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"When we leave this summit, our success will be determined by how much we learn from each-other. It's about the linkages among the commodores, the commanding officers, the program managers, DLA reps and those of us at NAVSUP WSS, and knowing how to leverage those linkages to effectively deliver required readiness."
- Rear Adm. Paul Verrastro, Commander, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (NAVSUP WSS)

Naval Aviation stakeholders meet for NAE Supply Summit

More than 150 Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) leaders gathered in Philadelphia Aug. 11 for the NAE Supply Summit. The event provided an opportunity for NAE stakeholders – including Navy type wing commodores, Marine aircraft group commanding officers, program managers from Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), supply support personnel from NAVSUP WSS and representatives from Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Aviation – to meet and discuss the contribution and impact of supply on readiness.

The goal of the NAE Supply Summit was to establish a common understanding of Naval Aviation supply processes and challenges, while sharing common supply problems operators experience in the fleet.

Summit attendees left the event with a greater knowledge of supply-related issues as well as a list of action items to tackle as an Enterprise. The event strengthened and reinforced the triad relationship among maintenance, supply and operational organizations; and DLA and NAVSUP WSS became more united in their commitment to deliberately engage in solving problems moving forward. Attendees learned valuable information about various funding streams, the complexity of contracts and their potential pitfalls, the importance of being out in front of supply issues, and the need to properly forecast parts and material requirements as lead times for the materials are often 24-36 months. NAE leaders left with a commitment to take action on a number of issues: better utilizing the Integrated Logistics Support Management System (ILSMS) for greater insight into supply challenges; tracking industry performance via briefed/published scorecards; improving procurement and contract negotiation strategies to deliver required readiness while increasing contract effectiveness and more.

Looking forward, Naval Aviation leaders emphasized the need to properly forecast future supply needs and issues as much as possible.

"We are improving our supply-readiness linkages across all type/model/series and have progressed from being reactive to being proactive in that process. The key is getting to the point where we're predictive – when we can look ahead and try to understand where our next challenges are going to be," said Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker, Commander, Naval Air Forces/Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Addressing the desire for more predictive modeling, NAVAIR representatives provided a demonstration of the ILSMS tool. The current version of the system consolidates 19 common databases into one system, providing quick, accurate data to help identify type/model/series (TMS) teams' equipment degraders and cost drivers more efficiently.

TMS team leads shared information about their specific supply-related problems, and the result is a better understanding of the issues and a commitment to attack them aggressively within funding limits. The relationships among operators and providers were strengthened through the NAE Supply Summit, and the demonstrated need to continue collaborating on supply-related readiness issues reinforced the importance of Naval Aviation's enterprise approach.

Latest NAE Award Winners

Questions? Ask: nae@navy.mil

May 2015: Capt. Mike VanGheem, Naval Air Force Atlantic

June 2015: Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Brown, Commander, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

July 2015: Capt. John Kemna, Commander, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

Main Points

- Relationships are critical to the success of Naval Aviation Enterprise efforts. We can address readiness issues most effectively by collaborating across traditional command stovepipes, sharing information and working together to identify and implement solutions.
- NAE leaders are focused on taking actions to improve readiness. While education and dialogue are essential building blocks, the focus must ultimately remain on the warfighters and delivering required readiness at the best possible cost.

Facts/Figures/Resources

- Briefs from the NAE Supply Summit are available for viewing on the [NAE SharePoint site](#). (Registration for an account through iNavy is required. For registration information, contact nae@navy.mil.)
- NAE stakeholders interested in learning more about ILSMS or requesting access to the tool can contact the ILSMS Help Desk at ILSMS.FCT@navy.mil.
- For more on the NAE Supply Summit, read the NAVSUP WSS article on the Navy News Service located at www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=90757.