



NAVY INACTIVE SHIPS PROGRAM REVAMPS AND IMPROVES SHIP DONATION INSPECTION PROGRAM

Washington, DC – February 5, 2009 – NAVSEA's Inactive Ships Program (PMS 333) manages the U.S. Navy Ship Donation Inspection Program (SDIP). They monitor the overall material condition and appearance of ship museums through annual inspections by Naval Reserve units across the country.

Employing a Six Sigma approach, DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control), the SDIP Lean Team met with both PMS 333 representatives and the reservists to streamline the inspection review process. They reviewed prior year inspection reports to determine where changes and improvements in the current process could be made.

It was determined that there were many areas for improvement, such as: scheduling inefficiencies, better training needed, improvement of inspection and review, and report procedures. Also, there is a need for the reservists to have greater visibility into the overall process and final inspection documentation.

Future state attempts to address these inefficiencies. The current inspection checklist and procedures will be updated; to focus on areas of greatest benefit to the Navy. Reservists will coordinate and interface directly with the museums for scheduling inspections. PMS 333 will be responsible for administrative items such as providing evidence of last fire/safety inspection and compliance with PCB agreement with the EPA.



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