'ERP 1.1' denotes historic shift in Navy logistics

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Harry Ornelas is on a world tour. But, unlike Mariah Carey, Taylor Swift, or 50 Cent, Ornelas isn't out to entertain audiences from Yokosuka, Japan to Sigonella, Sicily with his vocal skills. When it comes to singing the praises of Navy logistics around the world, Ornelas will tell you the tunes are about to change.

Ornelas is the program manager for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) at Commander Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), headquartered in San Diego. He recently flew to Japan to provide FISC Yokosuka leadership and staff a primer on "ERP 1.1," the next generation, Web-based, integrated business solution.

"Yes, things are going to change and in a pretty big way," Ornelas said to FISC staff and employees following a Western Pacific area FISC offsite seminar. "The processes we use to serve the fleet are going to change."

Ornelas unveiled ERP 1.1 with a complex "rain drop" patterned graphic that illustrated in a pattern of concentric circles and peripheral circles of how ERP technology will be used to serve the fleet – for example: from purchase, through acquisition to fleet re-supply. "The chart looks busy," Ornelas conceded, "but look closely; you can see how supply flow through ERP will eliminate redundancies and make the business of supplying the fleet more efficient. It brings us into the 21st century along with our warfighters."

ERP isn't new to FISC. The command adopted internal ERP controls a year ago to handle such processes as employee time management and procurement processing. That iteration was labeled "ERP 1.0."

This next phase of ERP is, not surprisingly, "ERP 1.1." ERP will shift more processes associated with supplying the fleet via SAP technology. (SAP is a German-engineered internet-based, all-in-one total business software solution.) ERP is being custom designed from SAP to serve Navy needs. And, in Navy logistics management, it translates to a single supply solution.

"ERP 1.1 replaces several supply legacy systems that have been used since the late 1960s," said FISC Regional Services Material Services Manager and ERP 1.1 Special Assistant Sid Frazier. "This change is huge and historic as the Navy moves to this modern single supply solution.

"Plus, what makes ERP 1.1 different from 'ERP 1.0' is that, this time, we'll be migrating into ERP systems to manage material management, including sourcing, warehousing and hazardous materials management," said Frazier.

He added, "With change like this, there needs to be communication and Harry's [Ornelas] ERP 1.1 Road Show is the first big step onto the stage in preparing for the deployment of ERP 1.1."

It's a tune Frazier says will be heard throughout the fleet when ERP 1.1 processes are fully implemented by 2012.

ERP 1.1 Program Manager Harry Ornelas uses a soda bottle to illustrate item tracking in ERP 1.1, the next generation, Web-based, integrated business solution for logistics management Oct. 23. FISC will fully implement the system by 2012.

Photo by Blake Vives

Semper Fi Society gears up Toys for Tots campaign early

By Blake Vives, CFAY Public Affairs

The Yokosuka Semper Fi Society leads an early charge to donate toys for deserving, needy children through the Toys for Tots program.

"This year we have decided to kick off the program earlier so we can make sure the gifts are delivered to the children before the holidays are over," said Yokosuka Semper Fi Society Vice President Gunnery Sgt. Javier Andino.

Donation boxes are currently located at the Navy Exchange in Yokosuka, Ikego and Negishi. The last day to drop new, unwrapped toys in the boxes is Dec. 20.

The annual Toys for Tots program provides another opportunity for community members to support the cause; the entrance fee is a new, unwrapped toy. The 5K run requires no preregistration and begins at 11:30 a.m. at Purdy Fitness Center Nov. 13.

"This year we want to do the same thing we do every year: let the kids know we love them and bring some fun to them at Christmas time," said Andino.

The Semper Fi Society's goal is to collect 2,000 toys for children in local group homes and hospitals, single-parent military families in Yokosuka and orphanages in surrounding countries.

According to Andino, the Semper Fi Society will focus on personally delivering toys to needy children in the local community.

"I believe it is most important for us to interact with the local community because this is where we work and live and we want to give back to them," said Andino.

Reaching more single-parent military families in Yokosuka is a new objective for the program but one that is personally understood by Semper Fi Society member and Toys for Tots volunteer Cpl. Marcia Middleton.

"I used to be a single parent and it used to be hard," said Middleton. "Most people believe Christmas gift giving is mandatory, but it can be really hard for a parent who is not really making it financially. They provide food and electricity for their children, but they won't go out and spend excess money on a toy. Someone donating to Toys for Tots will be taking that burden off a single parent's mind."

Semper Fi Society member and Toys for Tots volunteer Sgt. Ato Waithe experienced the gratitude of children in overseas and local orphanages who received toys last year and will receive them this year.

"Even though I was just the camera man, it was amazing to see the looks on their faces; they were so happy they were crying," said Waithe. "These toys go to kids who don't have anything of their own; they share everything even shoes and clothes.

"The kids at the community centers and children's homes don't even have parents," he said. "So, we want to make them feel special and appreciated, if for even one day. The community's donations do that."

The Toys for Tots program began in Yokosuka four years ago and has expanded each year.

Fundraising barbecues in the commissary red-brick area and commemorative Toys for Tots coin sales will also be held this holiday season.

This is Andino's first year in a leadership role with the program.

"I am very happy to be involved with Toys for Tots because it gives a lot to the community.

"I know there are a lot of needy children out there in orphanages and even service members who cannot buy toys for their children," he said. "It's my first year; so, I am going to do my best to continue the legacy left by the previous program leaders."

(Right) LSCS Renato R. Linatoc donates the first toys for the 2009 Yokosuka Toys for Tots campaign as Sgt. Ato Waithe sets up a donation box in the Navy Exchange Oct 27. New, unwrapped toys will be collected until Dec 20. for deserving, needy children.

U.S. Marine photo by Gunnery Sgt. Javier Andino

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