

**BRAC Commission
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Dear BRAC Commission

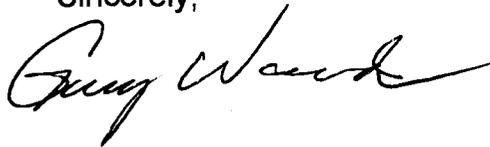
The NAVY Should Clone Us, Not Close Us! Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Engineering, Management and Production tradesmen/women have consistently demonstrated our ability to accomplish complex submarine maintenance; Safer, Faster, Less Expensive & with the Best Quality than another other public or private Shipyard. The CNO recently awarded each Portsmouth Naval Shipyard employee the Meritorious Unit Commendation for "***consistently and superbly performing their mission while establishing a phenomenal record of cost, schedule, quality and safety performance.***"

Our performance has returned Ships early to the Fleet and returned millions of dollars to the taxpayers. This record of performance is not a recent accomplishment but in the CNO's words "consistent and superb" performance.

Our Submarine stewardship extends far beyond our on-yard performance- we plan and issue **ALL** submarine maintenance technical work documents to **ALL** other public and now private Shipyards, we provide unique support of the Navy's Deep Submergence Special Programs, as well as Production and Project Management support to the other Shipyards.

Your task to review the BRAC recommendation is an intense and exhausting task, your responsibilities to the taxpayers, armed forces and the affected communities is monumental, I implore you to seek the facts which overwhelming support keeping Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open to continue our great service to the Navy and taxpayers. Thank-you for your service in this process and seeking the facts in this complex and emotional issue.

Sincerely,



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