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NEXCOM CEO Announces Merger and the Creation of the NEX Far East District

Retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, CEO of the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) announced today the merger of the NEX Guam and NEX Japan Districts. Effective July 1, 2019, the restructure will create a single new “Far East District.” The Far East District will be headquartered in Yokosuka, Japan, and Matthew Barnwell, the current NEX Guam District Vice President, will assume the duties as District Vice President, NEX Far East District.

“The intent of the consolidation is to leverage back office synergies of similar business models and in similar geographic markets, while capitalizing on existing support of Navy leadership within both regions,” said Bianchi. “Today’s ever-changing retail landscape along with the Navy’s mission set requires our command to continually evolve as a business to remain relevant to our Sailors and the Navy. With this merger, NEXCOM will be able to improve both the customer experience and preserve the quality of life benefit.”

A new general manager will be hired to ensure leadership oversight of all NEX Guam businesses while maintaining current customer and mission support. The new general manager will report to both the Far East District Vice President and the Commanding Officer, Naval Base Guam.

The Far East District will be comprised of NEX locations and operations at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan; NEX Negishi Heights, Japan; Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan; NEX Sanno Hotel, Japan; Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan; NEX Hario, Japan; NEX Singapore; NEX Hong Kong; Naval Station Guam; Naval Communications and Telecommunications Station Guam; and Naval Hospital Guam.

NEXCOM has nine districts including the new Far East District. They are the European District headquartered in NSA Naples, Italy; Hawaii District in NB Pearl Harbor; Mid-South District in NAS Pensacola, Fla.; Northern District in NSA Annapolis, Md.; Northwest District in NS Bremerton, Wash.; Southeast District in NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; Tidewater District in JRB Little Creek-Fort Story, Va.; and the Western District in National City, Calif.

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The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) is one of 11 commands under Commander, NAVSUP. NEXCOM oversees 100 Navy Exchange (NEX) facilities and nearly 300 stores worldwide, 39 Navy Lodges, the Ships Store Program, the Uniform Program Management Office, the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility and the Telecommunications Program Office. NEXCOM's mission is to

provide authorized customers quality goods and services at a savings and to support Navy quality of life programs for active duty military, retirees, reservists and their families. NEXs and Navy Lodges operate primarily as a non-appropriated fund (NAF) business instrumentality. NEX revenues generated are used to support Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) programs. Since 1946, NEXCOM has given \$3.6 billion to Navy MWR quality of life programs. Shop online at myNavyExchange.com.