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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi Fellow Retirees and friends:

I hope all is well this summer. It has been a very unusual one with over 800 active forest fires in Canada causing problems in the Midwest and North Eastern states. This summer has also been setting records for high temperatures throughout the states. It really makes you appreciate air conditioning. We awarded 3 more Scholarships from our Scholarship program. This gives us a total of 179 scholarships awarded. We appreciate your support for this program. It is a non-profit entity in which every cent donated goes for Scholarships. Thank you very much!

Here are updates for our current issues....

## 1 - COMMUNICATION WITH NEXCOM HR

**NEXCOM HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADVICE FOR ALL NEXCOM RETIREES AND NEREA RECOMMENDS THAT THIS INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO YOUR BENEFICIARY OR SURVIVING SPOUSE.**

“Retirees and/or beneficiaries should contact NEXCOM Human Resources Group on the toll free number, 1-888-639-2363 for all benefit plan issues. Notification on the toll free number enables the most efficient and effective processing of entitlements due to the retiree and /or beneficiary.”

Following this enables NEXCOM HR to manage this process while also ensuring timely processing to resolve your issue.

## 2 – BASE ACCESS / CAC CARD ISSUE

August 31st will be the date that our retiree CAC card will no longer be valid. The new way to gain Base access will be to go to the Badge & Pass Office with your NX-129 and your Real ID Driver's License and your retiree CAC card, and/or your valid passport. The NX-129 can be obtained by calling 757-631-3742 and Jala will be able to print an NX-129 for you. It can be mailed to you. Please remember that each different Base may have slightly different rules. This should get you base access after your visit to the Badge and Pass Office. You will still need your DD Form 2574 (Privilege Card) to show you are an authorized patron at the Exchange.

## 3 – LONG TERM CARE ISSUE

The proposed price increase is still working through the process. NEXCOM has a new SVP of Human Resources coming aboard at the end of July and we will set up a meeting regarding the issue. Ellen Bennett (former Chief of Staff) met with NEXCOM CEO Robert Bianchi regarding this issue. In the meantime, keep those letters to elected officials going. We will continue to put information on our NEREA Face Book page regarding the issue. Just search for NEREA and

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# CHAPTER CHATTER

## TIDEWATER

Hi Everyone, hope you are doing just fine and enjoying your family, friends and retirement.

The Tidewater Chapter for the past year has averaged 63 to 67 people attending our monthly meeting. We have over 400 members supporting us by paying their \$5.00 a year dues. I am always looking and trying to improve memberships, all dues go towards scholarships. Our Chapter made a \$3000 dollar donation to the NEREA Scholarship Fund.

Our Spring food drive results were \$803.00 in cash and 50 lbs in food which was over 1100 meals. Thanks to everyone who made that happen.

As president of the Tidewater Chapter I can never give enough "thanks" to our officers and members for all they do. We have such a great bunch of people who give their time and their purse. A special "thank you" to Peggy Vitola for all her time, effort and meetings on Long Term Care.

Our next meeting is 7 September 2023, 11:00 at the Golden Corral on Independence Blvd. Va Beach. Meeting starts at noon, hope to see you there.

And a big thanks to Joe Box for attending our meeting to update us on the CAC card going away.

Stay well, safe and happy.  
Raye Eaton - President

## OAKLAND

June 21st was summer solstice, the start of the travel season. This summer was especially welcoming after 3



years of quarantine, subway take out sandwiches and travel restrictions.

In May 2023 I traveled to Yokosuka to visit the Navy Base. Entering Fleet Activities Yokosuka was like coming home. I previously had 2 amazing tours in Yokosuka.

Thank Matt Barnwell (DVP), Dennis Bael (DHR) and Christopher Lum (DFM) for sponsoring & welcoming me. I previously worked with Matt & Dennis. I met Christopher for the first time. The Navy Exchange looked great!

A bit of history.....Japan was opened by Commodore Matthew Perry in 1853 in Uruga, a part of Yokosuka, after being closed to the world for 250 years.

In 1871 Japan established the first Navy Base, Yokosuka Naval Yard, with the help of the French Government.

Fast forward, the U.S. Navy took control of the Yokosuka Navy Base on 30 August 1945 after WWII. Today it is home port to the U.S. Seventh Fleet, the largest forward deployed fleet. And the U.S. and Japan are close allies.

My holiday in Yokosuka was for 3 weeks. Visiting friends and former NEX accounting associates were the highlight of my trip!

Stay safe & well,  
Lucky Fung

## PENSACOLA

Greetings from Blazing Pensacola, These past few months our group has been on adventures from visiting other countries, finding long lost friends, visiting family hundreds of miles away,



improving or maintaining our homes and we are all better for the wear.

Our last meeting we had a PA educating us on Osteoporosis and how to improve our health through medication and information. Our theme this quarter was Patriotic with trivia and challenges at Po Folks. We also had a beautiful raffle item of a large vase and silk flowers and fresh blueberries. It was great to see our retirees full and happy,

Our next meeting will be at Sonny's on Navy Blvd, Sept 21 at 2:00 we hope to see you there.

Our fun group for St Patty's Day last quarter.

Charlene Gilbert - President  
cmgilbert2@hotmail.com

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The NEX Retirees coordinated an all-inclusive picnic for both retirees and former NEX employees on August 9, 2023. After weeks of unusual warm and sunny weather in the Northwest, the day of the picnic unleashed one full day of rain!

That did not stop a few retirees/ former employees from attending and enjoying a fun day of catching up with old friends!



# NEX TRIVIA - CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN

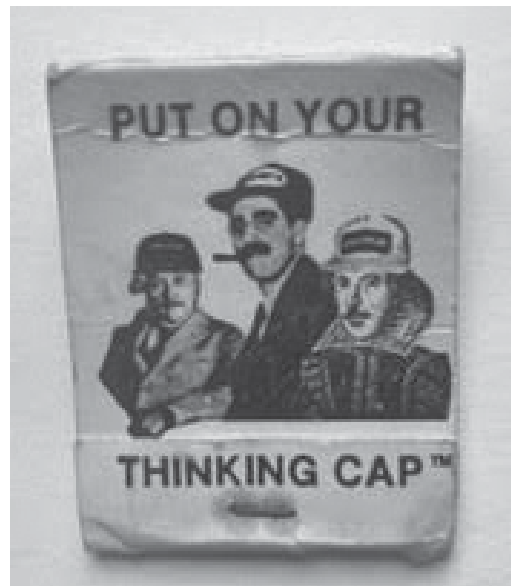
1. The Navy Resale System Office (NRSO) hit \$1 billion in sales (exchanges and commissaries) in 1969. What were commissary customers to look for that identified items that offered a minimum of 15% off the normal low commissary price?
2. True or False? NEX 080-070, Naval Air Technical Training Center (where WAVES, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service trained) was located in Cedar Falls, Iowa?
3. What is the program called that lets customers who purchase merchandise on - myNavyExchange.com - have their purchase sent to their local NEX for pick up rather than having it delivered to their home?
4. State-of-the-art vending machines, developed and installed at NEX Jacksonville FL in 1993, employed modern technology to provide food, beverages, snack and sundry items. What were these vending machines know as?
5. A Navy Resale Audio Video Communications Program was being developed in 1969, utilizing the most modern media at that time – videotape. Which of the following were notable advantages of this (then) new technology: Videotapes could be replayed immediately, the same tape could be electronically erased and used again, a videotape could be played back on a TV monitoring screen and videotapes could be processed for distribution on 8 and 16 mm film?
6. Purchase Grams - prepared and distributed to Navy Exchanges and Commissary stores highlighted seminars, contract renewals, management selections, pricing changes

and numerous related articles. What color paper were some Purchase Grams printed on?

7. Downsizing and reorganizing in 1992 lead to the disestablishment of Navy Exchanges at Subic Bay, Cubi Point and San Miguel in the Philippines as well as Exmouth in Australia. Two additional exchanges closed at this time were Thurso and St. Mawgan. Where were these exchanges located?

8. Current number of exchange associates worldwide exceeds 10,000, 12,000, 14,000 or 16,000?

*Answers on the bottom of page 6*



## RECENTLY DECEASED

ROSELIE AGUINALDO  
GRACIE ASKEW  
ANITA ATKINS  
BERTHA AWA  
VERNA CLAYTON  
FREDERICK CONTRERAS  
JOVITA DALANGIN  
MAIVA EPENESA  
SOLEDAD FAJOTA  
DANILO FAVO  
SANTIAGO GALANG  
LAURA HAMILTON

SUSIE HARGREAVES  
PAMELA KELLY  
DAVIDEE KIM  
OLIVIA LOCHMILLER  
ENRICO LOK  
MARIE MAGANA  
MARY MCYOUNG  
PAULINE MOODY  
ROGELIO MUNOZ  
FLODELIZA NATOR  
ROBERT NOYES  
LAUREN O'DEA

PAULA PECKHAM-CONGER  
MARIA POMEROY  
CORAZON ROMERO  
DEBRA SCHAEFERS  
WILLIAM SHAHEEN  
LOURDES SHIROMA  
MINERVA SIMMONS  
EVELYN SMITH  
HERMINE STEWART  
MICHAEL WICK

# NEW RETIREES / MARCH 2023 - AUGUST 2023

NORY LCANTARA  
MICAH ARIELS  
CASIANO ATIENZA  
GREGORIA AZURIN  
ELIZABETH BARBOSA  
WILLIAM BARNES  
AIMEE BIGELOW  
RICHARD BLOODWORTH  
ANTONETTE BRAME  
DAVID BROWN  
TINA BROWN  
LAWRENCE BRUNER  
DIOSDADO CABANLIG  
LIGAYA CAMBE  
MARLENA CHRISTIAN  
CONNIE COLE  
GLENDA COLWELL  
KIMBERLY COOPER  
LUCINDA CRESAP  
RENEE CROSS  
JEANETTE D'ANTUONO  
CRAIG DAVIS  
CHRISTOPHER DAVIS  
ADELINA DEGUZMAN  
CORNELIO DELACRUZ  
MAFE DELCAMPO  
NORMAN DICKSON  
HAO DORAN  
SELETA DOWNS  
MARY ELMORE  
SCOTT FOWLER  
REGINA FREEMAN  
SANDRA GASPERS  
MARY GASTON  
JENNIFER GIBBONS  
FRANK GIRESI  
ANNA GONZALES  
RONETA GONZALES  
JOSE HERNANDEZ  
CHRISTOPHER HOERNER  
TERESITA HONORATO  
RUBEN IRIZARRY  
CAROLYN JENKINS  
WAYNE JOHNSON  
CORAZON LADIA  
ANTHONY LAPINA  
LUCILLE LEE

EWA BEACH, HI  
PORT HUENEME, CA  
FREELAND, WA  
IMPERIAL BEACH, CA  
LEVITTOWN, NY  
PENSACOLA, FL  
NORFOLK, VA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
TOPSHAM, ME  
PENSACOLA, FL  
OLATHE, KS  
NORFOLK, VA  
HONOLULU, HI  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
OCEANSIDE, CA  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
CANTONMENT, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
WARWICK, RI  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
OAK HARBOR, WA  
EWA BEACH, HI  
WAIPAHU, HI  
WAIEGAN, IL  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
GROTON, CT  
SAUCIER, MS  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
CLEARWATER, FL  
CHULA VISTA, CA  
MONCK'S CORNER, SC  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
VIENNA, VA  
OXNARD, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
BELLE CHASSE, LA  
GROVE, CA  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
BOWLING GREEN, KY  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
ORLANDO, FL  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
ARLINGTON, TN  
PORTSMOUTH, VA

PRECELINDA LIBERATO  
AMY LINDQUIST  
MARIA LOPEZ  
STEVEN LOPEZ  
PATRICIA LOFTON  
MICHAEL LUONGO  
CELINA MANLEY  
LEE ANN MATSUOKA  
DAVID MATTHEWS  
DAVID MCALLISTER  
SHERIAL MCCANTS  
MILAGROS MCGRATH  
JEAN MINERA  
SANDRA MITCHELL  
RECHILDA MORALITA  
JANIE MUTCHER  
LEONILA OCHOA  
MARLENE ORTIZ  
MERCY QUILON  
ERIN RAMOS  
TERRI REICHLING  
JENNY ROBLES  
JOHN SCHLAFFER  
JAMES SEKUNDA  
JOHN SLUSARK  
RICHARD STAFFORD  
ROBERT STAN  
LAURA STEWART  
LESLIE STORMES  
STEPHEN STRICKLAND  
MERCELY TAPIA  
MARISSA TEAGUE  
BOBBIE TODD  
LOURDES TOSOC  
FERDINAND VELASCO  
ROLAND WALTERS  
CORAZON WATSON  
PAUL WELCH  
BRENDA WIGGINS  
CAROLINE WILLIAMS  
DONNA WILLIAMS  
JUANITA WILLIAMS  
DAWN WILLIAMSON  
LINDA WILLIAMSON  
TAMMY WILSON  
RONALD WITTHOFT II  
MONIQUE WOOD

NATIONAL CITY, CA  
BREMERTON, WA  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
CHULA VISTA, CA  
POMONA, CA  
FALL RIVER, MA  
HAGATNA, GU  
AIEA, HI  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL  
SPRING VALLEY, CA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
GERMANTOWN, MD  
KILN, MS  
YORKTOWN, VA  
FORT LEE, NJ  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
BARLETT, TN  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
MILILANI, HI  
NORCO, CA  
NATIONAL CITY, CA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
NEWPORT, RI  
OLD FORGE, PA  
VINE GROVE, KY  
SUFFOLK, VA  
PORTSMOUTH, VA  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
BREMERTON, WA  
CANTONMENT, FL  
WEBSTER, FL  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
EWA BEACH, HI  
DELRAY BEACH, FL  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
PARK CITY, IL  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
ALLENTON, MI  
PENSACOLA, FL  
NORFOLK, VA  
BLUFFTON, SC  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
TOMBALL, TX  
CORONADO, CA  
EPPING, NH

DEBRA ABERGAS  
ESTELA ALBA  
TINA MARIE ALIOTTA  
JENNY ARD  
ALICIA ASTROP  
JACQUELINE BARBON  
RAYFIELD BEAZER  
SHARON BROOKS  
JOSEPH BROWN  
AVRIL BYARS  
ANGELINE CANOY  
LITECIA CASTRO  
ELAINE CHARGUALAF  
JOHN COBERY  
CYNTHIA COLE  
THERESA COOK  
EMMA COPES  
JUDY CORNEJO  
JAMES CREECY  
RODEL CRUZ  
DAVID DESENA  
HUNG VAN DOAN  
CYNTHIA DODD  
JOHN V DOWDY  
ANA DULLA  
DONALD ELLIS  
MARCELA ESPINO-ELLIOT  
NIVIA ESTRADA  
DANIEL FERRER  
PAMELA FOGLE  
KELLY FOSTIER  
BELINDA K FOWLKES  
IMELDA FULGENCIO  
LYNNETTE GAWRYS  
WILMA GEORGE  
HEIDI GIESLER  
LOUIS V GUNDY  
JUDY R HANCOCK  
GERALD D HARRIS  
LAURIE HASTEN  
MARIA HAYLER  
MARY L HAYNES  
ELLIS HICKS  
JAINA E HODEL  
VINCENT HOLLEY  
CYRILL HOTCHKISS  
DAVID JUDY  
SHIZUKO KAWASAKI

WAIPAHU, HI  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
STATEN ISLAND, NY  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
SAN ISIDRO, CA  
MARYSVILLE, WA  
KEY WEST, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
SUITLAND, MD  
BUCKEYE, AZ  
WAIPAHU, HI  
FAIRBANKS, AL  
DENVER, CO  
PALM SPRINGS, CA  
PFLUGERVILLE, TX  
PENSACOLA, FL  
BAKER, LA  
TRENTON, FL  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
NATIONAL CITY, CA  
CHULA VISTA, CA  
SAN LEANDRO, CA  
YORK, ME  
PITTSBURGH, WA  
SANTA RITA, GU  
CASA GRANDE, AZ  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
LUQUILLO, PR  
SANTA ISABEL, PR  
OAK HARBOR, WA  
ORLANDO, FL  
DELRAY BEACH, FL  
NEW MARKET, MD  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
MORENO VALLEY, CA  
GRAYS LAKE, IL  
CASSELBERRY, FL  
LOVELAND, CO  
MURRELLS INLET, SC  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
OAK HARBOR, WA  
DRUMMONDS, TN  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
SPRINGFIELD, MO  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
AMARILLO, TX  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
EWA BEACH, HI

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MARIO LOVATO  
EDNA LOVICK  
SYLVIA MAJOR  
RAMONA MAROON.  
JANET MARQUEZ  
WILLIAM MAYALL  
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MELVIN PAUL  
LUCIA PEREIRA  
BRENDA PICKENS  
SHARON RAINES  
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TERESITA SHELTON  
CHARLOTTE SIMPKINS  
PETER SPENCER  
HERMINIA STREIBLE  
DEBRA TERRILL.  
SARA THOMPSON  
ERLINDA TOLEDO  
BARBARA VASQUEZ  
JANNETTE VERA JORDAN  
GLORIA WIGGINS  
JANET WILLIAMS  
RICHARD WILLIAMS II  
WILFRED WILLIE  
SERAFIN YAP  
ADALGISA ZWICK

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SAN DIEGO, CA  
BREMERTON, WA  
NATIONAL CITY, CA  
FORT WORTH, TX  
VENTURA, CA  
GROVETOWN, GA  
OXNARD, CA  
KENOSHA, WI  
NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV  
GEORGETOWN, TX  
HONOLULU, HI  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
NORFOLK, VA  
OXNARD, CA  
DRUMMONDS, TN  
KAPOLEI, HI  
INGLESIDE, IL  
HANFORD, CA  
WAVELAND, MS  
PENSACOLA, FL  
LANSING, MI  
SALINAS, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
SAN BERNARDINO, CA  
BREMERTON, WA  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
ROBERTSDALE, AL  
NEWARK, NJ  
CHULA VISTA, CA  
GLEN BURNIE, MD  
ST MARYS, GA  
MT PLEASANT, SC  
MERIDIAN, MS  
PANAMA CITY, FL  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
DEDEDO, GU  
ST MARYS, GA

# DID YOU KNOW

1950's One of the unique ship store projects of this decade was the establishment of a retail outlet in Antarctica. The store would support Admiral Byrd's Antarctic expedition, otherwise known as Operation Deep Freeze. To support the expedition, NSSO conducted an exhaustive service of low temperature tests before selecting a two-year supply of merchandise.

1969 The first Navy Exchange Service Center (NESC) opened in San Diego California providing centralized support to all exchanges in the San Diego area.

1974 The Universal Annual Salary Plan was adopted and approximately 1,700 management personnel were converted to the UA plan.

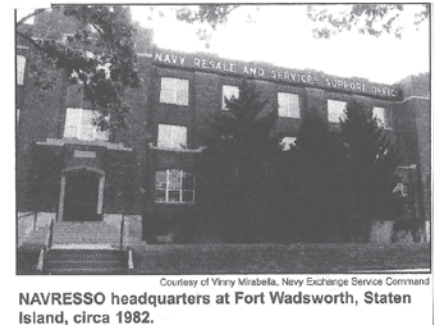
1986 Credit card purchases accounted for 11 percent of total sales, and this figure grew to 12.7 percent in 1987.

1990 The Value Pricing and Super Value programs were introduced. The Super Value program replaced the Budget program and offered savings on regularly stocked merchandise. The Value Pricing program achieved savings by setting prices at, or below, the lowest price being charged by nearby commercial retailers.

1991 The Navy Resale and Services Support Office (NAVRESSO) became the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM), and the Navy

Resale System became the Navy Exchange System. Field Support Offices (FSO) were renamed Navy Exchange Service Centers, or NEXCENS.

Field Support Office Auburn is highlighted on pages 8 and here is a picture of NAVRESSO headquarters at the foot of the Verazano Bridge at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island.



1993 NEREA was established and chartered

1999 The 5th NEREA convention was held in San Diego, 1-5 May

2004 The Uniform Program Management Office introduced the U.S Navy Premier Collection of uniforms manufactured by Brooks Brothers.

2015 New 24/7 Micro Markets in facilities with limited food options opened at Naval Station Mayport FL and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi TX.

2020 In-store military resale, Navy lodging, commissary shopping as well as MWR activity use was extended to certain eligible Veterans and their primary Caregivers.

2022 NEREA awarded five (5) \$2,000 scholarships.

1. Find the answer to the right.
2. False – This NEX was located in Norman, Oklahoma.
3. The Ship to Store Program
4. Automated Auxiliary Retail Outlets (AARO)
5. All four were advantages, as well as videotapes could be made of on-the-spot lectures, discussions and conferences.
6. Yellow paper.
7. United Kingdom.
8. 14,000



# NEREA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For the academic year 2023-24 the NEREA Scholarship Fund awarded two \$2,000 and one \$1,000 scholarships to children and grandchildren of NEREA members/NEXCOM associates. The \$5,000 scholarship funds would not have been possible without the generosity of NEREA members and the Tidewater NEREA Chapter. A most sincere Thank You to all.



**Emily Box**

*School: Univ. of Mary Washington  
Sponsor: NEXCOM Associates  
Parents: Joe and Susan Box*



**Annabelle Fierro**

*School: Univ. of Rhode Island  
Sponsor: NEREA Member  
Grandmother: Loretta Lambert*



**Colton Peregrino**

*School: Tidewater Community College  
Sponsor: NEREA Member  
Grandmother: Lucinda Carscallen*

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER *Continued from page 1*

there will be our page. Participation requires being a dues paying member. As a reminder, NEREA dues are \$10 a year. We will be doing a check on the current NEREA Face Book members to ensure membership. You can send a check to:

NEREA  
P.O. Box 62189  
Virginia Beach, VA 23466

### 4 – NEW RETIREE LIST

NEXCOM HR did a deep dive in their database and came up with 150 plus folks that were not included in any of the lists sent to NEREA. They are now in this edition of the newsletter plus those folks who retired in May, June, and July. Both the newly found folks and the latest retirees will be getting this edition of our newsletter. WELCOME!

Cheers,  
Tom Williams

# HIGHLIGHTED NEX: FSO AUBURN

SERVICING NAS ADAK, PSNS BREMERTON, NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND, NSB BANGOR, NSA SANDPOINT SEATTLE

## FSO Auburn Region Award Potporri

### FSO Auburn

Employee of the Quarter - Lola Cobb

Sara - Anna Foster

20 Year Service Award - Robert Church  
and Lorraine Lighbody

5 Year Service Award - Georgia Vincent

Birthday greeting - Alicia Fernandez, John  
Reeves, Marna Unruh, Akiko Egge and  
Bill Hart

### NEX Bremerton

10 Year Service Award - Robin Austin

### NEX Bangor

5 Year Service Award - Donna Morgan

250 Sick Leave Award - Reiko Ward,  
Esmeralda Dela Cruz and Victoria Dela  
Cruz

500 Hour Sick Leave Award - Myrna

Flores (Keyport)

1000 Hour Sick Leave Award - Joyce

Matchett

### NEX Seattle

10 Year Service Award - Dale Glover

5 Year Service Award - Krista Klawa

### NEX Whidbey Island

15 Year Service Award - Jan Cozine

10 Year Service Award - Pricilla Wilbur  
and Laureta Geren

5 Year Service Award - L. Ochoa

Did you have the privilege of flying from Anchorage to Adak on Reeve Aleutian Airways. We buckled our seat belts tightly. Did you stay in one of the 4 guest house units operated by the NEX at Adak, or possibly at the drafty BOQ? Were you there in June of 1980 to contribute to the opening day sales of the new Ice Cream Shoppe, which exceeded \$1,400. ADAK was closed as a result of downsizing and base realignments in 1993.

## LEARNING CORNER

Forty Auburn FSO Region Supervisors are "PURR"ing after attending the 1987 Pacific Northwest supervisor Workshop at Gold Bar.

Now, what is this "PURR"ing you ask? Capt. Fyfe will tell you it is proper definition of PRIORITIES: a sense of URGENCY relative to work; established areas of RESPONSIBILITY with proper accountability, and being RESPONSIVE to staff, customers, employer and the many demands placed upon each of us.

LCDR Holtsclaw gave an organizational overview of where we've been and where we're going. My survey of what employees want in an ideal supervisor/manager showed that the No.1 desire was to have fair treatment among all employees-no favorites. The second priority was good communication and listening skills. Third was flexibility and understanding. Fourth was feedback; to let employees know what's right and what's wrong. Fifth was to define job guidelines so employees could do a better job.

Tom Cunningham was the group discussion leader and discussion was lively and productive.

A good, productive time was had by all. Will you all PURR along with us?

Bonnie Wood  
Employee Development Specialist



FSO Auburn Regional Personnel Staff



Thanks Anna Foster for contributing input for this FSO Auburn highlight. We are now soliciting interest for our next Highlighted NEX article. If you would like to participate in developing a highlight article, highlighting YOUR NEX for a future NEREA newsletter, please let your desire be known by emailing [nerEANational@gmail.com](mailto:nerEANational@gmail.com). We'll get back with you and start developing article details.



# MEMORIES



Management staff of NEX Subic Bay, Philippines - April 1988.  
Thanks to Mark Giles for sending this picture.

## Accounts Payable and Expense Item Procurement Team Recommended Changes Presented By Tom Burke, Team Business Partner

The petty cash cap will be raised from \$25 to \$100 per transaction. Using our new cash registers to register "disbursements," as well as sales, means never having to reimburse petty cash from the NEXCEN.

VISA credit cards will be used, the majority of the time, to buy supplies and emergency expense items at every exchange. This will fulfill the needs of the stores faster and avoid the lengthy purchase order generation and accounts payable processes.

Payments will be triggered by an electronic RGR rather than by a paper vendor invoice. This will eliminate the need to wait for receipt of a vendor invoice and the need to match it to its RGR for payment.

Centralized bill payment will provide the system with one vendor debit balance list which improves our ability to collect balances due from vendors.

One vendor code will be assigned to each vendor throughout the world to improve the clearance of vendor debit balances and prevent duplicate payments.

Most vendor payments will be made with an electronic funds transfer from our bank to the vendor's bank. This will eliminate the need to print and mail checks.

1995



As he tosses a coin, this denizen of bygone days is captured on white silk screen ribbon to be worn by exchange associates.

November 1980

1987

Keflavik

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