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Navy Command Established to Manage Construction at Marine Facilities Supporting President's "Grow the Force" Initiative

New Facilities Will Support the Growing Number of Marines Involved with the Global War on Terrorism

By Lee H. Saunders

SAN DIEGO – Officer In Charge of Construction Marine Corps Installations West (OICC MCIWEST) was established today during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton to manage the more than \$4.7 billion in construction projects supporting the growing force of Marines in the Global War on Terrorism.

"I am proud to serve as the first leader of this new command," said Capt. Joseph A. Campbell, commanding officer of OICC MCIWEST. "OICC MCIWEST will lead the construction of projects at the Resident Officer In Charge of Construction offices at Marine Corps facilities in Yuma, Barstow, 29 Palms, Camp Pendleton and Miramar. The workload is expected to be over \$4.7 billion dollars between Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012, including 46 Bachelor Enlisted Quarters valued over \$1.4 billion. When completed, these facilities will enhance the U.S. Marine Corps' ability to house, train, maintain, and operate additional Marine combat and support units."

OICC MCIWEST is the second of two commands established to support the President's January 2007 initiative to grow the force of Marines to 27,000 more personnel by 2011. OICC MCIEAST was established during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune on Aug. 13.

The two commands are part of Naval Facilities Engineering Command. (NAVFAC). NAVFAC established the command's in support of the increase in construction needed to support the growing number of Marines. OICC MCIWEST reports to NAVFAC Southwest in San Diego. OICC MCIEAST reports to NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Va.

"The establishment of this new command is a testimonial to NAVFAC's commitment to the Marine Corps to accomplish these urgent and important construction projects within budget and on time," said Capt. Steve Wirsching, commanding officer of NAVFAC Southwest. "OICC MCIWEST will work closely with MCIWEST staff in support of the "Grow the Force" initiative."

The official party for the establishment ceremony was Marine Corps Installations West Commanding General Maj. Gen. Michael R. Lehnert, NAVFAC Atlantic Commander Rear Adm.

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Christopher J. Mossey, NAVFAC Southwest Commanding Officer Capt. Steven M. Wirsching, OICC MCIWEST Commanding Officer Capt. Joseph A. Campbell, and Chaplain Capt. Robert D. Crossan.

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Cutline: NAVFAC Southwest Commanding Officer CAPT Steve Wirsching hands over the new OICC MCIWest Command flag to CAPT Joseph A. Campbell, commanding officer of OICC MCIWEST during the establishment ceremony.



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Cutline: CAPT Joseph A. Campbell, commanding officer of OICC MCIWEST, stands with the officers of the Resident Officer In Charge of Construction (ROICC) offices at Marine Corps facilities in Yuma, Barstow, Twentynine Palms, Camp Pendleton and Miramar during the Aug. 15 establishment ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. OICC MCIWEST will lead \$4.7 billion of construction projects at ROICC offices located at MCIWEST facilities.

(Top Row) LCDR Allen Sullivan, LT Mann Chau, LTJG Chuck Boehmer, LTJG Heather Hawkins, LTJG Jesse Pruneda, ENS Elise Chapdelaine, LT Brent Uyehara, LT Jeremy Nevin, LTJG Kim Caudle. (Front Row) ENS Harry Kim, LT Mueller, ENS Kistler, LTJG Dalone Jenkins, CAPT Campbell, LCDR Scott King, LT Jason Gabbard, LTJG Darren Jacques, ENS Queener.