

Project MOB (Mobilization Open Bay) Dorm

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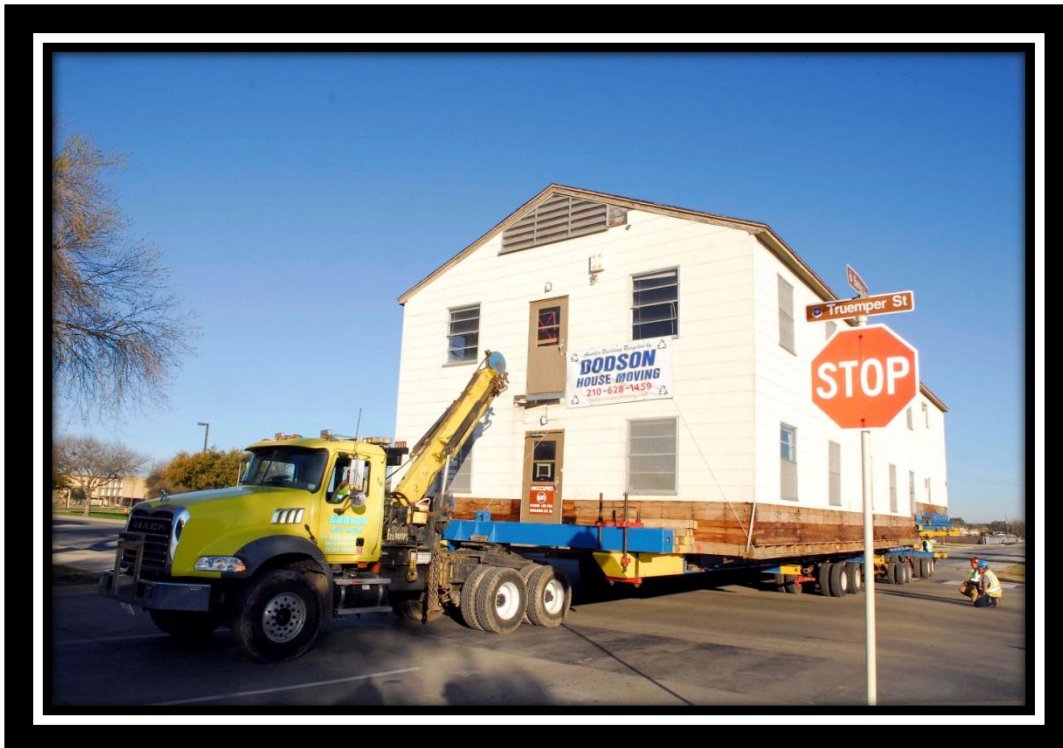
Lackland Heritage Program

Mission:

This project is focused on the rehabilitation/refurbishment of the last of Lackland's 1942 WWII styled dormitory.

Scope:

The Lackland Heritage Program, a combined force of the Office of History & Research, the Airman Heritage Museum and the Security Forces Museum is geared to work with all Lackland private organizations as well as external organizations in a tremendous effort to pool common and unique resources together in the effort to rehabilitate a valuable piece of Air Force history: basic military training barrack 6351.



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There are a number of tasks that need to be accomplished both inside and outside the historic facility in order to bring it up standards. Issues, both on a practical side and of safety need to be addressed before we can allow our veterans to tour the building.

Our goal is to rework the ground floor and turn it back into the basic training dormitory of the 1950's – complete with bunk beds, foot lockers and all the items we associate with Air Force BMT (we plan on using mannequins to depict both trainees and the Training Instructors).

We would like to obtain the assistance of private organizations both within Lackland and outside the gates to assist us with this endeavor. Some groups, such as the Military Training Instructor Association, the 59 MDW Top Three and the 345th Training Squadrons have already expressed in interest in working on this historic endeavor.

We would like to add your groups name to this as well!

The first items we need to accomplish for this project are geared towards general clean up on the inside and preparation for installation of artifacts and related BMT memorabilia. Exterior work is needed to keep the building from looking the unfortunate 'eyesore' it currently is. To this end, some units of wood need to be replaced, siding is required and if we can find a skirt of some type to cover the buildings 'legs' – then all the better!

The Immediate “To-Do” List:

1. Empty miscellaneous items from within the dormitory
 - a. Obtain a large recycling and trash bins from the CE Recycling Center for placement near MOB (HO/MU will obtain recycling & trash bin from CE)
 - b. There are closets and other pieces of miscellaneous items (light weight)
2. Remove carpeting from ground floor.
3. Remove drop ceiling tiles
4. Remove ceiling tile framework
5. Remove light fixtures (no power to building)
6. Remove wall panels (fiber board)
7. Install stairs in front
8. Install ramp (handicap personnel)
9. Remove and replace rotting (termite munched on) wood units around exterior
10. Need floor unit/walk-way install in back interior leading to the stairway.
11. Install plywood/sheetrock to cover openings inside the bay.

Details:

1. Miscellaneous items within the dorm include sinks, toilet units (not attached), closets and other small items destined for either recycling or the trash.
 - The Base Recycling Division can deliver the necessary containers to the MOB



2. The carpeting needs to be removed. The remaining tile will be cleaned up to 'BMT dormitory standard'!



3. The drop ceiling needs to be removed. The individual tiles are easily removed along with a layer of insulation.
4. The thin metal framework making up the lowered ceiling (holding the tiles) should be easy enough to remove as well.
5. Remove the light fixtures. The lights are connected to higher rafter points by small chains (easily removed).



6. Remove the wall panels. The composite wall panels were an aesthetic addition from the early 1980's.



7. Install stairs. As the building is raised on blocks, a small set of stairs is necessary to make entry a bit easier.
 - A volunteer has already agreed to assist in the creation of set of stairs for the MOB (25 Mar 10) – Thank you Mr. Carl Kirkland
8. Handicapped ramp (for wheelchair access).



9. Remove and replace rotting (termite munched on) wood units around exterior.



10. Need floor unit/walk-way install in back interior leading to the stairway. This is a slightly more complicated project; the back section of the interior has no floor (the building was on a concrete pad at its previous location). Some form of raised walkway could be created to help facilitate movement from the back section to the stairs.



11. Install plywood/sheetrock to cover openings inside the bay.



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A joint effort:

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