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## Corps breaks ground on new Warrior in Transition Complex at Fort Bragg

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – [The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District](http://www.usace.army.mil) will break ground on barracks for a new Warrior in Transition (WT) Complex at Fort Bragg, N.C. on June 17.

The \$32.9 million contract for the WT barracks was awarded in September 2009 to B.L. Harbert International of Birmingham, Ala. Under the terms of the contract, B.L. Harbert will design and construct a 153,911-square-foot barracks space for 256 Soldiers and build a 240-space parking garage. The barracks will provide quality housing for injured Soldiers in need of longer term medical care as they transition back into duty or civilian life, as part of the Army's Warrior Care and Transition Program. The WT barracks are tentatively scheduled for completion in March 2012.

"These facilities honor the sacrifice of the injured and wounded warriors by providing a higher quality of life and better health care service," said Corps Project Manager Ruben Del Rio. "With first rate housing near the services and care they need, Soldiers will be better able to focus on recuperating from their injuries."

Still to come for the Fort Bragg WT Complex is a one-battalion headquarters, five company operation facilities, a Soldier Family Assistance Center, and a Dining Facility. The Corps of Engineers plans to award two separate contracts for the remaining portion of the complex this month.

"The project is unique in that it will provide the first three-deck parking garage ever built at Fort Bragg, and it is one of the only two WT Complexes that will include a dining facility," said Del Rio. "Having a parking garage and dining facility nearby will be a big convenience for our warriors in transition."

In three of the past five years, the Savannah District has received the Army's highest satisfaction rating among engineering agencies supporting the military – a testament to its dedication to soldiers.

Like all Army construction, the WT barracks will satisfy Silver rating criteria established by the [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED\)](http://www.usace.army.mil) 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.