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Dublin, Calif., On October 28, 2011 the United States Army Reserve Command will uncase the colors of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy to mark and commemorate the official opening of the Academy here at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

“We looked at several locations and it was finally decided that Camp Parks provided the infrastructure and the real estate in order for us to accomplish our mission” said Sgt. Maj. Darren Williams, who is the Deputy Commandant to the NCOA.

In the past few months the NCOA with the help of the Soldiers and civilians from the PRFTA staff has completed the necessary personnel and equipment movement from joint base Lewis – McCord to Camp Parks.

Camp Parks provided office space, IT support, housing, and the necessary buildings to open their doors. Also, when soldiers arrive for training, billeting, training area and dining facilities are available.

"We anticipate in the upcoming fiscal year to be ready in order to resume normal operations" said command Sgt. Maj. Williams “and were happy to be here because we are here to support the Army Reserve community.”

The staff of the NCOA will consist of approximately 70 senior NCOs and junior enlisted and an expected student population of 100 per rotation. Their mission will be to conduct Non-commissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) training based on the U. S. Army course management plan in accordance with approved regulatory guidance. Also, to develop today's and tomorrow's warrior leaders in those skills and traits necessary to lead, train, and mentor Soldiers for the current and future asymmetric operating environments.

The new home for the NCOA, Parks RFTA, is located in Northern California East Bay Area. Their focus is on providing support for training individual Soldiers from around the country and providing a home for training support for units in and around the Bay Area. In all over 40,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines train at Parks on a yearly basis in everything from leadership development, nursing, culinary arts, administration and field operations.

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