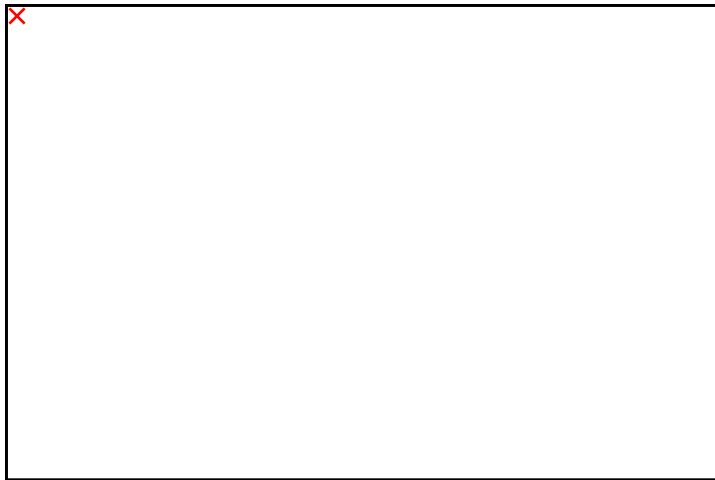


Construction, renovation to alter post landscape

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Construction, renovation to re-create working space across Carlisle Barracks



Letterkenny Army Depot is building a new Youth Center. The Carlisle Barracks Youth Center, slated for a new location near the CDC, will look like this within months after its Fall 2010 start of construction.

March 30, 2010 -- In the 1930s, Carlisle Barracks expanded for the Army Medical Field School; it bought neighboring land, and constructed new housing and organizational

buildings.

In the past few years, new and renewed family housing brought a post-wide re-creation of like magnitude has caused alumni and former visitors to pause with unfamiliarity.

The next stage of installation-wide changes will support the mission of the college and the garrison. When all is done, there will be new construction and renovation from one end of the post to the other. The plan calls for multiple moves and counter-moves. But the benefits are big -- a new facility for the nationally renowned Strategic Studies Institute; 4 additional seminar rooms in Root Hall for an expanded USAWC Class of 2012; and a modern new Youth Center, near the Child Development Center and Delaney Community Center, to replace the current WW2 facility.

The SSI plan

When the Tax Clinic ends seasonal operations in Upton Hall, in May, the Family/Morale/Welfare & Recreation directorate will move to Upton Hall basement, vacating office space at 632 Wright Ave. That "swing space" will become a 15-month home away from home for the SSI analysts and staff, as of late September. Meanwhile, construction of the new SSI building is planned to begin in early Fall with

an SSI move-in date of January 2012. The new SSI building will rise on the grounds of the old Garrison Headquarters, demolished several years ago as a below-grade building. Heavy equipment is there for early engineering site work now.

When SSI vacates 2nd floor offices in Root Hall, the space will be renovated to create four new seminar rooms ready in August 2011 for the expanded Class of 2012, with more International Fellows, US students and faculty.

Garrison moves

Meanwhile, the domino game continues with garrison spaces. The plan begins with a new warehouse to be built in the Public Works area late this year; the new warehouse space will house DPW and MWR equipment currently stored at 832 Sumner Road. When empty, a portion of Bldg 832 will be converted for the Thrift Shop that's now planning to move from the back of 832 Wright to a user-friendly location near the post's retail area and parking. The newly created space at 842 Sumner Road, the long building situated behind the Laundry/ITR/Outdoor Recreation, will be great for business, according to Tom Kelly, Public Works Director.

In a final move, the FMWR offices will move in Summer 2011 into newly-renovated space formerly occupied by the Thrift Shop.

Youth benefits

Bouquet Road Housing will be brought down by BBC by July of this year to make way for the Youth Center. Construction is expected to start in October; the modular construction project calls for 8 to 12 months.