New NAVFAC Directorate to Manage Navy, Marine Corps Property Interests

WASHINGTON – The Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) announced Oct. 23 that it is standing up a new Real Estate directorate, responsible acquiring, managing, and disposing of real property interests for the Department of the Navy.

The new directorate will explore and implement emerging methodologies for use at Navy and Marine Corps installations using diverse business arrangements such as Enhanced Use Lease, Intergovernmental Support Agreements, and Other Transactional Authority Pilot Projects.

“By making this move, we are enabling NAVFAC’s real estate subject matter experts to develop and deliver projects with greater speed, agility, and relevance,” said Rear Adm. John Korka, Commander of NAVFAC. “Real estate authorities that the Secretary of the Navy has delegated must be optimally aligned to facilitate increased performance, and real estate will become a stronger mission enabler and force multiplier for our Fleet and Marine Corps.”

One goal is to leverage innovative financing models with the private sector to allow the Navy to more rapidly address critical, unfunded installation requirements while preserving congressional appropriations for direct support of warfighting efforts.

“Realigning the NAVFAC real estate organization into a new directorate is paramount to both recapitalizing Navy and Marine Corps infrastructure and reducing facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization burden,” said Joe Calcara, director, NAVFAC Real Estate.

“In the next several months, we will be conducting feasibility analyses of potential opportunities across the Navy and Marine Corps domains for projects that enhance energy and water resilience, leverage capital investment, and optimize efficiencies in facilities sustainment, restoration and modernization, with the goal to execute in streamlined processes within the next 12-18 months.” Calcara said.

Calcara returned to NAVFAC last month, bringing with him more than 35 years’ experience in managing public infrastructure, facilities engineering, integrated water resources, and asset management programs at NAVFAC, US Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Army, and other private sector entities.

The new directorate is planned to reach full operating capability on June 30, 2021.