

STATEMENT OF
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

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INTRODUCTION

Madam Chairwoman and members of the committee, I am pleased to present the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Military Construction (MILCON) budget request for Fiscal Year 2002. Our MILCON program has a direct, positive impact on the training, readiness and operational capabilities of this nation's special operations forces (SOF). The highly specialized skills and equipment required to successfully execute the full spectrum of special operations missions require a modern array of operations, training, and maintenance and support facilities.

PURPOSE

The long term goal of the USSOCOM facilities program, in which annual MILCON investment is a major factor, is to have all units and personnel working and living in adequate facilities in order to maximize both training and operations capabilities. Facilities requirements are generated by the need to modernize and replace old and inadequate facilities and the need to support new weapons systems, force structure, and missions. The current MILCON program is planned to provide facilities that will improve force capability, increase readiness of SOF weapons systems, and support diverse training needs. Examples of major construction needs that meet this criteria include: training ranges and language training facility improvements at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; aircraft support facilities at Hurlburt Field, Florida; and replacement facilities for our Sea-Air and Land (SEAL) team forces at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, California. Each construction request is part of a joint construction plan integrated at USSOCOM to ensure the most critical projects are constructed at the right place, on time, and contributing the greatest value to our mission.

Your committee's support in prior years has aided immeasurably in improving SOF's operational capability. We look forward to working with the committee to acquire these facilities so USSOCOM can continue to perform its missions and ensure we have a fully trained and capable force in the 21st Century.

MILCON PROGRAM

USSOCOM's MILCON budget request for Fiscal Year 2002 totals \$98.9 million consisting of: \$90.2 million for major construction, \$1.9 million for unspecified minor construction, and \$6.8 million for project planning and design. The nineteen military construction projects in this program for our joint command include thirteen projects for the Army Special Operations Command, two projects for the Air Force Special Operations Command, two projects for Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, one project for the Naval Special Warfare Command, and one Joint Special Operations Command project. The majority of our programs support replacement, renovation and renewal of current mission facilities. The purpose behind each of these requirements is to facilitate the high state of readiness of all special operations forces. Following is a brief description of each of the 19 requirements:

SEAL TEAM FIVE OPERATIONS FACILITY **\$13.65M**
NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

Constructs platoon and operations supply buildings, renovates an existing administrative facility and rehabilitates a parachute drying tower for Seal Air and Land (SEAL) Team FIVE. This project will replace deteriorated and undersized facilities built in the 1950s and also eliminate storing gear outdoors in numerous cargo containers.

CV-22 TRAINING DEVICE SUPPORT FACILITY **\$10.2M**
HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA

Constructs a facility to support CV-22 simulator training. Areas include classrooms, administrative space, CV-22 flight simulators, simulator support area, specialized training areas and storage. The existing simulator facility is not large enough to support the additional CV-22 training mission as well as current fixed wing and helicopter trainers.

READINESS SUPPLY PACKAGE FACILITY **\$3.2M**
HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA

Constructs a facility to provide storage for readiness supply packages (RSP) for helicopters and CV-22 aircraft. RSP consist of palletized spare parts and supplies for aircraft during deployments. The existing facility is located over two miles from the aircraft parking area across an active runway. Lack of adequate storage will require storage in temporary shelters or outside, exposing the assets to deterioration.

PUBLIC ACCESS BUILDING **\$2.5 M**
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

Builds a facility to house the Headquarters USSOCOM contracting function accessible to the public. The facility will house the competition advocate, technical industrial liaison office and procurement directorate. These functions are currently in temporary leased space.

RENOVATE COMMAND & CONTROL FACILITY II **\$9.5 M**
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

Provides supplemental requirements to complete renovation of the USSOCOM Headquarters command and control facility in Tampa, Florida. Latent requirements were identified during design of the original Fiscal Year 1999 MILCON building renovation, requiring communications architecture enhancements, backup power generator replacement, added force protection features, extended fire protection coverage, additional physical security, and space adjustments.

TACTICAL EQUIPMENT COMPLEX **\$5.1 M**
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Constructs a tactical equipment complex to include a vehicle maintenance shop, warehouse, arms/communications/electronics maintenance facility, vehicle storage building, oil storage facility and military vehicle parking. Existing vehicle maintenance shops lack sufficient bay and shop space, overhead lift clearance and capability, proper heating and ventilation, adequate lighting, and fire protection.

OPERATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY **\$3.2 M**
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND

Constructs new and renovates existing facilities on an existing range for an expanded special operations mission. Project provides facilities to support training and develop new equipment, materials and tactics. Aberdeen Proving Ground has range conditions and security measures in place that satisfy mission sensitive requirements.

BATTALION OPERATIONS & VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COMPLEX **\$8.5 M**
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

Constructs a battalion headquarters, organizational vehicle maintenance shop, deployment storage facility, and vehicle parking area for the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion. The existing Korean War era facilities provide only 50 percent of the required space and lack adequate infrastructure to support modern battalion headquarters.

**IMAGERY AND ANALYSIS FACILITY
FORT BRAG, NORTH CAROLINA**

\$3.15 M

Constructs a photographic, imagery and analysis facility to support imagery production, terrain model building and intelligence analysis. The facility will include photographic and imagery equipment areas, darkroom, model/exhibit workshop, storage and administrative space. The existing facilities were designed as warehouses and do not have adequate space and utilities to fully support this highly technical mission.

**LANGUAGE SUSTAINMENT TRAINING FACILITY
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA**

\$2.1 M

Constructs classrooms, administrative and instructor areas, audio/visual storage areas, computer lab and distance learning rooms to provide specialized language sustainment training for the 3rd Special Forces Group. Language training is currently conducted in a WWII era facility and a converted operations facility. Existing facilities do not have sufficient space and lack adequate heating and lighting needed for language training.

**REPAIR TRAINING FACILITY
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA**

\$1.812 M

Repairs and replaces damaged ballistic wall and floor systems in an indoor range facility. Life-cycle repair of the ballistic wall systems is required every seven years to provide a safe and functional live-fire training facility. The next repair cycle is required by 2002.

**TEAM OPERATIONS & INFORMATION AUTOMATION FACILITIES
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA**

\$5.8 M

Constructs a consolidated facility for communications forward operations detachments to conduct team planning, store deployable equipment and gear and perform administrative functions. The project will also modify an existing warehouse into an information automation facility. This construction is required to enhance the unit's readiness posture and capabilities.

**TRAINING FACILITY
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA**

\$5.0 M

Provides facilities for instructional staff and Special Forces candidate trainees at the Rowe Training Center. This training area provides initial qualification training for Special Forces personnel. Construction includes a two-story cadre administration building, toilet/shower and laundry facilities. Existing facilities are deteriorated temporary structures that are inadequate for this training mission.

TRAINING RANGE **\$2.6 M**
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

Constructs a covered 20-position baffled firing range to conduct live-fire training. The new range will expand training flexibility by providing moving targets for sniper training under various weather conditions, and simulated night training with the use of night vision goggles. The existing range is operating under a safety waiver that limits firing to only single shots at stationary targets.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COMPLEX **\$3.6 M**
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

Constructs two additions to a vehicle maintenance shop, a deployment storage facility, a motorcycle storage building, and organizational vehicle parking for the 3rd Special Forces Group. Additional facility space and parking area are required to accommodate the increase in assigned vehicles from 170 to 426 with 42 additional vehicles expected within the next year.

WEATHER OPERATIONS FACILITY **\$1.0 M**
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

Provides permanent facilities for a combat weather detachment. This 21-person unit and equipment provide weather information to multiple SOF units at Fort Bragg. Construction includes administrative offices, team rooms, training/conference areas, storage and equipment maintenance space. The existing deteriorated facility was built in 1941 as enlisted quarters and lacks adequate electrical, heating and air conditioning systems.

LANGUAGE SUSTAINMENT TRAINING FACILITY **\$1.1 M**
FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON

Constructs classrooms, administrative and instructor areas, audio/visual storage areas, computer lab space, and distance learning rooms for the specialized language sustainment training of the 1st Special Forces Group. This language training is currently conducted in a barracks that is not suited for language training.

TACTICAL EQUIPMENT COMPLEX **\$5.8 M**
FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON

Constructs a tactical equipment complex to include a vehicle maintenance shop, warehouse, arms/communications/electronics maintenance facility, vehicle storage building, oil storage facility and military vehicle parking. Current functions are housed in twelve 1950s vintage buildings that do not have sufficient shop space, overhead lift capability, or adequate heating, ventilation and lighting.

**AVIATION TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY
CLASSIFIED LOCATION (CONUS)**

\$2.4 M

Constructs an aviation training facility and an aviation maintenance facility. The training facility will provide classroom, life-support equipment maintenance and storage areas, administrative offices, and audiovisual storage and support areas. The maintenance facility will include a single aircraft maintenance bay, bridge crane, avionics and optical shops, storage and office space. Existing facilities are deteriorated temporary trailers that have exceeded their useful life.

SUMMARY

Our proposed Fiscal Year 2002 military construction budget for facility investment will significantly improve the operational readiness and training capability of the USSOCOM. Your support of this program is essential to ensure the continued quality and effectiveness of our nation's special operations forces.