

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND
SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Myers at 1:30 P.M. on January 23, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bill Light- excused
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research
Betty Caruthers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jack Walker, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Fort. Leavenworth
George Webb, Dir. Of KS Commission on Veterans Affairs
Ken Stodgell, Legislative Chairman of VFW

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Myers recognized Jack Walker who gave a briefing on the mission profile and results of the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) for Fort. Leavenworth. (Attachment 1) This included an overview of the Combined Arms Center as well as a history of Fort Leavenworth. He also showed the economic impact, construction, and future planning in dealing with BRAC. They are a major education center and have recently constructed a new academic center. They are also looking at possible building of a new prison to open in 2008. Fort Leavenworth has gone to privatization of housing which is another development at this time.

Chairman Myers opened hearings on **HB 2067 - Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs; Criminal history checks of employees.** He recognized Revisor, Art Griggs, to provide a summary for a Substitute for HB 2067.

Chairman Myers recognized George Webb who spoke as a proponent to the substitute bill. Background checks would be completed on new employees of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs or ones who have been employed less than 5 years.

Chairman Myers recognized Ken Stodgell who also spoke as a proponent to the substitute bill. (Attachment 2) Concerns surround identity theft and the access employees have to considerable personal information.

There were no opponents present to speak to the bill.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Bethell to amend **HB 2067** with the proposed **substitute bill 2067.**

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Bethell, seconded by Representative Craft to pass **substitute 2067** as amended for passage.

Motion carried. 13 Yea 0 Nay

Chairman Myers requested Representative Spalding to carry this bill to the House floor.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 2:30.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24.



Fort Leavenworth, KS

State of Kansas

House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

23 January 2007

Mr. Jack E. Walker
Deputy to the Garrison Commander
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas


Our Mission: Manage Army installations to support readiness and mission execution – provide equitable services and facilities, optimize resources, sustain the environment and enhance the well-being of the Military community

Leading Change for Installation Excellence



AGENDA

- CAC Overview
- History
- Garrison Resources
- Economic Impact
- Military Construction (MILCON)
- Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
- Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) Plans
- Residential Communities Initiative (RCI)
- Privatization of Army Lodging (PAL)




Combined Arms Center (CAC)

Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus
 Commanding General, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth
 Commandant, Command and General Staff College
 Deputy Commanding General for Combined Arms, Training and Doctrine Command
 Director, Joint Center for International Security Force Assistance
 Director, Battle Command Battle Lab

More than 2600 Military, Civilian, and Contract Personnel
 10,704 students and 442 prisoners
 16 Schools, Centers and Activities

- All Army Leader Development and PME except Individual Entry Training
- All Army Collective Training
- All Army Doctrine
- Battle Command Proponent for both Current and Future Force
- Lessons Learned
- Training Support and Functional Training
- All in a Joint, Interagency, and Multinational (JIM) context

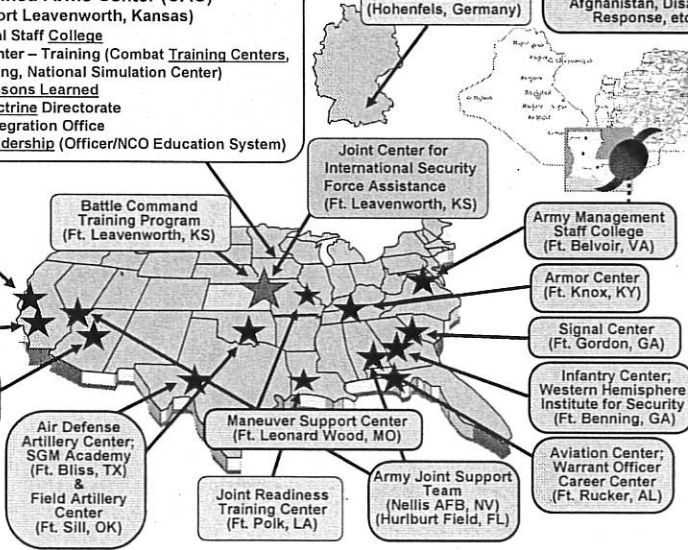
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Combined Arms Center (CAC)

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(Fort Leavenworth, Kansas)

- Command & General Staff College
- Combined Arms Center – Training (Combat Training Centers, Collective Training, National Simulation Center)
- Center for Army Lessons Learned
- Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate
- Battle Command Integration Office
- Center for Army Leadership (Officer/NCO Education System)



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HISTORY

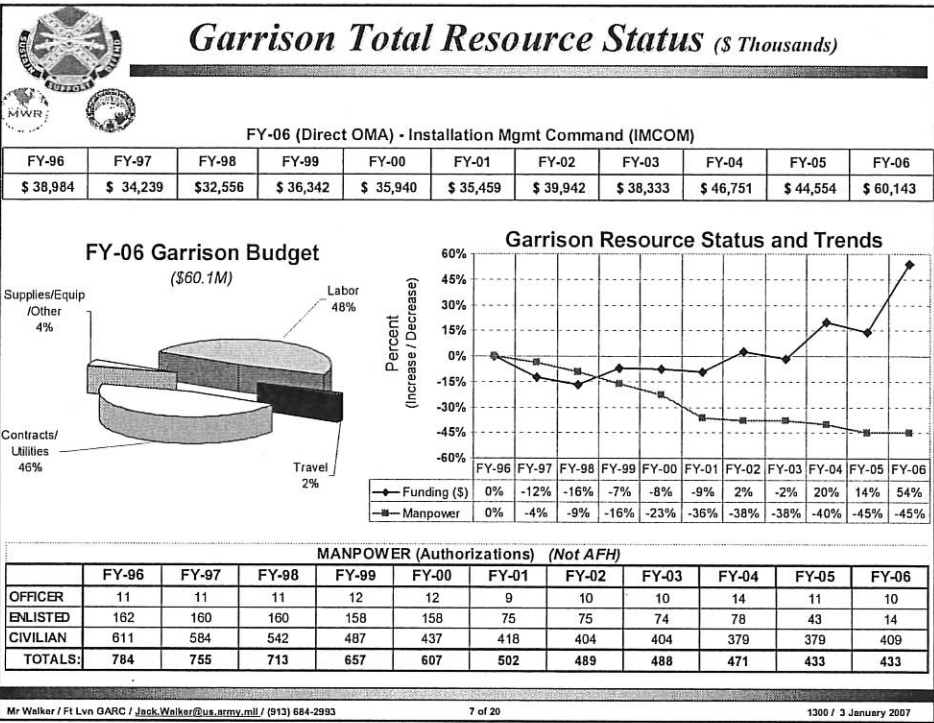
Named for Colonel Henry Leavenworth

- 1827 – Post established
 - Oldest active Army post west of the Mississippi River
 - 30 miles northwest of Kansas City, MO
 - 5,634 Acres (8.8 square miles)
- 1866 – U.S. Congress authorized formation of four black regiments
 - 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiment established at Fort Leavenworth
- 1875 – The The U.S. Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) established
- 1881 – Gen. William T. Sherman established the School of Application for Cavalry and Infantry
- 1946 – School evolved in the current U.S. Army Command and General Staff College



Fort Leavenworth National Historic Landmark District (NHLD)

- Established In 1974 And Included Approximately 110 Buildings
- In 1994, A New Boundary Was Formed By The National Park Service And Included 231 Buildings Within 213 Acres And 6 Historic Buildings Outside The NHLD
- Considered One Of The Most Significant NHLDs In The U.S. Army
- The Evaluation Also Identified 2 Objects, 6 Sites, 3 Structures, 22 Archeological Sites On The Installation



Overall Economic Impact

As of: 30 Sep 06

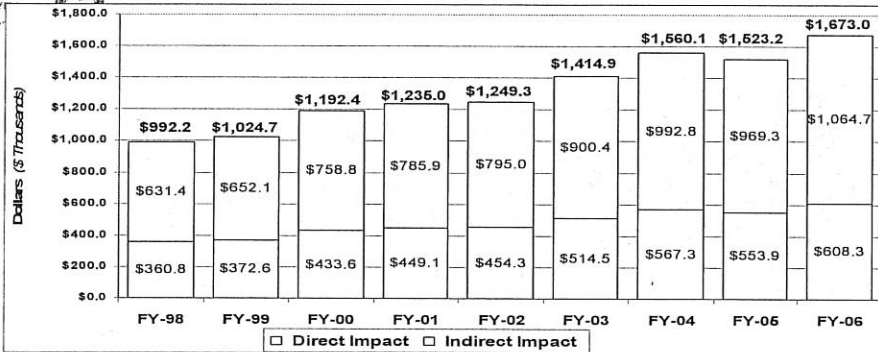
	FY-05	FY-06
DoD Payroll <i>(Does not include Contractor or USD 207 Employees)</i>	\$ 273,896,560	\$ 313,529,383
General Expenditures <i>(Contracts, Supplies, Equipment)</i>	\$ 224,299,412	\$ 237,565,690
Travel Expenditures	<u>+ \$ 11,709,625</u>	<u>+ \$ 13,751,761</u>
Subtotal:	\$ 509,905,597	\$ 564,846,834
Construction Contracts <i>(New Lewis & Clark Center - Phase II / III)</i>	<u>+ \$ 44,000,000</u>	<u>+ \$ 43,500,000</u>
Direct Impact:	\$ 553,905,597	\$ 608,346,834
Economic Multiplier	x 2.75	x 2.75
GRAND TOTAL (Indirect Impact):	\$ 1,523,240,392 (\$1.5 Billion)	\$ 1,672,953,794 (\$1.7 Billion)

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Fort Leavenworth Economic Impact

As of: 30 Sep 06




(Does not include: AAFES, DeCA, Contractor, nor USD #207 Budgetary Data)

Army / Air Force Exchange (AAFES)	
Total Retail (Main Store, Book Store, Shoppette)	\$23,081,194
Food Services (Burger King, Bell Hall, Food Court)	3,669,943
Vending	+ 2,785,595
	\$29,536,732
Commissary (DeCA)	+ 27,163,924
*Grand Total:	\$56,700,656
* FY-06:	\$51.1M



Military Construction (MILCON)


Current, Planned, and/or Proposed




Lewis and Clark Center

Mission

- **Project Schedule:** FYDP 04/05/06
- **Program Amount (PA):** \$115.0 M
- **Project Scope:** New Academic Facility to Replace Bell Hall
- **Design Status:** 100% – 1 November 2004
- **Schedule:** Project Award - FY 04
- **Remarks:**
 - On Schedule – 81% Complete – BOD: 22 Dec 06
 - Warehouse Road Improvements and the Access Control Point were deleted from this project and are now a separate project
 - 96 Classrooms to support Digital Education
 - Increased Administrative and Support space Required by ILE
 - Parking for the increase of 682 Students, Staff, and Faculty
 - Meets latest DOD Force Protection Standards



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Fort Leavenworth – MILCON

(FY07 – FY13)

ESSENTIAL NEEDS = \$187.9M
VALIDATED NEEDS = \$137.7M
TOTAL REQUIREMENT = \$325.6M

Location	Project Title	APP	Project Number	CWE	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Leavenworth	Lewis & Clark Instructional Facility (Increment 3)	MCA	59010	42,642							
Leavenworth	Battle Seminar Facility (BSF)	MCA	53333	14,000	14,000						
Leavenworth	Joint Regional Correctional Facility (JRCF)	BCA	64700	68,000	68,000						
Leavenworth	MP Internment BN Facility	MCA	64316	53,000		53,000					
Leavenworth	HQ 35 ID Readiness Center	MCA	200101	34,000			34,000				
Leavenworth	Physical Fitness Center (20,000 SF addition)	MCA	53776	7,300						7,300	
Leavenworth	Chapel Complex	MCA	58479	11,600						11,600	
Leavenworth	School Age Services (SAS) Facility	MCA	55322	7,900					7,900		
Leavenworth	Revitalize Old USDB Complex	MCA	61352	120,000						60,000	60,000
Leavenworth	Access Control Point (ACP) - Bundel Avenue	MCA	62432	9,800						9,800	

Projects identified in ACSIM Essential Needs Tab

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Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Issues

Mission and Requirements

- Create a Midwestern Joint Regional Correction Facility (MJRCF)
 - Level II (Minimum – Medium Custody)
- Reported Gain of: 212 Military, 5 Civilians, and \$68M MILCON
 - Revised estimated figures: **360 Military and 20 Civilians**
 - Revised estimated costs: **\$136M**
- Gain inmates from Fort Knox, Fort Sill, and Lackland AFB
 - Presumed to be approximately 400 inmates
- Mission:
 - Build facility to house inmates (up to 500 maximum)
 - House or build facilities to support the increase in soldiers and families
- We are in contact with POCs at losing Installations




Possible Configuration





Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and/or Quality of Life (QOL) Initiatives

Current, Planned, and/or Proposed

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 Fort Leavenworth – MWR Projects (FY07 – FY13)									
Funding	Project Title	CWE	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
CPMC	Spray Park Addition to Hancock Pool	\$181.5 K	\$181.5 K						
APF	Sheet HVAC Replacement	\$10 K		\$10 K					
	Hoge Converted to In processing Center	Unk			Unk				
	FCC HVAC Replacement	\$1 M			\$1 M				
PAL	Lodging Facility	Unk		Unk					
NAF	Permanent Modular CDC Facility	\$5 M		\$5 M					
	Golf Maintenance Building	\$1.95 M			\$1.95 M				
	Outdoor Recreation Activity Complex	\$3.5 M					\$3.5 M		
	New Golf House	Unk						Unk	
	Golf Range Shed	\$50 K						\$50 K	
	Restroom Facility on Golf Course	\$150 K							
	Aquatics Center	\$5.6 M							
MCA	Adult Sports Field Complex	\$7 M				\$7 M			
	ACS Family Assistance Center	Unk						Unk	

 Residential Communities Initiative (RCI)	
	Housing Units Involved: 1,578 (2006) 1,583 (2014)
	Privatized: 1 March 2006
	Partner: Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities
	Lease: Housing units conveyed to Partner; land leased
	Lease Period: 50 Years (25-Year Extension Possible)
	Concept: Leverage private sector financial funding capabilities to bring world-class operations & management to on-post housing
	Military Impact: Military residents lease on-post homes at BAH Rate Provide world-class services to on-post residents
	Development Years 1–9: Demolish 703 units; construct 708 new homes, renovate remaining non-historic homes to meet or exceed Army standards
	Years 10 – 50: Replace all non-historic homes, major renovations to historic homes
	Financial Impact: Years 1 – 9: \$4.5 Billion Years 10 – 50: \$1.5 Billion Total: \$1.9 Billion



Privatization Of Army Lodging (PAL)

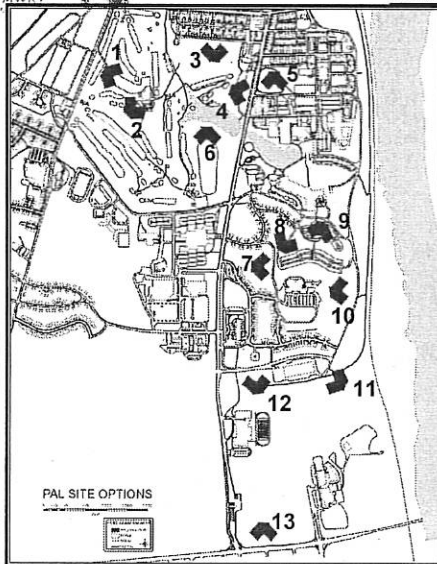
Initiative

- August 2003 ASA approved PAL concept
- GOAL: Eliminate inadequate on-post lodging in CONUS operations
- December 2003 Fort Leavenworth selected for the Pilot Program (Group A)
- May 2006 – Site visit conducted with potential vendors
- Target Date for Implementation: Sep 07



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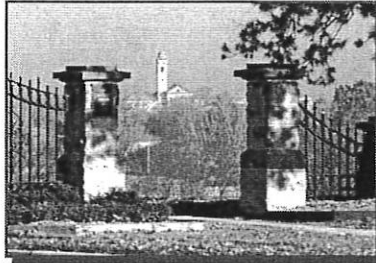
Site Options



1. Entrance area of Frontier Conference Center (FCC)
2. Next to Frontier Conference Center
3. Sport Field behind Theater
4. Parking Lot next to Theater
5. Sport Field across from Theater
6. Golf Course Driving Range
7. Housing Green Space SE of Hoge Barracks
8. Housing Green Space East of Hoge Barracks
9. South of new Lewis & Clark Center
10. East of Eisenhower Elementary
11. SE of Warehouse 341
12. Between Patton Jr High and Child Development Center (CDC)
13. Grant Ave / Metropolitan Ave Main Entrance



Fort Leavenworth Garrison



**Questions
Or
Comments?**



**INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
(IMCOM)**



“Sustain, Support, Defend”

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Education: A.B. The Johns Hopkins University 1957
Political Science

M.S. Morgan State University 1967
History/Social Science

Graduate U.S. Army Command and General Staff College 1971

Entered U.S. Army Reserve 21 January 1953; Commissioned (1957) as Distinguished Military Graduate Army ROTC (The Johns Hopkins University) in Armor Branch; retired 1 August 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Served normal company officer duties until graduated from Armor Officer Career Course 1964, after which served as an ROTC Instructor; District Advisor, RVN (1967-1968); Office Chief of Military History, DA (1968-1970); USACGSC Author/Instructor (1971-1974); Office of the J-3 United Nations Command, Korea (1974-1975); Assistant Director, Department of Command, USACGSC (1975-1978); Director, Plans, Training and Security, Fort Leavenworth (1978-1980); Planner, Office of Emergency Preparedness, State of Kansas (1980-1981); Manager Media Support Center, Fort Leavenworth (1981-1985); Deputy to the Garrison Commander (1 July 1985 - present).

Kansas Commission on Veteran Affairs (1998-2006) (Vice Chairman 2001-2006)
Leavenworth City Planning Commission (1989-) (Chairman 1992-)
Board of Directors, Citizen's Savings and Loan, FSB
Board of Directors, Armed Forces Insurance (2001-) (Vice Chairman 2003-)
Member, Advisory Committee, Eastern Kansas Health Care System, Veterans Administration
Board of Directors, Providence Medical Center & St. John Hospital (1992-1998)
Board of Directors (Secretary), Command & General Staff College Alumni Association
Board of Directors, Leavenworth County American Red Cross (Chairman 2000-)
Leavenworth Council, Saint Mary College (Vice Chairman 1996) (Chairman 1997)
Board of Directors, Leadership Leavenworth-Lansing (1989-1991)
Board of Directors (Secretary), Leavenworth National Cemetery Carillon Memorial Corp (2000-2002)
Past President, Leavenworth Noon Lions Club
American Society of Military Comptrollers
Association of the U.S. Army
Military Officers Association
Boy Scouts of America (Silver Beaver Recipient, Vigil Honor Member Order of the Arrow)
American Legion
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Disabled American Veterans
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Leavenworth Citizen of the Year 1996
Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board Lifetime Achievement Award 2005
AUSA 5th Region DA Civilian of the Year 2006

Resident: Leavenworth, Kansas since 1970

Veterans, Military & Homeland Security Testimony

Chairman Myers, Committee member's good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. My name is Ken Stodgell and I am here in my capacity as State Legislative Chairman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and it's 31,000 members to discuss the proposed substitute for house bill 2067.

This bill contains provisions for background checks for those prospective employees of the Kansas Commission Veterans Affairs (KCVA) who have access to veteran's records. In this day and age "identity theft" is a real issue about which all governmental agencies should be concerned. There have been recent incidents in which veteran's records are missing at the Veteran's Administration and this is of great concern to the VFW.

Employees of KCVA have access to considerable personal information about veterans and their families, including but not limited to social security numbers, medical and social histories and income data. It is important agencies such as the KCVA, to make every effort to assure the security of such information. Currently all Veteran Service Organization offices in the VA hospitals must comply with very strict security compliance imposed by the VA. These proposed security measures should also be applicable to those state agencies serving veterans. Background checks on prospective employees are one initiative, which will assure that individuals of character will be hired. We see this as a means to help protect veterans who are most vulnerable due to physical or psychological disabilities from fraud should their personal information become available to dishonest people.

The VFW stands in support of KCVA's efforts to do background checks on proposed veterans service officers and believe anything that can be done to protect the privacy of veteran information is a must.