

U.S. NAVAL BASE, PEARL HARBOR, ADMIRAL'S FLAGSTAFF
EAST WING
(U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Naval Shipyard, Facility No. 1467)
East wing of Facility No. 1 near Avenue E
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu
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Location:

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This facility falls within the UTM coordinates of the Pearl Harbor, Naval Shipyard as defined in the location section of the overview report HABS No. HI-483. This building's UTM coordinates are: 04.608120.2361650.

Significance:

Facility No. 1467 is located within the Pearl Harbor National Historic Landmark. This flagpole is associated with the establishment of a major commanding officer position in the east wing of Facility 1 in the Shipyard area of Pearl Harbor.

Description:

This structure is a simple, steel pole that stands adjacent to the East wing of Facility 1. The full dimension of the pole includes the underground portion, plus approximately 57' that rises above the ground. The original drawing shows 6'-9" of the pole below grade supported by a reinforced concrete foundation that is 3'-0" square x 7'-0" to the bottom of the footing. The foundation then rises 1-1/2" above the finished grade and has a slightly pyramidal pitched top surface that rises to the center, at the pole. For structural support the pole is set into a 12" diameter pipe sleeve. At maximum diameter the pole measures 6." The space between the pole and the pipe sleeve was grouted.

The pole itself consists of three steel pipes with diameters of 6", 4" and 2-1/2". The pipes are stacked vertically and welded together, in that order to create an overall tapered appearance. A metal round ball is affixed at the cap with halyards and a pulley just beneath it. Two metal cleats are welded 4'-3" from the ground, on opposite sides of the pole, to tie off the halyards after raising or lowering the Admiral's flag.

Historical Context:

This flagpole was listed as "Admiral's Flagstaff – East Wing" on the 1948 Navy property record card. It is associated with the establishment of a major new organizational office, which was known as Commander Naval Base Pearl Harbor, until this function was absorbed into the Commander Navy Region Hawaii in 1998.

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There is confusion in Navy records regarding the date of construction of this flagpole (Facility 1467) and flagpole (Facility 1468) that stands in the middle of the main facade of Facility 1. The Navy data base lists the completion date of Facility 1467 as 1927. Yet, the 1948 property record card as well as a 1948 drawing indicates that the pole was completed in 1948. No flagpole would have been built here in 1927 since the East wing of the building was not yet constructed. The exact history behind the construction of these two poles is unclear. The post-1966 assignment of facility numbers to these previously unnumbered structures may have something to do with the confusion between the two (regarding dates and height) in the Navy database. However, the 1948 completion date of Facility 1467 is the correct one (not 1927), and its height is about 57 feet (not 52 feet).

The original 1948 drawing of Facility 1467 shows four steel pipes used to construct the flagpole. The concept was modified and the pole was constructed by welding three steel pipes not four. As a result, the elevation drawing attached with this report shows what was planned, but not exactly what was built. The drawing was produced by the District Public Works Department, Fourteenth Naval District, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. The sketch on the 1948 property record card portrays the as-built condition.

For an overview of the Naval Shipyard see HABS No. HI-483.

Sources:

The only drawing on record is on digitally scanned images or microfilm at Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC EFD Pacific) Plan Files, under Y&D drawing number I-N3-693.

A copy of the 1948 Property Record Card for Facility 1467 was obtained from the Naval Shipyard Facilities files.

A few historic photos of Facility 1 were found at the National Archives II, Still Photo Collection (RG 71 CA). The Bishop Museum files also have a photograph of the building taken in 1926.

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii
2000 Pearl Harbor Naval Complex, Cultural Resources
Management Plan, Pearl Harbor, HI.

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii
2002 Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan, Pearl
Harbor Naval Complex, Pearl Harbor, HI.

HABS/HAER Documents

var. dates For those resources on the Navy database at the time the CRMP (Contract No. NB62742-93-D-0502) was prepared, the HABS/HAER numbers assigned have been included in the electronic database as an additional field, as noted in

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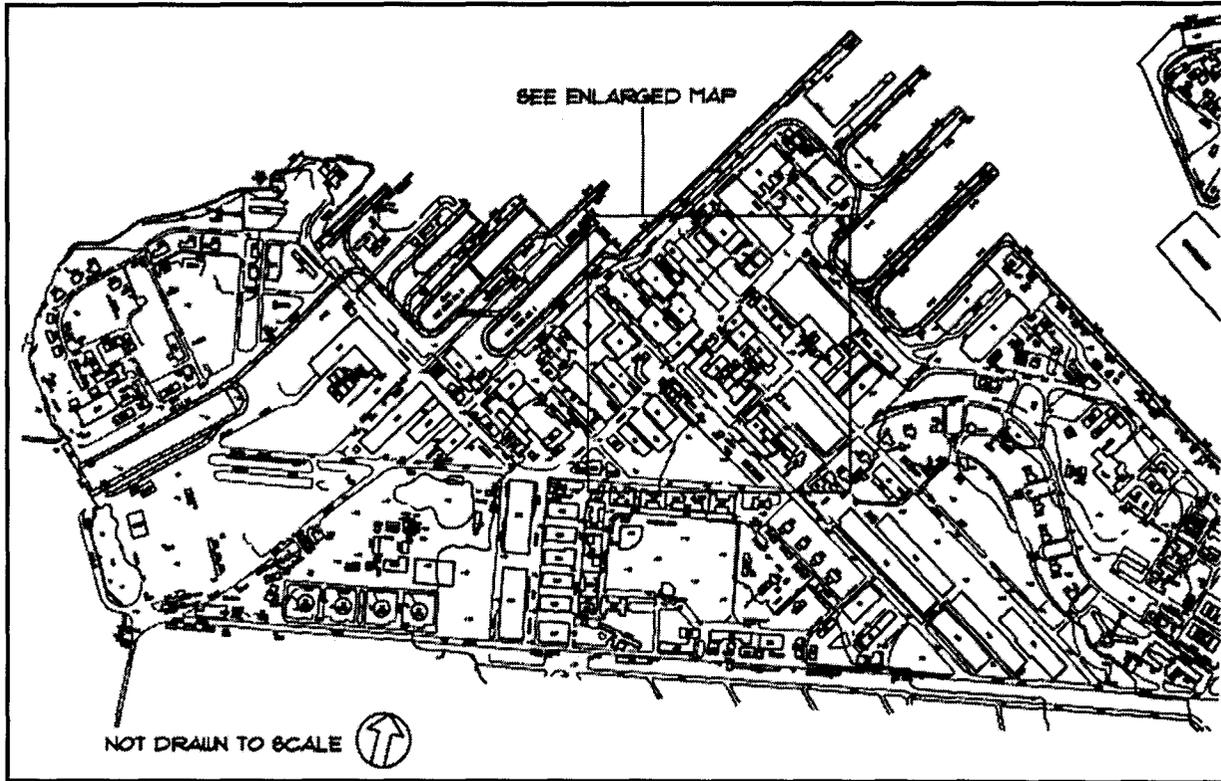
Appendices: Pearl Harbor Naval Complex Cultural
Resources Management Plan, 1998, p. A-6.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
1992 Historic Preservation Documentation Program,
photocopied document dated 15DEC92 including
Appendix B Historic Inventory.

Project Information: Photo documentation and recordation of this facility by the Navy has been done in anticipation of future alterations or potential demolition of the structure. Photo documentation of historic facilities by the Navy assists in expediting planned undertakings by having the documentation prepared prior to taking actions. Also, photo documentation assists the Navy in gaining more information about its historic facilities to assist in making proactive management decisions. This project is being supervised by Jeffrey Dodge A.I.A., Historic Preservation Specialist at the Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC EFD Pacific). The photographic documentation was undertaken by David Franzen, photographer. Joanmarie N. Orłowski, Architectural Historian, of Mason Architects, Inc. prepared the written documentation. The field work and research was conducted for this report between July 2001 and December 2001.

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Shipyard Map



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Enlarged Area Map (reduced, not to scale)

