

## **BRAC Update Reserve center one-third complete New building will consolidate Reserve, Guard units under one roof by fall**

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A 68,000 square-foot building under construction on Old Cusseta Road will consolidate Army Reserve units at Fort Benning and Columbus locations under one roof.

The moves include the U.S. Army Reserve Center at 3001 Macon Road, the 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a National Guard unit on Victory Drive and Army Reserve units already at Fort Benning, said Derek McCrea, a coordinator for the \$20 million construction.

Consolidating the units is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process announced in 2005. The changes must be complete by Sept. 15.

McCrea said the massive Armed Forces Reserve Center is now about 36 percent complete. When finished, it will accommodate some 876 people, including 120 full-time personnel.

The Army Reserve units on Macon Road and others at Fort Benning will move in September.

The 648th MEB moves to the building in November. A month after the move, the unit will be deployed to Afghanistan, McCrea said.

In its move from Victory Drive to Fort Benning, the 648th MEB will not leave the building empty. "Some units will still be in there," McCrea said. "Victory Drive will be open for another National Guard in the Columbus region."

The move also will bring a new general officer to the post.

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