



## NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD

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NEBRASKA GUARD TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR  
KEARNEY, HASTINGS RESERVE CENTERS

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LINCOLN, Neb.--The Nebraska Army National Guard will receive approximately \$15 million from the federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act for the construction of new facilities in Kearney and Hastings. Design work will begin this month with construction anticipated in late spring 2007. The money will be used to expand the existing Kearney armory and build a new facility at the Guard's Greenlief Training Site east of Hastings.

The construction will result in improved facilities and will ultimately save money for the Department of Defense by consolidating National Guard and Army Reserve facilities, and in the case of Hastings, also co-locating several Guard units. The Kearney facility will be enlarged in order to accommodate the Army Reserve's Detachment 1, 295<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company which is currently located in a separate Reserve Center in Kearney. Guard units currently operating out of the Kearney facility are the 734<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion and the 1618<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company. The 25,000 square foot addition will cost approximately \$4 million.

The Greenlief Training Site facility will be a combined Armed Forces Reserve Center for Guard units currently located in Hastings, Grand Island, and Crete along with an Army Reserve unit from Hastings. The approximately \$11 million, 75,000 square foot facility will house the Guard's A Troop, 1-167<sup>th</sup> Cavalry; 134<sup>th</sup> Infantry Detachment (Long Range Surveillance); and the Army Reserve's Headquarters, 295<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company.

Maj. Gen. Roger Lempke, Nebraska National Guard adjutant general, says the new facilities will benefit the Guard in several ways. "Many of our armories in Nebraska need modernization and this will provide for that. We're also looking forward to working with the Army Reserve; the shared facilities will help improve both the integration of the services and joint operations."

The 2005 BRAC process was authorized by Congress to eliminate excess physical capacity from the Department of Defense. Primary BRAC objectives are to realign DoD base structure to meet post-Cold War force structure and implement opportunities for greater cooperation among the services.