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Maj. Gen. Robert Williams, USAWC commandant, Lt. Col. Sergio Dickerson, garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell, post CSM, cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony for the Delaney Field Clubhouse Feb. 5. Photo by Megan Clugh.

February 5, 2009 - Despite the morning's frigid cold temperatures, Carlisle Barracks community members were all smiles as they gathered outside of the Delaney Field Clubhouse for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new community building is a part of the Residential Communities Initiative plan to transform Carlisle Barracks with the aim to provide a better quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

"This project has been well worth the effort. There is no one more deserving to have this great building than those who sacrifice and continue to sacrifice," said **Lt. Col. Sergio Dickerson**, garrison commander.

The approximately \$1.3 million facility features a large community room, full kitchen, TV lounge, internet café, a conference room and a children's play room. The 6,000 square-feet of space, is also home to the Balfour Beatty Management Office and the Army Housing Office.

"This installation needed a gathering place for the Soldier's and families that live here. And with its placement near the Chapel, Child Development Center, and upcoming Youth Center, it has created a central location for families. This is a true example of how we are working together transforming this post into a great community," said **Ty McPhillips**, project manager for Balfour Beatty Communities.

Post residents and employees braved the cold for the ceremony. Photo by Megan Clugh.

McPhillips also discussed naming the building after Brig. Gen. Matthew A. Delaney, the Commandant of the Medical School on Carlisle Barracks from 1933-1935.



"During his time in command, General Delaney oversaw and executed the largest buildup that Carlisle Barracks had ever seen. The post was in a constant state of construction. This is oddly similar to today," said McPhillips.

Everyone at the ceremony remarked the great changes taking place and they noted that the Delaney Field Clubhouse is a highlight of the evolution the post is making.

The clubhouse's community room has added a location for post residents to come together, they said. The large room can be reserved by residents for an array of events, bringing together friends and neighbors. The room features a gas fireplace, large flat-screen television and leather furniture. It also has an accordion door that can divide the room into two smaller spaces, if needed.

Adjoining the community room is a full kitchen furnished with modern appliances. The kitchen enables the community house to hold events with food and drinks such as potlucks, coffees, or birthday parties.

In addition to having the sports field out behind the clubhouse, the children's play room provides a location for families to gather on play dates after school.



The children's play room in the Delaney Field Clubhouse. Photo by Megan Clugh.

"This community center is our way of saying thank you to all of you and your families," said **Christopher Williams**, Executive Vice President of Balfour Beatty Communities.

"We understand you make great sacrifices. You all certainly deserve this great place to gather and enjoy being together when you are not fighting thousands of miles away," continued Williams.

"Please enjoy this community center; we are blessed to take care of you all for once."

To read more on the Delaney Field Club House and Carlisle Barracks Construction visit <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/construction/>

Community Room Reservations:

Only Carlisle Barracks Residents can reserve the community room and must be present during the event. Maximum occupancy is 80. Deposit required upon time of reservation. Call 243-7177 or stop by the Balfour Beatty Management Office located in the clubhouse to reserve.