

Fleet & Industrial Supply opens logistics center

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Rear Adm. Steven Maas, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii; and Capt. Chris Knaggs, Commanding Officer, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor (FISC Pearl), joined forces Dec. 6, 2000, to untie a maile lei and officially open FISC Pearl's Logistics Support Center (LSC).

The Fleet, the LSC will reduce the workloads of ships' Supply Departments, improve the quality of life of ships' crews, and enhance FISC Pearl's service to the Fleet.

The Logistics Support Center stems from FISC Pearl's mission to provide quality supplies and services to the Fleet. The LSC has a number of ambitious goals, most of which revolve around one concept: moving a ship's logistics workload to the shore.

The LSC assists afloat supply officers with their daily mission and represents a significant step in easing a ship's logistic functions, including the purchase of food and repair parts, coordination for refuelings, and arrangements for husbanding services.

To some degree, the LSC could be regarded as a shore-based extension of a ship's supply department.

In an effort to fulfill these duties for a ship, FISC Pearl has established a shore support team of functional supply experts known as Logistics Support Representatives (LSRs). In many respects, an LSR will act as a "concierge for the Fleet."

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, an LSR will be at the beck and call of ships, fielding requests for a large variety of supply functions.

This transfer of duties from ship to shore will leave a ship with more time and resources to fulfill its warfighting mission, secure in the knowledge that its logistics re-



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(Left to right) Kris Kawamoto, LSR, Ram Fukukawa, LSR, Renee Aweau, LSR supervisor, Ralph Jackson, LSR, Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Cmdr. Dave Pry, FISC, Joseph Ray Ray, LSR, Chief Crawford, SEA, Lt. Cmdr. Marilou Potenza, LSC cut the cake at the opening ceremony for the Logistics Support Center.

quirements are being handled expeditiously by shore-based professionals.

Among the services provided by the LSC are: Parts ordering; Obtaining an assortment of items ranging from cellular phones to vehicles; Material manifesting; Ceremonial support; Customized receipt and delivery; Assistance with material turn-in; Coordinating Hazardous Material/

Hazardous Waste delivery and off-load; Obtaining cranes or coordinating pier movements.

Sometimes the work of the LSR may go above and beyond what ship personnel have come to expect.

For example, by coordinating with the local Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), the LSR can help crewmembers secure tickets to local events or even UH football games.

The LSC concept supports FISC Pearl's mission to provide quality supplies and services to the Fleet.

"The LSC is another innovation aimed at easing the workload burdens of our Pacific Fleet shipmates," said Capt. Knaggs. "We have made a personal commitment to provide nothing short of five-star service and, by doing so, we carry on FISC Pearl's 58-year tradition of 'Service with Aloha.'"

Seabee Unit 413 constructs Tripler Fisher House

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In 1994, Zachary Fisher and the Fisher House Foundation opened a house on Oahu at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), providing service members and their families support during times of medical emergencies and hardships.

In 1999, with the approval from Army officials, Seabees of Construction Battalion Unit (CBU) 413 constructed a lanai for patients, or "guests," at the house, which provided outside dining facilities and shade. With Seabees volunteering to provide the labor portion of the job, they saved Fisher House approximately \$60,000.

Today, Seabees of CBU 413 continue to dedicate time and re-

sources to the Fisher House cause, building a new storage facility consisting of over 1,700 cubic feet of much-needed additional space adjacent to the Fisher House parking lot, across from the picnic area.

According to Kathy Gregory, the manager of the Tripler Fisher House, when the Seabees were constructing the patio, she shared a vision with one of the unit's members, Builder 1st Class David McDonald. Her vision consisted of a place on the site for a storage space, a facility with air conditioning, and enough room for a refrigerator, a freezer, and all of the items donated to the Fisher house that aren't needed year round.

With the approval of Lt. Cmdr. Dean A. Tufts, Regional Facilities Operations Officer, members of CBU-413 were back at the Fisher house site late last year, working on their second civic action project.

"It is absolutely wonderful how supportive the Seabees are," declared Gregory.

"Their dedication to the Fisher House cause is truly noteworthy.

Without them we would have never been able to afford the covered patio and storage building. Both are first class structures, and a perfect match for this beautiful home.

Both structures extend the living space of the house tremendously, giving the guests a quiet peaceful place with the beauty of nature all around."

The house itself rests two steep blocks uphill from the hospital. There is an aura of tranquility surrounding the house, perched high atop one of Oahu's most beautiful viewpoints.

The front door opens to a view of Honolulu, Pearl Harbor, and the Pacific Ocean. The house can accommodate up to 16 family members and provides a common kitchen, laundry room, spacious dining room, library and toys and games for the whole family.

According to Construction Electrician 2nd Class Thomas Smith, it is a shining example of the Seabee's 'Can Do' attitude for the community.

"It is very satisfying to work on a job that can be of use to so

many," said Smith. "After working on a project here last year, I knew storage space inside of the house was tight, and there are lots of donated items that aren't needed all of the time."

Local organizations and military groups donate toys, car seats, strollers, and other items that are not needed by every guest. With less of the household goods and supplies in the house itself, there will be more space at Fisher House, which enhances the day-to-day living conditions for guests.

Project supervisor Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Billy Harger explained the process of excavating the area, and the new experience of using Keystone block for the retaining wall that wraps around the back and sides of the new facility.

"We actually had the distributors give us a day of training for the Keystone materials, and the seven crew members on site that day were all excited to learn something new," said Harger.

"To top it off, the guests of the house were constantly showing interest in what we were doing for

them and full of hospitality for the Seabees. It not only made the work interesting, it was gratifying as well."

"We are so thankful to have people and organizations like the Seabees in our corner," said Gregory.

"We depend on volunteers and donations to enhance daily operations here.

"We do not receive appropriated money from the hospital or the Army.

We use our donations to buy materials. For the Seabees to contribute such a valuable service such as labor to the Fisher House is a remarkable statement indeed."

The Tripler Fisher House is one of 25 such "home away from homes" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and Veterans Administration (VA) medical centers.

All 25 locations help retired and active duty personnel from all services that are stationed off-island.

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Frederick Sailor reenlists during MARLIFT 2001



Story and photo by Lt. Jeffery Melton
USS Frederick

While transiting from Pearl Harbor to Hilo during MARLIFT '01, ETC(SW) Corkill, after serving sixteen years, reenlisted Jan. 19 for five more years.

The ceremony took place on the derrick arms on board USS Frederick amid 20+ knot winds and 4-6 ft. seas. Ens. Sherwood, the Reenlisting Officer, said "It was an honor to participate in this ceremony.

"It was the chance of a lifetime to perform the ceremony from the derrick arms. As Chief Corkill reenlisted, we were forward of the bow, over 70 feet above the water, looking down to the ship's bow cutting through the ocean."

PNCM(SW) Pennington, the Command Master Chief, witnessed the ceremony from the derrick arms. Other crew members observed the ceremony from the main decks.

VP-4 returns from WESTPAC deployment

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Patrol Squadron Four

Upon recent return from a successful WESTPAC deployment in Japan, Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) held a "welcome home" celebration on Jan. 12 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

Over 300 patrons and family members gathered together for a night of cocktails, dinner, dancing, and door prizes.

An elegant "Skinny Dragon" ice sculpture complimented the grand feast of island specialties featuring two large beef roasts and an array of world class desserts.

Door prizes included a variety of luxuries such as DVD players, television sets, and even a paid vacation.

"We put a lot of work into this past deployment," recalls Avionics Technician Airman Zachary Logan. "It feels good to just kick back and relax for a while."

The event was funded by money earned in ticket sales as well as a grant provided by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation program.

Hats go off to Aviation Structural Machanic 1st Class Lucy Martin for her hard work and dedication in

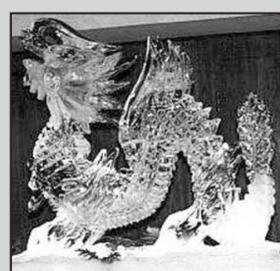


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collecting funds and door prizes, organizing for preparing this holiday celebration.

Flying the P-3 Orion, VP-4 provided support for 7th Fleet operations during their six month deployment to Japan.

Under the command of Cmdr. Craig Whitaker, the Skinny Dragons returned home to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay on Dec. 8, 2000.



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Above: AMS1 Lucy Martin is commended for her efforts in making this celebration possible. She stands here with Master Chief Moe Radkey and Cmdr. Craig Whitaker accepting gifts of gratitude.

Left: This "Skinny Dragon" ice sculpture served as the perfect centerpiece for a grand island feast of beef roasts and world class desserts.

Naval Supply Systems Command announces results competitive study

NAVSUPHQ Public Affairs

The Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) recently announced that the Navy will retain in house the General and Administrative Support functions at the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

This decision is the result of a competitive study conducted in accordance with streamlined cost comparison procedures of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76.

The FISC Pearl Harbor study included a review of civilian positions that perform General and

Administrative Support functions in all departments throughout the command. The study included 24 civilians. The

Government's proposal calls for a work force of 15 civilian employees.

The decision to retain the operation in house was made after the streamlined cost comparison indicated it was more cost effective to continue to perform the functions with Government personnel.

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