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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi Fellow Retirees and friends:

I hope this fall season finds you well and in good spirits. Our past couple of years due to the Virus have settled down into what is now our new way of life. This winter appears to be more of the same but with the flu which is spreading quicker than in the last few years.

The Tidewater Chapter had a guest speaker who was a familiar face; our Navy Exchange CEO Robert Bianchi. He attended our September meeting and updated all in attendance with the new and exciting

things that our organization is currently involved in. He is an excellent speaker and received a warm welcome. He also thanked our previous President Bill Harper for his dedicated service and leadership to NEREA.

For those of you who aren't familiar with me: After 5 years in the U.S. Army Security Agency, I worked with the NEX for over 39 years. I started in Great Lakes as a Store worker and then PS-5 Dept. Supervisor; then PS-7 Uniform Supervisor; then UA-7 Store Manager in the Country Store; then UA-9 Store Manager at Burkey Mall; then as UA-10 Sales Manager over the retail operations over all the Great Lakes stores.

Next was in Long Beach, CA as the UA-12 Retail Operations Manager. Then I transferred to the Field Support Office in Norfolk as a Retail Operations Specialist which led to a UA-13 job as the Hardlines Manager for Merchandising. My next job was a UA-13 Merchandise Manager at Great Lakes for a few months then as Deputy Exchange Manager over the Great Lakes complex.

In 1995, I was directed to the new Navy Exchange Head Quarters in Virginia Beach to participate in a Business Process Re-engineering Project which streamlined processes in Finance, Merchandising, Store Operations, Distribution, Services, and Uniforms. I then became the Deputy Director of Business Process Re-engineering working for Elliot Zucker who was the COO. Next was as Branch Manager of Retail Operations, then in 2003 became the head of Distribution. I was in that until I retired in 2015 as a Senior Vice President.

I enjoyed every position because I got to work with incredible coworkers who all shared the same dedication in working for those in the military and their families. We all accomplished some incredible achievements as a finely tuned team.

I look forward to again work for a great team of retirees and did I mention we have a Face Book presence under "NEREA". It's a work in progress and Peter Bratke is heading up that project. It should be a fun experience with a chance for all of us to share our experiences as we journey through life.

Cheers,
Tom Williams

CHAPTER CHATTER

TIDEWATER

So nice to be back to our regular meetings with great attendance by our members. I'm always looking to improve memberships so if you are not a member of NEREA and our Local Chapter please consider joining.

We have recently had changes in our Officers, Helen Manno, Vice President was replaced by Debra Conway, Naomi Thompson, Secretary was replaced by Eileen Andrews. Thank you Helen and Naomi for your time, work and years of good service to the Tidewater Chapter. A big welcome to Debra and Eileen, we are looking forward to working with you in your new positions and a special "thanks" for volunteering.

At our 3 November 2022 meeting Barbara Willis, food drive coordinator, make a cash box for members who wanted to make a cash donation to the food bank. It was a big hit. Our members donated \$283.00. On 9 Nov 2022 we held a food drive, collected 276 pounds of food and \$567 in cash, for a total of \$850.00, Plus food we donated 1,394 meals. Special thanks to Barbara for her time & efforts. **JOB WELL DONE BY ALL, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, TIDEWATER YOU ARE THE BESTEST....**

On 8 December 2022 we are having our Holiday fun function at the Texas Roadhouse and it is going to be great. I'm looking forward to seeing all our members attend.

Wishing everyone wonderful happy holidays with family and friends. Stay well, be happy and be kind to others.

Raye Eaton - President

OAKLAND

It's Friday November 11th, Veterans Day.....a day to remember all service members who served our country.

San Francisco Fleet Week was held in October 2022. Fleet week first began in San Diego in 1935. In 1981, SF Fleet week was established by Mayor Dianne Feinstein. SF celebrates Fleet week with Naval ships entering the Bay under the Golden Gate Bridge and welcoming on board ship tours at the Embarcadero piers, Navy & Marine Corps bands performing at neighborhood concerts.....the Blue Angels Air Show over Marin, the East Bay, the Peninsula and the SF Bay.

The fall season has begun. Fall foliage is in all its glory as we begin to make plans for the holidays. During this time of year, I think of family & friends and of the Navy Exchange associates I worked with in the field, the West Coast & at headquarters. I hope you all are safe and well.

Happy holidays and safe travels

Cheers Lucky

NEW ENGLAND

Greetings from the NE Chapter of NEREA. This was only our 2nd meeting since January 2020 when the world was turned upside down by Covid. We had 15 attendees today and it was good to visit and reconnect with old friends. New retiree, Gary Miknaitis, joined us for the first time. We also reflected on dear friends who have passed in the last almost 3 years. Far too many!

Back in April 2022 we donated what was in our bank account to the Scholarship Fund, not knowing if or when we would meet again. Today we started a new "kitty" thanks to Barbara

Robbins donating back her winnings from the 50/50 and also with money raised from items raffled off. Among the raffled items were pieces of handmade jewelry donated by Neda Perry and two lovely framed sea glass pictures made by Barbara Robbins' daughter. We also had some give away items donated by Ann O'Connor and Pat Taylor so everyone went home with a little something.

Looking forward to a January 2023 meeting if we are lucky enough to have a mild winter. Right now we will enjoy our remaining summer days and be in awe as the leaves change in the fall. Where did the summer go???? Enjoy the coming holidays. Be safe and well.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST



Pacific Northwest NEX Retirees recently ran into each other...where else but the Navy Exchange, Smokey Point in Washington! Pictured are retirees Connie Punch, Yvonne Musgrove, Jeanne Webb, and Theresa Rumble. Pacific Northwest retirees interested in getting together, please email Connie Punch at punchbunch22@gmail.com or Yvonne Musgrove at ysmusgrove@gmail.com

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DARLENE AGUON
ROSALDORA AIELLO
TITO ALDANA
MARIA AMPER
JOSE ARMENDARIZ
REBECCA ARONSON
MARIA AVILA
NDYDE BALL
ORLANDO BASKFIELD
PHILIP BAYNES
MELODY BEEBE
FLORENCE BELAU
ARSENIA BENOSA
JEFFREY BLEVINS
MARY BOYD
PATRICIA BRADBY
DEBORAH BROWN
TERRI BRUCH
GARY BURGESS
JENNIFER CABRERA
WANDA CACERES
MARIA VICTORIA CARLOS
EILEEN CARNICELLI
ROSE CARREIRO
WAN LING CHEN
JAMES CLARK
KIRKLAND COLE
ROSA CORTEZ
JOHN COSTA
DANTE CUIZON
ROBERT D'AMATO
CURTIS DAVIS
TIMOTHY DELANEY
LISA DELORE
JOSEPHINE DICKERSON
MARIA TERESA DILLON
DIGNA DOBLE
ARSENIA DOUGHERTY
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VELVIA EDWARDS
LUZ EILES
NELFA ELAM
JIMMY ELMORE
HOPE ENDRINA-KEY
MELINA EPPS
ALMA ERLITZ
NELIA ESCUETA
AIDA ESTELL
NIDA EWALD
LASZLO FARKAS

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VENTURA, CA
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AUBURN, NY
NORFOLK, VA
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LONG BEACH, MS
PORTSMOUTH, VA
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
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MUNFORD, TN
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NATIONAL CITY, CA
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL
NORFOLK, VA
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LAND O LAKES, FL
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
LOUISVILLE, KY
SAN DIEGO, CA
PENSACOLA, FL
WAHIAWA, HI
WAIANAE, HI
KENOSHA, WI
DERWOOD, MD

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JAIME FERNANDEZ PINEDA
DENISE FLANAGAN
CORA FRANCHEBOIS
GWENDOLYN FREEMAN
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BERNARDINO GALINO JR
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RAYMOND GAYHART
JEONG GENTAPANAN
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MILTON GUILFORD
JACQUELINE HANSON
MARK HARPER
JOSEPHINE HART
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NENITA HUFF
MERLE IGNACIO
QUIRINO INES
SANTOS IRAHETA
DAVID JAMES
KENNETH JENKINS
SHANE JOHNSON
MARY JOHNSON
YU JONES
FRANCIS JONES
PRECIOSA JUAN
FATMA KAMAL
SASITHORN KANDRACH
BETH KELSEY
GARY KING
RENEE KNOTT
LUCIANA LAGATAO
CHUTHAPA LAPWARARAKS
EIKO LAY
REX LEE
DORIS LEGASPI
KENNETH LIGHTFOOT
MARK LIPOVSIK
NEIL LITWIN
LUCITO LIVARA
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EUSEBIO MAGGAY
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JOHN MAIER

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YIGO, GU
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RIALTO, CA
CASTLE HAYNE, NC
JACKSONVILLE, FL
NORFOLK, VA
FREDERICK, MD
OAK HARBOR, WA
CALLAWAY, MD
KEY WEST, FL
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ROUND LAKE, IL
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SAN DIEGO, CA
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TAMUNING, GU
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RIDGECREST, CA
SAN DIEGO, CA
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EWA BEACH, HI
LILLIAN, AL
MARYSVILLE, WA

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ELZBIETA MALEK
CONRAD MALIJAN
TEODORO MALUMAY
EDUARO MAMANGON
EDMUNDO MARAMAG
SHAHPOOR MARDMEHDIABADI
SALVATION MARIANO
BETTY MARRUFO
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ANN MARTINEZ-OWEN
JUVELINDA MARTINEZ
CELESTE MARTINI-TRUONG
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VONCILLE MATTHEWS
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VERDONDA MAYES-COOPER
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SANDRA MITCHELL
MERLITA MOISES
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DEBRA MURPHY
ROSALINDA MURRAY
EVANGELINE NAZAL
TITA NAPAGAO
RUBY NAVAL
STELA NEGLERIO
RONALD NELSON
ROSARIO NELSON
ROBERT NEWMAN
ROLINA NGO
IRENE NORTON
LEONARD OCHAT
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SUSAN ORLEANS
ENEDINA ORNELAS
REYNALDO ORTAL
VALARIE ORTIZ-RODRIGUEZ
VICTOR OVERTON

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OXNARD, CA
WAIPAHU, HI
KAPOLEI, HI
WAUKEGAN, IL

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MARION PARK
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MARY PEREZ-CRUZ
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RANDY RIDDICK
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JOHN RINEHART
EDNA ROBINSON
MINNIE ROGERS
EMMA MARIA ROSAS
FULGENCIA RUBI
LINDA RUCKER
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TRINIDAD SANDERS
ROSE SAN NICOLAS
ROLANDO SANCHEZ
NILO SANTA AGUEDA
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HISAKO SASMAN
BOUNXOU SAYSONGKRAM
DAVID SCHULTZ
EMORY SCPIO
LARRY SCOTT

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LETHA SHAW
AMY SHAZEL
JUDITH SHEFFIELD
PATRICIA SHEPPARD
JEFFREY SILER
IRIS SIRUNO
ALFRED SMALL
JO-ANN SMITH
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ROLAND SMITH
ROSEMARIE SMOOT
RONNIE SNOW
TRACY SOCKETT
KAREN SOLT
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DONALD SPAMER
BARBARA STAFFORD
YVONNE STANLEY
MICHELLE STATON
SHERRYGAIL STERLING-NEUHOFF
ROMER STONE
JUANITA SULIT
DONNA SULLIVAN
BOBBY SUMMERLIN
MARGARET SYKES
PATRICK SWANSON
CYNTHIA SWARTZ
YOLAND TABIJE
LARRY TATUM
MARGARET TEAGUE
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VINCENT TENORIO
CORONA TEO
MERCEDITA TERRY
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MALVINA THOMPSON
ESMERALDA TIEDGE
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EARLEAN WALKER
TONG WALLMAN
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LARRY WILLIAMS
LULA WILLIAMS
ROBERT WILLIAMS
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STEVEN WILLIAMS
MARILOU WILLIS
MICHEALE WILSON
ESTER WILWAYCO
RAMONA WINDAU
BRIAN WOLF
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SUSAN WOODMAN
DEANNA YEE
ROBERT ZERBY

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MARINA, CA
GROTON, CT
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YONA, GU
PENSACOLA, FL
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CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
FALLON, NV
NORFOLK, VA
MARINA, CA
SAN DIEGO, CA
ROCKVILLE, MD
BREVARD, NC
SAN DIEGO, CA
MARYSVILLE, WA
EL CAJON, CA
NEWPORT, RI
MIDDLEBURG, FL
CHESAPEAKE, VA
SUFFOLK, VA
YOKOSUKA-SHI, JAPAN
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
CHESAPEAKE, VA
LILLIAN, AL
FPO AE
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
SILVERSPRINGS, MD
CHESAPEAKE, VA
PORT HUENEME, CA
OXNARD, CA
NORFOLK, VA
SAN DIEGO, CA
HEMET, CA
MILLINGTON, TN
SAUCIER, MS
KINGSLAND, GA
AIEA, HI
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

RECENTLY DECEASED

ROBERT BRADLEY
JERRY COLE

LAUREL, NY
MOOREFIELD, WV

OLIVIA DAVARES
JAMES CARBONE JR

DEDEDO, GU
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: RAYE EATON



Our spotlight this quarter shines on the President of the NEREA Tidewater Chapter, Ms. Raye Eaton. Raye retired from NEXCOM in 2003 as an HR Staffing

Specialist after 39 years of dedicated service. She spent a majority of her career as a personnel manager at various locations within the Navy Exchange system to include Portsmouth, VA, New London, RI, NAVRESSO located in Staten Island, NY, Mechanicsburg, PA, and Norfolk, VA. Raye has held the role of President of the Tidewater Chapter for the past ten years, a role she is extremely passionate about. Her main goals are preserving the retiree benefits, contributing to the NEREA Scholarship fund and continuing to encourage retirees to attend the monthly chapter meetings so they can stay connected with each other and keep informed on any changes that may directly impact them.

If you have ever attended one of her meetings you can feel her enthusiasm and excitement. Her positive attitude and humor is infectious. She is truly the glue that has kept this chapter together, especially during the Covid pandemic when monthly in person meetings couldn't happen. When Raye first took over the role of president there were about 17 members who attended the monthly meetings. The chapter has since grown to where approximately 60 - 80 members now attend the monthly meetings. Raye has focused on ways to grow the membership over the years and ways to increase the yearly scholarship donations. At each monthly meeting there is a 50/50 raffle that members can participate in. Half of the ticket sales are raffled off and 60% of the remaining funds goes toward the scholarship fund. Another way that Raye has raised money and excitement is through fun baskets that are also raffled off during the monthly meetings. The chapter holds an annual Christmas party in addition to other social events during the year. Over the past 10 years the Tidewater chapter has contributed \$17,000 to the scholarship fund.

The group has helped the local community by holding food drives for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Contributions have amounted to providing over 9,000 meals to those in need.

Each Tidewater chapter member receives a special treat in the mail the month of their birthday. Raye personally writes and sends out approximately 40 birthday cards each month in addition to any get well and sympathy cards for chapter members. Those who have received a card know the beauty and uniqueness of these special cards. Raye not only writes them out, but she personally hand makes them! Each card is truly a piece of art and made from her heart. Receiving a birthday card is such a special way that Raye keeps everyone connected.

Raye is very excited as we head in to 2023. The chapter is looking at ways in continuing to support the scholarship program and new social event opportunities to keep the retirees can stay connected.

NEW BENEFIT COMING YOUR WAY!

Pets can bring such joy to our lives! The rewards of having pets and shaping them into well-mannered and lovable bundles of joy make us smile, right? We love to talk baby-talk to them, watch them grow, watch them do funny things, train and socialize them, and of course, receive those wonderful sloppy kisses!

Whether Fido is new to the family or your senior beloved companion, your intentions are always to provide him with the best life ever! But, sometimes, our precious four-legged friends have unexpected injuries and sickness.

Are you prepared for these unfortunate events? Possibly the worst situation you would ever face is having to euthanize your beloved best friend because you don't have the financial resources to have them treated.

If you are looking for a solution that may help prevent this situation happening to you, perhaps you may want to consider enrolling in our latest benefit: Pet Insurance. NEXCOM has partnered with MetLife to provide you with the opportunity to enroll in MetLife's Pet Insurance

at a discounted rate. This offering is voluntary and provides flexibility based on your needs. This program is a reimbursement plan and provides:

- Flexible coverage with up to 100% reimbursement
- Freedom to visit any U.S. licensed vet
- Optional Preventive Care coverage
- 24/7 access to Telehealth Concierge Services
- Discounts and offers on pet care
- MetLife's Pet mobile app to submit and track claims and manage your pet's health and wellness

In December, MetLife is opening up the Pet Insurance Call Center and website for you to receive quotes and enroll with an effective date of January 1, 2023. Thereafter, you can get a quote and enroll anytime of the year. Once you enroll, the effective date of coverage will begin on the first day of the following month. Learn more at www.metlife.com/getpetquote or call 1-800-GET-MET8.

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

The listing of new retirees in this newsletter is extensive, covering months January through October 2022. We welcome all 441 of you into our NEREA community.

Each of us spent many - many years in exchange service. Each of us has at least one memorable recollection of a special Navy Exchange or Coast Guard occurrence that would be worthy of sharing. As such, we ask each of you to raid your memories, your photo albums, your Navy Exchange boxes in the attic and send in pictures, stories or articles that we can publish in a future newsletter. Something as simple as a picture of an exchange coffee mug, hat or insignia, an exchange function, class or conference you attended. The memories section of future newsletters could be flooded with "memories" if we all took the time to find and send. You can mail articles/pictures to NEREA, PO Box 62189, Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2189 or attach them to an email and sent to Nereanational@gmail.com.

We have retirees living in, Milwaukee WI and OR, Monroe GA and WA, Monticello FL and KY, Moscow ID and TN and Milford MA, NY and CT.

Numerous members of NEREA are retired Naval Officers

who were assigned during their careers as Navy Exchange Officers, Directors Exchange and Commissary Divisions, Commanding Officers and in any number of positions at headquarters.

We have retirees living on Darlene Drive, Jennifer Lane and Circle, Donna Court, Street and Drive, Elizabeth Lane, Street, Avenue and Court.

Do you have a friend or neighbor that is a NEX or Coast Guard retiree, and not a member of NEREA? If yes, share your newsletter with them and encourage them to join with us?

Drop NEREA a note if you move. Numerous newsletters are returned after each printing and mailing due to changed mailing address. It takes some time to track down an address so we can put your newsletter back in the mail.

We have retirees living in every state, with Nebraska having the fewest and California having the most. Overseas, the least number of retirees live in Micronesia and Sweden with the most living in Italy.

NEX TRIVIA - CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN

1. Was NEX 080-030, NISSF located in Orange California, Orange Beach Alabama, Orange Florida or Orange Texas?

2. The Navy Resale System West Coast Branch provided technical guidance and administrative assistance to NEX activities in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Naval Districts. In what city was this Branch office located?

3. True or False: NEXCOM opened its first workplace plug-in vehicle (PEV) charging station at its headquarters building in Virginia Beach in 2017.

4. Which NEX opened the first stand-alone NEX Vision Center in 2015?

5. NEXCOM's Ships Store Program provides commissioned ships with a little bit of home while out to sea, which is particularly important over the holiday season. How many commissioned ships have Ships Stores? Is it 113, 123, 133 or 143?

6. April 1, 2015, a newly built 15,000 sq ft Student Store that served the needs of more than 6,000 nuclear power school students opened at what NEX?

7. What year did NEX Yokosuka Japan offer Microwave cooking classes, and for those purchasing an oven (marked down to \$428 from \$515) during a Mother's Day Sale, beginning and advanced courses in the "Science of Cooking with a Microwave",

8. In 1996 NEXCOM announced a new cash register system that would be introduced in 1997, starting on the west coast and then migrating to NEX Jacksonville and NEX Naples. What was this new cash register system called?

Answers on the bottom of page 8

- 1920 Canteen-type operations known as ships service, funded by crew members, offered sailors many afloat conveniences, including a laundry, barber shop, cobbler shop, tailor, presser and photographer.
- 1946 In April the Navy Ship's Store Office occupied the seventh floor of the building at 111 East 16th Street in Manhattan, then in September moved approximately 50 staff personnel from that location to the third floor of the Naval Clothing Depot, 29th Street and Third Avenue in Brooklyn.
- 1946 A training course for prospective ships service officers was established at the Naval Supply School in Bayonne, N.J.
- 1952 The only replenishment site for ships stores merchandise on the West Coast was the Naval Supply Center in Oakland, CA.
- 1960 NSSO established a film program in clubs and arranged for American entertainers to perform overseas. This added emphasis on entertainment, coupled with the renewed focus on renovations and management, resulted in rising sales and earnings during the 60's, all of which were used for club improvements.
- 1971 A one-stop shopping center, including a new Commissary Store, opens in Holy Loch, Scotland
- 1973 Oil shortages led to gasoline price wars, gasoline being received on a month-to-month basis, long lines at the pump and a decrease in service station sales.
- 1979 An overseas deferred payment plan was implemented at NEX Yokosuka, Japan.
- 1985 Ladies slacks marketed under the exclusive Harbor View label were introduced.
- 1989 The Navy Lodge Program established the Carlson Award, to recognize Navy Lodge excellence. The award was named after Edward E. Carlson who served as a member of the Navy Resale System Advisory Committee for 24 years.
- 1992 NEX optical shops began carrying the Harbor View private label line of eye-wear.
- 1995 The Leadership Education and Development, or LEAD, course was introduced to provide supervisory associates with the necessary skills to become successful leaders. The LEAD course was followed by the Career Management Program in 1996. This program replaced the Executive Management Program, originally established in the 1970's, and the Senior Management Program, originally established in the 1980's.
- 2013 The Navy celebrates its 238th birthday on October the 13th.
- 2015 The winner of the Navy Lodge of the Year's Carlson Award is Navy Lodge NEX Bangor, WA.
- 2018 Tropical cyclone Sagar had a significant impact to the base, and NEX, at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa. The base was closed for approximately 36 hours during the storm. A team of six managers were able to open the main exchange during the storm for 12 hours and six hours on two of base closure days.
- 2021 NEREA awarded four \$2000 scholarships.

Trivia Answers from page 7

1. Find the answer on the right
2. Oakland
3. True
4. NEX Little Creek, VA
5. 133
6. NEX Charleston, SC
7. 1978
8. POS – Point of Sale



NEX 080-030.
Disestablished 6/30/76

*Final Chapter of what was once
a major US Navy Shipyard,
which opened 24AUG 1940,
located on the Sabine River.*

TRAINING COURSES SCHEDULED

The following is a tentative schedule of the management functional training courses to be offered by the Navy Resale System Office from June 1975 to June 1976. Persons interested in attending any of the following should contact their local personnel office for further details.

Course Title	Duration	Dates	
		1975	1976
Retail Store	10 days	16 June - 27 June	22 March - 2 April
Procurement	10 days	22 September - 3 October	5 January - 16 January
Visual Merchandising	10 days		10 May - 21 May
Food and Club Services	15 days		1 March - 12 March
			12 January - 30 January
			7 June - 25 June
Service Station	14 days	15 September - 2 October	
Personalized Services/Vending Management	15 days		22 March - 9 April
Office Management	10 days	8 September - 19 September	
Safety Management	5 days	11 August - 15 August	

Personnel are selected to attend these courses by the Navy Exchange Officer based on their present job duties, qualifications and potential. Course attendance is limited to approximately 20-25 personnel from various exchanges.

Beauty Salon Operations
Made Separate Department

The Navy Ship's Store Office has established a Beauty Salon Department under the control of the Personal Services Branch.

Increasing sales and additional beauty salons in the Navy Exchange Program warranted a breakaway from combined beauty/barbershop operations to the creation of a separate department (J-2) for effective management of beauty salons.

Jerome Kadesh, NSSO Personal Services Branch Manager, stated, "separate operating results will be compiled on beauty salons for purposes of inventory management, sales recording, expense budgeting, planning and control, isolation of operating deficiencies and evaluation of field managers."

The new department began operations September 26, 1967 at both the Navy Ship's Store Office and the 96 beauty salons operated by Navy Exchanges worldwide.

November 1967



Tidewater Chapter Meetings
June 2013 - Harvey Selling 50/50 Tickets



Tidewater Chapter Meetings
June 2019 Harvey still selling tickets

ATTENTION: SERVICES DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES

Facility	Employees	Average Sales Per Person—FY 1969
J-1—Barber Shops	764	\$9,774
J-2—Beauty Shops	376	7,828
J-3—Service Stations/Auto Repair Shops	1,636	42,299
K-1—Tailoring and Dry Cleaning	355	10,158
K-2—Photography	66	19,067
K-3—Watch Repair	56	13,195
K-4—Cafeterias and Snack Bars	4,985	16,819
K-5—EM Clubs	2,833	12,919
K-7—Guest Houses	65	6,402
K-8—Hotels/Motels	42	9,404
M-1—Laundry	2,313	5,399
M-2—Personal Services	686	25,036

November 1969

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How Much Did You
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