

SUPPLY CORPS SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEAR PARTNERSHIP

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ATHENS, Ga. – The Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) celebrated 50 years of training excellence in events held July 8 through 10 at the school's Athens, Ga. Campus. The celebration, which included a Gala Banquet attended by Rear Adm. Justin McCarthy, chief of the Navy Supply Corps, and Home Depot Chief Executive Officer Bob Nardelli, focused on the partnership between the school and the city of Athens. Over the last five decades, school staff, students, and family members have made numerous contributions to the local community.

Since its inaugural year, students and staff have voluntarily participated in community programs such as Drug Education for Youth, the Northeast Georgia Food Drive, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt a Highway, Toys for Tots, and March of Dimes. In addition to participating in these programs, the Navy Supply Corps School hosts a Saturday Morning recreation session for individuals from Hope Haven. Through these sessions, Navy Supply Corps students and staff provide those from Hope Haven with an opportunity to interact and participate in athletic activities and provide the mentally challenged with entertainment, field trips and an opportunity to be with their friends and socialize with other people in the community.

The staff and students also enjoy mentoring students from various Athens elementary schools. During their visits to these schools, the staff and students spend time reading, playing, and helping the children with their homework.

Another group that provides vital support for NSCS and great involvement with the Athens community is the Navy Officers' Spouses' Club. Since its inception, the Spouses' Club has demonstrated an unfaltering commitment not only to developing a support system for military families but also a strong sense of pride and involvement in the larger Athens community. During the school's 50 years in Athens, the Spouses' Club has raised thousands of dollars for charities,

many based in Athens, such as Project Safe, and started volunteer based activities like Saturday Morning Recreation.

“Part of what makes this base an integral member of the Athens community is the active role our staff, students and spouses play in so many voluntary organizations,” said Cmdr. Brian Sheppard, Commanding Officer of the Navy Supply Corps School.

The Navy Supply Corps School is dedicated to providing professional development through logistics, administrative, and media training for Department of Defense and international personnel. To learn more about the school and the Navy’s Supply Corps, visit Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil and click on Learning Centers, Center for Service Support, then Supply Corps, or visit the NSCS Web page www.nscs.com