

Building Strong for the warfighter

Savannah district managers oversee largest military construction program in district's history

Providing the best facilities for soldiers and airmen presents challenges to any construction organization, but the Savannah district does it best according to the Army's Installation Management Command (IMCOM).

And to receive this "best in class" rating, on any given day, members of the Savannah district's military construction teams:

- collaborate with contractors to modify plans to accommodate the customer's needs
- ensure "green" building requirements are incorporated into project designs
- juggle multiple contractors on a single site to ensure that numerous building projects meet delivery dates
- consult with information technology designers to deliver quality work spaces
- coordinate road construction so that it doesn't interfere with the delivery of building supplies

These are just a few of the myriad details that make up the Savannah district's multi-billion—yes, billion dollar—military construction program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. The district's projects range from barracks, hospitals, and family support centers to maintenance facilities, headquarters buildings, and aircraft hangars.

"The goal is to strengthen the nation's security by providing high quality military facilities where service members and their families train, work and live," said Col. Jeffrey M. Hall, commander of the Savannah District.

Fant, Robins Area Office garners top Air Force Award

The Air Force is another satisfied Savannah district customer. District team member Julian Fant and the Robins Air Force Base Area Office were recently recognized by the 2011 Air Force Agent Awards and Design Excellence Awards. Fant, a project engineer in the Robins AFB Area Office, was selected as the Air Force Civilian Project Manager of the Year in the "Construction Category." The Robins AFB Area Office was selected as the Division or Host Nation Agent of the Year in the "Construction Category." These awards programs recognize design excellence in Air Force planning, landscaping, architecture, engineering, interior design, and military family housing design.



"Soldiers and airmen make incredible sacrifices for our country, and we want to be sure they are provided facilities that honor their contributions to our nation."

"To achieve the goal, we try to foster a spirit of cooperation whereby the user, the installation's Department of Public Works, the designer, the contractor and the Corps all come to the table as partners," he said. "Each team member has a voice and in this way we can work hand-in-hand to meet challenges and find solutions."

Feedback from the district's customers indicates they are pleased with its effort. Each year military installations are surveyed to determine their satisfaction with engineering agencies that support military construction. In five of the past six years, the Savannah district has received the Army's highest satisfaction rating—a testament to its dedication to service members.

In another testament to customer satisfaction, last fall, IMCOM presented the district the "Installation Support Program of the Year Award," which recognizes excellence in group activities supporting the installation's public works and housing missions. IMCOM honored the district for its work at Forts Bragg and Benning for providing "exceptional engineering support in the accomplishment of our mission of improving the quality of life for our soldiers, civilians, and family members."

This issue of the Castle highlights some of the projects currently underway in Georgia and North Carolina. With space limitations, it's difficult to capture all the contributions made by team members, but it serves as a "snapshot in time" of the largest military construction program in the district's history.

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