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November 6, 2009— Worldwide, Army installations will remember the Soldiers and civilians killed and wounded at Fort Hood at 1334 central time: 1434 local time.

A single gunman shot and killed 13 people and wounded another 30 during a shooting yesterday at Ft. Hood in Texas.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on November 5, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, identified as a psychiatrist at Ft. Hood, opened fire at the post's Soldier Family Readiness Center, post commander Lt. Gen. Robert Cone confirmed last night.

Hasan reportedly shot 43 people in the Soldier Family Readiness Center, Cone stated in a Nov. 5 press conference. The shooting resulted in 13 dead (12 military, 1 civilian) and 30 wounded.

Investigations are ongoing and Army officials are not speculating as to a motive or access to a weapon. The FBI is on post and will bring the expertise necessary for the investigation, officials said.

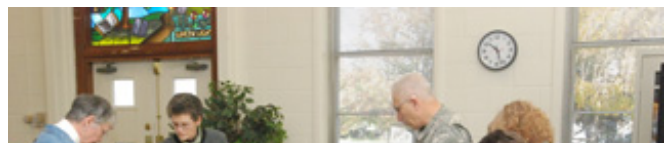
Army officials have confirmed Hasan is not dead but is in custody in stable condition.

Officials have confirmed that as of this morning, 28 people remain hospitalized and approximately half required surgery. All are currently stable in the post's hospital and three community hospitals. Next of kin notifications have been completed for about 90% of those who died as of this morning. The post's priority is caring for the wounded and providing additional grief counseling to give Soldiers and families comprehensive care and support.

Fort Hood is no longer on lock down and the post will observe a day of mourning Friday. A family hotline for questions/concerns has been established and can be reached at 866-836-2751.

"God bless these Soldiers and Army civilians for their great reaction, support, and first aid on the scene," Cone stated.

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chapel will be offering prayers in response to the tragic incident at Ft. Hood during Chapel services today, Saturday and Sunday.



Members of the Military Council of Catholic Women enjoy some breakfast and each other's company after keeping Army Family members in their prayers during Friday's Mass. Photo by Erin. O. Stattel, USAWC Public Affairs.

"As a spouse, I can imagine what they must be going through and I am keeping our Army Family members in my prayers," said Jeanne Sexton, president of the Military Council of Catholic Women. "With the holidays coming it is going to be tough, so we all need to lift the people of Ft. Hood up in our prayers."

The women of the MCCW called the tragedy sad and vowed to pray for their fellow Army Family members.

"This is an awful tragedy for all of us and I regret the loss of life," said Chaplain Gregory D'Emma. "We need to pray for those who died, those who were injured and the families affected by this terrible event."

If approached by members of the public or the media, keep in mind how important an accurate report is and speak only to which you personally know to be true, as we share our concerns in this tragedy for our Army Family.

NOTE: Emergency Services at Carlisle Barracks encourages residents, employees and guests to cooperate with gate guards as they execute their requirements to check identification, inspect vehicles and respond to perceived threats, said Robert Suskie, DES director. DoD-decal vehicles are subject to random inspections; non-DoD vehicles are inspected.

"Privately owned weapons are not permitted on post -- unless you are a post resident and have registered the weapon at the Vehicle Registration Office, located in the skill development center on Claremont Road."