

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 02000209

Date Listed: November 19, 2002

Property Name: Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center

County: Hinds

State: Mississippi

none  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*fo* Daniel J. Vivian  
Signature of the Keeper

November 19, 2002  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

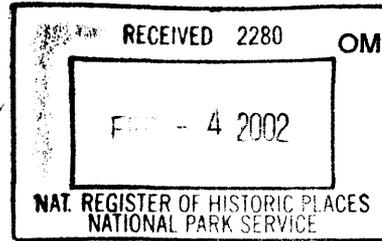
Section 2. Location The address of the property is hereby changed to 181 S. Jefferson Street. This corrects the inaccurate street address listed on the registration form.

Section 8. Statement of Significance "History" is hereby deleted as an area of significance. "Military" is hereby added as an area of significance to reflect the property's historic role as the only Cold War-era Naval Reserve facility in Mississippi.

The Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file**
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center  
other names/site number:

**2. Location**

street & number: 181 S. Jefferson Street  
city or town: Jackson  
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Hinds

not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
code: 044 zip code: 39201

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally X statewide \_\_\_\_\_ locally. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ JANUARY 25, 2002  
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
✓ entered in the National Register, \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  
Daniel J. Vivia 11/19/02

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property:**

State

**Number of Resources within Property:**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

**Category of Property:**

Building

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

1

buildings  
sites  
structures  
objects  
Total

1

1

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions: DEFENSE/ MILITARY FACILITY**

**Current Functions: VACANT/ NOT IN USE**

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification(s): Moderne**

**Materials:**

foundation: concrete  
roof: concrete  
walls: wood, concrete  
other

**Narrative Description:**

See Continuation Sheets

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**DESCRIPTION**

The former U.S Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (N&MCRC) in Jackson, Mississippi, comprises two buildings (one contributing and one non-contributing) on a 1.70 acre parcel of land at 181 South Jefferson Street in downtown Jackson. The N&MCRC is located at the northwest corner of Jefferson Street and "lower" Pearl Street, adjacent to the elevated Pearl Street viaduct. To the east, across Jefferson Street, is the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. Immediately to the west is the former New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Depot (listed on the National Register in 1996), which now houses state government offices. The N&MCRC site is a nearly rectangular lot that measures 330 feet by 220 feet. The complex consists of the Reserve Training Building (RTB) and the vehicle maintenance building, along with surrounding grounds.

The dominant physical feature of the N&MCRC is the Reserve Training Building (RTB), which faces east towards Jefferson Street. This main building rests on a concrete slab and pier and beam portions. It has an E-shaped plan, consisting of a two story "headhouse," containing offices and classrooms, behind which are three rigid metal-frame "Butler building" wings that served as shops and a "drill deck." The symmetrical, two-story headhouse, which extends across the front of this building, parallel to and facing Jefferson Street, features Streamline Moderne style architectural forms and detailing. A centrally placed entry pavilion projects slightly from the headhouse façade and has glass and aluminum doors and windows. The headhouse is of wood frame construction with an exterior of smooth stucco and white-painted plywood. It is covered by a flat, built-up roof, surmounted by a mast, equipped to display signal flags. Metal block-style letters that spell out "NAVAL RESERVE CENTER" are located just below the roof in the center portion of the façade.

The headhouse façade is divided into three sections. The center bay, which contains the entrance, is a slightly convex. The wall surfaces that flank the doors have rounded corners. The remaining two bays stretch out from the central bay and terminate in rounded ends. Wide overhanging eaves articulate the division between the first and second floors and the junction of the roof and walls. The eaves follow the curves of the building and wrap around the corners. The windows include aluminum-frame awnings (which are arranged in horizontal bands in the wing portions of the building) and porthole and fixed pane windows in the central bay. The curved wall surface and the fenestration patterns of the headhouse are suggestive of the smooth lines of a ship as well as being characteristic of the Streamline Moderne style.

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The three wings to the rear of the headhouse have irregular fenestration due to the various needs of the drill and shop activities that were conducted in them.

Wood-frame walls partition most of the RTB interior spaces into offices, classrooms and storage areas. The Drill Deck is located in the middle wing, and shop activities were designated for the other two wings. Flooring consists of both linoleum tile and carpeting. Wall surfaces are plastered or covered with wood paneling. Ceilings in the headhouse include dropped acoustic-tile panels as well as original plaster surfaces.

Since the construction of the RTB in 1948, there have been several exterior and interior alterations. Exterior alterations include the resurfacing of some of the marine plywood-covered exterior wall surfaces with stucco, the replacement of the original steel-frame awning-type windows with aluminum-frame awning windows, and the removal of the pipe railing located at the roofline. Some interior fixtures, such as the neon tube lighting originally installed in a semicircular offices at the end of the headhouse, have been removed, and the ceilings and the walls have been resurfaced. Much of the interior plan remains intact. A garage area originally located in the south wing has been enclosed and converted to a classroom. The RTB originally had a damage control simulation container, which is longer functional. The damage control container, which could be flooded, was used to simulate attack conditions at seas and to provide training for sailors in the repair of damage to penetrations of a ship's hull in emergency conditions.

The other building on the site is the vehicle maintenance building. It was built in 1956 for use by the Marine Corps Reserve. It is a two story building constructed of concrete block with a flat roof and is located directly behind the RTB. The vehicle building resembles the RTB with its horizontal massing, but is very different in its materials and finishes. Although built less than 50 years ago, it is consistent with the overall character of the complex.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

- X     **A**     Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B**     Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X     **C**     Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D**     Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

History  
Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1948 -1949

**Significant Dates**

1948 - 1949

**Criteria Considerations:**

Property is:

- A**     owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B**     removed from its original location.
- C**     a birthplace or a grave.
- D**     a cemetery.
- E**     a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F**     a commemorative property.
- G**     less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Significant Person(s)**

**Cultural Affiliation(s)**

**Architect/Builder:** John Turner ,  
of Mallet & Associates

**Narrative Statement of Significance:**                    See continuation sheets.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**                    See continuation sheet.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
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- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record  
# \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (N&MCRC) is significant primarily under Criterion C in the area of architecture, at state level significance, because it is the best example of the rare and distinctive "Nautical Moderne" style of architecture in Mississippi and the only surviving Naval Reserve Center of this style in the United States. The N&MCRC is also significant at the state level under Criterion A in the area of military history because it is Mississippi's only example of a Cold War era Naval Reserve facility. Historically, the N&MCRC is associated with the Navy and Marine Corps efforts to train and maintain Reservists for mobilization and active duty during the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf-era conflicts.

The N&MCRC was built in 1948-49 as part of the post-World War II construction project initiated by former Secretary of the Navy, then Secretary of Defense James Forrestal. The program began in 1946 in an effort to construct Naval Reserve Centers so reservists would have a permanent place to meet and perform their training drills. The construction of the new Reserve Centers would enable the Naval Reserve units to establish a strong foothold in the community. Due to cutbacks after WWII, surplus Butler buildings and Quonset huts, leftovers from the planned invasion of Japan, were used to build the new centers. The Navy only had to pay for the construction and improvements (such as the headhouse) to enable the buildings to fit into an urban setting. The groundbreaking for the Jackson N&MCRC occurred in September of 1948. The center consisted of a two-story headhouse with three "Butler building" wings at the rear.

In the years immediately following the opening of the Reserve Center, five Naval Reserve units trained at the Center: Surface Division 6-71, a detachment of Seabees, a Mobilization team, a Composite Company, and a Dental Company. The Seabees worked and trained as Naval engineers on various construction projects. Surface Division 6-71 trained in personnel work and radio use. In addition, they provided special instruction for boatswain mates, hospital orderlies, storekeepers and other positions. The Mobilization team processed records and prepared sailors for active duty. The Composite Company and Dental Company trained officers for various duties. These units performed many drills that would simulate actions that might have to be taken aboard a ship. Some of these exercises were in damage control, with reservists performing such tasks as preparing timber to shore up a damaged bulkhead.

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The architectural character of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Jackson, with its Streamline Moderne styling and detailing that clearly resembles a ship, is unique among facilities of its kind in the entire United States. This design, more than any other expressing the nautical motifs frequently used to articulate headhouses during the initial phase of the Naval Reserve construction program, provides a formal, cohesive design that represents the very essence of the Naval Reserve. It makes a strong associative statement that is a tangible expression of the nationwide building program undertaken by the Navy in the postwar period. Built of wood, the headhouse was part of the Navy's temporary construction program and is consequently all the more remarkable in its design and symbolism. The facility was built by the firm of Mallet & Associates of Jackson, with John L. Turner as architect.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

This National Register nomination was largely based on:

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Sources cited in the report are:

*Clarion Ledger*, 7 December 1949–16 April 1972.

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Slay, John, LCDR USNR. Interview by Diane Williams. Jackson, Mississippi. 20 February 1995.

Unidentified Newspaper, 5 December 1949-27 October 1963

**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: 1.70

UTM References:	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Easting</i>	<i>Northing</i>
	15	765690	3577000

**Verbal Boundary Description** See continuation sheet.**Boundary Justification:** See continuation sheet.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title:	Landon H. Smith	date:	January 2001
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street & number:	P.O Box 571	zip code:	39205
city or town:	Jackson	state:	MS

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner(s)**

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name:	State of Mississippi - Office of Capital Facilities	telephone:	
street & number:	1501 Walter Sillers Building	state:	MS
city or town:	Jackson	zip code:	39201

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The nominated property includes two buildings on a 1.70 acre parcel of land described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin marking the point of intersection of the north right-of-way line of Pearl Street with the west right-of-way line of Jefferson Street, run north along the west right of way line of Jefferson Street a distance of ten feet (10 ft.) to an iron pin marking the point of beginning of this survey; thence continue north along the west right-of-way line of Jefferson Street a distance of two-hundred and thirty feet (230 ft.) to an iron pin, thence run west a distance of three hundred fourteen and seven-tenths feet (314.7 ft.) to an iron pin on the east right-of-way line of the Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio Railroad; thence run southwestwardly through a twenty-degree curve to the left along the east right-of-way line of the Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio Railroad a distance of two hundred thirty and four-tenths feet (230.4 ft.) to an iron pin; thence run east a distance of three hundred twenty-eight and eight-tenths feet (328.8 ft.) to the point of beginning; the tract of land enclosed by the courses herein described having an area of one and seven-tenths (1.7) acres more or less and being a part of state land in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 1 East.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

All of the nominated property was acquired by the US Navy in 1948, when they acquired the lot upon which to build the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center. This same parcel was conveyed to the state of Mississippi in 2001.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**

The following information is the same for all photographs:

1. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center
2. Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
3. Richard Cawthon, Chief Architectural Historian
4. May 1995 (field checked 2001)
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1 – View of Eastern (Main) Façade

Photo 2 – View of headhouse

Photo 3 – View of curved wall surface of headhouse looking NW

Photo 4 – View Maintenance Building