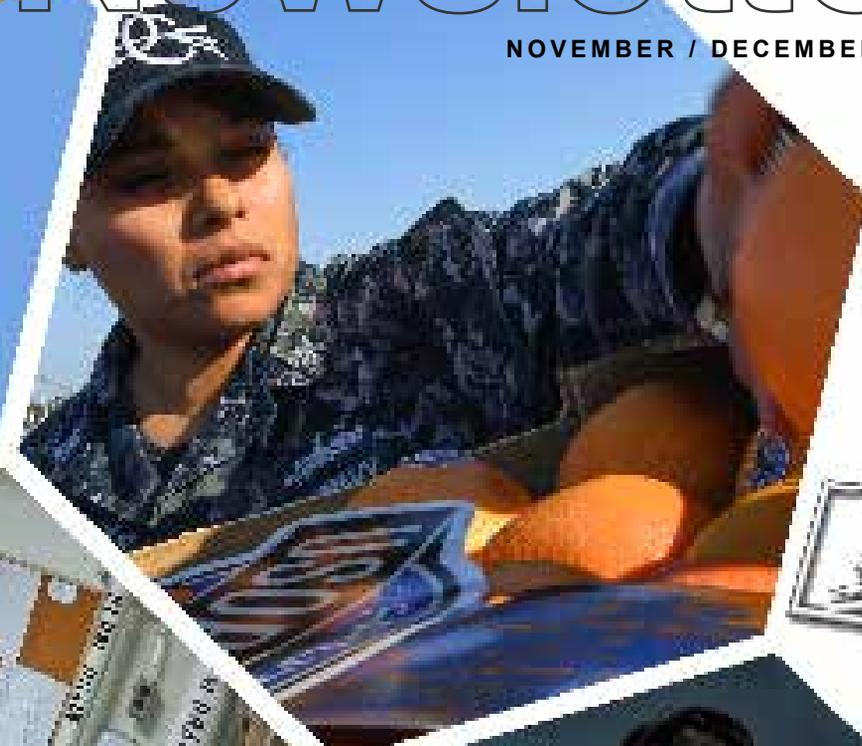


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## A Message from the Chief of Supply Corps

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As a supply community, we are made up of Supply Corps officers, enlisted Sailors, and civilians. Enlisted Sailors play a vital role in mission accomplishment. But because they do their jobs so well on a daily basis, consistently displaying the character and competence our profession demands, we must be careful to never take their contributions for granted. Our enlisted Sailors are highly effective partners whose stories must be told. The articles in this edition of the newsletter focus on telling those stories.

Enlisted Sailors are the backbone of the supply community, afloat and ashore, particularly in the operational realm. In most cases, they are on the “pointy end of the spear,” providing the very last touch point between the supply chain and the customer and many times they are the customer. Whether a Logistics Specialist, Culinary Specialist, or Ship’s Serviceman, the enlisted Sailor is the ultimate representation of operational readiness, providing the supplies, services, and quality-of-life support that enable our Navy and Joint warfighters to accomplish their missions.

Beyond their important contributions to readiness, our enlisted Sailors also take on the important role of mentoring our junior officers. Logistics Specialists, Culinary Specialists, and Ship’s Servicemen work closely with our junior officers every day to hone their craft and learn the intricacies of supply support. At the same time senior enlisted Sailors teach the finer points of leadership – how to be a good leader and an attentive follower; how to do what is good, right, and honorable; how to be a student of the game; and how to provide world-class support to the mission at hand. Personally, I have been blessed throughout my career to work with outstanding enlisted Sailors. I have always looked to them for guidance, direction, and no-nonsense counsel, and they have never let me down.

As you read the articles in this edition of the newsletter, keep in mind the important contributions of our enlisted Sailors to provide global logistics support to the warfighter.

And to our enlisted partners, thank you for all you do to support the supply community, Navy and Joint warfighters, and our country. I look forward to a new year with great optimism, as together we forge an ever-stronger supply community.

J. A. YUEN  
RADM, SC, USN



## NEWS FROM THE Command Master Chief

Team Supply,

In this newsletter edition, we will take a look at today's enlisted Sailors and the contributions they provide throughout the NAVSUP Enterprise and within the fleet. Enlisted ratings like culinary specialist, logistics specialist, ship's serviceman, aviation boatswain's mate-fuels, and Navy career counselors will be showcased on their duties with the NAVSUP Enterprise and their contributions throughout the fleet. In addition, we received articles from Naval Submarine Base New London; USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93); USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54); 2D Medical Logistics Company from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Naval Base San Diego's Mercer Hall Galley; Presidential Food Service; and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea. All of these articles showcase how the enlisted Sailor's role supports the mission.

This fall, we held our Supply Enlisted Roadshows which focus on all areas within career management and enlisted detailing procedures. We closed out the year with shows in Norfolk, Philadelphia, and Mechanicsburg. Stay tuned for the 2018 Supply Enlisted Roadshow schedule.

As I visit our enlisted Sailors all over the world, I am very impressed by the moral excellence and careful decision-making that continues to be displayed in our ranks and within the supply community. It is so important that we be reminded of how we all are connected and that the actions of one individual can cause an impact on our whole organization and community. Please remember to review our safety messages and procedures during the holidays. Each of you are extremely vital to the team in which our #1 goal is to ensure that everyone returns back safely for the new year.

**Lead with character and competence!**

CMDCM (SW/AW) THADDEUS T. WRIGHT, USN  
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# SPECIAL INTEREST

Happy 242<sup>nd</sup> Birthday U.S. Navy!



Sea Power to Protect and Promote

## Celebrating the Navy's Birthday

**T**he United States Navy traces its origins to the establishment of the Continental Navy on October 13, 1775. On that day, the Continental Congress authorized the procurement, fitting out, manning and dispatch of two vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America.

Since its earliest days, the U.S. Navy forward-deployed to deter and, if necessary, defeat our adversaries, safeguard our national interests, and defend our homeland. Today, in an increasingly complex global security environment, the mission endures and

the Navy continues to deploy around the globe, from the Arabian Gulf to the South and East China Seas to the North Atlantic and beyond.

The Navy plays a key role in maintaining international stability, including the free flow of commerce across global markets. Approximately 90 percent of all world trade is conducted on the seas, and a strong, capable force is essential to protect shipping lanes.

At the same time the Navy provides vital humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, most recently supporting the recovery efforts following the hurricanes that devastated Texas, Florida, Puerto

Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. From planning and preparations before the storms, to recovery efforts after the storms, the Navy led the way, adapting to rapidly-changing requirements.

In each of these vital Naval missions, the Supply Corps plays a key role. We are Ready for Sea, with military and civilian personnel answering the call whenever and wherever they are most needed. As a Navy and as a supply community, we are defined by our integrity, accountability, initiative, and toughness, and are poised for a bright future. ✨



# Happy

Left: Commander NAVSUP and Chief of Supply Corps Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen (far right) is joined by the youngest enlisted member at NAVSUP Headquarters, PS2 Justin Francis, and one of NAVSUP HQ's longest government career employees, Steve Kozick, to make the traditional first cut of the U.S. Navy birthday cake.



# Birthday U.S. Navy!

Above: Civilian and military staff at Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, celebrating the U.S. Navy birthday. -photo by Dorie Heyer



# USS America Celebrates U.S. Navy's 242nd Birthday

BY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 MO HALL  
FOOD SERVICE OFFICER  
USS AMERICA (LHA 6)

USS America (LHA 6) celebrated the U.S. Navy's 242nd birthday on Oct. 13, 2017.

The Heroes Café culinary team hosted a birthday dinner celebration for the crew. A Navy tradition, the oldest and youngest crew members aboard have the distinct honor of cutting the cake. This year, the honor fell to Cmdr. Ernan Obellos, the ship's SUPPO and oldest crew member, and MASR Ronni Churchill, the ship's youngest crew member.

From America's family to yours,  
Happy Birthday U.S. Navy! 🌟



Above: USS America (LHA-6): (Left to Right) CWO2 Mo Hall (FSO), CS2 (SW/AW) Laura Osorio, CSSN Daisy Magana, Cmdr. Ernan Obellos (SUPPO).



Right: (Left to Right): SUPPO Cmdr. Ernan Obellos (oldest), Commanding Officer Capt. Joseph Olson, MASR Ronni Churchill (youngest).

# FEATURE STORY

## THE ENLISTED SAILORS' ROLE IN BEING READY, RESOURCEFUL, AND RESPONSIVE!

BY CMDM (SW/AW) THADDEUS T. WRIGHT, USN

**W**arfighting support at Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) begins with enlisted Sailors providing supplies, services, and quality-of-life support to the Navy and Joint warfighter from the deck plates. Our Sailors execute the multi-echelon work necessary to accomplish the mission.

### Providing Supplies

Enlisted Sailors at NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support provide Navy and Joint Forces parts support for the weapon systems that keep our naval forces mission ready for the FIGHT! Enlisted Sailors stationed at the eight NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Centers around the globe provide last tactical mile support to fleet operational units. NAVSUP FLC Sailors are part of a team that supports contracting requirements for both afloat and ashore forces, including regional commanders and Navy installations. NAVSUP FLCs also include Aviation Boatswain's Mates Fuels, who play a key role in the operation and maintenance of fuel farms located around the world. The importance of their efforts to safely provide fuel to the warfighter when and where needed cannot be overstated.

### Providing Services / Quality of Life

Subject matter experts (SME) at NAVSUP Headquarters directly support 280 enlisted general messes. One SME oversees the entire Navy Cash® program, which allows a Sailor to purchase various items from the ship's store by accessing his or her own bank account. SMEs provide training for ship's retail operations and food service operations.



*NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk Navy Food Management Team (NFMT) conducting inventory management training.*

The training is provided onboard ships, submarines, and expeditionary units, as well as in the classroom, for approximately 10,000 active and Reserve ship's serviceman and culinary specialists. Together these two supply ratings maintain the morale of the fleet via their combined services.

### Career Management / Community Health

Navy counselors play a key role in providing information on career management opportunities for all of the enlisted Sailors within the NAVSUP Enterprise. SMEs assigned to the supply enlisted community manager (ECM) team provide a wealth of knowledge on enlisted advancement, detailing, community health and career planning. Whether serving from their offices in Millington, Tennessee, or through multiple roadshows, the ECM team communicates the critical information required to make career decisions.

The NAVSUP Enterprise could not be successful without the efforts of its enlisted workforce. Together, along with NAVSUP officers and civilians, we make an incredible team focused on being the Navy's trusted provider of supplies, services, and quality-of-life support. ✨



NAVSUP FLC Sigonella NFMT conducting galley watch captain training.

## THE VALUE OF SUPPLY ENLISTED ROADSHOWS

BY CMDCM (SW/AW) THADDEUS T. WRIGHT, USN

On Oct. 30th, the Supply Enlisted Roadshow team visited the Norfolk/Hampton Roads area of responsibility and conducted six roadshows. The roadshows provide information focused on key issues such as advancement, detailing, supply enlisted community health, supply initiatives, career planning, career navigator, retention, special programs, separations, and retirement.

The value of roadshows can be summed up by my own personal testimony. During my second leading mess specialist/culinary specialist tour, it was USS Normandy (CG 60) Supply Officer Cmdr. Patrick Blesch who encouraged me to attend a roadshow. During the roadshow, I received my first Career Development Board that was solely geared toward me, my supply enlisted rating and the supply community that I served. This experience provided me the opportunity not only to be successful in my career, but also to share the wealth and help those that I led in the division and within the supply department.



SHCS (SW/AW) Sanchez led one of the discussions at NAS Oceana.

The Supply Enlisted Roadshow team is comprised of subject matter experts (SMEs) from the enlisted community management team (BUPERS-3) and our detailer SMEs from Navy Personnel Command. This team traveled to NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, USS George Washington (CVN 73), Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, Naval Special Warfare Group 2 Logistics and Support Unit, and Naval Air Station Oceana, interacting with more than 500 Sailors in efforts to provide the latest and greatest information regarding career management.

Look for the 2018 Supply Enlisted Roadshow schedule in the next Navy Supply Corps Newsletter. 🌟

The Supply Enlisted Roadshow at NAS Oceana.



Left to right: CMDCM (SW/AW) Thaddeus Wright, CSCM (SW/AW) Rodrick Frierson, LSCM (AW/SW) Stephanie Tuttle, SHCS (SW/AW) Shelby Sanchez, and Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Ulmer.





## A FEW GOOD COOKS

BY CS1 LONNIE LAORETTI  
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**W**hen I stepped onto the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine, USS Topeka (SSN 754), one of the first things said to me by my first leading petty officer, now CSC (SS) Robert Vieyra, was that, “as a cook, you have to make food like the guys can’t go out to a drive-thru. We are under water. You are the morale. A good meal will make a guy underwater not feel like the journey takes forever.”

By definition, culinary art is a form of art. It is an expression of one’s soul communicated via food instead of canvas or paper. It involves the touch of salt and pepper, the ratio of water to concentrate, the choice of grilled or deep fried, the garnishes that set up the plot of your masterpiece and how you are feeling that day. Yes, I am proud to be a Navy culinary specialist, there is no denying that. However, there are constraints, especially if you are a submariner. With a limited load-out selection, and many rules and regulations to what can or cannot be cooked, I have learned that working in a galley in the Navy, under water, is nothing like the 5-Star restaurants that I had envisioned. You must adapt and learn to work with what you have to please your patrons.

### Keep adding tools to your tool box and sharpen your knives.

With eight years of service, rolling from a submarine galley to an ashore facility at Cross Hall Galley, Naval Submarine Base (SUBASE) New London, Groton, Connecticut, my skills were diversified as I realized that we have the capability to make products from scratch and the culture to innovate. As a Five-Star facility for three consecutive years and a Capt. Edward F. Ney Memorial Award (NEY) nominated galley, this was a dream come true, and it was only the beginning. With 90 percent of our main entrées made entirely from raw ingredients, this was a gym for my skillsets and I worked out daily. I gladly took on the role of galley watch captain as a petty officer 2nd class and led the duty section during our Five-Star inspection, contributing to our 2017 Five-Star award and Ney nomination. I was meritoriously advanced to petty officer 1st class as a result. The recognitions are important, but what I truly cherish is the opportunity to train Sailors inside and outside the galley. Via the Intermediate Stop Program, our galley also allows culinary specialist students from the nearby basic enlisted submarine school to intern and gain hands-on experience in their craft. The fleet reaps what we sow in the form of operationally ready and confident junior CSs to man our submarine galleys at the rate of 40 students per month. I consider it an honor when I am called upon to cook for our admiral and distinguished visitors. Nevertheless, whether it is the junior Sailor on the line or a distinguished guest, my primary goal is to see a patron smile, which tells me that my masterpieces made their day.

### Home life truly matters.

No Sailor can propel themselves to their goals without the solid foundation from their families. My patient wife is familiar with the sacrifices required. I guess I could not fathom how much support meant to me until I saw the proud faces of my entire family at my re-enlistment at the USS Constitution.

### Take your talents to the next level and showcase them to the world.

My first introduction into culinary competitions was by chance. It takes an extraordinary mentor to see the potential in his or her Sailors and, in my case, that was CSSCM (SS/AW) Christopher Nailon, a deity in the food service community. He asked me if I wanted to compete at the 1st annual sub sandwich throw-down for the submarine centennial. With only two days to plan, we featured a unique hollowed French bread carved out like a canoe and inlaid with smoked summer sausage to prevent leakage and to enhance the taste. It was filled with a loaded seafood soup comprised of fresh ingredients of cherry clams, steamer clams, salmon and crab, topped with fried onions and scallions. We labeled it as “soup sandwich,” military slang for unsatisfactory. Clearly, the judges found this humorous and a misnomer, since our masterpiece was selected as the victor of the contest. As a result, we were invited to the World Food Championships. I knew this was a huge deal because it was a military and civilian hybrid competition comprised of legendary cooks from all over the world, with a total of 1,500 competitors. We earned fourth place overall, and the Navy culinary team came knocking on my door. The Master Chief asked me if I wanted to join the team to compete in the United Kingdom. I never thought that my passion for food would emanate beyond the gates of SUBASE New London. One thing I learned being a chef in the United States Navy is that the doors are definitely there, and it is up to you to turn the knob and open them. With the help of selfless leaders, talented shipmates, and a supportive family, I am honored to be an ambassador of our mighty Navy, promoting good will, talent and sportsmanship to the world, via palate. 🌟

# Supply Sailors Who Imua

BY LT.J.G. JUSTIN CHOCK, GUNNERY OFFICE  
USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG 93)



*CSSN Roybal prepares a fresh chicken dinner for the hungry crew of USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG 93). Photos by YN3 (SW) Latoya Dobbs*

The word “imua” is vital to the spirit of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) as a part of her motto, “Imua e na Koa Kai.” In the Hawaiian language, it means “go forward.” It is a call for all hands to contribute toward our shared pursuit of naval excellence. As a part of this month’s Navy Supply Corps Newsletter theme, Chung-Hoon is proud to highlight two junior enlisted Sailors who truly allow the ship to “go forward” - CSSN Ruben Roybal and LSSN Michael Lipscomb.

As a culinary specialist serving over 900 meals daily to 314 crew members, Roybal is able to handle the pressure of hungry Sailors looking for a good meal. Roybal knows it’s not enough to simply satisfy appetites. Food is vital to a ship’s morale, and his culinary skills during three special meals and two holiday meals alleviated the ever-present stress on a warship. “He works with limited supervision and consistently strives to provide outstanding results, routinely going above and beyond to provide an excellent dining experience!” said Chief Korhy Flanary, leading culinary specialist.

When out of the galley, Roybal continues to support the ship by providing sanitation and cleanliness for 76 S-2 spaces. One of his favorite roles as a medical training team member who teaches new stretcher bearers first aid and basic battle wound treatment to help save lives. “I love helping people improve,” Roybal said with a smile. Indeed, his motivation started with a desire to financially support himself through college, but soon became a calling to help others, making the hard work a reward in itself. “I’ve had a great time in the Navy,” he states. “It’s a great experience that I think everybody should have.”

However, Sailors are not the only ones in the Navy who need to be fed. Ships themselves have an insatiable appetite for parts and materiel to remain in fighting shape. Lipscomb devotes his best work to meeting that particular challenge every day. Not only does he provide superior inventory management to the crew, he also revamped Chung-Hoon’s entire hazardous materiel (HAZMAT) program as HAZMAT supervisor and completed 19 space preservation and 38 lagging jobs as a work center petty officer in charge during Chung-Hoon’s recent dry dock restricted availability period.

His motivation shines through every challenge and tasking. He succeeded at maintaining his self-determined standard, that “all HAZMAT would be either 100 percent on hand or on order,” through over 1,200 Planned Maintenance System checks across the command. No task is too small for him either: as boundaryman, a position often underestimated by watch standers, Lipscomb took the role in stride and made it his own. The leading assessor of our light-off assessment’s certifying firefighting drill was especially impressed, giving a particular “BZ” to the way Lipscomb took full ownership of his role.

What drove Lipscomb to strive for greatness was his search for a rewarding career and his belief that the Navy would provide it. “I’ve always had an interest in joining,” Lipscomb reminisced. After enlisting, the sense of tradition and the shared adherence to the Navy core values spurred him to push for even greater heights. “If you really want to be a Sailor, you’re going to do whatever you can to make sure you’re the go-to Sailor,” Lipscomb described.

All of his efforts pay off in the reputation he carries throughout the command. “LSSN Lipscomb’s unwavering sense of pride and devotion to duty pushes him to excel and take on a myriad of additional taskings not typically entrusted to a junior Sailor,” LSCS Joselin Cruzdelossantos remarked. Lipscomb remains appreciative and humble toward the praise he receives. “I know what’s right and what’s required of me,” he responded, “and I want to meet and exceed it.”

Through culinary and logistics work, Chung-Hoon is always supplied with what it needs to fight. These Sailors’ impact is more than simply providing supplies when needed. Their example inspires every one of the crew members to do their best. Ultimately, that shared commitment to the naval profession is what truly allows a ship to “imua.” 🌟



*LSSN Lipscomb takes inventory to make sure USS CHUNG-HOON is always stocked with the materiel it needs.*



## Steel Hammer of the Fleet

BY LT.J.G. DONG M. LOGAN, SC, USN, ASSISTANT SUPPLY OFFICER, USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54)

USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) is one of the Navy's forward-deployed Arleigh-Burke Class destroyers. The 2016 Battle "E" Award winner, Destroyer Squadron 15, and the Bloodhound Award winner, Pacific Fleet, USS Curtis Wilbur is home-ported in Yokosuka, Japan. Despite an extremely dynamic schedule and operational commitment in the Pacific area of responsibility (AOR), her Sailors are always ready for sea and happy to be part of the "Steel Hammer of the Fleet" family!

Beginning in October 2015, Wilbur began a grueling underway schedule, clocking an impressive 371 days away from homeport. During that time, the supply department began an enormous overhaul of the ship's store. SH1 Herbert Martinez led the charge, offering new products such as Japanese delicacies that were only available in the 7th Fleet AOR. Sailors immediately responded to the new products, and thanks to SH1's innovative thinking, the ship store raised \$71,000 for Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Lt. Janka Brock, a cryptologic warfare officer who has served on several forward-deployed naval forces (FDNF) ships, remarked that it was "the best ship's store I have ever seen!"

S3 is not the only supply division that is excelling on the Wilbur. Due to constantly being underway, ordering and receiving parts

in FDNF can be a logistical nightmare. LS1 Brandon Healy and his team met that challenge head on, ensuring parts arrived at every port and every underway replenishment. In recognition of his efforts, Healy was selected as Wilbur's Senior Sailor of the Year. He was also recently selected as a limited duty officer and will receive his commission in December 2017.

Everyone knows the way to a Sailor's heart is through his or her stomach, something that S2 knows only too well. The watchful eyes of CSI Oliver Sicut and CSI Leon Brown, Wilbur's kitchen produced some of the finest meals in the United States Navy. In addition to the typical menu, Wilbur introduced special meals like Mongolian barbecue, chicken wings with five to 10 different flavors, and steel beach picnics nearly every Sunday. In recognition of their hard work, Brown was selected as the Destroyer Squadron's Senior Sailor of the Quarter. Sailors are greeted every day with Brown's signature smile and hometown hospitality.

Wilbur recently passed its Supply Management Certification with flying colors. Scoring over 95 percent in all areas of general stores, food service, retail operations, and postal operations during the certification process, Wilbur's supply department proved what every Sailor aboard already knew—they

are fully capable and mission ready. The supply department's success over the past year and a half has not been the work of one Sailor, but rather a total team effort with all Sailors working together toward one common goal.

As the Wilbur's time in selected restricted availability comes to a close, the Sailors are diligently preparing to get back to sea, with supply department leading the charge. Here's to another successful year in FDNF! 🌟

**Above: Haze gray underway! Here's to another wonderful day out to sea for the supply department.**

*Left to right front row: LSC Melvin Tanio, LS2 Jacob Szigethy, CS2 Rogelito Reyes, LS2 Michael Serrano, LS3 Carl Magsino, SH3 Garret Gray, LS2 Peter Garcia, Lt.j.g. Dong Logan, Lt. Mark Adjei, CS3 Michael Taylor, CS3 Keenan Harris, FC3 Antonio Washington, CS3 Julie Guico-Magsino, CS2 Tammen Birondo, CSSN Amanda Johnson, CSCS Charles Brown, CS1 Leon Brown.*

*Left to right back row: LS1 Brandon Healy, SHSN Christopher Rios, LSSA Juwaan Fuller, SH2 James Solomon, CS2 Wilson Hallford, LS2 Edwin Vargas, SH3 Alexander Willis, LS1 Andrew Kim, LS3 Alexander Mai, CS1 Thomas Luvisi, IC3 Dwight McDuff, CS3 Justin Sipos, CS3 David Rivera, BM3 Precious Aumua, LS2 Jaye Tucker, SH1 Herbert Martinez, CS1 Oliver Sicut.*

# Fleet Marine Force Medical Logistics Is Not Just For Corpsmen

BY LS2(FMF/SW) THOMAS C. BRICKNER, 2D MEDICAL LOGISTICS COMPANY  
CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

**N**ot many in the logistics specialist community are aware that there are opportunities to serve alongside Marines and earn the Navy Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist Qualification.

Since 2008, logistics specialists have had the opportunity to bring their skills and knowledge to assist the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) in the area of medical logistics. A billet once reserved for Navy corpsmen, logistics specialists are responsible for ensuring the FMF and the Navy Medical Corps have the necessary Class VIII medical and dental supplies and equipment to carry out the Marine Corps mission.

These billets are available at four medical logistics hubs known as a medical logistics companies, commonly referred to as MEDLOGs. MEDLOGs support the three Marine Expeditionary Forces and the Marine Corps Reserve.

For the past four years, I have served alongside our Marine brothers and sisters at 2D Medical Logistics Company, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where we support II Marine Expeditionary Force and all operational Marine units along the Eastern seaboard of the United States.

Our job at MEDLOG is not unlike the one we perform at a surface command. Logistics specialists are responsible for the procurement, receipt, stowage and the financial accounting of supplies, with a focus on Class VIII medical and dental supplies. The systems we use to perform these duties may be different than anything we use in the surface or aviation communities, but the concepts are the same.

These billets are available as both sea duty and shore duty. Sea duty billets include

1st MEDLOG (Camp Pendleton, California), 2nd MEDLOG (Camp Lejeune, North Carolina) and 3rd MEDLOG (Okinawa, Japan) and come with numerous opportunities to deploy with a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). A shore duty billet is available at the 4th MEDLOG (Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina).

An FMF billet is physically demanding. However, Sailors who serve alongside Marines are not required to participate in the semi-annual Marine Corps physical fitness test, but train alongside Marines to remain physically fit. Unlike our corpsmen counterparts, who attend the 10-week Fleet Marine Training Battalion to prepare to serve alongside Marines, which includes Marine Corps familiarization and intense physical training, logistics specialists are not afforded the opportunity.

The addition of logistics specialists to the FMF has had an immediate and positive impact on the FMF. Offering logistics specialists the opportunity to deploy with a MEU provides the FMF with additional personnel with the necessary knowledge and skills to ensure Marine Corps units and their corpsmen are provided with timely resupply of medical supplies.

In the past, a MEU would have to reach back to CONUS for resupply directly through their respective MEDLOG, who, in turn, would have to procure, package and ship supplies to the ship, prolonging the receiving time for deployed units. Now, a logistics specialist can provide an MEU with expedited resupply of their Class VIII medical and dental supplies while at sea in coordination with multiple supply sources strategically positioned around the globe. The operational tempo of a deployed MEU is hectic and demands the most streamlined

processes to ensure supplies are available at a moment's notice; and the addition of logistics specialists to a MEU ensures Marines and their corpsmen are mission ready at all times.

Serving alongside Marines and corpsmen also provides additional leadership opportunities to our rate. Along with increased leadership opportunities, there are opportunities to qualify on weapons not used in the surface or aviation communities, receive field and battle-tested first-aid training through the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course and participate in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, which teaches self-defense and hand-to-hand combat. Having served as a leading petty officer, responsible for not only logistics specialists, but Marines and corpsmen as well, has increased my leadership skills and made me a more well-rounded leader and Sailor. My best advice to anyone who is interested in serving in the FMF is to educate yourself through our community detailers. Streamlined processes to ensure class VIII medical and dental assets are available at a moment's notice, and the addition of logistics specialists to a MEU ensures Marines and their Corpsmen are mission ready at all times. 🌟





CSC (SW) Lucille Conley and CS1 (SW/AW) Gerald Medina attended a class at Culinary Institute of America in San Francisco.

## Naval Base San Diego Mercer Hall Sailors Attended Culinary Institute of America

BY CSC (SW) LUCILLE CONLEY

CSC (SW) Lucille Conley and CS1 (SW/AW) Gerald Medina were chosen to represent Naval Base San Diego at the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in San Francisco. The class was made up of a diverse group of Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army and Merchant Marine service members, with pay grades ranging from E3 to E6, and with various backgrounds in food service.

They attended a course that provided intensive training on butchery, flavor dynamics, roasting techniques, sautéing, and barbecuing, to name a few. The course also included a field trip to a local farm, where students interacted with the farmer and learned about the “farm-to-table” concept.

The students also toured various locations in Napa Valley, including Oxbow Public Market, Figones Olive Oil Company, and Benziger Winery.

As the training concluded, Conley and Medina participated in separate teams competing for “Most Healthy” dish, won by Medina and his team, and “Best Dish,” won by CSC Conley’s team.

The course also provided an opportunity for service members to sit with CEOs and have a one-on-one mentorship discussion. The course was taught by Chef Tom Wong, Chef Ken Woytisek, and Chef Hinnerk Von Bargaen. The instructors were very enthusiastic and gave an opportunity for students to ask questions during the training.

The students were given a tour of the Robert Mondavi Vineyard on their final night in Napa Valley, followed by a gourmet dinner.

Conley and Medina expressed great gratitude for their time spent in San Francisco, which they will never forget. They both hope to attend the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in the future. ✨



CSC Conley and CS1 Medina participated on separate teams competing for “Most Healthy” dish.



Students presented their culinary creations to a panel of judges during the culinary training event.



CSC Conley’s Team won the “Best Dish.”

# The Life of a Transportation Liaison Petty Officer at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea

BY LOGISTICS SPECIALIST SENIOR CHIEF SOURIDETH SOUMPHONPHAKDY,  
SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER  
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES KOREA

**L**ogistics Specialist 3rd Class Dong Lee, transportation and liaison petty officer assigned to the staff of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea (CNFK), is instrumental to the supply department's success in executing their most challenging duty – supporting the commander and his staff in a remote, overseas location. Since his arrival to the peninsula in December 2011, Lee has taken a proactive approach to building relationships across the peninsula with Joint commands led by U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force units, as well as the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy. His efforts serve to strengthen the alliance between the two countries and ensure CNFK meets mission requirements, despite not having a large U.S. logistics facility in the region.

As a multi-linguist, he is the consummate logistics specialist. His expertise is vital to execution of the command's mission to strengthen collective security efforts in the region. Lee is directly responsible for coordinating the lodging reservations for over 400 exercise participants from five different commands during two annual, peninsula-wide combined exercises: Key Resolve and Ulchi Freedom Guardian.

In 2017, he spearheaded the lodging and transportation logistics plan for over 40 senior enlisted leaders who participated in the second Annual U.S./ROK Senior Enlisted Leadership Development Symposium.

Lee was hand-picked to be the command's transportation specialist due to his dedication and attention to detail. He devoted over 70 off-duty hours to distinguished visitor support for visits from Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander, United States Forces Korea; Commander, 7th Fleet; Commander, Navy Installations Command; Chief of Chaplain Corps; Chief Judge

Advocate General; and multiple Combined Task Force commands. His fluency in the Korean language made him an asset to distinguished visitors as a translator when he escorted them to various meetings throughout the peninsula.

In 2016, CNFK relocated its headquarters from Yongsan Army Base in Seoul to ROK Naval Headquarters in Busan. Over a two-week period, his precise planning and execution ensured the safe movement of over 50 personnel and their families, along with support equipment, furniture, and 24 vehicles from Seoul to Busan. This strategic move significantly strengthened the relationship between U.S. and ROK Navy.

Additionally, while serving on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation committee, Lee was instrumental to the success of the first combined command summer picnic attended by over 200 CNFK and Commander, ROK Fleet Sailors and their families. This event included activities for attendees of all ages and was well received by our Korean counterparts.

In his off-duty time, he gives back to the local community as a volunteer English teacher to 40 high school students in Busan City and organizes dozens of sports events for CNFK Sailors and families.

As an outstanding young petty officer with unlimited potential, Lee is a force multiplier who has made an invaluable, positive impact on this command. Subsequently, he has received numerous awards from both CNFK and the ROK Navy during his tour.

"It was my great pleasure being a part of CNFK because our mission in Korea is the most crucial expedition to maintain the placid relationship between ROK and U.S.," said Lee. "I am honored to be part of this mission." 🌟

# Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Awards Winners at the Culinary Institute of America

BY CHERYL HERNANDEZ,  
NEY PROGRAM MANAGER  
NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS  
COMMAND

**T**he 2017 Armed Forces Forum for Culinary Excellence was hosted by the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), July 31 through Aug. 4, 2017. All six Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award winning commands were represented. Nine Sailors from the Navy's best of the best participated alongside the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Military Sealift Command and the Air National Guard in a week-long learning event with training provided by CIA Chefs Tom Wong and Hinnerk Von Bargaen.

These nine Sailors, along with the other participants, spent time learning about world flavors, olive oils, salts and cooking for the seasons in preparation for their recipe challenge. The participants were then divided into eight teams with the challenge of preparing a healthy recipe as part of a friendly competition. The recipe created was judged on taste, nutrition, appearance, correct format, exact measurements, and included the actions taken during preparation and cooking. Each team prepared a pork loin dish with the ingredients available.

Seven judges enjoyed the teams' dishes. After tasting eight pork dishes, the judges decided on the winning recipe—"island delight." The recipe included jerk pork chops with black beans, grilled corn with jerk, white rice, Caribbean salad with a mango balsamic dressing, and a dessert of coconut flan. Team members winning the recipe challenge were CSC Lucille Conley, CS2 Adam DeJesus, Sgt. Dara Smith, SSgt. Keon Scott and SRA Karianna Mason. Congratulation on a job well done! 🌟



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## Presidential Food Service

BY CSCM (SW) ROSANNA MCANAWPRESIDENTIAL FOOD SERVICE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



Looking for a challenge? Presidential Food Service (PFS) is committed to recruiting the best and brightest culinary specialists (CSs). Members assigned to PFS will provide direct support to our mission in Washington, D.C. and be part of the travel team in support of the president of the United States. The PFS team at the White House is seeking highly qualified petty officer first and second class CSs with a projected rotation date in June 2018 to June 2019. Nominees selected will provide executive dining/food services, private quarters and enlisted aide duties for the president, first family, senior White House and military staff.

Take your culinary skills to the next level. Train and cook gourmet meals with competitively-skilled CSs, and provide presidential travel support throughout the world. This is a three-year Shore Special Program assignment that requires you to be eligible to attain a TS/SCI clearance.



The potential to represent the U.S. Navy by serving the president of the United States has never been better. If you are in your CMS window and interested, please contact the Flag Chef Program detailer at (901) 874-3871 or DSN 882-3871. For specific Presidential Food Service questions, please contact (202) 814-8868 or (202) 757-1223. 🌟

# AROUND THE FIELD

## & FLEET



## U.S. Fleet Forces' Financial Earnestness Earns Awards

BY MC2 STACY M. ATKINS RICKS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
U.S. FLEET FORCES

Money management for the average household can be tough. Now let's multiply that task to the scale of managing the Navy's wallet. The U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) Financial Improvement Audit Readiness (FIAR) team at Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads is familiar with that task and is responsible for keeping the fleet financially fit.

Fresh off of receiving two awards from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy Financial Management and Comptroller (ASN FM&C) June 7, the USFF comptroller department has collectively set their sights on maintaining and exceeding standards for their portions of the fleet's financial readiness.

Members of the department recently earned wins in the 2016 Best Internal Controls Program and Best Timely Object Class Reporting categories of the ASN FM&C awards. The awards are designed to recognize outstanding achievements in financial management endeavors supporting cost reduction, process improvements, accuracy, timeliness and customer service. The awards are an accomplishment leaders say are a group effort.

"Our team worked together, both government and with contractor support, testing and quality checking internal controls," said Lt. Cmdr. Vincent Ambrosino, FIAR lead.

The department is responsible for budget implementation and economic policy for USFF and the Atlantic Fleet. The team is also accountable for tracking and reporting fund allocation. At any given moment, the team must be able to show how each dollar is spent and ensure all transactions are accurately documented.

This is a job that entails reviewing and implementing corrective action plans within USFF to reduce errors, performing audit testing for accuracy, and creating guidelines on the control points to be tested.

"One of the other benefits to this program is increasing the buying power within the organization," said Jeff Scott, FIAR manager. "With these internal controls in place, we can readily identify if someone is being financially irresponsible. So, you can easily correct that so that you have funds available to support the various missions of the command."

In 2005, the Department of Defense established a financial operations management program designed to improve business processes and controls to assist with audit preparations across the Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Corps.



Ambrosino explained that the program in place today has developed tremendously in many aspects from what was employed 12 years ago; yet, it has one very distinct difference—auditability.

"The program had to go through a number of phases to get to where we are today and to be ready for an independent public auditor to come look. The Navy, in our mindset, was always accountable for things, but, really, on paperwork, we were not. While we had accountability, we did not have auditability," said Ambrosino. "Now that is what FIAR, the comptroller shop, and the commands do, and they are accounting for where every dollar is going."

Leaders emphasized the goal was to not just meet but exceed the standard, and establish a new benchmark through teamwork.

"Working together, we designed the program and solicited input from subordinate commands for final design," said Ambrosino. "The end result has provided this flexible framework. Without our dedicated team and forward thinking by our leadership, this award would not have been possible." 🌟

For more news from USFF, please visit, [www.public.navy.mil/usff](http://www.public.navy.mil/usff)  
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Above: Rear Adm. Duke Heinz addresses fleet questions during a supply department all hands call aboard USS Spruance (DDG 111).

## USS Spruance Hosts Visit by NAVSUP WSS

BY LT. CHRISTOPHER BROWN, SUPPLY OFFICER  
USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111)

**U**SS Spruance (DDG 111) hosted a visit by NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (WSS) Commander Rear Adm. Duke Heinz August 24.

Heinz received an overview of guided missile destroyer mission capability and discussed future deployment models, critical systems, and key watch areas for material support.

“We have exceptional Sailors who will be the tip of the spear in future operations,” said Cmdr. Josh Menzel, commanding officer, USS Spruance (DDG 111). “We cannot effectively do our jobs if our equipment doesn’t work. I greatly appreciate Rear Adm. Heinz taking the time to come to the fleet and see the material and parts challenges first-hand. The continued efforts of the NAVSUP WSS team are key to the fleet’s ability to successfully complete our mission.”

Heinz and Menzel also discussed the accomplishments and challenges of critical mission systems aboard Spruance in order to

facilitate better supply support and process improvement across the board.

“Every ship’s capability suite provides the operational commander tools to achieve effects,” Heinz said, “and NAVSUP WSS is focused on the material readiness of those tools. NAVSUP is committed to being agile and responsive in supporting the warfighter.”

During the visit, a supply department all hands call was held where special recognition was given to Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Erica Reddick, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Melricca Hunter, and Seaman Recruit James Ramsdell. A question-and-answer session with the department focused on topics ranging from changes to senior enlisted sea to shore rotation to supply rating manning levels across the NAVSUP Enterprise. Heinz conveyed to the fleet the importance of their supply roles within the operational environment.

At the conclusion of the visit, Heinz expressed his confidence in the Sailors’ ability to continue to provide world-class supply support for the crew aboard Spruance and looked forward to witnessing their continued success as they progress with their operational schedule. 🌟



**Promotion ceremony held at the Naval Postgraduate School on September 1, 2017 for 11 Supply Corps officers, all promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant commander. The oath was delivered by Cmdr. Colleen Jackson.**

*1st row from left: Lt. Cmdr. Jose Galvao, Lt. Cmdr. Carl Pennycooke, Lt. Cmdr. Kathryn Damore, Lt. Cmdr. Carnell Aurelio, Lt. Cmdr. Gilbert Uy;  
2nd row from left: Lt. Cmdr. David Medici, Lt. Cmdr. Eugene Ho, Lt. Cmdr. Philip Clark, Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Amundson, Lt. Cmdr. Lamont Davis,  
Lt. Cmdr. Adam Hilliard*



# AROUND THE SCHOOL HOUSE

## Navy Supply Corps School Certifies 44 Students 'Ready for Sea'

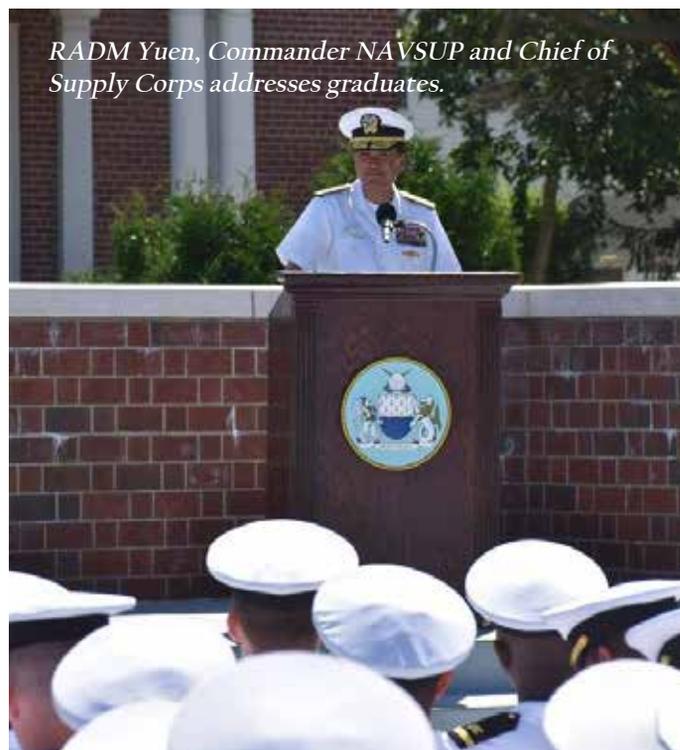
BY LT. RYAN MATLOCK, SC, USN  
NAVY SUPPLY CORPS SCHOOL

**S**eptember 1, Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) Commanding Officer Capt. Doug Noble certified 44 students of the Basic Qualification Course (BQC) 3rd Battalion "Delta" Company and BQC - Naval Reserves (BQC-NR) 92nd Company "Ready for Sea" at a graduation ceremony held at the NSCS Wheeler Center.

The BQC is an in-depth 22-week curriculum encompassing the major areas of an afloat supply department to include food service, supply management, retail operations, disbursing management, Navy Cash®, personnel administration and leadership. The BQC prepares Supply Corps officers for their first operational tour by providing students with the personal and professional foundations for success. BQC-NR is a 15-month, comprehensive course of instruction, providing Navy Reserve Direct Commissioning Program officers and Supply Corps limited duty and chief warrant officers with the fundamental, technical and managerial knowledge necessary to function effectively as Supply Corps officers within the Navy Reserve.

This diverse group of students includes prior enlisted Sailors with backgrounds in surface, submarine and aviation communities. Collectively, they bring years of experience back to the fleet. As a result of the training received through the BQC and BQC-NR, 3rd Battalion and 92nd Company graduates will bring their future commanding officers increased flexibility, continuing the Supply Corps officer legacy of being naval officers first and accountable officers always.

The top graduates in each curriculum were recognized with professionalism awards. Ensign Matthew Gooden was the BQC 3rd Battalion Honor Graduate and Ensign Daniel Tiffit was the BQC-NR 92nd Company Honor Graduate. 🌟



*RADM Yuen, Commander NAVSUP and Chief of Supply Corps addresses graduates.*

### AWARDS

#### Ens. Matthew Gooden

Honor Graduate  
Leadership & Management Excellence Award  
Supply Management Excellence Award  
Navy Exchange Service Command Ship's Store Award

#### Ens. Daniel Tiffit

BQC-NR Honor Graduate

#### Ens. Beth Robinson

Food Service Excellence Award

#### Ens. Joy Hamilton

Defense Finance and Accounting Service Excellence Award

#### Ens. Gregory Livingston

Newport County Council of the Navy League Volunteerism Award

#### Ens. Ricky Oliver

Navy Supply Corps Foundation Leadership Award  
Military Officers of America Association Professionalism Award

#### Ens. Bryan Newberry

Navy Supply Corps Foundation Leadership Award

#### Lt. Adam Johnson

Instructor of the Battalion



*Top: NSCS students of the BQC ready for their graduation*

*Right: Speaker Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen arrives onboard NSCS Wheeler Center for the ceremony.*





## FY18 Supply Corps Active Component Lieutenant Commander Selections

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

Anton A. Adam	Taishan Lin
Helena M. Atkins	Vincent J. Linley
Justin L. Bennett	Gerome A. Lopez
Veronica Bennett	Juan A. Luevano
Brian M. Bieber	Arnold M. Luminarias
Teri A. Bolinsky	Tu K. Luong
Garrett E. Bond	Nicholas C. Mader
Erik J. Braceland	Zachary C. Manriquez
Joseph C. Brewen	Tucker H. Mckenney
Steven F. Briggs	Danilo J. Meulener, Jr.
Matthew G. Carroll	Brij Mohan
Paul E. Chapman	Mabi S. Morgan
Benjamin M. Chime, Jr.	Kathryn L. Newsom
James P. Conklin	Daniel A. Nin
Gale A. Cook, III	Tabitha V. Noel
Adam C. Coombs	Christopher T. Norman
David P. Couchman	Tyler S. Ordway
Christopher T. Cromie	Lauren E. Peters
Paul C. Damore	Jason A. Pirrallo
Connor R. Darr	Thomas T. Poe
Robert J. Doggett, Jr.	Christy F. Rieger
James R. Donahue	Elliot W. Riley
Gibb A. Dungey	Paveena Ritthaworn
Capreece M. Dunklin	Clifford S. Rivera
Austin D. Folster	Juan C. Sanchez
Jimmy A. Foster, Jr.	Robert J. Schermund
Shanna M. Gainer	Joshua R. Shiver
Honorato B. Gamboa, III	Maria C. Sierra
Kendrick R. Garrett	Aaron K. Smith
David K. Gibson	James M. Steele
Jeffrey E. Good	Aerrick L. Steinwand
Christian A. Grau	Kenneth D. Swing, Jr.
Chea V. Halehernandez	Win Thaw
Wesley Y. Han	Jason E. Thomas
Joshua R. Hart	Justin C. Tinsley
Casey J. Hebert	Richard K. Tisdale
Bryce B. Hicks	Jose J. Tobias
Melissa A. Hillman	Alessandro F. Tornatore
Benjamin E. Hixson	Long K. Tran
Jason D. House	Anthony C. Urech
Edwin F. Jimenez	Julio A. Vargas
Amanda M. Jones	Chase A. Vizzier
Kory D. Krebs	Callan T. Walsh
Macdonald A. Laryea	Ashly L. Wisniewski
Adam W. Lawrence	Ying P. Zhong
Dale P. Lessner	

## CY18 Supply Corps Major Command Ashore Slate

Congratulations to the following officers on their calendar year 2018 Major Command Ashore assignments:

CAPTAIN	COMMAND ASHORE
Kristin Acquavella	DLA Pacific
Brian J. Anderson	NAVSUP FLC San Diego
George E. Bresnihan	DCMA International
Patrick S. Brown	Naval Sea Logistics Center
Frederick M. Dini	DCMA Boston
Terrel J. Fisher	NAVSUP FLC Bahrain
Bernard D. Knox	NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound
Frank E. Nevarez	NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka
Nickolas L. Rapley	Navy Supply Corps School
Lorenzo E. Williams	DCMA Baltimore

## Operational Logistics (OPLOG) Additional Qualification Designations (AQD) 9L1 and 9L2

To identify, track, and effectively assign officers who have demonstrated OPLOG experience, the Supply Corps has established Additional Qualification Designation (AQD) codes 9L1 and 9L2. AQD 9L1 will identify officers who have completed one proven OPLOG tour and will be represented by code OPLOGOFF1 on the Officer Data Card. AQD 9L2 will identify officers who have completed two or more proven OPLOG tours and will be represented by OPLOGOFF2 on the Officer Data Card.

Awarding criteria for AQDs 9L1 and 9L2 can be found in volume I, part D of the Manual of Navy Officer Manpower and Personnel Classifications (October 2017 release).

Officers who believe their experience qualifies them for assignment of AQD 9L1 or 9L2 must apply for award in writing. Requests should be sent to [supplycorpscarerecounselor@navy.mil](mailto:supplycorpscarerecounselor@navy.mil) and must include command endorsement (template is available on the Supply Corps Career Counselor web page or in the Sample Letters and Packages screen in eSUPPO). AQDs will be awarded based solely on performance of duties documented in the officer's Fitness Reports. Officers will be expected to have served 18 consecutive months in a qualifying assignment. Exceptions may be considered under unique circumstances, such as a 12-month assignment to a qualifying tour.

For additional information about AQDs 9L1 or 9L2, please contact the Career Counselor by email using [supplycorpscarerecounselor@navy.mil](mailto:supplycorpscarerecounselor@navy.mil) or by telephone, 901-874-4626.

### CY18 SC Commander Operational Slate

Congratulations to the following officers on their calendar year 2018 Commander Operational assignments:

<b>AS</b> ALEXANDER D. WALLACE III	<b>FROM</b> NAVSUP FLC JAX	<b>TO</b> AS 40 FRANK CABLE
<b>CVN</b> SCOTT A. ROSCOE SHANNON W. WALKER MATTHEW L. BOLLS PETER J. HOLDORF CHRISTOPHER M. BUCZKOWSKI	<b>FROM</b> COMNAVAIRPAC COMNAVAIRPAC JCS WASH DC NAVSUP FLC LEMRE COMNAVAIRLANT	<b>TO</b> CVN 71 THEODORE ROOSEVELT CVN 72 ABRAHAM LINCOLN CVN 74 JOHN C STENNIS CVN 76 RONALD REAGAN CVN 77 GEORGE H. W. BUSH
<b>EXPEDITIONARY/NSW</b> CIELO I. ALMANZA DAVID W. RODEBUSH DAVID W. PAVLIK	<b>FROM</b> CNSSC FLD COM MG NAVSUP FLC SIG ROTA ESG 3	<b>TO</b> NSW LOGSU ONE NSW LOGSU THREE EOD SU ONE
<b>LHA/LHD/ESG-7</b> MATTHEW J. FAHNER CRAIG A. MIHALIK TARA L. HODGE PHOEBE U. TAMAYO MARK S. BOWMER PETER M. BRAENDEHOLM DEBORAH K. MCIVY	<b>FROM</b> NAVSUP WSS PHIL OPNAV COMUSFLTFORCOM NASC/AIR-1.0 PMO COMNAVSURFLANT PEO (T) PAX RIVER NAVSUP FLC SD	<b>TO</b> LHA 6 AMERICA LHD 2 ESSEX LHD 3 KEARSARGE LHD 4 BOXER LHD 5 BATAAN LHD 8 MAKIN ISLAND ESG-7
<b>T-AH</b> KRISTIAN L. WAHLGREN	<b>FROM</b> TRANSCOM DDOC	<b>TO</b> T-AH 19 MERCY

### CY18 Supply Corps Commander Command Ashore Slate

Congratulations to the following officers on their calendar year 2018 Command Ashore assignments:

<b>COMMAND ASHORE</b> Joseph C. Pestar Jr. Eric D. Lockett Michael R. Wilson Vincent V. Erno Allen Rivera	<b>FROM</b> NAVSUP FLC WHDBY DLA Aviation COMLOG WESTPAC DLA Headquarters NAVSUP WSS MECH	<b>TO</b> Priority Material Office DLA Energy Region Pacific DLA Energy Americas West DLA Distribution Sigonella DLA Distribution Yokosuka
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### CY18 SC FTS Commander Slate

Congratulations to the following officers on their calendar year 2018 Full-Time Support Commander assignments:

<b>EXPEDITIONARY</b> James D. Bach Onofrio P. Margioni	<b>FROM</b> CNRF NAVSUP FLC SIG	<b>TO</b> NAVELSG CORIVGRU 2
<b>RESERVE MANAGEMENT</b> Juan D. Cabral James A. Zolinski Donna M. Johnson Terry R. Henderson	<b>FROM</b> NAVELSG SECOND NAVELR NAVSUP FLC FT WT RCC GREAT LAKES	<b>TO</b> RCC GREAT LAKES CNRF NAVSUP NAVSUP FLC FT WT

## FY18 Active Duty Master Chief Results

Congratulations to the following Supply personnel who have been selected for promotion to Master Chief Petty Officer by the FY18 Active Duty E9 Selection Board:

### CSCM - Master Chief

#### Culinary Specialist

Romeo Agliam  
Carlos Billingslea  
Jeremy Colton  
Jason Degraaf  
Joseph Densmore  
Kathyann Gomez  
Nelle Kigembe  
Rosanna Mcanaw  
Jade Metz  
Joseph Perches  
Francisco Ramirez  
Wesley Tavares  
Michael Tiong  
Christopher Valdez  
Stephen Wilson

### CSCM - Master Chief Culinary Specialist Submarine

Mark Anderson  
David Holmes

### LSCM - Master Chief

#### Logistics Specialist

Sylvester Adjei  
Gregory Bell  
Emmanuel Consulta  
La Alexis Dala  
Geordane Deleon  
Duane Forrest  
Markus Gallegos  
Aldith Gray  
Marcopaul Joven  
Stephanie Lurette  
Felix Middleton  
Jeany Nemenzo  
Norberto Santiago  
Lashaundra Sapp

### SHCM - Master Chief

#### Ships Serviceman

Angel Escribano  
Paul Kapusta  
Anthony Lai  
Lori Mitchell  
Lynford Rabsatt

## FY18 Supply Corps Active Component Chief Warrant Officer Selections

Congratulations to the following Supply Corps officers who have been selected for promotion to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5/4/3.

### CWO5

Maurice E. Anderson  
Cesario P. Valencia Jr.  
Harrison Wright III

### CWO4

Rolando C. Abad Jr.  
William F. Germer  
Kenneth L. Miller  
Jeffrey L. Walker

### CWO3

Paulangelo A. Arboleda  
Robert M. Compton  
Donnie L. Townsend

## FY18 Supply Corps Reserve Component Lieutenant Commander Selections

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

Jesse U. Acevedo  
Allison N. Adams-Jones  
Raymond S. Alley  
Leonardo A. Arias  
John A. Arnold  
Michael H. Baugh  
Timothy W. Blank  
Taylor W. Burks  
Glenn A. Conley  
Craig C. Creegan  
Robert J. Devlin  
Walter L. Epps  
Brian C. Farlow  
Staci L. Findley  
Timothy N. Firoved  
Jason A. Gilmore  
Gregory V. Glazachev  
Heather E. Golightly  
Maria A. Gonzales-Parkes  
Zachariah A. Guthrie  
Galina N. Halterman  
Patrina Herring  
April A. Icard  
Nathaniel J. Klose

James J. Lavalie III  
Justin D. Lessel  
Gustavo Macias  
Brian D. Macnew  
Warren C. McClendon  
Joel R. Mcmillan  
Carlos E. Mercedvazquez  
Shawn C. Miles  
Eric M. Mills  
Brad A. Moore  
Nathan D. Patterson  
Aaron R. Piontek  
Afi Y. Pittman  
Glenn A. Poole  
Kevin M. Powers  
Richard A. Reese  
Chris K. Sacks  
Ronald L. Scheaffer Jr.  
Michael R. Scoffone  
Rosemary Semonski  
Drew H. Smith  
Thomas L. Stengrim  
Matthew L. Stevenson  
Allison P. Stridh

Robert J. Stuart  
Jessica Sutton  
Ethan J. Tabares  
Robert G. Tebbetts  
Scott A. Vanarsdel  
Kevin J. Wallace  
Kathryn S. Wrazidlo  
Jeremy W. Wright  
Jeffrey L. Youngblood

**Full Time Support (FTS)**

Lisa M. Holsberger  
Jose A. Lopez II  
Darcia M. Treadwell

## Supply Corps Fall 2017 Internship Selectees

Congratulations to the selectees for the fall 2017 Internship screening. The programs in which they will participate include: Business/Enterprise Supply Chain Management (BEM), Business/Financial Management (BFM), Integrated Logistics Support (ILS), Joint Operational Logistics (JOL), Navy Acquisition Contracting (NACO), Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP), Naval Special Warfare (NSW), Planner (PLAN), and Petroleum (POL).

The Internship selectees for fall 2017 are:

LT NICOLAS GARCIA	USS CALIFORNIA	BEM
LT MATTHEW HIGGINS	COMUSNAVCENT	PLAN
LT JESSICA JIMENEZ	USS WYOMING	NSW
LT JOEL TIDD	USS NIMITZ	POL
LT JAMES WEIGLE	COMDESRON 50	PLAN
LTJG MYON ADOM	USS BATAAN	NACO
LTJG COLIN AMERAU	USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN	JOL
LTJG MARGARET ANDERSON	USS GEORGE WASHINGTON	NACO
LTJG TIARA ANDERSON	USS AMERICA	NACO
LTJG VINCENT CIPOLLONE	USS TENNESSEE	NNPP
LTJG BEAU CITRONE	USS STOCKDALE	NACO
LTJG JASON DUDELL	USS NORMANDY	POL
LTJG MARLOWE GONZALES	USS ROSS	NSW
LTJG ANDREA VILLARREAL	NMCB 5	JOL
LTJG SHAKEITHA LEWIS	USS CARL VINSON	BEM
LTJG DONG LOGAN	USS CURTIS WILBUR	BEM
LTJG MICHAEL MILLER	USS JAMES E WILLIAMS	NACO
LTJG WHITNEY MOREY	USS GEORGE WASHINGTON	ILS
LTJG VU NGUYEN	USS BARRY	NACO
LTJG SHANE O'DONNELL	USS HOWARD	POL
LTJG ALFREDO PEREZ	USS KENTUCKY	NACO
LTJG PAUL RANDS	LOGSU 1	NACO
LTJG MARTIN SANCHEZ	LOGSU 2	JOL
LTJG THOMAS STONE	USS BULWARK	NNPP
ENS ROBERT KEATING	USS PIONEER	NACO

### Qualifications

**Naval Aviation Supply Officer**  
 Cmdr. Doyne D. Clem, SC, USN  
 Lt. j.g. Adam D. Romero, SC, USN  
**USS Essex (LHD 2)**

Lt. Carl R. Catacutan, SC, USN  
 Lt. Ian A. Henry, SC, USN  
**USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)**

**Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist**  
 CS3 Raul Avalos, USN  
 CS3 James Bien, USN  
 CS3 Justin Delacruzbrisbin, USN  
 CS3 Jorge Ramirez, USN  
 CS3 Raqueljoy Sumaoang, USN  
 SHSN Stephanie Santana, USN  
 CSSN Jacob Allen, USN  
 CSSN Raymond Mateo, USN  
 CSSN Robert Ramirez, USN

CSSN Vansperry Sarret, USN  
 LSSN Lawrence Daise, USN  
 LSSN James Macfarlane, USN  
 LSSN Devon Ogilvie, USN  
 LSSN Devan Rodriguez, USN  
 LSSN Rodney Steele, USN  
 LSSN Christina Sweet, USN  
 LSSN Jacob Zoulek, USN  
**USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)**



### Meritorious Service Medal

**Lt. Col. Haynesly R. Blake,** USMC, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Director, Amphibious Expeditionary Hull Mechanical and Electrical Directorate, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, July 2013 to Jan. 2018.

**Lt. Cmdr. Jon K. Christensen,** SC, USN, Contract Specialist and Procuring Contracting Officer, Office of Special Projects, Washington, District of Columbia, Jan. 2014 to April 2017.

**Lt. Cmdr. Douglas P. Ellington,** SC, USN, Material Support Deputy Department Head and Operations Officer, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, June 2016 to Sept. 2017.

### Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

**Cmdr. Christopher W. Poulos,** SC, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Team Leader for the Reserve Contracting Team, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2017.

**Lt. Cmdr. John T. Wilkes,** SC, USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Commanding Officer, Naval Operations Support Center, White River Junction, Vermont, June 2015 to July 2017.

**Lt. Christopher S. Culp,** SC, USN, Logistics Officer, Navy Cargo Handling Battalion ONE, Williamsburg, Virginia, Dec. 2015 to Nov. 2017.

**Gunner's Mate Senior Chief William Rodriguez,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award), Weapon Systems Officer, Common Electronics Department, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2017.

**LSC Albert Santos,** USN, Readiness Leading Chief Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), Nov. 2015 to Oct. 2017.

### Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

**Lt. Cmdr. Timothy A. Merichko,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award), Security Operations Officer and Operations Security Program Manager, NAVSUP Business Systems Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2017.

**Lt. Douglas M. Smith,** SC, USN, Hazardous Material Officer and Disbursing Officer, USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77), Dec. 2014 to Aug. 2017.

**Lt. j.g. Adam D. Romero,** SC, USN, Hazardous Materials Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), April 2015 to Oct. 2017.

**CSC Ferdinand Pasco,** USN, (Silver Star in lieu of Sixth Award), S-5 Wardroom Leading Chief Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), May 2016 to Sept. 2017.

**CS1 Corey Gradoville,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award), Galley Supervisor, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**SH2 Jeremy Masiello,** USN, Retail Operations Records Keeper, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**SH2 Sadie Stoute,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Retail Operations Supervisor, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**LS2 (S/AW) Manuel G. Bedoya,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Supply Department Main Issue Room III Leading Petty Officer, USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77), Jan. 2017 to Aug. 2017.

**LS2 Joshua Cinco,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Relational Supply Functional Area Supervisor, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**LS2 Rubens Severe,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Material Division Assistant Leading Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**LS2 Cedric Perry,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award), Material Division Leading Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**LS2 VanLawrence Ang,** USN, Government Commercial Purchase Card Holder, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**LS2 Hao Jin,** USN, Maintenance Assist Modules and Test Bench Installation Manager, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**CS2 Wesley Riggs,** USN, (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Food Service Financial Records Keeper, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**CS2 Eddie Green,** USN, Galley Watch Captain, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**CS2 Pierre Springs,** USN, Food Service Administrative Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.



**LS3 Princess Cyriaque, USN,** Maintenance Person, Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE, June 2015 to July 2017.

**LS3 Devin Pettigrew, USN,** Flight Clothing Storeroom Custodian, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**LS3 Jesse Rodriguez, USN,** Postal Leading Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), May 2014 to Nov. 2017.

**LS3 (SW) Aliyah L. Shakir, USN,** Supply Q-COSAL Work Center Supervisor, USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77), Jan. 2017 to Aug 2017.

**CS3 Johanna Perilla, USN,** Supply Quality Assurance Petty Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**SH3 Fernando Villarreal, USN,** Bulk Storeroom Custodian, USS Essex (LHD 2), Jan. 2017 to May 2017.

**26 PS3 Nohemi Ventura, USN,** Deputy Disbursing Officer, USS Essex (LHD 2), Nov. 2013 to Dec. 2017.

**BM2 (SW) Aaron R. Turner, USN,** (Gold Star in lieu of Fourth Award), Supply Department Hazardous Work Center Supervisor, USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77), Jan. 2017 to Aug. 2017.



#### **CAPT. ROBERT D. HECK**

Capt. Robert D. Heck, SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at NAVSUP Global Logistics Support, San Diego, California. He received his bachelor's degree at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia and his master's degree at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Yokosuka, Japan; Navy Regional Plant Equipment Office, San Diego, California; Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Operational Support Field, San Diego, California; Afloat Training Group, San Diego, California; Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, California; USS Bunker Hill (CG 52); Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia; USS America (CV 66); Ships Parts Control Center Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and USS Frederick (LST 1184).

#### **CAPT. KURT J. WENDELKEN**

Capt. Kurt J. Wendelken, SC, USN, completed 25 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at NAVSUP Business Systems Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York and his master's degree at California State University, Monterey Bay, Marina, California. His previous duty stations include Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Communication and Information Systems Services Agency Headquarters, Sector Mons, Casteau, Belgium; Office of the Chief of Naval Operations,

Arlington, Virginia; Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Bataan (LHD 5); Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and USS Underwood (FFG 36).

#### **CMDR. WILLIAM E. BOUCEK**

Cmdr. William E. Boucek, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Commander, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He received his bachelor's degree at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, and his master's degree at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. His previous duty stations include Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, Richmond, Virginia; USS George Washington (CVN 73); Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia; and USS Columbia (SSN 771).

#### **CMDR. GEORGE W. DANIEL**

Cmdr. George W. Daniel, SC, USN, completed 23 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Defense Energy Support Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California and his master's degree at Troy State University, Troy, Alabama. His previous duty stations include Joint Strike Fighter, Washington, District of Columbia; USS Enterprise (CVN 65); Defense Energy Supply Center, Alexandria, Virginia; USS Doyle (FFG 39); Navy Petroleum Office, Alexandria, Virginia; Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Far East, Yokosuka, Japan; USS Philippine Sea (CG 58); and Naval Security Group, Adak, Alaska.

#### **CMDR. ROBERT T. GUY**

Cmdr. Robert T. Guy, SC, USN, completed 33 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. FOURTH Fleet, Naval Station Mayport, Jacksonville, Florida. He

received his bachelor's degree at Park University, Parkville, Michigan and his master's degree at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. His previous duty stations include Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Arlington, Virginia; NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Jacksonville, Florida; Advanced Base Functional Component Navy Cargo Handling Battalion THIRTEEN, Gulfport, Mississippi; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville Detachment, Mayport, Florida; and USS Patriot (MCM 7).

#### **CMDR. BRIAN M. JOHNSON**

Cmdr. Brian M. Johnson, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Defense Distribution Center, Yokosuka, Japan. He received his bachelor's degrees at University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, and the State University of New York, Albany, New York and his master's degree at California State University, Monterey Bay, Marina, California. His previous duty stations include Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; United States European Command Headquarters, Stuttgart, Germany; USS John S. McCain (DDG 56); Commander, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Inventory Control Point, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; USS Essex (LHD 2); and USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3).

#### **CMDR. MAURICE F. MEAGHER**

Cmdr. Maurice F. Meagher, SC, USN, completed 26 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at Defense Supply Center Richmond Detachment, Jacksonville, Florida. He received his bachelor's degree at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania and his master's degree at California State University, Monterey Bay, Marina, California. His previous duty stations include Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group TWO, Norfolk, Virginia; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Jacksonville, Florida; Program Executive Office, Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons Support, Patuxent River, Maryland; USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79); Commander, Logistics Forces U.S. Naval Force Central Command, Manama, Bahrain; General

Supply Center Richmond, Richmond, Virginia; and USS Taylor (FFG 50).

#### **CMDR. RICHARD J. OTLOWSKI**

Cmdr. Richard J. Otlowski, SC, USN, completed 35 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at State University of New York, Albany, New York and his master's degree at University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. His previous duty stations include Commander, Submarine Forces Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Nassau (LHA 4); Commander, Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia; Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723); and USS Gettysburg (CG 64).

#### **CMDR. TISHA D. SMITH**

Cmdr. Tisha D. Smith, SC, USN, completed 24 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. FIFTH Fleet, Manama, Bahrain. She received her bachelor's degree at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama and her master's degree at California State University, Monterey Bay, Marina, California. Her previous duty stations include NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76); Defense Distribution Depot, San Diego California; USS John S. McCain (DDG 56); Program Executive Officer, Tactical Aircraft Programs, Patuxent River, Maryland; and USS Moosbrugger (DD 980).

#### **LT. CMDR. KEVIN T. BROWN**

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin T. Brown, SC, USN, completed 24 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Coastal Riverine Group TWO Detachment Combat Service Support, Portsmouth, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at Troy State University, Troy, Alabama and his master's degree at Northcentral University, Prescott Valley, Arizona. His previous duty

stations include Commander, Naval Surface Squadron FIVE, Manama, Bahrain; USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7); Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron TWO, Norfolk, Virginia; Defense Distribution Depot, Norfolk, Virginia; and USNS Spica (T-AFS 9).

#### **LT. CMDR. CARLOS A. GOMEZ JR.**

Lt. Cmdr. Carlos A. Gomez Jr., SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree at Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina and his master's degree at New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury, New York. His previous duty stations include Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia; NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, Florida; Forward Operating Location Comalapa, Comalapa, El Salvador; USS Boone (FFG 28); Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, California; USS Nimitz (CVN 68); USS Kauffman (FFG 59); and USS Platte (AO 186).

#### **LT. CMDR. MARK W. GREAVES**

Lt. Cmdr. Mark W. Greaves, SC, USN, completed 26 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at U.S. Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska. He received his bachelor's degree at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas and his master's degree at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Manama, Bahrain; NAVSUP Logistics Operations Center Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia; Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia; USS Alaska (SSBN 732); and USS Shoup (DDG 86).

#### **LT. CMDR. IGNATIUS K. HICKMAN**

Lt. Cmdr. Ignatius K. Hickman, SC, USN, completed 25 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 841st U.S. Army Transportation Battalion, Charleston,

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South Carolina. He received his bachelor's degree at University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma and his master's degree at Grantham University, Lenexa, Kansas. His previous duty stations include United States Military Training Mission Riyadh, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point, North Carolina; USS Hopper (DDG 70); Naval Inventory Control Point, Washington, District of Columbia; Naval Air Facility, El Centro, California; and USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63).

#### **LT. CMDR. MICHELLE N. JOACHIM**

Lt. Cmdr. Michelle N. Joachim, SC, USN, completed 27 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Expeditionary Warfighting Development Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia. She received her bachelor's degree at Long Island University, Brookville, New York and her master's degrees at U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and an additional master's degree at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida. Her previous duty stations include Commander, Fleet Logistics Support Wing Detachment, Belle Chasse, Louisiana; Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia; Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Oak Hill (LSD 51); Defense Subsistence Office Tidewater, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71); and Naval Submarine School New London, Groton, Connecticut.

#### **LT. CMDR. MELINDA A. JOHNSON**

Lt. Cmdr. Melinda A. Johnson, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, Patuxent River, Maryland. She received her bachelor's degree at University of North Texas, Denton, Texas and her master's degree at Webster University, Saint Louis, Missouri. Her previous duty stations include Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, Columbus, Ohio; USS San Antonio (LPD 17); Naval Inventory Control Point, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Navy

Supply Information Systems Activity, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and USS Antietam (CG 54).

#### **LT. CMDR. TERESA M. KINYON**

Lt. Cmdr. Teresa M. Kinyon, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command, Williamsburg, Virginia. She received her bachelor's degree at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California and her master's degree at California State University, Monterey Bay, Marina, California. Her previous duty stations include Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center, San Diego, California; USS James E. Williams (DDG 95); Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit EIGHT, Sigonella, Italy; Navy Recruiting Command, Millington, Tennessee; and USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52).

#### **LT. CMDR. FERNANDO J. LORENTE**

Lt. Cmdr. Fernando J. Lorente, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Navy Cargo Handling Battalion ELEVEN, Jacksonville, Florida. He received his bachelor's degree at Florida International University, Miami, Florida and his master's degree at Trident University International, Cypress, California. His previous duty stations include Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, Mayport, Florida; 4th Navy Expeditionary Logistics Regiment, Jacksonville, Florida; Navy Supply Corps School Athens, Georgia; USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98); Director, Joint Interagency Task Force East, Key West, Florida; USS Enterprise (CVN 65); and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

#### **LT. CMDR. BRIAN C. MURRAY**

Lt. Cmdr. Brian C. Murray, SC, USN, completed 22 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Defense Logistics Agency Distribution, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree at University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina and his master's degree at U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His previ-

ous duty stations include Defense Contract Management Agency, Manassas, Virginia; USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60); Defense Contract Management Agency Long Island, Garden City, New York; Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California; and USS Oak Hill (LSD 51).

#### **LT. CMDR. JASON W. ROSS**

Lt. Cmdr. Jason W. Ross, SC, USN, completed 21 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois and his master's degree at California State University, Monterey Bay, Marina, California. His previous duty stations include USS George Washington (CVN 73); Defense Supply Center, Richmond, Virginia; USS Houston (SSN 713); and Commander, Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron THREE, San Diego, California.

#### **LT. CMDR. ROBERT M. SIMMS**

Lt. Cmdr. Robert M. Simms, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina and his master's degree at California State University, Monterey Bay, Marina, California. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Logistics Operations Center Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia; Spanish High Readiness Force Maritime, Rota, Spain; Defense Energy Region - Europe, Kaiserlautern, Germany; USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29); Defense Contract Management Agency, Orlando, Florida; and USS Chosin (CG 65).

#### **LT. CMDR. CRAIG A. SWANSON**

Lt. Cmdr. Craig A. Swanson, SC, USN, completed 28 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at U.S. Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska. He received his bachelor's degree at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida and his

master's degree at Troy State University, Troy, Alabama, and an additional master's degree at Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia. His previous duty stations include Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Little Creek, Virginia; Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center, Little Creek, Virginia; Commander, Naval Special Warfare Development Group, Dam Neck, Virginia; Strike-Fighter Squadron ONE ZERO SIX Detachment, Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and USS Tortuga (LSD 46).

#### **LT. DON C. CADE**

Lt. Don C. Cade, SC, USN, completed 24 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Trident Refit Facility, Kings Bay, Georgia. He received his bachelor's degree at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. His previous duty stations include USS Kearsarge (LHD 3); Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia; and USS Boise (SSN 764).

#### **LT. THOMAS C. CATHEY**

Lt. Thomas C. Cathey, SC, USN, completed 21 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE, Everett, Washington. He received his bachelor's degree at University of San Diego, La Jolla, California. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington; USS Momsen (DDG 92); Naval Supply Corps School, Newport, Rhode Island; Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia; USS Peleliu (LHA 5); and USS Oldendorf (DD 972).

#### **LT. GIANCARLO S. CRISTAL**

Lt. Giancarlo S. Cristal, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, San Diego, San Diego, California. He received his bachelor's degree at University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. His previous duty stations include Fleet Readiness Center Western Pacific, Atsugi, Japan; and USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19).

#### **LT. ARNOLD A. DAUZ**

Lt. Arnold A. Dauz, SC, USN, completed 22 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Mine Countermeasures Squadron THREE. He received his bachelor's degree at San Diego State University, San Diego, California. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Manama, Bahrain; Tactical Training Group, Pacific, San Diego, California; and USS Cheyenne (SSN 773).

#### **LT. JOHN LUCIO**

Lt. John Lucio, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Director, Division of Naval Reactors, Department of Energy, Arlington, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida and his master's degree at U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His previous duty stations include Naval Reactors Headquarters, Washington, District of Columbia.

#### **LT. HERWIN O. MALANG**

Lt. Herwin O. Malang, SC, USN, completed 20 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at Defense Contract Management Agency, Garden City, New York. He received his bachelor's degree at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon and his master's degree at Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri. His previous duty stations include USS Dewey (DDG 105); Defense Contract Management Agency, Springfield, New Jersey; Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia, Diego Garcia; Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California; and USS Cleveland (LPD 7).

#### **LT. JOEY MOCH**

Lt. Joey Moch, SC, USN, completed 21 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, Norfolk,

Virginia; Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Little Creek, Virginia; Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center, San Diego, California; USS Bataan (LHD 5); and USS Wasp (LHD 1).

#### **LT. VINCENTE J. PRICE**

Lt. Vincente J. Price, SC, USN, completed 23 years of active service and retired on March 1, 2017 after serving at Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force Detachment, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE, Patuxent River, Maryland. He received his bachelor's degree at Mid-America Christian University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and his master's degree at the University of the Southwest, Hobbs, New Mexico with an additional master's degree at Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia. His previous duty stations include NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; USS New Orleans (LPD 18); USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8); USNS Saturn (T-AFS 10); and USS Virginia (SSN 774).

#### **CWO4 ERNESTO P. GARCIA**

Chief Warrant Officer Ernesto P. Garcia, SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on January 1, 2017 after serving at Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy. His previous duty stations include USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6); USS Essex (LHD 2); Commander, Assault Craft Unit FIVE, Camp Pendleton, California; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Sigonella Detachment Bahrain; and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

#### **CWO4 CHARLES C. JAKES**

Chief Warrant Officer Charles C. Jakes, SC, USN, completed 30 years of active service and retired on February 1, 2017 after serving at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida. His previous duty stations include Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Jacksonville, Florida; USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77); USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67); and Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia.



*Ret. Capt. Duane E. Hinds, SC, USN*

84, passed away on April 12, 2017. Capt. Hinds retired after 24 years of active service while serving as supply officer, Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and his master's degree from Michigan State University. Duty assignments included: supply officer, Submarine Group FIVE; supply officer, USS Dixon (AS 37); Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, District of Columbia; Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Naval Exchange officer, Victoria, British Columbia; Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, District of Columbia; supply officer, USS Shadwell (LSD 15); Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia; and USS Wisconsin (BB 64).

*Ret. Capt. Alan Yale Levine, SC, USN*

90, passed away on October 14, 2017. Capt. Levine retired after 32 years of active service while serving at the Office of the Comptroller of the Navy, Washington, District of Columbia. He received his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Duty assignments included: USS Robert L. Wilson (DD 847); Naval Supply Depot, Naval Base, Bayonne, New Jersey; Mine Squadron EIGHT, Charleston, South Carolina; Naval Advisory Group, Korea; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; supply officer, USS Norfolk (DL 1); Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; Cruiser Destroyer Force Atlantic, Newport, Rhode Island; Navy Fleet Material Support Office, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and Naval Supply Depot, Yokosuka, Japan.

*Ret. Capt. Robert G. Nicol, SC, USN*

88, passed away on August 22, 2017. Capt. Nicol retired after 29 years of active service while serving as force supply officer, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1945, and in June 1949 he was commissioned an ensign in the Supply Corps. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of California and his master's degree from George Washington University. Duty assignments included: USS Skagit (AKA 105); USS A. C. Cockrell (DE 366); supply officer, Air Transport Squadron FIVE, Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California; Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Ordnance Supply Office, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; USS Coontz (DLG 9); San Francisco Bay Shipyard, Vallejo, California; Naval Material Command, Washington, District of Columbia; and executive officer, Naval Supply Center, Charleston, South Carolina.

*Ret. Capt. John Nick Postak, SC, USN*

89, passed away on December 19, 2016. Capt. Postak retired while serving as comptroller, Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Navy in 1945 serving until 1948. He returned to the Navy in February 1952 as an ensign, transferring to the Supply Corps as a lieutenant junior grade in July 1955. He received his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and his master's degree from George Washington University. Duty assignments included: Navy Finance Center, Cleveland, Ohio; officer in charge, Navy Regional Accounts Office, Cleveland, Ohio; Navy Exchange Officer, Navy Section, Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group, Bangkok, Thailand; fiscal officer, Naval Supply Depot, Newport, Rhode Island; supply officer, USS Guadalcanal (LPH 7); staff, Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia; Joint Staff, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Commander, Stuttgart, Germany; and Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, District of Columbia.

*Ret. Capt. David G. Rawlings, SC, USN*

69, passed away on January 18, 2017. Capt. Rawlings retired after 24 years of active service while serving at the Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Center, Memphis, Tennessee. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and his master's degree from Michigan State University. Duty assignments included: Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Sierra (AD 18); Defense Inspector General Regional Office, Northeast Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; U.S. Naval Facility, Argentina; Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair, USN, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; Fleet Introduction Team, Spruance-class destroyers, Pascagoula, Mississippi; USS Davis (DD 937); Staff, Commander Submarine Flotilla SIX; and USS Volador (SS 490).

*Ret. Capt. Zefter Constantine "Gus" Xefteris, SC, USN*

94, passed away on August 24, 2017. Capt. Xefteris retired after 31 years of active service while serving as deputy commander, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, Washington, District of Columbia. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943, was commissioned an ensign in the Supply Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1946, and transferred to the active Navy in 1947. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, and his master's degree from Stanford University. Duty assignments included: Naval Operating Base, Naval Air Station, Trinidad, British West Indies; Naval Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia; USS Harry F. Bauer; Staff, Navy Supply Corps School, Bayonne, New Jersey; Staff, Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia; Task Force FORTY-THREE, Washington, District of Columbia; Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Washington, District of Columbia; Navy Section, Joint Military Aid Group, Greece; Staff, Commander Service Force, Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia; and Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, District of Columbia.



## NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Supports US Navy Visit to the People's Republic of China

BY TINA C. STILLIONS, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS  
NAVSUP FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER YOKOSUKA

**N**AVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Yokosuka provided logistics and contract support to the guided-missile destroyer USS Sterett (DDG 104) during a port call in Zhanjiang, China, June 12-16.

Sterett is the first U.S. Navy ship to visit China in 2017 and Zhanjiang since 2015. The event was attended by senior military and government officials from both nations and was heralded for promoting continuous cooperation, exchange and relationship-building between U.S and China naval forces.

“We began planning and preparation for this visit back in May,” said Lt. Cmdr. Lupei Chou, NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Hong Kong director. “Representatives from Site Hong Kong and our contracting services team attended a pre-arrival planning conference in Zhanjiang a month prior to the actual port visit. That provided an opportunity to meet with key personnel from the People’s Liberation Army/Navy, Defense Attaché Office in Beijing, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and husbanding service providers.”

Above: NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka personnel provided logistics and husbanding contract support to USS Sterett (DDG 104) during the ship’s visit to Zhanjiang, China, June 12-16. Senior military and government officials from both nations attended the ship’s deck reception. Pictured left to right: Lt. Cmdr. Lupei Chou, NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Site Hong Kong director; Adm. Scott H. Swift, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Lt. Jesse Kiengsiri, NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka contracting officer. —photo by Abby Huen.

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Located at the southwestern end of Guangdong province, Zhanjiang is headquarters for the South Sea Fleet of the People’s Liberation Army Navy. From a logistics and contracting perspective, China port visits present unique challenges. Short-notice visiting schedules often do not allow ample time for service coordination and directed

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source eliminates one of the key federal contracting principles: full and open competition. There are language barriers and limited port and city information, too.

“Attending the planning conference was critical for a successful China port visit,” said Chou. “It officially kick-starts the planning and coordination process and allows key personnel to meet their counterparts. It provides a forum for all parties to review, discuss and deconflict the very intense engagement schedule for these types of events.”

Site Hong Kong husbanding service contracts are in place to support a wide range of port visit related requirements, such as potable water supply, sewage removal, trash collection, communications and land transportation.

“Typically, the personnel we deal with are fluent in English and their service standards and pricing are contractually established through competition,” said Lt. Jesse Kiengsiri, a deployable contracting officer with NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka. “However, all these elements were completely different for the Zhanjiang visit, which made supporting the visit quite challenging and required close coordination between all parties involved.”

Despite the challenges, U.S. Navy ship visits to China present great opportunities at the strategic level. A successful China port visit enhances military-to-military exchange and diplomatic engagement, ultimately strengthening bilateral relations between the United States and China.

“NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka logistics support representatives and contracting officers worked closely and maintained constant communication with all the key players during and after the port visit,” said Chou. “As a result, all logistics and husbanding service contract requirements were met and Sterrett’s Zhanjiang port visit was executed successfully in all regards.” 🌟

## NAVSUP FLC San Diego CO Presents ‘Honor, Courage, and Commitment’ Awards at Middle School Graduation Ceremony

BY CANDICE VILLARREAL, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS  
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**N**AVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) San Diego presented three students with “Honor, Courage, and Commitment” awards during an eighth-grade promotion ceremony in San Diego last June.

Commanding Officer Capt. Michelle Morse, the ceremony’s guest speaker, presented the accolades following her personal message to the Roosevelt International Baccalaureate Middle School class of 2017. The Honor, Courage and Commitment awards were presented to three students.

“This recognition and your graduation today prove your ability to strive for something more, to work hard - even when it’s inconvenient - and to achieve your goals and be successful,” said Morse. “That is a very, very big deal.”

A crowd of 330 eighth graders along with their families, friends, teachers and administrators listened intently as Morse offered congratulatory remarks and personal advice for the jovial soon-to-be freshmen. She emphasized the value in integrity, diversity, perseverance, and compassion during her address, in addition to offering motivating bits of advice.

“Today, as you’re excited and ready to move forward, I ask you all to look inside yourselves and ask the question, ‘Who do I want to be?’” said Morse. “This question, as simple as it sounds, and is one of the most important questions you can ask yourself. What you do over the next four years—starting right this moment—can determine who you’re going to be and what kind of life you’re going to live.”

Morse added that the grades students earn over the next four years can determine what their college opportunities will be, and their personal conduct will likely play a role in shaping their character as adults.

“Your next four years of life are absolutely crucial to laying the foundation for your future,” she said.

The presentation of the honors realized the chain of command’s desire to recognize students who personify the traits, character and ideals consistent with Navy core values. NAVSUP FLC San Diego has been presenting the awards to outstanding students at Roosevelt’s graduation ceremonies since 2011.

“Push yourself to be who you know you are capable of being. Dare yourself to be more than average. Force yourself to be better than you ever thought you could be. Because that, my friends, is exactly what your teachers have prepared you for,” said Morse. “So, go ahead and leave this school and make your way onto a new campus, but don’t ever forget what you’ve learned here. Go out and find your path to success. Just make sure you enjoy the journey on the way.”

Roosevelt is a designated command Partner in Education, in line with the Navy’s outreach and accession goals. Since its inception, the partnership between NAVSUP FLC San Diego and Roosevelt has yielded exceptional results. The command collaborates regularly with the school year-round on a variety of projects and initiatives centered on academic performance, diversity, facility beautification, and mentoring. 🌟

# NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Provides Fueling Support to Japanese Air Self-Defense Force Aircraft

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**N**AVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Sigonella provided fueling support for two Japanese Air Self-Defense Force P-1 aircraft June 14 in Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

The United States and Japanese have a long-standing partnership in the theater; however, this is the first instance of fuel support between the two countries at Camp Lemonnier.

The Camp Lemonnier fuel division provided JP-8 fuel, an aviation turbine fuel that is similar to commercial aviation fuel, but with the addition of several additives that increase aircraft capability.

Fuels Leading Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Glover explained, “Fuel system icing inhibitor (FSII), static dissipater additive, and corrosion inhibitor are injected into Jet A-1 fuel, and then blended to create JP-8 fuel.

“The FSII is the most important of these additives because it prevents the fuel from freezing at very high levels of altitude. This then allows the aircraft to fly at higher elevations and increases the mission capability of the aircraft,” said Glover.

Though there was a small language barrier between the fuel operators and the Japanese flight crew, the evolution flowed seamlessly.

“I was very impressed by the professionalism of the Japanese aviators,” said Camp Lemonnier Fuels Officer Lt. Tom Wilson.

“It was interesting to see just how similarly we operate despite our cultural differences. I look forward to continuing our work with the Japanese in the future,” said Wilson. 🌟



# NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Navy Food Management Team Holds Pit Master Class

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**N**AVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk Navy Food Management Team (NFMT) held a pit master class for shipboard and shore based culinary specialists June 20-22.

According to Chief Culinary Specialist Steven Collier, an instructor with NAVSUP FLC Norfolk NFMT, the course is designed to teach the basics of grilling and how to prepare food for a shipboard steel beach picnic.

“Grilling is not a common cooking type aboard a ship, but it is a necessary skill,” he added. “A steel beach picnic is vital to crew morale while underway.”

He added that for deployed Sailors, events like steel beach picnics are “a little piece of home.”

The charcoal grilling section is the highlight of the course, but Collier says they teach other important skills such as recipe conversion, using knives, advanced culinary techniques and food preparation worksheet training.

“This class is great, it gives me the ability to educate Sailors and pass on the knowledge that others gave to me throughout my career,” he said.

Collier added that his favorite part of teaching classes like this is watching the students learn and grow during the course of a class.

“If each Sailor takes at least one thing they learned here and applies it to their shipboard life, I consider it an overall success,” he explained.

NAVSUP FLC Norfolk NFMT provides a variety of classes throughout the year for ship and shore-based Sailors. Classes include sanitation, food service equipment, baking, cake decorating, and a host of other topics. 🌟

## NAVSUP FLC Bahrain, Personal Property Shipping Office Hosts 2017 Local Agents Meeting

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Bahrain Personal Property Shipping Office (PPSO) department hosted a meeting with local agents July 26.

The purpose of the meeting was to promote transparency within the organization and discuss customer procedures with vendors.

“The annual meeting is a chance for the personal property team and local agents to discuss current processes and suggest improvements. It also lends the opportunity to collaborate face to face instead of standard telephone communications,” said Gerald Bridgers, director of personal property, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain.

Personnel from PPSO facilitated the meeting with the goal of increasing efficiencies of personal property moves with local contractors. Attendees included stakeholders who currently ship household goods for the Department of Defense. New agents in the market discussed claims processes and the necessary supporting documents for shipments.

Through PPSO presentations, attendees developed a greater understanding of requirements for NAVSUP FLC Bahrain operations. A main highlight of the meeting presented historical data for both exporting and importing personal property and vehicles. PPSO communicated customer expectations while advising on regulatory requirements for pack outs and deliveries.

“All stakeholders thought the meeting was productive and agreed that the continued outstanding working relationship is necessary for the successful moves of our valuable service members and families,” said Bridgers.

The networking of PPSO representatives and agents amplified communications channels that play a critical role in opportunities for greater customer satisfaction. 🌟



*John Wakefield, from NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Postal Operations Department, and LS2 Theresa Jones, from USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), transfer custody of U. S. mail during a pierside delivery at the Portland Rose Festival. Photo by Rick Buchart*

## NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Supports Portland Rose Festival Visit

BY BRIAN J. DAVIS, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS, NAVSUP FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER PUGET SOUND

Personnel from NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Puget Sound provided on-the-spot logistics support for Navy ships making port calls in Portland, Oregon, June 8-12 during the city's annual Portland Rose Festival Fleet Week.

NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound logistics support specialists (LSRs) and postal operations personnel worked behind the scenes for months in advance to make sure the port visit went smoothly for the Navy's littoral combat ship USS Jackson (LCS 6) and guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).

“Planning began back in March,” said Lt. Cmdr. Gina Slaby, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound operations officer. “Our LSR attended Rose Festival meetings with key personnel from U. S. Navy Region Northwest Antiterrorism Force Protection, Harbor Master, husbanding service providers, representatives from 3rd Fleet, and local authorities.”

The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Postal Operations department provided mail delivery for the two ships while they were in port, including making the 3 1/2 hour trip from Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton Consolidated Postal Facility in Bremerton, Washington to downtown Portland.

“The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Postal Operations Division coordinated with each of the fleet units and the NAVSUP Global Logistics Support mail routing team to ensure mail was routed and delivered to Jackson and Bunker Hill during their port visit,” said Rick Buchart, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Northwest region postal operations manager.

Along with providing for typical mission requirements such as parts, supplies, and food provisions, logistics personnel also made contract arrangements for the ships to receive harbor services and pier side support. The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound LSR team was also involved with preparations for a reception aboard the Bunker Hill hosted by Commander, U. S. Third Fleet for government officials and civilian dignitaries from the local area.

LSRs traveled to Portland prior to the ships' arrival to make final preparations for the visit. There were last minute, high priority supplies and parts that needed to be purchased and delivered; cranes and forklifts needed to be carefully coordinated to show up at the same time as the delivery of food provisions and reception supplies. Deliveries to the pier had to be executed efficiently without interfering with festival events. Logistics support personnel also assisted ships with review and validation of vendor receipts and invoices, and monitored the execution of service contracts.

“The Portland Rose Festival 2017 was executed very successfully in all regards,” said Slaby. “Great communication by all the supporting organizations was instrumental to the success of this visit... All the key players were in constant communication, and daily updates were sent back to NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound headquarters via texts, email, and voice calls. Communication was the key in the whole process.”

The Portland Rose Festival Fleet Week offers an opportunity to not only tour vessels but to meet Sailors as they showcase their ship's capabilities. Navy warships have been visiting the City of Portland since USS Charleston's visit in 1907. 🌟

# NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka Launches Logistics Playbook to Support the Fleet

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Yokosuka announced the launch of the Logistics Playbook on July 20 to provide an integrated logistics resource for the fleet in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Logistics Playbook was created for logisticians and users of logistics data who need relevant and current information to enable them to make better informed decisions.

“We wanted a tool for planners and decision-makers who rely on logistics support but often lack sufficient context to exploit opportunities and address risks,” said NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffery Davis.

The Asia-Pacific region is the largest Navy theater of operations and spans thousands of square miles.

“Logistics operations in this theater can be extremely challenging due to the tyranny of distance,” said Davis.

The Logistics Playbook provides a single-stop shop to find an integrated logistics picture that captures capabilities and risks associated with logistics execution.

“Logistics execution often hangs on the ability of logisticians to make decisions based on knowledge of available resources and key enablers,” said Davis. “A fundamental challenge is identifying how to ensure all logisticians, regardless of their experience operating in the area of responsibility (AOR), are able to quickly access information needed to support mission execution.”

Davis said the goal is also to ensure logistics outcomes do not rest solely on the availability of individual personalities seasoned in AOR logistics.

“Creating a flexible tool to accelerate learning and decision-making related to operations in the Asia-Pacific region enables greater logistics responsiveness, agility, and resiliency,” said Davis.

The NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka team was able to leverage key information accumulated across its 14 sites located in eight nations to deliver information useful for logistics operations and planning.

The Logistics Playbook comprises several sections containing details of classes of supply support available by geographic location and a list of customers and stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region that use and deliver logistics products and services.

There is a map data and port-specific subsection that includes a Google Earth map interface. Though it requires users to have Google Maps loaded, the tool allows users to view port specific information in a more user-friendly format.

Users can also access a port data Wiki page that lists all ports visited within the 7th Fleet AOR. The Wiki is actively updated with new information as it becomes available so that the information stays relevant and is useful for the planning and execution of operations.

The Logistics Playbook was initially created on a Navy ONE-Net SharePoint to allow for ease of data collection across the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) AOR. However, due to ONE-Net access constraints, the NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka team researched alternative sites to host the Logistics Playbook.

The team ultimately decided to migrate from ONE-Net to an Intellipedia Wiki site.

Intellipedia is an online system for collaborative data sharing used by the United States intelligence community.

As with a traditional Wiki page, users can create new articles or make edits to existing content after registering and acquiring an account with Intelink; the Wiki is a collaborative web site that collects and organizes content, created and revised by its users.

Wikis are a way to grow a knowledge base around a particular content area, in this case logistics within the PACOM AOR.

Lt. James Russell, current operations officer for NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka, said the team compiled data for the Logistics Playbook over the course of five months through a working group that included each NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka site using video teleconference.

“Representatives from each of our outlying sites and internal departments submitted data and updates via our One-Net SharePoint site, which was ultimately housed within the Logistics Playbook site on Intelink,” said Russell.

“It’s now being implemented on the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Logistics Common Operating Picture (LOGCOP) on a secure network. Seeing the Playbook develop from our teamwork into such an easy-to-use and versatile tool has been an absolute pleasure over past few months,” said Russell.

Davis reiterated the importance of coordinating with key fleet stakeholders to ensure Logistics Playbook functionality was incorporated into LOGCOP.

“Although there are other historical repositories that house some of this same type of information, we are placing available information into a context that offers a quicker, more agile tool for an integrated logistics picture. It can now be used more extensively by Joint planners across the Asia-Pacific region,” said Davis.

Within the support planning and execution section are additional subsections for exercises and planning purposes.

There are ground rules and processes defined in the tool for determining when NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka will deploy logistics support representatives and contracting officers to a particular area.

An overview of the organization’s Reserve program for Reserve member planning is also available, as is an operational support officer planning process.

There is a simple overview of the major exercises within 7th Fleet and a general information area that contains lessons learned from previous logistics operations.

Davis said the Logistics Playbook offers logisticians and users of logistics information the tools they need to reduce logistics

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information asymmetry and improve execution.

Lt. Andrew Hughes, a Combat Logistics Force transportation officer with Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific in Singapore, echoed Davis. "The Logistics Playbook is a great initiative from NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka. Collectively, logisticians, including myself, use the tool quite often to see available services at each port. When

sending material to ships, especially when they are located at austere locations, it's great to have this tool at our fingertips to see what we can and cannot send," said Hughes.

A fundamental role of logisticians is to develop solutions that deliver required support to operations. The Logistics Playbook provides that continuity.

As the Logistics Playbook continues to be transitioned into LOGCOP, it will have a broader impact on Asia-Pacific logistics operations. ✨

For more information on the Logistics Playbook, visit [https://intellipedia.intelink.gov/wiki/7th\\_Fleet\\_Logistics\\_Playbook](https://intellipedia.intelink.gov/wiki/7th_Fleet_Logistics_Playbook)

## NEXCOM Named "Top 50" Best Company for Latinas Sixth Year in Row

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For the sixth year in a row, LATINA Style magazine has named the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) one of the top 50 companies that are providing the best career opportunities for Latinas in the U.S. More than 11 percent of NEXCOM's 14,000 associates across the globe are Latino and nearly eight percent are Latina women.

"Just like the Sailors and families we serve, our NEXCOM team is rich in ethnic and cultural diversity. I am proud to be part of a Navy command that believes in the power of diversity and demonstrates that commitment every day," said NEXCOM Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Bianchi. "It is my true belief that a culture and command climate of rich diversity breeds ingenuity and success. I am thankful for the incredible contributions of our Latina associates. These amazing individuals work hard to bring forth innovation and creativity to provide our brave service members with important quality of life benefits."

"Preparing the LATINA Style 50 Report is an exhausting process that takes intense research and study. It is our goal to provide the most accurate picture of what corporate America has to offer. We need to be sure that the companies listed on the report are the ones that truly are the best places for Latina professionals to work," said President and CEO of LATINA Style, Inc. Robert E. Bard.

Companies responding to LATINA Style's questionnaire are evaluated based on issues that LATINA Style magazine readers identified as most important to them in the workplace. Among the principal areas of evaluation are: number of Latina executives, Latina retention, mentoring programs, educational opportunities, alternative work policies, employee benefits, women's issues, job retraining, affinity groups and Hispanic relations. ✨

## National Reserve Component Supply Corps Symposium

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36 On May 20 and 21, 391 active and Reserve Supply Corps officers gathered in Dallas for the National Reserve Component (RC) Supply Corps Symposium.

Attendees included Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen, commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and Chief of Supply Corps; Rear Adm. Valerie Huegel, deputy commander, NAVSUP; and Rear Adm. Alan Reyes, Reserve N4, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"So, how do we continue to develop expertise?" asked Reyes. "Integrated training is

one way. Commanding officers need to ensure Reserve components understand they are part of the fight."

One of the topics presented was "NAVSUP Global Logistics Support and Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Operations: Future RC Contingency Response Plan," facilitated by a panel focused on active component (AC) and RC.

The panel consisted of Reyes, Rear Adm. Jack Moreau, Capt. Ken Epps, Capt. R. Bynum, and Capt. Ray Bichard.

"Reserves fire on all cylinders, and when they are up and running, it can create a seamless integration," said Moreau.

"Additionally, the integrated training teaches not just the Reservist," added Bynum, "... even civilians are learning."

The symposium was the first time in six years that such a large element of the Supply Corps gathered for professional training.

"As leaders, we need to be enthusiastic and passionate in taking care of our personnel, regardless of AC or RC affiliation," said Huegel. ✨

# NAVSUP FLC San Diego Celebrates 95 Years of Service to the Fleet

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) San Diego celebrated its 95th anniversary of service to the warfighter during a command event Aug. 18 in San Diego.

The event included a ceremonial cake cutting and remarks by command leadership, in addition to a large scale oath of office ceremony that brought command civilians together to raise their right hands and rededicate themselves to service.

“We get the best of both worlds at NAVSUP FLC San Diego; we get our uniformed military members and our civil servants,” said Commanding Officer Capt. Michelle Morse.

“Both groups lend their talents and dedication to supporting the warfighters and keeping our military the most powerful force in the world. Every single one of our employees is serving their country when they come to work. What remarkably important, honorable jobs we have.”

The command's rich history spans nearly a decade of service under four command names and 47 commanding officers. It began in the early 1900s, when Pacific Fleet ships routinely anchored in the San Diego harbor, making it a natural site for a supply depot. In 1922, the Naval Supply Depot, San Diego was formally established. A small pier was constructed and the first materials were moved into the Depot's warehouse in February 1923.

In 1941, the current Navy Pier in downtown San Diego was built and a south wing was added to the original six-story supply depot. A seven-story warehouse was constructed alongside in 1943. That same year, the Depot was assigned management of the La Playa Coaling Station at Point Loma – currently the home of the NAVSUP FLC San Diego fuel department. Built in 1904, La Playa Coaling Station was the first permanent Navy logistics shore establishment in San Diego. By the late 1940s, eight more warehouses were constructed at the Broadway Naval Station Annex to support expanding material storage needs.

The significant growth in the Naval Supply Depot's customer base resulted in its recommissioning as the Naval Supply Center (NSC) San Diego in 1959. In 1980, as a result of additional consolidation, NSC San Diego assumed responsibility for selected Naval Air Station North Island Supply Department aviation material and related functions.

In 1992, as the result of a Defense Management Review Decision initiative, NSC San Diego transferred its warehouse and physical distribution functions to the Defense Logistics Agency. Subsequent initiatives over the years also led to the transfer of financial and accounting operations to Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and data processing operations to the Defense Information Systems Agency.

Following these major changes and related infrastructure studies, the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) concept was born. With a new mission to become logistics partners with shore and industrial activities, FISC San Diego established memorandums of agreement in the ensuing years with numerous Navy and Marine Corps commands in the southwest region.

On July 25, 2003, as part of the NAVSUP transformation initiative, FISC San Diego became the lead FISC, responsible for facilitating

efficiencies and common policies and procedures across the seven FISCs around the world.

Today, NAVSUP FLC San Diego is one of eight fleet logistics centers under NAVSUP that provides operational logistics, business and support services to fleet, shore and industrial commands of the Navy, Coast Guard, Military Sealift Command, and other Joint and Allied Forces. Services include contracting, regional transportation, fuel, material management, household goods movement support,

postal and consolidated mail, warehousing, global logistics and husbanding, hazardous material management, and integrated logistics support.

“It is important to remember where we've come from when reflecting on all this command has accomplished in the defense of our nation,” said Morse. “When we are looking at something as significant as 95 incredible years of service in support of those at the tip of the spear, I think that's something that deserves celebration and recognition. It's important for us as a command, but also for the individual employees and service members who come here and give us their best every day. It is an absolute privilege for me to lead such a stellar team of dedicated professionals.” ✨



# NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Supports Seattle Fleet Week

BY BRIAN J. DAVIS, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION  
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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Puget Sound personnel were waiting pier side as U.S. Navy ships arrived in Seattle to participate in the city's Seattle Seafair Fleet Week '17.

The port visit was the culmination of months of preparation, with logistics support personnel on the scene, until well after the last ship departed Aug. 7.

The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Logistics Support Center (LSC) spent months attending event planning meetings and determining logistics requirements in preparation for the visit of amphibious transport dock ship USS Anchorage (LPD 23) and Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) to Seattle during the annual Seafair festival's Fleet Week, according to NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Gina Slaby.

The ships, along with vessels from the U.S. Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy, participated in the festivities and offered tours to the general public.

Several NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound departments were involved in preparing for the visit, including contracting, fuel, logistics support, and postal operations, arranging for pier side support and coordinating purchase and delivery of products and services to meet the requirements of the ships during their visit.

A logistics support representative (LSR) was also assigned as a liaison to the ships for the duration of the port visit, remaining in Seattle and available 24 hours a day.

38 "Sebrin Jones, an LSR from our office at Naval Station Everett, was assigned to support the Seafair visit. He is the primary point of contact for the ships regarding priority parts, provisions, and husbandry

issues," said Lt. j.g. Barbary Conley, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound logistics support officer.

Logistics support for the Anchorage and the Murphy ranged from husbandry services such as shore power, fresh water, tugboat services, and trash collection to necessary products and services like food provisions, parts, and supplies. To support Fleet Week, the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound staff went to work several weeks in advance, making purchase orders, writing contracts, ordering supplies, and negotiating delivery details with local vendors to ensure that the Anchorage and the Murphy had everything they needed for a smooth port call.

The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound team also coordinated daily delivery and pickup of mail.

"The postal team and LSC transferred and accepted a total of 165 pounds of mail along with 1,500 pounds of cargo. The items included personal and official mail, Navy advancement exams, and various priority two parts and cargo," said Rick Buchart, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound region postal operations manager.

Aside from mission essential support, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound also coordinated support specific to Fleet Week.

"We also made arrangements for furniture, equipment, and supplies to support a reception aboard the Anchorage hosted by Commander, U.S. Third Fleet, and we arranged for a stage for an Aug. 4 naturalization ceremony that also took place aboard the Anchorage," said Conley.

Fleet Week is a bit different than a typical port visit at a military base, and the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound support team found itself quietly working around several public events and festival activities throughout the port visit.

"The challenge is in the coordination and timing, and the trick is making it all seamless. For example, let's say we have a truck load of provisions to be delivered to the pier and loaded on the ship. The ship is hosting public tours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and we have to coordinate around that schedule. So we have to work with the ship's crew, the vendor, and the contractor operating the crane to coordinate delivery, get the product aboard, and get everyone clear before the crowd starts showing up to see the ship," said Eddie Edrosa, deputy of the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound operations department.

The LSC also had to coordinate last minute operational requirements. It received an urgent part request from the Anchorage on the first evening in port. The next day, LSRs in Bremerton obtained the more than 400 pound part, loaded it into a vehicle, drove to the pier in Seattle and delivered the part just before the ship got underway at 11 a.m. to participate in the festival's Parade of Ships.

"Our primary function is to support all the logistical needs for the ships, to ensure mission readiness, and see that they have what they need to get underway without delay," said Conley.

Anchorage is homeported in San Diego, California, and Murphy is homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Since 1950, Seattle has hosted Fleet Week along the city's waterfront, showcasing the men and women that serve in the U.S. sea services. For more information, go to [www.seafair.com](http://www.seafair.com). ✨



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## **NAVSUP FLC Bahrain Contracting Sails Through First PPMAP Inspection**

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Bahrain contracting department successfully passed their first Procurement Performance Management Assessment Program (PPMAP) inspection in June 2017.

The primary purpose for the PPMAP is to promote continuous improvements in the business acquisition process. The PPMAP inspection ensures that the contracting teams are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidance.

The inspection encompassed focus group sessions, customer interviews, and a management oversight review.

“The PPMAP was firm but fair. What I took away most from the experience was the dialogue between the PPMAP team and with our people,” said Capt. James Gayton, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain director of contracts.

The inspection focused on ensuring the contracting department is in compliance to the areas that NAVSUP contracting authority evaluate.

“We traded contracting ideas and procedures and walked away with the PPMAP inspectors awarding our team two ‘best practices,’ which are innovative processes we do here in FLC Bahrain Code 200, that the PPMAP team wants to export to other NAVSUP FLCs so that we all get better as an enterprise,” said Gayton.

The PPMAP inspection resulted in a grade of “satisfactory” from NAVSUP and was scored overall as one of the best in the enterprise compared to other NAVSUP FLCs this year.

The astounding PPMAP results were a direct reflection of the diligence of the NAVSUP FLC Bahrain contracting team.

“When I saw the PPMAP results, I felt proud because our team really worked hard and it is a great feeling to see that work pay off. We routinely receive kudos from our customers, but to earn the ‘satisfactory’ from the NAVSUP contracting experts, especially since we are the youngest FLC in NAVSUP, it’s an awesome feeling to know we impressed the inspection team,” said Gayton. 🌟

# NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Supports USS John Finn Commissioning

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When the Navy welcomed its newest Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS John Finn (DDG 113), to the fleet at a commissioning ceremony July 15, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Pearl Harbor was in the background, assisting to make the event a success.

NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor liaised between the commissioning committee and local commands. During the pre-commissioning stage, Lt. Cmdr. Cindy Suarez, Fleet Logistics Support Division, hosted the committee for a site survey visit, conducted a tour of the piers, developed and implemented safety and security plans and presented the team with options for the reception venue to enable significant cost savings.

NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Regional Mail Center personnel tracked packages containing commissioning ceremony material. Upon receipt, the team packed the critical commissioning ceremony items on pallets in preparation for delivery to the ship.

Upon arrival of the USS John Finn (DDG 113), NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor provided pier side support to include crane, man lift, and forklift services.

Logistics Specialist 1st Class Tri Nguyen, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor logistics support representative, tracked and delivered high priority requisitions, emergency material, coordinated vehicles, services, and food delivery for the ship.

"The only last minute concern was obtaining a red carpet runner for the ceremony," said Nguyen. "I worked with the ship's supply personnel to track one down locally."

40 Coordinating an event like a ship's commissioning ceremony where more than 2,000 people were in attendance required

thorough attention to detail. Working hand-in-hand with the commissioning committee, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor provided support to ensure every last detail was taken care of to bring the ship to life.

"I feel privileged to support these time-honored naval customs and traditions,"

During the first attack by Japanese airplanes on Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Finn manned a .50-caliber machine gun in an exposed section under heavy enemy machine gun fire. Although wounded, it was only by specific orders he vacated his post to seek medical attention. Following first aid



said Nguyen. "It is important that naval tradition is not forgotten!"

John Finn is the 63rd Arleigh Burke-class destroyer and was delivered to the Navy from shipbuilder Huntington Ingalls Industries on the 75th anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 2016.

DDG 113 is named in honor of Chief Aviation Ordnanceman John Finn, whose heroism and bravery during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Oahu's Pearl Harbor and other nearby military installations earned him the first Medal of Honor awarded during World War II.

treatment, he returned to the squadron area and actively supervised the rearming of returning planes. ✨

*Above: The crew of USS John Finn (DDG 113) brings the ship to life during its commissioning ceremony. -photo by MC2 Class Aiyana Paschal*

*Below: Finn is pierside at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in preparation for its commissioning ceremony. -photo by MC3 Justin R. Pacheco*



# NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Supports Sub Inactivation, Decommissioning Process

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*USS Dallas pulling up to the pier at NBK-Bremerton. -photo by Brian Davis*

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 (LSRs) were waiting on the pier, ready to assist.

The NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Logistics Support Center (LSC) provided support services to the Dallas crew beginning with 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's 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 NMCI and Navy eRetrograde Management System (eRMS) accounts 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 home port 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. 🌟

# NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Supports Gerald R. Ford Commissioning Ceremony

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk provided a variety of logistical support for the commissioning of USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, which joined the fleet in a July 22 ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk.

NAVSUP FLC Norfolk Logistics Support Center's (LSC's) Deputy Director Barbara Robinson says the LSC has ordered nearly \$1.5 million of provisions since the ship has been pier-side at Naval Station Norfolk, including tracking and delivering more than \$10,000 worth of commissioning supplies in the days leading up to the event.

She added that the entire LSC team contributed to the lead-up to the event, with supply-support led by Alaric Best.

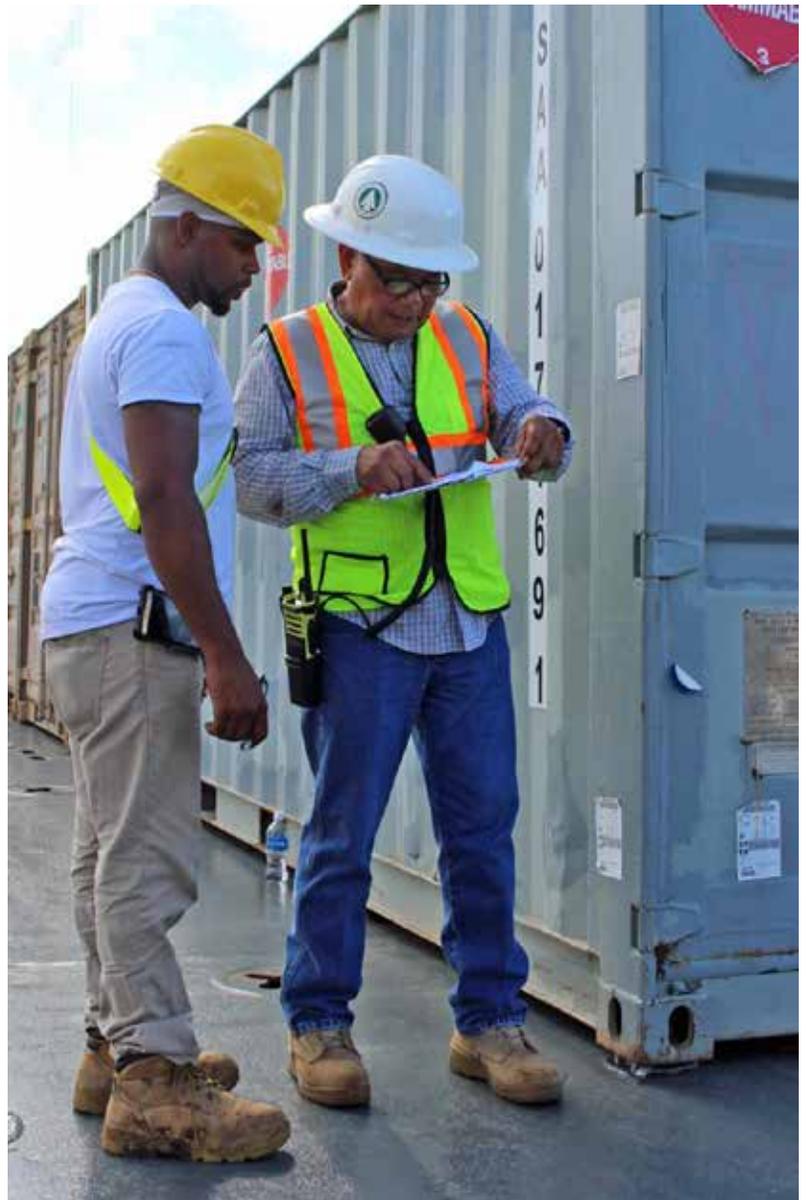
The primary logistics support representative (LSR) for provisions was Andre Washington, and Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Zachary Shipman served as primary military LSR.

Robinson said the last week before the event often brings new requirements and unexpected situations, and the LSR relies on their experience and customer service acumen to help ensure the ceremony goes off without a hitch.

"Commissioning ceremonies are always high-visibility events attended by many distinguished visitors, family members, military members, and friends," said Robinson. "The LSR has to be flexible and remain adaptable to make sudden changes to accommodate the situations of the moment."

Robinson added that the work the LSC did for the Ford commissioning is a reflection of what the entire team does for the fleet every day, albeit a magnified reflection based on the size and demands of a new carrier.

"We are extremely proud of our efforts and committed to ensuring that our fleet is always mission-ready," said Robinson. "As the shore extension, boots-on-the-ground to their supply departments, we strive to make certain that the needs of our ships are our priority. 🌟"

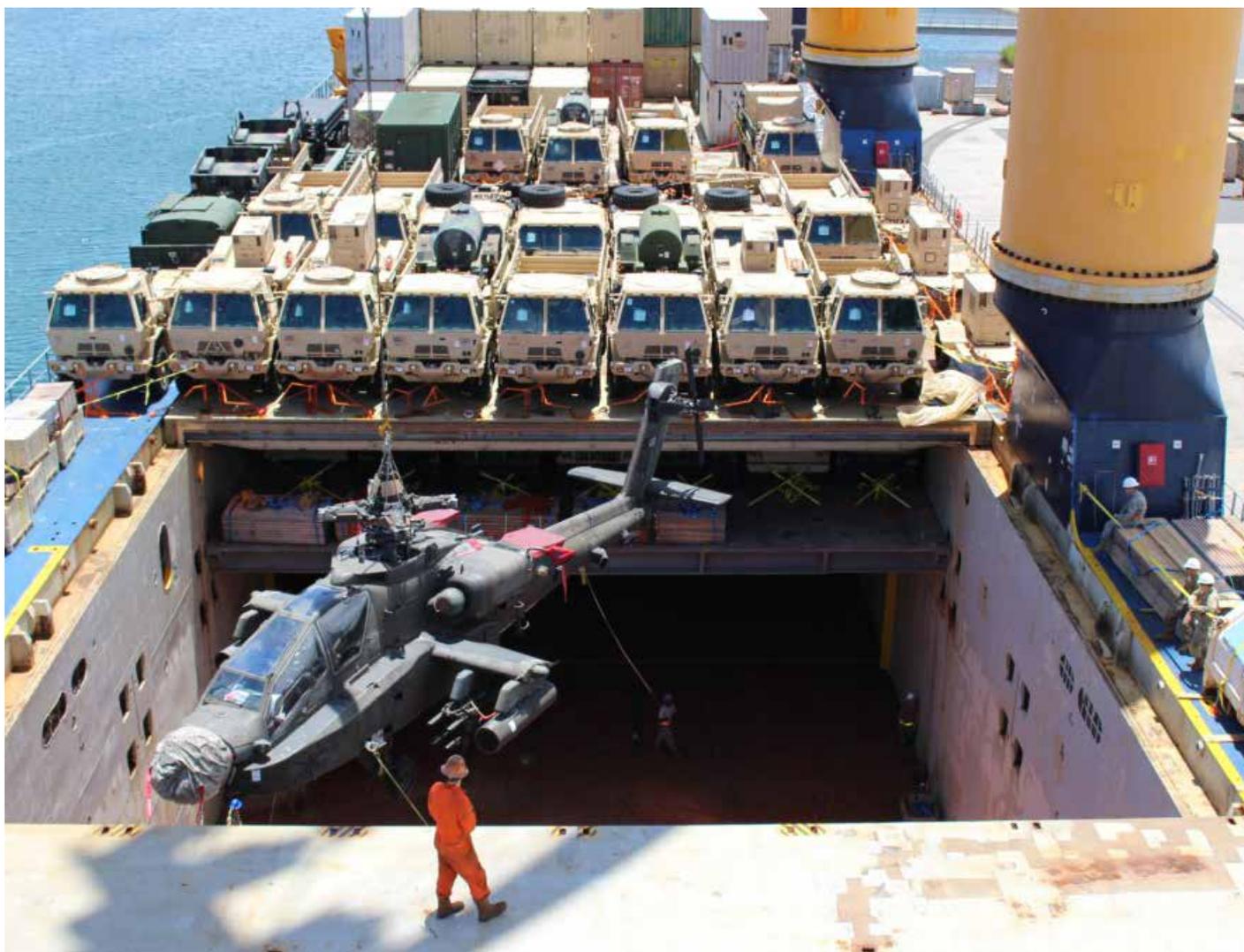


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## NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor's Ocean Terminal Division Supports Joint Warfighter Readiness

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Pearl Harbor and its partners conducted around-the-clock port operations at the ocean terminal onboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from June 10-14 to support Pacific Pathways.

Pacific Pathways allows the U.S. Army to develop small units that will be forward-deployed for quick response to humanitarian emergencies or regional threats. It also lets the U.S. Army create a semi-permanent presence in parts of the Pacific where it is not feasible to establish bases.

NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor's ocean terminal division unloaded 205 pieces of Army equipment and cargo onto commercial vessel Ocean Jazz, June 10-12.

On June 13-14, the division continued port operations with an offload of 215 pieces of Army equipment and cargo off of USNS

Fisher (T-AKR 301) with support from Selected Reservists from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 8 (NCHB 8) and Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 10 (NCHB 10).

"Having the ships back-to-back pushed our internal capabilities to the breaking point; we now have a better idea of what is needed for future operations that may require two ships being offloaded or on-loaded simultaneously," said Lt. Cmdr. Calvin White, ocean terminals director/operational support officer, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor.

"I could not have successfully carried out the mission without Reserve support because they integrate themselves into our division, capitalize on their rating experience and greatly expand our operational capabilities," said White. 🌟

*Above: NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor's ocean terminal division unloads Army equipment and cargo onto the commercial vessel, Ocean Jazz, to support Pacific Pathways.*

*Far Left: Ramon Davis, left, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor material handler, reviews documents as equipment and cargo are loaded onto Ocean Jazz.*



## U.S. Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Logistics Internship Program Celebrates 50 Year Anniversary

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Yokosuka and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) celebrated the 50th anniversary of their joint internship program July 28.

The program was created back in the 60s as a training opportunity for young JMSDF officers to develop logistics skills from their U.S. Navy counterparts.

In 1969, Masao Hiramami was the ninth intern in the program. At the time, he worked in the physical distribution department. Though time has dimmed some of those early memories, he fondly recalled the U.S. support officers and the early days of the internship program.

"It's been 50 years since the program started. I was one of the first interns back

then," said Hiramami, speaking to a room of current JMSDF and U.S. Navy officers, and intern alumni. "The program is fundamental for the foreign cooperation between navies and for joint logistics. I believe at the root of logistics is mutual trust. I want to express my deep appreciation for acceptance of this program and I hope it continues for the next 50 years."

To date, there have been 187 interns pass through the program. Every seven months, NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka welcomes an intern from the JMSDF into the operations department. From there, the intern rotates throughout the command, shadowing their U.S. Navy counterparts and learning logistics best practices.

Director of Operations Cmdr. Michael Schilling said the internship program strengthens the bilateral partnership between the two nations.

"We teach the Japanese supply officers the skillsets that make the U.S. Navy Supply Corps such an outstanding force," said Schilling. "The JMSDF interns work alongside our supply officers and develop their logistic talents to benefit and bond our organizations. They learn our logistical processes and we learn theirs. It provides opportunities to borrow strength in unity."

Though he was unable to attend the celebration in person, a letter of appreciation from JMSDF Chief of Staff Adm. Yutaka Murakawa was presented to NAVSUP FLC

Yokosuka Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffery Davis for his continuing support of the program. Murakawa went through the program and was an intern in 1986. In his prepared statement, Murakawa said he looked to the next 50 years, in the field of logistics, to deepen the ties and to improve the effectiveness of U.S. and Japan joint missions.

“As I participated in the program in 1986, my most lasting memory was how Sailors in the U.S. Navy were committed to their jobs with consideration for naval surface units,” said Murakawa. “I am determined that all my officers who participate in the program have the spirit of what U.S. Navy officers possess in their logistics support units and that the JMSDF officers will learn much in the early stage of their careers.”

Davis accepted the letter from the JMSDF on behalf of the U.S. Navy.

“Our relationship with Japan is one of the most important we have around the globe,” said Davis. “The internship program is an example of the strength of that relationship. I’d like to thank Adm. Murakawa because he reflected the importance of the program to the U.S. Navy and the JMSDF and to the development of future logisticians.”



## NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Conducts Intermodal Operations

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Sigonella’s site in Rota, Spain, conducted intermodal operations for four U.S. Marine Corps Tiltrotor Medium Lift MV-22B Ospreys on Aug. 8.

The Ospreys belong to Marine Medium Lift Squadron (VMM-764), a Reserve squadron based in Camp Pendleton, California. VMM-764 served as the air combat element of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response Africa.

Logistics support representatives, assigned to the Logistics Support Center, ensured proper handling and delivery of the aircrafts from the airfield terminal to the pier. The team used multiple modes of transportation to reduce cargo handling, improve security, minimize damage, and allow quicker freight transportation.

Trained and qualified people are critical to operational execution, operational planning, and operational flexibility. Often, having the right people and right equipment

in the right place can mean the difference between success and failure.

Naval Station Rota is strategically located near the Strait of Gibraltar and is the halfway point between the United States and Southwest Asia. It is the only base in the Navy region that has a port and airfield within one fence line and conducts operations 24 hours a day.

*Above: Marines assigned to Marine Medium Lift Squadron VMM-764 and personnel assigned to NAVSUP FLC Sigonella’s site in Rota, Spain, transport MV-22B Osprey aircraft from the Naval Station Rota airfield to the pier in preparation to load on a ship. –photo by MC3 M. Jang*



Left: Lt. Derek Roncaioli (left), Lt. (RN) Alexander Meaden (second from right), and LS2 Alberto Brown (right) take a group photo with the Royal Navy Reserves Fleet LST in front of USS Truxtun (DDG 103) prior to commencement of Exercise Saxon Warrior 2017. -photo by Tia Nichole McMillen

## NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's Enterprise Logistics Response Team Supports Saxon Warrior 17

BY TIA NICHOLE MCMILLEN, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS, FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER SIGONELLA

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Sigonella deployed a 13-person Enterprise Logistics Response Team (ELRT) July 20 to support Exercise Saxon Warrior 2017.

Saxon Warrior 2017 is a co-hosted exercise between the United States and the United Kingdom, focused on developing combined proficiency in the area of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) operations, enhancing interoperability, and projecting power from the sea.

NAVSUP FLC's Logistics Response Teams (LRTs) deploy personnel on short notice to coordinate and deliver support to operational units in locations where the Navy has little or no organic footprint.

When the supported commander's logistics requirements exceed the normal capabilities of an individual NAVSUP FLC, personnel from the greater NAVSUP

Enterprise come together to form an organic LRT capability. The ELRT gives NAVSUP FLC Sigonella the capability to support the theater commander's mission with greater depth and for longer periods across the full range of military operations.

The team supporting Exercise Saxon Warrior 2017, comprised of 13 Sailors from NAVSUP FLC Sigonella, NAVSUP FLC Norfolk, NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor, and NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound, deployed to various locations around the United Kingdom including Mildenhall, Faslane, and Portsmouth. Coordination and planning for this team was facilitated from NAVSUP FLC Sigonella in Sicily, Italy.

"Supporting this exercise was eye-opening," said Lt. Joe Green, logistics exercise lead. "Working alongside our U.K. partners

gave me a greater appreciation for how we integrate strategic logistics in an operational environment. I'm extremely impressed by the team's ability to analyze the situation and find a way to meet the mission, no matter what obstacle."

This deployment acted as a proof of concept for how NAVSUP FLC Sigonella conducts and sustains operations including contracting, fuels, global logistics services, hazardous material management, integrated logistics support, material management, postal, regional transportation, warehousing, logistics operations, and ammunition in a contingency environment.

When Sailors first arrived, they integrated with the Royal Navy to analyze exercise planning and port services, ensure all priority cargo would reach the warfighter. They used organic Royal Navy assets to load cargo and mail on the George H. W. Bush Carrier Strike Group. Logistics support for exercises like Saxon Warrior begins long before the exercise commences, and the ERLT is on the ground to help.

"It's been an interesting experience working with the Royal Navy. We learned a lot, and in the end we are teaming up to ensure the warfighter - U.S. or allied forces - can succeed at their mission," said Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Alberto Brown.

To date, with support from the United States Air Force 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 727th Air Mobility Squadron, the ELRT has processed more than 950 pieces of cargo (more than 49,000 pounds) and more than 9,000 pounds of mail in support of United States ships participating in the exercise.

With a successful ELRT deployment within the 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella is well-postured to support expeditionary logistics operations now and in the future. 🌟

## NAVSUP FLC San Diego Meritoriously Promotes Two Sailors

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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) San Diego promoted two Sailors under the Navy's Meritorious Advancement Program (MAP), July 13.

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Katherine Lytton and Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuel) 3rd Class Dexronn Hodge were promoted to petty officer first and second class, respectively.

"It gives me great pleasure as a commanding officer to identify some of the hardest charging Sailors under my command and reward them for the steadfast dedication and incredible work ethic they bring here every day," said Commanding Officer Capt. Michelle Morse. "This is one of the best parts of my job, and these two Sailors could not be more deserving of their promotions. Anyone with firsthand knowledge of their accomplishments can tell you their work speaks for itself."

Lytton joined the Navy in 2010 and serves as a work center supervisor with a team of eight Sailors under her charge. Her team is responsible for providing daily logistics support to 57 Pacific Fleet ships. Additionally, she serves as assistant command fitness leader, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response victim's advocate, family care plan coordinator, Junior Enlisted Association member, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation secretary. She was named the command's Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter of fiscal year 2017.

"The scale of work and responsibility these Sailors take responsibility for is really remarkable," said Morse. "For them to excel so greatly at their duties while also taking on important collateral duties and being first class, upstanding citizens in their communities makes me really proud to lead such fine Sailors."

Hodge joined the Navy in 2011 and serves as a fuels and line supervisor aboard NAVSUP FLC San Diego's site at Naval Auxiliary Landing Field San Clemente Island. There, his efforts directly contributed to 750 mishap-free refueling evolutions, the safe receipt and delivery of about 900,000 gallons of jet fuel, and the successful launch and recovery of more than 600 military and civilian aircraft. Additionally, his technical knowledge and attention to detail saved the Navy an estimated \$100,000 in corrective maintenance and repair costs over the last year.

The MAP program was designed with the intent to allow commanding officers greater opportunities to recognize and advance superior performers. According to the chief of naval personnel, MAP promotions will account for about 10 percent of all E4-E6 advancements this year.

"As leaders, there are few things more rewarding than our Sailors' success," said Command Senior Chief Nicole Ellis. "Both LS1 Lytton and ABF2 Hodge consistently strive to be their best selves. They take the initiative and hold themselves, and their Sailors, accountable. We couldn't be prouder to have them represent our team at NAVSUP FLC San Diego." 🌟

## NAVSUP FLC Bahrain Hosts First Commandwide Effective Communications Training

FROM NAVSUP FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER BAHRAIN  
OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Bahrain office of corporate communications hosted the first "effective communications" training for military, civilian, and local national personnel at the command, June 11-12.

The goal of the training was to establish techniques that alleviate communication barriers in the workplace.

The communication course addressed two-way communication processes for scenarios of day-to-day customer interaction.

The training taught practices for expressing challenging subjects to customers, provided active listening exercises, and gave guidance on email etiquette.

"Communication is vital to every mission. Making sure employees are equipped with personal, tactical and strategic communication goals are essential to the command," said Javani G. Jones, NAVSUP FLC Bahrain, director of corporate communications.

The training focused on how to execute and interpret communications to internal and external customers in distinct perspective missions.

Employees learned ways to improve customer satisfaction through communication, and how to effectively communicate both in-person and via email.

Participants engaged in activities which demonstrated their roles in active listening and established problem solving methods.

"In this area of operations, we communicate with a diverse group of nationalities which can create difficulties in communication. This course helps to ensure that everyone gets a clear understanding of how to properly deliberate communication goals," said Jones.

Hosting the effective communications training builds the foundation for leadership skills throughout the command.

The NAVSUP FLC Office of Corporate Communications will continue to provide mission essential communications training to the command on a quarterly basis. 🌟

*Below: Capt. Michelle Morse congratulates LS2 Katherine Lytton who was promoted to petty officer first class. Not pictured: ABF3 Dexronn Hodge.*



*A convoy of fuel trucks from the 475th Quartermaster Group prepare to depart MFD to deliver a load of aviation fuel to Joint Base Lewis-McChord.  
—photos by Brian Davis*



## NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Participates in QLLEX '17

BY BRIAN J. DAVIS, NAVSUP FLC PUGET SOUND OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Puget Sound's fuel department hosted elements of the 475th Quartermaster Group at the Manchester Fuel Depot (MFD) in support of the 2017 Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise (QLLEX) July 17-24.

QLLEX is an annual exercise held by units of the U.S. Army Reserve to conduct 48 petroleum and water purification support in a combat training environment.

The majority of the Army's petroleum and water units are attached to the U.S. Army Reserve.

MFD was the origination hub for the Pacific Northwest portion of QLLEX. Army liquid logistics units transported aviation fuel to a temporary field storage facility at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. From there, truck convoys delivered the fuel to Naval Air

Station Whidbey Island and Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington.

"The drill scenario uses Navy infrastructure and Army rolling stock to support Navy, Army and Air Force operational requirements at select locations in the region," said Lt. Cmdr. Scott McCarthy, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound regional fuels officer.

QLLEX is the largest logistics field exercise in the continental United States. Operations take place simultaneously at military installations across the country.

To make the training realistic, Army Reserve liquid logistic units actually obtained and distributed fuel to military customers to meet their day-to-day operational requirements.

For the Manchester portion of QLLEX, Army tanker trucks took on the role of

delivering aviation fuel supplies to NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound's customers, a function normally performed by contractors.

Like most military logistics functions, the mission requirement was simple, but execution required careful coordination across agencies and demanded close collaboration between personnel, military and civilian, to work out a multitude of details.

"QLLEX gives our personnel an opportunity to work in a joint environment and coordinate closely with other agencies to support the mission," said Capt. Philippe Grandjean, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound commanding officer.

According to 1st Sgt. Marshall Ellis of the 369th Transportation Company, the mission scenario for his Oklahoma-based unit was to receive fuel orders, determine the vehicle

requirements, and send the trucks to the MFD truck fueling station to obtain the required product.

Once all the tankers were loaded, inspected and cleared for transport, the convoys headed out on the road to deliver their payload.

MFD fuelies provided inspection and certification of the fuel tankers before filling them up for their first delivery. They assisted the liquid logistics Soldiers with determining fuel distribution between convoy vehicles, and drew samples from the full tanks to ensure that the aviation fuel was free of contaminants.

While safety and strict adherence to procedural guidelines was a priority for all, QLLEX was a challenge for both Army and Navy participants at Manchester.

Soldiers and fuel depot personnel maintained a demanding tempo with fueling and convoy operations underway every day from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

“The fast pace and sheer number of moving parts makes QLLEX challenging, so the success of the exercise relied heavily on every participant’s ability to coordinate and adapt,” said McCarthy.

QLLEX is intended to provide a realistic training experience for the soldiers tasked with providing fuel and water in wartime.

For supporting activities like the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound fuel department, participation brings valuable benefits.

“The exercise not only enhances our own petroleum logistics network throughout the region, but also challenges logisticians from both services with a scenario designed to prepare them for real-world operations. That’s why we look forward to being a part of it every year,” said Grandjean.

The MFD is managed by the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound fuel department.

The fuel depot’s mission is to provide customers with top quality military specification fuel, lubricants and additives used by land, sea and air forces.

The facility issues, manages and receives bulk petroleum products, and is tasked with ensuring compliance of product quality, inventory control and environmental regulations.

MFD provides fuels support for U.S. and allied forces throughout the Puget Sound region and the Pacific Rim. 🌟



Above: A Soldier from the U. S. Army 475th Quartermaster Group guides a tanker truck into the NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound fuel terminal.



Above: Nathan Smith, a NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound fuel technician inspects an Army fuel truck prior to departure from the fuel terminal at MFD.



ABOVE: Sgt. Jose Colon, assigned to the 273rd Movement Control Team, 475th Quartermaster Group directs a fuel tanker through an intersection during convoy operations in Manchester, Washington.

# NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Hosts Washington Ferry for Fueling Exercise

BY BRIAN J. DAVIS, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION  
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NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Puget Sound hosted M/V Chimacum, Washington State’s newest addition to its ferry fleet, for a functional exercise at Manchester Fuel Depot (MFD) June 19.

The exercise was a ‘fit test’ to determine if the MFD team could accommodate the Chimacum at the facility’s pier and deliver fuel during an emergency.

“This was the first time that NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound tested its ability to rapidly provision Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) vessels,” said NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Regional Fuels Director Lt. Cmdr. Scott McCarthy. “The evolution analyzed how the Navy would contribute to Defense Support of Civil Authorities requirements in the Pacific Northwest.”

If a major earthquake strikes the Pacific Northwest region along the Cascadia Subduction Zone, planners anticipate that much of the land transportation infrastructure such as roads and bridges could be damaged and unusable. One potential solution would be to use the ferry system and other government and civil maritime assets to conduct aid delivery and lifesaving operations to areas that would otherwise be inaccessible.

The June 19 functional exercise was an initial step toward developing a formal agreement between government agencies to provide support during contingency operations should the need arise.

“Manchester Fuel Depot has the potential to be an important resource for WSDOT ferries operating during a prolonged emergency response. If their normal maritime fuel infrastructure is damaged or

unusable, we can step in and provide support to keep the ferries in operation,” said Capt. Philippe Grandjean, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound commanding officer.

MFD, the largest single-site Department of Defense fuel terminal in the continental U. S., has the unique ability to operate without electrical power due to its gravity-operated system. Fuel storage is located on a higher elevation than the delivery point, and the computer-controlled valve system can be operated by hand during a power failure.

No fuel was transferred during the exercise. According to NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound Fuel Department Deputy Director Glenn Schmitt, the reason for conducting the exercise was to test systems and procedures for docking the ferry and to determine equipment compatibility.

“We also have to consider safety aspects and environmental compliance. There are a lot of moving parts with something like this,” said Master Chief Marine Science Technician Brenda Doris, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound, on hand to observe the evolution.

Once the vessel was pier side, MFD ‘fuelies’ walked through a simulation of fueling procedures with the Chimacum’s crew.

“Our fuel technicians guided Chimacum alongside, ensuring safe mooring configurations were utilized, and tested hose fittings to simulate fueling while deploying spill containment equipment,” said McCarthy.

The idea for the initiative came from an after action report following the Cascadia Rising 2016 exercise conducted in the region

WSDOT ferry M/V Chimacum gets underway after a June 19 functional exercise at Manchester Fuel Depot (MFD). –photo by Brian Davis



June 7-10, 2016, staged to evaluate the response and coordination of local, state, federal, and tribal government agencies as well as non-governmental and private sector organizations in the aftermath of a major earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

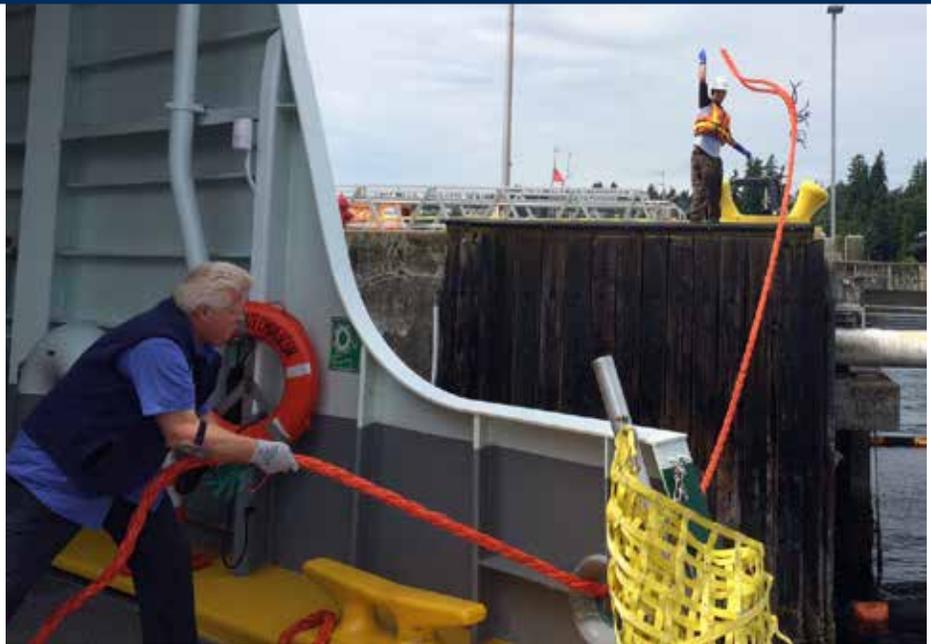
According to the Cascadia Rising 2016 Exercise Multi-State After Action Report, one area for improvement calls for exploring alternate modes of transportation in the affected area, including “maritime resources, both public and private, to provide aid and life-saving services to otherwise inaccessible areas.” The June 19th functional exercise was intended to determine the feasibility and ability of MFD to provide fuel and shore support to vessels engaged in disaster response operations.

“This is a great example of interagency coordination between the Navy and the State of Washington, and shows how we can work together for the community’s benefit,” said Grandjean.

The Chimacum’s fit test at the Manchester Fuel Depot was a “hands on” familiarization, but there is still more to do before a formal plan can be established.

“In the future there will be table-top exercises to look at issues that might arise and consider options for resolution,” said Schmitt.

Cascadia Rising 2016 and other emergency preparedness activities revealed the importance of planning and cooperation



between multiple agencies to increase effectiveness.

“Washington State Ferries, the Coast Guard and Navy have been exploring ways to work together for some time, and Cascadia Rising highlighted just how important the region’s marine assets would be in the event of a major natural disaster. Public and private, military and civilian, all of us in the region’s maritime community will be called upon to serve those in need should the ‘big one’ strike. The exercise on Monday was an important step toward ensuring we’re ready to answer that call together,” said Brian Mannion, WSDOT spokesman.

*ABOVE: WSDOT ferry M/V Chimacum casts off from the fuel pier at MFD following a functional exercise. –photo by Brian Mannion, Washington State Ferries*

Washington State Ferries operates the largest ferry system in the United States. Twenty-two ferries cross Puget Sound and its inland waterways, carrying more than 22 million passengers to 20 different ports of call. For more information, log on to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/>. ☀



*Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar visited U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB) for a base orientation and familiarization. During her many stops, Bolivar visited NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Jacksonville NSGB’s Cold Storage Facility (Bldg. 260) to review and discuss Base Sustainment and Postal Operations with NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville NSGB Site Director Cmdr. Shane Dietrich. –photo by R. Vargas.*

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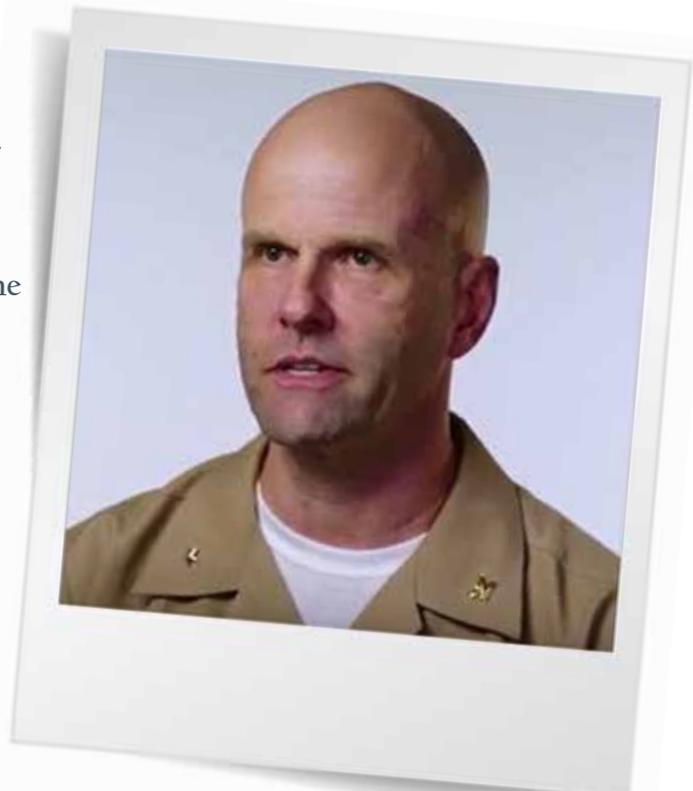
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