Sailors enjoy Super Bowl XLVI at Spectrum Center

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Single Sailors and geographical bachelors kick back for a couple of hours to watch Super Bowl XLVI with breakfast, buffalo wings and other events at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY)'s Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Spectrum Center, single Sailor liberty lounge Feb. 6.

The Spectrum Center opened its doors at 6 a.m. to offer the Sailors the opportunity to partake in all of the Super Bowl events while they were happening live back in the United States. MWR personnel offered many give-a-ways, door prizes and other gifts for those who participated including a special treat for those early-rising devoted fans.

"For the first Sailors who arrived in their team's jerseys, we gave away special seating in the front row so they could enjoy an upfront view," said Cristina Neumann, MWR's special events and liberty program manager. "They received VIP gift bags including MWR gift certificates, CoCo Curry dinners and other goodies. Also, they will be able to sit next to the Hooters calendar girls that will be here during the fourth quarter of the game."

"You can't get much more American then the Super Bowl, so we wanted to make sure that we offer our Sailors and Marines here the best possible experience." said Neumann. "The Spectrum Center liberty lounge is used as the Sailors' living room, so for all these guys and girls living on the ships or in the barracks, we are trying to throw that ultimate Super Bowl party that they would have back at home with their friends and family."

For the single Sailor or unaccompanied active-duty military member, the Spectrum Center offers amenities to help give you the comforts of being back in the states.

"We have 10 video gaming stations fully equipped with Xbox 360's, PS3's and Nintendo Wii's along with over 200 game titles on file that they can choose from…the liberty Spectrum Center is the place to be for all your single Sailor gaming needs."

"It does not matter your rank or rate, the single active-duty military member can come in for free and use any of our services."

The Spectrum Center is a full-service facility dedicated to the single Sailor. A full calendar of events every month provides many options to relax including pizza nights, free Wi-Fi Internet, 38 computers with open access so Sailors can stay in touch with friends and family back at home though Facebook and YouTube. They also have phones where they can make phone calls back to the states free of charge.

Active-duty military members enjoy Hooters' buffalo wings during the Super Bowl XLVI party in the Spectrum Center at James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center on board Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Feb. 6.

"The center also provides services like tours, outdoor recreation and guidance on how to plan your own tour, if you want to do something on your own."

The Spectrum Center participates in the U.S. Navy motion picture program that provides the center with over 700 movie titles that anyone can choose on a first come first serve basis to be watched on their 105 inch overhead-projected screen with surround sound.

"We really have all of what the Sailor needs to really enjoy their down time."

A Hooters calendar girl autographs a calendar during their visit to the Spectrum Center liberty Sailor lounge for the Super Bowl XLVI party Feb. 6.

Navy releases FY-12 continuation board results to Sailors

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – Results from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 performance-based board for continuation of senior enlisted (SECB) were posted in Bupers Online (BOL) for individual Sailors access, according to Navy Administrative Message (NAVADMIN) 054/12, released Feb. 14a

More than 7,000 senior enlisted Sailors reviewed by the FY-12 performance-based board for continuation of senior enlisted were selected for continuation.

"A performance-based board for continuation of senior enlisted Sailors with more than 19 years of active service is part of our continuing strategy to optimize the quality of those serving. It focuses on retaining our top performers, while managing the force," said Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, chief of naval personnel.

The FY-12 board convened Dec. 5, 2011, and considered 7,684 active duty, full-time support and Reserve candidates with more than 19 years of service and three years' time-in-grade for continuation who met eligibility guidance outlined in NAVADMIN 194/11. Of these eligible senior enlisted, 7,091 candidates were selected for continuation; 593 candidates were not selected for continuation.

Senior enlisted considered by the FY-12 board are classified in one of three categories in BOL:

S - Selected for continuation.

N- Not selected for continuation.

H- Not selected for continuation – In a hold status.

Sailors not selected for continuation must transfer to the fleet reserve or retire by Sept. 30, 2012 and will have access to the Navy's Transition Assistance Management Program.

Like Perform to Serve for junior enlisted, and the Selected Early Retirement Board for officers, the senior enlisted continuation board is a force management measure, allowing Navy to retain the best Sailors while meeting current and future planned end-strength controls.

The senior enlisted continuation board is a performance-based board, meaning there are no quotas. The board is directed to select or not select as many senior enlisted for continuation as they deem appropriate within the guidance provided in the precept. Continuation of candidates with no documented substandard or marginal performance indicators in their record is presumed.

The precept can be found on the "Enlisted Continuation" page under the "Boards" section of the NPC web site.

For more information about the SECB, read the NAVADMIN 194/11 and visit www.npc.navy.mil or contact NPC customer service center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC or CSCmailbox@navy.mil.