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Fort Polk to host Picerne Military Housing Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Fort Polk, La - Fort Polk and Picerne Military Housing, a private family-owned company, will host a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday, September 1st, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at the new Dogwood Terrace Neighborhood Office, here. The ceremony will mark the beginning of Picerne's take over of management and maintenance for Fort Polk's 3,466 housing units.

The new Dogwood Terrace Neighborhood Office is located in a duplex at 6611 Wideman Court, which has been renovated after being damaged by a fire. Pictures of the home prior to renovation will be on display.

Post Commander BG Michael D. Barbero; Garrison Commander COL Wade Woolfrey; and President and CEO of Picerne Military Housing, John G. Picerne, will make remarks.

Dogwood Terrace residents, SFC Terry Moreland and his wife Lisa, will cut the ribbon officially opening the Neighborhood Office. Following the ribbon cutting, the Neighborhood Office and adjacent vacant home will be open for people to tour.

Picerne's property management plan calls for each neighborhood to have its own management and maintenance staff centrally located in the neighborhood to address housing issues quickly. To better serve the families and make readily available these services, the post has been redesigned into seven neighborhoods, two on North Fort and five on South Fort.

Picerne Military Housing was selected by the Department of the Army in April 2003 to be its partner to build, renovate, maintain and manage the military family housing at Fort Polk for the next fifty years. For more information you may contact Mary Ann Clary, at (337) 537-5013.

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