



2021 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation Award

Each year since 1962, the Secretary of Defense has honored installations, teams, and individuals for outstanding achievements in Department of Defense (DoD) environmental programs. These accomplishments include outstanding conservation activities, innovative environmental practices, and partnerships that improve quality of life and promote efficiencies without compromising DoD's mission success. The 2021 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards cycle encompasses an achievement period from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2020 (Fiscal Years (FY) 2019-2020). A diverse panel of 47 judges with relevant expertise representing Federal and state agencies, academia, and the private sector evaluated all nominees to select one winner for each of the eight categories. These eight categories cover five subject areas including natural resources conservation, environmental quality, sustainability, environmental restoration, and cultural resources management.

About the Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation Award

The Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation Award recognizes efforts to promote effective cultural resources management through proactive stewardship of DoD's extensive and rich heritage assets. Through dynamic cultural resources management programs that partner with installation stakeholders, such as master planning, public works, and range management, DoD identifies and evaluates cultural resources that impact training, testing, and operational capabilities. Awards also showcase successful partnerships with American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, states, and other historic preservation stakeholders to protect cultural resources in a manner that sustains mission readiness as responsible stewards of our collective heritage. Small installations have 10,000 acres or fewer and can include leased, military owned, or administered outlying ranges or training practice areas. The 2021 winner of the Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation award is *Naval Base Point Loma, California*.

About Naval Base Point Loma, California

Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) is in San Diego, California, and consists of three main campuses: NBPL Peninsula, NBPL Harbor Drive, and NBPL Old Town, as well as other areas located throughout San Diego County. NBPL supports 70 U.S. Pacific Fleet afloat and shore-based tenant commands headquartered on the base. The base is home to a high density of historic and prehistoric cultural resources. NBPL has surveyed and evaluated all buildings, structures, and objects on the installation to determine their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, NBPL has completed archaeological surveys of 100 percent of the installation's main cantonment. The base contains 4 individually NRHP-eligible properties, 22 archaeological sites, and 2 historic districts with 68 total contributors.



NBPL's Old Town Complex Building 1, Northeast Façade in 2020. Built in 1939, the former Consolidated Aircraft facility continues to serve Navy's mission as the home to Naval Information Warfare Systems Command.

Major Accomplishments in FY 2019-2020

- The NBPL Cultural Resources Management (CRM) program worked with NBPL's Environmental Division, facilities, and security to complete a long-delayed hallmark project: rehabilitating the Post Exchange and Gymnasium (Building 158), a premier historic structure on the base. Through delegated authority from a Programmatic Agreement (PA) between NBPL, the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, facilities planners and CRM program staff designed a plan to update the building in compliance with the original 1990s SHPO concurrence for no adverse effect to historic properties. The updated design was consistent with historic preservation guidelines without sacrificing modern requirements or occupant needs. Contractors, historic building architects, design managers, and construction managers worked closely with CRM program staff to retain the building's historic character and features while providing a modern workspace for the new occupant, NBPL's Security Department.
- NBPL supported San Diego Family Housing (SDFH), the Navy's Public-Private Venture partner in Navy Region Southwest, in building a tot lot for the Admiral Hartman Military Family Housing site located in a Late Prehistoric Kumeyaay Village known as La Rinconada De Jamo. NBPL archaeologist and CRM program manager Jessica Porter-Rodriguez assisted SDFH with developing a Monitoring and Discovery Plan and necessary tribal consultation. The NBPL CRM program served as the interface between SDFH, Installation Environmental and Command staff, and the tribes that participated in consultation. The CRM program also provided required documentation and monitoring plan templates, and drafted consultation correspondence to secure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As a result, the tot lot project successfully navigated the execution phase and broke ground in October 2020.
- The NBPL CRM program facilitated the adaptive reuse of two historic shore batteries as a training range for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training and Evaluation Unit One (EODTEU-1). The adaptive reuse of historic structures made it possible to train on detection, identification, and safe rendering, and to create conditions warfighters might encounter in the field, such as laboratories, equipment repair shops, caves, and villages. Working with NBPL CRM program specialists, EODTEU-1 contracted with a team of design experts to convert Battery Whistler (built in 1916) into an Afghan village, and to convert the interior of Battery Woodward (built in 1943) into simulated caves. These historic structures became a premier training range for EOD personnel prior to deployment.
- NBPL's PA empowers the installation to internally review and legally approve undertakings that are determined to have either no effect to historic properties or no adverse effect on historic properties. During FY 2019-2020, NBPL approved more than 300 projects without consultation with California SHPO, vastly increasing the installation's efficiency and reducing project implementation costs.



NBPL's Building 158 circa 1912. Built in 1908 as the Post Exchange and Gymnasium for Fort Rosecrans, this Colonial Revival brick building continues to serve the Navy's mission at NBPL.



Admiral Hartman Family Housing tot lot construction October 2020.