

## **Oxnard Harbor District Pledges \$60,000 for New Seabee Museum**

The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved support of the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation last month to help the Foundation move forward with the building of a new Seabee Museum at CBC Port Hueneme. According to Foundation President Captain Bill Hilderbrand the museum will be a state-of-the-art facility and a landmark addition to the cultural and architectural assets of Port Hueneme and the surrounding area.

The site for the new structure, on Ventura Road will have a base perimeter security fence relocated behind the Museum ensuring that the public will have unimpeded access. The facility will be able to serve the community as a place for receptions and other gatherings. More important though, it will enable the story of the Seabees and Hueneme Harbor to be told as never before.

Key to the Navy's decision to come to Port Hueneme was the existence of the deep water harbor. And as a result of already existing conditions the Navy chose Port Hueneme as the site for its largest Seabee base according to the foundation. Through the efforts of the Harbor District and the Navy millions of tons of critically needed supplies were shipped throughout the Pacific area.