

Carlisle Barracks construction moves forward

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Work continues at the Claremont entrance to Carlisle Barracks.

August 4, 2009 – Major improvements are currently underway at the Vehicle Access Control site for the Claremont entrance to Carlisle Barracks. The new road was paved in July and crews are erecting the checkpoint frame.

The new road plan is designed to enhance traffic flow on Claremont, eliminate confusion for visitors, and increase efficiency. The horseshoe-shaped access road is set back deeper than the current VAC access road, closer to the railroad tracks, with room for more cars awaiting security checks.

Unlike the current site, all vehicles will travel the same route. Trucks will be inspected without driving through a second loop. Cars with decals will enter post as they do now after the first checkpoint. Cars without decals can either continue on to the Barracks Crossing Vehicle Registration or to the Search Office, where they can obtain a visitors pass.

The new VAC site is a part of the \$1.5 million project awarded to Odyssey International, Inc. of Lancaster, PA.

Housing

Construction crews continue to work on Marshall Ridge Phase II housing. These homes for permanent party families began construction this summer and are scheduled to be completed in late 2009. The 22 single-family and 12 duplex homes will replace the 1960's era duplex homes demolished last fall. The homes are being added from east to west along Marshall Road with the first homes

scheduled for completion in October, according to Tom Kelly, director of Public Works.

Similar to the Marshall Ridge Phase I houses - completed in the fall of 2008 – these homes will feature 2,000 square-feet of living space, fully equipped kitchens, utility rooms, patio areas, and two-car garages.

The first phase of the Heritage Heights housing area was completed this July in time for the families of the 2010 Army War College class to move in. The modern duplexes replaced the old College Arms "Smurf" housing. The new homes feature three or four bedrooms, 2,000 square-feet, fully equipped kitchens, utility rooms, patio areas, and two-car garages.

The new housing is a part of a \$65 million, five-year project with partners Balfour Beatty Communities that will bring a total of 128 new homes and will include renovation of the remaining historic homes on the Barracks. Currently, more than 90 homes have been completed with the additions of The Meadows, Marshall Ridge Phase I, and Heritage Heights Phase 1.