Chief of Supply Corps Lyden visits FISC Yokosuka

By Blake Vives, CFAY Public Affairs

U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Yokosuka, hosted Commander Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and Chief of Supply Corps Rear Adm. Michael J. Lyden for a tour of FISC Yokosuka and other area logistics based locations.

The visit coincided with this year's 214th Supply Corps Birthday Ball, at which Lyden was the guest speaker.

Headquartered at NAVSUP in Mechanicsburg, Pa., Lyden's visit to Japan was the first in his capacity as NAVSUP commander. The visit gave Lyden the ability to personally observe FISC Yokosuka employees hard at work.

During his speech at the Supply Corps Birthday Ball, Lyden gave words of praise to FISC employees for the superb manner in which they execute their mission and the geographic expanse of their operations.

"You are all doing a fantastic job in supporting the fleet in the pacific AOR (area of responsibility). I continue to be amazed by the size of this theater, the challenges of distance and geography, and the incredible can-do spirit of our Navy logisticians," said Lyden.

In addition, FISC Yokosuka arranged area tours that included an opportunity for Lyden to meet with key Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) counterparts in Tokyo, including the Commander Maritime Materiel Command Vice Adm. Hiroji Miyaura. At the Supply Corps Birthday Ball, Lyden also met the JMSDF Director General of the Logistics Department Rear Adm. Minoru Hatada.

Lyden was especially impressed with the working relationship between the U.S. Navy and the JMSDF.

"The U.S. Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force enjoy a very special relationship that continues to grow as evidenced by the exchange officer programs in which our young supply officers have the chance to build lasting personal and professional relationships with the other country's finest officers," said Lyden.

Lyden supplemented his visit with a tour of local FISC Yokosuka facilities and made it a priority to visit all of the offices throughout the headquarters building, in order to meet and greet each employee.

Other tours included visits to the *USS George Washington* (CVN 73), Defense Distribution Center Yokosuka Japan, FISC Yokosuka Military Post Office and the Navy Exchange.

After his visit, Lyden left a special message expressing his gratitude. "FISC team, thanks to each of you for the tremendous job you do every day supporting the Navy and its Sailors."

FISC Yokosuka Commanding Officer Capt. Mike Arnold was pleased with his employees' preparations for Lyden's visit.

"I would like to give my thanks to the FISC Yokosuka team for a great visit," said Arnold. "Preparations were outstanding and I appreciate the open and honest discussion of those who had the opportunity to speak with Rear Adm. Lyden. Great job!"

(Right) Commander Naval Supply Systems Command Rear Adm. Michael J. Lyden greets FISC Logistics Support Representative SK2 Mariel Gatbonton while FISC Operations Department Director Cmdr. Eric Bach looks on. During his visit from Mechanicsburg, Pa., Lyden made meeting and greeting FISC Yokosuka employees a priority.

Photo by Yohsuke Onda

Faces of FISC

(Right) FISC Marine Liaison Clerk Sgt. Ato Waithe practices combat moves from the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. In his daily job as a Marine liaison clerk, Waithe supports aviation and grounds units in the FISC Yokosuka area of responsibility serving as a bridge between Navy and Marine Corps operations.

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Where are you from?
Barbados, a small island in the Caribbean.

How did you come to live in Japan?
I reenlisted for orders to Yokosuka, Japan.

What has been most surprising about Japan?
I'm from New York and the people are really antisocial but when I got here I realized how nice the people are.

What quote or phrase would summarize your approach to life?
Live for tomorrow.

FISC Yokosuka announces contract requisition cut-off dates

By Nannette Davis,
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Commander Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers (COMFISCS) has established planning dates for acceptance of purchase or contract requests for all COMFISCS contracting departments.

Adherence to the following dates will ensure requirements with expiring funds are obligated prior to the end of fiscal year 2009 and ensure renewal of fiscal year 2010 service requests. Customer activities are requested to coordinate and share fiscal year 2009 procurement plans with FISC Yokosuka and engage FISC personnel early in the acquisition process. This is especially critical for large dollar value procurements and new contracts, which have longer processing times.

Adequate lead time is required to enable the contracting office to conduct market research for commercially available items and services, gain approval of acquisition strategies, prepare, evaluate offers and ensure timely delivery of products and services. This also allows for early development of a coordinated plan of action and milestones and proper acquisition planning, to include available nationwide and regional strategic sourcing contracts.

The COMFISCS Combined Simplified Acquisition Procedures/Large Purchase Customer Guide for preparing and submitting procurement packages is available online at https://www.navsup.navy.mil/navsup/ourteam/comfiscs/prod_serv/contracting/forms_guides.

Customers are reminded to submit all required supporting documents with the initial purchase request. Submitting incomplete packages may jeopardize FISC Yokosuka's ability to award the contract on time.

Customers are encouraged to submit fiscal year 2010 advance purchase requests in the 3rd quarter (April to June) to avoid the possibility of support gaps.

Emergency requirements must be submitted with an accompanying urgency impact statement or justification. Please note, "funds expiration" cannot be used as a reason to justify urgency.

Acceptance of requirements submitted after the following planning dates will be based on the likelihood of obligation by fiscal year end, and as approved by the director or deputy director of the accepting FISC Yokosuka contracting department.

The FISC team will make every effort possible to get the contract awarded; however, acceptance of late requirements does not guarantee obligation.

For more information, call the FISC Yokosuka contracting office. Ashore requirements contact: Yoshihisa Mimaki at 243-8404 or Haruto Suzuki at 243-7622. Afloat requirements contact Keith Beem at 243-8412 or Hiroyuki Ishihara at 243-7861.

Estimated Amount	Type of Action	Due Date
$3,000 or less	Micropurchase per NAVSUPINST 4200.99	Aug. 24
$3,001 - $25,000	Purchase/Delivery Order	Aug. 24
$25,001 - $100,000	Purchase/Delivery Order	Aug. 10
up to $100,000	Annual Rental and Maintenance (ARM)	Aug. 10
any dollar amount	Exercise of Option	June 29
over $100,000	Delivery Order	June 15
over $100,000	Annual Rental and Maintenance (ARM)	June 1
$100,000 - $1 million	Contract	June 1
$1 million - $5 million	Contract	April 30
over $5 million	Contract	March 31