

New Building Completed

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Ugo Mara Barracks – Work In “Great” Progress!!!!

When in 2001 the High Readiness Force Hqs was established at Ugo Mara Barracks in Solbiate Olona a lot has to be achieved, in particular from the infrastructure point of view.



The base had been hosting the 33rd logistic regiment for many years and its infrastructure and facilities were ideal for a small staff but not for satisfying a Corps head-quarter staff, a Brigade staff and a Support regiment: a community of about 1400 people.

Now, thirty months later the new headquarters building, named Star Ship, has been finally completed and all the staff has already moved in. Now we can enjoy new offices, better working spaces, all the NATO CIS services and most of all the fact that we are located in one building under the same roof.



This is just a portion of all the projects achieved; the first one was the light building for the Signal Brigade headquarters and the national support element (NSE): a modular structure with about 200 offices that was com-



The main entrance of the new HQ building “Star Ship”.



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pleted in six months only, thanks to the ability of the Air Force Engineer detachment; then the full renovation of the Officer's club, nick name "little White House", now capable of hosting parties and official and social events, a nice place where families can stay together.

The latest work completed is the new entrance, a double gate system that allows easy and fast in-out movement and an increased security.

Very soon another important project will be ready to be inaugurated: a parking lot for 600 vehicles that will grant parking to all the personnel working at the Ugo Mara barracks.

This is the state of the art for "Ugo Mara" barracks waiting for the biggest challenge to start, as soon as possible: the Monterosa village; a 200 independent houses complex that will completely change the image and the life of the barracks.



The corridors of the new building.



Information board.

