



Arizona Army National Guard

## PAPAGO PARK MILITARY RESERVATION: ARIZONA

Papago Park Military Reservation (PPMR) is located in Phoenix, Arizona. PPMR is home to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA), which consists of the Army and the Air National Guard, the Arizona Division of Emergency Management, and the Joint Programs Division. DEMA provides unique capabilities and services to the citizens of Arizona in three distinct roles: community, state, and federal.

PPMR serves as the Joint Forces Headquarters for the Arizona Army and Air National Guard. Other tenants include the Arizona Division of Emergency Management, the Maricopa County Emergency Operations Center, the 158th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Headquarters, the 198th Regional Support Group Headquarters, Arizona’s Joint Counter Narco Terrorism Task Force, and the 91st Civil Support Team.

PPMR traces its history to the establishment of the Papago Saguaro National Monument in 1914. Notably, in 1930, the Papago Saguaro National Monument became the first national monument to be “abolished” when the federal government transferred it to the state of Arizona and the city of Tempe. During World War II, PPMR was a prisoner of war facility for German U-boat crewmembers, and was the site of one of the largest POW escapes in United States history.

### FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Phoenix, AZ (Maricopa County)**
- » Land Area: **32 acres**
- » Military Personnel: **Approx. 1200**
- » Civilian Personnel: **Approx. 100**

For more information, please see <https://dema.az.gov>



Above: Arizona National Guard Emblem



Above: Vital Connection Communications Preparedness exercise conducted on PPMR. The event highlighted the communication interoperability among numerous agencies throughout the state of Arizona and served as a precursor to the largest statewide exercise conducted in the history of Arizona. (Arizona National Guard provided photo)

### COMMANDER RANK

Lieutenant Colonel

### UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Located in Phoenix next to residential neighborhoods and a city park
- » Was part of a Veterans Hospital in the 1940’s and 1950’s
- » Contains four operational ranges, consisting of two small arms ranges, a land navigation course, and a rappel training site

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