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The Navy Supply Corps ~ Celebrating 216 Years of Supply and Logistics

"We are a great Navy because of our people, and we are a global Navy because of our logistics."

– Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

The Supply Corps is a key enabler of the Navy's "[Global Force for Good](#)" at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels. By delivering logistics capabilities to the Navy and joint warfighter, the Supply Corps provides mission-essential supplies that keep ships, aircraft, submarines, and expeditionary forces ready for tasking.

Supply Corps History

- One of the oldest staff corps in the Navy, the Supply Corps dates back to Feb. 23, 1795, when President George Washington appointed Tench Francis, a Philadelphia businessman, as the country's first Purveyor of Public Supplies. Francis unified a group of independent pursers under a single organization, which eventually became the Navy Supply Corps.
- At its inception, the Supply Corps supported the Navy's six frigates. Since that time, the duties and responsibilities of the Supply Corps have continuously evolved to keep pace with the expanding scope of the Navy's global mission.

Supply Corps' Vital Role

- There are more than 3,500 active and Reserve component naval officers who proudly wear the "oak leaf" insignia of the Supply Corps and are the Navy's premier logisticians. They serve on nearly every afloat platform and in a full range of expeditionary environments, as well as at hundreds of shore installations located worldwide. These officers are force multipliers for a global logistics network.
- Supply Corps officers are trained and employed in three principal lines of operation: [supply chain management](#), acquisition management, and [operational logistics](#). Complementing these lines of operations are skills in comptrollership, operations research, and business management.
- The [CNO opened](#) a new [Navy Supply Corps School](#) in Newport, R.I., Jan. 24. [The school](#) educates Supply Corps officers in disciplines such as supply management and expeditionary logistics, inventory control, disbursement, financial management, contracting, information systems, operations analysis, material and operational logistics, fuels management, food service, and physical distribution.
- The Supply Corps places top priority on building a diverse and inclusive community that understands and values the different skills, talents, and experiences of its members.

Key Messages

- The mission of the Supply Corps is to deliver sustained global logistics capabilities to the Navy and joint warfighter.
- The vision of the Supply Corps is to produce autonomous, resourceful military logisticians with broad skills who deliver operational logistics, supply chain management, and acquisition and business capabilities to provide mission readiness.
- Supply Corps officers exemplify professionalism, resourcefulness, and moral courage as the Navy's premier logisticians and business professionals.
- For more information on the Supply Corps visit their website at: www.navsup.navy.mil/navsup/sc.

Facts & Figures

- The Supply Corps has 2,694 Active Component (AC) and 954 Reserve Component (RC) officers.
- There are currently 95 AC officers and 45 RC officers supporting overseas contingency operations.
- Supply Corps officers are supported by a cadre of 19,034 supply community enlisted personnel, which includes logistics specialists, ships' servicemen, and culinary specialists.
- The Supply Corps in fiscal year 2010:
 - Filled more than 600,000 requisition orders from the fleet directly supporting mission readiness.
 - Processed \$5.6 billion in sales.
 - Served more than 92 million meals at more than 300 afloat and ashore Navy galleys.