

Camp Pendleton Housing Wins Design-Build Award

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Camp Pendleton, Calif.—The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) has awarded the United States Marine Corps' Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Package 8 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton a national Design-Build award. The award will be presented in November at the DBIA's annual awards dinner in Las Vegas.

The facility's four dormitories accommodate 1,588 Marine Corps personnel in a 25-acre park-like setting. Certified as LEED Gold, the 483,500-square-foot project was judged for the DBIA by a panel of experts focused on the identification of practices that constitute "design-build done right."

Each four-story dormitory has 200 two-person "residential modules" arranged in a non-institutional L-shaped pattern, which, according to the panel, maximizes views and individual privacy. The project also features four community centers, which are surrounded by basketball courts, outdoor covered barbecue areas, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts and covered pavilions—all opening onto a central amphitheater that accommodates a broad range of activities.

The San Diego-based firms RJC Architects and Joseph Wong Design Associates, in a design/build team with Hensel Phelps Soltek Joint Venture, completed the project in 2012. Also that year, the residential campus was named an American Public Works Association (APWA) Public Works Project of the Year—honored for its appealing design and energy efficiency—by the San Diego/Imperial chapter.

Established in 1993, the DBIA promotes best practices in design-build project delivery. Camp Pendleton is located on the coast in San Diego County, and is home of the I Marine Expeditionary Force, as well as numerous other commands. About 42,000 active duty personnel are stationed at the camp.

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