



*Enterprise Hall at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia*

## **BEQ incorporates new standards**

The first Navy Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) in Hampton Roads designed to new DoD standards opened at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. in January 1998.

Responding to requests for more living space and privacy from service members, DoD approved new construction standards for enlisted bachelor housing at permanent duty stations in 1995. Under the new standard, instead of barracks rooms, two service members will share a small efficiency apartment with 118 square feet of living space apiece. The need for more living space and privacy topped the list of service members' concerns on recent quality of life surveys. The new standard, called '1 plus 1,' replaces the '2 plus 2' standard set in 1983, which provided a two-room suite for four people with a shared bath.

Enterprise Hall, at the corner of Gilbert St. and Farragut Ave., has 247 rooms with walk-in closets, a bathroom and a kitchenette.

Another BEQ at NAS Norfolk, completed in May 1996, was designed as 2 plus 2 when the new standards were implemented. Before construction started, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's Atlantic Division increased the size of each room and added a bath, increasing living space to 90 square feet. Walk-in closets and kitchenettes could not be accommodated. These changes were made by reducing the total number of rooms in the building.