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Dear Community Member,

Naval Station Treasure Island is announcing the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for environmental clean-up. On July 2, 1993, President Clinton announced a five-part program to speed the economic recovery in communities where military bases are slated to close. Part of this program includes "fast track" cleanup, to facilitate economic reuse at these closing military bases. A key element of the Department of Defense (DOD) guidance deals with increased public involvement in the base cleanup program which will be accomplished through the RAB.

The Installation Restoration (IR) program is the ongoing process of evaluation and cleanup of sites from past chemical contamination. Technical Review Committee (TRC) meetings have been held quarterly since 1992 to report on the status of Naval Station Treasure Island's IR program. As a result of Base Closure, we are now expanding the TRC to a broader public participation forum of the RAB with the goal of providing more direct community involvement in the decision-making process.

The RAB will be composed of members of the local community as well as representatives of DOD, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Toxic Substance Control, and other regulatory and civic agencies and individuals. The RAB is intended to bring together the general public to reflect the community's diverse interests. Members of the community are invited to be full partners in the decision-making process for cleanup efforts at Naval Station Treasure Island. The RAB will receive and review cleanup reports and plans, and provide feedback to the Navy.

The RAB currently includes representatives from local, state and Federal agencies. To gain broader public participation, the RAB is soliciting membership applications from the community and intends to add an additional 5 to 10 representatives in the months ahead. In addition to members of the San Francisco community, membership may be drawn from the greater regional community and other interested parties.

In an effort to encourage widest participation, applications for RAB membership are now being accepted. As a community member there is no requirement to have any special skills or qualifications. The application provides membership details. Additional applications are available by calling (415) 395-5454, or by mail from Mr. James Sullivan, Treasure Island Base Closure Environmental Coordinator (Code OOE), 410 Palm Avenue, Naval Station Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA 94130-0410. Applications should be returned by May 2, 1994 to that address.

All RAB meetings are open to the public. Recommendations from RAB members and from others in attendance will be considered in the evaluation and cleanup of Naval Station Treasure Island. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at the Nimitz Conference Center, Naval Station Treasure Island. The public is invited to attend. There will be displays, handouts and information available on the Treasure Island cleanup process at the Conference Center from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. April 21, prior to the RAB meeting.

I am personally committed to assisting in the establishment of the RAB. Community input is paramount in the process of base cleanup and conversion. Your attendance at the April 21 information display and RAB meeting is highly encouraged. Please contact Mr. James Sullivan at (415) 395-5454 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,


THOMAS H. BERNS
Captain, USN
Commanding Officer

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Treasure Island and Base Closure — Background

BRAC 93... The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-510 as amended by PL 102-190 of 5 DEC 91 and PL 102-484 of 23 OCT 92) established "a fair process that will result in the timely closure and realignment of military installations in the face of significantly changed world political climate and the concomitant U.S. military downsizing." Under this procedure, on 12 April 91 and 12 March 93, the Secretary of Defense transmitted to the Congressional oversight committees and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission a list of military installations recommended for closure or realignment. The March 1993 list included Naval Station Treasure Island, which remained on the closure list throughout the review process and is now slated for closure.

The process... The Act requires that the closure process be initiated within two years after the President transmits the report to Congress (July 2, 1993) and that the process be completed within six years of that date. It is Department of Defense and Navy policy to transfer property to civilian control as early as possible to promote local economic recovery. Ideally, this will coincide with Naval Station plans for drawdown and closure; as of spring 1994, the Navy plans to cease activities and close all facilities at Treasure Island by September 30, 1997. Prior to actual closure, base disposal guidelines require a real property screening for possible defense or U.S. Coast Guard use, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must determine property suitability for reuse in accordance with the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11411), and requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA - 42 USC 4321 et seq.) and other statutes must be met.

In anticipation of eventual turnover of the property to the City and County of San Francisco, Naval Station Treasure Island is already working with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and other City offices on issues for possible re-use and interim and short-term leases of various facilities as early as spring of 1994.

History... Located in San Francisco Bay midway between San Francisco and Oakland, Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island are U.S. Navy property within the limits of the City and County of San Francisco.

The history of the U.S. military on Yerba Buena Island began in 1866, when the island was "set aside for military purposes" by presidential proclamation. In 1896, Congress authorized the establishment of a Navy training station on the island, and it served as such through World War I, providing training for up to 13,000 men at a time during its peak years.

Treasure Island was built in the period 1937-39 (at a cost of \$3.8 million) as the site for the Golden Gate International Exposition and future site of the San Francisco international airport. The 403-acre island's \$50 million "World's Fair" attracted more than 10 million people from all over the world the first year.

In February 1941, as war clouds gathered in the Pacific, Treasure Island was leased to the Navy, and Yerba Buena-based naval activities spread out to cover both islands. During World War II, the islands served as the "Gateway to the Pacific," processing up to 12,000 personnel per day to Pacific Theater assignments.

After WWII, the islands served as a major demobilization center for the thousands who returned following victory. With the advent of jets and larger aircraft, Treasure Island was no longer suitable as an airport and San Francisco exchanged the deed to the island for a Navy airfield which is now the site of S.F. international airport.

Today's mission for Naval Station Treasure Island is to "maintain and operate facilities, provide services and materials in support of units of the operating forces of the U.S. Navy and designated shore activities, and perform such tasks and functions as may be directed by higher authority."

Approximately 800 military personnel and 350 civilians make up the working population of Treasure Island and support the fleet. The Naval Station organization includes a Transient Personnel Unit and a Brig reporting directly to the Commanding Officer. There are 907 enlisted family quarters on Treasure Island and 104 officer family quarters on Yerba Buena.

The 1993 Base Realignment and Closure Commission report included Naval Station Treasure Island for closure and disposal of property. As of spring 1994, the Naval Station is working with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency towards interim use of available facilities pending final closure and towards civilian re-use of the property after the planned closure date of September 30, 1997.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NAVAL STATION TREASURE ISLAND RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

Conditions for Membership: The Navy plans for the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to be an instrumental part of the cleanup effort. We consider RAB membership an important obligation. Duties and responsibilities will include attending meetings, reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with the Installation Restoration program at Naval Station Treasure Island. Members will be expected to be available to community members and groups to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the RAB.

Priority for RAB membership will be given to local residents who are impacted or affected by the clean up/reuse of Naval Station Treasure Island. (If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet of paper.)

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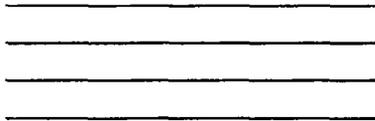
1. Are you affiliated with any community or interest group? If so, specify: _____

2. Briefly state why you would like to be considered for membership on the Restoration Advisory Board. _____

3. What has been your experience working as a member of a diverse group with common goals? If you do not have this type of experience, please explain how you can contribute to the RAB.

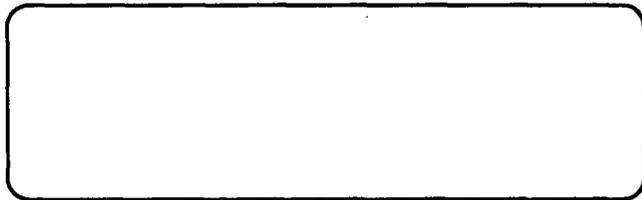
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