

## GANG PARTICIPATION IS NOT CONDONED IN FAMILY HOUSING

Regrettably, some of our younger generation finds their way into gangs. Navy Family Housing has had minimal or no gang related incidents/problems. As parents, it is your responsibility to oversee your children's activities and make a significant contribution to their lives. This responsibility means knowing where the young people are, what they are participating in, supporting them and guiding them through the up's and down's of life.

Being a member of a sanctioned group or organization such as the Boy/Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, YMCA/YWCA, Boys or Girls Clubs, church groups or other such establishments, fosters a sense of belonging and instills values to last a lifetime. Being a member of a gang takes the opposite effect. They cause violence, lower self-esteem, foster ill will, cause destruction of private and commercial property, and instill little or no morals.

A military member assigned to government quarters is responsible for the actions of their dependents and guests. Unfortunately, the Naval Base Ventura County will not tolerate gang members, regardless of who the gang member is or what type of gang he/she belongs to. Please remember, military members who have dependents that are members of gangs are in jeopardy of being removed from government housing.

## WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

We want to hear from you. What's bugging you? Can we help you solve a maintenance problem? Are you having problems with your neighbor? Someones pet is being a nuisance? You have a comment or suggestion on something we can do better. You have a concern that others will be interested in – write us an article. Contact us or visit us! We will review your suggestions and take them into consideration.

## HISTORY AT YOUR BACKDOOR

The term "Bard Estates" is significant only to the Department of the Navy. To the Bard family, the term is meaningless. The place was known to the Bard family as "Berylwood." The Bard Estates is a portion of the Naval Base Ventura County. This estate consisted of the grounds surrounding the residences of United States Senator Thomas R. Bard (California, 1900-1905). Senator Bard and his family between-1871 –1920 developed it. The estate was leased by the Navy on May 23, 1944 and later purchased by acquisition under condemnation on February 28, 1951 for the amount of \$149,500.

The house is an attractive combination of one-story and two-story portions made of wood frame with wood exterior siding and a composition roof. This delightful early 20<sup>th</sup> Century country home has an interior floor plan of 4,717 square feet, 7 bedrooms and 4 ½ baths. Original cost is unknown, appraised value in 1946 was \$17,000. On September 17, 1977, The Thomas R. Bard Estate "Berylwood" was entered in the National Register of Historic Place. Now, that's a fact we can all be proud of at the Naval Base Ventura County.