

Bates Dining Hall

AGE

- Bates Dining Hall was originally constructed around 1918

SIZE

- Bates is approximately 47,000 S.F. in size with two primary floors

PURPOSE

- Bates Dining Hall serves over 3000 meals per day to cadets. Bates contains support offices for cafeteria operations, the cadet store and laundry support as well.

HISTORY

- Initial construction of the Mess Hall began in 1918 and the building was later named Bates Dining Hall. Bates has received several alterations during the past 99 years.
- The 2014 Bates Dining Hall Renovation brought Bates Dining Hall up to compliance with all applicable codes (including building, electrical, fire, ADA, energy) and eliminated all known hazardous materials within the building.

NAME

- Bates Hall was named in honor of Richard L. Bates.
- Richard L. Bates, formerly a hotel manager in Carlsbad was hired as “commissary Officer” or Steward in 1918 and given the rank of Captain. He and his wife stayed throughout the remainder of their working lives. Major Bates retired with 25 years service to NMMI in 1943.

