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### **New aircraft wash rack operational**

## **Army and Navy Work Together at Lakehurst**

LAKEHURST, NJ - - On June 29, 2004 Army and Navy officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony to symbolically dedicate the opening of the new aircraft wash rack located in historic Hangar 5 at Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst.

Lakehurst tenant organization, the Army's Communication/Electronic Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) recently completed construction of the new wash rack to help maintain their assigned aircraft.

This self-contained, environmentally compliant facility is located entirely inside a section of the 1100-foot long WWII era hangar. The wash rack cost in excess of \$200,000 to construct and will be available to handle aircraft from Army, Navy, Air Force, National Guard and other Lakehurst aviation tenants. The added bonus is that each user will enjoy the increased capability of cleaning and maintaining their aircraft at a fraction of the cost required to replicate this facility on their own.

According to Captain Mark Bathrick, Commanding Officer for NAES Lakehurst, "this newly dedicated facility stands as a concrete example of what can be achieved through Joint cooperation within our Department of

Defense Team. In addition to its intended use, this facility will serve to continue to explore and examine new, mutually beneficial Joint relationships as we all continue to deliver our products and services to our deploying warfighters with ever greater effectiveness and efficiency.”

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