

## Army Reserve Breaks Ground On New Reserve Center

By Sgt. Bill Russell

The Army Reserve broke ground recently on a \$14 million reserve center that will consolidate some reserve units on the post. The 100<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training) hosted the event.

The ceremony took place at the newly cleared site along Brandenburg Station Road. Manning the shovels were Honorable Ron Lewis, Kentucky's 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman; Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve; Maj. Gen. John R. Tindall Jr., Commander, 100<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training); Maj. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, Commander, U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox; Col. Robert Rowlette, Commander, Louisville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Mr. Todd Eyre, Project Manager for Hardaway Construction.

"Army Reserve training divisions do two things with exacting quality - train soldiers and grow leaders, this center will help do that," said Helmly. "This excellent facility signifies the importance of the Army Reserve and is a reflection of the reality of our time."

In his remarks, Helmly credited Congressman Ron Lewis with championing the project through many stages of legislative approval and noted that the new center symbolizes "...a new era for the 100<sup>th</sup> Division and Fort Knox." He noted that the new center is the product of a full partnership between the active Army, the Army Reserve and the private sector and that it "signifies the importance of Fort Knox to the Army."

"I am all in favor of a decision that supports a stronger military," said Lewis. "The Army Reserve needed a new campus on Fort Knox to help improve readiness."

With a completion date targeted for the summer of 2004, the 89,000-square-foot center will be home to a variety of Army Reserve units currently housed in numerous older buildings. The 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division (IT), including the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions of the 399<sup>th</sup> Regiment and the Drill Sergeant School, 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division (IT) will share the new facility with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 337<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 411<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 85<sup>th</sup> Division (Training Support). The 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 229<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 244<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade will also occupy part of the center.



Left to right: Maj. Gen. John R. Tindall Jr., Commander, 100th Division (Institutional Training), Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve, Honorable Ron Lewis, Kentucky's 2nd District Congressman, Maj. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, Commander, U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Col. Robert Rowlette, Commander, Louisville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Mr. Todd Eyre, Project Manager of Hardaway Construction



Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve discusses the importance of the new Reserve Center with Congressman Ron Lewis (2nd, KY), Maj. Gen. John R. Tindall Jr., Commander, 100th Division (Institutional Training), and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Clark, 7th Brigade, 100th Division (Institutional Training)



Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve, discusses the importance of leadership training with drill sergeants of the 100th Division (IT) during the groundbreaking ceremony at Fort Knox.