

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AND GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARD 2007 PRESENTED TO AIR FORCE VILLAGE WEST, PROJECT OF THE YEAR!**

### **50+ HOUSING COUNCIL, BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

This year's Project of the Year award was shared by two projects – Air Force Village West, Inc. and Dorado Senior Apartments developed by Simpson Housing Solutions, LLC. Air Force Village West was honored for the innovation and thoughtfulness employed to “reinvent and renew” this project as the needs of its residents changed over time. Built in 1989 to accommodate retired Air Force officers (their spouses, or widows/widowers), Air Force Village West offers different levels of care ranging from independent living to Alzheimer's.

The renovation included a new kitchen, a new dining room for AL residents, and a well-received café, all in recognition that dining should be an experience for people at all levels of care – particularly important in this setting, since the market served is well educated and well traveled. The renovation also included construction of 35 new single-family homes, in response to market demand. New courtyards, and updated entry and other renovations were made to encourage opportunities to socialize and enjoy outdoor space. Air Force Village West plans future renovations and additions to continue to “customize” for their residents.