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## 2009 a success for Corps of Engineers' Savannah MILCON

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – The [Savannah District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'](#) military construction (MILCON) program saw its highest volume in years throughout fiscal year 2009, with a \$2.1 billion workload at Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Savannah-area installations [Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield](#) received nearly a quarter of those dollars.

Fort Stewart/HAAF have seen an increased amount of construction, with a current workload of 31 active contracts, totaling \$555.6 million. This includes 15 contracts awarded in fiscal year 2009, totaling \$344.6 million.

"The Savannah District team pushed harder than ever to support Soldiers and Airmen with one of the most ambitious construction programs in the nation," said District Commander Col. Ed Kertis. "We are proud to provide the best engineering, construction, and real estate support to installations throughout our district, including Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield."

Some major Fort Stewart contracts awarded in 2009 include \$289 million for facilities in the Infantry Brigade Combat Team Complex, a \$32 million renovation of the Volunteer Army barracks and \$27 million in facilities for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sustainment Brigade. At Hunter Army Airfield, 2009 contract awards include a \$7.5 million youth center, funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), and a \$3 million field operations building.

Additionally, the Corps has finished several new facilities this year at Fort Stewart, such as a \$6 million child development center, two tactical equipment and maintenance facilities (\$13M), a 48-man barracks (\$3.7M), a company operations facility (\$11M) and a \$23 million 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade headquarters. Finished projects at Hunter AAF include a \$10.4 million, 96-man barracks and a \$6.9 million youth services center.

"The Corps' Resident Offices work daily during construction to provide quality, functional facilities for the Soldiers on the installations," said Project Engineer Joyce Oglesby, who works closely with Corps' projects at Fort Stewart. "While it's fascinating to see facilities "grow" during construction, the most gratifying part of any project is seeing the excitement of the Soldiers when they take possession of their new facility."

The Savannah District expects another busy year in 2010, with a projected military construction workload of \$1.4 billion in Georgia and North Carolina, of which \$286 million will fund new projects at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

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**Photo caption:** This tactical equipment and maintenance facility (TEMF), recently completed by the Corps of Engineers at Fort Stewart, is just one of several military construction projects completed in 2009. This 37,000-square-foot facility is similar to an automotive garage, where Soldiers can store equipment and perform maintenance on their military vehicles.

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The **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Savannah District** manages and oversees a multi-billion dollar military construction program at 12 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to equipment shops, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. For more information, visit [www.sas.usace.army.mil](http://www.sas.usace.army.mil).