes from the visitor's office or official sources.

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"An automated system fills a daily DV list at midnight."	Protocol offices <i>do</i> keep visit records ("accurate record of all ceremonies, visits... for two years," AR 600-25). Itineraries are distributed internally (Fort Jackson: republished "approximately 48 hours prior to the visit"). IMCOM wants CCIR reports "72 hours prior to VIP visits."	Any automated midnight DV-list generator.	Visits are known and staffed days in advance (6 business days, 60 days at NTC), so a midnight "discovery" step does not fit the documented process.	Unsupported. No public evidence.
"The AI Google-searches each visitor, which is why they show up in Google Trends."	From 9 Dec 2025 , Gemini for Government on GenAI.mil is "web-grounded against Google Search," DoD-wide. Google Trends is "a largely unfiltered sample of actual search requests made to Google," filters "Searches made by very few people" and "Duplicate searches," and "in very rare cases" may reflect "automated searches."	Whether grounding queries from Gemini for Government feed public Google Trends. Any <i>image</i> search. Any Army or Fort Huachuca use of GenAI.mil for visitor processing.	The only Google-grounded DoD tool post-dates Sep 2025 by three months. CamoGPT, the main Army tool in 2024–25, had no internet access .	Timeline fails for Sep 2025. Even for later dates the mechanism is undocumented, and Trends' low-volume filter works against it (single queries about little-known names would normally be filtered out).
"Fort Huachuca is not classified / low profile."	Correct that the <i>installation</i> is not secret: public site, public tenant list, public gate info. But access is controlled (REAL ID + NCIC-III; Trusted Traveler suspended since 14 Feb 2024; non-citizens escorted). It hosts SCI workspace, Army MI's schoolhouse, NETCOM HQ, and since March 2025 the JTF-Southern Border HQ and the border NDAs.	—	"Low profile" doesn't fit given JTF-SB and the NDAs, which drew national coverage in 2025.	"Not classified": broadly true for the base's existence. "Low profile": an opinion, and a weak one for 2025.

Most important verified facts

- DEERS is the ID-card and benefits database, holds ID photos, and is still in use.** The Army gate system checks IDs against it. It is not a visitor log and was not replaced. (SORN DMDC 02 DoD; army.mil/article/240298; Fort Huachuca DEERS page.)
- Fort Huachuca vets every non-DoD adult in person:** REAL ID plus an NCIC-III check at the Van Deman VCC, with Trusted Traveler suspended since 14 Feb 2024. Visitors are photographed at the VCC (Army AIE). (home.army.mil/huachuca; army.mil/article/240298.)
- The documented 2024 "AI at Fort Huachuca" is NETCOM Edge (16 Oct 2024),** a cyber-threat analytics platform, not a visitor or photo tool. (army.mil/article/282374.)
- The only DoD AI documented as grounded in Google Search is Gemini for Government on GenAI.mil, launched 9 Dec 2025.** That is after Sep 2025. CamoGPT, the Army tool in use 2024–25, had no internet access. (Breaking Defense, MeriTalk, war.gov release; army.mil/article/287605.)
- Army protocol practice has the visitor's own office send the bio and visit notice days or weeks in advance** (AR 600-25; Fort McCoy Policy #12, 2024; Fort Jackson Reg 1-2). I found no public rule that requires a Google image search for a "protocol brief" photo.

Open items worth chasing

- Exact text of DoDM 5200.08 Vol 3 and of the 9 Dec 2025 war.gov release (both blocked to automated fetch; open in a browser).
- DA Pam 600-60 full text, for what a DV packet contains.
- Fort Huachuca protocol office procedures and weekend VCC handling (could be requested from Fort Huachuca PAO or by FOIA).
- Whether Gemini for Government grounding queries are counted in public Google Trends (ask Google Public Sector; see file 02).