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DODGE CITY - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced House passage of the 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (VA) Appropriations bill that will provide \$8.1 million he requested for a new U.S. Army Reserve Center located in Dodge City.

"This funding will provide the new Army Reserve military police unit at Dodge City with modern facilities and adequate training space," Moran said. "Support for our nation's service men and women is a priority and this legislation will ensure we continue providing the best for those who serve on our behalf."

The U.S. Army Reserve is stationing a new military police unit in Dodge City. The legislation passed today by the House funds the construction of an Army Reserve Center at Dodge City to house the area's units. The Reserve Center will provide training and administrative facilities to support the units' requirements and operations, including a new vehicle maintenance shop, military equipment park and parking lot to accommodate the drilling population.

"We appreciate Congressman Moran's support and are looking forward to being an integral part of the training of the new military police unit," Mayor E. Kent Smoll said. "We believe it is an important investment in the community and are excited about the creation of jobs and having reserve members in Dodge City for training on the weekends."

The 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill now awaits action by the U.S. Senate. Moran is a senior member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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