

PHNSY & IMF's Shop 67 completes new turnstile installation

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility's Shop 67 finished the electrical and software portion of new turnstiles at controlled industrial area (CIA) gate 19 on Oct. 12 after four months of planning, troubleshooting, re-configuring and great attention to detail in the installation process.

For many years, Public Works Center (PWC) maintained these turnstiles. However, due to a lack of funds, the job was delegated to Shop 67 Computer Repair Supervisor Ivan Shizuma during the early part of this year.

Shop 67 personnel involved in the installation process were IC1(SW) Terrence Andrews, ET1 Danny Turney, ET1 Ralph Mahaffey, ET2 Jeffrey Brown and ET3 Thomas Koob from computer repair and FC1 Thomas McGuire, FC2 Zachary Little, GM1 Robert Davis and Roy Uchima from the mechanical shop headed by Niles Shimabukuro.

The mechanical shop completed installation of the two turnstiles at gate 19 in four days. Marlynn Tyler, William Lee, Guy Aurio and Kau'i Ng from Naval Emergency Services Communication (NESCOM) also took part in the task.

The most difficult and time-consuming part of the installation was in the electrical wiring and software configuration. The main problem was that nobody involved in the electrical installation process had any experience working with turnstiles.

Another problem was posed when NESCOM asked to have the capability to both remotely lock down as well as freewheel the turnstiles. Freewheeling the turnstiles means that shipyard workers can exit the CIA areas without having to swipe their badges on the card readers. Due to ingenuity and broad electrical knowledge, Shop 67 found that the relays that came with the turnstiles were not capable of switching between freewheeling and lockdown operations. The decision was made to install a more compatible relay with a different timing cycle.

The job also involved installing individual card readers at gates 13 and 19. After many referrals to mainland technical representatives, trial and error, frustration, overtime, patience, configurations and reconfigurations, numerous wiring and software changes, and testing and retesting while NESCOM monitored the software, the new installation proved successful and the turnstiles at gate 19 were finally certified.

Stars and Stripes prints encouraging 'Messages of Support'

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 23, 2001 — Operation Enduring Freedom troops are being flooded with messages of love, caring, concern, appreciation and encouragement from home and abroad. And they don't have to worry about dealing with suspicious-looking mail.

Titled "Messages of Support," the notes are printed on special pages of the GI daily newspaper, the European and Pacific editions of The

Stars and Stripes.

Stripes editors spread the word about "Messages of Support" through press releases to daily newspapers near military installations from where troops are being deployed. They also sent notices to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Clubs, Lions Clubs, American Legion and other organizations.

The effort worked. The European edition received more than 800 messages in less than two weeks. Sixty-two appeared in the Oct. 11

edition. Most of the messages were sent by e-mail, according to Fred Benson, the newspaper's international marketing director. The Pacific edition's first special message page was scheduled for Oct. 24. "We're coordinating another page of messages starting on the Veterans Day federal holiday, Nov. 12, out of our central operations here in Washington," he said.

"Our office is coordinating the messages from folks stateside and will run on an international page," Benson

explained.

"Our European and Pacific offices are coordinating messages from their theater."

The e-mail address is supportmessages@estripes.com. E-mailed messages can be sent 24 hours a day. Letters can be sent to The Stars and Stripes, Attn: Advertising-Messages, 529 14th St., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20045-1301.

Replicas of the special pages are posted on the Stars and Stripes Web site so Sailors and Marines on ships at sea

can read them, Benson said. The Web site location is www.stripes.osd.mil/.

The messages currently are being printed on Mondays and Wednesdays. Messages are limited to 30 words and are not normally edited.

"The only thing we might edit, for security reasons, would be names and destinations," Benson said. "We don't want to put anybody in the field in jeopardy at all. Neither do we want folks who may be stateside be put in any kind of jeopardy as well."