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### Lt. Gen. Kresge assumes command of 'Jungle Air Force'

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Lt. Gen. Hawk Carlisle relinquished command of 13th Air Force to Lt. Gen. Ted Kresge during a ceremony presided over by Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Dec. 10.

During the ceremony, Kresge echoed the thoughts of other senior leaders about the 13th Air Force Jungle Warriors.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the superb Airmen of 13th Air Force," Kresge said. "You've built an impressive reputation. Before I arrived, various Air Force senior mentors told me that 13th Air Force truly knows its business. That was echoed by senior officers across your MAJCOM staff, and from my brief interaction with you, it's clear I'm joining the A-team," he said.

Kresge assumed command of the "Jungle Air



Gen. Gary North (left), Pacific Air Forces commander, presents Lt. Gen. Ted Kresge with the 13th Air Force unit flag during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Dec. 10. Lt. Gen. Hawk Carlisle relinquished command of 13th Air Force to Kresge during the ceremony presided over by North.

Force" after serving as the commander of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, where he was responsible

for shaping the way the Air Force fights through operational training, tactics development and advanced

training in air, space and cyberspace at the operational and tactical levels.

"I've only just begun to

realize 13th Air Force's critical role in conducting widely diverse air operations across half the globe

to ensure stability and security in the Pacific region. I look forward to being part of it, and continuing the strong partnership with PACAF headquarters, our other numbered Air Forces, and the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who comprise the unbeatable Pacific Command," Kresge continued.

The general is a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in the, T-37 Tweet, AT-38, T-38 Talo, and the F-15 Eagle. He earned his bachelor of science degree in political science at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980 and later a master's degree in human resource management at Troy State University in Montgomery, Ala.

As the 13th Air Force commander, Kresge is responsible for the command, control and execution of air, space and information operations capabilities across the U.S. Pacific Command area of operations, excluding the Korean theater. He serves as the

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U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach

Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific congratulates Utilitiesman 2nd Class Aaron Ness, assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii during the 50th annual Navy League Sea Service Awards held at the Hale Koa Hotel on Dec 10.

### Navy League Honolulu Council holds 50th Annual Sea Service Awards

Story and photo by  
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Navy League Honolulu Council held the 50th

annual Sea Service Awards at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu on Dec. 10.

The ceremony honored middle Pacific region service members from the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

"Today we are recognizing

highly qualified surface leaders, both enlisted and officer, for their overall outstanding performance, individual teamwork, excellence in leadership and community service," said

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### 735th AMS earns 'outstanding' in logistics inspection

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Hickam Public Affairs

Across the board, inspectors called the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMS) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "outstanding" after a week-long Logistics Compliance Assessment Program (LCAP) from Dec. 6 to 10.

The purpose of the LCAP is to provide Air Mobility Command A4 (logistics) and unit leadership at all levels an evaluation of a unit's ability to perform key logistics processes in a safe, standardized, repeatable and technically compliant manner.

"In all, we passed nearly 400 personal evaluations where inspectors stand over and watch aerial port or aircraft maintenance personnel perform core mission tasks," said Capt. Mark Klohr, 735th AMS aerial port operations officer. "We had zero detected safety violations and just one unsatisfactory condi-



Airman 1st Class Jesse Webb, a 735th Air Mobility Squadron air transportation specialist, guides a set of air stairs to a charter air craft on the flight line at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Dec. 14. The 735th AMS was graded "outstanding" in an inspection last week, and Webb was named an outstanding performer.

tion report (UCR), which is excellent."

It was more than excellent to inspectors, who said the 735th was one of the best aerial port squadrons in the Pacific.

The 735th AMS is one of six geographically separated Pacific air mobility squadrons that fall under the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMOW), headquartered here.

"The biggest compliment that I can give you right now is the fact that I have

the utmost confidence that tomorrow morning or evening - it doesn't matter what shift - I know you guys will be bringing your 'A' game, taking care of business," said Col. Stephen Oliver Jr., 515th AMOW commander. "There's not going to be any mentality that 'the inspection is done, so now we can go back to the way we do business' - because the way you do business every day is outstanding. My hat's off to you."

### Pacific Submarine Force holds change of command

Commander Submarine  
Force U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Public Affairs Office

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell Jr. assumed command of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, relieving Rear Adm. Douglas McAneny, during a traditional change of command ceremony held Dec. 10 at

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

As commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, McAneny led a force that includes attack, ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines, submarine tenders, a floating submarine dock, a submarine rescue unit and undersea surveillance.

Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presided over the ceremony. He offered remarks on the Pacific Submarine Force and McAneny's leadership.

"Over the past two years, Doug [McAneny] has had the enormous task of overseeing submarine operations and being our point man for submarine manning, training

and maintenance in the Pacific," Walsh said. "Our submarines bring capabilities that are just vital to our national security as well as alliances in the Asia-Pacific region. Under Doug's guidance, the Pacific Submarine Force has dramatically improved its combat readiness, meeting increased national tasking while

maintaining the highest standards of operational excellence."

In his remarks, McAneny reflected on the history of the submarine force in the Pacific and wondered what the commanding officers of the past would think of the submarines of today.

"I think they would be struck by one important fac-

tor - they would immediately recognize our force still attracts America's finest," said McAneny, who assumed command in September 2008. "The ships of the force are technological marvels, but it is the character of the people that man our submarines that makes

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# Crommelin returns to Hawaii after five-month WestPac deployment

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Navy Region Hawaii  
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The Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) returned from a five-month western Pacific deployment on Dec. 14.

Commanded by Cmdr. Joseph Keenan and with a crew of approximately 200 Sailors, Crommelin participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2010 in the Philippines and Cambodia. The ship also took part in exercise Valiant Shield 2010 off the coast of Southeast Asia.

"The crew of Crommelin is thrilled to be back in homeport Pearl Harbor and reunited with friends and family," Keenan said. "The crew worked very hard all year to prepare for this deployment and their collective performance has been nothing short of outstanding."

CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in the Southeast Asia region. Longstanding participating nations include Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Keenan said that the Cambodia phase of CARAT 2010 marked the first time a U.S. Navy warship has gone to sea with the Royal Cambodian Navy. While at sea, the two navies performed maneuvering tactics and live fire exercises.

"It was a great experience and the crew of Crommelin had a blast," Keenan said. "The two crews did a fine job in



The guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 14 after a five-month deployment to the western Pacific. While deployed, Crommelin participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2010 and Valiant Shield 2010.

every exercise they were asked to do."

Also during the Cambodia phase, the Crommelin crew participated in several community relations projects while in port, including refurbishing schools and giving out toys and school supplies.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Brian Palmer, a crew member assigned to Crommelin, said that the community projects were some of the highlights of the deployment. He also

said the cohesiveness between two different countries during the exercise and meeting the foreign sailors in a reception aboard Crommelin were other highlights of the deployment.

While deployed, Crommelin visited other countries including Guam, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and the Republic of the Philippines.

Exercise Valiant Shield 2010 is a joint training exercise between the Navy,

Air Force and Marine Corps, enabling real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces' ability to detect, locate, track and engage units at sea, in the air, on land and in cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas.

Frigates fulfill a protection-of-shipping mission as anti-submarine warfare combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

# Dowdell takes reins of HSL-37 command

Lt. j.g. Patrick Henken

Helicopter  
Anti-Submarine Squadron  
Light 37

A change of command ceremony was held on Dec. 16 for Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 (HSL-37) as authority of command was passed from Cmdr. Brian A. Gebo to Cmdr. Ronald A. Dowdell, the squadron's executive officer.

Under Gebo's watch, the Easy Riders flew more than 5,000 mishap-free flight hours and surpassed 90,000 mishap-free flight hours. The squadron also deployed 10 ready detachments supporting ships stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; San Diego, Calif.; and Everett, Wash.

Squadron aircraft were involved in supporting exercises and operations including Rim of the Pacific Exercise, CARAT 2009 and 2010, SEACAT and Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Gebo received his commission in May 1992 from the Maine Maritime Academy. His previous tours include a junior officer tour at HSL-44 and a tour as an FRS instructor at HSL-40. Following his tour at HSL-40, Gebo was selected to attend Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Instructor training, subsequently reporting to HSL-44 as the weapons and tactics instructor. Gebo reported to HSL-37 in 2003 and served as officer in charge of detachment three and maintenance officer.

Following his tour with the Easy Riders, Gebo reported to the officer plans and promotions office on the staff of the Chief of Naval Personnel/Chief of Naval Operations. In May 2008, Gebo returned to HSL-37 as executive officer and in



Cmdr. Ronald A. Dowdell



Cmdr. Brian A. Gebo

August 2009, he assumed command of the Easy Riders.

Dowdell received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in May 1994. His previous tours include a junior officer tour in HSL-49, where he deployed aboard USS Vincennes (CG 49) and USS Kinkaid (DD 965), followed by a tour as an instructor pilot at Training Squadron 27 (VT-27).

Dowdell then reported to the USS Essex (LHD 2) as the assistant air operations officer. In September 2005, Dowdell reported to HSL-43 as the detachment officer in charge aboard USS Rentz in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He then reported to United States Naval War College in Newport, R.I. where he graduated with a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies.

In July 2009, Dowdell assumed the duties of executive officer at HSL-37.

The ceremony marked the 28th change of command for the Easy Riders and was held in hangar 103 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

# National prevention month highlights dangers of drunken driving

Scott Prater

50th Space Wing Public  
Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- As the end-of-year holidays approach, Airmen, like the rest of America, are busy planning, shopping and preparing for those few days when family and friends gather to relax and celebrate.

Some may not care to think about tragedy at this time, but December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, also called 3D Month, for a reason.

Thirty-six people are killed in alcohol-related

traffic crashes every day in the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and three out of every 10 people will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

Despite the staggering numbers, Eddie Roski, the drug demand reduction program manager here, said there's no reason why drunken and drugged driving can't be prevented in every case.

"The first thing to remember is to create a plan before you start drinking," Roski said. "If you wait until after, your judgment and thought process have already been compromised, so your plan

has a better chance of failing."

Airmen who know they will be drinking should plan to have a designated driver, who will not consume alcohol, take them home at the end of the night or event, he said. It's also a good idea to carry the phone number of a company that provides rides.

"I always tell people that it's cheaper to pay for a cab than for a (driving under the influence) ticket," Roski said. "I even recommend calling a tow truck. Think about it - a tow truck driver will pick you and your car up, and take you home. Even if members need to call their first sergeant, that's a bet-

ter idea than driving drunk. Your first sergeant would rather pick you up any place, than pick you up from jail," he said.

"Airmen need to understand the heavy consequences they face by deciding to get behind the wheel after drinking. We can help prevent (drunken) and drugged driving by making responsible choices, identifying sober designated drivers and educating young people about its dangers," he explained.

Even if members are non-drinkers who like to host gatherings for families and friends, they need to understand their responsibilities, and that they can take steps to prevent others from driving

after drinking, he said.

"You don't want to let anyone who has been drinking at your place leave drunk," Roski said. "If they kill or hurt someone or themselves, then the party hosts can be held liable."

Tara Wafel, the health education program manager here, attacks the issue from a health standpoint.

"There is a significant health aspect to alcohol," Wafel said. "Airmen can act responsibly by consuming alcohol in moderation and by being a good wingman. It's shocking to think about how many people are affected by impaired drivers. We all know 10 people. To think that three of those will be involved in

an alcohol-related crash in our lifetime is unreal."

Wafel often drives home the wingman message with Airmen who visit the health and wellness center, something Roski also stresses when talking to both first-term Airmen and seasoned service members.

"You may be responsible and have your plan and then go somewhere and see another Airman who's not making the right choice," he said. "It's easy to exercise your wingman philosophy and intervene before that person does something they'll regret. Tell him (or) her to call to call a taxi. That's what a wingman is for - to intervene and provide support."

## ELDP visits 15th Wing



U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Main

Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander (right), greets Ariane Whittemore, the program executive officer, executive life-cycle management Office of the Secretary of Defense, during a meeting at the 15th Wing on Dec. 9. ELDP is a Secretary of Defense training initiative, sponsored by the Joint Staff, whose mission focus is meeting one of the department's top transformational priorities - leader development.

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# USS Jacksonville Returns to Pearl Harbor

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The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a scheduled deployment to the Western Pacific region Thursday, Dec. 2.

Jacksonville originally left Pearl Harbor on June 2, with 135 Sailors on board, many of which were experiencing their first Navy deployment. Jacksonville Sailors returned with a wealth of submarine experience and advanced qualifications: 34 enlisted and two officers completed their Submarine Warfare qualifications. The crew showed off their new dolphins and ribbons as they reunited with families and friends that had gathered on the pier.

"Jacksonville Sailors exceeded expectations for every mission we were assigned, whether it was fostering maritime partnerships with regional allies, participating in exercises that supported theater security cooperation, or simply representing the U.S. Navy while on liberty, the crew was spectacular," remarked Cmdr. Tyler Meador, commanding officer of Jacksonville.

Over the course of the deployment, Jacksonville conducted independent operations, participated in Exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2010, and the crew enjoyed port visits to Singapore, Japan, Malaysia and Guam.

"Jacksonville is approaching 30 years of



Los Angeles-class submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a scheduled deployment to the Western Pacific region Thursday, Dec. 2.

commissioned service, but this crew takes pride in maintaining the boat mission ready," said Senior Chief Fire Control Technician (SS) Joseph Bransfield who has been on several Western Pacific deployments throughout his career. "We achieved an 85 percent operational tempo, meaning when we were needed, we were ready."

During CARAT 2010 Singapore, a bilateral exercise with the Republic of Singapore Navy, involving surface combatants, marine patrol aircraft, diesel and nuclear submarines, Jacksonville participated in an unprecedented number of diverse and complex activities which vastly

improved the ability of both navies to operate together.

A port visit to Yokosuka, Japan, provided unique opportunities for the crew. Jacksonville was hosted by the Japanese submarine JS Yaeshio, who sponsored a picnic and several wildly entertaining games of softball between the two crews. Many Sailors took the train up to Tokyo to experience a day in one of the largest cities in the world and several general participated in a Moral Welfare and Recreation day-trip to climb Mount Fuji.

"We started early in the morning and the hiking was hard, but the scenery and the view from the summit was incredible," recalled Culinary Specialist

Seaman (SS) Daniel Stiller about his day on Mount Fuji. "You wouldn't expect it, but at the top was a small stand that everyone bought Ramen noodles from, they tasted great after climbing most of the day."

While in Yokosuka, a special visit by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick West ended with one crew member, ET3(SS) Derrick Zulick being presented his submarine qualification pin, or "dolphins."

"Getting my dolphins from the top enlisted man in the Navy was really special," Zulick remarked. "And once the pictures were posted on his Facebook page the next day, everyone knew

about it."

Jacksonville was privileged to conduct a four-day visit to the Kota Kinabalu Naval Base in Malaysia, being only the third U.S. submarine to visit the rapidly growing city on the coast of Borneo. While moored at Kota Kinabalu Naval Base, Jacksonville hosted the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) staff and provided tours for over two hundred RMN personnel, local officials, business owners and their families. Also while there, Sailors repainted the Bukit Harapan-Therapeutic Community Center and entertained over forty children living at the orphanage. Moved by their experience, the crew took a collection and donated over

\$1,000 to support the care and education of the children.

As Jacksonville departed Malaysia, an underway orientation was conducted for two admirals and senior staff members from the RMN submarine force. This event provided the first U.S. submarine experience for the RMN submarine force that is in its infancy with their first two diesel submarines based at Kota Kinabalu.

"Our Sailors took their roles as ambassadors very seriously," said Lt. Cmdr. Homer Ring, executive officer of Jacksonville. "Giving hundreds of tours of Jacksonville, hosting distinguished visitors, participating in athletic events with host country submarine crews, or simply enjoying liberty overseas, this crew set the standard. Everyone can take pride in how Jacksonville represented the Submarine Force and the U.S. Navy to our partners around the Pacific."

For Jacksonville, the pace on the homefront was as exciting as being overseas. While deployed the Jacksonville family grew by six, with the birth of three boys and three girls. One Sailor became engaged and another is getting married just days after deployment.

"The success of Jacksonville could not have been possible without the support of our families and friends," explained Cmdr. Meador.

"I cannot thank enough the efforts of our ombudsman and our Family Readiness Group president. Their incredible hard work and sacrifice helped the deployment go smoother for the families at home and for the Sailors at sea."

## Diverse Views



Students at Pearl City Elementary were asked what they think of the Navy as Commander Navy Region Hawaii partners with the school as part of a school partnership program (SPP), a community outreach initiative that partners a Navy command with a local public school. The partnership will provide an enhanced educational experience for the students and a way for the Navy to give back to the community.

Karen Riel, 11

I think the Navy is really good because they help serve the world and they help keep peace.



Mary Harris, 11

I think the Navy is good because they help protect our freedom, and I think all of the military is good.



Chaylin Wong, 10

I think the military is awesome because they help fight for world peace.



Gabrielle Tyrell, 9

The Navy is good because they serve our nation and fight for us.



(Provided by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico)

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## Sailors at Christmas



Collection of Rear Adm. B.F. Hutchison, courtesy of Mrs. Worth Sprunt, 1974. U.S. Naval Historical Center photograph

A Christmas party for disadvantaged children is held on board the battleship USS California (BB44) by her crew at San Pedro, Calif. December 1921.

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## Navy Region Hawaii announces 2010 Navy Community Service Awards (Part 2)

**Brister Thomas**

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*(Navy Region Hawaii's 2010 Community Service Awards were awarded to eight commands this year. This is the second half of a two-part series to highlight the achievements of the volunteers at these commands. Part one was published in the Dec. 3 Ho'okele.)*

Navy Region Hawaii awarded 13 awards for community involvement this year. Each command is evaluated based on their involvement in the community, how they strategize their efforts, the effectiveness of their campaigns, and how they incorporate multiple organizations in their action plan.

Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, applauded their efforts.

"Congratulations to all who participated in these noteworthy efforts. My sincere appreciation for celebrating the American spirit by volunteering in the community to make a difference in the lives of others. They are truly ambassadors of the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment," Smith said.

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) won the large shore command award for Personal Excellence Partnership with its read-aloud program as part of the Helemano Elementary Adopt-A-School Program.

"The Sailors at NCTAMS PAC take great pride in our local community," said Capt. Patricia Cole, com-



*Courtesy photo*

IS3 Kristopher White and IS2 Amanda Pawley both from PACOM JIOC read to children at the "Read to Me" program at Ewa Elementary.

manding officer of NCTAMS.

"The Navy Community Service Award is a Navy-wide recognition of the phenomenal jobs our service members do in support of youth community projects which included the Special Olympics and Helemano Elementary School," Cole added.

Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1) earned awards for small sea command in Personal Excellence Partnership and health, safety and fitness for their efforts in supporting Waipahu Elementary School in read-aloud and keiki fitness programs.

The campaign drug free flagship category for medium shore command was

earned by U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Navy Element (USPACOM NMCE) for its role in supporting the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) campaign.

USPACOM NMCE has been part of DEFY since 2003 and was recently awarded the seven-year length of service award program (LOSAP) for its continual dedicated service to the community. The staff works with DEFY in two phases - the leadership camp and the mentoring program. The camp is an eight-day, non-residential day camp which leads volunteers into partnering with specific youth to serve as mentors throughout the year, providing assistance in areas of patri-

otism, courage and self-reliance virtues.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) won the award for environmental stewardship for a large, shore command through its numerous community efforts, such as participation in adopt-a-stream, judging a local school science fair, a variety of clean-up efforts, tree planting and storm drain stenciling.

Throughout the award package, JBPHH gave credit to their personnel and their motivation of ownership and pride in the islands of Hawaii.

Project Good Neighbor was awarded to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 (HSL-37), representing medium sea com-

mands. HSL-37 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii works with AccesSurf, which provides disabled neighbors and wounded warriors with monthly adaptive surfing instruction and beach recreation opportunities.

Project Good Neighbor for large shore commands was awarded to the U.S. Pacific Command, Joint Intelligence Operations (PACOM JIOC). PACOM JIOC accumulated more than 2,500 hours of volunteer time with organizations such as Honolulu Police Department, Airmen Against Drunk Driving, American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO), Access Surf Hawaii and Hawaii Food Bank.

PACOM JIOC's weekly

commitment to USO shifts has assisted numerous service members and families as they transition into new areas of military service. They supported overseas tsunami relief efforts and reached out to the local community with their efforts and donations.

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Chris Krucke of USPACOM JIOC said, "Being in the military, we are given many opportunities that the general public doesn't have and by helping our 'kamaaina' we are giving back to those who are not as fortunate as we are."

Recognizing the value of volunteering, yeoman 3rd Class Olivia Spadafore shared, "I believe that the volunteering is great because I feel as though people tend to lose sight at what is most important in people's lives. Volunteering not only benefits the community, but helps shape ourselves to become a stronger and more united nation."

Capt Bruce Loveless, commander of USPACOM JIOC, said, "We are extremely proud of the professional success of our workforce going above and beyond, but are particularly proud for being recognized for the commitment our people provide towards the community."

The results of the 2010 Navy Environmental Stewardship Flagship Awards competition have also been announced with two Navy Region Hawaii commands earning honorable mentions. ATG MID-PAC earned honorable mention for small command, and JBPHH was awarded the same for large command.

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Melissa Ocasio

Vice Adm. Bernard J. "Barry" McCullough, III, commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/ Commander, U.S. 10th Fleet, presents a coin to Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class Matthew Berry during a visit to Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii on Dec. 3. McCullough conducted an all hands call with Sailors from NIOC.

Photo by Sarah Mueller  
(Left to right): Rev. David Kaupu; Daniel Walsh, owner and CEO of Walsh Construction; and Dr. Larry Robinson, assistant secretary of commerce for conservation & management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; untie the traditional maile lei at a ground breaking ceremony on Dec. 7 on Ford Island, officially opening the construction site for the new Pacific Regional Center Main Facility to be built at Pearl Harbor over the next two years. This project was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Tech Sgt. Marleen Dudas, Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pearl Harbor; Tech Sgt. Tanya Maurice, 647th Civil Engineers Squadron; and Mili Polite, a military spouse, prepare holiday care packages at the Warfighter and Family Services Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The packages are being sent to deployed Airmen.



Photo courtesy of Federal Fire Department Hawaii

Thirty-two recruits take the Federal Fire Department Firefighter's Oath at graduation ceremonies on Dec. 3. The recruits graduated from Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii's Class of 2010 Firefighter Recruit Training Academy.

# 'Tis the season for 27,000 cookies

Story and photo by  
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Hand-dipped chocolate pistachio bars, ginger reindeer snaps and double chocolate chip-chunk cookies, all fresh out of the oven, were only a few of the varieties of treats being given away during Hickam's annual Cookie Caper.

The cookies were donated by squadrons, Airmen, spouses and Friends of Hickam for this year's cookie event on Dec. 9.

The 'caper' was in full swing by 6 a.m. as colorful, hand-decorated paper bags began to line the walls and floors of the Daedalion Room at the Hickam Officer's Club. Boxes of freshly-baked, homemade cookies flooded in from a line of donors outside.

By 9 a.m., 1,300 dozen cookies had already been bagged and more were still waiting.

During the Cookie Caper, held the second week of December, volunteers deliver a bag of one-dozen cookies to each of the Airmen residing in the dormitories and to the single Airmen who live off base.

"We will definitely have more than enough cookies to go around," said Kelly Barrett, spouse of Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander. "Thanks to Friends of Hickam, we have



Sugar cookies were baked for Airmen and their families as part of the annual Cookie Caper event Dec. 9 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. More than 27,000 cookies were baked and donated to brighten the spirits of Airmen stationed here.

three times the amount of cookies that we had last year."

More than 40 squadrons around the base also contributed to the event by bringing in more than 600 dozen cookies. However, this year was the first time Hickam has ever partnered with an outside organization to bring in donations for the Cookie Caper.

"Our mission is to serve the Airmen," said Gwen Omori, Friends of Hickam president. Omori baked three dozen cookies and picked up more than 780 dozen cookies which were baked by other members of Friends of Hickam.

According to Kelly Barrett, all additional cookies left over after the dormi-

tory residents and single Airmen receive their bags will be given to families of Airmen and to the squadrons to send out to their deployed personnel for the holidays. This year was also the first year the Hawaii Air National Guard has been included on the Cookie Caper's distribution list.

Master Sgt. Wesley Matthews, 15th Medical Group (MDG) first sergeant, "went above and beyond the call of duty" to share the holiday spirit with Airmen. Matthews delivered bags of cookies to the Airmen in the dorms as well as miniature Christmas trees and a stuffed animal to go underneath.

"Even now, after

Christmas, I'll go back out and buy trees for the next year," he said. "I bought all of these last year, not knowing how many I'd need, but knowing I was going to take care of my Airmen."

Volunteers shared the same feelings about the event; it is all about the Airmen and bringing home to those who can't be with their loved ones for the holidays.

"The great thing about the Christmas Cookie Caper is that it lets our Airmen who are not going to be home for the holidays know that they are not forgotten and that they are part of our Air Force family," said Col. Robie Hughes, 15th MDG commander.

## SECNAV releases holiday message to the fleet

Special from the  
Secretary of the Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The secretary of the Navy released his holiday message to the fleet in ALNAV 077/10 Dec. 14.

SECNAV Ray Mabus said the following in his message:

"As always, this holiday season finds thousands of Sailors and Marines far from home. I want to express to every Sailor and Marine the gratitude and support of each and every citizen of our great nation.

Thank you for your service and for the sacrifices you make every day, particularly in this special season.

Whether you are serving at home or abroad, in Afghanistan or Iraq, off the coast of South America, in the Sea of Japan, or in the Mediterranean; whether you are on patrol, standing

a watch or keeping the plant going underneath the ocean, I want you to know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers. You are never alone.

Deployed with you are the love and support of your family and friends and the full might of the Navy and Marine Corps,

the most formidable expeditionary fighting force the world has ever known.

On behalf of every single American, thank you. Happy holidays. Semper fortis, semper fi."

To watch Mabus' holiday message, visit

<http://www.navy.mil/navydata/featurePlay.asp?id=128/>



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Josh Thompson

The Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 14 for a regularly scheduled, six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

## USS Pasadena departs for western Pacific deployment

MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine  
Force U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Public Affairs Office

The Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 14 for a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

"The crew is excited and ready to get underway," said Cmdr. Andrew St. John, commanding officer, Pasadena. "They have all worked hard in getting this submarine ready to go and completing all the requirements to deploy."

Pasadena will be conducting various training exercises and a multitude of missions during the

next few months.

"A major part of this mission is training the junior Sailors and getting them submarine warfare-qualified," St. John said. "Out of a crew of 137 Sailors, 50 percent are making their first deployment, so we made this one of our main focus areas."

USS Pasadena (SSN 752) was commissioned in July 1991 and is the U.S. Navy's second 'improved' Los Angeles-class,

nuclear-powered submarine. Throughout its proud and illustrious 20-year history, Pasadena has deployed to, and conducted operations in, virtually every part of the Pacific Ocean, from the west coast of North and South America to Australia and the Persian Gulf.

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Rear Adm. Douglas McAneny is piped ashore after being relieved as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) by Rear Adm. James Caldwell in a time-honored change of command ceremony held Dec. 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## Pacific Submarine Force holds change of command

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us the envy of great navies around the world," McAneny noted.

During McAneny's tenure, he oversaw the introduction of Virginia-class submarines to the Pacific including USS Texas (SSN 775), USS Hawaii (SSN 776) and USS North Carolina (SSN 777). With the introduction of these vessels and shifts in homeports for others, the mandate from the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review to homeport 60 percent of the U.S. Navy's attack submarines in the Pacific was achieved.

"The dominance the force provides to the Navy and the nation today revolves around one key axis – credible deterrent power," McAneny said. "In fact today, nearly 50 percent of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force is underway – with nearly half of them supporting combatant commander objectives."

Submarines under McAneny's command conducted 37 deployments to the U.S. Pacific Command

and U.S. Southern Command areas of responsibility as well as 44 strategic deterrent patrols.

McAneny recognized that being the world's best submarine Force depends on people and recognized his "all pro" teammates: fellow submarine flag officers in the Pacific, the commodores who lead the squadrons, the shipyards and tenders that provide the maintenance for the submarines, the training commands that provide training to the submarine crews, and enlisted leadership throughout the force.

"My Sailors deserve the best support I can broker for them," McAneny said. "And I am blessed with the leadership I have available to me to support the mission – nothing but the best from nothing but the best."

Prior to the official reading of orders and transfer of command to Caldwell, Walsh presented McAneny with the Legion of Merit for his exceptionally meritorious service.

"I consider it an absolute privilege to lead the Pacific Submarine Force," said Caldwell in his first

remarks to his command. "We are entrusted with an incredible responsibility to the American people. That responsibility is unrelenting. It's a responsibility that demands our operational readiness."

Like McAneny before him, Caldwell emphasized the people that make up the submarine force.

"Our submarine force is the best in the world today because of the commitment of our people and the organizations that support the force," Caldwell said. "Our team is equipped with advanced platforms, sensors and weapons systems, yet we are ultimately dependent on our people to accomplish the mission."

Caldwell, a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, assumed duties as commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Previously he was assigned as commander, Submarine Group Nine in Bangor, Wash.

McAneny will report in January as commandant, National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.



Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Marc Sibal gives high-fives to Pearl City Elementary students. CNRH is partnered with Pearl City Elementary as part of a School Partnership Program, a community outreach initiative where Navy commands work with local public schools.

## Navy Region Hawaii partners with Pearl City Elementary

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Commander Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) began a new partnership with Pearl City Elementary School on Dec. 13 as part of a school partnership program.

The school partnership program (SPP) is a community outreach initiative that partners a Navy command with a local public school. The purpose of the partnership is to enhance the educational experience for all students, and give the Sailors an opportunity to give back to the community.

"We are very happy to be here," said CNRH Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Marc Sibal. "This is going to be a start of a very good partnership between the Navy and Pearl City Elementary School. We have a lot of plans, and we are going to have a good year together," Sibal said.

While on campus, Sibal, Yeoman 1st Class (SW)

Phillip Harper and Master-at-Arms 1st Class Evette McDowald presented a certificate of partnership on behalf of Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, to the school to affirm the command's commitment to the school's 546 students.

Throughout the school year, the command point of contact (POC) for each partnership maintains communication with their partnered school to schedule volunteer activities. McDowald is the command's POC for the partnership with Pearl City Elementary.

"We want to first find out how the students are doing in math and English, if they are struggling and if they need more tutoring," McDowald said. "We can have the Sailors come over to help them and bring up their grades."

McDowald said she will be planning several activities and interactions with the school including physical education, assistance to the hearing impaired, and school beautification. She

said she will also organize school trips to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pearl Harbor-based Navy ships.

"We want to get closer to the students, teachers and the teacher's aide so that we can be all of one accord," McDowald said. "Not only do they have regular students, they have Navy kids going here as well."

According to Liz Gocong, school liaison for Navy Region Hawaii, 36 percent of the students attending Pearl City Elementary belong to military families.

The SPP was created in the 1980s to build a stable and consistent relationship between school and military communities. Currently, the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) allots \$5,000 for each military-impacted school to fund projects. The SPP and JVEF have helped more than 100 public schools receive much-needed supplies and manpower.

For more information on SPP and how to involve your command in the program, contact Gocong at (808) 474-1999, ext. 6228.

# COMPACAF extends holiday greetings to PACAF family

Commentary by  
Gen. Gary North

*Pacific Air Forces commander*

As the holiday season approaches and we start to think about entering into 2011, I offer my heartfelt "thank you" to our entire Pacific Air Forces team and each of our family members. Our continued service in this region and in our deployments throughout the world is vitally important to our nation – a fact underscored by the many significant milestones you allowed your command to achieve this year.

In July, we welcomed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's first two F-22 aircraft. As PACAF's second location where F-22s are based, the Hawaii Air National Guard and active duty F-22 squadrons continue to build our fifth generation capability in the region. The capabilities of PACAF's Airmen, coupled with the advanced next-generation technology of the F-22, alongside our existing fourth generation inventory represent an exponential leap in tactical and operational warfighting capabilities for U.S. forces in the Pacific.

In September, we welcomed the first RQ-4 Global Hawk, our USAF's high altitude, long endurance remotely piloted aircraft, to Andersen AFB, Guam. This event marks an exceptional move toward enhanced infor-

mation sharing, regional interoperability and an opportunity to facilitate addressing trans-regional issues, such as humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, piracy and terrorism, along with other key mission requirements.

Although the basing of these two advanced platforms demonstrates our nation's continued commitment to the security and stability of the Pacific, the best indicator of that commitment remains the presence of more than 42,000 Airmen who work daily with our joint and coalition partners across our Pacific expanse that spans half the globe. When tensions flare on the Korean peninsula – as they have several times during this year – you're there and ready to respond. When disaster strikes – as it did in Haiti – you're prepared to employ airpower to provide vital relief. In addition, this year you provided routine humanitarian assistance to those in need through events like Pacific Angel in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam and the Philippines.

And, every day, you honorably represent our nation and our Air Force across the region and the world through exercises, deployed combat operations and missions across the Pacific. We are all very proud of your efforts in 2010.

As you gather with your families for the holidays, please keep in mind the more

than 2,000 PACAF Airmen who are celebrating the holiday season in places far from the U.S. and the Pacific bases we call home. Be wingmen for their families, who await their return. To those serving in harm's way, I extend my deepest appreciation and wishes for your successful deployment and for a safe and smooth return to your Pacific base.

The holiday season can be a welcome change of pace and a chance to enjoy life with friends and family. It can also be a difficult time for those dealing with personal issues. Be alert to those who might need a helping hand from you, a key part of their extended Air Force family. Listen carefully to those around you, and make sure your wingman or someone in their family is not trying to "fly solo" with a heavy burden.

Teamwork was responsible for our successes in 2010 and will ensure we're ready for the challenges ahead in 2011. Chief Master Sgt. Brooke McLean and I, along with our entire command leadership team throughout the Pacific, are proud to lead our team of professional Airmen, who consistently demonstrate service before self, who put integrity first, and who are committed to excellence in all they do. We wish you the very best for the holidays and a happy new year. Pacific Air Forces Airmen ... Aim High ... Fly, Fight and Win!

## Hickam Airmen march to remember



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Members of the 15th Medical Group carry a stretcher holding a uniform of a World War II Army Air Corps medical corpsman along the banks of Pearl Harbor during a more than 14-mile march Dec. 7. Eight medical group Airmen marched more than 69 accumulated miles in their combat boots, carrying a stretcher and weighted backpacks, to honor the pain and sacrifice Americans went through 69 years ago in Hawaii. Hickam and Pearl Harbor were simultaneously attacked by the Japanese at 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941.

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Los Angeles-class submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Dec. 1.

## USS Charlotte departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by  
**MC2 Ronald Gutridge**

*Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office*

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Dec. 1.

“Charlotte’s material condition is outstanding, thanks largely in part to the crew’s

efforts and hard work over the last six months to ensure the submarine is ready to accomplish its mission,” said Cmdr. Richard Young, Charlotte commanding officer. “The crew is extremely excited. When you work and train as hard as they have to prepare for an extended deployment away from your homeport, there is a certain amount of satisfaction to be finally complete with the preparation phase and beginning the execution phase,” he said.

## NSSC Pearl Harbor receives Alfred P. Sloan Award

**MC2 Ronald Gutridge**

*Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office*

Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) Pearl Harbor has been selected as the recipient of the 2010 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility in the at-large category.

“This award is testament to the flexibility of the command in both supporting the submarines operating in Hawaii and supporting our Sailors,” said Capt. William Stevenson, commanding officer of Naval Submarine Support Command Pearl Harbor.

As a recipient of the 2010 Sloan Award, NSSC ranks in the top 20 percent of employers nationally in terms of its programs, policies and culture for creating an effective and flexible workplace.

“As part of the award process, we had to provide information on the command’s support to our people,” Stevenson said. “What makes this award unique is that after we provided input, an anonymous survey was done to see whether the command actually does what it

says it does. We were then compared to other commands and businesses across the country.”

Sloan Award honorees become part of a national flexibility leadership network representing employers of all sizes and from all sectors to share best practices, exchange ideas and serve as models for other employers and community leaders. Exclusive learning opportunities will be shared with this network throughout the year.

NSSC will be highlighted in the upcoming “Guide to Bold New Ideas for Making Work Work,” a national publication that compiles innovations and promising practices from all Sloan Award recipients.

The Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility are part of When Work Works, a national project on workplace flexibility and workplace effectiveness from Families and Work Institute in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Institute for a Competitive Workforce and the Twiga Foundation.

More information is available at [www.whenworkworks.org](http://www.whenworkworks.org).

## Lt. Gen. Kresge assumes command of ‘Jungle Air Force’

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Joint Forces Air Component Commander and, when designated, as the Commander, Air Force Forces, during operations or contingency.

The general also provides oversight and direction to the 15th Airlift Wing at JBPHH; the 36th Wing, Andersen AFB,

Guam; the 1st Air Support Operations Group, Joint Base Lewis, McChord Wash.; and 12 additional units in Japan, Alaska and California.

Carlisle thanked the members of 13th Air Force for a job well done.

“This day has come way too fast for me,” Carlisle said. “I count myself tremendously fortunate to have had

this command opportunity. To the incredible Airmen and their families of 13th Air Force, you have accomplished the impossible and have made a tremendous impact throughout this command and beyond,” he said.

“To our Airmen, Sailor, Soldiers, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, it has been my distinct honor to serve beside you here in

the Pacific, and I have no doubt you will continue to stand guard for our nation and meet all the challenges we face now and in the future,” Carlisle added.

Carlisle will return to the Pentagon where he will serve as the deputy chief of staff, operations, plans and requirements, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

## Navy League holds 50th Annual Sea Service Awards

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Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. “Today we see you as good leaders. We expect your leadership skills to get better with the years to come. Tomorrow we will see you as great leaders.”

The Navy League

awarded 37 service members from Middle Pacific region and one civilian worker from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

“It’s an opportunity for the Navy League, as well as the public, to thank the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Navy personnel for just a job well done,” said Melvin Ing,

president of the Honolulu Council Navy League.

Yeoman 2nd Class Maxine Turner, assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, expressed how her work ethic contributed to her award.

“I push hard, and I want to see the job done, done right, accomplish

the task and contribute, not just do my own duties and what I’m supposed to be doing clerically as a yeoman, but overall as far as the command’s vision,” Turner said.

The mission of the Navy League is to educate the American public about the importance of a strong sea service.

## KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

- Dec. 23** - Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard fly-away teams
- Dec. 30** - PACFLT Band
- Jan. 6** - MMA fighters
- Jan. 13** - School partnership
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