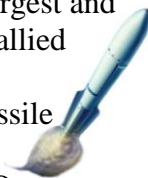


## Menger Hotel Instrumental in Facilitating International Cooperation with NATO Partners

The Menger Hotel supported the U.S. Navy in hosting the 94<sup>th</sup> North Atlantic Treaty Association (NATO) SEASPARROW Project Steering Committee (NSPSC) meeting 2 through 8 November 2011. The hotel staff assisted the USN with the meetings planning and coordination as well as facilitating the conduct of this important international meeting that utilized the Menger's meeting spaces to conduct classified meeting up to the Secret Level. The results included key decisions regarding the project's future direction and a firm way ahead for a \$1 billion dollar program associated with a next-generation ship self-defense missile system for the U.S. Navy and its allies.



The SEASPARROW Project is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's largest and most successful cooperative weapons project. Navies from 20 NATO and allied countries, on every continent (except Antarctica) employ the NATO SEASPARROW Missile or its successor, the Evolved SEASPARROW Missile (ESSM), to meet ship self-defense and other naval warfare requirements. The Chairman of the NATO SEASPARROW Project is Rear Admiral James Syring, USN. Pictured here is RDML Syring presenting a plaque to RDML Rixey, USN, to thank him for providing the meeting's keynote address.



During the conduct of the 94<sup>th</sup> NSPSC Meeting, The Menger Hotel Staff received a project plaque and certificates of thanks for assisting with the planning and execution of the meeting that allowed this important North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting to be a major success as well as ensuring the



international delegates in attendance received a positive impression of the United States and the United States Navy. Pictured to the right is Mr. Hector Venegas, Menger Hotel General Manager receiving the project plaque from Mr. Jim Tackett for the hotel's flawless meeting support. Pictured on the right is Ms. Marcia Sheingold, Menger Hotel Director of Sales appreciation certificate for her outstanding contributions in making the



event a memorable and efficient event.