





Readers,

I am excited to introduce to you the fifth issue of our command's quarterly newsletter!

Contained in the following pages are more than a dozen “good news” stories that highlight some of our command members' many impressive achievements during the 4th Quarter of FY22.

Stories fall into three key theme categories:

- **‘Bravo Zulu’** stories spotlight the accomplishments by, and expertise of, our command's top performers.
- **‘Inclusion & Diversity’** stories feature ways our members are committed to practicing inclusion in the workplace and celebrating our command's rich diversity.
- **‘Products & Services’** stories illustrate how we accomplish our logistics support mission across our AOR.

To the NAVSUP FLCSI family, I hope you can take away from these stories many reasons to be proud of the important work you and your teams are doing in support of the U.S. Navy and Joint Warfighters operating across Navy Region Europe/Africa.

- Capt. MacKenzie, Commanding Officer, NAVSUP FLCSI

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## CO's Corner

Capt. Douglas MacKenzie



### NAVSUP FLC Sigonella,

Our mission continues to be “providing logistics, business, and support services to U.S. Naval, Joint and Allied forces through partnerships and sound business practices to set theater readiness with material accountability.”

We will do so in alignment with the Chief of Naval Operations Navigation Plan priorities of Sailors, Readiness, Capabilities and Capacity; and through the NAVSUP Commander’s roll out of **Get Real Get Better** and drive for end-to-end naval supply chain integration and reform via Naval Sustainment Systems - Supply.

### Here are my strategic priorities for 2023:

- 1) **EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS:** Support “the Fleet” and all operational forces by building and managing relationships across the force that result in improved communications, planning, and execution in support of our mission partners...connect with the fleet in a deeper and more meaningful way resulting in high impact at the mission and execution level.
- 2) **ENHANCING TEAMWORK:** Each person should work tirelessly to understand their role on the FLCSI team, and how to “connect their dot” to the network of operations, communications, activities, and investments across the enterprise, and strive to incorporate the principles of innovation and inclusiveness to optimize sustainable outcomes.
- 3) **IMPROVE WAR-FIGHTING READINESS:** Each member of the team must understand their general quarters battle station and be trained for success. Across all product and service lines, we must be ready to “fight tonight” and understand what those words mean with respect to our individual and team roles.

These priorities are an important component of FLCSI’s 2023 strategic way forward. Please ensure widest distribution of the above priorities because every person in this command - not just leadership - has a responsibility to implement them in every mission area and work location.

I look forward to working with you all in 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. MacKenzie'.

Douglas S. MacKenzie, CAPT, SC, USN  
Commanding Officer  
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella

## XO's Corner

Cdr. Treven Feleciano



### NAVSUP FLCSI Team,

As we get ready for the holidays, some of us will be spending our time away from family and friends several time zones away. While many of us embrace living abroad, others may see it as an inconvenience and miss their loved ones.

A Native Proverb states: "Observation is the greatest source of wisdom." I ask each of you as we work with our colleagues to understand the importance of paying attention to non-verbal communications when we interact with our teams.

There is great value when WE take the time to listen with not only our ears, but with our eyes as well. Putting forth the effort to holistically observe our team members fosters trust and respect, and thus a more positive and productive operational environment.

Furthermore, pausing to reflect upon what you've observed and heard provides others with opportunities to collect and share their thoughts, leading to more inclusive and comprehensive conversations.

Finally, consider flexing your observation skills by being mindful of the environment surrounding your team, especially this time of year. Ask yourself, "Are there outside factors that you can influence to facilitate a more equitable, supportive, welcoming, or motivating environment?"

You might be surprised at how much your team would appreciate it. Additionally, you might not know what one of your teammates may be going through during this time of year.

As Chief Dan George of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation said, "There are many who look, but only some who see."

Be mindful and choose to intentionally observe your environment and your team members so that you will be one who "sees". As many of you have heard me say during our weekly staff meetings, if you see something, say something.

I wish everyone a wonderful upcoming holiday and safe travels where ever that may be.

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Treven Feleciano, CDR, SC, USN  
Executive Officer  
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella



## CMC's Corner

CMDCM Donald Alvarado



### NAVSUP FLCSI Team,

A few kind words from an article by Stan Toler:

#### EMPOWERMENT

Leaders empower and release teams.

"The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling while they do it."

- Teddy Roosevelt

The greatest barrier to effective leadership is the desire to control others. Tight control breeds low morale and ineffective performance among the members.

Micromanagement stifles the creativity and natural ability that teammates bring to a project.

Good leaders know that more is accomplished by empowering others than by commanding them. By duplicating their knowledge and skills in the life of an associate, leaders get twice as much accomplished. But knowledge without opportunity is useless. Associates must have a free hand to experiment with their new insight and understanding.

Leaders seek to release the team, not to imprison it. They look for ways the team members can "try their wings". They create opportunities for team members to assume leadership roles. They divide workload, create new teams, and assign tasks. Leaders are constantly empowering their associates to fulfill the mission of the organization.

Motivation, encouragement, inspiration, support - these are the weapons of the greatest Generals. They don't rigidly manage their troops. Instead they motivate them to achieve the mission.

LEADERS GIVE POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

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CMDCM (SW/AW/IW) Donald R. Alvarado  
Command Master Chief  
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella



# News from FLCSI HQ

## Sailors of the Year

*"FLCSI, please join me in congratulating our command's Blue Jacket and Sailors of the Year. Our command is comprised of highly effective and talented professionals. Each year, competition is tough, and the efforts and contributions of each of the selectees reflects their high commitment and dedication to the mission. Please make sure to congratulate these individuals on a job well done.*

*All of the Sailors should be rightfully proud of their deserved selections. All of us within the command are proud of them. WELL DONE!!" - Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie*



**LS1 Dontavious Dawson**  
**Site Rota**  
**Senior Sailor of the Quarter**



**YN2 Enrique Pizzi Mojica**  
**Site Naples**  
**Sailor of the Year**



**LS3 Ahmya Lyons**  
**Site Sigonella**  
**Junior Sailor of the Year**



**LSSN Izaziah Johnson**  
**Site Rota**  
**Blue Jacket of the Year**





# ***News from FLCSI HQ***

## ***Sailors and NCO of the Quarter***

*"FLCSI, please join me in congratulating our command's Sailors and Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Quarter (fiscal 2022 4th Q). The Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) program recognizes Sailors who best represent the large number of dedicated professionals serving in a particular type of duty as assigned. Program candidates must display sustained superior performance, command impact, mission contribution, proven leadership, dedication to self-improvement, outstanding professionalism, and superior personal appearance.*

*I'm proud of all the candidates because they represent the very best of what Sailors offer on a regular basis. Please join me in congratulating the following Sailors who have been selected as our Blue Jacket, Non-Commissioned Officer and Sailors of the Quarter! WELL DONE!!!" - Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie*



**LS1 Dontavious Dawson**  
**Site Rota**  
**Senior Sailor of the Quarter**



**RS2 Christopher Camacho**  
**Site Naples**  
**Sailor of the Quarter**



**LS3 Brandon Matthews**  
**Site Sigonella**  
**Junior Sailor of the Quarter**



**LSSN Colt Murray, Site Sigonella**  
**Blue Jacket of the Quarter**



**Sgt. Jeremy Williams, Site Sigonella**  
**Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter**



# ***News from Site Sigonella***

## ***Career Counselor Spotlight***

**M**et your Logistics Support Center and Hazmat Divisional Career Counselor, Logistics Specialist Petty Officer 1st Class (SW/AW/IW) Vanessa Alvarez.

The Command Career Counselor (CCC) serves as a critical link between a Sailor, their command, and Navy organizations on matters relating to the command's Career Development Program. CCCs help Sailors put their experiences in motion and make wise career decisions. They help Sailors explore and evaluate their education, training, work history, interest, personal traits, and physical capacities and limitations. They also work with Sailors in developing skills and assist them in applying proper job placement.

Alvarez hails from Belleville, New Jersey. She is a graduate of Mid America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training, class of 2009. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May, 2010 and graduated from RTC Great Lakes, Illinois in July 2010. Check out her official bio below!



Alvarez's sea duty operational assignments include: USS SAMPSON DDG-102 Supply S-1 ALPO, Financial Petty Officer, Supply department Safety Petty Officer, HE01 Workcenter Supervisor, Depot Level Repairable Manager, Assistant Custodian of Postal Effects, Assistant Command Fitness Leader, and Heritage Committee President. In 2014 she deployed to the Western Pacific, Sea of Japan, South China Sea, and East China Sea where USS SAMPSON assisted in the recovery of Air Asia Flight 8501.

USS ESSEX LHD-2 Supply S-8 Material Division and S-1 Stock Control Leading Petty Officer, FCPOA Event Coordinator, Departmental Mentorship program manager, Command ACFL, Command Financial Specialist and Command ESWS Training Coordinator. In 2018 she deployed Western Pacific, South and China Sea with F-35's. She received Fourth quarter Supply SOQ FY18.

Ashore, she served at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella, Naples Italy site as Postal Clerk, Deck Supervisor, Assistant Custodian of Postal Effects, Registered Mail Supervisor, Repair Parts Petty Officer qualifier, Depot-Level Repairable Manager, Logistic Supply Representative, SAPR Victim Advocate, and Command ACFL. She received BJOQ, JSOQ, JSOY, and NAVSUP Global Support Junior Sailor of the Year 2013.

At Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, N41 Staff Support reported on March 2016. Alvarez was a GCPC holder, DRMS Coordinator, Contracting Logistic Specialist, Fleet Readiness, Watch bill Coordinator, Command ACFL, Multicultural committee member. She was awarded SSOQ Third Quarter 2016 and Senior Sailor of the Year 2017. She reported to Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center HQ on June 2019. She was the N4 Leading Petty Officer, Primary GCPC Holder, Official Mail Manager, and ACFL. She received SMWDC HQ SSOY 2020 and SMWDC SSOY2020.

Reported May 2021 her current assignment is our command's Site Sigonella Logistic Support Center leading petty officer.

Alvarez is designated Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Information Warfare Specialist. Her personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (8th), Meritorious Unit Commendation, NATO, MOVSM and Good Conduct Medal (3rd).





# News from Site Sigonella

## Celebrating our Sailors



By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Congratulations to Aviation Boatswain's Mate, Fuels (ABF1) Berner Figueroa for his selection as our command's Senior Sailor of the Quarter (SSOQ) for fiscal 2022 3rd Q.

The Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) Program was established by the Chief of Naval Operations to recognize those Navy personnel, E-6 and below, acting as role models of Navy professionalism and personal dedication.

A native of Paramount, California, Figueroa has served in the Navy for seven years. He said he joined the Navy to make a difference in the lives of his son and daughters.

Figueroa is assigned the Fuel Division's leading petty officer, which directly supports missions and exercises for NATO and U.S. aircraft on the flight line. In addition to his role as an ABF, Figueroa provides guidance and mentorship to junior Sailors.

"Having good communication and being adaptable have been my biggest strengths while here at NAVSUP FLCSI," Figueroa said. "Being able to disseminate information to my Sailors and listening to their feedback has helped me get to where I am as a leader amongst leaders."

Figueroa credits his resiliency and the ability to prioritize as being crucial to his team's accomplishments at Fuels.

*"We are used to working in a constantly changing environment, whether on a ship or on shore," Figueroa said. "Just like real world missions are constantly changing, we always have to be ready to support the flight line."*

Figueroa recalls supporting Operation Allies Refuge as his most memorable experience while being assigned at NAVSUP FLCSI.

"Being a part of that was what I always envisioned being in the Navy, to help others in times of crisis," Figueroa said. "It seemed like the whole world came together to help and execute the evacuation of all those families. I enjoyed working with different personnel from all over the region who work for NAVSUP, different rates and individuals to learn from and network with from all over Europe."

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# News from Site Sigonella

## Celebrating our Sailors

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Congratulations to Logistics Specialist (LS3) Ashley Peters on being selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter (JSOQ) for fiscal 2022 3rd Q.

The Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) Program was established by the Chief of Naval Operations to recognize those Navy personnel, E-6 and below, acting as role models of Navy professionalism and personal dedication.

LS3 Peters, a native of Huntley, Illinois, has served in the Navy for three years. She is currently assigned to NAVSUP FLCSI Site Sigonella as a Command Personnel Pay Administrative (CPPA). As a CPPA, Peters ensures that all members of the command receive proper pay. In addition, she assists service members as they execute processing out of the Navy, undergo permanent change of station, or join the command.



*"It takes a keen eye, patience, and organization to do the job that I do," said Peters. "As the intermediary between PSD Sigonella and NAVSUP FLC HQ, service members have peace of mind knowing that their allowances, awards, and transfer packages are taken care of. Service members are more able to focus on continuing operations to support 5th and 6th fleet."*



According to Peters, one of the most significant factors in receiving this award was her willingness to volunteer for duties that others see as difficult. An example of this was her volunteering for assignment to the Auxiliary Security Force when she learned there was a need.

Peters also credits her command leaders for pushing her to be the best she can be. "Selecting me to go up for JSOQ was an honor," she said. "Their selecting me shows that there are people who see my impact and progress in the command."

*"LS3 Peters is the all-around model Sailor who takes initiative, displaying great leadership potential," said LS1 Vanessa Alvarez, Peters' supervisor. As site Admin she is responsible for the timely processing of 76 sailors' correspondence with 100% accountability. She is an invaluable asset to the NAVSUP FLCSI Site Sigonella team and we are happy to have her!"*

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## News from Site Rota

### Celebrating our Sailors

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Congratulations to Logistics Specialist Seaman Izaziah Johnson on receiving a Flag Officer Commendation (FLOC) award and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM). In addition to these awards, Johnson was also selected as FLCI's Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) for fiscal 2022 3rd Q.

According to Johnson's NAM citation, the award recognized him for "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as NAVSUP FLCSI Rota Fleet Assist Team." Johnson's FLOC award recognized his efforts that "directly supported deployed Sailors and Marines and ensured the Fleet maintains the highest level of mission readiness."

As a logistics support representative, Johnson coordinates logistical services for forward deployed and visiting ships, most recently including the onloading of supplies and provisions in support of 10 transient ships across the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation. In June, Johnson facilitated port visit briefs to ships' commanding officers and senior leadership, detailing the support and coordination of cargo, mail and provisions movement, pier activities and logistics services for the USS Sioux City (LCS 11), USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98), USS Cole (DDG 67), USNS Laramie (T-AO 203), USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) and USS Georgia (SSGN 729).



Capt. Kenneth S. Pickard, Task Force 63 commander, presents Johnson with a NAM award aboard the USNS Robert E. Peary, July 15, 2022.  
(U.S. Navy courtesy photo)



U.S. Navy courtesy photo

Johnson also provided support to the USNS William McLean (T-AKE-12) upon its arrival to the Sixth Fleet area of responsibility, assisting in the offloading of 250 pallets of materials. In addition, he voluntarily deployed onboard the USNS Robert E. Peary (DD 226), where he assisted the sorting and cataloging of more than 3,700 pallets of supplies for rapid transfer to vessels underway throughout the U.S. Naval Forces Europe. During his visit to the ship, Capt. Kenneth S. Pickard, Task Force 63 commander, presented Johnson with the NAM award and a personal challenge coin.

*"It's the team mentality, the selfless devotion to duty, the sacrifice that others may not be willing to do that has set you apart and worthy of this award I'm giving you today," Pickard said to Johnson. "I thank you for your support and congratulate you on a job well done."*

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# News from FLCSI HQ and Site Sigonella

## Celebrating our People

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (FLCSI) held an awards ceremony August 8, 2022 at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, during which Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer, recognized some of the command's Sailors, Marines and civilian employees for their hard work, years of service to the U.S. government, and contributions to the command's mission.

Among the recipients were Logistics Specialist Seaman (LSSN) Rhiannon Mattingly and Marine Corps Sgt. Chance Camacho, who received Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (NAM). NAM awards are bestowed upon Navy and Marine Corps personnel for outstanding achievement or meritorious service rendered specifically on behalf of the U.S. Navy.

According to Mattingly's citation, her NAM was awarded for "professional achievement in the superior performance of her duties as an auxiliary security sentry in direct support of Operations Allies Refuge from August 18 to September 12, 2021."

Camacho's citation recognized him for his efforts as custodian of postal effects to "improve mission readiness of U.S. and NATO forces during Operation Northern Viking, culminating in his selection as NAVSUP FLCSI fiscal year 2021 non-commissioned officer of the year.

Lt. Cmdr. John Harmony, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Sigonella director, received a Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership and "strong interagency collaboration" during Operation Allies Refuge, September 2021.

Check out more stories about how Harmony's team supported the operation at the following links.

<https://dvidshub.net/r/l7vzig>

<https://dvidshub.net/r/2qfnu2>



LSSN Rhiannon Mattingly



Sgt. Chance Camacho



Lt. Cmdr. John Harmony,  
FLCSI Site Sigonella Director

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In recognition of demonstrating high standards of conduct and performance, Letters of Commendation were awarded to the following: U.S. Navy Logistics Specialist 1st Class (LS1) Vanessa Alvarez, logistics support center leading petty officer; LS2 Michael Oyedokun, senior customs border clearance agent; LS3 Alysha Thomas, logistics support representative; and U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jeremy Williams, fleet mail center custodian of postal effects.



LS1 Vanessa Alvarez



LS2 Michael Oyedokun



LS3 Alysha Thomas



Sgt. Jeremy Williams

Civilian employees were also recognized for their years of service to the U.S. Government. Jeffrey Criger, NAVSUP FLCSI supply chain director, was recognized for 40 years of service, and John Host, NAVSUP FLCSI regional transportation manager, was recognized for 10 years.

Jeffrey Criger,  
FLCSI HQ Supply Chain DirectorJohn Host,  
FLCSI HQ Regional  
Transportation Manager

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## News from NSF Redzikowo

### Sailor in the Spotlight

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Meet Retail Specialist 2nd Class (RS2) Dwayne Alexander, one of our command team members assigned to Naval Support Facility (NSF) Redzikowo, Poland. Alexander is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and has served in the Navy for nine years.

As an RS, Alexander delivers NAVSUP products and services to Navy warfighters permanently assigned to the ballistic missile defense site. His job duties include assisting in the shipment of unaccompanied baggage and working as a customs clearance agent, where he clears materials and processes paperwork for imports and exports, in compliance with U.S. government customs regulations, including classified material. In addition, he conducts visual and physical inspections of cargo, and assists with postal service operations. Alexander also provides logistics support for daily operations at NSF Redzikowo, where he assists in the coordination of deliveries and pickups, as well as tracking and ensuring the flow of materials from suppliers to customers.



“My role ensures NSF Redzikowo has all the materials needed to be able to adapt to the different requirements of NAVEUR/ AF to support any mission,” Alexander said.

This includes supporting ships operating across U.S. Naval Forces Europe’s area of operations by providing outgoing and incoming postal mail services to the USNS Patuxent (T-AO 201), USNS Leroy Grunman (T-AO 195) and USS Gravelly (DDG 107).

Alexander is currently one of only two NAVSUP FLCSI Sailors stationed at the AEGIS ASHORE installation located in NSF Redzikowo. Recent surges in operational tempo have increased logistical support requirements from Sailors like Alexander compared to prior years, primarily in the ports of Gdansk and Gdynia, Poland.

*“RS2 Alexander provided outstanding logistical support for multiple short-notice port visits in Poland for U.S. Navy warfighters operating in and around the Baltic Sea,” said Jeffrey Criger, NAVSUP FLCSI supply chain director. “This work is extremely critical to strengthening the NATO Alliance in the region.”*

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## News from Site Rota

### Celebrating our People

By NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

NAVSUP FLCSI leadership recognized some of its military and civilian team members for their job performance, professional achievements and career milestones during a ceremony September 23, 2022 at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain.

During a visit to our command's operational site at NAVSTA Rota, Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer, presented award recipients with various accolades. Awards included Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Navy Commendation Medals, end of tour awards, civilian years of service awards, as well as various annual and quarterly awards.

*"Every time Capt. MacKenzie is able to make a visit, he always prioritizes recognizing our people," said Cmdr. Bert Phillips, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Rota director. "It was great to acknowledge so many of our military, U.S. and Spanish host nation partner team members in this public forum and show them how much their collective effort is valued. The group recognized today represents more than 270 years of collective support to the warfighter! Our Team is encompassed of true professionals that execute tactical actions to meet operational objectives that ultimately provide strategic options for the warfighter."*

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## ***News from Site Souda Bay***

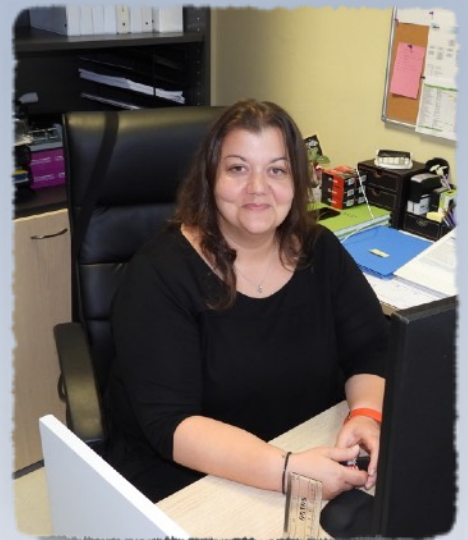
### ***Civilian in the Spotlight***

By Kostas Fantaousakis, NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

Eirini Hatzidaki, a native of Chania, Greece, was hired by NAVSUP FLCSI as a management and program assistant in its business office in November 2021, but she's been a member of Team Souda since 2006, when she was hired by the Navy Exchange.

#### **What is a typical day at the office?**

Every day is different with new challenges ahead. We are responsible for the preparation of letters, memorandums, notices and other office documentation. We serve as records management coordinators for the department. We also coordinate with the Visitor Control Center to obtain access for our members and visitors. We provide check in and/or check out assistance to department employees. We receive and deliver official mail. We prepare the TDY (temporary duty) travels for our members. We as government purchase card holders are responsible to purchase supplies and services for our department. As an alternate telephone control officer, I ensure access to phone systems for our department personnel in Souda Bay and Athens. My senior coworkers in the office have been coaching and mentoring me and patiently answering all of my questions daily. I am so happy and grateful being there with them.



#### **What role does NAVSUP play at NSA Souda Bay?**

NAVSUP provides logistics, business and quality of life services to U.S. Naval, Joint and Allied customers throughout Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean. We operate NSA Souda Bay's fuel services, hazardous material center, cargo and transportation services, material support and logistics support center. Our personal property team handles the movement of household goods and personal vehicles. Our customs team supports property transfer and tax relief needs and our postal team manages the secure movement of mail.

#### **What is your favorite thing about your job?**

That every day is a challenge for me. Not just because I am learning new things, since I am only 8 months here at this office, but also because I believe that quality of customer service is of utmost importance. Our members have just moved to a new place and they need to adjust so it is very important for them to get help in order to do that. I know that they feel homesick and sometimes it is difficult for them to adjust to a new place so we are trying to make their life a bit easier.

#### **When you are not at work, what do you enjoy doing?**

I love gardening, treating my own flowers. Also I love spending time with my crazy puppy, Suzy, trying to train her. I enjoy cooking for family and friends. My favorite kind of music is hard rock, heavy metal and I love going to concerts whenever they are available. Another activity that I enjoy is going outdoors and picking up greens and herbs from the mountains. For example, I collect thyme and a popular Greek herb called "throumpi", it's like a mix between thyme and oregano. I use the herbs in my cooking or give them to my friends.

#### **What do you want Team Souda to know about your office and NAVSUP?**

That we are here to support them in the best way possible. Whatever issues they encounter we are here to provide assistance, advise and guide them. We are always willing to go the "extra mile" to support our members.





## *News from Site Naples*

### *Celebrating our Sailors*

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

NAVSUP FLCSI leadership recognized some of the command's Sailors during a ceremony Sept. 14, 2022 at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, Italy.

Retail Specialist 2nd Class Josue Rodriguez Espinosa received a command coin from Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer, in recognition of Espinosa's performance as the safety and physical security representative for Site Naples, to include Gaeta, Italy and the Joint Forces Command.

Among other award recipients were Contracting Specialist Lt. Blake Giragos and Logistics Specialist 1st Class Marjorie Florence, who received Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (NAM). NAM awards are bestowed upon Navy and Marine Corps personnel for outstanding achievement or meritorious service rendered specifically on behalf of the U.S. Navy.



According to Giragos' citation, his NAM was for "providing outstanding support in a period of heightened operational requirements and limited contracting manpower, enabling 22 ships and submarines to maintain operational readiness and perform successful port visits."

Florence's NAM recognized her efforts as fleet mail center leading petty officer from June to September 2022, for demonstrating "extraordinary leadership which directly contributed to Site Naples obtaining a score of 'outstanding' for fiscal year 2022 SYSCOM inspection."

End of tour awards were presented to Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (LS2) Nakkia Orgain, LS2 Brian Albano, Logistics Specialist Seaman (LSSN) Joanna Cummings and LSSN Devon Imhof. The award citations noted the Sailors' "outstanding achievement and performance while serving at NAVSUP FLCSI Site Naples Fleet Mail Center and Naples Post Office, responsible for the processing of over 1.9 million pounds of mail, generating over \$600K in revenue, and maintaining a 96% product tracking and reporting effectiveness rate in support of U.S. Naval Forces Europe, U.S. Sixth Fleet, Allied Joint Forces Command, USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20), and 59 NSA Naples Tenant Commands."

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## ***News from FLCSI HQ, Sites Sigonella and Crombie Celebrating our Civilians***

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Some of our command's civilian team members received awards from Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer, for completing professional development certifications and years of service, during a ceremony Sept. 29, 2022 at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy.

Vladimir Narvaez, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Sigonella deputy site director, and Maddalena Giacchino, NAVSUP FLCSI PPSO transportation assistant, were both recognized for 10 years of service to the U.S. government.

Angela Palumbo received a Certificate of Qualification for successfully completing the requirements of Regional Inventory Accuracy Officer (RIO), with a near-perfect score of 99.99%. There are only six RIOs in the U.S. Navy. They are assigned to NAVSUP FLCSI, FLC Yokosuka, Japan, FLC San Diego, Calif., FLC Puget Sound, Wash., FLC Norfolk, Va., and FLC Jacksonville, Fla.

As NAVSUP FLCSI's RIO, Palumbo is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Navy's repairable and consumable inventory known as the Navy Working Capital Fund - Supply Management (NWCF-SM). The management of the NWCF-SM inventory requires a structured and persistent inventory cycle, process controls, and internal compliance audits. In order to accomplish this, Palumbo is responsible for overseeing the command-wide inventory accuracy for three organic plants and 27 commercial plants located in Italy, Spain, England, Scotland, France and Germany, with a total value of \$140 million and more than 3,000 assets.

"The RIO qualification was necessary to determine the lead RIO's level of knowledge and proficiency with NWCF inventory integrity policy and audit readiness efforts," Palumbo said. "It is important because it certifies the level of competency the RIO must have in order to perform specific tasks to ensure accountability of NWCF inventory and financial records."



Angela Palumbo,  
FLCSI HQ Regional Inventory  
Accuracy Officer



Vladimir Narvaez,  
Site Sigonella  
Deputy Director



Maddalena Giacchino,  
Site Sigonella Personal  
Property & Shipping Office  
Transportation Assistant

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The following employees earned certificates for successfully completing the NAVSUP Leadership Development Program (NLDP): “Vicky” Jadwiga Maczyszyn, Riccardo Resina, Silvia Tringali, and Daniel Mautino Taborga. The NLDP is a 12-month professional development course that consists of experiential learning, career planning, leadership growth and individual development opportunities for future service leaders.

Maczyszyn, a management and program analyst in the FLCSI finance and budget department, has a leading role in the planning and execution of the command's budget, as well as providing daily reports to leadership to assist in budget related decision-making. She is also a GCPC credit card holder and buyer. She said she feels that the NLDP has been an invaluable learning experience.

"I've been fortunate to be able to pursue and complete this program," Maczyszyn said. "It has been a process of personal and professional development towards acquiring traits of the leader I aspire to become. The NLDP has also broadened my perspective and knowledge of NAVSUP operations. I have learned more about the important roles each site and department plays towards ensuring the success of the NAVSUP FLCSI mission in support of the warfighter and their families."



**“Vicky” Jadwiga Maczyszyn,  
FLCSI HQ Management  
and Program Analyst**



**Riccardo Resina,  
FLCSI HQ Management  
and Program Analyst**

Resina, a management and program analyst in the FLCSI human resources department, provides assistance in all civilian personnel matters, including professional development and annual training administration, recruiting processes, and workforce management. He said he believes the NLDP program is a vital key to the organization because it tangibly supports every product and service.

"I am proud to be in this program because of the people I work with, starting from my supervisor and coworkers," Resina said.

"Additionally, it provides opportunities to sharpen my skills and face new challenges, as well as the possibility of contributing to other programs within the organization."

Tringali, a management and program assistant at FLCSI Site Sigonella, is responsible for all administrative tasks related to the site. She assists personnel with travel orders and also serves as a command information assurance officer. Tringali said completing this program was extremely inspirational and motivating, as well as a very impactful growing and learning experience.

"It boosted my engagement as an employee and it certainly added precious knowledge and experience to my career," Tringali said. "Being able to take part in this program was an honor, especially as a local national who has never had this opportunity before. NAVSUP is doing a great job by investing in development opportunities for its employees, because professional growth is beneficial for any organization!"



**Silvia Tringali,  
Site Sigonella Management and  
Program Assistant**



**Daniel Mautino Taborga,  
FLCSI Site Crombie**

As NAVSUP FLCSI's transportation officer assigned to the command's cooperative security location at Defense Munitions Crombie, Scotland, Mautino is responsible for all incoming and outgoing shipments from the site, to include arranging logistical movements to resupply ships in Site Crombie's area of responsibility. He said he believes the program helped him develop his leadership skills and gain trust with his supervisors.

"My greatest accomplishment was being the first transportation officer in a new or future NAVSUP site," Mautino said. "The leadership program helped me develop a plan in order to achieve my current position. I've worked hard for this and am proud that my dedication to leadership coursework paid off."



## News from FLCSI HQ

# Ombudsman in the Spotlight



By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Meet Ann Tien, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's (FLCSI) Ombudsman. Tien was born in Taiwan, raised in Guam, and moved to San Diego, California as an adult, where she attended the University of California San Diego. She has lived here in Sicily for two years with her husband Lt. Tianhao Shi, one of NAVSUP FLCSI's logistics support officers.

As our command's ombudsman, Tien is a volunteer appointed by FLCSI's commanding officer. In this role, her responsibility is to serve as an information link between command leadership and Navy families. Ombudsmen are trained to disseminate information up and down the chain of command, including official Department of the Navy and command information, command climate issues, and local quality of life improvement opportunities.

Tien said she believes the ombudsman plays an important part in supporting FLCSI families, which in turn allows our command Sailors to focus on providing logistics support to the warfighters.

"I genuinely believe in the importance of supporting the command mission, especially with the increasing operational tempo in the U.S. Sixth Fleet," Tien said. "Each Sailor can give their 110% while knowing their loved ones have the support they need on the home front."

Ombudsmen are key resources for all family members, especially before and during deployments, relocation, crises, and other major life events. Some of the services Tien provides as an ombudsman are: maintaining and providing information on Navy benefits and community resources, facilitating communication between the command and families, providing official and accurate command information, as well as being available for emergency assistance and routine requests.

*"I truly care about our family members, and I understand that moving to a new country, a new place, and starting all over is not easy," Tien said. "I am incredibly proud to serve as the command ombudsman. It feels good knowing that I can help a worried mother back in the U.S. find peace knowing that her child is safe and focused in the new foreign country, or help spouses feel welcome and have a sense of belonging in this new community."*

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# ***News from Site Sigonella***

## ***Inclusion and Diversity***

By Stefania Santagati, NAVSUP FLCSI Public Affairs

Stefania Santagati is part of the purchase team at NAVSUP FLCSI, where she serves as a Management and Program Assistant at Site Sigonella. Santagati also serves as department safety officer and information assurance officer for Site Sigonella, where she is part of the team responsible for the information technology and computer systems within the installation. As department safety officer she is responsible for identifying, defining, and assessing safety issues, problems and needs. Santagati has been part of the FLCSI team since 2019.



## **National Day of Italy - FERRAGOSTO**

Ferragosto is a national public holiday in Italy celebrated on August 15th.

The origins of Ferragosto date back to Roman times, when the "Feriae Augusti" were celebrated in honor of the Emperor Octavian Augustus, who also gave his name to the month of August. As the Roman Empire turned to Christianity, this pagan holiday was adopted and converted into the Assumption, the day the Virgin Mary was received in heaven. That is why nowadays, in Italy, people refer to the 15th of August as Ferragosto or also L'Assunzione.

### **How is Ferragosto Celebrated?**

Ferragosto is the most important day of summer time in Italy. It celebrates the peak of the Italian summer and marks the middle of the summer holiday season.

Italy effectively shuts down until the start of September, as schools and businesses close for the summer break and many people take a trip to the countryside, lakes or the coast to escape from the stifling heat of the cities. However, a large number of museums and cultural sites remain open. This makes it an excellent time to visit major attractions and the many museums and sites across Italy. It is also the perfect time to enjoy the peaceful streets and the traffic-free roads in the cities.

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It's traditional to use the August long weekend to take a trip, so if you stay in town you'll notice it's much quieter than usual, and in many shops you'll see signs saying "Chiuso per Ferie", meaning "Closed for Vacation". The vacations taken from work at this time are often referred to as "Ferie d'Agosto", or "August's vacations", since the word "ferie" in Italian means "days off".

On the day of Ferragosto, it is tradition to have barbecues, bonfires, beach parties and large gatherings with friends and family. You will experience added crowds at the beaches and lots of traffic along the coastal roads – but the many festivals with parades, food, music, and fireworks throughout Italy are well worth the travel.



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## Buon Ferragosto

On the 15th of August, it is common for Italians to say "Buon Ferragosto" to each other. This is the standard way to wish each other a happy day of Ferragosto. "Buon" in Italian means "good", or in expressions such as this one, "happy". So if you hear someone saying Buon Ferragosto, your reply could be "Buon Ferragosto anche a te!", meaning "Have a good one you too". You can also say "altrettanto", which means "the same to you".

You may also hear the word Ferragosto as part of the expression "ponte di Ferragosto". "Ponte" in Italian means "bridge", and the expression is used for long weekends, especially when the holiday falls on a Thursday or a Tuesday. Ponte and "fare ponte" are common expressions for the extra day off and the locution "di ferragosto" simply defines which celebration you are talking about. In this case, many Italians take an extra day off of work, thereby "bridging" Ferragosto to the nearest weekend in order to have a longer holiday.

So...Buon Ferragosto and enjoy your stay in Italy!





## ***News from Site Naples***

### ***Inclusion and Diversity***

By Stefania Cusano, NAVSUP FLCSI Public Affairs

Stefania Cusano is a transportation assistant in the shipping office at NAVSUP FLCSI's operational site at Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy. Cusano, a native of Naples, has been a part of the FLCSI team since 2018.

As a transportation assistant, Cusano provides logistics arrangements to support the movement of cargo and household goods, using a variety of carriers and modes of shipment. She is responsible for processing ocean cargo requests for all Department of Defense cargo transiting through ports in southern Italy, monitors the physical verification of the cargo, as well as analyzes data in order to track flow metrics. In addition, she responds to customer inquiries and problems, in order to satisfy their needs.

Cusano said she is very proud to be part of the Navy family, and believes that celebrating our differences, as well as our common interests, helps unite and educate us.

"Cultural celebrations foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures," Cusano said. "It helps us understand other's perspectives, broaden our own, and fully experience and educate ourselves."



### ***The "Miracle" of Saint Gennaro***

Saint Gennaro, or "San Gennaro" in Italian, is the patron saint of Naples. The city's cathedral holds two relics of the saint, vials which are kept behind the altar of the Chapel of the Treasure of San Gennaro. Inside the vials is a preserved liquid that has formed into a solid state. Tradition says that this substance is the saint's blood, and that it miraculously turns to liquid three times every year. The story of the blood of San Gennaro is one of the most ancient Neapolitan mysteries.

The name *Gennaro* is widespread in the Campania region and goes back to the Latin "Ianuarius" which means "consecrated to the god Janus", generally given to children born in January, the month sacred to the God.

San Gennaro was born around 272 AD and was a bishop in Benevento, Italy. The events that led to his consecration took place in the fourth century, during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. At that time, the bishop Gennaro came to the town of Pozzuoli to call on a deacon who was imprisoned. During the visit, Gennaro was also imprisoned and was sentenced to be eaten by animals in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli. However, after the rebellion of the Christian community, the Romans decided to behead the bishop near Solfatara instead.

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During that period, Christians had the custom to preserve the blood of martyrs. According to the legend, after the bishop's death a woman collected and kept some of the martyr's blood in an ampoule, while the bishop's body was placed first in Fuorigrotta and then moved to the catacombs of Capodimonte. Some historians claim that "the first liquefaction" of the blood occurred during this removal of the saint's skeleton, but the official date for the first miracle is 1389. It is believed that the blood, from solid condition, becomes liquid three times in a year: on December 16th, the first Sunday of May, and the 19th of September.



A festival for the patron saint is held every year on September 19th. This is a special day in Naples, as everyone is waiting for "the blood miracle of San Gennaro"! During the day of the Feast of San Gennaro, the vials are exposed to the public and the blood contained in them becomes liquid among the prayers of the faithful.

The celebration begins with a procession of the saint's bust and ampoule of blood, from the cathedral through the streets of the historic centre. Afterwards, people return to the church. Inside the cathedral, we find traditional prayers of the "parenti of San Gennaro", a group of faithful women who incite the dissolution of blood. Around the outside of the church there are a lot of devotees, believers, curious onlookers, and tourists. Everybody is waiting for the miracle!

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Believers consider this phenomenon a *miracle*. A quick liquefaction is considered a sign of good luck, while its delay or failure are taken as negative omens. If the liquefaction does not happen, this event is considered "baleful". Indeed, people remember when in 1980 the blood of San Gennaro didn't dissolve; this was the year of a terrible earthquake.

There are several theories about this blood dissolution. Some people look at it as an alchemical trick, while some judge the event a *miracle*. We might say that this phenomenon remains in the middle between faith and magic, unreal and real. Regardless of what people believe, San Gennaro is the Patron Saint of Naples and on these days everyone waits for the "*miracle*", with typical Neapolitan folklore and a kind of respect for the blood of the saint, patron of the city.

Among the people who eagerly await, there is a feeling of warmth and emotion in the air, as if people are waiting for the "grace" of his Patron. Some even say it is like a mother desiring her son to come back home.

Being among the crowd, you find yourself in an unreal atmosphere until you shout "**VIVA SAN GENNARO**", together with bell ringing and handkerchief waving, even if you are not a believer!!!





# *News from Site Naples*

## *Sailor in the Spotlight*

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Meet Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Kayla Hammond, a logistics support representative (LSR) assigned to NAVSUP FLCSI's operational site at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, Italy. A native of Columbia, Maryland, Hammond is the first member of her family to join the military and has served in the Navy for seven years.

As an LSR, Hammond is responsible for coordinating logistical operations to support the USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20), USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4), Allied Joint Forces Command Naples, as well as the Carrier Strike Group and Expeditionary Strike Group operating across U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa. As part of these duties, she assisted in supporting the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) port visit, the first visit by a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to Naples in six years. During the ship's port visit, Hammond provided logistical support services through coordinating the delivery of critical materials and provisions.



"My role is to ensure the warfighters are getting all services needed, such as equipment, parts and food," Hammond said. "As a Logistics Support Center / Advanced Traceability and Control team, we dedicate our workdays to supporting these tenant commands to ensure they are mission ready, by using our logistical problem solving and resources."

Hammond also serves as NAVSUP FLCSI Site Naples career counselor. In this position, she is responsible for 36 military personnel in their professional and personal development. Additionally, Hammond assisted in the coordination and successful execution of the command's Juneteenth Celebration event.

"Her impactful leadership and excellent work ethic are each a testament to her abilities and are exemplified through her juniors, peers and senior leaders," said Master Chief Baby Wakefield, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Naples senior enlisted leader.



LS2 Kayla Hammond verifies shipping documents at a warehouse onboard NSA Naples, Italy, Aug. 25, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Demetrius Hawk)

Hammond's leadership is recognized by others in the command as well.

"LS2 Hammond is a top performer who excels not only in her rate but as a site career counselor. She works extremely hard to ensure that our Sailors' careers are taken care of," said Lt. Elaine Zhong, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Naples assistant supply officer.

Hammond said she believes women's equality makes the Navy stronger.

"I think celebrating a woman's contribution to our military culture makes us more comfortable and fuels our desires to break barriers, while empowering each other," she said. "A lot of my desire to stay in the Navy and excel were because of female sailors mentoring me. Now I'm honored that I get to do the same for junior female sailors. Our excellence matters just as much as our male counterparts."

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## News from Site Rota

### Sailor in the Spotlight

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Meet Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (MA2) Kiany Norwood, a senior customs border control agent assigned to NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's (FLCSI) operational site at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

Originally from Tennessee, Norwood has served in the Navy for five years. Before joining the Navy, she studied at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. She is currently working towards an associate degree at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Norwood said joining the Navy was an opportunity that has helped her grow both personally and professionally.

NAVSUP FLCSI's customs border control agents are responsible for the inspection, receipt and transfer of personal property, mail and incoming and outgoing household goods shipments; which directly impacts the quality of life of Sailors at their installations.

"As a NAVSUP customs inspector, it is important to pay attention to details," Norwood said. "I provide information that allows our shipmates to have a smooth move when it is time to undergo a permanent change of station."

In addition to her duties as a senior customs border control agent, Norwood is assistant command fitness leader, vice president of morale, welfare and recreation, and is actively involved with the 2022 Navy Ball Committee. Norwood's work ethic and efforts stand out to her supervisors within the command.

"MA2 Norwood was recently meritoriously advanced to petty officer second class for her maturity, performance, and the value she brings to the U.S. Navy," said Chief Jonathon Faretta, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Rota senior enlisted leader. "She is exceptionally skilled and takes on every available task with a huge smile and positive attitude, and always exceeds expectations."

Norwood said she believes it is important to emphasize women's equality because everyone has something to bring to the table in the work environment.



*"I have so much respect for women in the military who are strong leaders at work, loving mothers, the first to be a part of certain military operations and even the first to be in leadership positions," she said. "The female sailors I look up to are confident and carry themselves with respect. I admire the physical, mental and emotional strength I have seen them use to navigate throughout work centers that challenged them."*

Site Rota is one of NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's five logistics sites positioned across U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa. Site Rota provides supply chain management, bulk and aviation fueling capability, material handling equipment, contracting, hazardous material management, household goods and vehicle processing and postal operations to fleet, installation and other service components throughout the area of operations.





# News from Site Sigonella

## Inclusion and Diversity

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Congratulations to Sgt. Jeremy Williams for being selected as NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's (FLCSI) Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter (NCOQ)!

Sgt. Williams, a native of Hillside, Illinois, has served in the U.S. Marine Corps for five years. Williams is currently assigned to NAVSUP FLCSI's Fleet Mail Center at Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Sicily as the Custodian of Postal Effects (COPE). As the COPE, Williams is directly responsible for the administration, financial transactions, stamp credit, money orders, postal equipment and overall security of postal operations.

Williams said his position is very demanding, but he considers it the best challenge. One of the most important ways Williams supports his fellow Marines and Sailors is by ensuring mail is delivered to ships in the fleet.

"To put it into perspective, delivering mail to those who have been deployed for a long time can boost morale in times of despair," Williams said. "Focusing on the job and taking care of your Marines and Sailors can be stressful at times, but also very rewarding."

Williams received inter-service postal training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina before transitioning to the fleet. He said he learned the most about postal operations during his time in Okinawa, Japan.

"Working with the Japanese and soaking in their exquisite knowledge of postal helped a lot," Williams said. "The smallest things can sometimes cause a big situation when it comes to the post office, so I had to learn how to pay attention to the smallest details. Of course, making mistakes taught me and having good leaders really made things smooth."

Williams also serves as the non-commissioned officer in charge of postal operations, which encompasses management of the processing, delivery and dispatch of all outgoing and incoming mail for NAS Sigonella. In this role, Williams provides technical advice to the postal officer related to finance, operations, mission capability, and other areas of concern. Additionally, Williams trains subordinates on postal related regulations and other Department of Defense directives, as well as provides mentoring, career guidance, and counseling on morale and welfare.

As a Marine working on a naval base, Williams brings a unique perspective to his position and to the command. He said he believes that learning from another branch can expand the mental mindset of an individual.

*"Being deployed on a ship was a great initial start for me to learn about the Navy, but being stationed here has taught me so much more," Williams said. "To keep the success high within NAVSUP, helping each other grow and working alongside each other, that is what makes us great as a command. I truly appreciate that I am here."*



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# News from Site Souda Bay

## Inclusion and Diversity



By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Meet Retail Specialist 2nd Class (RS2) Karrina Velasquez, a member of the NAVSUP FLCSI team currently assigned to our command's operational site at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece.

RS2 Velasquez is one of the many members of our command of Hispanic Heritage who is making a major impact in her mission area every day. A native of California, Velasquez has served in the Navy for five years, recently re-enlisting for another six years prior to arriving at Souda Bay.

NAVSUP FLCSI's retail specialists have a diverse role within the command. Onboard ships, they manage services such as the barbershop, laundry, ship store, vending machines, records management, post office, and coffee bars in some cases. Velasquez said she believes the job of a retail specialist is an essential part of morale and a way to keep the daily lives on a ship functioning.

"I personally always take pride in what I do and spread positivity as much as possible," Velasquez said. "We are the front line personnel of customer service and we can make or break anyone's day with our attitude."

Velasquez's role as a retail specialist is focused on managing postal operations directly under the postal officer. She said she believes her role has a huge impact in supporting the warfighters across the fleet.

"We are the middle man for getting mail to customers, when ships pull in to port and Sailors receive mail from their families and loved ones, especially during the holidays," Velasquez said. "We also process very important items such as exams and answer sheets, evaluations, and awards for the benefit of individual careers."

According to Chief Tanay Mondragon, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Souda Bay senior enlisted leader, Velasquez has distinguished herself through her motivational leadership, disciplined managerial skills, and admirable character.



*"RS2 Velasquez brings a phenomenal amount of commitment and enthusiasm to successfully completing mission objectives, and has set a nearly unattainably high bar for future RS's," Mondragon said. "She has greatly exceeded expectations and showcased a level of maturity seldom seen amongst those in her paygrade. Her exceptional leadership and superb work ethic are testaments to her own abilities, and are a reflection on the success of Site Souda Bay."*

Velasquez said she believes it is extremely important to emphasize diversity within the command, as well as across the Navy.

"It is so unique that multiple cultures and ethnic groups come together to make up the entire Navy as a whole," Velasquez said. "We learn so much from one another's upbringing, backgrounds, and morals as all this commutatively gives us tools to adapt to diversity. I am proud to say I am Latina, and to share my culture with the people I encounter in my career. To be part of an amazing Hispanic group in such a big Navy is a great feeling."





## News from FLCSI HQ

# Inclusion and Diversity

By Jenny Feleciano, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Meet Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (IT2) Richard Martinez, a member of the NAVSUP FLCSI team currently assigned to our command's headquarters at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy.

IT2 Martinez is one of the many members of our command of Hispanic heritage who is making a major impact in his mission area every day. Martinez, originally from the Bronx, New York, has served in the Navy for 12 years. Martinez said he believes one of the most important aspects of serving in the Navy is being able to support and assist people in need.

As an information systems technician for the executive department of FLCSI, Martinez is responsible for communications operations such as message processing, network administration and cybersecurity. Martinez also provides

customer service to over 750 military, civilian, and host nation partners for all network and computer issues. Martinez said one of his top priorities is to answer trouble calls as quickly and efficiently as possible.



"I like to say that my job is to make sure that everyone else is able to do their job," Martinez said. "That can be anything from sending emails, receiving phone calls, and hosting or joining virtual meetings."

In addition to these duties, Martinez serves as the information assurance security officer (IASO). As the IASO, he ensures that the command is in compliance with policies such as updates and patches to the infrastructure of the network to ensure connectivity integrity during both peace and wartime operations.

According to Yeoman Senior Chief Jorge Esparza, NAVSUP FLCSI senior enlisted advisor, Martinez is the subject matter expert for all matters in the information technology field within the NAVSUP FLCSI enterprise.

*"IT2 Martinez is the backbone of our information technology construct within NAVSUP FLCSI, and his ability to adapt to complex situations enables our warfighters to accomplish their missions," Esparza said. "He is the model Sailor who is humble, ethical, and willing to be a team player regardless of the task. I am happy to have him on our team!"*

Martinez said he believes being successful in his role is 100% about having a good team that can cover each other's weaknesses and bounce ideas off of each other. He also emphasized the importance of communication; not just within the office, but also to the customers.

Martinez said he believes the importance of diversity is the innovation that it brings to the table.

"I've learned so much from the multitude of cultures encountered throughout my time in the Navy," Martinez said. "It has allowed me to take aspects from other cultures, ethnicities and religions, and apply them to the way I live my life."

# Navy Supply Corps Foundation – Iberian Peninsula Chapter Reactivation

By: Lt. j.g. William Clark, Supply Corps, USN

The U.S. Navy Supply Corps Foundation is pleased to announce the reactivation of the Iberian Peninsula Chapter. This area encompasses Spain and Portugal.

“With the increased growth and diversity of Supply Corps officers at Naval Station Rota as well as the relaxation of COVID rules, it was determined that now was the time to re-establish the Foundation,” Chapter President Cmdr. Bert Phillips, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Site Rota director.

“As someone who has held positions in both the Hawaii Chapter and the overall Foundation and as the senior supply officer in Spain, I felt it was my duty to get this organization back up and running. I could think of no better way than to have the newly appointed N4 for the region, Rear Adm. Patrick Hayden, provide some remarks and kick off our new beginning. We will look to the growth of our chapter and our involvement with our host nation.”

The Navy Supply Corps Foundation’s mission is to provide programs and services to support the Navy Supply Corps community and promote its heritage and traditions. By doing so, the Foundation aims at bringing more value to members’ lives every day.

“The re-establishment of the foundation is just another step in the growth of our junior supply officers and the furthering their understanding of the Foundation’s heritage and traditions, that make us who we are and what we stand for,” Phillips said.

Learn more about the Navy Supply Corps Foundation here: [https://www.usnscf.com/Foundation/pages/About\\_Us/History](https://www.usnscf.com/Foundation/pages/About_Us/History)



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# NAVSUP, mission partners in Europe support Kearsarge ARG'S logistics and maintenance periods

By Joe Yanik, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy - Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's (NAVSUP FLCSI) logisticians and contracting specialists, along with their mission partners, coordinated the maintenance scheduling and procurement and delivery of repair parts for several ships assigned to the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), in July 2022.

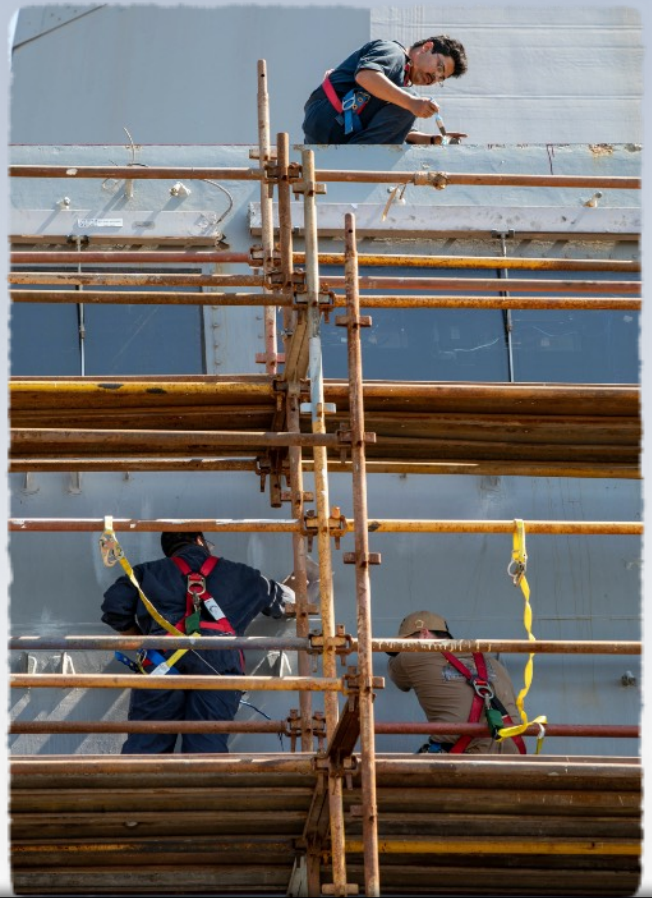
The Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) completed a logistics and maintenance period in Brest, France, while Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) and San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock USS Arlington (LPD 24) underwent mid-deployment voyage repair (MDVR) periods in Copenhagen, Denmark and Rijeka, Croatia, respectively.

An MDVR is a maintenance period that allows U.S. ships to complete corrective and preventative maintenance that cannot be accomplished at sea. MDVRs involve performing repairs so that ships remains fully mission capable throughout their deployment.

In preparation for Gunston Hall's and Arlington's MDVRs, NAVSUP FLCSI's Ship Repair Division (Code 200) procured repair parts that were critical to ensuring the on-time completion of the maintenance efforts conducted for the ships. A part of the command's contracting department (Code 200), the Ship Repair Division's mission is to support repairs for ships that are homeported in, and currently deployed to, the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of operations.

"Successfully procuring repair parts and services for the MDVRs was the result of the close working relationship between NAVSUP FLCSI's Ship Repair Division and Forward Deployed Regional Maintenance Center, our key mission partner while supporting ship maintenance periods," said Marie Hahn, NAVSUP FLCSI's Ship Repair Division director.

The process of procuring ship repair parts and hiring expert ship maintainers begins when Forward Deployed Regional Maintenance Center (FDRMC) develops a requirement in conjunction with the ship's needs, and then sends it to Hahn.



Sailors assigned to the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Arlington (LPD 24) sand and paint the exterior surface of Arlington's pilot house during preservation work for mid-deployment voyage repairs in Rijeka, Croatia, July 6, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Bellino)

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Hahn's team ensures the packages include the necessary documentation and develops the solicitation so industry can respond to the requirement.

*"After we receive quotes from industry, my team and our FDRMC mission partners evaluate the proposal and create the necessary documentation to facilitate an award," Hahn said. "Subsequently, our team awards the contract to the vendor who meet the requirements outlined in the solicitation. This collaborative 'behind the scenes' effort of awarding contracts is the vital first step to getting industry mission partners involved so the repairs and maintenance can be performed successfully."*

While undergoing maintenance and repairs, Arlington, Gunston Hall and Kearsarge also received mail, provisions and mission-related cargo. To ensure these materials were delivered and loaded onto the ships on schedule, NAVSUP FLCSI deployed logistics support representatives (LSRs) and a transportation officer (TO) to establish an on-site presence at each port. These personnel engaged directly with the ships' supply departments and host nation representatives to ensure the timely and effective delivery of material.

Charles Tanner is a NAVSUP FLCSI logistics support officer who supported Arlington's crew in Rijeka, Croatia.

"LSRs must have a deep knowledge of ship movements in and out of the theater, as well as having firsthand knowledge of all of U.S. Sixth Fleet points of contact," Tanner said. "This knowledge proves invaluable in getting timely answers to questions from the ships' supply teams or from any of our mission partners. Personal interaction with the ship's supply team, in particular, increases the comfort factor that the support is happening correctly."



Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Glenn Alexander, from Fort Worth, Texas, assigned to the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Arlington (LPD 24), cuts through carbon steel using a plasma torch during preservation work for mid-deployment voyage repairs in Rijeka, Croatia, July 6, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Bellino)



Yeoman 2nd Class Justin Jackson, from San Antonio, assigned to the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Arlington (LPD 24), paints a deck inside the ship during preservation work for mid-deployment voyage repairs in Rijeka, Croatia, July 6, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Bellino)

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NAVSUP FLCSI also supported resupplying the ships from strategic locations in the United Kingdom and Italy. The command's regional postal and transportation teams at NAVSUP FLCSI's Sites Crombie, Scotland, and Sigonella, Sicily, moved a total of 66,000 pounds of mail to personnel aboard all three ships.

The geographic diversity and near-simultaneous nature of the three maintenance periods presented the NAVSUP FLCSI team with an opportunity to test their capabilities in supporting units and personnel throughout the U.S. Naval Forces Europe (NAVEUR) area of operations.

*"Our ability to support the ARG's logistics and maintenance requirements at various strategic locations across USNAVEUR attests to NAVSUP's agility and expertise in delivering readiness to the Fleet where and when our Warfighters need it," said Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer.*

NAVSUP FLCSI supported the ships' maintenance periods in cooperation and coordination with its U.S. and allied mission partners. Successfully performing customs clearance actions are a prime example of such coordination.

To facilitate movement of cargo and mail within or throughout the European theater, the command's LSRs and TOs are skilled in screening the cargo manifest for any high priority parts and consumable items needed for ship repairs. Customs procedures may change on a daily basis, so they must have a fluent understanding of customs clearance processes, rules and documentation in order to ensure the materials in transit comply with the customs regulations of countries through which the materials pass.

"Our host nation partners provide indispensable knowledge of local customs laws and regulations allowing for speedy customs clearance for both inbound and outbound movements," said Alan Wilkinson, NAVSUP FLCSI transportation manager who supported Kearsarge in Brest, France. "Having boots on the ground allows me to bolster and create new relationships with local customs offices and military officials, strengthening the ties between our countries."

Besides FDRMC and the ships' supply teams, NAVSUP FLCSI's mission partners for ships' logistics maintenance periods include Command Task Force 63, aircraft loadmasters, warehouse cargo loaders and air traffic control personnel.



Marines and Sailors load supplies onboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), during mid-deployment voyage repairs in Brest, France, June 30, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jesse Schwab)

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*“Our U.S. and Allied logistics partners play a key role in how U.S. Navy and Marine Corps-sponsored cargo move throughout the USNAVEUR area of operations,” Wilkinson said. “They schedule flight and truck movements bringing supplies, mail, and food to any location necessary.”*

The sustained support of NAVSUP FLCSI, FDRMC and ship's force, working alongside various U.S. interagency and Allied partners, ensured the success of these maintenance periods. The ability to conduct multiple maintenance availabilities and MDVRs throughout the European theater is a testament to the capability and capacity that this combined team brings to NAVEUR and to the Navy-Marine Corps team. It also sets the stage for continued refinement and improvement in maintenance and logistics support.



Culinary Specialist Seaman Isaiah Perales, assigned to the Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44), replaces a watertight door during mid-deployment voyage repairs, July 12, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Keith Nowak)

Kearsarge ARG is under the command and control of Task Force 61/2. Embarked commands with the ARG include Amphibious Squadron SIX, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Fleet Surgical Team 2, Fleet Surgical Team 4, Tactical Air Control Squadron 22, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 22, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28, Assault Craft Unit 2, Assault Craft Unit 4, Naval Beach Group 2, and Beach Master Unit 2.

The Kearsarge ARG and embarked 22nd MEU has been operating and participating in bilateral exercises throughout Europe and Africa. During Hedgehog 22, BALTOPS22 and NATO vigilance activity Neptune Shield 22, ARG ships conducted port visits in Tromsø, Norway; Helsinki, Finland; Tallinn, Estonia; and Stockholm, Sweden. Arlington has also participated in exercises with Greece, Turkey and North African countries in support of Alexander the Great, EFES, and African Lion, respectively.

FDRMC is a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command and was established to provide emergent, intermediate and depot-level maintenance and modernization support for U.S. Navy ships throughout U.S. Fifth and Sixth Fleet areas of responsibilities.

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## US Sixth Fleet's readiness and logistics director tours DoD's largest fuels facility in Europe

By Joseph Yanik, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota and NAVSUP FLCSI hosted Rear Adm. Patrick S. Hayden, director, logistics, fleet supply and ordnance, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, for a tour of the installation's Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP), the U.S. Navy's largest fuels management facility in Europe, Sept. 20, 2022.

During the tour, Hayden joined several NAVSUP and NAVSTA Rota leaders in visiting several locations significant to fuels operations at NAVSTA Rota: the DFSP's fuels testing lab, bulk tank facility, the pier, and the pipeline mainline where the installation issues and receives millions of gallon per month used to power ships and aircraft.

Lt. William Coffey, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Rota fuels division officer, led the group of leaders and briefed them about the scale and scope of NAVSTA Rota's fuels operations.

"During the DFSP tour, I tried to convey in particular the diversity of my team's fuels management capabilities as well as several opportunities for growth to better support the warfighter in the event of a conflict," Coffey said.

Coffey added that another objective during the tour was to show how NAVSUP FLCSI works diligently with its NAVSTA Rota mission partners to mitigate risks associated with the handling of such large quantities of fuel.

"Close collaboration with our NAVSTA Rota mission partners is critical to safely and effectively conducting fuels operations," Coffey said. "This was important to emphasize because fuels operations at NAVSTA Rota are everyone's responsibility."

Another stop along the DFSP tour was the location of an upcoming DLA military construction (MILCON) project aimed to modernize most of NAVSTA Rota's aging fuels tanks.



Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella leaders guide Rear Adm. Patrick Hayden (first from right), director, logistics, fleet supply and ordnance, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, during a tour of the Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) facility at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain, Sept. 20, 2022. NAVSTA Rota's DFSP stores and transfers tens of millions of gallons of fuel daily in support of the installation's air and port operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class John Owen)

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*"The MILCON construction site was a key stop of the tour because it is the largest project of its kind to date in terms of dollar value and scope," said Lt. Lincoln Barber, NAVSUP FLCSI's regional fuels director. "The MILCON will provide a complete rebuild and modernization of NAVSTA Rota's biggest bulk fuel storage tanks and ensure that the installation continues to provide a strategic advantage to the U.S. Navy and our Allies, and operate safely for decades to come."*

In addition to the MILCON project, NAVSUP FLCSI and its mission partners overhauled and modernized two of the installation fuel storage tanks in July 2022 in an effort to increase fuels management capabilities at NAVSTA Rota. (Read full the story here: <https://dvidshub.net/r/2347pm>)

NAVSUP FLCSI operates across 14 enduring and forward operating sites; forward contingency and cooperative security locations in 13 countries in Europe and Africa. The command's leaders manage teams at Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Italy; NAVSTA Rota, Spain; Defense Munitions Crombie, Scotland, United Kingdom; Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay, Greece; NSA Naples, Italy; and Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

NAVSUP FLCSI is one of eight FLCs under Commander, NAVSUP. Headquartered in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, NAVSUP employs a diverse, worldwide workforce of more than 25,000 military and civilian personnel. NAVSUP and the Navy Supply Corps conduct and enable supply chain, acquisition, operational logistics and Sailor & family care activities with our mission partners to generate readiness and sustain naval forces worldwide to prevent and decisively win wars.



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# NAVSUP, mission partners in Spain boost support to NAVEUR warfighters with restored fuel tanks

By Joseph Yanik, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

NAS SIGONELLA, Italy - Personnel assigned to Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's (NAVSUP FLCSI) Fuels Division and their mission partners at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain manage the U.S. Navy's largest Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) in Europe.



Juan Barrera Crespo (left), Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella fuels distribution systems operator, measures the level of fuel inside a tank undergoing repair and modernization August 3, 2022 at Naval Station Rota, Spain. Measuring the fuel level is part of a quality assurance test of the tank's automated fuel handling equipment. (U.S. Navy photo by MCC Nathan Carpenter/released)

After the completion of an overhaul and modernization of the installation's two fuel storage tanks in late July 2022, the DFSP's capacity to support the fuels requirements for U.S. and NATO vessels and aircraft operating in the region just became larger.

The return-to-service (RTS) of both tanks brought back to the installation an overall storage capacity of 1.9 million U.S. gallons of fuel per tank, which translates into 15% greater storage capacity of ship propulsion fuel, called F76, and 9% greater storage capacity of aviation fuel, called JP8.

"With increased operations in the Mediterranean Sea due to world events and various homeport shifts of U.S. Navy vessels to the AOR, the return-to-service of tanks #1 and #119 aboard NAVSTA Rota will increase the available storage capacities for F76 & JP8 fuel, respectively," said

Lt. Lincoln Barber, NAVSUP FLCSI regional fuels officer. "This will allow us to maintain higher levels of inventory in direct support to the Fleet and increase sustainability for ships and aircraft."

The installation's two fuel tanks had been out of service for several years due to the need for repairs that were delayed during the COVID-19 pandemic. NAVSUP FLCSI and NAVSTA Rota mission partners made the decision to restore them to operational status after thoroughly performing an operational risk assessment (ORA). NAVSUP FLCSI's mission partners included NAVSTA Rota's commanding officer, NAVFAC's public works officer, lead engineer and environmental specialist.

*"Because fuels management at NAVSTA Rota is everyone's responsibility, it was paramount to the success of returning these tanks back to service that we and our NAVSTA Rota mission partners were actively engaged in the ORA briefings before the restoration process began," said Cmdr. Bert Phillips, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Rota site director.*

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"Being the largest DFSP in Europe and handling tens of millions of gallons of fuel daily, it is absolutely imperative that we have a real time and precise picture of our tank levels and fuel movements," Coffey said. "The redundancy of the system is pivotal to the environmental safety of our operation. If the need ever arises, we are always able to redirect flow into another tank, minimizing risk of spills, keeping all fuel safely within the system."

Now that the two fuel tanks have returned to service, NAVSUP FLCSI's fuels professionals at NAVSTA Rota can execute its support mission of delivering sustainability to warfighters whose ships and aircraft are homeported at NAVSTA Rota: USS Ross (DDG-71), USS Paul Ignatius (DDG-117), USS Roosevelt (DDG-80) and USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51). The Helicopter Maritime Strike (HSM) 79 established a new detachment aboard NAVSTA Rota in June 2022.

The DFSP's other major customers are transiting U.S. and NATO aircraft and ships, including Military Sealift Command's Combat Logistics Force (CLF) vessels like the dry cargo, ammunition ships USNS William McLean (T-AKE 12) and USNS Robert E. Peary (T-AKE 5). CLF vessels are the supply line to U.S. Navy surface combatant ships, with their multi-purpose capability to provide food, mail, fuel, spare parts, ammunition, and portable water; allowing fleet units to remain at sea for prolonged periods of time.



Avelino Lopez Rodriguez, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella fuels distribution systems operator, monitors fuel levels of one of two tanks undergoing repairs and modernization August 3, 2022 at Naval Station Rota, Spain. (U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class John Owen/released)



Avelino Lopez Rodriguez, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella fuels distribution systems operator, opens a fuel valve during a pump commissioning phase August 3, 2022 at Naval Station Rota, Spain. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John Owen/released)

NAVSTA Rota provides cargo, fuel and logistics support to units transiting the region, supporting U.S. and NATO ships with three active piers; U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force aircraft with a 670-acre airfield; and the largest weapons and fuels facilities in Europe, all located within a single, secure fence-line.

Site Rota is one of NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella's five logistics sites positioned across U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa. Site Rota provides supply chain management, bulk and aviation fueling capability, material handling equipment, contracting, hazardous material management, household goods and vehicle processing and postal operations to fleet, installation and other service components throughout the area of operations.



# NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Fleet Mail Center: Providing Mail to all of the Mediterranean

By MC1 Josh Coté, Naval Air Station Sigonella Public Affairs

Naval Supply Systems Command Sigonella Fleet Mail Center has a very busy job here on base. On a regular basis, not only do they have to assist Naval Air Station Sigonella service members and civilians, but all 39 tenant commands as well. Adding in the mail processing for the USS Truman Strike Group along with other ships operating in the Mediterranean can make for one of the most challenging tasks in the area of operations!



Chief Retail Specialist DJ Catibog, from Duarte, Calif., sorts mail at the post office on Naval Air Station Sigonella, Aug. 4, 2022. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S., allied, and partner nation forces to deploy and respond as required, ensuring security and stability in Europe, Africa and Central Command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st class Josh Coté)

With the Truman strike group in the area the post office has seen a big increase from their usual 15,000 pounds of mail on a weekly basis, coupled with additional shipping obstacles to overcome.

*"With the USS Harry S. Truman Strike Group being in the area we are processing an average of 65,000 pounds of mail on a weekly basis," said Chief Retail Specialist Danielle Joseph Catibog. "We are also supporting approximately 34 ships that are deployed in the area of operation."*

"Mail transit time is roughly 10 to 14 days to get to NAS Sigonella," explained Catibog. "The reason for that is due to increased summer travel, resulting in less space for mail and also there has been fewer flights coming in from Rome. However, we have been coordinating weekly transportation of mail via trucks."

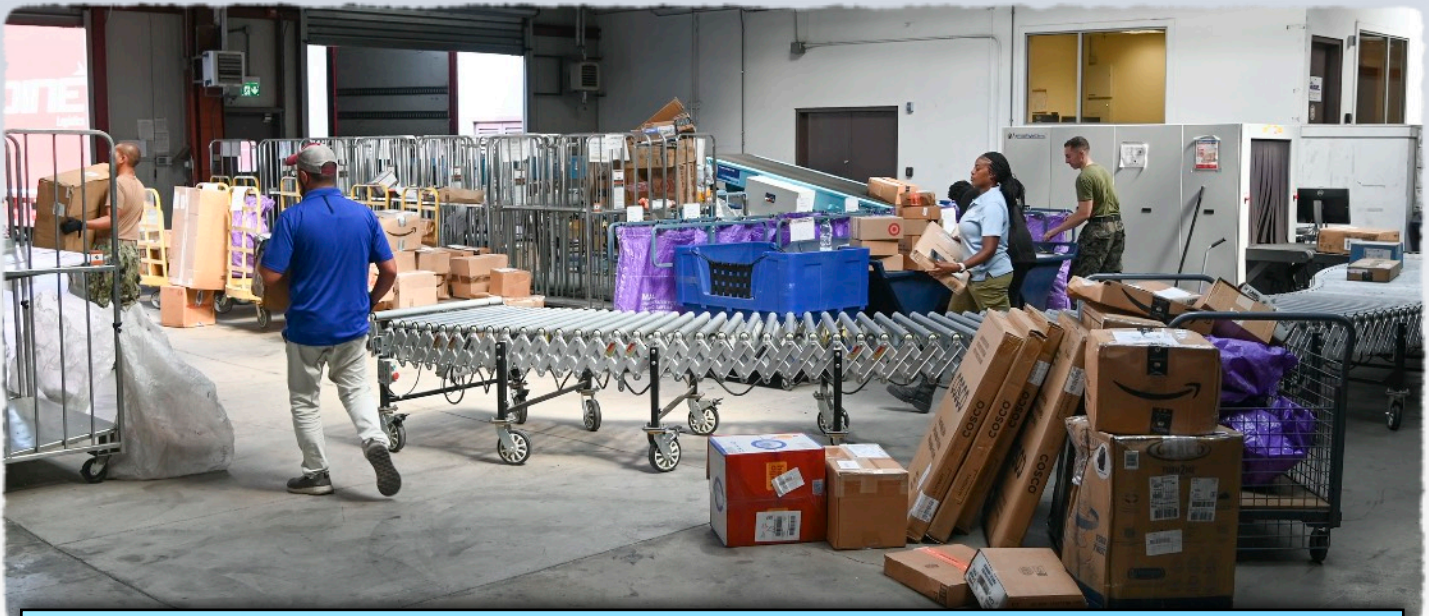
Being stationed overseas unfortunately does not allow the benefit of same-day shipping that many Americans enjoy stateside.

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To help make sure you get your packages on time, ensure you are using the proper address format. Always make sure you are using the correct Postal Service Center (PSC), box and ZIP code numbers. Always make sure to physically check into the correct post office to make sure you are given the correct address. Also if your mail orderly picks up a package that does not belong to their command, make sure it is returned within 24 hours or 1 business day.

*“All eligible postal patrons residing in the Sigonella community must check into the post office as soon as you arrive on base, regardless of time on board,” said Catibog. “This allows us to update our records in the event of someone’s mail is not addressed properly. This also helps us convert to the individual mail pick-up system that we will be implementing in the near future. Regardless if your mail orderly has given you a box number, we ask that you make a visit to your closest friendly neighborhood post office on base to verify we have a good contact email and valid box number.”*

Unfortunately, due the current PCS season, the post office has been hit with manning issues. So if you or any of your Sailors are looking for some volunteer hours to empower that next eval, the post office would greatly appreciate your time, especially on days when they receive truck shipments with large volumes of mail.



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# NAVSUP, mission partners support combat logistics force vessel's first port visit in Scotland

By Joseph Yanik, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

At its cooperative security location (CSL) at Defense Munitions (DM) Crombie, Scotland, United Kingdom, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLCSI) is expanding its capabilities to support U.S. Naval and Allied ships, submarines, aircraft and expeditionary forces deploying into, and operating across, the High North, Baltics and Arctic Circle.



U.S. Marines assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit process and load mission-related cargo during USNS William McLean's port visit August 11, 2022 at Defense Munitions Crombie, Scotland, United Kingdom. Combat Logistics Force vessels, like William McLean, are the supply line to U.S. Navy surface combatant ships, with their multi-purpose capability to provide food, mail, fuel, spare parts, ammunition, and portable water; allowing fleet units to remain at sea for prolonged periods of time. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ryan Lee/released)

In mid-August 2022, some of the command's logisticians coordinated the loading, shipping and delivery of provisions, cargo and mail to Lewis and Clark-class USNS William McLean (T-AKE 12), one of Military Sealift Command's Combat Logistics Force (CLF) vessels.

CLF vessels are the supply line to U.S. Navy surface combatant ships, with their multi-purpose capability to provide food, mail, fuel, spare parts, ammunition, and portable water; allowing fleet units to remain at sea for prolonged periods of time.

*"This was the first emergent port visit conducted by a U.S. CLF-class vessel in Crombie," said Lt. Adam Thomas, NAVSUP FLCSI Site Crombie officer in charge. "Successfully supporting William McLean required us to flex our working relationships with our mission partners, Command Task Force 63 and DM Crombie Port Operations teams, with less than 48 hours of notice."*

Some of these mission-critical materials loaded onto the William McLean were transported to ships assigned to the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). The ARG is operating in the Baltic Sea to strengthen interoperability with key NATO allies and partners.

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*"Our ability to support ships like USNS William McLean at our CSL site in Scotland is another concrete example of NAVSUP's expanding capabilities delivering holistic operational readiness to the Fleet where and when our deployed Warfighters need it," said Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer. "Thanks to the tireless efforts of NAVSUP and our growing network of USNAVEUR mission partners, such as the U.S. Transportation Command's Military Sealift Command and CTF 63 teams, Site Crombie is fast becoming a logistics center of gravity from which we can better facilitate end-to-end sustainment across Europe's High North region."*

The Kearsarge ARG and larger amphibious task forces provide military commanders a wide range of flexible capabilities including maritime security operations, expeditionary power projection, strike operations, forward naval presence, crisis response, sea control, deterrence, cyber operations, security cooperation and counter-proliferation, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

Headquartered at Naples, Italy, Command Task Force 63 is composed of oilers, provision ships, and repair ships. Its mission is the delivery of supplies at sea, and effecting repairs to other ships and equipment of the Fleet.

Site Crombie is NAVSUP FLCSI's cooperative security location strategically positioned to support NAVEUR-NAVAF, U.S. Sixth and Second Fleets and Joint Warfighters who routinely conduct operations with their High North Allies and Partners. From this transshipment hub, FLCSI Site Crombie's logisticians and their mission partners enable the expansion of maritime sustainment through its key products and services such as customs clearance, sustainment, fuel delivery, husbanding services, port visit coordination, warehousing, transportation, inter- & intra-theater cargo and mail distribution.

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# NAVSUP FLC Sigonella welcomes EURAFCENT Commander

By NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Brad Collins, commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central (EURAFCENT) visited with NAVSUP FLCSI leaders at Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG), Italy, August 2, 2022.

During his visit Rear Adm. Collins toured NASSIG's fuels facilities, where our fuels professionals and their mission partners supply approximately one million gallons of jet fuel products per month to 307 different aircraft supporting missions across U.S. Navy Region Europe-Africa.



Rear Adm. Brad Collins (third from right), commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central visits with our command's leaders at Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG), Italy, August 2, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Joe Yanik/released)



**Rear Admiral Brad Collins**  
Commander, Navy Region Europe,  
Africa, Central / Commander,  
Maritime Air Forces, Naples  
(U.S. Navy Courtesy photo)



Navy Region EURAFCENT oversees nine installations in seven countries, enabling U.S., allied and partner nation forces to be where they are needed, when they are needed, in order to ensure security and stability in the European, African, and Central Command areas of responsibility.



# NAVSUP, mission partners sustain USS Kearsarge ARG readiness for Baltic Sea exercises

By Joseph Yanik, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs

USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), and embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), are operating in the Baltic Sea to strengthen interoperability with key NATO allies and partners since May 2022.

In August 2022, the ARG-MEU, consisting of Kearsarge, USS Arlington (LPD 24) and USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44), trained alongside the Finnish and Swedish Navies to foster a shared goal of preserving security and stability in the Baltic region.



Vic Gonzalez, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLCSI) regional postal officer, prepares cargo pallets August 23, 2022 at Palanga Airport, Lithuania. The cargo was transported via commercial truck to Klaipeda, Lithuania, where it was delivered to USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) during a scheduled port visit Aug. 29 (U.S. Navy courtesy photo)

To assist the ARG-MEU's approximately 4,000 Sailors and Marines in preparing for the interoperability training events, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLCSI) and its mission partners coordinated the shipment and delivery of mail, provisions, medical supplies and mission-related cargo during the ships' scheduled port visits to Finland, Estonia, Sweden, Latvia and Lithuania.

In anticipation of the ships' arrivals, NAVSUP FLCSI deployed logistics support representatives and a transportation officer to engage directly with the ships' supply departments and their logistics mission partners. NAVSUP FLCSI Transportation Officer Damien Anderson deployed to Helsinki, Finland, for the Kearsarge ARG port visit, Aug. 5-8.

"By being present at the port, I was in a better position to assist the Kearsarge's supply officer with direct actions to meet tight deadlines," said Anderson. "This was especially the case for any military air and commercial shipments that entered the country and needed to be directed to the ship location, and ship parts that needed to be offloaded for repair."

Additionally, the ARG-MEU conducted bilateral exchanges with members of the Finnish Armed Forces, Aug. 9-18, in the Northern Baltic Sea and in the region of Hanko. During the exchange, both navies participated in exercise events throughout the maritime domain. At sea, units participated in amphibious well deck operations, mine-countermeasure demonstrations, ship maneuvering drills, and several quick-response medical exercises. They also shared techniques and procedures, and improved communication and coordination.

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"This exercise enabled the Kearsarge ARG-MEU to train and operate alongside our Finnish partners," said Capt. Aaron Kelley, commander of the Kearsarge ARG and embarked Amphibious Squadron SIX. "Finland's expertise is critical to further developing our understanding of the operational environment. Working together improves coordination across our combined maritime force and provides increased readiness and responsiveness, while also demonstrating ally and partner resolve and commitment to security in the Baltic region."

After completing the exercises with the Finnish Navy, Arlington and Gunston Hall conducted a scheduled port visit in Riga, Latvia, Aug. 20. They later joined the rest of the ARG-MEU to participate in a maneuvering exercise with the Swedish Navy, Aug. 30.

*"We are well aware of the strategic value the Kearsarge ARG has while operating in the Baltic Sea and how its presence has underscored the ability of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa to provide flexible and dynamic capabilities where and when needed," said Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer. "We are proud to have played a key role in sustaining the ARG's readiness posture with our products and services so they can complete their mission."*

Crewmembers had the opportunity to further explore port visit locations and gain a deeper historical and cultural appreciation of the nations in the region while fostering interpersonal relationships.

"My job was to ensure that trucks of provisions, cargo, mails, medical supplies, and ship stores merchandise were clear of customs before Arlington arrived in Stockholm," said Lt. Tianhao Shi, NAVSUP FLCSI logistics support officer. "Completing the onload on the first day enabled the ship's crewmembers to maximize their much-deserved rest and liberty."

To successfully support the Kearsarge ARG's port visits, NAVSUP FLCSI personnel coordinated their efforts with logistics mission partners including ARG-MEU supply teams, U.S. Sixth Fleet contracting office representatives, Task Force 63, the Navy Exchange Service Command, host nation embassy defense attaché officers, and husbanding service providers.



Lt. Tianhao Shi (left), Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLCSI) logistics support officer, delivers materials to the medical personnel assigned to USS Arlington (LPD 24) during a scheduled port visit August 6, 2022 at Stockholm, Sweden. Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group has been operating in the Baltic Sea to strengthen interoperability with the Swedish and Finnish Navies. (U.S. Navy courtesy photo)

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Prior to the ARG-MEU's training with their Baltic Sea allies and partners, the ships underwent logistics and maintenance periods (LMPs), including mid-deployment voyage repairs (MDVRs). LMPs and MDVRs involve performing repairs so that ships remain fully mission capable throughout their deployment. Read the full story about NAVSUP's support to the Kearsarge ARG during the ships' July maintenance periods - <https://dvidshub.net/r/zm4la5>

"Our ability to support the ARG's logistics and maintenance periods in July and the ships' port visits in August demonstrate our commitment to facilitating end-to-end sustainment for U.S. ships across Europe's High North region as the ARG-MEU crewmembers accomplish their mission of strengthening relationships with Baltic allies and partners while ensuring maritime security throughout the region," MacKenzie said.

Kearsarge ARG is under the command and control of Task Force 61/2. Embarked commands with the ARG include Amphibious Squadron SIX, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Fleet Surgical Team 2, Fleet Surgical Team 4, Tactical Air Control Squadron 22, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 22, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28, Assault Craft Unit 2, Assault Craft Unit 4, Naval Beach Group 2, and Beach Master Unit 2.

The Kearsarge ARG and larger amphibious task forces provide military commanders a wide range of flexible capabilities including maritime security operations, expeditionary power projection, strike operations, forward naval presence, crisis response, sea control, deterrence, cyber operations, security cooperation and counter-proliferation, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.



A forklift operator offloads cargo pallets from a C-130 Hercules August 23, 2022 at Palanga Airport, Lithuania. The cargo was transported via commercial truck to Klaipeda, Lithuania, where it was delivered to USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) during a scheduled port visit Aug. 29 (U.S. Navy courtesy photo)

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# NAVSUP, FDRMC, and partners expand maintenance provider base in Africa

By Joseph Yanik, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Public Affairs  
(U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa Public Affairs contributed to this story)

Lewis B. Puller-class expeditionary sea base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4) and Forward Deployed Regional Maintenance Center (FDRMC) ship repair experts hosted a ship check event attended by commercial maintenance providers during a recent port visit to Walvis Bay, Namibia, Sept. 5, 2022.

Ship checks provide opportunities to meet regional maintenance providers in person and allow representatives to visit the ship ahead of potentially bidding on a maintenance contract. During the first-ever ship check for Hershel "Woody" Williams in Namibia, FDRMC representatives led the



The Lewis B. Puller-class expeditionary sea base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4) sails in the Gulf of Aden, July 26, 2022. Hershel "Woody" Williams is rotationally deployed to the U.S. Naval Forces Africa area of operations, employed by U.S. Sixth Fleet, to defend U.S., allied and partner interests. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dylan Murakami/Released)

attendees around the vessel to identify areas and equipment in need of maintenance ahead of an upcoming voyage repair availability.

Following the ship check event, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLCSI) contracting officers and FDRMC ship repair experts and U.S. Transportation Command's Military Sealift Command (MSC) hosted a virtual industry engagement. This event educated maintenance provider representatives about the U.S. Government contract solicitation process, contracting regulations and how to submit competitive solicitations to the government to perform any of the ship's needed maintenance.

"The U.S. Navy cannot operate effectively and execute its mission overseas without the labor and expertise of commercial ship repair vendors," said Capt. Paul Haslam, NAVSUP FLCSI chief of contracts. "Ship checks and virtual industry engagement events like those we conducted aboard HWW serve to strengthen relations with key partners like Namibia and, in general, help pave the way for future maintenance and logistics capability overseas. These events also broaden mutual understanding and improve cooperation between NAVSUP and our mission partners."

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Having the maintenance provider tour the ship at the same time as the ship check exposed them to needed work aboard Hershel "Woody" Williams. Similarly, during the virtual industry engagement, they had the opportunity to learn about the U.S. Government contract solicitation process, contracting regulations and how to submit competitive solicitations to the government to perform any of the ship's needed maintenance.

*"Building relationships with regional maintenance providers is critical to ensure U.S. Navy ships receive quality and on-time maintenance during future availabilities," said Marie Hahn, NAVSUP FLCSI Ship Repair Division director. "We haven't done work in Namibia yet; so it was expected that commercial vendors in attendance benefited from the virtual industry engagement."*

Hershel "Woody" Williams is the first U.S. Navy vessel to be assigned to the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility whose presence is to promote maritime security through a persistent presence in African waters in close cooperation with African partners.

As one of the U.S. Navy's expeditionary sea bases, Hershel "Woody" Williams provides critical access infrastructure that facilitates the deployment of forces and supplies to support a multitude of missions ranging from humanitarian and medical relief to joint anti-piracy operations.

The U.S. and Namibia share a rich bilateral security relationship that dates back to Namibian Independence. Together, the two countries work to ensure security, safety, and freedom of navigation in the Atlantic. Both the U.S. and Namibia recognize that the future security of these waters is critical for Africa's prosperity and continued access to global markets.

MSC operates approximately 125 civilian-crewed ships that replenish U.S. Navy ships, conduct specialized missions, strategically preposition combat cargo at sea around the world, and move military cargo and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces and coalition partners.

FDRMC provides emergent, intermediate and depot-level maintenance and modernization for transient and Forward Deployed Naval Forces in U.S. Fifth and Sixth Fleets through fleet technical assistance, voyage repair, contract management oversight, assessments, and diving and salvage.

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# Command Information



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Established in March 2005, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (FLCSI) is located on Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, Italy. It is the seventh of NAVSUP's eight globally-positioned logistics commands that provides for the full range of the fleet's military operations across Navy Region Europe/Africa.

Geographically dispersed across Europe, Africa and the 6th Fleet areas of operation, NAVSUP FLCSI provides Contracting, Administrative and Logistics Support services to U.S. Naval, Joint, NATO and Allied Partners through its enduring locations in Spain and Italy; forward operating sites in Greece, Djibouti, Romania and Poland; contingency/cooperative security locations in the United Kingdom, Iceland and Norway; and NATO support elements in Portugal, Spain and Italy.

Our obligations cover a dynamic and immense area of responsibility. Their complexities reach across all war-fighting domains. Our professional team of military, civilian and Host Nation partners are postured to provide products and services to meet existing and emerging threats. We are NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella!

**Mission:** We provide logistics, business and support services to U.S. Naval, Joint and Allied forces through partnerships and sound business practices in order to set theater readiness with material accountability.

**Vision:** We align our organization's strategy with people, customers and processes to deliver flexible logistics, business and support services to enable combat capabilities for Fleet, Ashore and Expeditionary forces.



# From The COM



**RADM Peter G. Stamatopoulos,  
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Naval Supply Systems Command  
49th Chief of Supply Corps**

## OUR MISSION

*NAVSUP and the Supply Corps conduct and enable supply chain, acquisition, operational logistics and Sailor & family care activities with our mission partners to generate readiness and sustain naval forces worldwide to prevent and decisively win wars.*

## “Achieving E2E Supply Chain Integration”

Today, Navy supply chains are large, complex, costly, untimely and do not generate sufficient readiness. They are fragmented, ungoverned and lack a common goal. It is imperative we align to drive end-to-end supply chain integration and reform to increase naval readiness and reduce costs.

Key Message: achieving E2E supply chain integration demands accountable leadership, candid conversation, continuous learning, embracing the red, root cause analysis, hunting for high leverage and elevating barriers.

## “Leader Development & Mission Focus”

Leader development is commanders business. We strive relentlessly for excellence. We bring to bear supply chain, acquisition, sustainment and logistics capabilities to protect and achieve mission. Honest and trusted teams are a must for mission accomplishment. We are always learning, adapting and teaching to advance the mission.

Key Message: we develop Supply Corps officers with a progressive mix of field and headquarters staff experience, providing necessary reps and sets in the art & science of supporting log &



## NSS-SUPPLY FOCUSES ON 6 KEY PILLARS TO DRIVE HIGHER PERFORMANCE

GOVERNANCE

### NSS-SUPPLY and E2E Integration

Govern, coordinate, and synchronize strategic supply chain decisions by leadership across Navy.

PILLARS

### Achieve E2E Integration

Integrate existing Supply Chain resources (i.e., neural network) to sustain the force.

#### Demand Management

Reduce demand and increase predictability through design, engineering, maintenance, etc.

#### Optimize WCF Portfolio

Take a portfolio approach to managing cash allocation to maximize readiness.

#### Shape Industrial Base

Expand competition with suppliers and deepen partnership with strategic suppliers.

#### Optimize Organic Repair

Increase organic depot repair volume to fully utilize capacity.

#### Increase E2E Velocity

Shorten E2E repair TATs in line with commercial, and move parts in the system faster.

ENABLERS

Executive Reliability Control Board (E-RCB), Sustainment Program Baseline (SPB), Maintenance Operations Center (MOC) Aircraft-on-Ground (AOG), NAVSUP WSS Logistics Cell Operations Model (WSS LOGCELL OpModel), NAVSUP BSC, NAVSUP FLCs, supply community, tools for E2E visibility such as: Integrated Supply Chain Management (ISCM), machine learning (ML), Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Naval Operational Business Logistics Enterprise (NOBLE).



**“As we implement NSS-Supply, we will take on a role to synchronize, integrate, and orchestrate Navy-wide supply chains among SYSCOMS, TYCOMS, organic and commercial repair activities, and other NSS efforts.”**

*—Rear. Adm. Pete Stamatopoulos,  
Commander NAVSUP*

### What is NSS-Supply?

- Naval Sustainment System-Supply (NSS-Supply) is a combination of commercial best practices, process improvements, governance and oversight to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness within available means.
- A new “Supply Effectiveness Figure of Merit” (SEFoM) will be central to this effort; this is a new way of looking at supply performance. The SEFoM provides data that can be applied to supply chains and reveals where we can index readiness and cost.

### Why NSS-Supply?

- The Navy requires a single, strategic-scale, sustainable design for Navy-wide supply chains with the right mix of organic and commercial activities to project and sustain a warfighting force.
- Governing end-to-end (E2E) Navy supply chains through collaboration, synchronization, and integration will amplify readiness.
- NSS-Supply is crucial node of NSS, a Navy-wide initiative embracing industry best-practices tailored for specific Navy requirements and fleet operations.

**Leveraging our supply chains to run more effectively and affordably to generate greater readiness.**

# Command Ombudsman



## FLCSI Family,

Meet **Mrs. Ann Tien**, our command's Ombudsman.

As a Navy Ombudsman, Tien is a volunteer appointed by the Commanding Officer who serves as liaison between the command's leadership and command families, especially during deployments and times of crisis.

In addition to facilitating communication, the command Ombudsman provides information and referral services to the families.

In her role, Tien:

- Communicates regularly with command families via a newsletter, careline, e-mail tree and/or phone trees.
- Interacts with organizations such as, but not limited to: Fleet and Family Information Center, Chaplain's Office, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, American Red. Cross, Naval Services Family Line and Legal Assistance Offices.
- Provides appropriate referral references and maintains confidentiality
- Uses knowledge of the system to access appropriate levels of chain of command for intervention and processing of requests and grievances
- Maintains, organize, and update records concerning responsibilities and resources
- Reaches out to command families, both new arrivals and existing families.

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# Command Career Counselor



## FLCSI Sailors,

Meet **NC1 Shaba Rowe**, FLCSI's Command Career Counselor.

In her role, NC1 Rowe serves as the link between you, our command leadership and supporting Navy organizations on matters related to the Navy's career development program.

Rowe is your point of contact for your important questions about the Navy's many professional development opportunities.

She can assist, in particular, by connecting you to a wealth of quality career information in a timely manner so you can be well informed on career advancement policies and programs.

Take an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the websites below to learn more about a variety of available resources related to your professional development:

### MyNavy HR

[https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/?utm\\_source=mnnp%20public](https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/?utm_source=mnnp%20public)

### Bupers Online (BOL)

<https://www.bol.navy.mil/>

### MyPay

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/#/>

### MyNavy Assignment

<https://mynavyassignment.navy.mil/mna/Index.action>

### Navy College Program

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>

### Navy Credentialing Opportunities Online (NAVY COOL)

<https://cool.osd.mil/usn/>

### Navy E-Learning

<https://learning.nel.navy.mil/ELIAASv2p>

### U.S. Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)

[https://usmap.osd.mil/?utm\\_source=mnnp%20public](https://usmap.osd.mil/?utm_source=mnnp%20public)

**Find NC1's Career Counselor notes in the Plan of the Week**

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