MCPON visit inspires patriotism, professionalism, pride

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Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West completed a recent tour of the Western Pacific region where he met and discussed Navy issues with Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Yokosuka Command Master Chief (CMDCM) (SW/AW) Juan Morales, Aug. 31.

West's 18-day trip included all hands calls, tours and visits with enlisted members in Hawaii, Guam, Japan and Korea, discussing topics such as manning, rate mergers, education, uniforms and the future of the Navy.

FISC Yokosuka Western Pacific enterprise includes 20 sites, detachments and fuel terminals spanning 19 countries, so a number of FISC Sailors had the opportunity to meet with the popular MCPON, including FISC Site Atsugi, Japan Chief Logistics Specialist (AW) Ulysses Lor, and FISC Site Chinhae, Korea Logistics Specialist 1st Class (SW) LaShawna Calloway.

"The MCPON was very friendly, very positive and is genuinely interested and concerned about enlisted issues," Calloway said. "And, he also talked about family issues and how important they are in our military lives."

Lor agreed. "He inspires. You can tell by his dedication to his role as the Navy MCPON that he is devoted to ensuring success in Sailors' professionalism and personal lives as well."

It was during his final wrap-up visit to Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) that Morales engaged the MCPON on various enlisted issues.

"It was an informal but very enlightening talk," Morales said. "He had just delivered a pep talk to chief petty officer (CPO) selectees, providing them some very inspirational words about patriotism, leadership, pride and professionalism. He hasn't changed in the 10 years I've known him."

Morales and West were acquaintances when West was force master chief for Commander Submarine Forces U.S. Pacific Fleet in 2001.

"He was and remains one of the most energetic people I know; he's definitely one of the most energetic MCPONs I've known."

(Left) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West discusses leadership, professionalism, education and enlisted manning issues with Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Yokosuka Command Master Chief Juan Morales during a meeting with chief petty officer selectees here during his recent tour of the Western Pacific region.

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(左)リック・ウェスト米海軍最先任兵曹長(MCPON)は米海軍横須賀基地で兵曹長(選)たちと対面した際、リーダーシップ、プロ意識、教育、下士官の配備問題についてFISC横須賀ファン・モラレス部隊最先任兵曹長と話し合う。

米海軍写真:マスコミュニケーション専門官ジェニファー・ヴィラロボス1等兵

Morales said it is that energy that helps the MCPON connect with younger Sailors.

"For his age, he is very connected with our younger Sailors," Morales said. "He knows how to communicate with them. He has presence on both Facebook and Twitter."

According to Morales, the MCPON and younger Sailors may be from different generations, but he shares with them a common understanding of the basic values of pride and professionalism. Morales said he discussed the MCPONs priorities during his visit.

"His priorities include professionalism, physical fitness and being professionally competitive," he said.

Morales said the MCPON was proud that the Navy boasts the highest retention rate among the services and very low attrition.

"He told our CPO selectees that the next two to five years are going to be the most challenging in today's competitive Navy; performance will be more competitive than ever," he said.

Morales said the MCPON inspired what he himself communicates to his enlisted Sailors.

"Stay competitive, get your education, follow your sea-shore rotation schedule and performance, performance, performance," Morales added.

米海軍最先任兵曹長、愛国心、プロ意識、プライドを鼓舞

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先日、リック・ウエスト米海軍最先任兵曹長(MCPON)は西太平洋地域の視察を終えた。その期間中8月31日には横須賀補給センター(FISC横須賀)のファン・モラレス部隊最先任兵曹長と会談し、海軍の問題点を話し合った。

ウエスト米海軍最先任兵曹長は18日間の視察旅行でハワイ、グアム、日本、韓国を訪れ、全体集会、視察、下士官との面会の場を持ち、要員配備、役職統合、教育、制服、海軍の将来などを話し合った。

西太平洋地域にあるFISC横須賀は19カ国に点在する20のサイト、支所、燃料ターミナルで構成されている。FISC横須賀厚木サイト後方支援専門官ユリシーズ・ローア兵曹長、FISCチンヘサイト後方支援専門官ラショーナ・キャロウェー1等兵曹など大勢のFISC横須賀海軍兵たちが、人気で多忙な米海軍最先任兵曹長と話す機会を持った。

「米海軍最先任兵曹長は、とても親しみやすく、前向きで、真に下士官の問題に興味を示し、気遣ってくれました。また、家族の問題や軍隊生活における家族の重要性についても話してくれました」とキャロウェー1等兵曹。

ローア兵曹長も同じ思いであった。「米海軍最先任兵曹長は、やる気を起こさせてくれます。それは、米海軍最先任兵曹長として自分の役割にいかに取り組んでいるかを見れば一目瞭然です。下士官のプロ意識や私生活における成功を実現させることに専念しています。」

モラレス部隊最先任兵曹長が様々な下士官の問題を話し合ったのは、米海軍最先任兵曹長が視察旅行の最終訪問地として米海軍横須賀基地を視察したときであった。

「それは非公式でしたが、とても有意義な会談でした。兵曹長(選)たちに檄を飛ばし、愛国心、リーダーシップ、プライド、プロ意識について、勇気の沸く言葉を投げかけてくれました。知り合ってから10年間、彼は変わっていません」

ウエスト米海軍最先任兵曹長が米海軍太平洋艦隊潜水艦部隊司令部の部隊最先任兵曹長を務めていた当時、モラレスとウエストは知人であった。

「過去、現在、私の知りうる限り最高に精力的な人であり、間違いなく最高に精力的な米海軍最先任兵曹長です。」

その活力が米海軍最先任兵曹長と若い下士官を繋げている要因となっている、と語るモラレス部隊最先任兵曹長。

「あの年齢にしては、若い海軍兵と強いつながりを持っており、どのように彼らと会話を持てばいいのか分かっています。フェイスブックやツィッターでもその存在感を発揮しています。米海軍最先任兵曹長と若い海軍兵は、異なる世代かも知れませんが、プライドやプロ意識の基本的な価値に関して共通の理解を持っています。

モラレス部隊最先任兵曹長は米海軍最先任兵曹長としての優先事項について話し合った。

「優先事項にはプロ意識、体力、プロとしての競争心などがあります。」

米海軍最先任兵曹長は、米海軍がその兵士の定着率が一番高いことと低い兵数自然減率を自慢にしていると誇らしげであった、と語るモラレス部隊最先任兵曹長。

「米海軍最先任兵曹長は、今日の競争心のある米海軍においてこの先2年から5年が非常に厳しくなり、実績の競争がかつてないほどに、さらに激しくなるだろうと兵曹長(選)たちに語っていました。」

モラレス部隊最先任兵曹長によると、米海軍最先任兵曹長は米海軍兵に伝えたことを鼓舞した。

「競争心を持ち続け、勉強し、陸上・海上交代勤務スケジュールに従い、後は実績、実績、実績。」

(Right) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West talks with LS1 LaShawna Calloway at the childcare center during his recent tour of the Western Pacific region, which included stops in Hawaii, Guam, Japan and Korea.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jennifer A. Villalovos

8月26日、韓国を訪問した際、リック・ウェスト米海軍最先任兵曹長(MCPON)は現地、保育所でFISCチンヘサイト後方支援専門官ラショーナ・キャロウェー1等兵曹と話す。

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Surveys required after PCS moves

All Department of Defense (DoD) personnel making a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move are requested to use the newly activated computer-based Defense Personal Property System (DPS) at www.move.mil, and stop using the Navy Web-based interface, SMART WebMove.

According to the website, "DPS is your one-stop system for Government moves. DPS manages everything from premove counseling to scheduling your pick-up and delivery and from customer surveys to claims if required."

Upon completion of your move, you are also required to complete customer satisfaction surveys (CSS) related to household goods shipments. The CSS is a critical component of DPS. Your opinion counts; the survey results help determine which carriers provide best value service, and give program administrators the information necessary to provide the outstanding relocation service DoD service members and civilians deserve. A link is provided in the e-mail sent after a household goods shipment is delivered, or visit www.move.mil and click on the survey link.

U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Personal Property Office (PPO) strongly recommends people who move to and from Yokosuka to participate in CSS.

Call 243-7062 for more information.