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Budget Shutdown Hits Ks Army Posts

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Services have been curtailed, including the closing of post commissaries as the partial federal government shutdown takes effect at Kansas military installations.

Maj. Martin O'Donnell, spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, says Wednesday that initially the impact isn't being noticed on the northeast Kansas post, though the effects will be felt the longer the shutdown lasts.

About 1,000 civilian employees were put on emergency furlough until further notice. Functions related to the life, health and safety of soldiers and families were protected. But other activities have been altered, including the closing of the post commissary. In addition, the museum at Fort Riley will be closed during the week and open only on weekends.

Another 2,300 employees were sent home at Fort Leavenworth, leaving 300 on the job.

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