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Hawaii military spouses honored for hard work, sacrifice

Story and photos by MC2 Michael Hight

U.S Pacific Fleet Public **Affairs**

Eight women were recognized as the 2010 Hawaii Outstanding Military Spouses by the state of Hawaii and the Hawaii Navy League during ceremonies held Oct. 15 and 16.

On Oct. 15 the spouses, each representing different branches of the military and commands throughout Hawaii, received a certificate from the Hawaii State Legislature and Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle during a ceremony at Honolulu City Hall. The following day, they were each presented a \$1,000 check from the Honolulu Council Navy League on Military Appreciation Night Stadium Aloha Honolulu.

Recipients of this year's award functioned as the volunteer communication and organizational focal point for units that were or still are deployed in the theater of hostile operations during calendar year 2010.

recognized by the State of dreds of military families.



Hawaii and Mayor Carlisle," Pearl Harbor-Hickam, a time of need. "It means a lot to me to be command that serves hun-

Hearne knows her job is said Lindsay Hearne, who important and added that was recognized for her ser- sometimes the most imporvice as the Navy family tant thing a spouse can do is some spouses, dealing with ombudsman for Joint Base try to help others in their

hard thing to do, but I do it lead by example."

because of others in the past before me who have helped others," Hearne said. "For a deployment is harder than for others. I just do what I "Sometimes it is a very can to help everyone and

During the presentation of certificates, Hawaii leaders discussed what a the unit and to the community, emphasizing the compassion and energy

make a difference.

"It's great to honor people who go that extra mile," said Mel Ing, Honolulu Council Navy League president. "It's people like you who hold families and their units together in times of need."

Closing out the day's ceremony, Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, adjutant general of the Hawaii National Guard, echoed Ing's sentiments and again praised the awardees for their work.

"Those in the military really appreciate you for helping hold families together," Lee said. "We can't do our job well unless we know our home is secure. Your job is immensely tough, and we appreciate all the extra effort you give. You really are the glue that holds families together."

Along with Hearne, others honored were Melissa McGuire, Air Force; Dawn Workman, Army; Crystal Lynn Risacher, Coast Guard; Samantha Peschka, Marine Corps; Arcellie Hawaii Air Alcaide, dedicated spouse brings to National Guard; Kirsten "Nani" Kainoa, Hawaii Army National Guard; and Elisa Vertuli, Special they must have to help Operations Command.

Skis-up! LC-130 takes off for Antarctica to support Deep Freeze mission

Tech. Sgt. Kerry Jackson

13th Air Force Public **Affairs**

A New York Air National Guard LC-130 Hercules, equipped with retractable ski-wheels, departed from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 18 to support the U.S. Antarctic Program (AP) and the National Science Foundation's (NSF) research at international sites throughout the Antarctic continent.

The uniquely equipped aircraft is necessary for the movement of personnel and cargo vital to the AP's and NSF's research and exploration efforts in Antarctica. The U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army and Coast Guard lend operational and logistical support to these efforts as part of Operation Deep



U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Gustavo Gonzalez

A 109th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief from Stratton Air National Guard Base, N.Y., does a routine pre-flight inspection on an LC-130 Hercules, equipped with retractable ski-wheels, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, on Oct. 18. The LC-130 is preparing for a flight to Antarctica to support Operation Deep Freeze. The uniquely equipped aircraft is necessary for the movement of personnel and cargo vital to the U.S. Antarctic Program and the National Science Foundation's research and exploration efforts in Antarctica. The U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army, and Coast Guard lend operational and logistical support to these efforts as part of Operation Deep Freeze.

"The LC-130 provides the its ski-equipped aircraft to challenging missions in an unpredictable climate and Paul Sheppard, Joint Task Support Forces (JTF-SFA) Antarctica deputy commander at Joint impressed with the capability of this aircraft."

aircraft to be fitted with Antarctic Program because retractable ski-wheels. The of the work they're doing." main skis are 20 feet long The support provided by feet wide. The complete ski set weighs 2.8 tons.

equipped LC-130s. The Air portation requirements. National Guard has been flying people and supplies on 8.)

Deep Freeze mission an Arctic and Antarctic outextraordinary capability, posts since 1975. Only 10 and permits us to carry out such aircraft exist in the U.S. Air Force inventory.

"This is a great mission to environment," said. Col. be a part of and great ski bird to fly" said Lt. Col. Chris Sander, an LC-130 pilot from the 109th Airlift Wing who has flown the aircraft Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, for 17 years. "I enjoy the Hawaii. "I continue to be challenge of the weather and the support we're providing the National The LC-130 is the largest Foundation and the U.S.

and 5.5 feet wide. The nose JTF-SFA, led by 13th Air ski is 10 feet long and 5.5 Force at JBPHH, includes strategic inter-theater airlift, tactical deep field sup-The New York Air port, aeromedical evacuation Guard's 109th Airlift Wing support, search and rescue in Schenectady, N.Y. is the response, sealift, seaport only organization in the access, bulk fuel supply, port world that flies the ski- cargo handling, and trans-

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Hawaii honors wounded warriors

Story and photo by MC2 Michael Hight

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs.

Hawaii-based wounded warriors were honored by the Honolulu community on Oct. 16 during the University of Hawaii (UH) football game at Aloha Stadium.

from U.S. Army Warrior for Barracks, the halftime festivities during the Saturday night match between the UH Warriors and University of Nevada Wolfpack.

"It's a great opportunity to be out here and represent the military," said Harvey, who was injured in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast while supporting opera-

the military."

Hawaii-based wounded leader at U.S. Pacific warriors at midfield for Command. "We can't halftime recognition. As thank these service memnames their announced, Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle presented each with a plaque.

"It is my privilege as

Honolulu's newest mayor to honor these Americans Army Spc. Luke Harvey who have given so much theircountry," Transition Battalion at Carlisle said. "They have sacrificed their health and Hawaii participated in even their lives so that the rest of us can enjoy the many freedoms that we often take for granted. We all need to thank our wounded warriors for what they have done."

The crowd honored the wounded warriors with a standing ovation as they walked off the field.

"The support the local community has shown tions in Afghanistan. "It these service members is an honor to see the local today is an inspiration for community reach out to all," said Army Command

Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Harvey joined other Savusa, senior enlisted were bers, as well as everyone that serves in the military, enough."

"We owe our young service members who have been injured a great debt," he added. "They have all given everything that they have to support and defend the freedom that we all enjoy.

November is Wounded Warrior Care Month, and the Department of Navy has created a care coordination system, working with federal and non-federal agencies and members of the health care team to improve the delivery of services to wounded, ill and injured service members and their families. For more information on this program, http://www.navy.mil/navyd

ata/woundedwarrior.html. (See photo on page A-5.)

Happy 235th Birthday, Navy!



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

(From left to right) Commander Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Marcos Sibal, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific $\hbox{Command Master Chief (SW/AW) James Matthews, Hospital Corpsman Sean Riley and Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, perform the traditional cake$ cutting ceremony during the 235th Navy Birthday Ball on Oct. 16. Sailors and guests from throughout Hawaii celebrated the Navy's birthday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.



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Aloha Aina Park Playground is dedicated

Brister Thomas

Contributing Writer

The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club (HOSC) held a dedication ceremony for the toddler playground at the Aloha Aina Park on Oct. 13.

Kelekona Pastor Bishaw of Real Life Christian Center, along with David Green, Isabel Green, Diego Green and Sheridan Hoffman, provided the traditional Hawaiian blessing for the new playground near the Hickam Officers' Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The HOSC, in coordinawith Hickam Communities, purchased the playset through funds received from the HOSC Thrift Shop. The idea was proposed to the HOSC committee in March by Tammy Baumgardner, Kim Lowe and Tammy Hilburn, who saw the need to upgrade the playground equipment for safety reasons.

Tammy Hilburn, HOSC president, said, "This project is an excellent way for the HOSC to give back to the Hickam communi-

HOSC Defense



Photo by David D. Underwood Ir

Pastor Kelekona Bishaw of Real Life Christian Center, along with Diego Green (white shirt), Isabel Green (blue shirt), David Green, and Sheridan Hoffman, provides the traditional Hawaiian blessing of the new playground at Aloha Aina Park near the Air Force Officer's Club on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 13. The new playground was purchased by the Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club (HOSC) and Hickam Communities through funds received from the HOSC thrift shop.

Systems Agency (DISA) to hours," Hilburn said. construct the park. "DISA Hilburn and Liz Ladd, each and every person Pesnell attended the rib- shop is run by volunteers worked extremely hard on first vice-president of this playground and it HOSC, opened the cere- hard hours to make the the many volunteers from Hickam by the Kuntz

success of the endeavor to Information was completed in just 48 mony by attributing the playground a reality.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles who worked long and bon-cutting to represent and is at the back of DISA who assisted with Gate.

contributed more than 25 volunteers who worked together to assemble the

David Tripp was present to accept ownership of the playground for Hickam Communities. "It is a great honor to receive this gift on behalf of the Hickam Community residents. This is a gift that will keep on giving all our residents, current and future," Tripp said.

The equipment manufacturer is Kidstuff Playsystems. Kidstuff works with military across the world. Kelly Barrett, the HOSC advisor, said that red, white and blue colors were selected for the playground equipment in honor of American fami-

The Hickam Thift Shop supports military and local organizations, scholarships and projects such as the playground. "All profits from the Hickam Thrift shop go to charity. We support military and local organizations, scholarships and projects such this playground," Hilburn said. The thrift

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii holds energy awareness training

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public

Commander, Region Hawaii's energy program team held energy awareness training for Sailors, Airmen and civilians assigned to various commands in Hawaii at the Ford Island Conference Center on historic Ford Island on Oct. 15.

The goal of the training was to raise awareness and compliance Commander, Navy Installations Command's and CNRH's energy awareness programs.

"The concept of the program is to identify one per-Navy Region Hawaii, and provide them with training for CNRH. on energy awareness so to personnel at their com- the regulations of CNRH's increased cost of oil, we mation on what they can turning off my computer at 26.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

The main topic of the Krista Stehn, energy program manager for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH), speaks with Sailors, Airmen and civiltraining was the building ians assigned to commands in Hawaii during an energy awareness training event at the Ford Island Conference Center on historic Ford Island. The goal of the training was to raise awareness and compliance with Commander, Navy Installations Command's and CNRH's energy awareness programs.

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they can provide training importance of abiding by Stehn noted. "With the

required to reduce energy Stehn spoke about the use by 30 percent by 2015,"

have to make sure to "CNRH is federally reduce our energy use so their daily use of energy." we can continue to pay our utility bill."

do to conserve and cut

"There were a few things that I found out I could do Attendees received infor- to save energy, such as from from 1 to 2 p.m. on Oct

the end of the work day and making sure the air conditioner stays set at 78 degrees," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Michael Lewis.

During the training, Stehn also talked about the school outreach program for energy awareness.

"We recently launched the program at five schools that have a high percentage of Navy and Air Force dependents," said Stehn. "We go into the schools and educate the students on energy conservation with hopes that they will go home and take the lessons they learned to use less energy in their homes."

Upcoming energy awareness events at Navy Region Hawaii include an fair at the Navy Exchange Pearl Harbor from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, and building energy monitor training the Ford Conference

Sailor's Attic opens with ribbon-cutting ceremony at Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by **Brister Thomas**

Contributing Writer

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) hosted the grand opening of the Sailor's Attic at Pearl Harbor during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held Oct. 15 at the 'attic's' location across the parking lot from the Makalapa Health Clinic.

The Sailor's Attic is a free-ofcharge store supported by volunteer workers and donations. Lawrence Scruggs, chief staff officer, JBPHH, welcomed those who attended.

"A special thank you to the spouses and dependents for coming out this morning. This is for you," Scruggs said.

Tailored after the Airmen's Attic which is located at Hickam, the Sailor's Attic is designed to enhance vounger enlisted families' quality of life by offering a venue where donations are collected and distributed to those in need.

"This program has been established to improve the quality of life for eligible active duty Navy personnel and their immediate family in pay grades E-5 and below," said Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Command Master Chief Earl Gray.

Supported by Mildred Courtney, the military liaison for Outrigger Hotels, the Sailor's Attic is believed to be the first of its kind for the U.S. Navy. Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, commented on the work that Courtney has accomplished over many years in serving the military community.

"You have no idea what Mildred has done for Sailors, Soldiers Airmen



Felicia Armstead (left), Sailor's Attic assistant manager and a Navy spouse, and Lindsay Hearne (far right), ombudsman for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), hold the ribbon while Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, chief staff officer for JBBHH, and Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander, JBBHH, cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Sailor's Attic on Oct. 15.

and Marines for decades," Kitchens

He noted that Courtney has committed years of experience and has a heart dedicated to improving the lives of all service members and family members.

"It is because of Mildred's persistence and loyalty that this is possible," Kitchens added.

In explaining the efforts that have brought the project together, Courtney said, "This has been a team effort. I have been working with the Airmen's Attic for years, and when I would go onto Pearl Harbor and see all of these kids running around, I realized how much the Navy needed an attic."

Today she recognizes all of the departments and volunteers that have fused together for one common goal. Courtney was instrumental in securing the facilities and organizing the volunteers who enabled the pro-

"I just kept going until someone

listened. Capt. Kitchens was so supportive and really helped to move this forward," Courtney said.

Kitchens also recognized Lindsay Hearne, ombudsman for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as being a key element in the implementation of the project. "Lindsay represented the Navy wonderfully and beautifully and has been honored for her dedication as a key spouse this year,' Kitchens said.

"With all of the hard work that has been put in by all of the volunteers, it was great to finally see it come to fruition," Hearne said.

She recognized the opening of the Sailor's Attic as an opportunity to serve the families of E-5 and below. "In today's economy and the cost of living, especially in Hawaii, having a place where you can pick up a few items at no cost is a blessing," she

said. The Sailor's Attic operates fully on volunteer support for staffing and donations. The personal satisfaction

of being able to offer a service at no cost to Navy families in need is what attracts many of the volunteers.

Jackie Arterburn, a volunteer spouse, said, "I became a part of this project because I've been in a place where I've needed something like

Altruism is a common bond among those who work at the 'attic.' Jessica Goldsmith, another volunteer, stated that she became involved in order to "help out our military families in need.'

Chaplain Cmdr. Timothy Koester from Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel offered, "Today we are honoring a time-old tradition to recognize the need to care for one another. And today, with dignity and pride, we look out for one another and care for one another."

The line of Sailors who were waiting to be the first to use the new facility wrapped around the building. Many of them were hoping to find essentials for children and babies.

Crystal Sackett was there with her young son, Miles.

Sackett said, "Baby items are just so expensive today. It would be a great help to find some things in the store."

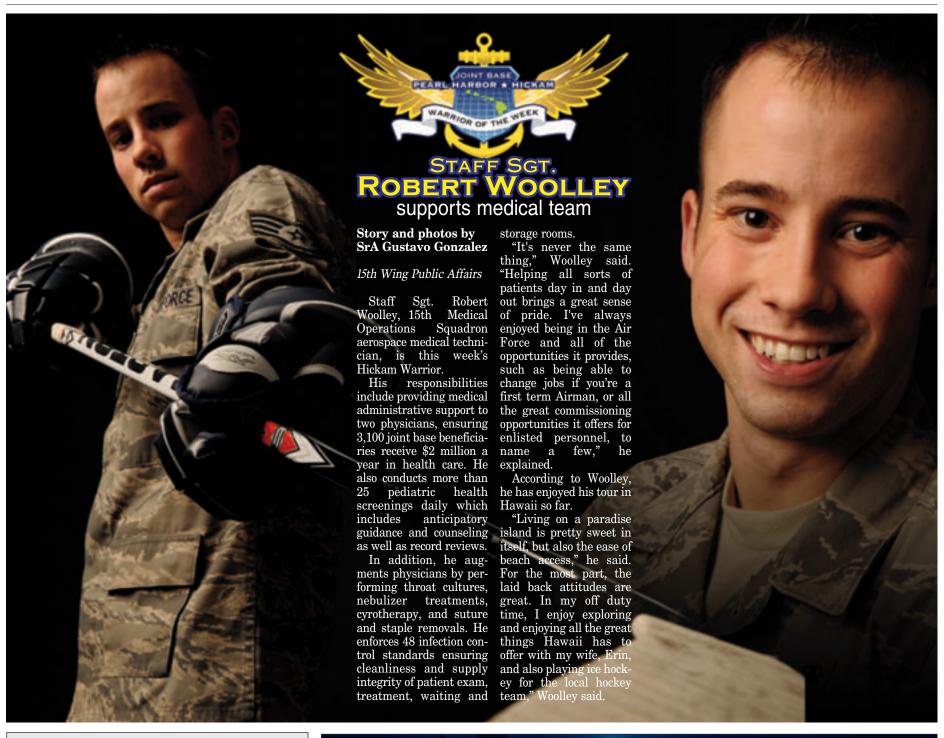
The project is self-sustaining and encourages participants to continue their partnership with the attic by someday helping there.

Kitchens explained, "The Sailor's Attic operates 100 percent on volunteer support and donations and is 100 percent free to the recipients. For those of you who partake of items today, we hope someday you can donate time or items in the future."

Courtney added, "We hope that as families PCS they will consider donating items they no longer need to the Sailor's Attic.

The Sailor's Attic is located at the far right end of the building that houses the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. Available items range from household and baby items to clothing, electronics and furniture. Donations are accepted during normal business hours from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays and Saturdays. Active duty Navy personnel E-5 and below and their immediate families are encouraged to visit the Sailor's Attic on either

The Airmen's Attic is in building 1723 on Hickam and is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays for Air Force E-5s and below. The attic is open for Air Force E-9s and below from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the sheds located behind the Airmen's Attic.





What are your thoughts about the Navy's 235th Birthday Ball?



Yeoman 2nd Class (SW) **Maxine Turner** Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

"It's been a great journey being on the Navy Ball committee and we hope that everybody has a smile on their face and are happy. It's important because it is a traditional celebration and despite ... the issues that we have that are challenges, we put on a good show

and we hope that everyone realizes that this is the 235th birthday of the Navy and that's what we are here for. '

Staff Sgt. **Edgar Martinez** Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe

"So far it has been a really good evening. I've been having a great time. Navy personnel have been treating me like I was one of them. I've been invited, and I'm having a great time with my wife."

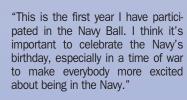




Intelligence Specialist Ist Class (SW/AW) Waliy Shamson U.S. Pacific Fleet

"It is important to remember the past of the Navy and celebrate the future."

Personnel Specialist Seaman **Jerry Smart** Navy Pay and Personnel Support Center, Hawaii







Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Angela Keen Enlisted Navy Ball committee chairperson

"It was very overwhelming because it took a long time to put this together, and I knew that this had to be meticulously done because of the traditions that we carry in the Navy. I wanted to make sure that the junior

Sailors could see the event, the ceremonial part and talk about it afterwards. It's the birthday of the Navy. It's extremely important to carry this tradition for us, for the junior Sailors and for everybody to see and feel the moment."

(Provided by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico)

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Anniversary of bombing of USS Cole



U.S. Navy photo
Oct. 12 marked the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67) in Aden, Yemen on Oct. 12, 2000 during a scheduled refueling. The attack killed 17 crew members and injured 39 others. Cole was transported from Aden to Pascagoula by the Norwegian heavy transport ship M/V Blue Marlin and in this photo, USS Cole (DDG 67) arrives at Ingalls east bank facility at Pascagoula, Miss. on Dec. 13, 2000



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Shipyard begins maintenance 'makeover' of USS Hopper

Story and photo by **Katie Vanes**

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard teamed up with BAE Systems Ship Repair to begin a selected restricted availability on USS Hopper (DDG 70) on Sept. 27.

The guided-missile destroyer recently served as a movie set for the Hollywood production "Battleship." The threemonth-long maintenance "makeover" Hopper is undergoing will have her ready for real-world action when she deploys

"(Hopper's availability) is achievable and on schedule to finish Dec. 21 right before the Christmas holiday," said Halfred Chang, project manager. "The shipyard works well with the contractor as a maintenance

Doey Guasch, port engineer for Hopper, added, "Hopper's budget is a challenge because it began at the end of the fiscal year, but we've had great support overall."

The main job on Hopper is the modernization of the closed-in weapons system. The maintenance team will install a new style of cannon with a camera and state-of-theart technology.

Other significant work includes water tank preservation and ammunition trunk repairs. The shipyard is also installing



25 new flight deck tiedowns. BAE will consecutively replace all of the non-skid mats on the deck for the safety of Hopper's 250 Sailors.

According to Chang, the biggest challenge will be testing the integration of all combat systems on the ship, and ensuring that the ship's force operate engineering system efficiently after the work is completed.

Chang and Guasch credit the successful start of the Hopper project to refined preparation and teamwork. "The maintenance team had a great pre-planning effort - a 100-hour plan that was executed on time," Chang said. "The contractor and the shipyard team cannot be segregated. We need to integrate in planning and execution."

Contractors perform work on Hopper under a public-private partnership. This partnership is vital to sustaining the shipyard's capability to provide necessary ship repair work and meet the needs of the fleet in times of surges in workload. The partnership also helps to maintain the local economy by creating work opportunities for private industry.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard shipwrights set up staging for net repairs on USS Hopper (DDG 70). The shipyard began Hopper's threemonth selected restricted

'Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win' to be Air Force motto

WASHINGTON, D.C. -Incorporating extensive motto should represent inputs from all ranks something enduring," effort, Airmen have selected Win" as the service's

of Airmen's pride in their and future." service, the motto is a

Force Chief of Staff Gen. about serving Schwartz. nation." "Airmen indicated 'Aim 'Fly-Fight-Win'

ted to Airmen buy-in in team research experts. researched effort, rooted motto team engaged in cyberspace,"

identity.

"Aim High ... Fly-Fight- gives voice to the pride of

"We took the time to Force. two-part expression - a try to get this right," $_{
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The chief master Command commander. High' and the response sergeant of the Air Force, as the director of Air Force field they serve in, indicative of their endur- Public Affairs, the Air Airmen consistently told ing commitment to do Force director of force just that in defense of management policy, and and they see the heritage When the Air Force Force Recruiting Service entrusted by the nation motto team embarked on provided the leadership to defend the modern, the project, they commit- oversight for the motto complex

In early 2010, the space and

hands-on research that "Airmen recognize a began with extensive face-to-face meetings with nearly 300 total and career fields in the Schwartz said. "It must force Airmen from all job tify input from discusbe bigger than any single specialties and in every person, something that major command. Airmen described to the team service of all who've worn what they thought it this nation's Air Force means to be an Airman, unique about the Air excellence to the mission final consideration.

"The exhaustive response of commitment. motto belongs to those that Airmen share a core "The call and the who serve, and we've set of identity concepts response are two sides of done our best to give that serve as a basis for the same coin," said Air voice to how Airmen feel an Air Force motto," said Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training

> "No matter what career us they see themselves, security added. domains - first air, then

Air Force News Service in Air Force culture and almost nine months of added. "Airmen take this and input from total force dence and products. It sense of mission very seriously."

An Air Force-wide survey to validate and quansions indicated Airmen have a shared pride in their abilities to adapt to Force-wide survey. meet any threat, and they feel empowered to of national defense.

scientist for the project.

"The research team mand, discussing scores concepts tied to the core tives," Lorenz said.

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"These now information from Air included in Air Force pre- and who will serve in the

the public provided the basic training, profesbasis for identifying the sional military educa-ideal motto candidates," tion, Reserve Officer the colonel said.

Five potential mottos

enduring and credible sions at bases in every pride." motto," said Lt. Col. major command twice, The Clark Groves, the lead and in two Air Force- import and in two Air Force- important distinction wide surveys."

"The data provided mottos. held more meetings with quality information on

Lorenz Force historical archives, sentations, correspon- future."

Airmen, Air Force civil- will also be introduced in ians, retired Airmen and the coming year into Training Corps and U.S. That led to an Air Air Force Academy cours-

"This motto encomemerged and were pre- passes what Airmen say An enduring statement uniform - past, present to serve, and what is bring innovation and sented at CORONA for about what it means to serve in this great Air "This really was a pro- Force," said Chief Master "After understanding cess grounded in inputs Sgt. of the Air Force call to action, with a Schwartz said. "A service research process showed the shared identity, the from Airmen," Groves James Roy. "Aim High ... motto team began trans- said. "We went Air Force- Fly-Fight-Win' gives our forming words and con- wide four times, includ- service a new and lasting cepts into a unifying, ing face-to-face discus- tradition for voicing our

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"Slogans and ad phrasnearly 250 Airmen on everything from acces- es come and go, but a bases in each major com- sions and retention, to motto is meant to be diversity and broader Air passed from one generathe commander of Air of the Air Force, as those of identifying words and Force cultural initia- tion of Airmen to another," Roy said. "This is for Airmen can expect to the hundreds of thougradually hear and see sands of Airmen who now discussions, more of the motto as it is serve, who have served



Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

Calvin Wong, program specialist with Hawaii Energy, talks to Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange patrons about energy efficiency and conservation programs during an energy expo at the exchange at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Oct. 15.

Photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

(Below) Marine Corps 1st Lt. Richard Rush, from Wounded Warriors Detachment Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii, meets Peter Carlisle, mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, during halftime ceremonies at Aloha Stadium. The Honolulu community honored eight wounded warrior service members during the University of Hawaii and University of Nevada college football game.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight





(Below) Kate McCauley, programs director for Wounded Warrior Family Support, Inc., passes out information about the organization to Kevin Peng, an engineer at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, during the command's Taste 'n' See fundraiser to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign on Oct. 5. A total of \$1,118 was raised.

U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki



Staff Sgt. Josh Leugers, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, refuels a C-17 during a stop in Orlando, Fla. on Oct. 10. A C-17 Globemaster III from the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam made the journey to Fort Benning to support the student jump requirements of the 507th Airborne School.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

Recipients of the 2010 Hawaii's Outstanding Military Spouse Award pose for a group photo following a recognition ceremony at Honolulu City Hall. The recipients of this year's awards have functioned as the volunteer communication and organizational focal point for units that were or still are deployed in the theater of hostile operations during the calendar year of 2010.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight



Crew chiefs jump at the chance to assist airborne school

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

It might be hard to tell a flying crew chief from a loadmaster when they all show up in flight suits ready to fly a sortie. Here's a hint: If you see an Airman in a flight suit working on a jet engine, it's probably not a loadmaster.

Two flying crew chiefs from the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam zipped up their flight suits alongside the normal air crew and took the week-long journey to Fort Benning, Ga. from Oct. 9-15 to support the 507th Airborne School there. Regardless of the mission, being a flying crew chief means having an opportunity to experience new things.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Leugers, 15th AMXS flying crew chief. Meeting new people, responsibility is great. seeing new places, doing new things ... not all crew chiefs get this opportunity."

According to Staff Sgt. AMXS flying crew chief, the job to their fullest ability. It's



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Solomon, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, performs a pre-flight inspection on a C-"Being able to see the 17 engine at Fort Benning, Ga. on Oct. 10. A C-17 Globemaster III from the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam world is always fun," said made the long journey to Fort Benning to support the student jump requirements of the 507th Airborne School.

experiences are fun, but the a lot of responsibility."

is not a deployment or a tem-Jonathan Solomon, 15th individuals to perform their ticular treat.

"Being a flying crew chief advanced technology and mission capability a C-17 porary duty," Solomon said. offers make being a flying craft in the realms of range, "It's a mission that requires crew chief on a C-17 a par-

Solomon believes the advanced systems installed on it," Solomon said. from the C-17's side doors. "Overall, it beats other air-

"The aircraft's capabilities Fort Benning, Leugers was opportunities to learn more A-5)

efficiency and reliability."

go hand-in-hand with the able to fly with the aircrew as it dropped paratroopers

"Going up and seeing the paratroopers jump was really cool," he said. "(Missions During the mission to like these) give me better

about the aircraft. I'm a hydraulics troop, but I'm flying on this mission as a crew chief. Experiences like these help broaden my career," Solomon added.

Leugers' and Solomon's efforts did not go unnoticed just because they aren't part of a traditional aircrew. Brig. Gen. Bryan Owens, U.S. Army Infantry School Commandant, coined the duo for their ability to keep the plane in the air to drop paratroopers without a single incident or delay.

"We dropped a lot more paratroopers this week than they've dropped in a long time - about 2,300 in four days," Leugers said. "When I went to jump week in Alaska, we only dropped 500 to 600 paratroopers in a week. We were really helping them out."

Solomon said that the Air Force's joint training partnership with the Army is more than a mingling of the services. It is a co-dependency.

"(The Air Force) can't win any ground battles without the Army, and the Army can't transport troops or equipment without a plane," he said.

(See more photos on page

USS Crommelin 'Indestructibles' race to support Breast Cancer Foundation

Tyler H. Sharp

USS Crommelin (FFG 37)

Fourteen crew members from the USS Crommelin (FFG 37) competed in the Pink Ribbon Run, a 5k road race to support the Breast Cancer Foundation, during a recent port visit to Singapore. The crew wore pink ribbon breast cancer T-shirts to show

these," said Gas Turbine System and support such a great cause." Technician (Mechanical) Fireman Martin Houston. as they crossed the finish line 6 a.m. to join thousands of other exhausted, yet ecstatic, to support such an important

tors, the crew had the time of their lives.

The Pink Ribbon Run took place on a hot and humid Saturday morning, just a day port. "It was difficult waking up "We look pretty darn good in it to run with all those people national development and selves to the limit of their Deleon.

Instead of sleeping in or visiting local amusements, 14 Indeed, everyone looked great Indestructibles boarded a bus at

runners for the charity race.

Upon arriving at the race cause. Joined by more than site, the crew was welcomed by a thousand local competi- a myriad of pink. Recognized as the universal color in support of breast cancer, the organizers spared no expense to bedazzle

everything in the pink pigment. Pre-race festivities included after the Crommelin pulled into face painting, group warm-ups, and introduction by the guest at 0530," said Lt. j.g. Peter of honor, Grace Fu, senior min-Gangcuangco. "But it was worth ister of state, ministry of

ministry of education.

"We came here to support a did not disappoint. worthy cause, interact with the local people and have a great remarked Ensign Sarah Taylor race. What we saw was a group as she crossed the finish line. of people united in the fight against breast cancer, and we other runners motivated me to were extremely proud to be part finish strong. It doesn't matter of it," said Chief Aviation if you are a runner or not; this Electronics Jonathan Weisenborn.

highly competitive race with a race in," said Damage every runner pushing them- Controlman Fireman

endurance. Crommelin runners

"Wow, that was really hard," "All of the supporters and the Technician event is for everyone," she said.

Following the race, runners Soon after Fu shared inspira- enjoyed refreshments and tional words with the competi- camaraderie. "The race was a tors, the race started. What had huge success. All of us from the began as a fun Saturday morn- Crommelin are looking forward ing run quickly turned into a to the next port that we can run



Experience the makahiki festival at Hickam Beach on Nov. 6

Grace Hew Len

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Makahiki festival will grace the shores of Hickam Harbor Beach from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 6.

Military and civilian personnel Hawaiian celebration known as a "Hawaiian Thanksgiving," at Kapuaikaula, or Joint Base Pearl For more than 2,000 years, the "The annual makahiki at Harbor-Hickam. Bring your significance of Lono and his con- Kapuaikaula is an important cel-

tional cultural event. The event is organized by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

The annual Kapuaikaula 9 a.m., paddlers in canoes carrying *Lono*, the deified guardian of Iroquois Point to Hickam Harbor.

itage at the unique and educa- ple influenced the celebration of temporary people of Hawaii for on health and welfare made events held during makahiki fes- the future," said Shad Kane, the games of skill that tested a tivals throughout the Hawaiian Islands. According to the ancient Before the makahiki begins at calendar of Hawaii, the Hawaiian new year begins on the first night of the rising star constellation agriculture, rain, health and Makalii, or Pleiades. The four peace, will make a journey from months following the rise of the Makali'i, from October to the end with base access are invited to Once on shore, the blast of the of January, were set aside as a observe the makahiki, an ancient pu, or conch shell, will announce time for Lono to give thanksgiv-

beach chairs and mats and expetributions to the beliefs and prace ebration of the past that will help rience Hawaii's rich past and her-tices of the early Hawaiian peo-redefine our relationships as con-the time of makahiki. The focus affairs Office at 473-2926.

Ewa Moku representative for the healthy body and mind a focal Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic

The celebration provides an games. opportunity for military families important aspect of makahiki.

In ancient Hawaiian history, "The annual makahiki at Lono was the embodiment of Hickam is today," Kane said. peace and welfare, and all war-

point of the makahiki games. Guests may take part in the

"Makahiki will help to improve to understand the culture and relationships between the milihistory of Hawaii. The makahiki tary and the Hawaiian and noncelebration includes Native Hawaiian community, but also Hawaiian *oli*, or chants, and an establish an awareness of the exhibition of games, which is an rich pre-western Hawaiian traditions and history surrounding where Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

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Arctic Warriors kick off Operation Deep Freeze season

Joint Task Force **Support Forces Antarctica Public Affairs**

The Department of Defense begins its support of the U.S. Antarctic Program and the National Science Foundation during the Operation Deep Freeze 2010-2011 season scheduled through Feb. 24.

The U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army and Coast Guard lend operational and logistical support the National Science Foundation's research and exploration in Antarctica. This support is provided by the Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica (JTF SFA), led by 13th Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). JTF SFA coordinates strategic intertheater airlift, tactical deep field support, aeromedical evacuation support, search and rescue response, sealift, seaport access, bulk fuel supply, port cargo handling, and transportation requirements.

Christchurch International Airport, New Zealand is the staging point for deployment to McMurdo Station, the military's most difficult and has provided support to Guard work together as tary sealift command-char-

U.S. Air Force photo by SrA. Gustavo Gonzalez

An LC-130 Hercules, equipped with retractable ski-wheels, parks on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, while local media and civic leaders tour the aircraft on Oct. 18. The LC-130 is preparing for a flight to Antarctica to support Operation Deep Freeze. The uniquely equipped aircraft is necessary for the movement of personnel and cargo vital to the U.S. Antarctic Program and the National Science Foundation's research and exploration efforts in Antarctica. The U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army, and Coast Guard lend operational and logistical support to support these efforts as part of Operation Deep Freeze.

and operations facility for the harsh Antarctic envi-

Operation Deep Freeze is is uniquely equipped and unlike any other U.S. mili-trained to operate in such

Antarctica, a key research peacetime mission due to the U.S. Antarctic Program since 1955. the U.S. Antarctic Program. ronment. The U.S. military

Active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel from the U.S. Air Force,

This team continues the American Tern; engineertradition of U.S. military support to the U.S. Antarctic Program and demonstrates the United Command; and the U.S. States' commitment to a stable Pacific region.

The 2010-11 Operation Williamsburg, Va. Deep Freeze season marks Forces Antarctica (JTFrequirements from the U.S. Antarctic Program, a JTF-SFA attached C-17 Globemaster III employed night vision goggle (NVG) to resupply McMurdo was projected. Station located on Ross Island, Antarctica.

Airlift for Operation Deep Freeze involves active duty and reserve C-17 support from Joint Base 13af.pa@hickam.af.mil. Lewis-McChord, LC-130 Washington; Hercules support from the New York Air National Science Guard; sealift support consisting of one U.S. coast guard icebreaker on standby in Seattle, Wash.; one military sealift command tanker, the USNS Richard tary operation. It is possibly an austere environment Navy, Army and Coast G. Matthiesen; one mili- Hickam.)

part of the joint task force. tered dry cargo ship, MV ing and aviation services from U.S. Navy Space and Naval Warfare Systems Navy Cargo Handling Battalion One

This year's pre-season, a historic first for Joint known as WINFLY, includ-Task Force - Support ed seven special assignment airlift missions SFA), headquartered at (SAAMs) - four were NVG JBPHH. In response to and three daylight missions. The 13th Air Forceled network of inter-theater aircraft delivered 412 passenger and more than 400,000 pounds of cargo, operations in total darkness which was more than what

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NAVFAC Hawaii educates keiki on energy conservation

Story and photo by MC2 (AW) Eric J. Cutright

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Det. Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii's energy team held an educational seminar for children at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School on Oct. 13, as part of the command's annual energy outreach program.

Krista Stehn, the guest speaker and a representative of the energy team, spoke to children in grades kindergarten through sixth about what energy is, and provided educational information on how to conserve energy.

"This is the fourth year that NAVFAC has implemented its outreach program. We are going to schools that feature a high percentage of DoD [Department of Defense dependents, and this year we started out at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School," Stehn said. "The whole purpose of the program



Krista Stehn of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii speaks with students at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School about energy conservation. The educational session was given to the students as part of NAVFAC Hawaii's energy conservation outreach program.

the students on energy conserva- in their homes and also encourage tion and hopefully, they'll apply their parents to be more earth-con- conservation, she held an open their correct responses.

tips that we teach them about scious," she explained.

question and answer session wit During Stehn's lesson on energy the students, who won prizes for be distributed throughout Navy

"This is the third year that we have been involved with the Navy's conservation program," said Cathy Callejo, curriculum coordinator and vice principal at Pearl Harbor Kai. "I just think that it is a fantastic program for our students as well as their parents.'

Callejo elaborated on how the students get their parents involved with the energy conservation initia-

"As an adult, we tend to forget to conserve energy and take things for granted, forgetting simple things such as turning off the lights or turning off the water," Callejo said. "I know that I'm guilty of these things, so our children are coming home and teaching our parents how to conserve a little bit better."

NAVFAC Hawaii's energy outreach program is also sponsoring a contest in which Pearl Harbor Kai's students will illustrate what they have learned about conservation. The best artwork depicting saving energy from each grade Region Hawaii later this year.



Pacific inspectors general get 'back to basics' at conference

MC2 Michael Hight

U.S Pacific Fleet Public **Affairs**

The 9th Annual Pacific Inspectors General (IG) Conference gathered "It's important for all together IGs from of the IGs from around around the Pacific theater on Oct. 13-15.

to Basics," this year's three-day conference focused on the four core functions of naval IG activities: assistance, investigations, inspections and audit liaison.

The conference provided participants valuable training with topics including travel issues, contracting, ethics, social media, and other services they can take back to their commands to enhance mission effectiveness.

that goes on at this IG both at the echelon two and echelon three levels," said Vice Adm. commander. Anthony Winns, Naval Inspector "Here we are able to awards luncheon held at review and discuss many Joint IG policy issues and Harbor-Hickam's align our efforts. As Seabreeze restaurant well, this training sym- where 11 IGs were recposium fosters communi- ognized for their contri-

According to Pacific year.

Fleet Inspector General Betty Vega, the annual conference offers the perfect opportunity for IGs to share practical applications and lessons learned.

"It's important for all the Pacific to meet in one place to get policy With a theme of "Back updates, advanced training, plan strategically, and to set goals and objectives for the next fiscal year," Vega said. "The three-day conference helps all of us make sure that we align with the guiding principles and priorities of the Naval Inspector General and that of the Commander, Pacific Fleet."

The mission of the IG is to assist the commander in maintaining effective command and con-"The level of training trol and high standards of operational readiness. conference is vital to They also serve as an other inspectors general, extension of the eyes, voice ears, conscience

Pacific Fleet IGs were General. also honored at an $_{\mathrm{Base}}$ Pearl cation and camaraderie." butions throughout the

NIOC Hawaii chief shares her IA experience

Jennifer Schooley

Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) (SW/AW/EXW) Tabitha Henry departed Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii for her individual augmentee assignment December 2009.

Leaving behind the comforts of paradise, she began her training at NMPS Norfolk, followed by a brief class in Maryland, and then a month at Fort Dix. Her favorite part of the training was the time spent on the range.

On April 10, she arrived at Camp Ramadi in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. While it is located near the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers, it is certainly not the same as looking at the Pacific Ocean from Waikiki Ocean from Beach.

While she has had no chances to interact with the local population for volunteer work, she does feel she has made a positive impact in Iraq. "My greatest successes have been when I have seen tangible results of my work in direct action," Henry said. Noting that being a senior non-commissioned officer in Iraq comes with increased responsibility, she explained, "My biggest challenge has been keeping an eye on my Sailors who are spread between three detachments." This is considerably different than being at home at NIOC Hawaii where her Sailors are all working in the same

While deployed, Henry



Photo courtesy of CTRC (SW/AW/EXW) Tabitha Henry

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) (SW/AW/EXW) Tabitha Henry is currently serving as an individual augmentee (IA) in Iraq. She is assigned to Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii and left for her IA assignment in December 2009.

earned her enlisted experole) to earn a warfare Iraq, said that her deployqualification was devel- weapons qualification and ing experience. Navy expeditionary com- field (naval personnel serving deployment. in a maritime security or

maritime combat-related still on IA deployment in zone."

ditionary warfare special- qualification. Core quali- ment to Iraq has been a ist qualification. The fication skills include rewarding and eye-openoped to provide a chance maintenance, marksman- asked about others confor enlisted Sailors in the ship, land navigation, sidering an IA, she said, communications, "If you're thinking about bat command community and expeditionary camp taking an IA, go ahead and do it. It's beneficial Henry, who is currently to get out of your comfort

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PHNSY hosts international shipyard management class

Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Naval officers from 11 countries are attending a six-week annual International Shipyard Management Course at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Classes began Sept. 27 and will finish in early November.

"The training is strategically important to the U.S. Navy in terms of humanitarian support and security assistance," said Robert Sonoda, shipyard supervisory production controller.

Fifteen naval officers Ireland, from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bahrain, Dominican Bangladesh, Republic, Philippines, Egypt, Korea, Saudi Arabia and about environmental regulation, shipyard management and mainte- not have any at all. nance, and counterterror-

ism during their visit. organizational structure, stand how a U.S. Navy planning and estimating, shipyard operates. material ordering, and

gram have fleets that some kind," he said. vary in size and capabili-



dents are instructed to create an e-mail account specifically to keep in touch with each other after the class.

"Most importantly, this course helps our allies build up capability and capacity. These foreign naval officers come together as strangers and become true allies after spending six weeks together. Some graduates of the program still keep in touch by e-mail five years later," Sonoda said.

Capt. Brian Osgood, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard commander, welcomes 15 officers from 11 different countries to the International Management Shipyard Classes began Course. Sept. 27 and will continue through early November.

ty, according to Sonoda. Taiwan are learning For example, some of the countries have floating dry docks and others do

Sonoda explained that the students benefit from Other key course ele- the opportunity to see ments include shipyard first-hand and under-

"Whether it's a big or ship overhaul and repair. small country, they all The international naval take part in ship mainteforces involved in the pro- nance and management of

The international stu-

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

Oct. 28 – Diver diversity

Nov. 4 – Makahiki Festival Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 18 - Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

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Diamond Tips

ance to Airmen.)

By Master Sgt. **Deborah Hernadez**

Many Air Force mem- erly. bers spend time after our own back yards.

Community Housing. unteer to clean up our But as I look closely, I back yards and make see lots of waste that our children help.

(Diamond Tips are pro- needs to be picked up. vided by Air Force first Lying in the grass are sergeants to address con- water bottles, pop cans, cerns in the Air Force com- drink boxes, snack munity and provide guid- wrappers, discarded toys and mismatched shoes. Our children are carrying these items to the park and not discarding the trash prop-

What can we do to volunteering combat this problem? around the island for Our children are being numerous charity orga- taught conservation nizations or causes. and pollution preven-Some of these often tion in grade school and include beach, park or we need to reinforce road cleanup. While this enduring cause. these are worthy caus- Remind your children es, we need to look in when they walk out of the house with drinks As I walk my dog or snacks to throw the through our neighbor- trash in the garbage can hoods, I admire the and not on the ground. parks which were built Make sure they return for our children and to the house with both maintained by Hickam shoes. We can also vol-