

# Fort Bliss unveils latest WTC

## NCO Journal staff report

Last month, Fort Bliss, Texas, became the latest Army post to unveil a new Warrior Transition Complex during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the \$57 million facility, built to house wounded, ill and injured Soldiers while they recover.

The Fort Bliss WTC has 232 beds. It is the seventh of 21 complexes the Army began constructing in 2008.

The complexes are intended to create a healing environment near medical treatment facilities and offer a full range of care. The complexes include barracks that are accessible to individuals with disabilities and may be modified to accommodate specific medical needs. The Bliss facility has 116 suites, all with walk-in closets, high-definition TVs, wireless Internet access and kitchens. Larger suites have washers and dryers. The complexes also include a Soldier Family Assistance Center, which can provide services such as counseling to family members of wounded Soldiers.

"These are world-class facilities for world-class warriors," the commanding general of Fort Bliss and the 1st Armored Division, Maj. Gen. Dana Pittard, said at the ceremony. "They're very, very comfortable. We want them to be comfortable, but it's transition. *Transition*. We want you to heal, and then move on."

The other recent WTC projects completed or under way are:

- **FORT BELVOIR, Va.:** A \$76 million, 288-bed WTC will be completed in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year.
- **FORT BENNING, Ga.:** A \$53 million, 200-bed WTC will be completed in the first quarter of fiscal year 2012.
- **FORT BRAGG, N.C.:** An \$88 million, 256-bed WTC will be completed in the third quarter of FY 2012.
- **FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.:** A \$7.4 million SFAC has been completed, and a \$43 million, 240-bed WTC is to be finished in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year.
- **FORT CARSON, Colo.:** An \$8.1 million SFAC is finished, and a \$56 million, 160-bed WTC is scheduled to be com-



Photo by Clifford Kyle Jones

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, who represents West Texas, cuts the ribbon on the new Warrior Transition Battalion Complex at Fort Bliss, Texas, with help from members of the battalion and Deputy Undersecretary for Defense Sandra Richardson.

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➤ **FORT DRUM, N.Y.:** A \$38 million, 144-bed facility has been completed, and a \$21 million, 48-bed facility is scheduled to be finished in the third quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **FORT HOOD, Texas:** A \$73.1 million WTC is to be completed in the first quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **FORT KNOX, Ky.:** A \$70 million, 224-bed WTC is to be completed in the third quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.:** A \$19.5 million, 48-bed WTC is to be finished in the second quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **FORT POLK, La.:** A \$4.9 million SFAC has been completed, and a \$32 million, 112-bed WTC is to be completed in the third quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **FORT RILEY, Kan.:** A \$50 million, 156-bed facility has been completed.

➤ **FORT SILL, Okla.:** A \$22 million, 72-bed WTC is to be completed in the third quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **FORT STEWART, Ga.:** A \$6 mil-

lion SFAC has been completed, and a \$49 million, 240-bed WTC is to be completed in the fourth quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska:** A \$28 million, 32-bed WTC is to be completed in the first quarter of 2012.

➤ **JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska:** A \$43 million, 80-bed WTC will be completed in the first quarter of 2012.

➤ **JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va.:** A \$28 million, 80-bed facility WTC is to be completed in the third quarter of FY 2012.

➤ **JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash.:** A \$110 million, 408-bed WTC will be completed in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year.

➤ **JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas:** An \$87 million, 360-bed WTC will be completed in the first quarter of 2012.

➤ **SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii:** An \$85 million, 120-bed WTC will be finished in the third quarter of FY 2013.