

AAFES COO Howard Receives Diversity Award

• DALLAS
Arry & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) Chief Operating Officer (COO) **Michael Howard** was one of two 2012 winners of the *Texas Diversity Council (TXDC) Champions Diversity Leadership Award*.

Howard was recognized at the council's annual *Diversity and Leadership Conference* held here on April 4, for being a visible champion of diversity and inclusion, not only at the Exchange but in the community as well. He was also selected for his leadership as an effective driver of change and great innovator and visionary. **Jeffrey Fegan**, the chief executive officer (CEO) for *Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport*, was also recognized for diversity leadership at the event.

AAFES employees have won numerous such awards, demonstrating the exchange service's commitment to diversity and inclusion. Last year, Howard and AAFES's Senior Diversity Manager **Herbertina "Tina" Johnson**, were among the award winners at the annual *CEO Diversity Awards*, presented by *Diversity Best Practices*.

The TXDC is a non-profit organization that fosters a learning environment for organizations to grow in their knowledge of diversity and inclusion.



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DeCA's Enein Wins Blackwell Leadership Award

• RICHMOND, Va.
The *Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)* named **Mohamed Aboul Enein**, who is the deputy store director at the *Cairo, Egypt*, Commissary, the winner of the *Blackwell Leadership Award* for 2011. The award to Enein was announced during ceremonies here at the *2012 DeCA and American Logistics Association (ALA) Commissary Roundtable* event.

"Without exception, Blackwell recipients honor a tradition of stepping forward to accept the tough challenges," said **Joseph H. Jeu**, DeCA director and chief executive officer (CEO), who presented the award. "They show boundless resolve in their work to strengthen and preserve the commissary benefit, and their selfless service enriches our agency and energizes all of us as we strive for continuous improvement in our service to our customers."

30-YEAR CAREER

Enein's commissary career started 30 years ago, as a store worker with the *Army Troop Support Agency (TSA)* at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. He was appointed to his present position in 1995, a year before DeCA established the Blackwell Award. At times Enein has also served as acting director at the store, most recently in 2010.

In 1982, he earned his bachelor's degree at *Cairo University* and holds certification as a food safety manager through the *National Registry of Food Safety Professionals*.

The Blackwell Leadership Award recognizes a DeCA employee who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, courage and integrity in the performance of his or her duties. It honors the late Air Force Chief Master Sgt. **Michael W. Blackwell**, who served with the *Air Force Commissary Service (AFCOMS)* before its consolidation into DeCA in 1991. Blackwell served as the agency's senior enlisted advisor to the director from March 1994 to March 1995. Battling cancer, he retired from DeCA on Feb. 9, 1995, after 22 years of service. He passed away on April 5, 1995, at age 44.



Enein

Honolulu Donates 'Retired' Buses for NEX Shuttle Service

• **JB PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii**
The *Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM)* is set to receive eight retired city buses from the *City and County of Honolulu*, which the exchange service plans to use for a shuttle service for military personnel at *JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii*.

"I am pleased that the city can help support a transit service for members of Oahu's military community," said City and County of Honolulu Mayor

Peter Carlisle, who announced the vehicle transfer on May 11. "This opportunity provides a useful life for these older, but still fully operational vehicles."

The 40-foot *Gillig Corp.* buses first went into service with *Oahu Transit Service's "TheBus"* public transportation program in 1995, and were retired from service in 2011, making way for new buses as part of a fleet management plan that maintains the desired target age of the bus fleet.

According to the exchange service, the buses will be utilized as part of the NEX shuttle bus fleet, transporting Sailors from various base locations to the *Pearl Harbor Exchange*, and they will also be used during *Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012*, a multinational maritime exercise.

The buses can carry up to 45 seated and 20 standing passengers.



NEXCOM District Vice President, Hawaii Sante Campanile (center), City and County of Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle (left), and Capt. Jeffrey James, USN (right), commander, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, show off retired city buses that have been given to the exchange service by the city and county of Honolulu. NEXCOM plans to use these buses to fortify its shuttle bus fleet.



Carlisle (fourth from left), Campanile (fourth from right), and James (third from right) join NEX associates in welcoming the buses to NEXCOM's shuttle fleet.