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Naval Base Point Loma Assumes Custody of Newly Renovated BEQ

SAN DIEGO, CA - A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the opening of a newly renovated Jones Hall Bachelor Quarters (BQ), aboard the Submarine Base Complex of Naval Base Point Loma on March 5, 2009.

The \$4.2 million renovation project is one of five major Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction and renovation projects to support the BRAC directed transfer of the Mine Countermeasure Force to San Diego, California, from Ingleside, Texas.

“The Mine Countermeasure move from Ingleside, Texas will bring hundreds of new Sailors to San Diego who are in need of housing. I think it is fitting that this project is the first to be completed, emphasizing the Navy’s commitment to the finest Sailors in the world”, said Rear Admiral Frank Drennan, Commander, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command.

Jones Hall, originally built in 1988, is an eight story, 56,664 square foot housing unit for enlisted personnel. 140 double occupancy rooms were completely renovated and refurnished, with the focus of Sailor Quality of Life. NBPL was recently recognized with the coveted “Crystal” award bestowed upon installations with the highest customer satisfaction ratings for Bachelor Housing. Captain Paul Marconi, Commanding Officer NBPL, noted that “the addition of the newly renovated Jones Hall will significantly enhance Naval Base Point Loma’s capability to provide top notch living quarters to Sailors based in the San Diego Metro area.”

Renovating existing infrastructure, not currently being utilized, enabled the Navy to save an excess of \$25 million in new construction costs for the five BRAC construction/renovation projects associated with this BRAC directed move of the Mine Countermeasure Force to San Diego.

While many thanks were relayed to Harper Construction Company for their dedication and hard work, completing this project ahead of schedule, “The real people we should thank are the many outstanding Sailors who volunteer to make up the greatest Navy and military force in the world”, said Ronald Harper Sr., Chairman and Founder of Harper Construction. Harper Construction, ranked in the Top 10 General Contractors in San Diego, has completed more than \$2.5 billion in projects for local Navy and Marine Corps bases.

BRAC 2005 directives call for the Mine Countermeasure Force including six, Avenger Class, mine countermeasures ships to relocate from Ingleside, Texas to San Diego, California no later than September 30, 2009.

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