

**ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS (BUILDING 1686) REPLACEMENT**
Camp Springs, Prince George's County, Maryland

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

September 25, 2003

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the replacement of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (Building 1686) at Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Prince Georges County, Maryland, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3207(38.00)41235.

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The Department of the Navy (Navy) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the replacement of an existing Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) Building (Building 1686) at Andrews Air Force Base in Prince George's County, Maryland. The proposed replacement is part of an overall effort by the Navy to upgrade the living facilities and improve the quality of life of enlisted personnel. The Navy has new standards for providing military housing and the new BEQ would provide more livable space. At its June 6, 2002 meeting, the Commission approved the replacement of nearby BEQ Building 1687. The new BEQ would be a three-story brick and concrete structure. The design includes exterior corridors and balconies that are covered for protection from the weather as well as providing shading for the windows. The building facade would include chestnut-colored brick, insulated aluminum windows painted dark bonze, metal doors painted medium bronze, and a standing seam metal roof painted medium bronze to match existing BEQs within the complex. It would provide approximately 43,000 square feet of space for 60 living units, each containing two occupants. Associated lounging and administrative areas would also be included. The overall design of the building mirrors other recent BEQ buildings in this complex.

The proposal is consistent with the master plan for Andrews Air Force Base. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Navy has determined that the project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion. The Navy has also determined that no historic structures will be affected by the proposal, thereby concluding its responsibilities pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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Executive Director