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Conrad Shipyard Delivers YRBM 57

Amelia, Louisiana – Conrad Shipyard proudly announces the successful delivery of the first Yard, Repair, Berthing, Messing (YRBM) vessel to the U.S. Navy, marking a significant milestone in the shipyard’s longstanding history. The delivery took place today at Conrad’s shipyard in Amelia, Louisiana, where the final inspection by key Navy officials took place.

This YRBM vessel, the first in its class, was designed and constructed by Conrad Shipyard, featuring a new and innovative design tailored to meet the U.S. Navy’s operational needs. The vessel recently completed its Acceptance Trials during the challenging conditions of Hurricane Francine, proving its resilience and readiness for duty.

The delivered YRBM is part of a larger contract with seven more vessels currently under construction. On Wednesday, October 16, distinguished Navy officials visited Conrad’s shipyard in Amelia where construction is taking place and participated in a ceremonial hull plate signing to commemorate the construction of YRBM 61 and YRBM 62.

Reflecting on this achievement, RADM Kevin Smith expressed that the Navy is “really excited to recognize Conrad as a new member of the navy shipbuilding team and their outstanding performance on YRBM 57; a much-needed berthing barge which will greatly improve Sailor Quality of Service.” The vessel will be stationed at its initial homeport in Japan, where it will serve to enhance naval operations in the region.

Johnny Conrad, CEO of Conrad Shipyard, expressed his pride in the team’s efforts: “We are honored to deliver this first YRBM to the U.S. Navy. It’s a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire workforce. This vessel will play a critical role in supporting U.S. Navy troops, and we are proud to be a part of that mission.”



This delivery not only reinforces Conrad Shipyard's commitment to excellence but also highlights the company's role in strengthening national defense through innovative shipbuilding.



Pictured (left to right): René Leonard, Johnny Conrad, Steven Maurer, CDR Miller, CAPT Mitchell, RADM Smith, CAPT Cannon, CAPT Slaff, Dan Conrad, and Cecil Hernandez.

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About Conrad Shipyard

Conrad Shipyard, headquartered in Morgan City, Louisiana, has been delivering quality vessels to both commercial and government clients since 1948. Specializing in design, construction, and repair, Conrad is a leader in the shipbuilding industry and is proud to support the U.S. Navy.