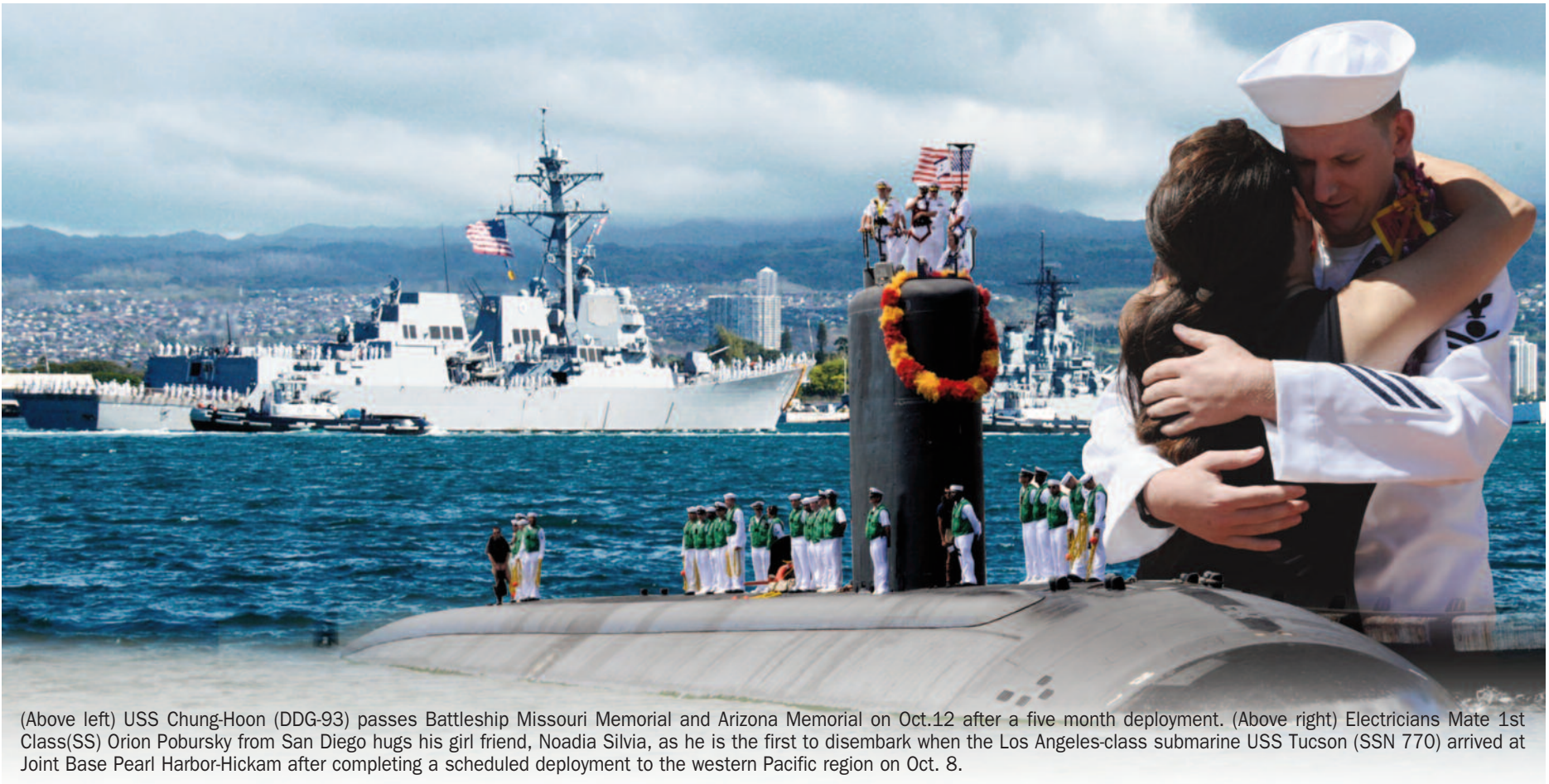


Chung-Hoon, Tucson return to Pearl Harbor



(Above left) USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) passes Battleship Missouri Memorial and Arizona Memorial on Oct. 12 after a five month deployment. (Above right) Electricians Mate 1st Class (SS) Orion Pobursky from San Diego hugs his girl friend, Noadia Silvia, as he is the first to disembark when the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Oct. 8.

Story and photo by Lt. j.g. Casey Two Bears

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) returned home to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 12 to a sea of leis and well-wishers and a ceremony attended by Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Chung-Hoon was deployed for five months to work in concert with U.S. Philippine and Singapore allies in a series of naval force presence exercises.

"Today we got back from a deployment to the [U.S.] 7th Fleet area of operations

where we did a number of presence operations in concert with the Philippine and Singaporean navies and ... with the George Washington Strike Group," explained Cmdr. Steve Erb, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon. "Chung-Hoon supported the goals of [U.S.] 7th Fleet by responding and showing our presence in the area of Korea and the South China Sea," he said.

On returning, Erb said, "It's great to be back with family and with friends. Pearl Harbor, it's the greatest homeport in the Navy."

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Sean Sandoval said, "The Chung-Hoon reinforced our commitment to our foreign allies. "It's amazing to be back,"

he added.

Chung-Hoon was honored to have its sponsor, Michelle Punana Chung-Hoon, niece of the ship's namesake Adm. Chung-Hoon, on hand.

"It's emotional to have them home. They've gone out in the face of danger and have returned unharmed," she said.

Adm. Gordon Chung-Hoon served during World War II and was the nation's first Asian-American flag officer. A noted football player, he attended Punahou School and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934.

Commissioned in 2004, Chung-Hoon is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Story and photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 8 after completing a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region.

During the deployment, Tucson successfully conducted missions vital to national security and participated in challenging fleet exercises including Invincible Spirit, a U.S.-Republic of Korea combined alliance exercise. Throughout its six months

away from Pearl Harbor, Tucson also executed numerous theater level missions in support of the task force commander's priorities.

"As with most submarine deployments, the tasking over the last six months changed frequently and dramatically," said Cmdr. Gary Pinkerton, USS Tucson commanding officer. "We went to areas we did not study prior to deployment and diverted to ports we didn't expect. The crew did an exceptional job on this deployment and they executed all assigned tasking, some of which were added at the last moment as missions and availability of other submarines changed,"

Pinkerton said.

During the deployment, 17 new enlisted submariners, including five who were assigned temporary duty to the submarine for the first three months of the deployment, became submarine-qualified and are now entitled to wear the enlisted submarine warfare insignia. A majority of the crew also completed advanced qualifications, including engineering watch supervisor, diving officer of the watch and chief of the watch. These qualifications provide greater watch bill flexibility and helped ensure that Tucson's performance will remain strong after the

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Hickam answers the call for joint service training

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Georgia – The C-17 Globemaster III from the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii must have looked like an angel sent from heaven as it soared through the skies before touching down here Oct. 10. In the eyes of the jumpmasters who operate the 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, the plane and its crew truly must have been sent from above.

The 507th Airborne School is a three-week course consisting of three week-long branches:

ground, tower and jump. According to U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class David Dzwik, master trainer for the school's jump branch, an aircraft drops approximately 2,500 paratroopers a week on average. After only two days working with the Soldiers, the Hickam tail had already dropped more than 1,600.

"Each week, the (request) goes out to C-17 and C-130s communities for them to provide support," he said. "C-130s obviously don't have the carrying capacity that the C-17s has, so they have to do more lifts than the C-17 is required to do."

To draw in aircraft to support their paratrooper training classes, the 507th puts out a "con-

tract" asking aircrews who need to bolster their qualifications to come give students the five jumps they need to graduate. It is always a welcome sight to see a C-17 sitting on the flightline.

"It's been a while since Hickam has been able to support the school. Normally, airdrop crews from Charleston and McChord get the opportunity because they're obviously closer in proximity. It's a rare opportunity for Hickam," Dzwik added.

Any plane can respond to the request though it is rare to see an aircrew come from an overseas base. Chief Master Sgt. Lou Orrie, 15th Operations Group superintendent and loadmaster

for the C-17 providing support, said the opportunity to bring a C-17 all the way from Hickam was a welcome if not rare opportunity.

As the military becomes more

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen Staff Sgt. Jason Jones, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, watches a paratrooper student jump out of a C-17 over the drop zone Oct. 11 at Fort Benning, GA. A C-17 from the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam made the long journey to Fort Benning to support the student jump requirements of the 507th Airborne School.



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam launches 2010 Combined Federal Campaign

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

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Det. Hawaii

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) launched this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) during a ceremony held at Ward Field on Oct. 7.

CFC is a fundraiser started in 1961 that promotes philanthropy through donations given by service members and federal employees to help improve the quality

of life for all.

"The Combined Federal Campaign is important to Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Soldiers because so many of the activities the CFC supports put dollars directly into organizations and charities that our families and friends use," said Capt. Larry Scruggs, the chief of staff for JBPHH and guest speaker at the event. "They also bring about an opportunity for us, the service members, to provide resources back into the local community. We're not always available to volunteer our time, but we do have the good fortune that



we earn a steady paycheck and that once a year we can contribute to those charities that mean the most to us," he added.

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Lane F.

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (AW) Eric J. Cutright Capt. Larry Scruggs, chief staff officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, takes a moment to introduce himself to Kevin, a deaf cat in the care of 'Joey's Feline Friends,' a long-term care facility for abused and physically challenged cats.



Lightning Rescue 2010 - a meeting of more than just minds See page A-2



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Hail Mary lifts Lake Erie past Port Royal See page B-2

Lightning Rescue 2010 - a meeting of more than just minds

Tech. Sgt. Aries D. Early

13th Air Force Public Affairs

Thirteenth Air Force and 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently joined more than 20 organizations and interagency partners for exercise Lightning Rescue 2010 on Oahu. Lightning Rescue is the U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Task Force - Homeland Defense sponsored, joint-interagency pandemic influenza (PI) preparedness and response exercise that focuses on defense support of civil authorities in response to a PI situation in the state of Hawaii.

The exercise provided an opportunity for joint civil-military response planning and training to validate and synchronize federal, state and local agencies' PI preparedness plans, and to exercise coordinated efforts in responding to a PI outbreak in



Courtesy photo

Airmen of the 15th Medical Group manage a decontamination point as part of exercise Lightning Rescue 2010. Lightning Rescue is the U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Task Force - Homeland Defense sponsored joint-interagency pandemic influenza preparedness and response exercise that focuses on defense support of civil authorities in response to a PI situation in the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii and across the Pacific. In years past, participants only dealt with different variations of an outbreak scenario, but for 2010, organizers threw in something extra.

"This year we included a bio-threat into the exercise to make it a little bit more challenging and to get everybody to think very deeply about how we would deal with a bio-threat if it occurred here in the state of Hawaii," said Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves, deputy commander, Army National Guard, U.S. Army Pacific.

Lightning Rescue assessed and exercised the PI plans and capabilities of all the organizations involved, while providing the opportunity to train in medical response, disaster planning and conduct interagency communications.

"It's very important for 13th Air Force and 15th Wing to par-

ticipate because of all the contacts, networking and developing, as well as the thought processes used locally that they are exposed to," said Col. Tim Fujino, liaison officer for Joint Task Force - Homeland Defense.

Additionally, foreign delegates from Japan participated as observers to collect lessons learned for their own disaster management planning efforts. These delegates were also afforded the opportunity to share some of their planning considerations and experiences during the week.

"One thing [the Japanese delegates] were fascinated with was the effectiveness and efficiency of the decontamination demonstration," Fujino added.

With the tools, ideas and suggestions taken from this year's exercise, organizers are already hard at work coordinating and planning the events of Lightning Rescue 2011.

Ground breaking/blessing ceremony heralds beginning of construction for new CDC

Thomas Obungen

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

A ground breaking and Hawaiian blessing ceremony held on Oct. 5 marked the beginning of construction for the first Child Development Center (CDC) on Ford Island and the third new CDC at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"Today we break ground for a third new and sorely needed Child Development Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)," said Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of JBPHH. "This CDC is a great step towards relieving a backlog of hundreds and hundreds for children who are awaiting slots in a modern, purpose-built safe child development center," he said.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific awarded the \$15,869,000 firm-fixed price contract to RMA-ECC, LLC, a joint-venture firm in Anaheim, Calif., in December 2009 to design and build the sustainable facility. NAVFAC Hawaii is the executing authority on this project as with the other CDCs being constructed.

The contract requires the removal and relocation of monkeypod trees, curbs, sidewalks and other infrastructure to make room for the new building. When completed in January 2012, the 37,404 square foot facility will provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for 304 children, ranging in age from six weeks to five years old.

The CDC will contain 24 flexible activity rooms, a 1,200 square foot commercial kitchen, laundry and restroom facilities,



U.S. Navy photos by MC2 (AW) Eric J. Cutright
Capt. John Coronado, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, speaks at the Ford Island Child Development Center (CDC) groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 5.

storage, training rooms and administrative spaces. The floor plan allows for classroom windows to overlook central courtyards that feature age-appropriate playground equipment.

A sustainable design will be implemented and features low-flow plumbing fixtures, Energy Star appliances, solar water heating, and an efficient air conditioning system that will ulti-

mately contribute to a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

"As you can tell from the rendering on the programs, this Child Development Center is going to be a beautiful facility as well as a jewel on this National Historic Landmark of Ford Island," said Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii.

Under Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, there are currently nine CDCs and 29 child development homes that accommodate 794 children. With the completion of the new Ford Island, Pearl Harbor and Wahiawa CDCs, an additional 769 quality child care spaces will become available for Navy and Air Force families.

(Additional photo on page A-5.)

New Air Force Staffing Tool (SST)

The Civilian Personnel Flight has announced town hall meetings to introduce a new Air Force Single Staffing Tool (SST) used for applying for internal vacancies. Current Air Force employees are encouraged to attend one of the briefings located at building 2115, 647 LRS/Mobility Complex. The first briefing will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 22 in classroom one. On Oct. 29, there will be two briefings in classroom four. The morning session will be held from 6 to 7 a.m. and the afternoon session will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call customer service at 449-0122.



October energy events

The following energy events will be held during the month of October:
Energy fairs
Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Hickam Exchange Energy Fair
Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. - Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange NEX Energy Fair
Building Energy Monitor Training
Oct. 15, 11 a.m. or Oct. 26, 1 p.m. - Ford Island Conference Center

Burial at sea honors Pearl Harbor hero

Story and photos by
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Amid clear blue skies and the water's flickering white foam, family members of the late Aviation Radioman Chief Petty Officer Henry W. Lawrence honored his final wish as they scattered his ashes from the USS Utah Memorial during a burial-at-sea ceremony at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, (JBPHH) on Oct. 8.

The memorial paid tribute to Lawrence, who was stationed at Ford Island as a member of Patrol Squadron 22 (VP-22) at the time of the Japanese surprise attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Full military honors included a 21-gun salute provided by Navy Region Hawaii Honors and Ceremonial command, Taps by Musician 3rd Class Shelby Tucci of U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, and the attendance of Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, chief of staff for JBPHH, among other distinguished naval guests.

Paul Lawrence, son of the late chief, and his wife, Sheri, arrived at Pearl Harbor from Alabama to attend the ceremony, while his sister and Florida resident, Paula, was joined by her husband, Jim Marley. A third sibling, Pamela Ackerson, did not make the trip.

Although Paul said that his father rarely ever spoke about the events surrounding the day of infamy, he left little doubt about where he wanted his final resting place to be.

"It was just him wanting to be with the people he was with during the devas-



Aviation Radioman Chief Petty Officer
HENRY W. LAWRENCE

tation," Paul said. "It wasn't like he kept in touch with them, but he would always call them friends."

In his memoirs, Lawrence recalled that while the day of Dec. 7 started off like any other day, things changed in a hurry as the sounds of the bombs and torpedoes rattled him out of bed and sent him running to the window where he saw the attack unfold right before his eyes.

"Some of the men on the

ships were firing back, but it was a losing battle," he wrote. "Without any opposition, the Japanese had everything going their way. It was damned near sad. The clear air that was over the harbor was now being encompassed with smoke, and the clean water was now turning black with oil."

From the barracks, Lawrence made his way to his squadron, which was about a half mile away.

Despite dodging rounds from the Japanese zeroes, Lawrence and several others made it safely to the hanger, where he and fellow shipmates fought fires and cleared away burning planes.

According to Jim, his father-in-law remained on Ford Island for a while after the attack, but was later sent off to the South Pacific, where Lawrence did three tours during the Second World War as a

member of the Black Cat Squadron.

As it turned out, Jim said that Lawrence's five years in the service were filled with a lot more action than he anticipated when he volunteered to serve his country.

"His older brother talked him into it," said Jim about Lawrence, who came from a family of seven brothers and one sister. "He told him, 'We'll get into the Navy and we won't have to

go anywhere because we're in Newport, (R.I.). In a few years, we'll get out and we'll be good.' Unluckily for him, the war broke out."

While Paul and Jim handled the final task of releasing Lawrence's ashes into Pearl Harbor, Paula stood off to the side in quiet contemplation of her father, who died last December.

Saying that it was still too hard and emotional to let go of her dad, Paula instead reflected upon his dry sense of humor and kind and gentle manner.

"He was a nice man," she said. "I realize he was our dad, but I really liked him as a person."

Paul agreed with his sister and added that their father might have been a bit embarrassed by all the ceremonies surrounding his burial.

"This was much more overwhelming than what we were expecting," Paul admitted. "My dad would have expected someone to just walk him out there and whoosh. He would have been fine with that. He's not big into ceremonial type of things, but he would have liked this."

Meanwhile, although Jim said that he felt a heavy burden as he and Paul emptied the contents of Lawrence's urn into Pearl Harbor, he would always remember the final time he said goodbye to an old friend.

"This was like the last time that we're going to see him. It's like the final act and it's hard," Jim related. "But this is something that we'll never forget. I don't care if we have a hundred videos or three pictures, you can't forget this. We're lucky."

**HAPPY 235TH BIRTHDAY
U.S. NAVY**

Proclamation from the President

I send greetings to all those celebrating the 235th birthday of the United States Navy.

Whether at sea, on land or in the sky, members of the United States Navy have ardently defended the cause of freedom. Since the Continental Navy was established by the second Congress in 1775, brave Sailors have participated in every major military campaign America has engaged in around the world.

Today, the women and men of the United States Navy continue to answer our nation's call, serving with honor and distinction. Navy service members have contributed immeasurably to the needs of our country over the past year, carrying out missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, participating in Haiti relief efforts in the wake of a tragic earthquake, and conducting global counter-piracy and maritime security operations. Wherever they are needed, our Sailors exhibit courage and resolve, strengthening America for generations to come.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank you for your service. As you celebrate this milestone, I hope you look back with pride on the tremendous accomplishments of this proud branch of our military. May God bless all our men and women in uniform, and may God bless the United States of America.

Barack Obama
President of the United States

Museum remembers 'Aztec Eagles'

Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force

Mexican air force Capt. Radames Gaxiola Andrade stands in front of his P-47D with his maintenance team after he returned from a combat mission. Captain Andrade was assigned to the Mexican air force's Escuadron 201. Members of the Escuadron 201 fought alongside U.S. forces during World War II.

Tucson returns

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upcoming departure of many senior personnel and into her next deployment.

"Tucson operated greater than 85 percent of the past six months at sea, and the crew rose to every challenge with a positive attitude by attacking qualifications with the same zeal and persistence that they used when approaching unexpected new missions," Pinkerton said.

Well over half of the crew was on the first deployment of their career, and only three members of

today's crew were on board Tucson when she deployed back in 2006.

"Our crew and their families completed a change of homeport, extensive training and certifications to restore their proficiency, and successfully deployed to the busiest and most dynamic waters in which the United States sails," Pinkerton added. "I could not be more proud of each and every one of them and the greater experience and confidence that will serve them well as they continue their Navy career."

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Junior officers graduate from Surface Warfare Officer Introduction Course

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Thirty-five junior officers graduated from the Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATGMID-PAC) Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) Introduction Course held on the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Oct. 8.

The ensigns attended the five-week course which covered a variety of shipboard fundamentals and provided tools and resources to help them become successful division officers (DIVO).

"We take them through damage control lessons, maritime seamanship les-

sons, division officer fundamentals, and all the DIVO admin that they need to know," said Lt. Lauren Patterson, a course instructor assigned to ATGMID-PAC.

"The class gave me great overview of different aspects of being a surface warfare officer. We learned about division officer fundamentals, such as 3M, and what's expected of us as a division officer," said Ensign Samantha Shedd, assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

Students also attended a week-long leadership course, damage control training, fire fighting school and firearms training. They also took rigid-hull inflatable boat rides



Thirty-five junior officers from Navy Region Hawaii graduate from the Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) Introduction Course aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Oct. 8th. The course covered damage control, engineering, navigation, seamanship, shiphandling, maritime warfare and leadership development over a five-week period.

for harbor familiarization.

The course is designed for all new junior officers on the waterfront to attend within the first three to four months of checking into their ships. This allows them to become more educated about shipboard life and their duties.

"Before I went to this [course], I was kind of lost and wandering around, not really sure what everything was. Now because of this info, I have an overview of a lot more things on the ship and I know where to go with my questions and how to start doing my job," Shedd said. "I'm looking forward to going back to my ship and using the knowledge that I've gained and applying it."

Praise for Hickam aircrew

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and more of a joint force, it makes sense that both students and jumpmasters in the 507th represent four of the five military branches. According to Orrie, training together in a joint situation fosters an environment of support and understanding between branches.

"[Joint training] provides that level of mutual support for one another," the chief said. "The more exposure we're able to get from them and they're able to receive from us, the better understanding we have when it comes time to do things for real. It creates more of a common ground for everybody."

Dzwik said working alongside jumpmasters from the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy has educated him on each branch's airlift capabilities.

"They really do a good job," he said. "I've learned a lot here about what the other services do and corrected a lot of misconceptions I had before. I've always worked with the Air Force because I've always been in an airborne unit, but learning about the capabilities of other branches has been a real learning experience," he continued.

Orrie said that, in his experience, Hickam's ability to get paratroopers out the doors at such a high rate was unprecedented, and the aircrew's skill in performing their respective roles both

efficiently and safely is nothing short of extraordinary.

"I thought when I did 900 jumpers in two days the last time I was down here was hoofing it," he said. "Knocking out 1,600 plus, and having the crew in place to be able to do things right and do them quickly ... the crew has just been exceptional."

Dzwik called the Hickam tail a "godsend" because of its willingness to push the tempo in which troopers came out the door at a rate other planes could not. This was accomplished in part by using both side doors, taking shorter turns around the drop zone, and stopping less to refuel.

"We were a little shocked, but man I am glad they're here," Dzwik said. "We kept telling [Chief Orrie] how indebted we were to them and they were almost confused by that. The crew was confused saying, 'What are you talking about? That's what we're here for.'"

According to Orrie, Dzwik's praise for Hickam's aircrew has been compounded by just about everyone affiliated with the 507th and its mission.

"From the jumpmasters, the support office, and all the way up to their brigadier general, who flew with the crew Oct. 12, everyone has said (the aircrew) is nothing but exceptional," he said. "They were so far behind, and in a matter of two days they are now ahead of schedule - that speaks volumes."

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

Staff Sgt. Jason Jones, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, checks the exit door of a C-17 in preparation for student paratroopers from the 507th Airborne School to exit the aircraft on Oct. 11 at Fort Benning, Ga. A C-17 from the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam made the long 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



(Left) Capt. John Coronado, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii along with Capt. Rick Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, untie the maile lei at the Ford Island Child Development Center (CDC) ground-breaking ceremony on Oct. 25. The untying of the maile lei is a symbolic Hawaiian tradition similar to a ribbon cutting. NAVFAC Hawaii awarded a 15,869,000,000 million dollar contract to ECC and RMA Land Construction in a joint venture in December 2009. The CDC is scheduled to be complete by January 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (AW) Eric J. Cutright

(Right) Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Donovan Mahiai, from Walanae, Hawaii uses a workout video as part of his physical fitness routine in the hangar bay aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is deployed supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Ryan McLearnon



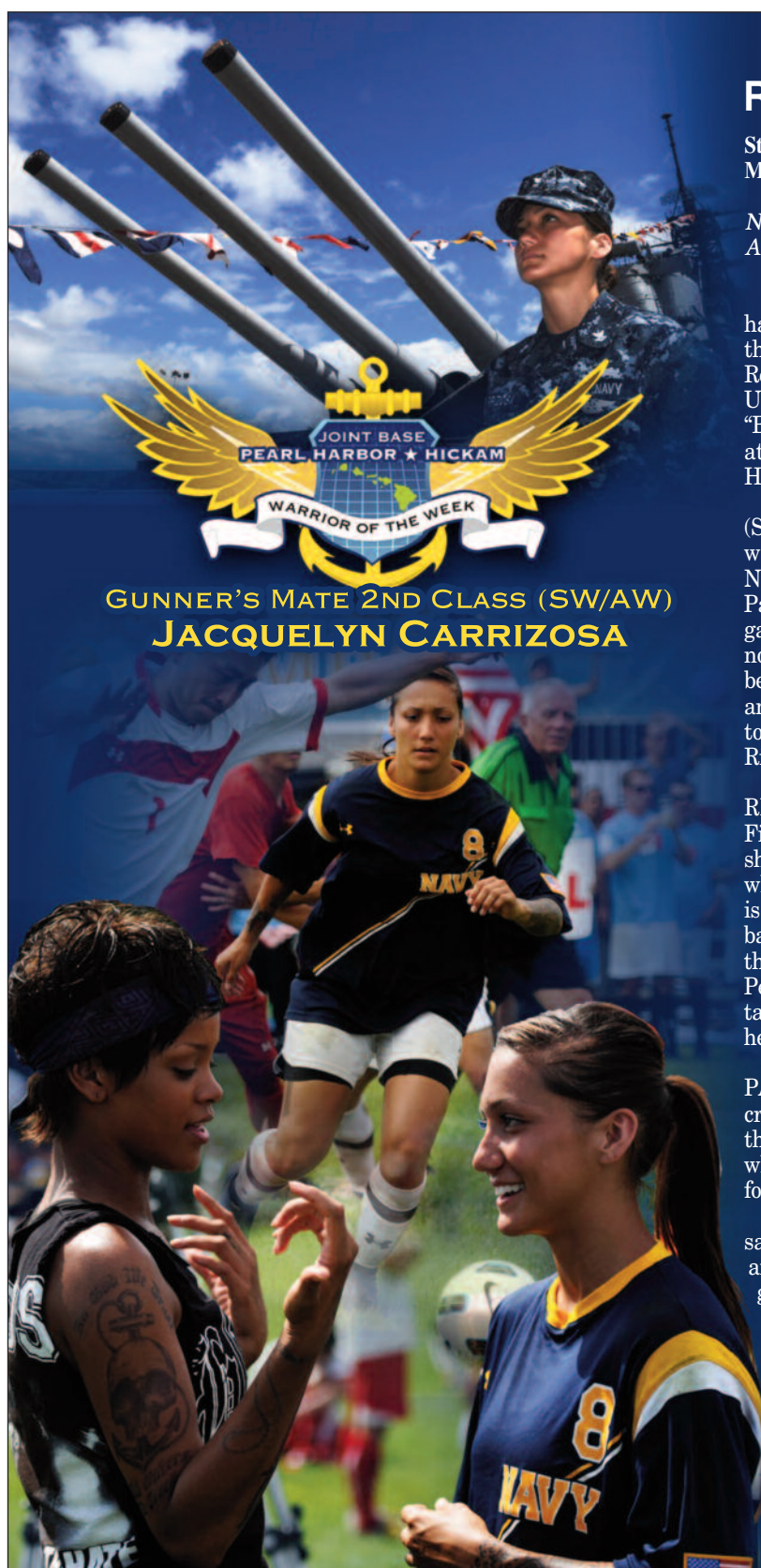
(Left) Ethan Shropshire, son of Intelligence Specialist Chiefs (ISC) John and Shannon Shropshire, extinguishes a fire during a live fire demo at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Mall on Oct. 7. Federal Fire Department Hawaii, fire prevention division, is increasing the public's awareness on the dangers of smoke and fire during Fire Prevention Week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

(Right) Scott Ebert, fire inspector with Federal Fire Department Hawaii, provides public information to patrons at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) on Oct. 7. Federal Fire Department Hawaii, fire prevention division, is increasing the public's awareness on the dangers of smoke and fire during Fire Prevention Week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Photo by David D. Underwood Jr.





Ronald Reagan gunner's mate turns Rihanna into Sailor

Story and photos by
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public
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Director Peter Berg recently hand-picked a Sailor assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) to be part of a Universal Picture's movie "Battleship" while it was filming at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 13 and 14.

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jacquelyn Carrizosa was playing soccer for a U.S. Navy team during a Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 sports game last July when Berg took notice of her and wanted her to be part of the movie as an extra and a military technical advisor to singer and now actress Rihanna.

"I was playing soccer during RIMPAC right here in Ward Field, and I was wearing this shirt — "Hoods," said Carrizosa, who later explained that Hoods is the name of a punk band based in Sacramento, Calif. "At that time, I didn't know it was Peter." Berg and his representative asked to take pictures of her.

After participating in RIMPAC, Ronald Reagan and its crew were on the way back to their homeport of San Diego when Berg e-mailed Carrizosa for the first time.

"Peter e-mails me, and he says that he looked up the band, and he says, 'hi I'm the creepy guy who took the pictures of your shirt,'" Carrizosa said.

"Peter wrote to me, 'I looked up the band, and they seemed pretty hardcore. I don't know if you know who Rihanna [is] or if you listen to her music, but how would you like to be the

military representative and come play soccer for this movie I'm doing? If not, it's cool."

Carrizosa said she was surprised when she saw the e-mail.

"I didn't believe that at first," said Carrizosa. "I read it like four times. I wasn't sure about how real it was. So I wrote back: 'I'm active duty Navy and I'm not stationed in Hawaii, so I don't think it's going to work out.' So he emails me back and said, 'Oh don't worry about that.' Then he starts sending dates out. Next thing I knew he was talking above me, to my officers and chiefs. That's when I start realizing that it was legitimate."

Carrizosa requested for two weeks of leave and, once approved, came to Hawaii just in time for filming to start. According to Universal Pictures, the entire film is set within RIMPAC and told from the point of view of disbelieving Sailors who must heroically rise to a challenge different from, and greater than, anything they've ever seen.

Navy ships conducting drills in the Pacific stumble upon the point of an alien invasion. Finding themselves under attack and inexplicably without communications, they must battle the aliens to save earth.

In the movie, Carrizosa is a soccer player for the U.S. Navy against Japan.

"It's cool. I love it," Carrizosa said. She also added how impressed she was about working with the "Battleship" cast and crew members. "I'm really grateful for it. I'm grateful for Peter Berg for the opportunity," she said.

Rihanna plays a Sailor who works at the combat information center aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer and fires the five-inch gun.

"Rihanna is obviously a beau-

tiful woman," Berg said. "She's a sexy girl with a lot of femininity, and I wanted Rihanna to see that it is possible to be tough, patriotic ... and still be feminine and sexy. I saw Carrizosa playing in the RIMPAC Cup and she was the only girl playing soccer with a bunch of guys. She is more than holding her own. She is beautiful, and she is a really dedicated Sailor, so I thought that she would be a good role model for Rihanna, and the two of them got along great," he explained.

As a military technical advisor, Carrizosa helped Rihanna understand what it means to be a U.S. Navy Sailor, starting with lingos to military facing movements.

"Rihanna is pretty funny," Carrizosa said. "She was cool. She didn't need a lot of help (playing the role of a Sailor)."

Carrizosa's duties aboard Ronald Reagan include line coaching during live-fire small arms exercises, operation of crew serve weapons and maintenance of the ship's magazine sprinkler system. Recently, Carrizosa was accepted to attend the U.S. Navy Rescue Swimmer School at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

"I think Carrizosa is a great representative for any woman who wants to join the Navy," Berg said. "You can be competent and strong and still hold on to your beauty. I adore her. She is a great Sailor."

Peter Berg has enjoyed success as an actor, director, writer and producer. Berg's previous directorial works include "The Kingdom," "Friday Night Lights," "The Rundown," and "Hancock."

"Battleship" is scheduled to be released May 18, 2012.

Destroyer, submarine commanders to receive Stockdale Awards

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The former commanding officer (CO) of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and the current CO of the USS Maryland (SSBN 738) (Gold Crew) were recently announced as winners of the 2010 Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award for the U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Fleet Forces Command, respectively.

Cmdr. Michael A. McCartney of Chung-Hoon and Cmdr. Jeffrey M. Grimes of Maryland were nominated by their peers for the award, and were among nine candidates recommended by their fleet commanders for consideration by a panel of senior officers.

The Stockdale Award is presented annually to two active duty officers below the rank of captain who command operational units and whose personal initiatives and performance contribute to the overall excellence of the units.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, made the announcement.

“Cmdr. McCartney and Cmdr. Grimes, as well as all nominees, should be justifiably proud of their achievements,” according to Roughead, in an official Navy message announcing the award winners.

McCartney took command of the Pearl Harbor-based Chung-Hoon in October 2008 and relinquished command in May. While he was in command, the ship completed a six-month, independent cruise in the U.S. 7th, 5th and 6th fleet areas of responsibility, including escort



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stürup

Kahu Ray Ganotise performs a traditional Hawaiian blessing while Cmdr. Michael McCartney, then commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), looks on during an adoption ceremony hosted by Navy League Honolulu Council (NLHC) aboard the ship's flight deck. The ceremony was held on Dec. 14, 2009 to formally recognize the partnership between Chung-Hoon and NLHC.

duty in the Suez Canal.

Chung-Hoon also served as Destroyer Squadron 31's flagship during Exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) with the Republic of Singapore and Royal Malaysian navies, as well as during Exercise Koa Kai off the coast of Hawaii.

Chung-Hoon received outstanding ratings from the Board of Inspection and Survey and earned its first red “E,” for engineering excellence, and its second blue “E,” for logistical excellence.

Cmdr. Chase Patrick, com-

manding officer of USS Chafee (DDG 90), nominated McCartney for the award.

“He is truly the most effective CO I have observed,” said Patrick, in his nomination letter, adding that McCartney's effectiveness stemmed from a commitment to productive training.

McCartney personally led Joint Professional Military Education-caliber lessons and case studies in leadership in the Chung-Hoon wardroom each week, and sharpened bridge-watch efficiency with nightly maneuvering board prob-

lems, Patrick said. McCartney also ensured every officer assigned to Chung-Hoon earned an engineering officer of the watch letter and other qualifications.

Patrick described the Chung-Hoon as “the cleanest ship on the waterfront” and its crew as “exceedingly positive in outlook and exceptionally polite and mature.”

Grimes reported aboard the Kings Bay, Ga.-based Maryland in 2007. Maryland received the 2008 and 2009 Commander, Submarine Squadron 20 “E” for

battle efficiency and the 2008 Omaha Trophy for top performance among Trident submarines.

Grimes was chosen to mentor prospective commanding and executive officers as part of the Strategic Programs Prospective Commanding Officer/Executive Officer Course, and was nominated for the Stockdale Award by three fellow commanding officers, including Cmdr. Michael Katahara of the USS West Virginia (SSBN 736) (Blue Crew).

“A true team player, Cmdr. Grimes fosters a strong atmosphere of camaraderie and esprit de corps throughout the Kings Bay area,” said Katahara, in his nomination letter. “A true mentor for peers and juniors alike, he has clearly displayed leadership which will establish a professional legacy in the submarine force for generations to come.”

McCartney and Grimes are scheduled to receive their awards on Nov. 3 at the Pentagon.

Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale, for whom the Stockdale Award is named, articulated five roles for a leader - moralist, jurist, teacher, steward and philosopher.

A Naval Academy graduate and pilot, Stockdale ejected from his A-4E Skyhawk over North Vietnam in September 1965 and was held prisoner - and frequently tortured - until February 1973. He received the Medal of Honor in 1976 and served as president of the Naval War College from October 1977 until August 1979.

He died in 2005 and is buried at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

CFC puts money into charities that support military and their families

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Jones, JBPHH's lead trainer for keypersons involved with CFC, gave an example of how the campaign could benefit service members or those close to them.

“A lot of these charities that CFC gives to might hit home with Sailors,”

Jones said. “I have several friends that have been afflicted with cancer, and there are plenty of CFC charities involved with cancer research that I can give to.”

This year's event featured a variety of CFC-approved charities and organizations, such as the

Armed Services YMCA, the USO, the Hawaii Food Bank and others.

Local organizations, such as Kaneohe-based Joey's Feline Friends, which had representatives present at the event, also benefit from the campaign.

“It means a tremendous amount to have the sup-

port of our military,” said Tedra Villaroz, Joey's Feline Friends founder and president. “Last year was the first year that we were not a part of CFC. It was the first year that we've missed and what a difference that made.”

Joey's Feline Friends is a long-term care facility

for abandoned, abused and physically challenged cats that relies heavily on donations to maintain its operating costs.

“When we were a part of CFC the year before, it made a significant difference,” Villaroz said. “We were able to do so much more with helping the ani-

mals as well as getting assistance with foster care and those types of things.”

This year's campaign spans from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31. CFC keypersons are available at every command to assist with donations or provide additional information about the CFC.

C-17s are vital to aeromedical community in Pacific

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(Editor's note: Part one of this story was published in the Oct. 8 edition of Ho'okele, page A-6.)

Each C-17 Globemaster III flight out of Hickam in which tons of cargo are loaded, delivered and off loaded to a customer in some corner of the Pacific deserves the crew's undivided attention to detail. However, when the cargo is a service member clinging to life, the crew's awareness becomes even more intense.

The flying intensive care unit

Getting an available medical team is only a part of the problem. Since there is not a dedicated airframe for medical movements, the TPMRC-P reached out to fliers capable and available to find a transport suitable for the patient movement out of American Samoa.

Help was found in the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) when a local training mission was diverted to support this medical evacuation mission.

The C-17's versatility transformed the tactical airlift vehicle into a flying intensive care unit, complete with a federalized disaster medical assistance team, and delivered the patient under the watchful eyes of the medical technicians and the delicate



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

Students in the Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team class learn about an inflatable litter carrier as part of the JMATT training class on Sept. 16. The JMATT class provides aeromedical evacuation specialists didactic, hands-on, and experiential training on critical care air transport.

touch of a pilot.

According to Maj. Patrick Winstead, 535th AS director of operations, the C-17 is set up and designed to be a multi-function airlift airframe with the inherent flexibility of aeromedical movements in mind.

The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop mis-

sions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required.

"There is a lot of space and a lot of light back there," Winstead said. "It's a little bit more comfortable in the [main] compartment and they have a lot more room to work. We can also carry other things while we are 'air-evac' folks."

In the Pacific area, with the long distances over water, there isn't much

time to respond to a patient because of the time it takes to travel long distances to get there. Short-notice taskings are nothing new for the C-17 community. Winstead and his crew were scheduled to fly a local training mission when a call came in for the aeromedical evacuation.

"A lot of times, it's a short notice [mission], 'this person is critical, or this person will be critical' if we can't get them to some care within a certain amount of

time," he said.

Winstead said it's very satisfying to help someone in need, especially someone with a medical need, using the C-17. When C-17 aircrews are airdropping inanimate equipment, they know it's important. It's when they are transporting and airdropping passengers, including airdropping paratroopers into a drop zone, that the crew's sense of making sure everything is perfect goes up 200 percent.

"It's the same thing when you have passengers. It's not just mine or my crew's rear end on the line," Winstead said. "Now you add to it someone who has a medical condition with a lot of water to [pass over]. You want to make sure everything is right."

The Air Force medical community does not have a dedicated airframe since the retirement of the C-9A Nightingale in September 2005. O'Brien said the concern with having a dedicated airframe is what to do with them when they are not moving patients. What they have realized is some airframes are better than others for medical evacuations.

"The C-17 is probably the Cadillac of aircraft," O'Brien said. "What is beautiful about the C-17, as opposed to a dedicated airframe, is its field capabilities. We can go to remote

fields in the middle of nowhere with hardly more requirements than a C-130."

"The commercial world does not have a capability that can land in those fields, like small fields in the middle of Afghanistan, and still be capable of intratheater transport," O'Brien explained. "I couldn't design for any amount of money an aircraft that is more capable. Now our nurses are trained in all of those aircraft. Flexibility is the key to airpower," he said.

The Air Force has conducted medical evacuations in various airframes The KC-135 Stratotanker, KC-10 Extender, C-5 Galaxy and the C-130 are just a few aircraft on which medical personnel have to qualify to be a part of an aeromedical evacuation team, not to mention the number of hours spent with critical care patients.

"It makes you feel good to know that the military will go through all kinds of lengths to save one person," said Master Sgt. Joshua Sweester, 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. "No matter what the outcome may be, the [Department of Defense] will do whatever it takes to get you back to the United States as safely as possible."

President extends deadline for stop loss benefit for service members, veterans until Dec. 3

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Eligible Airmen, veterans and their beneficiaries now have until Dec. 3 to apply for retroactive stop loss special pay following an extension in the continuing resolution signed by the president on Sept. 30.

The new Dec. 3 deadline extends the original Oct. 21 cutoff for applications and allows eligible recipients more time to apply for the benefit.

Airmen eligible for the

benefit include active, retired and former members as well as Reserve and Guard component members who served on active duty while their enlistment or period of obligated service was involuntarily extended, or whose eligibility for separation or retirement was suspended as a result of stop loss. Legally designated beneficiaries for Airmen affected may also apply.

To file a claim, eligible individuals may download a stop loss claim application at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/sto- ploss. Applicants who were serving in the Reserve or Guard at the time of stop loss may apply by visit-



ing the Air Reserve Personnel Center website at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR>.

Due to the benefit period coming to a close this year,

officials at Air Force Personnel Center have seen an influx of applications, which has lengthened the processing period to eight to 10 weeks from the date an

application is received. After processing, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service may require an additional 21 days for processing the payment.

Those found to be eligible are entitled to receive \$500 in retroactive special pay for each month they were affected by stop loss. Those who accepted a selective re-enlistment bonus subsequent to being affected by stop loss are not eligible for the special pay.

More than 3,700 claims by Airmen have been approved for retroactive stop loss special pay since officials began accepting claims in September 2009.

Air Force officials used stop loss for Operation Enduring Freedom from Oct. 2, 2001, through Jan. 31, 2003, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from May 2 through Dec. 31, 2003. Individuals who were deployed during either operation may be eligible beyond the inclusive dates, depending on their Air Force specialty and deployment return date.

For more information on program eligibility and claims instructions, call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

For related information for Sailors and their families, contact www.npc.navy.mil or (901) 874-4427.

Volunteers needed

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Volunteers are needed to help make a difference in the environment at Make-a-Difference Day cleanup events in October.

Environmental 'heroes' from Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu, will join together with local neighborhoods to help keep the streams and streets clean and environmentally healthy.

The Ewa Beach Make-A-Difference Day Cleanup along North Road will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Oct. 16. Volunteers should meet at 8 a.m. at Campbell High School North Road parking lot.

The Pearl Harbor Make-a-Difference Day cleanup at Kapakahi Stream in Waipahu will take place from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 23. Volunteers should meet at Kapakahi Stream on Waipahu Depot Road across from the police academy. They will be issued trash bags and gloves and directed to the work site. In order that

there are sufficient supplies, volunteers are encouraged to sign up early.

Also on the same day as part of the Pearl Harbor Make-a-Difference Day cleanup, volunteers are needed at an adopted stream site near the Neil Blaisdell Park. Volunteers should meet at 8 a.m. at Blaisdell Park.

Last October, more than 60 Sailors joined with City and County of Honolulu and nine organizations, including the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and local schools and colleges, to pick up debris from the historic Pearl Harbor bike path. The volunteers removed more than 2,100 pounds of debris, 25 tires and 14 car batteries from an environmentally-sensitive waterfront habitat.

In addition to the fall bike path cleanup, an April cleanup is also held.

"The success of these projects demonstrates the synergistic effects of the command's cooperative volunteer strategy and our commitment to being a good neighbor," said Lt. Cmdr. Benjamin Abney, the officer in charge of Transient Personnel Unit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Sailors, Airmen and civilians at Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam have frequently been involved with adopt-a-stream projects, storm drain stenciling, bike path cleanups, cleanups on the beaches and marshes, and planting trees.

According to Abney, rallying volunteers to help with the cleanup projects is viewed as a welcome opportunity. "A lot of times we just put out the opportunity. As soon as we do that, the Sailors understand what being a good neighbor does for them personally and so they jump on the opportunity," he explained.

As a result of the volunteer efforts, the City and County of Honolulu presented Navy Region Hawaii with the 2010 Good Neighbor Award during a ceremony held May 27 at Kapolei Hale City Hall. This is the fourth award that the command has received since the program's inception in 2007.

If you would like to be an environmental hero and help with any of the cleanup projects, please contact Grace Hew Len, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, at 473-2926 or grace.hewlen@navy.mil.

JBPHH hosts Hispanic Heritage Month observance and luncheon

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with an observance and luncheon at the Hickam Officer's Club on Oct. 8.

Capt. Richard Kitchens, Joint Base commander, offered brief remarks and congratulated everyone for coming together to celebrate a common heritage.

The event included Hispanic-influenced cuisine and entertainment, including the Band of the Pacific and Latino dance presentations. Master Sgt. Joanne Vega, Staff Sgt. John Kukan, Staff Sgt. Ivan Cosme, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Johnson, A1C Jacqueline Moreno, and Judah and Sunshine Oschner performed the bachata, salsa and merengue.

"This was a great opportunity to socialize and network. We enjoyed coming together as a family," said Staff Sgt. Marvin Teyes, who served as emcee for the event.

Jennifer Rodriguez, who currently works as a victim specialist in the Honolulu FBI office, was the guest speaker. She spoke about the uniqueness of being able to join together to celebrate the accomplishments of fellow Hispanics.

"I have made it my life's mission to empower people, educate the public and embrace not only my own Hispanic culture but (also) the diverse cultures all around me," Rodriguez said. As a Soldier in the Army for six years, Rodriguez acknowledged learning how to work with all



Photo by MSgt Jose Guzman

Jennifer Rodriguez, who currently works as a victim specialist in the Honolulu FBI office, was the guest speaker for the Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam observance and luncheon celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. The event was held Oct. 8 at the Hickam Officer's Club.

cultures and backgrounds.

She has been working as a community advocate since 2001. She talked about the intensity of her job and the opportunity assist someone through their roughest hours. She encouraged everyone to continue to look past cultural differences and make those differences positive. "When we celebrate those differences, we make the world a better place," Rodriguez said.

National Hispanic Month is observed every year from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. The luncheon event was sponsored by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam Hispanic Organization.