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## New Bremerton hospital inspired by naval theme

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Washington's military families have a new center for medical needs. After two years of construction, the Naval Hospital in Bremerton has been expanded in a needed renovation, bringing state-of-the-art medical technologies into a healing environment. NBBJ designed the new \$24 million expansion of the hospital.

The Bremerton hospital has a three-story outpatient wing providing 55,000 square feet for family care, a pharmacy and a wellness center offering health education. Inspired by naval ships and vessels, a ceremonial entrance to the hospital has been re-created as the "Quarterdeck," a three-story open area that links the hospital with the addition.

The new hospital wing has drawn positive reviews from Navy personnel and government officials.

"I am pleased by the care that was taken in both the design and construction to give us a new building that expands the capabilities of Naval Hospital Bremerton without detracting from the landscape," said Congressman Norm Dicks. "After seeing this new building, I am struck by the way this design has created its own synergy in this facility, creatively using open areas and natural light to add to the healing nature of the hospital structure itself."



Photo by Jerry Yin/NBBJ

**For the Naval Hospital, NBBJ designers drew inspiration from Naval heritage and the natural beauty of Ostrich Bay.**

NBBJ architects drew inspiration for the hospital design from the rich Navy heritage of the area and natural beauty of Ostrich Bay. The building fits harmoniously into the landscape, preserving views of the environment and using large windows and an open floor plan to maximize daylight. The design aims to provide a welcoming, healing environment and a positive workplace for the employees of the hospital.



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"The Naval Hospital Bremerton addition balances compatibility with the existing hospital with the special, recognizable identity of the new clinic," said NBBJ project designer Jerry Yin. "By taking advantage of the spirit of the Navy and the natural beauty, we produced an innovative health care design for the military community."

Without hindering access to the hospital and views of the landscape, a new 250-car garage is tucked into the hillside in front of the clinic. The garage will also serve as an emergency center during a crisis, a key incentive to include covered parking in the addition.

Naval Hospital Bremerton demonstrates the military's expansion of health care for all branches of the armed forces and their families. The new clinic addition uses a universal planning module of 30 feet by 30 feet, allowing for future flexibility. In addition, the expansive windows provide large amounts of natural daylight that will reduce energy costs. NBBJ incorporated innovative pre-fabrication detailing in the quarter-deck design, which contributed to a fiscally prudent project cost. The hospital wing provides a modern space that reflects the spirit of the Navy, while providing state-of-the-art medical technologies and treatments.

"This new wing aligns perfectly with the chief of naval operations' top priorities," said Captain Diane Lofink, U.S. Navy Chief of Staff, Navy Region Northwest. "This is a state-of-the-art health care facility: it is good for our sailors, good for our active duty personnel in other services, our retirees, their families and is good for our Navy."

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## **Naval Hospital Bremerton, clinic addition**

**Client:**  
U.S. Navy

**Architect:**  
NBBJ

**Construction Manager/General Contractor:**  
Harper/Nielson Dillingham Builders

**Mechanical Engineering:**  
Notkin Engineering

**Structural/Civil Engineering:**  
Skilling Ward Magnusson Barkshire

**Electrical Engineering:**  
Sparling

**Parking:**  
N.G. Jacobson & Associates, Inc.

**Landscape:**  
EDAW/Anderson & Ray with Kathryn Gustafson

**Geotechnical:**  
Golder Associates

**Lighting:** Candela

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