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NAVFAC Southwest Celebrates Completion of Camp Pendleton Bachelor Enlisted Quarters

The BEQs will house 1,142 bachelor enlisted Marines in 574 rooms. (U.S. Navy photo by Larry Nuzum)



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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Aug. 26 to signify the completion of BEQ Package 6 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

LCDR Russell Rang, NAVFAC Southwest resident officer in charge of construction at Camp Pendleton, opened the ceremony for guests from NAVFAC Southwest, members from the U.S. Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton community, and contrac-

tors from Harper Construction Inc.

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Rudolph Janiczek, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Commanding Officer Col. Nicholas Marano, Public Works Officer CDR Gus Lim, and ROICC Camp Pendleton LCDR Russell Rang.

NAVFAC Southwest awarded a \$92 million contract to Harper Construction Inc. Sept. 25, 2009 for the construction of three multiple structure BEQs constructed of 572,000 reinforced concrete

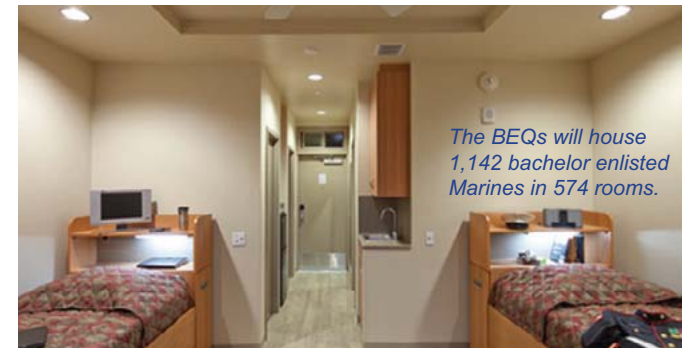
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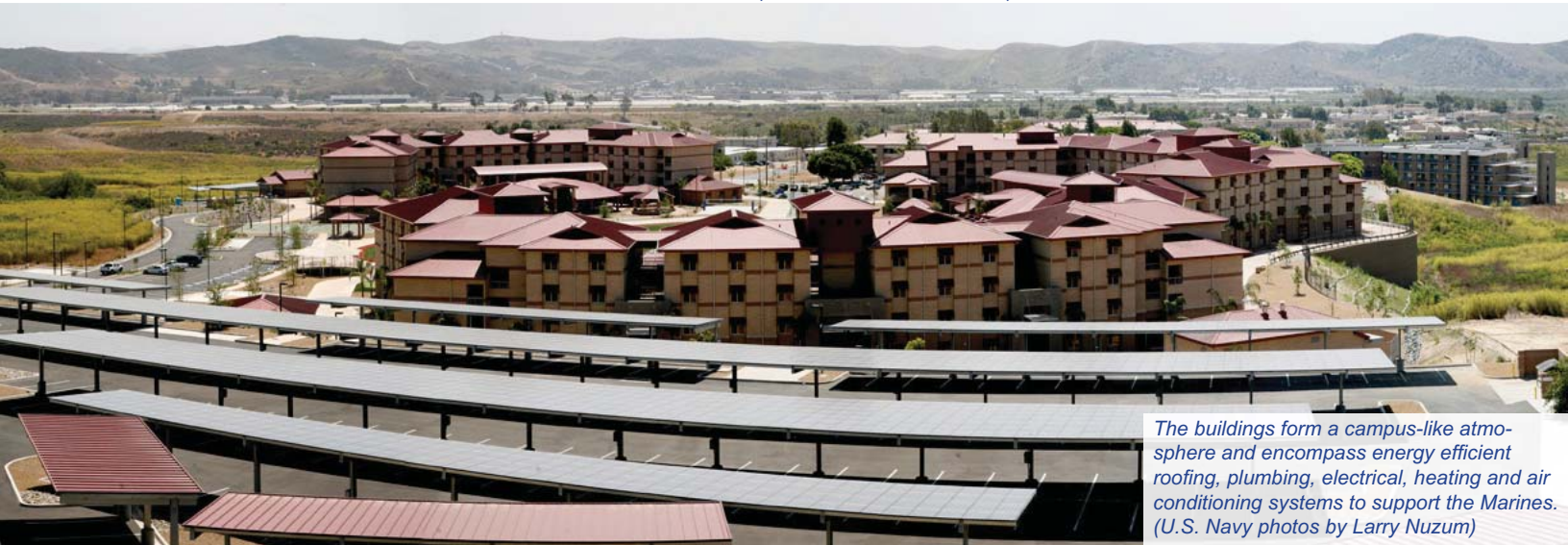
The BEQs will house 1,142 bachelor enlisted Marines in 574 rooms. Each BEQ includes an activity center with reception area, multi-purpose room, pool tables, high definition televisions, WIFI Internet cafés, computer game rooms, theatre rooms, laundry facilities, duty room, and kitchen area.

The buildings form a campus-like atmosphere and encompass energy efficient roofing, plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning systems to support the Marines. The BEQ site contains many outdoor recreational features such as a central sports field with a perimeter running track, mountain bike course, 9-hole disc golf course, basketball courts, sand

volleyball courts, amphitheater, and shaded picnic areas.

Each facility's integrated design approach offers a comprehensive focus on sustainable energy and water conservation. The entire facility is scheduled to obtain LEED Platinum rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. Amenities that help reach platinum include bicycle storage racks, recycling centers, maximized natural ventilation, maximized lighting, and solar photovoltaic panels. The installed photovoltaic panels are capable of supplying over one megawatt direct current to the facilities or back to the area power grid.

The BEQs were safely completed Aug. 19 with zero lost time accidents at 486,780 man hours.



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