SUPPOs
Supplying the Fight
A Message from the Chief of Supply Corps

Recognizing the central importance of supply to establishing the Navy, President George Washington laid the foundation for the U.S. Navy Supply Corps in 1775 with the appointment of Tench Francis, a Philadelphia businessman, as the country’s first Purveyor of Public Supplies. Francis provided vital support to the first Navy ships, and started our tradition of selfless service.

The Navy’s trusted providers of supplies, our supply officers (SUPPOs) keep operations running smoothly to support the mission. But they can’t do it alone. Working as a team with their skilled and experienced enlisted members, our SUPPOs are experts in our field who know inventory and financial management, food, retail, postal operations, and disbursing management. They are leaders and problem solvers who tackle complex challenges to implement effective and efficient management solutions, ensuring our customers’ needs are met.

To be “Ready for Sea,” we must be professionally ready with the skills to operate in all our lines of operation. We also need character readiness, demonstrated by our integrity, accountability, initiative, and toughness. Lastly, we need to be individually ready; to be fit, healthy, and ready to meet the demands of the fight.

This issue provides insights from our SUPPOs’ important work as they meet the unique needs of their various commands. Like the pursuers and paymasters who have gone before, SUPPOs uphold our rich heritage, and embrace their responsibilities to support the warfighter with a servant’s heart.

Our SUPPO’s success depends on their character and competence, knowledge of the shore infrastructure, relationships with our professional civilian workforce, and on the enlisted members they lead and serve with. Together, we accomplish the mission, and are winning the fight.

With our holidays approaching, I wish you safe travels, and joyous celebrations with family and friends.

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Team Supply,

In this newsletter edition, we’ll take a look at today’s supply officers (SUPPOs) and the challenges they face in providing the Navy with supply chain management, contracting, inventory control, financial management, expeditionary logistics, disbursing, information systems, operations analysis, material and operational logistics, fuels management, food service, and distribution.

The first Navy SUPPO can be traced back to the period after the Revolutionary War when President George Washington nominated Tench Francis as the first purveyor of public supplies in 1795. This action unified Navy pursers under a single branch.

As I walk around NAVSUP Headquarters, I am reminded of this appointment and the significance it has stood for over the centuries. Not only does NAVSUP Headquarters showcase a copy of the appointment letter from President Washington nominating Tench Francis, but every Purveyor of Public Supplies to the Flag Officers who have served (and are serving) as Chief of Supply Corps are on display. These images represent the continuous public trust in carrying out the duties of the Supply Corps.

Take a moment to read the stories from our SUPPOs and reflect on the significance they represent to the warfighter and its mission. Each SUPPO is often represented by a supporting cast of chiefs, junior officers, enlisted, and civilians. Learn about the process of reviewing and improving the SUPPO training at the schoolhouse. We’ll hear from SUPPOs throughout the field and fleet – Explosive Ordnance Disposal; the Office of Supply Corps Personnel at Navy Personnel Command; a Reservist on a submarine; and the Naval Surface Force Atlantic. Wherever they are, SUPPOs are always ready to deliver.

Lead with character and competence!

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**DoD Launches Online Learning Program to Help Military Survivors of Sexual Assault**

The Department of Defense (DoD) launched an online and mobile educational program to help individuals begin to recover, heal, and build resiliency after a sexual assault.

The self-guided program, called Building Hope & Resiliency: Addressing the Effects of Sexual Assault, can be completed at the user's pace and features information about coping mechanisms, practical relaxation exercises, definitions, links to resources, and referrals for on-going support.

Research shows that some service members, including cadets and midshipmen, have experienced sexual abuse and/or sexual assault prior to joining the military. According to the DoD Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military, approximately 10 percent (556 reports) of total service member victim reports involved incidents that occurred prior to military service. In order to support these individuals, the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO), via a contract with the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN), developed and deployed this anonymous, self-guided educational program on the Safe Helpline.

The program's development was directed by the Secretary of Defense in 2015 in order to meet the needs of the DoD community, including cadets and midshipmen, who may have been victims of sexual abuse and/or assault prior to entering military service.

Recognizing the impact that trauma can have on an individual, this program is part of a comprehensive effort to enhance individual and collective resilience and improve readiness across the department. Users can take a brief, optional self-assessment to gauge the effectiveness of their current coping strategies and whether they may benefit from additional support and resources.

Knowing there is a significant link between childhood sexual victimization and adulthood sexual re-victimization and health problems, we wanted to help service members who experienced sexual assault prior to joining the military learn about topics like healthy relationships and coping strategies, and identify whether they would benefit from additional support and resources, said SAPRO Senior Victim Assistance Advisor Bette Inch. Being able to access this tool anonymously and from the privacy of your own room through the DoD Safe Helpline is key for many service members.

As SAPRO and RAINN continue to seek ways to support survivors, innovative tools like Building Hope offer a safe, convenient and private way to empower individuals in their healing journey.

Members of the DoD community who have been affected by sexual assault can access confidential, anonymous support 24/7 through the DoD Safe Helpline at www.safehelpline.org [http://www.safehelpline.org?source=govDelivery] or by calling 877-995-5247.

Users can learn about and anonymously access the online program both on a computer and on a mobile device. To access the program, a user can visit the Building Hope page on the Safe Helpline website https://safehelpline.org/building-hope-and-resiliency [https://safehelpline.org/building-hope-and-resiliency?source=govDelivery].

Users may also access the online program directly through the Safe Helpline app page titled Building Hope in the Learn section of the app. To learn more about the Safe Helpline app and how to download it to your mobile device visit https://www.safehelpline.org/about-mobile [https://www.safehelpline.org/about-mobile?source=govDelivery].
Supply Advisory Team Update

In November, the 2016 Supply Corps Senior Leadership Symposium brought together more than 200 active and Reserve flag officers, captains and captain selects, as well as Senior Executive Service members, in Leesburg, Virginia. The professional engagement addressed a wide range of Supply Corps topics and provided unique perspectives from across the Navy and the Supply Corps. Each day the symposium focused on a central theme: Setting the Strategic Stage, Professional Development and Our Community, and Professional Topics of Interest.

As a result of these themes and the supporting briefs, three Supply Advisory Teams (SATs) were formed to further explore specific focus areas:

- Mentoring and Career Development, led by Capt. Marty Fields and Capt. Doug Noble, and sponsored by Rear Adm. Pete Stamatopoulos

The SAT focus areas represent strategic opportunities to further develop our people and processes to support the warfighter today and in the future.

SAT information to date, including the SAT kickoff presentation and the mentoring and career development product titled, “Navigating the Mentor-Protégé Relationship” can be viewed at: https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/supplycorps/sat/. As SAT efforts progress and information is added to the site, we will post notifications on the eSUPPO app. Continued support of this effort remains integral to the successful development of ideas that will revolutionize how the Supply Community operates.

Reserve Component Career Playbooks and Community Briefs Available for Download in eSUPPO

The “It’s Your Career” portion of our eSUPPO app has been revised to include content to assist our Reserve Component (RC) officers. Users now have access to newly released “It’s Your Career” playbooks for current and future RC Supply Corps officers. The RC-specific playbooks encompass Reserve affiliation, career planning, professional development, record maintenance, and Reserve retirements. This release also includes community briefs for our Full-time Support (FTS) officers and Selected Reserve officers (SELRES).

The RC playbooks are also available online on the Navy Supply Corps Reserve Community website at http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/officer/Detailing/rlstaffcorps/supply/Pages/ReserveCommunity.aspx.
During a late spring week in Newport, Rhode Island, over 25 Supply Corps officers, senior enlisted, and community stakeholders gathered at the Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) with a single objective – to review schoolhouse training and ensure it is current and fleet relevant. Over a four-day period, NSCS staff worked alongside senior Supply Corps officers and subject matter experts, representing fleets, type commanders (TyCOMs) and agencies, to recommend curricula enhancements. The NSCS Board of Visitors (BoV) resembled biennial Fleet Support Review (FSR), held years ago when NSCS was still in Athens, Georgia. Much like the FSR, the BoV proved to be a valuable forum for validating training requirements and identifying opportunities to improve Supply Officer (SUPPO) training.

The overarching purpose of the NSCS BoV was to ensure that NSCS curricula and processes were aligned with the vision of Supply Corps leadership; that they optimize personal and professional development; and, most importantly, that they meet fleet readiness requirements. The BoV augmented existing processes that are in place to validate individual NSCS courses by operating under a different paradigm – examining Supply Corps officer core competency training as a continuum from accession through senior officer afloat department head. The BoV membership included a principals group composed of senior Supply Corps officers (O-6s) from stakeholder commands and an advisory group composed of action officers, senior enlisted, and senior civilians. This robust and diverse participation from a broad range of fleet experts, was crucial for ensuring different perspectives and fleet experiences were represented.

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A significant amount of planning and preparation was invested into the BoV. Beginning in February 2017 and leading up to the event, NSCS hosted weekly advisory group drumbeat sessions, each focusing on a different curriculum. The advisory group closely examined the training students are exposed to in the Basic Qualification Course (BQC), Supply Officer Department Head Course (SODHC), Senior Supply Officer Department Head Course (SR SODHC), Introduction to Expeditionary Logistics, and the Joint Aviation and Supply Maintenance Material Management course. After 11 drumbeat sessions in which 50 fleet advisory group members representing 14 agencies participated, a broad range of recommended enhancements to NSCS training were identified and prepared for presentation to the BoV.

The initial days of the BoV were dedicated to the advisory group’s closer examination of schoolhouse curricula and refinement of the previous session’s findings. The final two days focused on providing senior leadership with an overview of course training materials, as well as the presentation of the advisory group’s recommended training improvements. The principals group, comprised of 11 senior fleet and TYCOM Supply Corps captains, connected the recommended modifications to curricula and collectively addressed fleet trends and shared ideas about SUPPO pipeline training writ large.

One of the many highlights of the event was an open forum between the senior Supply Corps officers and BQC students. Students were able to ask questions and seek guidance on topics ranging from leadership challenges to the expectations of junior officers afloat. The students relished this opportunity to engage in open dialogue with seasoned officers representing many years of successful naval service.

The BoV culminated with 44 training improvements identified for further inclusion into curricula. The training enhancements varied from emphasizing current fleet trends to the creation of entirely new lesson topics. BoV members validated existing BQC, SODHC, and SR SODHC training on critical topics such as husbanding service provider and financial improvement and audit readiness, with only minor updates. Further, the proposal to create completely new training topics – such as the management of an afloat hazardous materials operation – was an agreed upon action to enhance BQC training.

The value such a forum brings is clear. Assembling fleet stakeholders together in an intimate environment to examine training improves the quality of students’ learning experiences, and by extension, fleet readiness; but the work is not finished. The advisory group will continue quarterly drumbeats to ensure the improvements to training are implemented. Working closely with fleet stakeholders and the Center for Service Support, NSCS will ensure that the new training actions are properly codified into course material. By gathering Supply Corps community leaders and increasing stakeholder engagement, a more robust examination of training requirements was executed, considerably enhancing training and, more importantly, significantly enhancing fleet readiness for years to come.
have allowed me to build on my experience and knowledge from my first tour to help me navigate through a deployment as an expeditionary department head.

My first operational tour was aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). Being on a landing helicopter dock amphibious assault ship enabled me to learn more about the operations of both a surface ship and the attached aviation squadrons, which allowed me to get my Naval Aviation Supply Officer qualification along with my Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer qualification. Particularly with readiness, one thing that stood out was the maturity of the logistics support of both surface and aviation equipment. The vast majority of equipment is supported through wholesale supply inventories and has robust logistics and parts support from Naval Supply Systems Command and Defense Logistics Agency. Once I learned the general concepts behind how the surface and aviation logistics enterprises work, it helped me become a very effective Supply Corps officer in being able to provide necessary readiness support both to the ship and attached squadrons.

Having recently started my second operational tour at Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Expeditionary Support Unit 1, and currently deployed forward on a U.S. Central Command deployment with an EOD mobile unit, I have been able to leverage what I learned on my first tour to assist me with maintaining operational readiness of the equipment used to support the warfighter. To clarify, the equipment that I used to provide logistics support to other departments on my first tour, I now directly own as not just as a Supply Officer (SUPPO), but as an N4. Under this structure, I do more than just provide parts and services (N41). I’m responsible for transportation and movement of forces and equipment (N42), as well as the maintenance and upkeep of that equipment (N43). These additional functions can definitely take a SUPPO out of his comfort zone, beyond the scope of N41 duties. When I was on a ship and equipment suffered a casualty, my role in the solution often was procuring the part for the warfighter as quickly as possible to resume regular operations. However, in the case of my current deployment, if there is an equipment casualty, I might not only be responsible for procuring the part, but, depending on where the part is available, I might also have to work to get it where I need it, while having my maintenance personnel install it to correct the casualty.

As someone once put it quite succinctly to me, one of the major distinctions between the rest of the fleet and expeditionary communities is that while your equipment and weapons systems on submarines, ships, aircraft, etc. are your major assets, when you are assigned to an expeditionary unit, your main assets are often your people. What I mean by this is that in performing missions on traditional fleet assets, you use your equipment and weapons systems. In an expeditionary community, it is often your personnel who directly perform missions and operations. Given this, I have found that being deployed in the expeditionary community has been much more dynamic than what I was accustomed to on my ship. Oftentimes on this deployment, the EOD techs might find solutions to dynamic, real-world problems that need logistical support. This requires constant communication with the EOD techs as they are constantly attempting to solve real-time problems with innovative solutions. I find this to be much different from my ship where my main readiness issues all stemmed from downed equipment or aircraft, where the solution was able to get the right part, which usually can be sourced through the stock system. My issues here are when the part is not readily available and figuring out where I’m going to get it from and how quickly. Supporting EOD operations, I might have to procure material that is needed to support combating the enemy tactics of today, with the understanding that this material will most likely never go through the integrated logistics support process to go into the stock system because, by then, the problems facing EOD techs will have...continued on page 6
changed, and, consequently, the solutions and follow-on logistics support will have changed as well.

I have greatly enjoyed both of my operational tours. Given that the Supply Corps’ function is to support the warfighter, I always wanted to have a wide range of experience in my operational tours so that in my future shore tours, I will have an understanding of how better to support the warfighter across a wider segment of designators.

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Left: Navy EOD conducting military freefall operations out of a C-130.
Lt. Amy Aguirre is one of only two female Navy Reservists to serve as a Supply Officer (SUPPO) or “Chop” on a submarine. In 2015, she was recalled to active duty and serves on the Blue Crew of the USS Wyoming (SSBN 742), an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine. During her last patrol on the Wyoming, Aguirre was promoted to lieutenant and, in the same week, earned her submarine warfare qualification pin – her “Dolphins.”

“I might be walking just a little bit taller now. It’s been such a challenging year. It really is a great feeling to have accomplished that goal,” said Aguirre.

Being the Chop on a submarine is quite different from being a SUPPO on a surface ship. Since submarine duty is considered an independent duty assignment, there is only one SUPPO aboard, supporting a crew size of approximately 160 Sailors. As the Chop, Aguirre is responsible for the operation of the ship’s general stores (S-1) and food service (S-2) divisions. Her duties include procurement, receipt, inventory, issue, survey, and transfer of all material used by the ship as well as operation of the crew’s mess, wardroom, and financial functions.

Given the smaller crew size on submarines, all crew members have multiple roles and watch standing responsibilities. Aguirre’s collateral duties include Hazardous Materials Coordinator; Afloat Environmental Protection Coordinator; Public Affairs Officer; and Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives Key Custodian.

As with all naval vessels, the Wyoming operates 24-hours a day, so everyone is assigned a watch section. There are three sections that rotate every eight hours, and...
everyone rotates to a new schedule every two weeks.

Let's take a look at a day in the life of Lt. Aguirre as the Chop on the day watch during her most recent patrol...

**Up and At ‘Em!**

Lt. Aguirre’s day begins at 0530. Upon awakening, she gets out of bed and gathers her shower necessities, moving quietly, so she doesn’t disturb her two sleeping roommates, who are on different watches. Getting organized the night before is a big help.

As she walks down the hallway to the “head,” the submarine is fairly quiet, although there is some noise, with one-third of the crew always awake and on watch. By 0615, she is on her way to walk through the crew’s mess, galley, and wardroom to make sure everything is prepped and ready for breakfast. She inspects the cleanliness of the spaces and checks the temperature of the chill boxes, milk cooler, and freezers, ensuring that everything is kept at the proper temperature.

**The Watch**

After a quick walk-through of the food service spaces, Aguirre starts her pre-watch tour in the sonar room, then moves on to control to talk with the contact manager she will relieve. “It is imperative to understand the environmental conditions, as well as the contact picture prior to relieving the watch. As contact manager, our job is to use available data from all the sensors that we have to safely position the ship and maximize the distance between us and surface vessels,” stated Aguirre.

After the pre-watch tour, the pre-watch brief begins promptly at 0645, when those with key support roles on the watch gather to talk about what is happening on the sub. The group discusses turn-over items and lessons learned from the previous watch, as well as navigation goals and all planned evolutions and training that need to be accomplished during the watch, and any specific instructions or information contained in the commanding officer’s night orders.

After breakfast, Lt. Aguirre returns to her stateroom to retrieve her sweatshirt. It’s cold on the sub! With coffee in hand, she relieves the watch at 0730. The next eight hours of her day are spent standing watch as the contact manager, where she works closely with the contact management team and makes recommendations to the officer of the deck.

During the watch, the team takes the sub to periscope depth to send and receive communications. The team shares the responsibility of manning the periscope by relieving one another every 10 minutes. After communications are complete, the crew returns to normal operating depth.
At 1435, the oncoming contact manager comes to control in preparation for his or her watch and pre-watch brief. At 1530, the oncoming watch section relieves the watch and the off-going watch team heads to the wardroom for lunch. After lunch, Aguirre’s job as SUPPO begins.

SUPPO Duties

After a quick stop back in her stateroom at 1615, Aguirre grabs her notebook and heads off to the Supply Office to start her daily paperwork at 1630. She reviews daily reports and verifies that computer system back-up has occurred for the previous day. She also reviews all documents for parts issued that day. She must review 100 percent of all parts receipts and issue documents. All receipts must be in compliance with the Department of Defense’s Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness reporting requirements.

Inventory management is a big part of Aguirre’s job. An inventory sampling audit is completed monthly for parts issues, receipts, and all inventories conducted during the month. She verifies electronic stock records against paper documents and does a physical count of parts and subsistence. Since maximum use of space is necessary on the sub, many of the most commonly issued parts are stored in parts lockers in the missile compartment where some of the Sailors sleep. Aguirre uses her “days off” from watch to conduct parts audits during daytime hours when the crew is awake.

At 1945, Aguirre heads to the wardroom for the evening meal. Saturdays are a special time on the Wyoming, as she joins her team for pizza night. The next few hours are spent in the galley making pizzas for the crew. Sailors not sleeping or on watch gather in the crew’s mess to socialize with pizza and a movie. Aguirre stated that she “enjoys serving the crew while working alongside the top-notch culinary specialists on her team, and making some of the best pizza in the fleet!”

Sometime between 2300 and midnight, Aguirre crawls back into bed, ending her day feeling tired, but with a feeling of accomplishment, knowing that she is part of a team of some of the best and brightest the Navy has to offer.

What’s Next?

As a Reservist with limited time left on active duty, Aguirre will go on one more patrol before the sub changes homeport to Norfolk for overhaul. For the time remaining on her orders, she will likely be temporarily assigned to the Naval Submarine Support Center at Kings Bay, Georgia. She said, “It will be interesting for me after having been on a boat...to provide support to the waterfront having had that experience of going out to sea. That will be exciting.”

Lt. Amy Aguirre, assigned to the USS Wyoming (SSBN 742), receives her Dolphins from Cmdr. Chris Gilmore. Photo by YNNSN Austin Bromley
SC CC: Tell me about yourself (education, career, family, assignment history, etc.).
Lt. Catacutan: I grew up in a Navy family and graduated from Louisiana State University, where I met my wife, Jordan. I earned my commission through Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and was part of the first Basic Qualification Course (BQC) class in Newport, Rhode Island in 2011. After graduation, I was assigned as Supply Officer aboard USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After that, I completed the Joint operational logistics internship on the Joint Staff J4 in Washington, D.C. I reported to USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) as a Division Officer in Bremerton, Washington last October.

SC CC: Describe your current assignment.
Catacutan: I am the Materiel Division Officer (S-8). Materiel Division is responsible for the receipt, stowage, issue, and inventory of consumable materiel, along with hazardous materiel (HAZMAT) managed by the HAZMAT branch (S-8A). Our S-8 team maintains 40 storerooms, containing 60,000 line items valued at over $110 million. We work with the other Readiness Divisions, Stock Control (S-1), Aviation Supply (S-6), and Repairables Management Branch (S-6A) to fulfill Stennis' Coordinated Shipboard Allowance List (COSAL), Quality-COSAL and Aviation Consolidated Allowance List requirements. I report directly to the principal assistant for logistics, who is accountable to our Supply Officer (SUPPO) Cmdr. Jason Warner, for the operation and effectiveness of all readiness divisions.

SC CC: You completed your department head tour on a submarine. How has this tour differed from that tour in terms of the scope of your job and daily routine?
Catacutan: In supply terms, the range of my responsibilities on Stennis is slightly narrower than Santa Fe, but the depth is considerably greater. For example, I no longer manage financials or food service as I did on Santa Fe, but I am now responsible for more people (40 versus 10), more inventory ($110 million vs. $25 million) and more spaces. My daily routine now is more focused on supply department operations, whereas my routine during my department head tour required me to stay engaged with ship’s operations and tactical employment. I operated valves and stood watch in the control room to dive, drive and navigate the ship. Though both tours are challenging in their own ways, I think any Supply Corps officer with dolphins would agree that there is nothing quite like being CHOP.

SC CC: What takeaways would you like to share from that experience?
Catacutan: I learned a lot about leadership, teamwork and the tremendous value that Supply Corps officers bring to afloat units, but my biggest takeaway is that you often will learn more from your failures than your successes. Sea duty is TOUGH! I made mistakes and had my share of bad days, but in the process, I was able to learn from those mistakes, grow and develop my management style, and view my failures as teaching points rather than moments to beat up myself.
SC CC: What has been the biggest surprise about your time so far on John C. Stennis?
Catacutan: When I first arrived aboard, I was astonished by the breadth of quality-of-life services provided to the crew and the teams providing those services. Sailors from Stennis’ supply department run two retail stores; numerous vending machines; four Navy Cash® ATMs; a barbershop; three laundry rooms; a post office; a Starbucks® coffee shop (aka Java John’s); a Morale, Welfare and Recreation operation; and multiple fitness centers. These Sailors also service hundreds of staterooms for our senior officers and serve over 15,000 meals a day when Carrier Air Wing Nine is embarked. It’s really quite amazing to witness, and it happens because we focus on our people, processes, and customers.

SC CC: We often speak about the importance of the apprentice/mentor relationship in the Supply Corps. How have your mentors helped to shape your career decisions thus far?
Catacutan: Well, for starters, my mentors helped me get aboard Stennis! But along with that, talking with mentors has allowed me to be more informed about my career decisions because they often ask me questions that I would not think to ask myself. Moreover, my mentors have been able to supplement guidance that OP disseminates by sharing their own personal experiences. I am grateful for that, and it has made all the difference in the world as I plan my next steps.

SC CC: What do you think are the most important skillsets for a junior officer serving afloat to have; and, what advice would you give to young JOs as they head out to their first operational tour?
Catacutan: There are many, but I’ll highlight three that are necessary, but alone not sufficient – communication, time management and critical thinking. Communication skills are important because they are tested every day and in every interaction you have. Being able to understand your audience and deliver an effective and concise message, both written and verbal, will set you apart. Time management is important because there isn’t enough time in the day to complete everything we need to do. So, knowing how to prioritize tasks – personal and professional – and allocate your time to complete them will serve you well. Lastly, on critical thinking, Capt. Fabry (a former Stennis SUPPO) said it best in an interview two years ago as she advised that you should anticipate the secondary and tertiary effects of each action, expect follow-on questions, and think two or three steps ahead – these are surefire ways to establish credibility with your chain of command and peers. On Stennis, we voice this in our motto - “Look Ahead.”

For BQC grads with orders in hand, I say, never let anyone or anything compromise your integrity. Never stop learning. Practice humility, and treat people with respect. Last, but not least, have fun. Enjoy your tour and live out the stories you will tell when you are old. Supply Corps officers, at sea or in expeditionary units, lead teams of motivated young Americans to defend freedom and democracy around the world. If that doesn’t get you pumped, you are in the wrong business!

SC CC: Work/life balance is important to the success of any officer. What keeps you grounded? What work/life balance advice can you share?
Catacutan: My formula is simple. I maximize quality time with my wife; take leave when I can; call my parents, siblings and friends regularly to check in; exercise and eat right; and pray to God to give thanks, and ask for the strength to wake up tomorrow to do it all over again. My advice to others is to identify what you value and be deliberate about scheduling time for it. In the end, you’ll be happier and perform better at work.

SC CC: Where do you hope to go next in your career, and where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Catacutan: I have been fortunate enough to be selected for the Supply Corps’ Civilian Institutions program (810), so I’m headed to get a Master of Business Administration after this tour. Needless to say, Jordan and I are very excited and grateful to have this opportunity. Ten years from now, I see myself at a place where I will make an impact and remain relevant within our community, and I think the lessons and experience I’ve gained serving on the Joint Staff and on two afloat units will help me get there.
Notes from a SUPPO

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Life as a department head afloat aboard USS Anzio (CG 68) was both a difficult and rewarding experience. It is important to remember that you are not alone, and that you are part of the best officer community in the Navy. Do not hesitate to ask for help.

The foundation for a successful department head tour starts well before reporting for duty. Working and establishing lines of communication with fleet subject matter experts (SMEs), such as the Navy Supply Corps School, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Centers (FLCs), type commanders (TY-COMs), and the Afloat Training Group (ATG) were invaluable throughout my tour. For instance, I learned who the key players in each area of my operation were during my Supply Officer Department Head Course and Intermediate Stop (I-Stop) at my TY-COM – Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic. Those experts shared invaluable information with me regarding current issues in the fleet and ways to overcome them. The return on investment, for meeting face-to-face with SMEs and proactively ensuring all stakeholders are informed of problems you encounter during your tour, is well worth the time and effort.

Learning from and working with SMEs is just the beginning. An equally valuable next step is to learn with and from your peers. Work with your fellow department heads, immediate-superior-in-command (ISIC) and other ships in your battle group. Communication with all these players is critical to mission success. For example, engineering and operations departments will help support you with scheduling, upkeep of equipment, and other areas which have a direct impact on your day-to-day operations. Your ISIC and fellow Supply Officers (SUPPOS) on other ships are also able to harness resources to meet emergent needs, whether it is for provisions or transfer of a high priority part. During your tour, it is likely you will face unique scenarios and questions that are not easily found in instructions. Don’t be afraid to contact your TYCOM or nearby Supply Corps officers – probably the same people you met during your I-Stop. They are ready to support you or might have worked through the same issue.

Deployment and long periods of time away from homeport can be demanding. I strongly recommend your supply team identifies problems and makes note of hard-to-get items as early as possible. For me, it was coffee creamer, hazardous material (HAZMAT) and compressed gasses. Coffee creamer shortages were resolved by adding it to our “always order” list since re-supply was occasionally hit or miss. Long-term planning with my fellow department heads allowed us to get ahead of HAZMAT requirements and manage the shipment limitations and long lead times.

Additionally, with endless meetings and emergent daily tasks, to support sustained operations while on deployment, it is easy to neglect administrative requirements. Despite the fast-paced requirements at sea, you must maintain and groom your operation in accordance with TYCOM directives on a daily basis; this will build muscle memory for procedural compliance. Performing afloat self-assessments, regardless of where you are in the Optimized Fleet Response Plan cycle, is critical to ensure standards are sustained.

During Anzio’s 2016 deployment, external support from the supply team aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75); the combat logistics officer, Commander, Task Force (CTF) 53/CTF63; and other ships enabled my team to be successful despite many obstacles. Early communication of our requirements to the respective fleet was critical, particularly in the planning of our port visits. The old adage that change is the only constant proved to be true with the newly implemented off ship bill pay (OSBP) and husbanding service provider (HSP) programs. We had to ensure our entire team was aware of this new process. Proactive and frequent communication with the TYCOM and respective fleet representatives proved to be critical. The newly revamped OSBP and HSP programs met all the needs of our crew with great results and no negative impact to our operations.

Left to right: LS2 Christopher Towle and IS3 Kyle Perez receiving a shipment.
Post-deployment operations and sustainment phase presented different dilemmas. It is a challenge to keep your crew focused on administrative requirements, particularly while in homeport. However, you must continue to enforce and maintain high standards. Continue to monitor your operation and ensure your personnel obtain the training they need from ATG, NAVSUP FLC, and the TYCOM. This is the time to recharge your batteries in your personal and professional lives, but, for us, sustainment phase and the Board of Inspection and Survey preparations occupied much of our time. There never seemed to be enough time to get everything accomplished, but, with the help of my fellow department heads and crew, we were able to overcome and complete all milestones ahead of schedule. The key to our success was hard work, prioritization and constant communication.

My take away for other SUPPOs and future SUPPOs is two-fold – develop your Sailors and officers and own your department.

1. Develop your Sailors. Seek out mentoring opportunities for your junior officers whenever possible. Encourage attendance at OP roadshows and capitalize on meetings, formal and informal, like office calls with senior Supply Corps officers. They are both great opportunities to grow professionally. Train your personnel to do things by the book and discourage them from doing something because “this is how we have always done it.” Looking up references will allow you and your Sailors to cultivate a questioning attitude and develop their level of knowledge.

2. Own your department. Stay on top of things. Anticipate questions. Know your department, the policies, procedures, and how to operate to stay ahead of issues. Develop solutions and present a way forward before briefing your commanding officer (CO) and executive officer (XO). This requires all your resources; don’t forget to involve your division officers, chiefs and leading petty officers. If you don’t have a plan, your CO and XO will make a plan for you. It is better for you to be prepared. Having a plan ahead of time takes the pressure off your CO and XO and also shows that you are being proactive.

You have a strong community of professionals to help you each step of the way, but you must drive your own destiny. Be the expert, stay positive, and ensure that you, your crew, and leadership are taken care of to the best of your ability. ☀️

Left to right: Ensign Gregory Schwarga, Lt. Tony Luevano, Ensign Lauren Kandt
Tactical to Strategic: Naval Special Warfare Logistics Specialists Support Operations in East Africa

BY LT. J.G. DYLAN G. HAYDEN, SC, USN
SEAL TEAM FOUR

Logistics Specialists from Naval Special Warfare Logistical Support Unit 2 attached to SEAL Team FOUR completed a six-month deployment to austere locations in the AFRICOM area of responsibility. While in East Africa, two logistics specialists served in critical roles as the forward J4 and program managers, supporting counter violent extremist organizations (C-VEO) operations under Special Operations Command Forward- East of Africa (SOCFWD-eA). Logistics Specialists LS1 Freddie DeJesus and LS2 Jeffrey Ziegler were tasked as paying agents with a $10 million budget in support of one of the largest Department of Defense programs of its kind. Together they executed the multi-million dollar program at the tactical level, leading Joint service members and civilian personnel to conduct their daily mission.

As a SOCFWD-eA outstation J4, their responsibility was to ensure the readiness of the U.S. personnel camp, while also working with a local Somali Partner Force. DeJesus and Ziegler engaged the Partner Force J4 and executive officer on a daily basis. Their duties included supervising the payment of salaries to the Partner Force troops, along with the issue of gear, supplies and equipment. Not only did they interact with the Partner Force on a supervisory level, but they mentored and trained Partner Force J4 personnel in property management, storekeeping, financial management, and the overall accountability of gear and equipment. At the conclusion of the deployment, DeJesus and Ziegler were personally recognized by the Partner Force General during a ceremony thanking them for their outstanding effort.

In addition to mentoring the Partner Force, DeJesus and Ziegler also led a Joint force to ensure mission preparedness of their austere camp to include camp maintenance, support to all critical life support systems, and vehicles maintenance. They also submitted orders for all classes of supply, including Class I (subsistence) and coordinating aerial deliveries.

Their exceptional financial management, liaison skills, and expeditionary decision making were critical to the successful accomplishment of their outstation’s mission. Their resourcing efforts ensured their outstations remained properly equipped to maintain the highest operational tempo in program history, directly supporting mission success during 64 complex and politically sensitive combined operations during a six-month deployment. Additionally, DeJesus played a key role in support of his outstation’s 12-day operation, the first enabled C-VEO operation of its kind against an extremist organization in East Africa.

Thanks to their logistical knowledge, leadership and initiative, their team directly enabled the significant degradation of a VEO area of influence within their region and directly impacted strategic level operations through their tactical skills.

LS1 Freddie DeJesus, SEAL Team FOUR Combat Service Support Troop, witnesses the bookkeeping of partner forces during salary payment.
EODESU TWO Celebrates 10th Anniversary!

2017 MARKS LOGISTICS COMMAND MILESTONE

BY LT. FRANKLIN J. JENSEN, JR., SC, USN
SUPPLY OFFICER, EOD EXPEDITIONARY SUPPORT UNIT TWO

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Expeditionary Support Unit (EODESU) TWO is proud to announce its 10th year as the premier logistics support command for all East Coast EOD and Diving Salvage units, including supply, ordnance, transportation, tactical communications support, field services, facility maintenance and programming, weapons inventory control and repair, boat and engine maintenance, and dive locker and hazardous material handling.

EODESU TWO was commissioned on June 15, 2007 in a ceremony at Rockwell Gym on Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek. The 10th year commemoration was celebrated onboard Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, with a command run-swim-run (1.5 mile run, 800 meter open ocean swim, 1.5 mile run), followed by a 15-man helicopter cast and recovery display by members of the command and EOD Mobile Units, and finally a command picnic.

Commanding Officer Cmdr. Richard Wilhelm stated, “Our emphasis over the coming years will be on continued process improvement, greater harmonization between the national stock system and maintenance requirements, keeping pace with EOD specific technologies by working closely with program offices and commercial industry, and focusing on deeper management and development of our personnel in order to recruit the best talent to support the EOD Mobile Unit and Dive Salvage units as they move into the future.”

In an era of increased military presence around the world, the EOD technician is at the forefront of each and every operation around the globe. But, as we all know, behind every operation, every initiative, and every warfighter is a logistician ensuring the material, mobility, and maintenance requirements are met to enable the mission.

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Cmdr. Richard Wilhelm loads into a CH-53 at Green Landing Zone in preparation for a cast and recovery training with EODESU TWO.
Greetings from USS America (LHA 6)
Team Supply Wardroom

From Left: Lt. Cmdr. Ricardo Collazos (ASUPPO); Cmdr. Ernan Obellos (SUPPO); Lt. j.g. Andrew Feeney (PAS/DISBO/S-9); Lt. j.g. Brittany Baker (S-3); Lt. John McNeil (S-1)

From Right: Lt. Rommel Benevides (S-6); Lt. j.g. Holly Doerr (WARDO); Lt. Marcus Caldwell (S-8); Lt. j.g. Tiara Anderson (S-6); CWO2 Morio Hall (FSO)
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NAVY Supply Corps School Gets More Hands-on!

BY LT. MICHAEL MARCHESE, SC, USN
NAVY SUPPLY CORPS SCHOOL

Here in Newport, the Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) is always looking to build upon and improve the learning experiences for our students. Most notably, the addition of hands-on learning opportunities has been a critical component in this endeavor. The Basic Qualification Course (BQC) and Supply Officer Department Head Course (SODHC), instruct Supply Corps officers on the full spectrum of supply-related duties, including supply management, food service, retail operations, and disbursing management. Incorporated within those positions are many other tasks that Supply Corps officers routinely perform throughout the fleet, such as managing hazardous material (HAZMAT), coordinating environmental protection, and supervising contracting efforts, to name a few. Our Corps’ “toolbox” of skills is always expanding, so NSCS took initiative to expand corresponding curriculum and learning experiences.

On June 6, 2017, our latest expansion came in the form of a mock-up HAZMAT office and storeroom. The HAZMAT mock-up provides yet another opportunity for prospective division officers and department heads to hone their skills. Lt. Michael Marchese and Jeff McCra, NSCS Supply Management instructors, stood up the new HAZMAT office and stowage area, encompassing various HAZMAT containers, educational charts, a flammables locker, an eyewash station, a spill kit, and a HAZMAT officer’s workspace.

Using this space, students now have the ability to simulate a number of tasks that they may soon be conducting in the fleet. Students are provided the opportunity to visually inspect the HAZMAT space for cleanliness and organization, paying special attention to material stowage compatibilities. They will verify that the Material Data Sheets on file are accurate and match material on the shelves. Moreover, students will verify that all proper equipment (i.e. signage, personal protective equipment, spill kit, eyewash station) is on hand and properly installed in the space.

Since its transition to Naval Station Newport in 2011, NSCS has conducted extensive hands-on training by use of full-scale models known as mock-ups. Initial mock-ups included spaces typically found across supply management, food service, and retail operations (e.g. VIDMARs, galley, and ship’s store). Over time, the number of mock-ups provided has increased with continual demand from BQC and SODHC students asking for more hands-on experiences.

While “punching pubs” continues to be a Supply Corps staple, the current generation of Supply Corps officers thirst for more kinesthetic learning opportunities. After reviewing Supply processes in a classroom setting, observing and performing those processes in the mock up greatly enhances their comprehension and retention of the material. The HAZMAT mock-up is the latest expansion of this learning method. As we continue to improve curriculum delivery methodology and techniques, we keep in mind the ultimate goal of getting our BQC graduates “Ready For Sea”!
The Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) dedicated its latest heritage exhibition to the late Cmdr. Raymond J. Smith, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy. After his passing in 2015, as a part of Smith’s estate, the Smith family contributed a monetary donation and a series of lithographs and other items from Smith’s career to NSCS. The Smith family formally presented these contributions to NSCS on June 9, 2017.

Smith was born Dec. 15, 1920 in New York City. Enlisting in the Navy during World War II, he was assigned to various shore installations in the New York area, supplying critical materials in support of the Atlantic Fleet Destroyer Escort squadrons for convoy operations to Europe. Promoted through the enlisted ranks, Smith ended the war assigned aboard the USS Hanson (DD 832) in the disbursing division as the lead petty officer Disbursing Storekeeper 1st Class.

After his completion of active duty in December 1945, then Petty Officer Smith took full advantage of the new GI bill offered to all servicemen after the war. He graduated from the University of New York with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He would later decide to rejoin the Navy, receiving a commission as a Supply Corps officer in 1949.

Upon graduating from NSCS Bayonne, New Jersey, in April of 1951, then Ensign Smith served in the Navy Reserve Force until the Korean War, when he was recalled to active duty and assigned to the USS Orion (AS-18) in Norfolk, Virginia. As the assistant supply officer and disbursing officer, he supported Submarine Squadron Six operations in the Atlantic during the early years of the Cold War. In October 1952, he returned to Reserve duty and held various Supply Corps billets supporting the Naval Reserve component commands until his retirement on December 15, 1980, with 34 years of combined service.

Following his military career, Smith remained an advocate for U.S. Navy non-profits and supported numerous charity events.

The exhibition is currently displayed on the second deck of the west wing at the NSCS Wheeler Center.
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Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist
CS2 Robert M. Gatti, USN
CS3 Elijah C. Clarke, USN
USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)

CSI Sedrick Daniels, USN
LS2 Ross Magee, USN
CS2 Deonte King, USN
SH2 Jasmine Bell, USN
SH2 Eric Watkins, USN
LS3 Mason Holt, USN
LS3 Diamond Parham, USN
LS3 Gareth Stuckey, USN
LS3 Yahaad Turner, USN
CS3 Guadalupe Rincon, USN
CS3 Chans Sainvilus, USN
CS3 Hoitay Siu, USN
CS3 Keenan Young, USN
LSSN Aliyah Shakir, USN
CSSN Alvin Benjamin, USN
CSSN Tejash Pradhan, USN
SHSN Marcus Pratt, USN
SN Isaiah Ratcliff, USN
AN Gregory Ingraham, USN
AN Kyle Vandermuelen, USN
USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77)

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Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist
SH3 Emilio R. Gonzalez, USN
CS3 Marlexis J. Cintron, USN
CS3 David C. Ackley, USN
CS3 Elijah C. Clarke, USN
CS3 Asia S. Ward, USN
CSSN Montrel C. Turrentine, USN
CSSN Wesley D. Beaton, USN
CSSN Eugenio I Lopatynsky, USN
CSSN Jeffrey E. Kientzler, USN
CSSN Sodou W. Amoussi, USN
CSSN Colin M. Butler, USN
CSSN Marshaun M. Reed, USN
CSSN Anthony T. Gaitor, USN

CSSN Vanessa K. Vouzonis, USN
CSSN Trinity D. Peet, USN
CSSN Blake A. Betnz, USN
CSSN Breon Q. Jones, USN
CSSN Tavon S. Smith, USN
CSSN Tashira B. Haris, USN
CSSN Michael C. Phillips, USN
CSSN Hollis K. Marshall, USN
CSSN Zomari B. Baker, USN
CSSN Juss T. Mclaurin, USN
LSSN Deion D. Davidson, USN
USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)

LS1 Jennifer Gibbs, USN
LS2 Jason Budyach, USN
LS2 Lionel Gallegos, USN
LS2 Bon Ku, USN
CS2 Justin Nicholson, USN
LS3 KC Chambers, USN
LS3 Sean Dougherty, USN
LS3 Alexis Greene, USN
LS3 Claudia Toscano, USN
CS3 Jerome Abella, USN
CS3 Miles Bagby, USN
CS3 Maya Brown, USN
CS3 Andy Capeles, USN
CS3 Leslie Perez, USN
CS3 Andres Trejo, USN
CS3 Moniesha Williams, USN
CS3 Keenan Young, USN
CSSN Miyikandra Adams, USN
CSSN Rodolfo Decastro, USN
CSSN Alexander Melo, USN
CSSA Chikere Zakka, USN
USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77)

LS3 Kristin Alford, USN
SH3 Marcus Canne, USN
SH3 Arianna Cruz, USN
CSSN Mark Barrientos, USN
CSSN Cherrrell Malone, USN
SHSN Brian Montalvo, USN
USS Ross (DDG 71)
FY18 Supply Reserve Chief Petty Officer Results

Congratulations to the following Supply community personnel who have been selected for promotion to Chief Petty Officer by the FY18 Reserve E7 Selection Board.

Chief Culinary Specialist
Koffi Adjalle
Kevin Atangan
Roderick Baker
Joven Ranayat Jr.
Marcos Banda
Patricia Bermudez
Charles Blanton
Richard Bouranel
Moses Brathwaite Jr.
William Brewer
Damon Brown
Zachary Brown
Kalin Byrd
Stanley Campbell
Dementrain Chew
Ariel Coley
Jesus Collazo
Marco Colldimayo
Lucille Conley
Carmen Cruz
Cynthia Cruz
Juan CruzRodríguez
Laura Dedman
Francis Delrosario
Ainahau Desha
Terrell Downs
David Faydelarosa
Erica Fennell
Osman Fernandez
Adam Fletcher
Brian Flournoy
Marshall Ford II
Anthony Foster
James Frazier
Avegail Frigillana
Crystal Graham
Byron Green
Keis Hamilton
Kevon Henry
Cornelius Hepburn
Jeffrey Herrera
Zikiyah Hobson
Shamar Hope
Ferlissia Hunnicutt
Jason Jefferson
Sonny Jimenez
Tiffara Jones
Werner Kamaunu
Cory Kennedy
Corey Knatt
Ronaldo Lanuza
Shamika Lee
Jeffrey Legaspi
Cortney Lewis
Jonathan Lewis II
Joseph Magri
Joe Mattia
Cory Mcclain
Alfredo Medina
Angel Melendez
Cory Mills
John Mobiley
Eric Moore
Antonio Morton
Waltine Nauta
Veronyka Noble
Shannon Oneill
Jeffrey Palacpac
Patrick Parigi
Martin Parker
Joseline Paulino
Candyce Pendleton
Kenaitza Pore
Michelle Prendingue
Matthew Reikowski
Travis Rhinchart
Andre Rigm快餐
Luis RomeroMartinez
Jesus Ron
Veronica Sebree
Magalie Shaw
Montrean Smith
Jason Stevenson
Richard Trignano Jr.
Mario Urbina
Jorge Vargas
David Wade
Fredrick Whisner II
Melvin Williams
Jamie Wyckoff
Nicholas Zaricor
Sean Zugsmith

Chief Logistics Specialist
(Selected Reserves)
Cesar Acosta
Joshua Alfing
Francisco Amador
Natalie Bailey
William Bland
James Bossier
Martha Cervania
Semi Chain
Kevin Chalmers
Jeffrey Clarke
Latonia Coverson
Saul Duran
Leroy Flynn
Orane Golding
Sharon Kossa
Maria Mahar
Dario Maldonado
Tia Marko
David Mathews
Michael Mccloud
Liza Montgomery
Ernest Munoz
Alexis Nelson
Robert Patterson
Rodney Pullen
Christopher Stauffer
Brent Teasley
Michell Valencia
Jesse Williams Sr.
Jeffrey Wisdom
Craig Wright

Chief Ships Serviceman
(Selected Reserves)
Deron Tillman

FY18 Supply Active Duty Chief Petty Officer Results

Congratulations to the following Supply community personnel who have been selected for promotion to Chief Petty Officer by the FY18 Active Duty E7 Selection Board.

Chief Culinary Specialist
Koffi Adjalle
Kevin Atangan
Roderick Baker
Joven Ranayat Jr.
Marcos Banda
Patricia Bermudez
Charles Blanton
Richard Bouranel
Moses Brathwaite Jr.
William Brewer
Damon Brown
Zachary Brown
Kalin Byrd
Stanley Campbell
Dementrain Chew
Ariel Coley
Jesus Collazo
Marco Colldimayo
Lucille Conley
Carmen Cruz
Cynthia Cruz
Juan CruzRodríguez
Laura Dedman
Francis Delrosario
Ainahau Desha
Terrell Downs
David Faydelarosa
Erica Fennell
Osman Fernandez
Adam Fletcher
Brian Flournoy
Marshall Ford II
Anthony Foster
James Frazier
Avegail Frigillana
Crystal Graham
Byron Green
Keis Hamilton
Kevon Henry
Cornelius Hepburn
Jeffrey Herrera
Zikiyah Hobson
Shamar Hope
Ferlissia Hunnicutt
Jason Jefferson
Sonny Jimenez
Tiffara Jones
Werner Kamaunu
Cory Kennedy
Corey Knatt
Ronaldo Lanuza
Shamika Lee
Jeffrey Legaspi
Cortney Lewis
Jonathan Lewis II
Joseph Magri
Joe Mattia
Cory Mcclain
Alfredo Medina
Angel Melendez
Cory Mills
John Mobiley
Eric Moore
Antonio Morton
Waltine Nauta
Veronyka Noble
Shannon Oneill
Jeffrey Palacpac
Patrick Parigi
Martin Parker
Joseline Paulino
Candyce Pendleton
Kenaitza Pore
Michelle Prendingue
Matthew Reikowski
Travis Rhinchart
Andre Rigm快餐
Luis RomeroMartinez
Jesus Ron
Veronica Sebree
Magalie Shaw
Montrean Smith
Jason Stevenson
Richard Trignano Jr.
Mario Urbina
Jorge Vargas
David Wade
Fredrick Whisner II
Melvin Williams
Jamie Wyckoff
Nicholas Zaricor
Sean Zugsmith
Chief Culinary Specialist
(Submarines)
Donta Allen
Andrew Barron
Jason Brackett
James Cox
Daniel Dunn
Christopher Engman
Eric Farmer
Nicholas Gagner
Steven Green
Beau Hyatt
Robert Keeffe
Christopher Kittinger
Marcus Knueppel
Evan Melton
Van Orr
Paul Penrose Jr.
Henry Rodriguez
Joshua Seelinger
Russell Vandeusen
Joseph White

Chief Logistics Specialist
Emmalyn Advincula
Jermaine Alcantara
Timothy Ankrom
Patricia Appleby
Exequiel Asuncion
Etienne Attobra
Jerome Ballaian
Minnel Balkum
Jennifer Banes
Gary Barbosa
Bryan Barnaby
Willie Bates
Ace Bernardino
Charles Book
Jeffrey Brant Jr.
Jonathan Brantley
Christopher Brengle
Maurice Britt III
Lisselot Brooks
Shannon Brosnan
Ernestine Burton
Terry Bynum
Marco Cahan
Jose Camposfiores
Sharon Cames
Mateo Canelahernandez
Noah Capulong
Jonathan Catangay
Guy Coleman
Reginald Corpuz
Joseph Cupp

Larry Cybulski
Wilson Dacasin
Kibwe Dacosta
Meisteffani David
Lucinda Davis
Sherry Dawkins
Eunice Defro Jr.
Freddie Dejesus
Dexter Devonish
Rogelio Diaz Jr.
Gene Dizon
Charles Ecklar
Shauntiez Fair
Marion Farrales
Wilda Fernandez
Yashika German
Tamara Gholson
Kevin Goleman
Dwight Gooding
Jacqueline Gozo
Margaret Graving
Julius Green
Alisha Groff
Jerwin Guanga
Nadine Gue
Victor Ha
Michael Harder
Sofia Hernandez
Jonathan Herr
Larry James Jr.
Adam Jerasa
Ben Joseph
Thomas Joyce III
Nicholas Kankam
Chazwani Kelly
Samuel Kenyonso
Kenneth Kirkconnell
Michael Kleva
Mario Lacey
Floyd Ladd
Aaron Lambert
John Laughlin Jr.
Nikendra Lavender
Phuc Le
Jin Lee
Michael Lee
Candice Lewis
Oral Lewis
Jian Lin
Surangkhana Lofthus
Emilia Lopez
Brian Love
Todd Lowe
Roberto Lucero

Adam Martinez
Andres Matos Jr.
Daniel Matthews
Steve Mayo
Martha Mayoral
Nicholas Mcclair
Leon Mcclinton
Marlon Mcdonald
Frenesha Mcmillon
Charles Mcneely
Vincent Miller
Jonathan Miranda
Thomaskrittofie Molina
Jill Monaghan
Courtney Montgomery
Joshua Moore
Alex Morrison
Marco Murillo
Walter Murillo
Jalea Muse
Christopher Napalan
Joanathel Niblo
Alvin Norman Jr.
Rommel Nungal
Waldemar Paganrivera
Nicholas Pearson
Joelle Pena
Leomark Penados
Ricardo Perezchoa
Loc Phan
Joseph Phillips
Kristie Pierre
Norma Porter
Petricia Preston
Websteral Pulanco
Angelica Ramirez
Tabitha Ramirez
Anthony Reanue
Jarvis Reed
Jamie Reis
Jaron Rice
Karime Rivera
William Robertson
Gina Robles
Vanessa Rodriguez
Gustavo Roldanacastillo
Amera Rose
Anthony Rourick
Jason Ryan
Rachel Ryan
Ronald Saucedo
Andrew Schweitzer
Camilo Silva
Geisser Simo

Drupaul Singh
Michael Sisk
Erolinda Skewes
Darnisha Smith
Keny Smith
Hodewou Sokpoh
Anthony Solis
Cecil Stokes Jr.
Matthew Suman
Ebony Sutherland
Artemio Tabafunda
Marco Teran
Jihad Thomas
Edom Tibebe
Rachellellope Tomaroey
Dustin Tuttle
Ashley Ursua
Jorge Vega
Dustin Vest
Javier Villacismartinez
Corey Waitha
Treesje Washington
Gentowon Wehye
Brian Weil Jr.
Matthew Wells
Kandice Williams
Jerry Wilson
Desire Wingate
Loren Winters
Timothy Woodard
Mohammed Yakubu
Aldwinvincent Yamzon

Chief Logistics Specialist
(Submarines)
Daniel Dumitrache
Christopher Myers
Jason Norman

Chief Ships Serviceman
Autumn Adams
Byron Andrade
Venesia Brown
Tristan Bugayong
Ian Chenkin
Keith Cockrell Jr.
Deon Drayton
Ryan Herndon
Terrell Jackson
Johnny Kendrick Jr.
Seth Lowry
Joann Maldonado
Sherman Ryan
Patricia Sanders
FY 18 Supply Corps Major Command Ashore Results

The officers listed below have been selected for command in calendar year 2018:

O-6 Major Command Ashore
   Kristin Acquavella
   Brian J. Anderson
   George E. Bresnihan
   Daniel D. Davidson
   Frederick M. Dini
   Nathan Johnston
   Bernard D. Knox
   Frank E. Nevarez
   William J. Parrish
   Nickolas L. Rapley
   Lorenzo E. Williams

In this screen, there were officers who were not selected for command because of limited opportunity, but whose record clearly meets selection criteria. Should a need arise during the CY18 detailing cycle for an additional officer to fill a screen-required assignment, these officers identified as Qualified Insufficient Opportunity (QIO) shall be considered qualified:

O-6 Major Command Ashore (QIO)
   Patrick S. Brown
   Terrel J. Fisher
   Paul A. Haslam
   Robert A. Keating
   James R. Macaranas
   Paul D. Melvey

FY18 Supply Corps Commander Operational/Command Ashore Screen Results

The following officers have been selected by the Supply Corps Commander Operational/Command Ashore Board held June 21-22, 2017. This year’s selectees are:

PYG 16 O-5 Command Ashore
   Terri L. Gabriel
   David J. Huber
   Carl W. Koch
   Cass K. Madson
   Christopher A. Newell
   David W. Pavlik
   Melissa A. Williams

PYG 16 O-5 Command Ashore Qualified Insufficient Opportunity (QIO)
   Eric D. Lockett
   Joseph C. Pestar Jr.
   Horacio G. Tan

PYG 16 O-5 Command Ashore Qualified Insufficient Opportunity (QIO)
   Patrick W. Brown
   Kenneth J. Jackson
   Edelio P. Joloya
   Frank D. Miller
   Joseph H. Peth
   Michael R. Schilling
   John H. Tipton

PYG 17 O-5 Operational
   Deborah K. Davis-Reid
   Timothy R. Freeman
   John A. French
   Andrew E. Henwood
   Joshua R. Hill
   David K. Jones Jr.
   Frank W. Sherman
   Monica R. Tate

FY18 Supply Corps Active Component Commander Selections

Congratulations to the following Supply Corps officers who have been selected for promotion to the rank of Commander.

Thomas E. Arnold
Rasaq A. Balogun
Kristina J. Bicking
Michael C. Bishop
Joseph R. Bossi
Timothy J. Calvo
David M. Carroll
Abdul R. Ceville
Tanya K. Cormier
Anthony R. Dicola
John C. Donnelly
Andre L. Fields
David S. Fuchs Jr.
Brian L. Garbert
Terry C. Grigsby
John P. Hagan
Jackie B. Hurse
William M. Jakubowicz
Marcus L. Jones
Richard D. Jones
Christopher R. Kading
Mordocai Kiflu
Christopher M. Lounsberry
Taquina T. Luster
Brian P. Madden
Michael H. Malone
Daniel W. Metz
Jason A. Morgan
Owen B. Morrissey
Sean A. Neer
Quy P. Nguyen
Sean J. Nuila
Leopoldo Ochoa Jr.
David J. Ozeck
Andrew M. Phillips
Nicole C. Ponder
James A. Prosser
Jeciskin Ramsey
Matthew B. Reed
Kevin C. Richardson
Dena B. Risley
Brandilyn N. Roberts
Christopher F. Roesner
Franklin B. Semilla
Bran M. Sherman
Matthew J. Shiels
Jaime J. Siqueiros
Tamara T. Sonon
Joseph K. Spede
Shane D. Staten
Jesse K. Taijeron
Douglas H. Thompson
Michael L. Tucker
Nicholas A. Ulmer
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Michael P. Yunker

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Admiral Stan Arthur Award Winners

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith recently announced the winners of the 2016 Admiral Stan Arthur Awards, which highlight military and civilian logisticians who epitomize excellence in logistics planning and execution. Major Darren Gallagher, NAVSUP Global Logistics Support (gLS), has been named 2016 Military Logistician of the Year. The Logistics Team of the Year is the Naval Supply Systems Command’s Logistics Cell (LOGCELL) Team.

Military Logistician of the Year

While serving as Director of the Crisis Response Cell, NAVSUP GS AMMO, Gallagher revolutionized ordnance logistics support to the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR). Gallagher’s unparalleled drive and his incomparable ability to think outside of the box resulted in the establishment of a new air channel to resupply critical warfighter ordnance requirements into forward deployed airbases. This new channel is now used as the preferred transportation route for other classes of supply moving across the Department of Defense into this AOR. This effort included streamlining the diplomatic clearance process, evaluating of staging areas, analyzing the capability to provide explosive arcs for protecting military and civilian personnel, and the establishing of new ground transportation routes.

Gallagher’s far-reaching logistics insight and knowledge, as well as his deep comprehension and recognition of potential complications, were critical in the planning and execution phases for the implementation of AEGIS Ashore. His innovative thinking and determination to overcome any barriers have saved untold man-hours, as well as significantly reduced costs, while enhancing U.S. Navy readiness.

Logistics Team of the Year

The P-8A Poseidon is a commercial derivative aircraft designed to secure the Navy’s future in long-range maritime patrol capability. Responding to the unique challenges of the P-8A Poseidon supply support concept, the LOGCELL Team quickly created and capitalized on the synergies of an empowered, cross-functional team to expeditiously remove barriers, eliminate bureaucratic layers, and facilitate empowered decision making. LOGCELL leveraged cutting edge technology, combined operational and sustainment feeds, and formed a reaction logistics support model. The fusion of multiple data sources into a single repository produced timely and actionable information that offered the team a holistic view of the supply chain, providing capability to quickly identify inefficiencies in order to rapidly address programmatic risks, challenges, and emerging issues. LOGCELL injected high velocity learning across the Naval Aviation Enterprise, as well as industry partners, ensuring alignment of goals, metrics, and outcomes with the singular focus on improving operational readiness. The team made noteworthy improvements in P-8A readiness and achieved a 25 percent reduction of backorders for repairable parts, a 57 percent reduction of backorders for consumable parts, and a 62 percent reduction in the average number of backorders per fielded aircraft. Additionally, the team’s prompt actions avoided retail outfitting costs in excess of $114 million. At the outset of fiscal year 2016, the P-8A Poseidon reached Material Support Date, transferring management of supply support from Naval Air Systems Command to NAVSUP. Concurrently, program strategies migrated from contractor logistics support to a traditional organic support concept. Team members include: Capt. Matthew Ott, Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Henwood, Robert Gordon, James Carson, Paul Hartman, Meredith Buck, and Tracy Miller.

Below: Vice Adm. Smith presents Maj. Gallagher with the 2016 Military Logistician of the Year Award.
Legion of Merit


Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal
Cmdr. Timothy R. Griffin, SC, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Supply Officer, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), April 2015 to June 2017.

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal


LSC Kitt J. Jenest, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Materiel Control Division Chief Petty Officer, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), April 2015 to March 2017.

LSC Aneta Fusilero, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Aviation Support Division Chief Petty Officer, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), Aug. 2015 to May 2017.

CSC Bernard C. Anton, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Wardroom Supervisor, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), March 2016 to June 2017.

LSC Omar Gallardo, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Aviation Support Division Leading Petty Officer, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), April 2015 to April 2017.


LS2 Jabril F. Rashied, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Aviation Support Division Repairable Asset Management Branch Leading Petty Officer, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), Nov. 2011 to May 2017.

LS2 Bentley B. Harrington, USN, Supply Department Aviation Component Control Section Supervisor, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), May 2015 to April 2017.

CS2 Thomas J. Aduca, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award), S-2/S-5 Work Center Supervisor, USS Essex (LHD 2), July 2015 to June 2017.

CS2 Richard A. Coggins, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award), S-2/S-5 Work Center Supervisor, USS Essex (LHD 2), Nov. 2012 to June 2017.


SH2 Jordanmanx M. Gaviola, USN, S-3 Leading Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), Nov. 2012 to June 2017.

LS3 Stephanie E. Hopper, USN, Main Two Storeroom Complex Assistant Leading Petty Officer, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), July 2013 to March 2017.

LS3 Shaoqing Li, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award), Aviation Support Division Supply Response Section Supervisor, USS Essex (LHD 2), June 2012 to June 2017.
Capt. Christopher Bower, SC, USN, completed 29 years of active service and retired on Sept. 1, 2016 after serving at Defense Energy Region Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He received his bachelor’s degree at California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, California, and his master’s degree at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. His previous duty stations include Navy Exchange Service Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Naval Operational Logistics Support Center, Norfolk, Virginia; Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, Task Force 73, Singapore; Chief of Naval Operations, Arlington, Virginia; NAVSUP Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, San Diego, California; Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia; USS Constellation (CV 64); Naval Regional Contracting Center, San Diego, California; USS Racine (LST 1191); and USS Towers (DDG 9).

Capt. Robert Louis Brunson, Jr., SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Arlington, Virginia. He received his bachelor’s degree at California State University East Bay, Hayward, California and his master’s degree at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. His previous duty stations include Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Arlington, Virginia; Commander, Logistics Forces, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Bahrain, Manama, Bahrain; Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; USS Wasp (LHD 1); Defense Distribution Depot, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Moosbrugger (DD 980); USS Kearsarge (LHD 3); Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Pascagoula, Mississippi; Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida; and USS Sampson (DDG 10).

Capt. John Francis Couture, SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on Dec. 1, 2016 after serving at Office of Special Projects, Washington, District of Columbia. He received his bachelor’s degree at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida and his master’s degree at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. His previous duty stations include Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, Washington, District of Columbia; Office of Naval Research, Arlington, Virginia; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Detachment Bahrain, Manama, Bahrain; U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; Program Executive Officer, Air Assault and Special Mission Program, Patuxent River, Maryland; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk, Virginia; USS Hayler (DD 997); Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 30, Norfolk, Virginia; and USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

Capt. David W. Egge, SC, USN, completed 34 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. He received his bachelor’s degree at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, and his master’s degree at the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His previous duty stations include Naval Special Warfare Group THREE, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Naval Inventory Control Point, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington; USS Constellation (CV 64); Seal Team THREE, Coronado, California; and USS Gurnard (SSN 662).

Capt. Robert Adkerson Gantt, SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016, after serving at Navy Exchange Service Command, Norfolk, Virginia. He received his bachelor’s degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, and his master’s degree at U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with an additional master’s degree at National University, La Jolla, California. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella, Naples, Italy; Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Naval Operational Logistics Support Center, Norfolk, Virginia; Naval Special Warfare Group TWO Logistics Support Unit, Little Creek, Virginia; Commander, Navy Supply Corps Personnel, Millington, Tennessee; USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67); Defense Supply Center Columbus, Columbus, Ohio; USS Golf (DD 985); Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia; U.S. Central Command, Bayonne, New Jersey; and USS Spiegel Grove (LSD 32).

Capt. Timothy Richard Jett, SC, USN, completed 26 years of active service and retired on Dec. 1, 2016, after serving at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington. He received his bachelor’s degree at U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland and his master’s degree at U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. His previous duty stations include Commander, Fleet Readiness Center, Patuxent River, Maryland; USS George Washington (CVN 73); Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74); Naval Support Facility Thurmont, Thurmont, Maryland; USS Maine (SSBN 741) Gold; Naval Support Activity Headquarters, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy; and USS Fairfax County (LST 1193).

Capt. James Mark Johnson, SC, USN, completed 28 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor’s degree at Bethel University, St. Paul, Minnesota and his master’s degree at U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, with an additional master’s degree at Indiana Wesleyan University, Kokomo, Indiana. His previous duty stations include
Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Naval Inventory Control Point, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sigonella, Italy; USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72); Commander, Regional Support Group, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Austin (LPD 4); Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Indianapolis, Indiana; and USS Aransas (CGN 41).

**CAPT. MARK WILLIAM WERNER**

Capt. Mark William Werner, SC, USN, completed 28 years of active service and retired on Nov. 1, 2016 after serving in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Arlington, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania and his master's degree at National Defense University, Washington, District of Columbia, with an additional master's degree at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, New Hampshire. His previous duty stations include Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; USS Nassau (LHA 4); Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia; Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, District of Columbia; Commander, U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Yokosuka Site Diego Garcia; NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70); Naval Inventory Control Point Mechanicsburg, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; USS Deyo (DD 989); Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Chesapeake, Virginia; and USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3).

**CMDR. STERLEN DWAYNE BARNES**

Cmdr. Sterlen Dwayne Barnes, SC, USN, completed 34 years of active service and retired on Nov. 1, 2016, after serving at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego, San Diego, California. He received his bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, and his master's degree at University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona. His previous duty stations include USS Peleliu (LHA 5); Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Coronado, California; USS Boxer (LHD 4); Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and USS Los Angeles (SSN 688).

**CMDR. KENNETH A. FAULKNER, SR.**

Cmdr. Kenneth A. Faulkner, Sr., SC, USN, completed 34 years of active service and retired on Dec. 1, 2016 after serving at Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida, and his master's degree at Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia, with an additional master's degree at Troy University, Troy, Alabama. His previous duty stations include Commander, U.S. Naval Central Command, Manama, Bahrain; NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70); Naval Inventory Control Point Mechanicsburg, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; USS Deyo (DD 989); Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Chesapeake, Virginia; and USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3).

**CMDR. MATTHEW J. JACOBS**

Cmdr. Matthew J. Jacobs, SC, USN, completed 22 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. He received his bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, and his master's degree at the University of Maryland Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland. His previous duty stations include Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Sigonella, Sigonella, Italy; Office of Special Projects, Washington, District of Columbia; USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62); Naval Inventory Control Point, Washington, District of Columbia; and USS Cole (DDG 67).

**CMDR. GREGORY RICHARD MENARD**

Cmdr. Gregory Richard Menard, SC, USN, completed 33 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka Site Diego Garcia; President Board of Inspection and Survey, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Vella Gulf (CG 72); U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group, Dam Neck, Virginia; USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71); Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, Arlington, Virginia; Commander, Naval Beach Group TWO, Little Creek, Virginia; and USS Nassau (LHA 4).

**CMDR. TERRENE SIMMONS**

Cmdr. Terrence Simmons, SC, USN, completed 29 years of active service and retired on Dec. 1, 2016 after serving at Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, District of Columbia. He received his bachelor's degree at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio and his master's degree at U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His previous duty stations include Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Division, Washington, District of Columbia; NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Jacksville Detachment Corpus Christi, Texas; Iraq Training and Advisory Mission, Umm Qasr, Iraq; USNS Rainier (T-AOE 7); Commander, 833rd Transportation Battalion, Seattle, Washington; USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60); USS Inchoh (MCS 12); Defense Energy Support Center, Middle East, Juffair, Bahrain; USS Paul F. Foster (DD 964); Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington.

**CMDR. BRETT MATTHEW SULLIVAN**

Cmdr. Brett Matthew Sullivan, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at NAVSUP Business Systems Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon and his master's degree at U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. His previous duty stations include Commander, U.S. Southern Command, MacDill, Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; U.S. Military Traffic Management Command, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; USS Oak Hill (LSD 51); Defense Supply Center Richmond, Richmond, Virginia; Naval Air Station Keflavik, Keflavik, Iceland; and USS Chandler (DDG 996).

**LT. CMDR. JOHN MILTON ARMSTRONG**

LT. Cmdr. John Milton Armstrong, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016. He received his bachelor's degree at State University of New York at Binghamton, Binghamton, New York and his master's degree at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. His previous duty
stations include Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; USS Jarrett (FFG 33); Joint Interagency Task Force South, Key West, Florida; Naval Air Maintenance Training Group, Pensacola, Florida; and USS Port Royal (CG 73).

**LT. CMDR. JEFFREY ADAM GREENFIELD**

Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Adam Greenfield, SC, USN completed 20 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at NATO Communications and Information Systems Services Agency, Mons, Belgium. He received his bachelor’s degree at Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, Connecticut and his master’s degree at U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His previous duty stations include Office of Security Cooperation Rabat, Rabat, Morocco; USS Ingraham (FFG 61); Commander, Electronic Control Point, Washington, District of Columbia; and USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41).

**LT. CMDR. IVAN REGINALD GUMBS**

Lt. Cmdr. Ivan Reginald Gumbs, SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on Nov. 1, 2016 after serving at Commander, Naval Surface Squadron FOURTEEN, Mayport, Florida. He received his bachelor’s degree at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida. His previous duty stations include Navy Expeditionary Combat Forces, Manama, Bahrain; Naval Special Warfare Support Activity TWO, Little Creek, Virginia; USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77); Priority Material Office Detachment Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia; and USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7).

**LT. CMDR. BRYAN CHARLES LUNDGREN**

Lt. Cmdr. Bryan Charles Lundgren, SC, USN completed 20 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Bath, Maine. He received his bachelor’s degree at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas and his master’s degree at U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. His previous duty stations include Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, District of Columbia; USS Preble (DDG 88); USS Sacramento (AOE 1); Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas; and USS San Jacinto (CG 56).

**LT. CMDR. MICHAEL JASON MACOMBER**

Lt. Cmdr. Michael Jason Macomber, SC, USN completed 28 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He received his bachelor’s degree at Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey and his master’s degree at the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His previous duty stations include USS San Antonio (LPD 17); Naval Inventory Control Point, Washington, District of Columbia; and USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41).

**LT. CMDR. LEON QUARLES**

Lt. Cmdr. Leon Quarles, SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on Nov. 1, 2016 after serving at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California. He received his bachelor’s degree at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas. His previous duty stations include USS Boxer (LHD 4); Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Miramar, California; USS Nimitz (CVN 68); Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego, California; and USS Constellation (CV 64).

**LT. CMDR. BRETT EVAN SANDMAN**

Lt. Cmdr. Brett Evan Sandman, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on Dec. 1, 2016 after serving at Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Depot Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia. He received his bachelor’s degree at Bryant University, Smithfield, Rhode Island and his master’s degree at Touro College, New York, New York. His previous duty stations include USS Bon Homme Richard (LHD 6); USS Essex (LHD 2); Commander, Naval Forces Japan, Yokosuka, Japan; USS Farragut (DDG 99); Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan; and USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63).

**LT. CMDR. COLE BURLINGAM SEIBEL**

Lt. Cmdr. Cole Burlingam Seibel, SC, USN, completed 29 years of active service and retired on Dec. 1, 2016 after serving at Commander, Logistics Force, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Manama, Bahrain. He received his bachelor’s and his master’s degrees at the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona. His previous duty stations include Special Operations Command Central, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; USNS Sacagawea (T-AKE 2); Commander, Fleet Air Western Pacific, Misawa, Japan; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville, Mayport, Florida; and USS Gettysburg (CG 64).

**LT. JOHN PAUL HARROP**

Lt. John Paul Harrop, SC, USN, completed 23 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving with USS Eisenhower (CVN 69). He received his bachelor’s degree at the University of Maryland College Park, College Park, Maryland and his master’s degree at U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. His previous duty stations include USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735) and Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia.

**LT. ROSS MITCHELL KEVLES**

Lt. Ross Mitchell Kevles, SC, USN, completed 22 years of active service and retired on Oct. 1, 2016 after serving at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida. He received his bachelor’s degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois. His previous duty stations include Commander, Navy Special Warfare Group FOUR, Little Creek, Virginia; Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group TWO, Little Creek, Virginia; and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

**LT. HELEN MARGARET TEAGUE**

Lt. Helen Margaret Teague, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on December 1, 2016 after serving at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Patuxent River, Maryland. She received her bachelor’s degree at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Her previous duty stations include
Ret. Rear Adm. Delbert H. Beumer, SC, USN

Born in 1931, passed away on May 17, 2017. Rear Adm. Beumer retired after 34 years of service in the Navy Supply Corps and Navy Reserve. He received his master's degree from the University of Washington. Duty assignments included: USS Hornet (CV 12); USS Edmonds (DE 406); and Director of Data Processing at Submarine and Reactor Parts Supply Office, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1960, he transitioned to the U.S. Navy Reserve in California where he served as Reserve Director of the Naval Fuels Program. Beumer pioneered mentorship in the Northern California, Oregon and Washington area, counseling and detailing officers and serving as the flag sponsor to numerous Reserve component supply regional workshops.

Ret. Rear Adm. James E. Forrest, SC, USN

Rear Adm. Forrest retired in June 1975 after 30 years of active naval service while serving as Auditor General of the Navy, Office of the Comptroller, with additional duty as Director of the Naval Audit Service, Falls Church, Virginia. A graduate of the Naval Academy, he received his master's degree from the University of Michigan and his master's degree from the University of Rochester. Duty assignments included: Deputy Commander for Contracts, Naval Sea Systems Command; Commander, Subsistence Field Activities, Defense Personnel Support Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Material for Procurement and Production; Director of Contracts, Supervisors of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Pascagoula, Mississippi; Supply Officer, USS Simon Lake (AS 33); Staff, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam; Staff, Division of Naval Reactors, Atomic Energy Commission; U.S. Naval Support Activity, Taipei, Taiwan; USS Waldron (DD 699); and USS Bassett (APD 73).

Ret. Rear Adm. Stuart F. Platt, SC, USN

Passed away on May 24, 2017. Rear Adm. Platt retired after 31 years of active service while serving as the first Competition Advocate General of the Navy. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his master's degree from the University of Rochester. Duty assignments included: Deputy Commander for Contracts, Naval Sea Systems Command; Commander, Subsistence Field Activities, Defense Personnel Support Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Material for Procurement and Production; Director of Contracts, Supervisors of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Pascagoula, Mississippi; Supply Officer, USS Simon Lake (AS 33); Staff, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam; Staff, Division of Naval Reactors, Atomic Energy Commission; U.S. Naval Support Activity, Taipei, Taiwan; USS Waldron (DD 699); and USS Bassett (APD 73).
Ret. Rear Adm. H. Donald Weatherson, SC, USN

80, passed away on June 13, 2017. Rear Adm. Weatherson retired after 33 years of active service while serving as commanding officer, Navy Exchange Service Command, Staten Island, New York. He received his bachelor’s degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and his master’s degree from the University of Kansas. Duty assignments included: staff, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia; Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, Battle Creek, Michigan; Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, District of Columbia; Naval Supply Center, Jacksonville, Florida; Naval Military Personnel Command, and Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia; Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia; USS L. Y. Spear (AS 36); Naval Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Naval Electronics Supply Office, Great Lakes, Illinois; U.S. Naval Supply Depot, Guam; USS George Washington (SSBN 598) (BLUE); Office of the Navy Comptroller, Washington, District of Columbia; and USS Taluga (AO 62).

Ret. Capt. Bert M. Carmody, SC, USN


Ret. Capt. Larry G. Gudbranson, SC, USN

87, passed away on June 7, 2017. Capt. Gudbranson retired after 24 years of active service while serving at the Navy Finance Center, Cleveland, Ohio. He received his bachelor’s degree from Western Washington College. Duty assignments included: Naval Ordnance Plant, Pocatello, Idaho; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington; USS Shangri-La (CV 38); Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland; Naval Supply Depot, Yokosuka, Japan; Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; Naval Supply Center, Bayonne, New Jersey; Supply Officer, USS Hancock (CV 19); Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida; and Boston Naval Shipyard, Massachusetts.

Ret. Capt. Warren H. Ortlund, SC, USN

91, passed away on June 5, 2017. Capt. Ortlund retired after 25 years of active service while serving in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia. He received his bachelor’s degree from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland and his master’s degree from Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. Duty assignments included: USS Dixie (AD 14); USS Turner (DDR 834); Naval Supply Depot, San Pedro, California; student, Naval School, Freight Transportation, Oakland, California; Naval Supply Depot, Guam, Mariana Islands; Naval Gun Factory, Washington, District of Columbia; USS Aludra (AF 55); Staff, Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia; Navy Electronics Supply Office, Great Lakes, Illinois; Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and Institute of Defense Analyses, Arlington, Virginia.

Ret. Capt. Charles Frank Hollberg III, SC, USN

82, passed away June 11, 2017. Capt. Hollberg served in the U.S. Navy Reserves and spent two years as a supply officer on the USS Bryce Canyon (AD 36).

Ret. Capt. James R. Sills, SC, USN

60, passed away on July 8, 2017. Capt. Sills enlisted in the U.S. Navy on November 1, 1977, departed active duty in November 1985, and was commissioned in the Navy Reserve in May 1988. He received his bachelor’s degree from National University in San Diego, California, and his master’s degree from Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Active duty assignments included: Avionics Technician and Air Crewman on H3 helicopters for three Western Pacific cruises aboard the USS Constellation (CV 64) and the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), and Naval Air Maintenance Training Group at Naval Air Station, North Island, California. Reserve assignments included: Avionics Division Officer, Naval Station Rota, Spain; Assistant Operations Officer, Naval Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia; Supply Officer, Naval Submarine Support Force; Operations Officer, Supply Support Battalion TWO; active duty recall as Action Officer to J4 at USACOM for Haiti, Iceland and the Azores; Executive Officer, Tank Farm (Fuels Operating Unit); Officer in Charge, Supply Support Battalion TWO, Detachment Providence; Executive Officer, Supply Support Battalion TWO; Supply Department Head, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWO SEVEN; and Chief Staff Officer, Navy Supply Support Battalion TWO. Active duty recalls also included: Chief Staff Officer, (Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and 2005), Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Forward BRAVO; Commanding Officer, Navy Air Cargo Handling Battalion ONE; Senior Battalion Assessment Officer, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group; Group Commander, (Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009 and 2010), Navy Expeditionary Logistics Group Forward JULIET; Commodore, SECOND Navy Expeditionary Logistics Regiment; and Joint Team Leader for Disposition Services Reserve Forces, Defense Logistics Agency, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Ret. Cmdr. Palmer A. Quarles, Jr., SC, USN

95, passed away on Jan. 22, 2017. Cmdr. Quarles retired after 23 years of active service. He attended two years of military school at Texas A&M University before accepting his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Quarles served in World War II, the Korean War and the Cuban Blockade. Duty assignments included: Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; USS Orion (AS 18); USS Electra (AKA 4); USS Duluth (CL 87); Navy Supply Depot, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Naval Air Station (NAS), Jacksonville, Florida; NAS, Alameda, California; and USS Tingey (DD 339).

Ret. CWO4 Melvin Eugene (Gene) Simmons

87, passed away on June 26, 2017. Chief Warrant Officer Simmons retired after 26 years of active service. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1962 and was commissioned as a CWO in the Supply Corps in 1980. Duty assignments included: Fleet Air Support Unit Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam; USS Constellation (CV 64); and Military Sealift Command, Atlantic, Bayonne, New Jersey.
NAVSUP FLC Bahrain Hosts Subject Matter
Expert Exchange with Royal Saudi Naval Forces

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NAVSUP FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER BAHRAIN

A team consisting of five members of the Royal Saudi Naval Force (RSNF) visited NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Bahrain for a logistics subject matter expert exchange May 8–9.

The yearly training is conducted to provide the Royal Saudi Navy an overview of how the U.S. Navy handles hazardous material (HAZMAT) during daily operations in support of the fleet.

During the two-day training, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain subject matter experts delivered an overview of best practices and tools leveraged to ensure the safe transport, storage, and issue of HAZMAT. This onsite training provided the opportunity for both the U.S. Navy and Royal Saudi Navy to discuss processes for practical application of hazardous waste management.

“This training presented experts from both NAVSUP FLC Bahrain and the Royal Saudi Navy an opportunity to focus on continual improvement in the delivery of hazardous material management, products, and services. The hands-on interaction facilitated a collaborative approach to discuss areas for planning and delivering logistics in this critical area,” said Lt. Cmdr. Steve Holland, logistics planner, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain.

As the training continued, the RSNF team toured NAVSUP FLC Bahrain’s hazardous material facilities and learned how the U.S. Navy properly disposes of HAZMAT and hazardous waste. During the tour, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain HAZMAT team shared insight on the techniques used for labeling materials and highlighted different facilities required to ensure safe storage. The training allowed the RSNF team to depart NAVSUP FLC Bahrain with knowledge of U.S. Naval HAZMAT management and operations that they will use at their naval bases in Saudi Arabia.

“The hazardous materials training course was a very good experience for all of us. Combat system shipping and maintenance material was an important focus for our team. We look forward to more training opportunities in the future,” said Khalid Abdullah Al-Khalidi, Lt. Col./Cmdr., RSNF.
NAVSUP FLC NORFOLK
Regional Navy Mail Center Trains Independent Duty Postal Clerks

BY TOM KREIDEL, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION, NAVSUP FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER NORFOLK

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk Regional Navy Mail Center hosted an independent duty postal clerk class May 1-12.

According to Regional Navy Mail Center Deputy Director Vic Gonzalez, the class hosted 23 logistics specialists who were in transit to ships and shore commands throughout the Navy. The participants earned the 3001 Navy Enlisted Classification.

“The postal petty officer (PPO) must be prepared to deal with any postal issues they encounter during day-to-day operations,” said Gonzalez. “The knowledge they obtain could have a positive or negative effect in whether the crew gets mail on time or mail gets dispatched in a timely manner.”

He added that the PPO, not only deal with the crew’s personal mail, but also official mail that could affect things like the receipt of mission critical items, advancement exams, and fitness reports and evaluations. Instructors stress accountability to the students, reminding them that the Regional Navy Mail Center is there to help them with any challenges.

“Just like all supply ratings, the postal petty officer has a huge impact on command morale,” said Gonzalez.

He added that the major parts of the class included mail routing instructions, postal offenses, postage meters, customs, and a host of other job requirements for PPOs in the fleet.
NAVSUP FLC Bahrain Is First to Receive JAG Training

BY JAVANI G. JONES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS NAVAL SUPPLY FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER BAHRAIN

NAVSUP Global Logistics Support (GLS) staff judge advocate general (JAG) visited NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Bahrain to provide legal training May 9.

FLC Bahrain is the first fleet logistics center to receive such training during an official JAG visit.

During the visit, JAG Corps Cmdr. Angela Mullins established lines of communication with command leadership, the JAG, and Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel (OGC) community in Bahrain.

“My visit to FLC Bahrain was extremely valuable. The opportunity to meet with command leadership, OGC counsel and local JAGs helped me understand legal issues unique to Bahrain, while at the same time allowed me to explain my role as SJA [Staff Judge Advocate] at NAVSUP GLS,” said Mullins.

While facilitating training, Mullins explained the various legal services offered to military members and their families. She highlighted the importance of every service member having a will on file, and attested to the significant advantages of having a power of attorney while stationed and living overseas.

“Cmdr. Mullins’ visit was a tremendous help to NAVSUP FLC Bahrain, the legal staff, and other commands. Her training included topics that are not well known regarding the JAG and courts martial systems,” said Lt. Matthew Stymfal, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain legal officer.

“It is training that is important, but not often given,” said Stymfal.

The interactive all hands training gave Sailors information on the amendments to the U.S. Navy regulations, equal opportunity, ethics, and the United States Code of Military Justice.

Sailors were able to ask questions for clarifications on regulations and policies. Discussing issues with service members during the training helped bring new ideas for expanding existing regulations.

“The Department of the Navy Office of General Counsel and the Navy JAG Corps work closely together as one legal team to support the Navy across the globe. I look forward to working with Cmdr. Mullins to provide a full range of legal support to NAVSUP FLC Bahrain,” said Eli Corin, acting counsel, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain.

Below: JAG Corps Cmdr. Angela Mullins establishes lines of communication with command leadership, the JAG, and Department of the Navy, OGC community in Bahrain.

NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Increases Mail Screening Technologies and Processes

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Pearl Harbor Regional Mail Center personnel received hands-on X-ray training from members of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, Detachment (Det.) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), May 12.

The training objective was to teach personnel how to identify and respond to suspicious letters and packages.

The training provided an in-depth look at hazardous packages using an X-ray machine. Personnel studied the X-ray imagery of multiple packages with assorted threats to differentiate how they stand out compared to non-threat items.

“A wide range of potential threats can be introduced into an organization through the mail center,” said Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Dustin Lawson, MDSU-1 Det. EOD. “Threats that involve chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive substances are both dangerous and disruptive.”

Today, fewer threats can be readily identified by examining the exterior of parcels. To mitigate this concern, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor is increasing its mail screening technologies.

“The only way to become an efficient warfighter is through realistic training,” said James McCaffrey, director of postal operations. “Continuous training is very important in this type of work-field. Others depend on us for safety.”

This realistic training, coupled with the X-ray machine, allows for personnel to identify potential threats and hazards to eliminate the risk they pose to the organization, its personnel, and daily operations.

The NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Regional Mail Center continues to maximize training opportunities. Quarterly, they leverage military or commercial trainers to provide specialized training. Subject matter experts from the...
Transportation Security Administration, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and the United States Postal Inspection Service are scheduled to provide training.

“We sustain training because continually training will keep our skills sharp,” said Logistics Specialist 1st Class James Wenzel, Regional Mail Center leading petty officer. “It is vital for military and civilians to keep security strong and vigilant to stop threats as soon as possible.”

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MDSU 1 Det. EOD personnel deliver hands-on X-ray training to NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Regional Mail Center personnel onboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. –photo by Shannon R. Haney

NAVSUP FLC YOKOSUKA SITE MANILA

“I want to express my utmost satisfaction with services provided by the LSR [logistics support representative] and employees of your NAVSUP Site Manila to the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) during the past several years of our hydrographic survey operations in Philippine waters and beyond. They provided timely and outstanding attention to detail, which has resulted in expeditious delivery of our equipment shipments resulting in no down time for aircraft survey flight operations.” –Jeff Kerling, Survey Planning/Air Operations, NAVOCEANO, Stennis Space Center

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka Site Manila received a BZ from NAVOCEANO. Left to right: NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Manila Site Director and Lead LSR Ramon Malate; Shipment Coordinator Bart Miranda; and Subic Bay LSR Phil Rarugal. Not pictured: Subic Bay LSR Ernie Sazon.
NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Supports Nimitz Deployment

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Puget Sound provided critical logistics support for the deployment of USS Nimitz (CVN 68), which departed June 1.

Nimitz left for a regularly scheduled deployment, and NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound provided support during the weeks and months leading up to the ship’s departure.

Chief Logistics Specialist Jay Tolentino, a NAVSUP FLC Puget sound logistics support representative, stood by on the pier ready to address any last-minute details as Nimitz got underway.

“My purpose here is to make sure that all material, provisions, and any last minute logistics requirements the ship needs to have a successful mission are on board prior to deployment,” said Tolentino.

According to Tolentino, the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Logistics Support Center team supported Nimitz with daily deliveries of high priority parts and materials and delivered 200 pallets of stock materials and 1,102 pallets of food provisions.

NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound supported the huge task of preparing for deployment in a number of ways beyond the delivery of parts, supplies and provisions.

The fuel department also provided support to USS Kidd (DDG 100) and USS Shoup (DDG 86) prior to their deployment with the Nimitz Strike Group.

The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound postal operations department spent months preparing Nimitz postal activities for the deployment, conducting training to qualify designated Sailors to operate metering equipment and perform official postal functions.

“The most important thing we do on the ship’s behalf is to conduct a preliminary and final, top-to-bottom, official mail program inspection,” said Rick Buchart, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound regional postal operations manager.

NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound also provides courtesy storage of hazardous materials (HAZMAT) while the ship is in port and coordinates the reutilization and delivery of HAZMAT stock to the ship prior to deployment.

The HAZMAT team ensures the ship’s crew has the necessary inventory of lubricants, paint, solvents, and such needed for the day-to-day operation of the ship and its systems.

The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound contracting department provides ongoing support for purchasing goods and services, both in port and at sea.

While the pre-deployment work may be over, the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound team will continue to provide logistics services to Nimitz, as well as its embarked units and other vessels attached to Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 11, throughout the deployment.

Nimitz will continue to require supplies and materials while at sea. One of the biggest challenges for the LSC is to make sure materials that arrive in Bremerton are promptly delivered to the ship while underway.

“We will be supporting Nimitz during the entire deployment. We will assist in the tracking and shipment of any material they require,” said Tolentino.

Postal Operations will continue their support by assisting each of the CSG 11 ships with working out mail routing issues that can sometimes occur at ports they may visit.

“Even though the ships may be thousands of miles away, it’s still our responsibility to take care of them,” said Buchart.

Preparing for deployment and sustaining the ships and their crews through the weeks and months at sea involves several departments in the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound organization.

“It’s a team effort to support the mission,” said Tolentino.
Left: Nimitz pulling away from the NBK-Bremerton pier.

Right: Tolentino from NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound, standing by as the Nimitz makes last minute preparations for deployment.

Below: Sailors man the rails as the Nimitz departed Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton.

photos by Brian Davis.
NAVSUP FLC NORFOLK Volunteers Pitch in for NATO Festival

BY JIM KOHLER, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Approximately 30 NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk Sailors volunteered their time to assist with setup and coordination of the 64th annual Norfolk North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Festival Parade April 29.

Formerly known as the Azalea Festival, the Norfolk NATO Festival is the longest continuously running festival in the Hampton Roads region, and the only one of its kind in the United States honoring the NATO Alliance and its 28 member nations.

NAVSUP FLC Norfolk's volunteer efforts were spearheaded by Logistics Specialist Senior Chief Gregory Bell. “I have been involved with this event for seven years now,” said Bell. “I started during my first tour at NAVSUP FLC Norfolk in 2011, and have developed an outstanding rapport with Visit Norfolk to be the single point of contact to recruit military members to assist with the parade every year.”

The NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Sailors were responsible for setting up chairs for the parade and escorting 2,500 retired veterans and senior citizens to their seats so they could watch the parade.

“Volunteering for the NATO Festival every year is such an honor,” said Bell. “It gives me a chance to acknowledge the brave veterans from all branches of service that paved the way for Sailors like me and to also pay my respects for the sacrifices they endured for our freedom. Most importantly, I enjoy listening to their war stories. It never gets old.”

NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Sailors who joined Bell April 29 echoed his feelings about volunteering to help with the festival. “My experience with the NATO Festival was so enriching, being able to give back to our local community here in Norfolk as well as the many veterans that attended the festival,” said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Stacy Pruitt. “It was an honor to be a part of this 64-year tradition of the NATO festival.”

Norfolk NATO Festival's goals are to create new friendships, provide a basis for cultural exchange, and to recognize the military's role in maintaining peace in the world, while pursuing new lines of trade between Norfolk and the world. The event is a favorite of area residents and tourists alike. The volunteers play a huge role in pulling off this event each year.

“For me, volunteering at NATO Festival was a chance to give back to the men and women that served before me,” said Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Zachary Shipman. “It was an honor and a privilege spending time with so many proud veterans who helped shape the military into what it is today.”

Above: Approximately 30 NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Sailors volunteered their time to assist with setup and coordination of the 64th annual Norfolk NATO Festival Parade.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017
The commander of NAVSUP Global Logistics Support (GLS) gave the keynote address at a ceremony in Chula Vista, California, in honor of seven local fallen veterans on May 26.

Rear. Adm. James McNeal joined Chula Vista Mayor Mary Casillas Salas and more than 200 members of the community, including families of the honorees, as the city announced new streets to be named after local service members killed in operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“Today, we honor these seven men; local sons from our community who sacrificed their lives in service to our country,” said McNeal. “May Americans, for generations to come, silently honor these patriots as they walk these streets.”

As McNeal told the story of each of the men, master of ceremonies and Chula Vista Deputy Mayor John McCann presented their family members with commemorative street signs.

The roads were named for:

- Salem Bachar, 20, a U.S. Marine Corps corporal who was killed in a 2006 battle in Fallujah, Iraq;
- Michael Idanan, 21, a U.S. Army specialist killed in 2005 when a roadside bomb exploded near his Humvee south of Mosul, Iraq;
- Kristofferson Lorenzo, 33, a U.S. Army staff sergeant who died in 2011 when a device exploded in Kunar province, Afghanistan;
- Michael Martinez, 24, a U.S. Army sergeant killed in combat in 2007 in Baghdad;
- Joshua Mattero, 29, a U.S. Army staff sergeant who died in 2007 when a device he was trying to defuse exploded northeast of Baghdad;
- Curtis Spivey, 25, a U.S. Army specialist who died in 2007 of wounds suffered in an explosion in Baghdad the previous year; and
- Charles Wyckoff Jr., 28, a sergeant with the U.S. Army’s 82nd Airborne Division, killed by gunfire while on patrol in Afghanistan.

Agencies involved in the exercise included the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Seattle District, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) 13th District, Navy Region Northwest, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington State Parks, and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

The drill scenario involved a coordinated emergency response to a simulated fuel spill from an unknown source posing a hazard to area wildlife and habitats in Puget Sound and along the nearby shoreline, also threatening tribal fishing grounds.

The location of the spill was in an area of Puget Sound off of Blake Island, Washington, a 475-acre island and state park east of Manchester.

With guidance and coordination from USCG District Response and Advisory Team officials, a joint response team rehearsed procedures for isolating, containing and cleaning up the fuel.

Interoperability was the theme for the day’s events. Each agency showcased its own area of expertise, highlighting how effective a team approach would be in a real-world situation.

“Spill response is something that we don’t take lightly,” said Capt. Philippe Grandjean, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound commanding officer. “It’s great to see all of these agencies out here working together.”

Although the sun was out and the winds were light, the exercise participants had to work through challenges presented by the area’s arduous current and tidal conditions.

“The scenario was specifically designed to make us adapt and problem solve while responding to what would be an extreme situation,” said Lt. Cmdr. Scott McCarthy, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound regional fuels officer.

The crew of the USACE Motor Vessel Puget deployed a pair of 300-foot floating containment booms as a rapid response skimmer vessel operated by NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound fuel technicians, known in the trade as “fuelies,” simulated recovering the spilled fuel from the water.

In the Yukon Harbor area, other boats and a shore party from MFD deployed and anchored additional booms to isolate and protect critical areas where salmon creeks flow into Puget Sound.

Participating in the Joint exercise allowed the fuel depot to practice working alongside other agencies with the goal of enhancing the response capabilities of all.

“We were able to harness a variety of resources throughout the region to demonstrate how several entities can come together quickly and respond in an organized, choreographed fashion,” said McCarthy.

The training also met MFD’s biannual requirement to test and evaluate the facility’s contingency plan.
Evaluators from the Washington Department of Ecology Spill Prevention, Preparedness & Response Program were aboard the MFD command boat to observe the exercise.

Along with hands-on training for responders, the drill offered an opportunity for multiple agencies to practice communication, management, and coordination of assets to mount a combined response or to support another agency’s operations.

“We’re much more effective if we work together and leverage our capabilities to effectively respond to an incident,” said Col. John Buck, district commander of USACE Seattle District.

NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound’s fuel department operates MFD, the largest single-site Department of Defense fuel terminal in the continental U.S.

With its specialized fuel technicians and fleet of fast-response craft, the facility is considered a key asset for the Navy’s regional spill response capabilities.

Providing fuel to the military and government agencies is what MFD is primarily known for, but the facility’s staff is also active in community improvement initiatives, with a constant focus on protecting the environment.

“The Puget Sound region isn’t just a nice place to visit, it’s our home, and we have a responsibility to the community to keep it beautiful. Exercises like this allow us to put tabletop training and classroom discussions into practice to ensure we are always prepared,” said McCarthy.

NAVSUP FLC NORFOLK Sailors Talk Navy at Elementary School Career Day

A group of seven Sailors from NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk took part in a “career day” at Oceanair Elementary School in Norfolk on April 28.

The command has a long-standing relationship with the school and participates in various events there throughout the year.

NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Sailors joined volunteers from many areas outside the military, including firemen, state police, television reporters and many others who set up displays and visited children from kindergarten through 5th grade.

“I loved presenting my career for the Navy to the kids. So many of them told us of their aspirations to be cops, firefighters, chefs, etc., not even realizing that all of those jobs can be done in the Navy, as well,” said Logistics Specialist Seaman Nicole Junod. “A lot of them seemed genuinely interested and had a family member in the service, as well, so, they could relate, which made talking to them a bit easier.”

In addition to logistics specialists, the Sailors included those from other ratings, such as yeoman, culinary specialist, gunner’s mate and hospital corpsman.

Logistics Specialist Seaman Apprentice Tiffany White said she was impressed by how the children were so open to learn about what the members of the group did in the Navy, and had advice for those who might consider attending an event where they speak to children.

“Be prepared to be asked anything,” she said.

Nine NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk Reservists attended the Naval Reserve Logistics Support Representative (RLSR) Apprentice class May 4-7. The training covers functional areas such as FLC organizations and partners, afloat supply department organization, Logistics Support Center (LSC) fundamentals, and husbanding support. This training will help these Sailors support the LSC in serving the fleet. The Sailors who attended the course were: LS3 Kenneth Porter, LS2 Johnny English, LS2 Jon Hur, LS3 Stephen Antwi, LS2 Benson Kamau, LS2 Reshawn Becchum, LS3 Treniece Lucas, LS3 David Gritis, and Lt. Kevin Wallace. Photo by Jim Kohler, NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Office of Corporate Communications.
NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Hong Kong: A Key Enabler in the Navy’s Supply Chain

BY TINA C. STILLIONS, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS
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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Yokosuka Site Hong Kong announced the establishment of a new office and operations in the U.S. Consulate Hong Kong and Macau, May 29.

Relocating to the U.S. Consulate marks a new era for the NAVSUP FLC Site Hong Kong location.

“The U.S. Navy has a long history in Hong Kong that dates back to the 1950s,” said Site Director Lt. Cmdr. Lupei Chou. “This move enables us to streamline our processes in a number of key functional areas, including husbanding contract support, diplomatic clearance processing, and community relations coordination.”

Personnel at Site Hong Kong coordinate efforts with the Office of Liaison Administration and Consulate staff to support forward deployed U.S. naval forces. Chou said being on the same network and in the same physical location significantly improves communication among the organizations.

“Site Hong Kong also works closely with the defense attaché office in Beijing to provide coverage for U.S. Navy ship visits to China,” she said. “There are currently three Chinese ports – Shanghai, Qingdao and Zhanjiang – that are open to U.S. Navy ships visiting the country.”

For future ship visits to Hong Kong, Chou said fleet freight routing will no longer be supported due to space scarcity and high rental prices in the local market. However, high-priority material, ships can still coordinate their routing directly with Site Hong Kong if the material is within the allotted weight and dimension.

“Inbound and outbound mail support is available for regular mail but provision and ship store support is limited,” said Chou. “Ships are advised to plan their store loadout utilizing Department of Defense-certified sources or Combat Logistic Force ships.”

In an effort to provide better ongoing logistics support to the fleet, NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka awarded the first multiple award contract (MAC) for Hong Kong in August 2016.

“The new MAC concept is working well,” said Chou. “It has supported seven successful ship visits since the contract award.”

The Site Hong Kong office was aligned under Naval Region Contracting Center Singapore and was once referred to as U.S. Navy Purchasing Branch Hong Kong. It was not until 2007 that it realigned under NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka.

“It’s exciting to facilitate this type of transition for Site Hong Kong,” said Chou. “The United States Navy has a long history in Hong Kong. We’re carrying on the tradition of naval support for ship visits here in Asia.”

Over the years, Site Hong Kong has provided supplies, logistics, contracting, legal, and Moral, Welfare, and Recreation support to hundreds of U.S. Navy and Military Sealift Command vessels.

According to Commanding Officer NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Capt. Jeffery Davis, the site continues to be a key enabler in the Navy’s supply chain.

“Though one of the smaller sites in our area of responsibility, Site Hong Kong plays an important role,” said Davis. “It provides important logistics support to our forward deployed U.S. forces, to the U.S. strategic engagements in China, and reflects the Navy’s ongoing commitment to the fleet in the Asia Pacific region.”
The C-140A airplane carrying a team from NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Yokosuka touched down on the small atoll of Diego Garcia as part of a Naval Forces Japan staff visit May 16.

One of 55 islands that make up the Chagos Archipelago in the British Indian Ocean Territory, Diego Garcia is at the tip of the spear with NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Diego Garcia playing an important role in logistics services and oversight of the large base operating support (BOS) contract.

“We execute our mission by meeting customer needs,” said Cmdr. Keith Applegate, Diego Garcia Site director. “In order to coordinate support and communicate with the fleet, we rely on our contract support team to provide technical oversight and ensure logistics functions are carried out, whether it is fuels supply, material movement and transportation, facilitating the supply of urgent parts, or maintaining inventory for the Navy’s largest ship’s store. We are the subject matter experts that make it all happen.”

Site Diego Garcia has been part of the U.S Navy supply chain for many years. NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka established the site in early 2006, staffing it with logistics experts to support ships in the area and help ensure a constant state of readiness on the island. Since then, site personnel have maintained a key role as subject matter experts and technical points of contact for the BOS contract. In addition to contract oversight, the small staff of personnel comprised of military, Philippine offshore general (OG) employees, and contractors, provides a wide range of additional support services, from fuel supply for visiting ships and aircraft, to mail services for tenant commands and contractors that live and work on the island.

Applegate said under his direction, everyone works hand-in-hand for a common goal.

“We really adhere to ‘one island, one team, one mission’ in Diego Garcia,” said Applegate. “This area is referred to as ‘The Footprint of Freedom’, not just because of the shape of the island but for its strategic importance, past and present, to our U.S naval forces. Whether it’s keeping our ship’s store stocked with the right products or ensuring people receive their mail, these services are important, not only to day-to-day operations, but to the overall morale on the island. We enable continuity of operations that keep the island resourced and running.”

Site Diego Garcia works jointly with U.S. Navy Support Facility (NSF). As the host Navy command on the island, NSF was established in 1977 to support U.S. Seventh Fleet and forward deployed forces. Site Diego Garcia is integral to the larger island support team.

Located in the central Indian Ocean seven degrees south of the equator, Diego Garcia is more than 1,000 miles from the Tanzanian coast. There has been a military presence on the island for more than 50 years.

“Some of the issues we face on the island are not necessarily in our staffing or manpower, though the remote, one-year assignments do present some detailing challenges and personnel shortfalls,” said Applegate. “The infrastructure, including older buildings and technology, and the unpredictability of transportation on and off island, impacts some of our day-to-day operations as well.”
“There is no access to commercial shipping, such as FedEx or DHL, for high priority materials,” said Applegate. Combined with Air Mobility Command (AMC) schedule changes, space and maintenance issues and limited access can create long customer wait times and impact access to Diego Garcia.

Ship’s Store Officer Lt. Justin Burdett reiterated that unpredictability and delays often create some of the bigger challenges for his team.

“Our NSF Ship’s Store is the sole provider of retail services on the island, including retail operations, barber and beauty shop, tailor shop, and laundry services. It’s a $1.2 million BOS contract-funded operation that generates $6 million in average annual sales,” said Burdett. “Our continued coordination with AMC Singapore on material handling processes for temperature sensitive cargo, for instance, has resulted in improved performance and inventory control.”

Most of the active duty and civilians who live and work on Diego Garcia have short assignments or one-year tours. A large percentage of the support component that carries out the day-to-day operations is comprised of contractors and Go, Republic of the Philippines direct hires. Many are from the Philippines, a handful more are Mauritian, and have been on the island for significant periods of time, anywhere from a few years up to 25 or more. Though Diego Garcia is an unaccompanied assignment, meaning spouses and children are not allowed, it has not stopped the many who live on the island from staying to work and supporting their families from abroad.

Loida Huertas is an administrative staff assistant at Site Diego Garcia. She has been with the organization since its inception and has been working on the island since 1992.

“After 10 years of working as a contractor, I was hired as an offshore general civilian in the religious ministries program,” said Huertas. “I like Diego Garcia. There’s no traffic and I have nice accommodations. I really like the people here.”

Originally from the Philippines, Huertas started working at 17 in Subic Bay. As is fairly common in the Filipino community, she is the breadwinner for her family. She said she began sending money back home once she started working.

“There aren’t a lot of employment opportunities in the Philippines if you are past a certain age. Part of our values as Filipinos is supporting each other, so I send my family an allowance every month and own a home where my extended family stays,” she said. “I help them with anything they need. I share my blessings with them.”

Huertas has no regrets regarding her decision to live and work in Diego Garcia. She is able to travel home on a paid flight for a month every year.

“Everybody knows everybody here. We know all the other Filipinos in our community,” said Huertas. “We have lots of community events, including bingo, movies, Sunday potlucks, and Karaoke after church.”

According to Huertas, you make your experience on Diego Garcia.

“You make your own life here. You can stay in your room or you can explore the island and meet new people,” said Huertas. “I’ve met so many people since I’ve been here. I’ve established my own Diego Garcia family.”

NAVSUP WSS hosts Aviation Readiness Improvement Day

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On May 15, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (WSS) hosted its first Aviation Readiness Improvement Day in Philadelphia, designed to ensure the Navy is ready today in order to win tomorrow through innovative and responsive industrial partnerships.

More than 80 current and potential government and industry partners were in attendance, eager to gain a better understanding of NAVSUP WSS’s critical supply chain management mission and discuss strategies to strengthen and broaden industry partnerships.

“We are proud of our ability to support the warfighter here at NAVSUP WSS and strive to continuously improve our level of program support,” said NAVSUP WSS Commander Rear Adm. Duke Heinz. “We are committed to improving and expanding our partnerships with organizations who share the same sense of urgency that we do here. We understand the challenges and we know that we can’t achieve a strong and ready aviation fleet without help from our industry partners.”

The event consisted of overview briefs covering NAVSUP WSS’s aviation operations, engineering methods and source development process.
“We need tactical excellence across our supply chain to drive capability, capacity and velocity, which drive mission-ready and full-up aircraft,” said Capt. Matt Ott, NAVSUP WSS director of Aviation Operations.

“We can improve our Navy, Marine Corps, cross services, and foreign military partners’ readiness by removing wasteful steps, rewarding innovation and expediting outcomes that fast-track benefits to current and future aviation sustainment,” he added.

Weapon systems information booths were also available throughout the afternoon, allowing participants the chance to engage with subject matter experts from NAVSUP WSS’s contracting directorate and integrated weapon support teams.

Aviation Readiness Improvement Day concluded with a town hall style question-and-answer session giving industry the opportunity to discuss aviation supply backorder challenges, part obsolescence issues and source development policies. The communication fostered mutual understanding of perceived and real challenges and set the stage to attack specific parts degraders.

As NAVSUP WSS continues to make strides towards enhancing naval aviation readiness, fostering better communication channels and collaborative relationships with industry is crucial to guaranteeing naval aviation has a winning supply strategy. NAVSUP WSS plans to hold Aviation Readiness Improvement Day annually.

Rear Adm. Duke Heinz, commander, NAVSUP WSS, kicked off the first Aviation Readiness Improvement Day, giving participants the opportunity to learn more about NAVSUP WSS’s critical supply chain management mission, gain insights into the fleet’s current readiness needs, and learn how best to partner with NAVSUP WSS.

Sailors and Marines began to receive new Navy Cash® cards during the summer of 2017, as the afloat cashless program transitioned to the new partners, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB) and PNC Bank.

The cards have a different look, but still work the same way. Cards were distributed in phases aboard ship, making the transition as seamless as possible. The only difference Sailors may notice is the new artwork and that the new cards are issued by FRBB and PNC Bank representing Navy’s transition to a new treasury agent.

Naval Supply Systems Command (NAvSUP) provides U.S. Naval forces with quality supplies and services. With headquarters in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and employing a diverse, worldwide workforce of more than 22,500 military and civilian personnel, NAVSUP oversees logistics programs in the areas of supply operations, conventional ordnance, contracting, resale, fuel, transportation and security assistance. In addition, NAVSUP is responsible for quality-of-life issues for our Naval forces, including food services, postal services, Navy Exchanges and movement of household goods.

The new cards are white, featuring blue “NAvy CASh®” lettering and a fade of ships in the background. They include the same chip and strip security protections just like the prior Navy Cash® cards. The customer service phone numbers, email address, and the website address remain unchanged to ensure a seamless customer experience.

In the next two years all Sailors and Marines will transition to a new card and the old cards will no longer be usable.

The Navy's strategic partnership with U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Fiscal Service on the Navy Cash® Stored Value Card (SVC) program has significantly improved the quality of life for Sailors and Marines.

For more information, visit the Navy Cash® page on the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Fiscal Service website, www.fiscal.treasury.gov.
NAVSUP FLC Norfolk, Bath Division is Presented AEGIS Awards

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk, Bath Division Configuration/Outfitting and Commissioning Supply Service (CSS) teams were each awarded an AEGIS Destroyer Excellence Award in a May 24 ceremony in Bath, Maine.

According to NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Bath Division Director James Mitchell, this award program is run by Program Executive Office Ships and recognizes AEGIS destroyer-related accomplishments and provides awards in the categories of individual and team in direct support of acquisition efforts including research, development and new construction, along with in-service efforts such as overhaul and maintenance.

“I’m extremely proud of both of these teams,” said Mitchell. “My configuration/outfitting and CSS teams are folks who truly place the needs of the warfighter first.”

Both teams were commended for their work with the future guided-missile destroyers USS Rafael Peralta (DDg 115) and USS Thomas Hudner (DDg 116).

The configuration/outfitting team worked with builder and contractor support to oversee configuration changes that accounted for 700 contractor-furnished and more than 29 thousand government-furnished line item changes, while monitoring the procurement of more than 45 thousand requisitions valued at more than $16 million.

The CSS team was responsible for the successful turnover and loadout of more than 20 thousand allowances valued at more than $22 million. Their efforts contributed to Rafael Peralta scoring high on their light-off assessment, which assesses a ship’s ability to get underway.


Mitchell added that NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Bath Division works as part of a partnership between NAVSUP and Naval Sea Systems Command that, “...basically allows the warfighter to be the warfighter, and leaves logistics to be handled by the logisticians.”

Rafael Peralta is scheduled to join the fleet later this year and Thomas Hudner is scheduled for commissioning next year.

CSS team members Lt. John Cusimano and LSCM Chad Deitrick received an AEGIS Excellence Award.

Code 500 Configuration & Outfitting team members Justin Duncan, Richard Hooper, Fred Richards, Rory Fike, Susan Dickson, Craig Cooley, Tracy Bickford, Matthew Pullen, and Richard Bane received an AEGIS Excellence Award.
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka Site Marianas Participates in Talisman Sabre 17

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Yokosuka Site Marianas supported the major multinational exercise Talisman Sabre 17, from the initial planning phase to the completion of the exercise. Talisman Sabre is a biennial exercise comprised of over 33,000 U.S. and Australian military personnel working together to build on partnerships, interoperability, and the ability to respond to contingencies in the region.

Site Marianas was instrumental in the coordination and transportation of ships cargo en route to Townsville, Australia, in support of the exercise. Over 20 active duty and Reserve personnel from NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Marianas; the Global Logistics Support Enterprise Logistics Readiness Team (eLRT); USS Ronald Reagan Beach Detachment; the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit; and the U.S. Navy Reserves arrived in Guam to support the exercise.

“One of the greatest things about our Navy is that we have multiple different assets to use around the world to accomplish our mission. From military aircraft to replenishment ships, it is incredible the abilities that we have to ensure the success of the mission” said Lt. Brent Cohen, Site Marianas logistics support officer.

NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Marianas and exercise support personnel loaded a total of 25 CFAF C-130 and C-40 aircraft at Andersen Air Force Base en route to Townsville, Australia. The process of cargo consolidation began in mid-June at the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Guam Marianas (DDGM) compound. For more than 30 days, the team at Site Marianas consolidated and built 96 463L pallets transporting 205,000 pounds of cargo for the units participating in Talisman Sabre. The ship's cargo that were consolidated on Guam were in support of USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), USS Mustin (DDG 89), USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Green Bay (LPD 20), USS Ashland (LSD 48), USS Shiloh (CG 67), USS Barry (DD 933), USS Sterett (DDG 104), USS McCampbell (DDG 85), USS John S. McCain (DDG 56), USNS Rappahannock (T-AO 204), USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE 10), USNS John Ericsson (T-AO 194), USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and multiple embarked aircraft squadrons. After the cargo was consolidated and secured to the Air Force master pallets, it was transported to the Cargo Deployment Facility yard on Andersen Air Force Base for weighing and certifying. eLRT personnel accompanied the cargo to ensure that the material was certified for the upcoming CFAF aircraft load the following morning.

“The morning after the cargo was certified, it was transported to the 734th Air Mobility Squadron, where it was loaded onto a K Loader, and then physically pushed onto the aircraft by the eLRT.

“From the planning to the conclusion, the entire NAVSUP FLC Guam team remained in lockstep with DDGM to ensure cargo was palletized, segregated, staged and ready to load at moment’s notice,” said Cmdr. Frederick Skinner, NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Marianas site director. “I could not be more proud of my team, Reservists, beach detachments, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and the eLRT for their hard work, meticulous planning, and execution of this critical mission.”
When Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Dallas (SSN 700) arrived at Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) -Bremerton to begin the process of inactivation and decommissioning, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Puget Sound logistics support representatives (LSR) were waiting on the pier, ready to assist.

The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Logistics Support Center (LSC) has been providing support services to the Dallas crew since the submarine’s arrival May 22.

When most people think about providing logistics support to the fleet, they think of the people behind the scenes providing supplies, fuel, food, and machinery parts that ships and submarines need to accomplish their operational missions. The work that goes into inactivation of a vessel isn’t something that readily comes to mind.

As Dallas pulled into NBK Bremerton, LSRS Joe Wells and Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Ervin Flores from the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound LSC were standing by at the pier to render assistance.

“The LSC is the single point of contact for the decommissioning units. Prior to the Dallas’ arrival, we initiate contact and assign an LSR so that the unit has a point of contact to address issues, concerns, or if they require any additional support,” said Edgardo “Eddie” Edrosa, deputy operations officer, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound.

Wells and Flores met with the Dallas supply officer and supply team to provide information about the local area, supply processes, and to render information and assistance as needed. The LSRS set up a work space ashore for the crew to process turn-ins of depot-level repairable (DLR) material back into the supply system, and provided assistance with establishing Navy Marine Corps Intranet and Navy eRetrograde Management System accounts that the Sailors needed to process DLR material.

“When the system accounts for Sailors to process DLRs are established, LSC representatives conduct training on the proper packaging and preservation of DLR material in accordance with Navy requirements and how to prepare a manifest for shipment,” said Edrosa.

Additionally, all excess materials aboard, such as supplies and unused food provisions, have to be removed from the vessel and processed. The Dallas is currently in the process of offloading and processing material excess and preparing the ship for the subsequent phase of defueling. After the submarine is defueled at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, the hull will be retained in storage until decommissioning.

USS Buffalo (SSN 715) arrived at NBK-Bremerton May 26 to initiate the same inactivation and decommissioning process as Dallas.

Dallas was commissioned on July 18, 1981 and left its homeport in Groton, Connecticut for the last time on March 24.

Buffalo, which departed from its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii, was commissioned on November 5, 1983.
The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) announced its 2016 Bingham Award winners. The Bingham Award was established in 1979 to recognize outstanding performance in operations, customer service and community support.

“This award is presented to the best of the best NEXs in nine sales categories for overall financial results and customer service,” said Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Bianchi of NEXCOM. “This award is presented to both the NEX and the local Navy command to recognize their partnership and commitment to support the quality of life of our military members and their families. Bravo Zulu to each of the winners and runners-up for their outstanding achievements.”

The 2016 winners and runners-up are:

**Sales above $70 million**
- **Winner:** Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan
- **Runner-up:** Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida

**Sales $30 - $70 million**
- **Winner:** U.S. Naval Support Activity Bahrain
- **Runner-up:** Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington

**Sales $20 - $30 million**
- **Winner:** U.S. Naval Station Rota, Spain
- **Runner-up:** Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan

**Sales $9 - $20 million**
- **Winner:** Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia
- **Runner-up:** Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa

**Sales $4 - $9 million**
- **Winner:** U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece
- **Runner-up:** Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada

**Sales $2 - $4 million**
- **Winner:** Naval Outlying Landing Field Imperial Beach, California
- **Runner-up:** NEX Jebel Ali, Dubai

**Sales $1.4 - $2 million**
- **Winner:** Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine
- **Runner-up:** Naval Support Activity South Potomac, Dahlgren, Virginia

**Sales $650,000 - $1.4 million**
- **Winner:** Naval Support Activity Crane, Indiana
- **Runner-up:** Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

**Sales less than $650,000**
- **Winner:** Surface Combat Systems Center Wallops Island, Virginia
- **Runner-up:** Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Washington, D.C.

The Bingham Award is named in honor of the late Reserve Capt. W.H. Bingham, SC, USN. Bingham was appointed by SECNAV in 1946 to lead an advisory board for the establishment of NEXCOM.
Making the Most of Your Billet
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