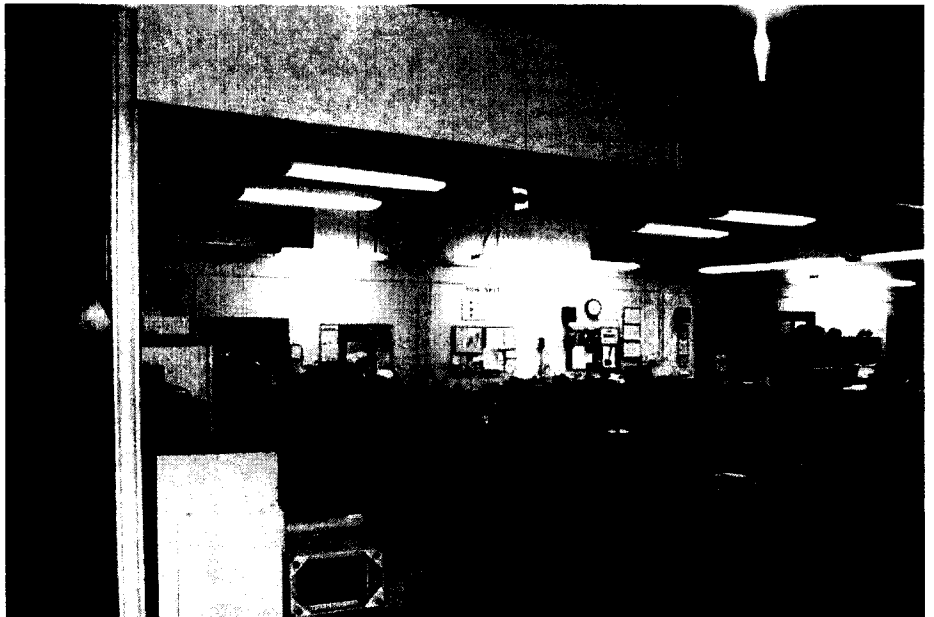


Crane L6S Event Completed Safely, Professionally and On Time

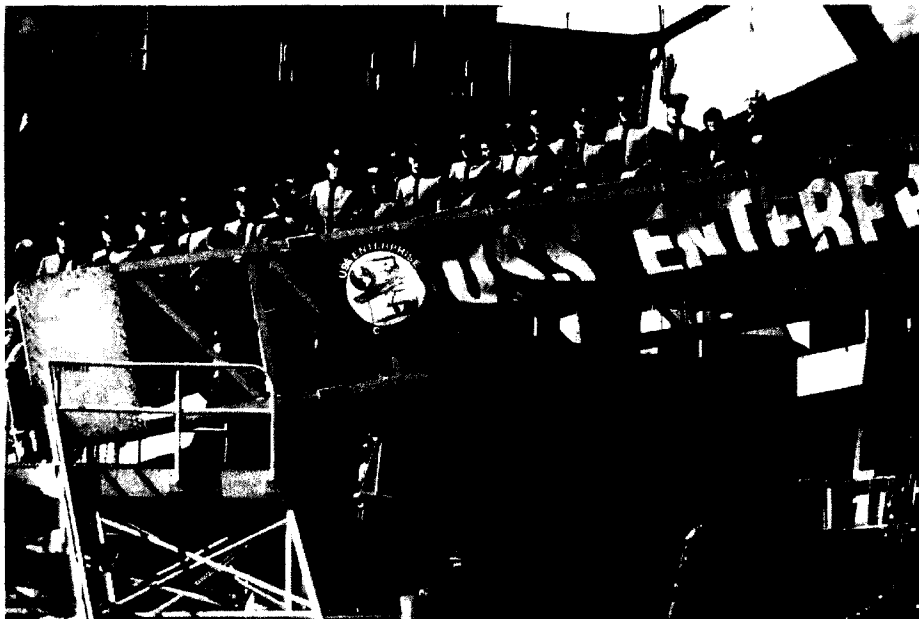
Last April, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk Supply Management Department Mid-West's (SMDMW) Great Lakes, Ill. division formed a "Lean Event" team to improve the ordering and receiving of materials in support of our NAVFAC customers at the only Naval Training Center in the Navy. The team was guided by Galvan Jones of Innovative Productivity Incorporated, a leader in value stream analysis. The NAVSUP black-belt was Terry Graves from SMDMW Crane, Ind. Great Lakes participants included Michael Robillard (lead), James Burris, Michael Patterson, Nellie Gonzales, and contribution from FISC code 200 Robin Castellucci. As a part of the RIP (rapid improvement plan) it was determined to schedule a 6-S project to evaluate and improve the receiving area that had not seen any change in over 25 years.

The project was started in May 2007 with a completion date set for December 2007. Demolition began and it was soon discovered that previously unidentified asbestos was contained in the vinyl floor tile. Abatement was scheduled and completed by NAVFAC workforces with oversight by the NAVFAC safety office and the industrial hygiene group. After a clean bill of health the project started to take shape as a self-help project by NAVSUP personnel at building 3223. In an effort to keep cost to a minimum, the excess material scheduled to be sent to DRMO was evaluated for reuse to reduce material cost by nearly 60 percent for the project. The NAVFAC fire engineer approved the project and recommended sprinkler head placement in a new office to be constructed as part of the plan.



Warehouse employees who helped in the project were Charles Alden and Thomas Pushee who took an ownership role in these improvements to their workspace. Chuck and Tom are impressed with the improvements and reduced processing times with the reorganization of the workspace. The new workspace is the talk of the town base-wide, some even think it resembles Pizza Hut. The long overdue makeover has made a positive statement about the professional attitude at FISC Norfolk's Supply Management Department Mid-West with the conversion from NAVFAC to NAVSUP over two years ago. Another improvement was the addition of a GPS device that is programmed with all vendors' addresses, now where one employee used to know how to get to a particular vendor for material pick-ups any employee can find the location instantly with the push of a button.

Thanks Galvan Jones and Terry Graves for the excellent training.



West Point Cadets Tour Aircraft Carrier

Members of the United States Military Academy Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir pose for a photo during their recent visit to USS Enterprise (CVN 65). The choir was in Norfolk for a community service program and the choir director, a retired Navy Captain, wanted to take the opportunity to take the cadets on a tour of a Navy ship. FISC Norfolk's Darva Gruber has a son who used to be a member of the choir. When she learned of the choir's visit to Norfolk, she assisted them in arranging a tour of the ship.