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Corps begins \$13 million Army brigade headquarters project at Fort Bragg

SAVANNAH, Ga. – [The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District](#) will begin final coordination Sept. 22 on a project to convert an existing in-processing facility to a headquarters building that will serve the recently formed 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The \$13 million contract was awarded on Aug. 29 to Better Built Construction Services, Inc., of Middletown, Ohio. It will also include the construction of a new in-processing facility to replace the building being converted to the 3rd BCT headquarters. The tentative completion date for the two projects is March 2013.

Built for the 82nd Airborne Division, the new in-processing center will serve as a one-stop-shop for all incoming personnel attached to one of the four Brigade Combat Teams at Fort Bragg. At the center, soldiers will be able to review their assignment orders, update pertinent record data, and attend a range of mandatory briefings at one of the designated stations in the 14,256 square-foot facility.

Because of the in-processing center's convenient location near the 82nd Airborne Division museum, it will display some of their collections. The museum profiles the development of the airborne forces from 1940 to present day.

"The in-processing will be a showcase for the rich history of the 3rd Brigade, the incoming soldiers will feel a sense of pride to be a member of this organization," said Vien Rassavong, project manager in the Savannah District.

The headquarters building, designed for 156 brigade personnel, will contain 31,000 square feet of new space and 10,000 square feet from the renovation. Although it will vary in shape from a typical headquarters building due to the conversion, it will still result in the same square footage and capacity. This facility will serve as the administrative hub for the brigade.

"The conversion of the processing center into a headquarters greatly extends the life and usage of the building at less cost than constructing a new one," said Vien.

Like all Army construction, the new facilities will satisfy Silver-level criteria established by the [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED\)](#) rating system, in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council standards. Eco-friendly features include the use of energy efficient building materials, lighting and ventilation systems.

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