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**KANSAS MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
APPROVED BY CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT.**

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WASHINGTON - KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE TODAY ANNOUNCED FINAL APPROVAL OF FUNDING HE RECOMMENDED FOR SEVERAL MAJOR KANSAS MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THE FUNDING FOR THE KANSAS PROJECTS IS INCLUDED IN THE FY1993 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT YESTERDAY.

"THESE PROJECTS WILL ENHANCE THE READINESS AND TRAINING OF OUR ARMED FORCES, AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS," SAID DOLE. "THIS FUNDING WILL MAKE THE ARMY AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL IN KANSAS BETTER ABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR MISSIONS."

THE DOLE-BACKED KANSAS PROJECTS INCLUDE:

FORT RILEY

THE CONGRESS APPROVED \$13.2 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR MILES OF RAIL SPURS WITH DOCKS AND LIGHTING, STORAGE BUILDINGS, AND A RAIL YARD CONTROL TOWER. THIS RAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL ENABLE THE "BIG RED ONE" TO OUTLOAD BY RAIL IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK.

"THE FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION IS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED MILITARY UNITS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE BIG RED ONE'S ABILITY TO MOBILIZE QUICKLY IN THE EVENT OF A FUTURE CRISIS," SAID DOLE.

GREAT BEND

FUNDING OF \$1.60 MILLION WAS APPROPRIATED TO BUILD AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND TRAINING FACILITY FOR DETACHMENT ONE, BATTERY E, TARGET ACQUISITION, 161ST FIELD ARTILLERY OF THE 35TH DIVISION ARTILLERY, KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD. CURRENTLY THIS UNIT OPERATES IN A LEASED FACILITY WITH INADEQUATE STORAGE AND TRAINING SPACE.

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