

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Jordan Gillis
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Dear Mr. Gillis,


We write to you today to raise the issue of Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facilities (TEMF) on Fort Hood. Of Fort Hood's 68 TEMFs, commonly referred to as "motorpools," 29 are classified F3, signifying that they do not meet minimum standards for functionality, a full 43% of motorpools on the installation. The most critical is the "Old Tankwash" building, which needs to be demolished and reconstructed. Respectfully, we encourage you to use FY18 year-end funds to accomplish this task.

Built in the 1950's and 1960's these motorpools lack the size, storage, administrative space, and capabilities necessary to repair and maintain the armored vehicles which make up the Armored Brigade Combat Teams (ABCT) stationed at Fort Hood. These difficult working conditions have directly and negatively impacted Soldier morale, and reduced overall mission readiness of the Soldiers and their Command. Fort Hood currently has 12 F3 rated motorpools currently being used by ABCT and Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) units, significantly hurting readiness.

Fully understanding that there are competing requirements across the force for similar Military Construction funding, we would like to highlight that Fort Hood remains one of the Army's premier power projection platforms, currently supporting numerous world-wide missions, and these motorpools, maintaining the largest collection of armored vehicles in the Army, also support some of the most deployable units.

As ardent supporters of our United States Army, we must make conscious decisions now to support the fight long-term. We are in full support of rebuilding these motorpools — the Fort Hood leadership's number one Military Construction priority. Investment into these motorpools is an investment into our fighting men and women and their equipment. Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,


John R. Carter
Member of Congress


Roger Williams
Member of Congress