Top enlisted supply Sailor brings roadshow to Japan

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The Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) top enlisted advisor visited with all Sailors in enlisted supply ratings during a Supply Enlisted Roadshow that toured Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka as well as Naval Air Facility Atsugi Aug. 15-17.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Supply Community and NAVSUP Command Master Chief Petty Officer (SW/AW) Sidney Dawson Jr. spoke with local Sailors about their career plans and topics including: advancement, retention, career planning, assignments and retirement options.

"This roadshow is all about enhancing your knowledge and increasing your decision making abilities," said Dawson.

Dawson and his team of subject matter experts linked up with NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka's Command Master Chief and broadcast the roadshow on a special video teleconference (VTC) to various sites across the western pacific to include: Singapore, Hong Kong, Sasebo and Diego Garcia.

"Our VTC ability to our sites, allowed the information to get out and reach more supply Sailors not just FLC Yokosuka Sailors but our invitation allowed for larger contingents of supply rated Sailors from various commands to take part," said Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Juan Morales, NAVSUP FLC Yokosuka's Command Master Chief. "Every enlisted sailor within the supply community has benefited from attending this event."

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka Sailors and other local Sailors in enlisted supply ratings listen to Command Master Chief Petty Officer (SW/AW) Sidney Dawson Jr., Master Chief Petty Officer of the Supply Community and Naval Supply Systems Command, during the Supply Enlisted Roadshow Aug. 16 at the Fleet Theater onboard Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The event educated Sailors on how to manage their careers.

This roadshow developed by the Supply community specifically for its Sailors, is the only one of its kind.

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George Washington holds its command picnic

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The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) held a command picnic while moored at its forward operating port of Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), Aug. 15.

George Washington, after recently returning home at the end of her summer patrol, completing her Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV), and holding a change of command ceremony, it was time allow for the ship's crew to relax during her brief stay in port.

The picnic gave Sailors a chance to take a break from the ship's hectic schedule and enjoy a few hours in the sun with their shipmates, along with some grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and live entertainment.

"With the second half of our patrol right around the corner, it's great to spend as much time outside as we can," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Mark Alexander, from Enterprise, Ala. "It's a welcome break after a successful INSURV."

The event was a team effort between the *George Washington* Supply Department, local contractors and CFAY Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division. Several contractors working with the base set up a stage on the pier to cook the food and serve the drinks, where a team of Sailors and civilians unloaded pallets of food and beverages to serve to *George Washington*'s crew.

LN2 Jeffrey Greener, from Phoenix, picks up a cheese burger from the serving line during a barbeque for the crew of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Aug. 15.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Stephanie Smith

"In addition to all the organizations who came together to make this a possibility, we had all kinds of Sailors volunteer their off-duty time to help with the planning and execution," said Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Mattie Hackney, from Daytona Beach, Fla. "This was a team effort and it helped make the picnic a very successful event."

George Washington's leadership team also took some time out of their schedules to join their Sailors on the pier and unwind.

"This crew deserves a little downtime; they worked their tail off both while underway and through INSURV," said Command Master Chief Shaun Brahmsteadt, from Montague, Calif, *George Washington*'s command master chief. "I'm extremely impressed with the crew's morale and work ethic, and I'm very proud of them."