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Corps completes \$306 million Infantry Brigade Combat Team Complex at Fort Stewart

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Stewart, Ga., have a new \$306 million home, courtesy of the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District](#). The Savannah district recently completed construction of a 457-acre complex, which will accommodate 3,500 soldiers and 950 wheeled vehicles.

“After the sacrifice our troops make for the nation, they deserve the best facilities and support we can provide,” said [Col. Jeff Hall, commander of the Savannah District](#). “We are honored that we were able to have these facilities ready for the 4th IBCT when they returned home from deployment.”

Also known as the “Vanguard Brigade,” the 4th IBCT, returned to Fort Stewart in June from a yearlong deployment in Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

The IBCT complex is the largest construction project at Fort Stewart and one of the largest military construction projects for the Savannah district. The Corps began construction in June 2009 and completed the complex in four phases spanning nearly two full years of construction, which provided a boost to the local economy.

Contracts were awarded to large companies called ‘primes,’ which typically rely on local subcontractors to complete work such as painting, roofing, masonry, concrete work, glass, and drywall. Hiring locally makes the prime’s work less costly and more efficient. In most cases, it’s also cheaper to buy supplies locally, which benefits multiple companies in the region.

“This project was a huge undertaking as we had multiple contractors on site, which required communication and close coordination,” said Troy Funk, Resident Engineer, Savannah district. “There were a lot of moving parts and the partnerships on site were instrumental in bringing the project to completion.”

The complex includes everything the brigade will need to fulfill daily operations, including a Combined Brigade/Battalion headquarters building, dining facility, and six company operations facilities with tactical equipment maintenance facilities. An 80,000 square foot physical fitness center and soldier family care clinic, both in their final stages of construction, will round out the complex. The physical fitness center is scheduled for completion in Dec. 2011 and the clinic in summer 2012. All of the facilities are in walking distance of 20 barracks which accommodate 72 soldiers in each. Two soldiers will share a suite, which will include a common area, kitchen, bathroom, and two private bedrooms.

Like all Army construction, these projects will incorporate environmentally-friendly features, such as natural landscaping, low-odor paints and carpets, energy efficient lighting, and mechanical systems. These “green” buildings will satisfy the Silver rating criteria established by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council standards.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Savannah District manages and oversees a multi-billion dollar military construction program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to vehicle maintenance facilities, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. For more information, visit <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil>.

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To view more facts on the 4th IBCT complex click here:

[http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team complex facts.pdf](http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/4th%20Infantry%20Brigade%20Combat%20Team%20complex%20facts.pdf)



Photo caption: Army leaders cut a ribbon to celebrate the opening of a new \$306 million complex for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Stewart, Ga., Aug 19, 2011. From left to right: Col. Kevin Milton, Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, Command Sgt. Maj. Edd Watson, Maj. Gen. Robert B. "Abe" Abrams, Col. Louis Lartigue, Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Altman, and Col. Jeff Hall.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to maintenance facilities, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

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