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Those World War II buildings have to go
Huntsville Center helping remove outdated wood structures at Fort Polk

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World War II-era wood buildings used to be a quick, easy, inexpensive option for office space and Soldier housing on Army installations.

As the Army transitions to the new modular force, newer, more up-to-date buildings are needed and the old wood buildings are being torn down.

Fort Polk, La., has 340 of these World War II wood buildings.

The Installation Management Command contacted the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, to manage the demolition at Fort Polk. Huntsville Center is working with the installation; Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Bhate Associates Inc. on the project.

A \$1.3 million contract awarded to Bhate Associates Inc. to remove 58 wood buildings – 294,148 square feet – is in progress. Demolition started May 4 with completion expected in August. Follow-on contracts will be awarded for the remaining 282 buildings.

“We’re making a dent in the wood building inventory at Fort Polk,” said Michael Norton, the program manager for the Facilities Reduction Program at the Huntsville Center. “Fifty-eight

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