

Dental clinic at Fort Campbell to serve Soldiers, families



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(Left to right) Rick Schipp, deputy chief of construction, George Jageman, chief of construction and Jeremiah Manning, project engineer, review construction plans and discuss details of the new Consolidated Troop Medical Dental Clinic under construction at Fort Campbell, Ky.

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Due to the recent Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) and Army Modularity Force Re-Stationing impacts on Fort Campbell, Ky., the installation anticipates medical workloads to rise with the projected population increase of 6,400 Soldiers.

The first step in meeting the increased health care requirements at Fort Campbell is the construction of a Consolidated Troop Medical Dental Clinic (TMDC) within the Clarksville Base Brigade Combat Team Complex.

TMDC is programmed to provide physical exams, optometry, physical therapy, mental health services, and services including laboratory, pharmacy and radiology as well as a 21-chair dental clinic.

When complete it will provide 43,176 sq. feet of clinic space to the Soldiers and families of Fort Campbell. Additionally the TMDC will receive a 12,800-sq. foot addition scheduled to begin in October which will bring the overall TMDC to just under 56,000-sq. feet.

This is the first new medical facility on Fort Campbell since the 74,360-sq. feet La Pointe Medical Dental Clinic in 2000.

On May 26, 2009, the Corps awarded the design/build contract to The Korte Company (TKC) of Highland, Ill., for \$14.3 million with a contract completion date of April 2, 2011.

The TMDC was situated within an undeveloped area on the south end of Fort

Campbell. The contractor was forced to design the facility around natural depressions and possible sink hole features. The government issued a fast track release to TKC on Sept. 2, 2009, and TKC immediately commenced an aggressive schedule, first clearing the site of timber and then setting up field office facilities.

Unfortunately, October 2009 brought heavy rain throughout the month. TKC, unwilling to accept further weather delays to the project chose to "lime stabilize" the building pad and parking areas in order to stay on schedule and ahead of the upcoming winter weather.

TKC's efforts paid off as Fort Campbell experienced a severe 2009-2010 winter season. Between the months of November and February there were multiple weeks in which TKC was the only contractor on Fort Campbell building in

the winter weather. They even trudged on two times when the base was officially closed due to winter storms.

The Fort Campbell TMDC project team exhibited teamwork and construction partnering. This is a design/build contract. The stakeholders include: MEDCOM's Health Facilities Planning Agency (HFPA) as the customer, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital (BACH) as the end user, J&J Maintenance Company as the BACH maintenance contractor, Fort Campbell Directorate of Public Works (DPW) as the installation manager, Corps of Engineers Medical Center of Expertise (MX) as design quality control, Corps of Engineers Louisville District as the construction agent and contracting activity, Cromwell Architects as the RFP writers, and The Korte Company as the design/build contractor.

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