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NEXCOM Named "Top 50" Best Company for Latinas Sixth Year in Row

For the sixth year in a row, *LATINA Style* Magazine has named the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) one of the top 50 companies that provide the best career opportunities for Latinas in the U.S. Over 11 percent of NEXCOM's 14,000 associates across the globe are Latino and nearly eight percent are Latina women.

"Just like the Sailors and families we serve, our NEXCOM team is rich in ethnic and cultural diversity. I am proud to be part of a Navy Command that believes in the power of diversity and demonstrates that commitment every day," said Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi (Ret), Chief Executive Officer, NEXCOM. "It is my true belief that a culture and command climate of rich diversity breeds ingenuity and success. I am thankful for the incredible contributions of our Latina associates. These amazing individuals work hard to bring forth innovation and creativity to provide our brave service members with important quality of life benefits."

"Preparing the *LATINA Style* 50 Report is an exhausting process that takes intense research and study. It is our goal to provide the most accurate picture of what corporate America has to offer. We need to be sure that the companies listed on the report are the ones that truly are the best places for Latina professionals to work," said Robert E. Bard, President and CEO of *LATINA Style, Inc.*

Companies responding to *LATINA Style*'s questionnaire are evaluated based on issues that *LATINA Style* magazine readers identified as most important to them in the workplace. Among the principal areas of evaluation are: number of Latina executives, Latina retention, mentoring programs, educational opportunities, alternative work policies, employee benefits, women's issues, job retraining, affinity groups and Hispanic relations.

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About NEXCOM

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) oversees 100 Navy Exchange (NEX) facilities and nearly 300 stores worldwide, 39 Navy Lodges, the Ships Store Program, the Uniform Program Management Office, the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility and the Telecommunications Program Office. NEXCOM's parent command is the Naval Supply Systems Command. NEXCOM's mission is to provide authorized customers quality goods and services at a savings and to support Navy quality of life programs for active duty military, retirees, reservists and their families. NEXs and Navy Lodges operate primarily as a non-appropriated fund (NAF) business instrumentality. NEX revenues

generated are used to support Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) programs. Since 1946, NEXCOM has given \$3.6 billion to Navy MWR quality of life programs. Shop online at myNavyExchange.com.