

Shipboard Phone Calls Now Cost 50 Percent Less

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has negotiated a lower rate on its AT&T Direct Ocean Service to \$.50 per minute, rather than \$1 per minute. The new rate will come into effect on Nov. 15.

This 50 percent price reduction was made possible through the cooperative efforts of NEXCOM, AT&T Direct Ocean Service, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command and Commander, Navy Installations Command.

"We identified five cost reduction initiatives that allowed us to reduce the overall program's expenses," said Rear Adm. Robert E. Cowley III, NEXCOM commander. "This 50 percent cost reduction will represent a \$5.1 million savings to our Sailors and Marines in 2005. As good stewards of their money, we are always looking for ways to provide value and savings."

AT&T Global Prepaid Ship-To-Shore phone cards can be purchased in any ship's store and are available in \$20 and \$40 denominations.

Just like Navy Exchanges, profits from the sale of merchandise in a ship's store stay aboard ship to support shipboard quality of life programs.

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