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Navy Reestablishes U.S. Fourth Fleet



Official U.S. Navy file photo of Sailors attached to the Peruvian frigate Palacios (FM-56) approaching the stern gate of dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52), during multi-national passenger transfers in UNITAS 48-07.

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Alan Gragg, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Public Affairs

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) -- Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the reestablishment of U.S. 4th Fleet and assigned Rear Adm. Joseph D. Kernan, currently serving as Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, as its first commander.

U.S. 4th Fleet will be responsible for U.S. Navy ships, aircraft and submarines operating in the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) area of focus, which encompasses the Caribbean, and Central and South America and the surrounding waters. Located in Mayport, Fla., and dual-hatted with Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (COMUSNAVSO),

U.S. 4th Fleet reestablishment addresses the increased role of maritime forces in the SOUTHCOM area of focus, and demonstrates U.S. commitment to regional partners.

"Reconstituting the Fourth Fleet recognizes the immense importance of maritime security in the southern part of the Western Hemisphere, and sends a strong signal to all the civil and military maritime services in Central and Latin America," said Roughead. "Aligning the Fourth Fleet along with our other numbered fleets and providing the capabilities and personnel are a logical execution of our new Maritime Strategy."

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May PNDC Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 13th, 2008
5:00-7:00pm

Where: KOIN Tower, 2nd Floor Conference Room
222 SW Columbia Street
Portland, OR 97201

Cost: This event is FREE

Speakers:

- **Sam Adams**, Portland Mayoral Candidate
- **Colonel Robert Mouw**, Oregon Army Nat'l Guard
- **Doug Thompson**, Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center

Sponsored by: WRS Financial Services

Come join other PNDC members for a networking and information session sponsored by WRS Financial Services. Portland mayoral candidate **Sam Adams** will be on hand to address our membership. **COL Robert Mouw** from the Oregon Army National Guard will be briefing our membership on an upcoming joint exercise this summer, and how our companies can help ensure the success of the operation! Lastly, **Doug Thompson** from the Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center will let our members is on a federal program that is designed to help manufacturers in the US who are adversely affected by global trade.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. **RSVP with an email to info@pndc.us today!**

PNDC Notes in Brief

- *PNDC is getting geared up for Fleet Week in Portland, OR! Not only will PNDC be hosting our own event on June 5th, there will be opportunities for your company to participate in special events with senior US Navy leadership. If you're interested, see the flyer on page 6 for more details*
 - *Do you know a start-up that could use some expert training in getting off the ground? PNDC members can take advantage of the Advanced Invention to Venture Workshop May 28th-31st at PNDC Headquarters. The cost of the event to PNDC members is \$750.00. Please visit <http://psba.pdx.edu/AI2V> for more information*
 - *The Northwest Manufacturing Initiative is here, and with it comes the opportunity to capture substantial grants for your company! For more details on this event, to be held May 21st at 8:00am, please see the full article on the next page.*
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Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Nike, Inc.

Aplus Mobile

Perpetua

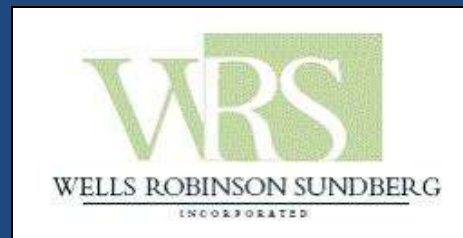
Mega Tech of Oregon

Indepak

Portland Woolen Mills

Formos Software

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PNDC HOSTING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP!



For: Executive-level decision makers – CEOs, Presidents, Company Owners. When: May 21st, 8-9am

More than **\$500K** in DoD funding is now available to PNDC members for various training activities including Lean Manufacturing training and implementation. The funding is provided through two sources:

- 1) **\$230K** targeted specifically for Lean Manufacturing training and project implementation will be provided in partnership with the Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership (OMEP), a not-for-profit team of manufacturing professionals who are experts in the field.
- 2) **\$310K** provided through the Northwest Manufacturing Initiative and Worksystems, Inc. (WSI) will fund various types of employee training projects.

During the workshop, OMEP and WSI representatives will discuss the funding opportunities and criteria and answer questions you may have regarding types of training, service providers, the application process and the best fit of grant type and company/coalition needs.

If you think you may be interested in accessing any of these funds, please complete the brief questionnaire at <http://www.pndc.us/grantworkshop.doc> and bring it with you to the workshop. It will be used to help identify the best funding options for you.

The workshop will be held **Wednesday, May 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** at PNDC Headquarters. For driving directions, please visit <http://www.psba.pdx.edu/drivingdirections>.

PNDC Member Firm Wins big with US Navy!



OREGON CITY, OR --- **Aplus Mobile**, a small business located in Oregon City, recently won a contract with SPAWAR, the Research and Development division of the Navy. Their ultra-rugged, harsh environment, sealed computers are being included in one of the Navy's next-generation robotic platforms.

SPAWAR contracts are attractive targets, but have proven difficult for small businesses to attain. Navigating government regulations pertaining to research can be daunting without the right guidance. Luckily, there are many resources in Oregon to assist businesses in selling to the government.

With the help of the Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition, Senator Ron Wyden's Office and Mr. David McFeeters-Krone of First Link, Aplus Mobile was able to link up with the SPAWAR Systems Center in San Diego, CA. After initial introductions and demonstrations, it became clear to the Navy that Aplus Mobile's platform is exactly what they were looking for: a rugged computer that is designed for mobile applications, and is available off-the-shelf.

Aplus Mobile, Inc. is a USA-based Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) high-technology company that was founded in 2004 to design, develop and manufacture DC powered, ultra-harsh environment mobile computers for extreme applications.

For more information on Aplus Mobile, visit their website at <http://www.aplusmobile.com>.