



## Conrad Shipyard First of Class Recognition for U.S. Navy YRBM

**Morgan City LA** - Conrad Shipyard held a First of Class Recognition for the United States Navy YRBM-57 at its shipyard in Amelia, Louisiana on Friday, July 26. The YRBM is a yard, repair, berthing, messing vessel and serves as pierside living accommodations for the brave sailors of the U.S. Navy. The first of this modern class of the YRBM, YRBM-57 is capable of berthing 199 mixed gender personnel, messing for 300 personnel, and includes spaces for medical offices, classrooms, workspaces, laundry rooms, storerooms, and lounge areas

Conrad Senior Vice President and Director Dan Conrad explained Conrad Shipyard's approach to building the YRBM:

"When Conrad was awarded this contract in 2022, my father and Conrad Chairman, Johnny Conrad, told our management team that this was our opportunity to **give back** to American sailors who sail into harm's way. He framed it as a **Thank You for their Service and Sacrifice**. We have several armed service veterans on our shipbuilding team, and Johnny's remarks caught fire among our workforce. There was 100% buy-in."

"The result is a YRBM built to a level of quality and an attention to detail unrivaled in shipbuilding. We are proud to build first-class accommodations where sailors can comfortably work, relax, sleep, eat and exercise while their ships are under repair, and before they return to the rigors of life at sea."

On hand for the ceremony were United States Senator Bill Cassidy, Navy Program Executive Officer Captain Gregory Mitchell, and U.S. Representatives Garret Graves and Troy Carter.

The Louisiana congressional delegation in attendance emphasized the importance of Conrad's workforce. "Let me thank the guys in hardhats," said Senator Cassidy. "They are participating in protecting the United States of America." Representative Graves added "This community, this small town loves the United States military. They love the United States of America, and we have the know-how to do things like this." Congressman Carter finished his remarks by saying "At Conrad Shipyard, your work is not just about building ships – it's about delivering quality, safety, and reliability in every project. It is because of your hard work, your ingenuity, that American grit, that we are here today."

Also addressing the crowd of workers, "What you do out here matters," added PEO Captain Mitchell, explaining that YRBM-57 will eventually be located in Japan to provide a place for our sailors to live overseas.

Dan Conrad summed it up: “And so, **Bravo Zulu**...that’s Navy-Speak for **Well Done** to our entire shipbuilding team. We commend the extraordinary men and women of Conrad for your dedicated and tireless work on YRBM-57. You are a great example of when talent and purpose come together.”

The YRBM-57 is expected to be delivered to the Navy in San Diego later this year.

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## ABOUT CONRAD SHIPYARD

In its 76<sup>th</sup> year, Conrad Shipyard is among the nation’s most respected shipbuilders with a distinguished history of delivering safety, quality, craftsmanship, integrity and service.

With five modern and expansive shipyards located along the Gulf Coast in Louisiana and Texas; an experienced workforce and computerized manufacturing equipment; multi-disciplined engineers; and a management team laser focused on customer satisfaction, Conrad Shipyard is well positioned to provide cost-effective solutions to complex shipbuilding challenges.

## PHOTOS









