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Pacific Area Senior Officer Logistics Seminar (PASOLS) XXVIII was held at the Sheraton in Nadi, Fiji from 20 to 24 September 1999. This year's theme was "Logistics Cooperation: Developed and Developing Countries". Nearly 100 participants from 24 Asia-Pacific nations took part, including 29 flag and general officers.

Worth, NZ NCB, for providing some of the material in the presentation which I "borrowed" from his presentation at Battle Creek. The report was well received by attendees and generated a good deal of interest, especially from several countries that have not previously attended a PACS meeting.



CAPT Charles Finney USN addresses PASOLS. Top table BG Philip Mattox (COL Iowane Naivalurua is out of picture). Bottom table, from left, LTCOL Tony Hitchings, COL Vosa Vatu and LCDR Walter Smith.

PASOLS initiatives, such as PACS, are organised and tracked through the Pacific Area Cooperative Acquisition and Logistics Systems (PACALS). PACALS is controlled by the Project Development Committee (PDC) which noted that the PACS "initiative received high praise from all attendees and recommended continuation of this important initiative". The executive or governing body of PASOLS, the Logistics Steering Group (LSG), approved this recommendation.

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PASOLS delegates from 24 countries mix during a short break in proceedings in the Golden Ballroom of the Sheraton Resort, Nadi.

I flew into Nadi late on 20 Sep (minus my luggage) to give the Chairman's Annual Report on PACS the following day. As requested by PACS Forum delegates at Battle Creek, the report highlighted the benefits of participation in PACS and the progress being made. A copy of the report is attached to this newsletter.

A special word of thanks to Stephen