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The Fort Hood Recycle Program collects, processes, and sells materials generated on Fort Hood while avoiding disposal costs. The Recycle Program is always looking for ways to improve the collection, processing and sales of Recycle on Fort Hood. Currently, the Fort Hood Recycle Program has purchased inside containers to increase the amount of recycle paper generated within offices on Fort Hood for processing. Small desk side containers are being placed at each workstation for paper being generated. Larger 50-gallon containers are then being placed as consolidation points within these areas for the desk side containers to be dumped. The large containers, having wheels to make it easier to transport, are then dumped into the outside dumpsters for pickup. The collection staff then picks up the outside containers as part of their regular scheduled route, thus increasing the amount of paper being collected.

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The Fort Hood Recycle Collection program focuses on positive Customer Service. Effective 1 Sep 03, Recycle assumed the task of collecting materials generated on Fort Hood. The collection program started out with 2 side-loader routes, 1 roll off route and 1 bulk pickup route. Currently, Recycle Collections has established 3 Side-loader routes, 2 roll off routes, 1 pallet collection route and 2 bulk pickup routes, averaging 400 tons collected each month and steadily growing.

The Fort Hood Recycle Center is a multi-purpose operation. The bulk of responsibility lies within the center and its processing staff. The Fort Hood Recycle Center serves as one of three-bulk drop off locations on Fort Hood along with the Warrior Way Commissary and the Clear Creek Commissary. Materials generated are brought to the Recycle Center, which has designated areas for each commodity to be received. Once received, materials are moved using conveyor systems through the sorting process to ensure the highest quality possible. The four major areas of sorting are the Cardboard Sort Area, the Paper Sort Area, the Aluminum Sort Area as well as the Plastic Sort Area. This, however, does not show the entire operation for what it is worth. Paper is broken down into several grades including: newspaper, white ledger, office pack, maps and mixed paper.



Currently 800 containers placed on Fort

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Plastics are also separated by Type #1(PET) and type #2(HPDE). Aluminum cans and Steel cans are separated using the conveyor system as well as magnets to ensure no mixing of the two metals occurs.

Other items accepted at the Recycle Center include: telephone books, mail, glass, CD's and tennis shoes. All materials once sorted, proceed to the staging areas to be baled and inspected as part of Quality Control. After all materials have been sorted, baled and inspected, a Quality Control tag is placed on the bale. This tag ensures that the material is "mill ready" meeting or exceeding industry standard and also allows Fort Hood Recycle to use this as a form of advertising.

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Ricky Raccoon on Earth Day 2004

The Fort Hood Recycle Sales completes research of markets for materials produced by the Recycle Center. Once market researched and brokers are established, bid requests are sent out and completed by purchasers. The highest percentage of market value bid receives the award for a two-year purchase agreement. Because of the quality and quantity of product provided by the Fort Hood Recycle Center, the average bid percentage is 90-120% of the market value.

The Recycle Outreach program is an ongoing success. In 1993, a mascot for the Fort Hood Recycle Center was created. Ricky Raccoon, Your Recycle Pal, is a valuable asset to the overall program. Ricky provides tours of the recycle facility; hands out recycle pamphlets and travels to units, brigades, battalions, and local and surrounding area schools to inform all on the benefits of recycling. Fort Hood Recycle motto, "Don't Trash It, We'll Cash It." is now a familiar saying in and around Fort Hood. Throughout FY03 Recycle

participated in as many outreach opportunities as possible to include the Hood Howdy, Earth Day, Senior Leaders' Meetings and Make A Difference Day. Other forums used to promote and educate on recycle are the Recycle Team Meetings (RAT) and the Recycle Advisory Committee (RAC)



Ricky Raccoon poses with a Cub



Recycle Tour with a Cub Scout Troop