

## Navy Region Southwest Ends Private Security Contract (NAVY TIMES 17 JAN 11) ... Gidget Fuentes

After a two-year run, Navy, Region Southwest officials have decided to save money and not renew a contract with a private security firm that provided civilian armed guards at several San Diego area installations. The decision affected nearly two dozen civilian guards with AmeriGuard Security Services, who worked their final shifts Dec. 31 at Naval Base San Diego, the Broadway Complex, Naval Base Coronado, Naval Base Point Loma and Naval Air Facility El Centro. The region's decision came after a review of costs for the services. "It's just not something that we need," said region spokes-man Brian O'Rourke. AmeriGuard, based in Fresno, had completed the second year of a potential 10-year contract to provide security guards at the bases. The company provided about \$19 million in guard services over that two-year period. A company official did not return a request for comment. Guard posts and base entry gates at naval installations in the area remain guarded by a combination of Navy Department and uniformed masters-at-arms, O'Rourke said. They will cover any gaps in shifts, along with other non-MA Sailors assigned temporarily to guard duty, he said.