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Building 905 renovation under way

FORT McCOY, Wis. - Building 905 at Fort McCoy is being renovated to provide a modernized multiuse Training/Conference Facility.

The new facility will feature a large assembly area with several different meeting areas that will be self-contained and separated from other meeting areas to reduce disruptions, said Arvid Wolfram, the project manager from the Directorate of Support Services Engineering Division.

Each meeting area will have a separate break area. The facility also can be used to support other installation activities including Armed Forces Day Open House or a Morale, Welfare and Recreation event, for example.

The facility, formerly used as the Officers Club, will have a new high-efficiency zone heating/cooling system. Wolfram said that will allow each specific training area in the facility to be heated or cooled, as necessary, without having to heat or cool the other parts.

Other features of the facility include:

- An assembly room with a 1940s look and feel;
- Upgrades to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act and fire requirements, including a new elevator;

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- Provisions for developing audiovisual upgrades for the facility;
- Insulated walls, crawl spaces and ceiling areas;
- New doors, windows, lighting and interior finishes;
- Communications (voice and data) jacks and power outlets to provide versatile training and equipment layouts;
- Improved inside and outside lighting fixtures.

Thor Construction of Minnesota has been contracted as the project's general contractor to renovate the facility. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of April in time for the installation's peak training season.