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From: Commanding Officer, USS MOUNT WHITNEY  
To: CIO, N6, Commander Navy Installation Command  
Via: Communications Department Head, USS MOUNT WHITNEY  
  
Subj: PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

1. USS Mount Whitney implemented the Personnel Accountability System for the Common Access Card (PAS/CAC) during a port visit to Lisbon, Portugal and found it greatly exceeded our expectations. We were able to deploy the system flawlessly after conducting a half-hour training session with the crew.
2. The program manager has not only been very responsive, but has shown a sincere willingness to work with us to tailor the system to meet our needs. The benefits of PAS/CAC from a security stand point truly outweigh our old system of manually tracking personnel signed out in logbooks. Logbook entries were susceptible to tampering, whereas PAS/CAC's requirement to scan the military id card ensures individuals log only themselves aboard/ashore. Additionally, a quick check of the system tells you who is, or is not, on board at any given time.
3. PAC/CAC shortens personnel processing time with its streamlined check-in and check-out process, alleviating long lines of personnel in the quarterdeck area. The ability for personnel to transit to and from the ship in a quick and orderly fashion has certainly decreased the burden on our quarterdeck watch standers.
4. In closing, I highly recommend the PAS/CAC system to commands looking for a secure automated system that increases accountability of personnel.

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*I was extremely skeptical of this system but now count myself as a huge supporter + water great!*