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# Public Works Hub Ready for Navy

The Navy's Public Works Center will be commissioned at 11: 30 a.m. Monday at the Naval Station.

Capt. Albert H. Boggs will be in command. The executive officer will be Cdr. F. N. Baer.

Speakers will be Radm. Almon E. Loomis, 11th Naval District commandant, and Radm. Norman J. Drustrup, CEC, deputy chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

The center will consolidate public works functions at various San Diego commands, providing better service cheaper.

Public works functions of the Naval Station, Naval Training Center, Naval Hospital, Navy Electronics Laboratory, Naval Supply Center and Ream Field will be absorbed.

Public works departments will remain active at North Island and Miramar Naval Air Stations, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Navy Amphibious Base at Coronado.

The consolidation will lay off 160 of the 1,270 Civil Service employees in public works activities at various base and offices.

The Navy said the consolidated center would maintain \$165 million worth of real property in the city, \$36 million of it in housing.

Construction totaling about

\$6.4 million, requiring an estimated one-million man-hours of work, will begin next month, said Capt. Robert Thomas, deputy director of the Southwest Division of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

The three largest projects are a building at the Anti-submarine School, a housing project on the Silver Strand and a turbojet test facility at Miramar.

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# Navy Units Join One Big Family

Most Navy Public Works Departments in the San Diego area today began operating as one big family, but there is still a group of proud individuals within the family.

The individuals are a versatile group of employees known as Mr. Fix-Its, who are capable of handling almost any electrical or plumbing emergency that might crop up on Navy property.

Emblazoned across the back of their cover-alls, like a badge of honor, is "Mr. Fix-It." Their uniforms are different, but their

base of operations is typical Navy-battleship gray pick-up truck.

The trucks contain two-way radios, which enable the six drivers to make nonstop tours of designated routes. Emergency calls are channeled through the new Public Works Center at the Naval Station, which contacts the driver nearest the scene and directs him to the location.

The Mr. Fix-Its carry in their trucks tools and spare parts to cope with anything from a clogged drain to a short circuit.

The new breed of maintenance men is one of the first innovations of the Public Works Center, which was commissioned yesterday. The center was established to consolidate public works functions of various local commands and provide better service.

It includes the former public works departments of the Naval Station, Naval Training Center, Naval Hospital, Navy Electronics Laboratory, Naval Supply Center and the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Ream Field.

The new facility will furnish public works and public utilities to all Naval activities in the area except North Island Naval Air Station, Naval Amphibious Base, Miramar Naval Air Station and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

The center controls \$165 million worth of Navy Property in San Diego, including \$36 million in housing.

Commanding the center is Capt. Albert Boggs. Speakers at yesterday's commissioning ceremony were Radm. Almon E. Loomis, 11<sup>th</sup> Naval District Commandant, and Radm. Norman J. Drustrup, deputy chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks.

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## **San Diego Gets Works Center, 6 Depts. Close**



**CAPT. A. H. BOGGS, Civil Engineer Corps**  
The first Commanding Officer of the Navy Public Works Center, San Diego, speaking at the commissioning ceremony, July 1, 1963.

**SAN DIEGO**—A new Navy Public Works Center has been commissioned at the Naval Station here, the latest move to improve support of shore installations in the area.

It merges the public works forces in the area under a single command.

First skipper of the San Diego PWC is Capt. Albert H. Boggs. His executive Officer is Cmdr. F.N. Baer.

As the new center was commissioned the Navy dis-established the public works departments at the San Diego Naval Station, Naval Training Center, Naval Hospital, Navy electronics Laboratory, Naval Supply Center, and Naval Auxiliary Air Station Ream Field.

All naval activities in the greater San Diego area will be served by the new center except Naval Air Stations North Island and Miramar, the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, and the Naval Amphibious Base.

Other public works facilities that have combined into large centers are those of Norfolk, VA; Newport, RI; Guam, Pearl Harbor, Subic Bay, and Guantanamo Bay.

All public works activities are operated by the Bureau of Yards and Docks.