

## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrates full operational capability

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) celebrated its full operational status at a commemoration ceremony held Oct. 1 at the Missing Man Formation Memorial.

The 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) Report to the president required the relocation of installation management functions and the establishment of JBPHH.

"Today we have reached the full attainment of integration of the installation support and functions for what was Hickam Air Force Base and what was Naval Station Pearl Harbor, and we are now a joint base operating with a common set of resources and with an integrated and joint staff," said Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of JBPHH.

The joint base was established with the intention of bringing together the best practices of the Navy and Air Force.

"Over the last four years and especially over the last two years, we have been working diligently where literally hundreds and hun-



Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Col. Charles Baumgardner, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, unveil the command's new flag. The unveiling took place at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's full operational capability commemoration ceremony. The 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) Report to the President required the relocation of installation management functions and the establishment of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

dreds of people have invested thousands and thousands of man hours developing all of the processes, procedures and policies that we're going to follow as a joint base so that we were ready for this day," Kitchens continued.

From the very start of implementation, JBPHH leadership created and

stood firm on three guiding tenets: to maintain or enhance operational capabilities, to ensure a successful and effective integration, and once the first two tenets are assured,



to then harvest efficiencies.

"We Sailors and Airmen share a common heritage. Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base were born out of America's interest in the

Pacific and the Far East and we carry on that charge with a sense of pride in our past and a sense of determination to succeed in our future," said Col. Sam Barrett, commander of 15th Wing. "To be sure, our respective missions are diverse, but we work side-by-side to carry out America's peacetime and

wartime tasking, all to promote regional security and to protect our interests both at home and abroad," Barrett said.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor was constructed shortly after the beginning of the 20th century as the United States began to take an active interest in Pacific affairs, while Hickam Field was established in 1938 due to the fact that the Army and Navy air arms had grown sufficiently to warrant the construction of a new airfield.

"On Sept. 1, 1937 with construction still in progress, 1st Lt. Robert Warren flew with his four aircraft and 12 men from Ford Island's Luke Field to establish the first contingent of aircraft at Hickam," said Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"Today the level of partnership and teamwork between what previously were two separate bases operating under two distinct service cultures is truly impressive, and we have reached the level of teamwork that allows us to effectively join and operate as a single joint base in support of both of our distinct Navy and Air Force commands and service communities," Smith said.

## TWO HISTORIC MILITARY BASES BECOME ONE

Brister Thomas

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Two historic military bases became one on Oct. 1 as Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam reached full operational capability.

Teamwork was the theme of the day. As leadership from Air Force and Navy gathered at the Missing Man Formation behind the Hickam Officer's Club to celebrate

the historical occasion, Pastor Edwin Sproat blessed the gathering in Hawaiian and English. He spoke of uniqueness of this land and the forces that draw its people together in unified efforts. The keiki of the Halau Hula Olana, festive in brightly-colored aloha wear, shared their story through their special hula presentation.

Col. Sam Barrett, commander of 15th Wing,

stated, "Teamwork has gotten us this far and teamwork will take us into a successful future."

He reminded everyone that the uniting of bases does not change the individual integration. "Sailors should be proud to be Sailors and Airmen should be proud to be Airmen," he said.

Brig. Gen. Scott West, vice commander of 13th Air Force, noted that there is a clear history of

partnership between Hickam and Pearl Harbor who have attacked together and survived together for decades.

"We are proud of these associated legacies. Today starts another journey," West said.

Capt. Richard W. Kitchens, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, said that everyone is working together to "reach a positive level of teamwork that will enable

us to effectively support each other and our nation's safety."

Kitchens discussed the joint base process and how he saw many common interests and mutual goals between the Air Force and the Navy. "Our forces joined in a unified effort to make this joint base the envy of all others when it comes to teamwork, partnership and cooperation," Kitchens said.

As a symbol of the new joint base, Barrett and Kitchens joined together to unveil the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flag. It is designed with a unified seal, symbolizing the historical relevance of the islands and the men and women who have inhabited and fought for America in the air and on the seas.

As West succinctly concluded, "Anchors away! We're clear for take-off!"

## Ground breaking heralds beginning of new CDC



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The official party breaks ground during a ceremony held for a new Child Development Center (CDC) being built on Ford Island. Naval Facilities Engineering Hawaii awarded a \$15.9 million contract to ECC and RMA Land Construction in a joint venture in December 2009 to build the new center. The CDC is scheduled to be complete by January 2012.



Col. William G. Rutt, 3rd Operations Group commander from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and Lt. Col. Gregory J. Miller, former commander of the 19th Fighter Squadron, prepare to encase the guidon flag during the 19th Fighter Squadron Realignment and assumption of command ceremony on Oct. 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

## 19th Fighter Squadron comes home to Hickam

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The 19th Fighter Squadron (FS) came home to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a realignment and assumption of command ceremony on Oct. 4 at the Hawaii National Guard's (HIANG)

hangar 3400.

Located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska since Jan. 1, 1994, the relocation to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii marks a generational shift for the 19th FS as it transitions to the Lockheed-Martin F-22 Raptor from the McDonnell-Douglas F-15C and D air

superiority fighters.

The 19th FS will become the first active duty associate unit flying the Raptor to the HIANG's 199th Fighter Squadron. Since the 19th FS's creation in 1917, it has been located at various places, including Texas, Ohio, New York, France,

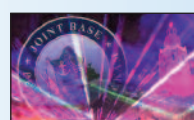
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SENIOR AIRMAN RYAN ELLIS  
RYAN ELLIS

## SrA Ryan Ellis works to improve processes

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Senior Airman Ryan Ellis, 15th Maintenance Operations Squadron aerospace maintenance journeyman, is this week's Hickam Warrior.

Ellis' job requires him to track and coordinate aircraft maintenance and flying schedules for nine home stationed C-17s and numerous transient aircraft. He also ensures aircraft mission readiness while tracking/recovering non-mission capable aircraft off station.

"My job gives me a much broader view of how things in the Air Force get accomplished," he said. "It pro-

vides a great deal of insight to the managerial side to the maintenance profession which is very valuable to me as a young Airman."

Ellis said that one change he would implement to improve Hickam would be to increase the base's efforts to integrate the total force.

"I would try to combine active duty and [Hawai'i Air National Guard] operations even more than they are now. I think more benefits can be gained that way," Ellis said.

Master Sgt. Kevin Ostrowski, maintenance operations center superintendent, said Ellis' attitude and conscientiousness make him an outstanding member of the team. "Senior Airman Ellis always comes

to work with a positive attitude," Ostrowski said. "He constantly looks to improve our processes and thinks through ideas. With more experience, he will be a tremendous asset, not only to the unit but to the Air Force," he added.

Ellis shared that his favorite things about Hawaii are its blend of food and recreation.

"I love snorkeling and scuba diving and the scenery is incredible," he said. "The best thing so far is the hukilau

burger at t h e Hukilau Café in Lanai."



## MARFORPAC Marine honors uncle during promotion ceremony

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A Marine assigned to U.S. Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) paid homage to his uncle, a Pearl Harbor survivor, during a promotion ceremony at Bravo Pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 1.

During the ceremony, Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) 4 Douglas Albertson was promoted to CWO5.

Albertson chose to have his promotion ceremony on Bravo Pier, berth 16, where his uncle, Donald Chapin, was aboard the USS New Orleans (CA-32) during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Being stationed here in



Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) 5 Douglas Albertson, assigned to U.S. Marine Forces Pacific, has his new rank pinned on by his son Chapin and Maj. Timothy Rybinski during his promotion ceremony on Oct. 1 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Hawaii afforded me the opportunity to be promoted at the place where my uncle served during the attack," Albertson said.

"Today was all about honoring him and paying my respects."

Chapin, who was a boatswain's mate first class

at the time, operated the anti-aircraft gun aboard New Orleans to fire at incoming Japanese planes.

After World War II, Chapin left the Navy and later enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served throughout the Vietnam War, retiring as a gunnery sergeant.

With his family and fellow Marines in attendance, Albertson had his new rank pinned on his uniform by his son Chapin, named after Albertson's uncle, and Maj. Timothy Rybinski.

Albertson noted that his uncle's service in the Marine Corps influenced his decision to become a Marine.

"My dad was in the Navy, so military service ran in the family, but my Uncle Don was the reason I elected to join the

Marine Corps," Albertson said. "Outside of my father, my uncle was the biggest influence in my life, and his personal example was exceptional. I never wanted to do anything that disappointed him."

"I attributed his strong moral character to him being a Marine. When I began to strongly consider joining a service, I sought his advice," Albertson noted. "The talk we had that day sealed the deal better than any recruiter could have. My uncle was always there for me."

Albertson also spoke about the significance of attaining the rank of CWO5.

"Being that there are only a total of four CWO5 avionics officers in the Marine Corps right now, I am truly humbled by this

experience," Albertson stated. "No one gets to CWO5 by themselves. "I want to thank the avionics community, as a whole, and of course my wife Amy, as well. I very likely would not have become a warrant officer if it weren't for her. She supported my going back to college and held down the home front through deployments."

Albertson noted that the day was all-around special for him as he celebrated more than just a new promotion.

"Coincidentally, the day I was promoted was our 16th wedding anniversary," Albertson said. "My wedding anniversary, coupled with my son being able to pin the new rank on my uniform, made the day extremely special for our family."

# MCPON sends 2010 Navy Birthday message to fleet

Special from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS) – Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Navy Birthday message to the fleet on Oct. 5:

“Shipmates and Navy families, on this wonderful occasion of our Navy’s 235th birthday, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your outstanding dedication and commitment to our great Navy.

As you know, our Navy is the best it has ever been, We’re operating on land,



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Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West talks with Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Stethem (DDG 63) during his visit to Fleet Activities Yokosuka.

on, above and below the world’s oceans, with the most advanced equipment and technology, but, at the end of the day, we are only as good as our people. It takes Sailors like you to ensure we continually meet the demands of our expanded Navy environment and increased mission requirements.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your service to our nation and our Navy, and for truly making our great Navy a global force for good.

As we celebrate our anniversary, take a moment to remember those currently on watch around the world and those who have gone before us and laid the

foundation which you build upon.

I also want to say “thank you” and express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Navy families. Your role in your Sailor’s life and the Navy is vitally important.

Happy birthday, shipmates! I am really proud of who you are and the outstanding job you do every day.

Happy 235th birthday Navy and hooyah!”  
For more news from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, visit [www.navy.mil/local/mcpn/](http://www.navy.mil/local/mcpn/).

To watch the CNO’s birthday message, visit <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/featurePlay.asp?id=107>.

Commentary

## Navy Sailors live by Navy set example for Ethos and Navy Core Values



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Well done, shipmates. In my recent newsletter, I spoke about the Navy Ethos, what it means to me,

and what it should mean to every Sailor. I received a tremendous amount of feedback from the fleet on this subject, and I’m proud to say the overwhelming majority of it was from Sailors thanking me for my candor and straightforward approach.

This month, I’ve had the honor to travel around the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility and, along the way, receive input from senior enlisted leadership about some great Sailors who are living up to, and setting the example of, what the [Navy] Ethos and our [Navy] Core Values really mean.

Take, for instance, where

our ethos says, “We are a team, disciplined and well prepared, committed to mission accomplishment.” I believe our ethos is talking about Sailors like Mineman 2nd Class Thomas G. Harrell from Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division Unit Misawa.

MN2 Harrell is a true team player. During his first nine months on board, he aggressively pursued and completed his team leader qualification for mine handling and assembly, more than a year in advance of the regular completion period.

Petty Officer Harrell also contributes to the “team” concept by donating his off duty time to support Japan Day and beachside cleanups. The example he sets for his work center has resulted in 40 new qualifications for his Sailors and directly contributed to the command’s ability to carry out its mission. Good job, shipmate!

Another paragraph of our Ethos states, “We are professional Sailors.” Surely, Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class William M. Bauerle

from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 30 embodies these words. Just a week ago, AWF1 counseled a third class petty officer and delivered a basic “watch how you talk to a senior person” speech.

AWF1 could have let the situation pass and gone on about his business, but instead, he gave a professional reminder about not overstepping boundaries. It was a textbook example of an enlisted leader doing the right thing by not only living up to our Navy Ethos, but ensuring his Sailors are doing the same. Further displaying his professionalism, Bauerle helped prepare his Sailors for the September rating exam by creating rate-specific study guides for all E-5s and below attached to his division, and provided copies to other division LPOs to distribute to their personnel.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Kyle J. Parkinson assigned to [U.S.] 7th Fleet staff is another superstar who contributes to his command through his positive influence on junior

Sailors at the Maritime Intelligence Center. Whether providing in depth analysis to the fleet intelligence officer, or acting as the command’s assistant mentorship coordinator, he is guiding our Sailors in the right direction by providing the leadership needed to ensure the success of the command and its Sailors. His dedication to junior Sailors, off-duty activities, and commitment to the mission demonstrates core values and serves as an example for his division and the entire command.

The Navy Ethos also says, “We defend our nation and prevail in the face of adversity with strength, determination and dignity.” Senior Chief Intelligence Specialist James C. Liles is a great example of helping others, no matter the risk to himself. On Feb. 26, while on a recreational boating trip with his son, Senior Chief Liles saved the life of a man who fell out of his boat and into the 38-degree waters of Lake Hefner in Oklahoma.

Senior Chief Liles got into the near-freezing water to rescue the 70-year-old male and pulled him into his own boat where he rendered first aid before helping the man safely back to the pier. Had it not been for Senior Chief Liles, the man would most likely have succumbed to hypothermia and died. Not only did Liles save a man’s life that day, but he also taught his own son a valuable lesson about the honor, courage and commitment of a United States Sailor.

These four Sailors have truly lived up to our Navy Ethos and serve as models for other Sailors, but they represent just a handful of the great examples of leadership happening in the fleet every day.

I applaud their efforts, and I encourage each of you to find your own way to set the example for your shipmates and live up to our ethos and core values.

Continue the good work, shipmates, and thanks for all you do!

Very respectfully,  
Fleet Minyard

## Diverse



### What is the best reason for shipyard employees to donate to CFC?

(Personnel from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard)



**Kimberly Sakima**  
Staff Accountant

“The best reason for shipyarders to donate to CFC is that donating is made simple. CFC has been around for years and the campaign is well-organized. You can contribute by payroll deduction, check or cash ... simple enough!”

**Marissa Mori**  
Structural Engineer



“CFC is a one-stop-shop for donating to local, national and international charities. There is an organization for everyone. Plus, you never know when you might be in need of another person’s generosity.”

**Sarah Liborio**  
Mentoring Program Manager



“In times like these, it’s nice to be able to help someone in need. Payroll deduction is the most convenient way to donate to your favorite charity.”

**Robert Geissinger**  
Gas Turbine System Technician  
2nd Class



“Seeing as though Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state, it is important for us to donate. We all have stable jobs and have a responsibility to give back to the community.”

**John Garcia**  
Electronics Technician 1st Class



“We, as members of the shipyard, military or civilian, are federal employees. We are public servants, paid to keep the waterfront packed with ships to deter conflicts around the world. That doesn’t mean that we should forget to take care of our homeland in other ways as well. By giving to the CFC, we ensure that those people that are caring for our family and friends at home keep up the great work they perform.”

**Nick Nakamoto**  
Welder



“I think that the CFC provides an opportunity for people to give to charities or community groups in different ways, like a one-time gift, or a little every pay period. One reason to give back to our surrounding community is to let them know we are here and we care. The shipyard is a partner in the community. The employees of Pearl Harbor live and work in the surrounding communities and will all benefit by helping each other.”

(Provided by Katie Vanes  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs)

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## Recruiting poster features Navy Cross awardee



Hospitalman Phil I. Valdez, USN, served as a corpsman in Vietnam. While helping a wounded Marine on Jan. 29, 1967, he was mortally wounded administering aid. Valdez was posthumously promoted to hospitalman third class and was awarded the Navy Cross. USS Valdez (FF-1096) was also named in his honor. “The United States Navy Salutes Petty Officer Phil I. Valdez, USN,” recruiting poster by artist Timothy Gaussian, Recruiting Command employee, 1977.

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# For Jeramy Thomas, a wish comes true

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Jeramy Thomas is your average 18-year-old boy. His deft thumbs and quick wit allow him to be an expert gamer, playing lights out in such games as Call of Duty and Halo. With a quick trigger finger and a keen eye, he excels in skeet shooting.

However, for Jeramy there is one difference - he has gamma delta T-cell lymphoma (gamma delta CTCL). Gamma delta CTCL is an extremely rare disease which strikes one in 100,000 of people of all ages, genders and races. He has cancer of the lymphatic system, the vital system in the human body that carries lymph fluid and white blood cells throughout the body.

Amy Thomas, Jeramy's mother, was "overwhelmed" when she learned of Jeramy's cancer diagnosis. For her, it was another blow to Jeramy's health. The youth had grown accustomed to fighting against an unseen enemy after being diagnosed with Crohn's disease at age 11.

And yet, even before his bout with cancer, Jeramy showed a keen interest in military history due in part to his father's service, but also to his family's dedication and devotion to country.

Jeramy's father, Pat Thomas, is a Navy veteran of the first Gulf War and a pastor for Elton Baptist Church in Elton, La. He served in the Navy for more than 10 years. Pat described his service and its relationship with his son, saying, "I was a diesel mechanic and a Seabee. Jeramy was always interested in what I did in the service, though I rarely talked about my service to him."

Instead, according to Amy, "He [Pat] led by example. It wasn't what he said, but what he did. He showed all his children what it meant to be patriotic, to have respect for the flag, to sing the National Anthem with gusto, and put your hand over your heart," she said. In fact, Jeramy's mother



Amy, Pat and Jeramy Thomas visit Battleship Missouri Memorial during a Wish with Wings Foundation trip. Additional photo on page A-5.

said that one of her son's ambitions was to follow in his father's footsteps and serve his country in uniform. Unfortunately, his illness will likely prevent that from happening.

Jeramy was diagnosed with cancer in December 2009, but spent most of that year in the hospital even prior to his diagnosis. While he was in the hospital, the social workers there asked Amy if she knew about the A Wish with Wings Foundation. After a lengthy approval process, the Texas-based charity told Jeramy to make a wish, to dream big. That dream was to visit Pearl Harbor and see, firsthand its rich military history.

For Jeramy, it was much more than sandy beaches and palm trees. In regard to his visit to Pearl Harbor, he said, "I wanted to touch history. It's not reading it in a book, not seeing it on TV. To say, 'Yeah I was there, looking over the edge at the Arizona.'"

"I saw the Missouri, walked on her decks, got an idea of how those people served aboard these

warships in times of war and peace. Just the ingenuity of the 1930s, how precise we were. How amazing our technology was way back then and seeing how far we've come," Jeramy explained.

When asked what the most emotional moment of his trip was, he said without hesitation, "The flag raising ceremony on the Arizona Memorial." On behalf of Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, the Thomas family was presented with the national ensign and a certificate stating that the flag was flown over the Arizona on Sept. 29, 2010.

Pat shared, "It seemed God had intended for this to happen. I was a member of the 50-state flag team in the service and while on the team, I carried the Arizona flag."

"It feels like I'm reliving some of that and seeing that military pride and tradition carry on in my son," he said.

During his visit to Hawaii, Jeramy also visited the USS Bowfin Museum and the Pacific Aviation Museum. "I had a high

enough ASVAB score that allowed me to do anything in the military except nuke," Jeramy said about military service. His father "subtly" persuaded Jeramy to think about jobs other than those that Pat calls what "bubbleheads" do. "You'd have to pull the equipment topside before I'd go below decks to work on submariners' equipment," Pat said jokingly.

The Pacific Aviation Museum allowed Jeramy to see the ghosts of Pearl Harbor. About that era, he said, "You can see the bullet holes in the planes from World War II and here I am thinking, 'Sixty-nine years ago, our servicemen were dodging those bullets.'"

In dealing with Jeramy's health issues, the Thomas family gets through with prayer and a heavy reliance on family. "Jeramy was diagnosed with cancer on Dec. 1," Amy said. "Just this past Christmas, and in just a few weeks after his diagnosis, our house was full. We didn't know what the new year was going to hold."

Jeramy, enjoying the company of 14 family members, said, "Having so many people in our big house made it seem small." And yet, it is their small town roots and faith, coupled with their patriotic values, which allows the Thomas family to endure the tough times.

When Pat arrived in tiny Elton, La., he found Elton Baptist Church devoid of a flag pole. He said, "That couldn't persist. So Jeramy and I, along with several of our parishioners, planted a 31-foot flag pole, 26 feet in the air and five feet in the ground. No matter what natural disasters hit, that flagpole will remain standing," Pat said. This devotion to country is what made the Thomas' family visit to Pearl Harbor even more special. According to Amy, "We will leave Hawaii feeling that we are truly a part of the military family. It is so humbling to come all the way out here, perfect strangers, and have everyone treat us like royalty. We shed many tears on this trip, and so did our family back home, who wanted

to hear about every experience. We are truly grateful to the Navy for everything they did for us."

"It was a privilege to play even the smallest role in helping make Jeramy's wish come true," said Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "His desire to see historic military sites around Pearl Harbor says a lot about his and his family's patriotism and understanding of why we are here."

A-Wish-With-Wings is one of many charities of its kind sponsored by the Combined Federal Campaign, which is currently underway for the Hawaii Pacific region. President Obama stressed the importance of giving, "You give when times are good. You give when nobody could fault you for saying, 'not this year,' and I hope you'll give even more now, when you see so many of your neighbors are counting on you."

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

(Right) Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii Battalion Chief Victor M. Flint sings FFD's new song, "What You gonna Do When The Fire Comes Through." The FFD hula dancers, Darci Yamasaki, Angie Sanders and Brenda Gututala, dance the "Smoke Detector Hula." The song and hula are a part of this year's 2010 Fire Prevention Week program that FFD is presenting at schools around Oahu.

Photo courtesy of Federal Fire Department Hawaii

(Below) Command Master Chief Spouse Leadership Course (CMCSLC) lead instructor Robin Witcher teaches the, "Highlights in Leadership," seminar to Navy Region Hawaii officer and senior enlisted spouses at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The seminar teaches leadership techniques and the importance of spouse involvement with the command.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach



(left) Lt. j.g Casey Two Bears presents a flag and certificate to Jeramy Thomas after a flag ceremony aboard Arizona Memorial. Accompanying Jeramy are his parents, Amy and Pat Thomas.

U.S. Navy photo

Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Col. Charles Baumgardner, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, unveil the command's new flag. The unveiling took place Oct. 1 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's full operational capability commemoration ceremony.

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



(Below) Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, Navy Region Hawaii commander, addresses the attendees of the full operational capability (FOC) commemoration ceremony on Oct. 1 at the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Aloha Aina Park. The FOC ceremony marks the joining of two historic military installations, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base.

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



# C-17s prove vital to aeromedical lifesaving in Pacific

Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

15th Wing Public Affairs

(Part 1 of 2)

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 for dear life, the crew's awareness becomes even more intense.

This was evidenced recently when a service member on a remote island in the South Pacific needed medical attention not available in his location. The medical clinic identified the patient as needing more advanced critical care than they were equipped to handle. Thus, a phone call started a chain reaction of events.

The Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center-Pacific (TPMRC-P) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam received a call for support. The TPMRC-P is a unit that has a nurse and technician available 24-hours a day to receive information about patient referrals. Staffed by trained medical personnel from the Air Force, Navy and Army, the TPMRC-P provides joint theaterwide medical regulating services including clinical



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

Students in the Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team (JMATT) class learn about a KC-135 airframe as part of the JMATT training class Sept. 14. The JMATT class provides aeromedical evacuation specialists, hands-on, and experiential training on critical care air transport.

validation of patient movement requirements in the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility.

Aeromedical evacuations in the Pacific theater are complex "just-in-time orchestrations," which require coordination across many operational and medical disciplines, including civilian, military and international. TPMRC-P's area of responsibility encompassing 1.05 million square miles, serving more than 450,000 active duty and their family mem-

bers, Department of Defense civilians and other beneficiaries.

"The Pacific is a huge place to operate in," said Maj. Melony Valencia, TPMRC-P patient movement clinical coordinator. "The challenge is anything can and will go wrong. There is so much space to work in; you have to be ready for anything."

Coordination and communication are the key to success for the TPMRC-P. Once the call comes in, the determination of viable patient

movement is made and the coordination process begins. From the time the patient is picked up to the point of delivery to the hospital, every contingency has to be weighed and considered.

There are many questions and concerns that surround these medical movements: What happens if the plane breaks in the air and they have to divert to another location? What is the flight path? What kind of medical equipment is needed to keep the patient stable? And how

will he/she react to in-flight conditions?

**The medical professionals**

During the recent American Samoa evacuation, nearly everyone capable of a patient movement of this magnitude was unavailable, including dedicated joint medical attendant transport teams, or JMATTs.

Because of this, Valencia reached out to a year-old agreement with the Hawaii Department of Health and Human Services Disaster Medical Assistance Team, or DMAT. The DMAT, which consists of an emergency room doctor, ICU nurse and paramedic, are everyday citizens practicing emergency medicine or providing patient care in intensive care units. They have been trained and federalized to provide medical care in the back of a military transport aircraft during emergency situations.

"[Medical movements like this] are a very complicated dance," said Col. David O'Brien, 13th Air Force surgeon general. "We did not have a critical care transport team available because they were moving a patient out of Guam to [Hawaii]."

DMATs are designed to be a rapid-response element to supplement local medical care until other federal or contract resources can be mobilized or the situation is

resolved. DMATs can deploy to disaster sites with sufficient supplies and equipment to sustain themselves for a period of 72 hours while providing medical care at a fixed or temporary medical care site. They augment Air Force and Coast Guard teams.

"[DMATs] allow us to have that high level of critical care in the air and have experienced medical personnel that know how to set up that intensive care unit in the back of the airplane," O'Brien said.

This was the first time the DMAT team has been called into service by the Air Force since the creation of the federalized team.

"It was seamless," Valencia said. "The agreement we have with them spells out how things are supposed to happen, and everything fell into place like it was supposed to."

The battle is not over for the medical teams once they have delivered a patient ground transport from the plane to the hospital. Constant communication from traffic patterns to patient and flight updates are critical to team movements. The ground transport teams work meticulously to transition patients with the same level of care needed to sustain life until they reach the hospital.

(Part 2 will appear in the Oct. 15 issue of Hookele.)

# Navy divers re-enlist on bow of USS Arizona

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Navy Diver 2nd Class (DSW) Matthew Young and Navy Diver 2nd Class Paul Roper, Navy deep sea divers assigned to SEAL (sea, air, land) Delivery Vehicle Team One, are among a numbered few service members who re-enlisted while standing on the submerged deck of the USS Arizona.

During a re-enlistment ceremony held Sept. 16, approximately 35 feet beneath the surface of the water, Young and Roper took their re-enlistment oaths. They were sworn in by Cmdr. Chad Muse, commanding officer of SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT1), who read the oath of re-enlistment.

In coordination with the National Park Service and the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, the divers arrived on site at the crack of dawn. They moored by the USS Arizona Memorial and swam about 50-75 yards from the dive site and underwater to stand on the bow of the



Photo courtesy of SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One

Navy Diver 2nd Class Paul Roper re-enlists during a ceremony held Sept. 23 on the bow of the USS Arizona.

Arizona toward the gun turrets. While approximately 35 feet deep with seven to 10 feet of visibility, the divers showed very acute reverence for their surroundings.

Realizing that not many Sailors have the opportunity to stand amidst fallen

heroes, the divers and their commanding officer took a moment to honor the members of the Arizona. As they stood next to what many refer to as the 'black tears,' referring to the oil drops that still leak from the Arizona, the two divers re-committed their lives to

their country.

Returning from the water, made murky, Roper said that the experience deepened his sense of pride and honor as a Navy diver. "This is a chance of a lifetime," Roper said. "It is an honor to serve my country and to be able to dive on the

Arizona Memorial to re-sign my enlistment."

Navy divers complete about five dives a year on the Arizona for re-enlistments. The dives are planned months in advance due to coordination requirements, weather conditions and safety factors. According to Senior Chief Navy Diver Travis Richardson, divers choose to re-enlist on the Arizona due to its historical significance.

"It is a unique memorial filled with pride and the sense of loyalty to your country. These divers are honored to be able to be near their comrades of war and take this opportunity with great reverence for their service," Richardson said.

The U.S. Navy has a

strong history as the front runner in the development and implementation of modern diving and underwater operations. Navy Divers' jobs are dangerous and their days are long. They are trained for warfare in national defense in underwater reconnaissance, demolition, ordnance disposal, construction, ship maintenance, search, rescue, and salvage operations.

"The U.S. divers play a critical role in the support team at SDVT-1. It is my honor to serve with them and my pleasure to be able to witness a re-enlistment upon one of our nation's most valued memorials," Muse said.

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# Tony Curtis, Navy veteran and legendary screen star, will be remembered at Pearl Harbor

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Managing Editor

When the legendary leading man and actor Tony Curtis passed away on Sept. 29, many people were familiar with his acting roles. But there were probably few who were aware that Curtis was a Navy veteran.

And even fewer probably know about his artistic endeavors. In fact, one of his paintings hangs in the Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) headquarters, building 150.

When Curtis' daughter, actress Jamie Lee Curtis, visited JBPHH and the USS Arizona Memorial on April 1 of this year, she also made a stop at building 150 and viewed her father's painting. "My father is a very talented artist and it is really great to see his work here at this historic base," Jamie said during her visit. Jamie added, "He takes great pride in his service and his family takes great pride in his service so it really moves me to see his



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Joseph M. Buliavac

Engineman 1st Class Maynard Bagan, left, and Yeoman 2nd Class Felicia Tate fold the national ensign during the funeral of Oscar-nominated actor and former Sailor Tony Curtis. Curtis was buried with full military honors in Las Vegas on Oct. 4.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Jaimee Lee Curtis views her father's painting, which is displayed in building 150 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during her visit to Hawaii on April 1.

painting as a permanent fixture in an important building of the Navy."

Curtis served as part of

the Navy's submarine force from September 1943 to December 1945. He was a signalman third class at the

time of his discharge, and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

But even though Curtis went on to star in numerous films, including movies about military service, and

was nominated for an Oscar, he never forgot about his Navy service. He also became a strong supporter of the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

And when Curtis was laid to rest on Oct. 4 in Las Vegas, it was with full military honors. Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Las Vegas provided the Navy honor guard and flag detail that folded and passed the national ensign to Curtis' family. The U.S. Air Force provided a firing detail to render honors.

In a story that was featured on Oct. 5 on Navy News Service, Preston Ahearn, Curtis' business manager and family friend, said, "He'd have loved having the Navy represented here. He always thought of the Navy as family. He was very proud of his service."

Curtis, aka Bernard Schwartz - Navy veteran, legendary actor and patriot - will be remembered at Pearl Harbor, especially whenever anyone views his painting that is displayed in building 150.



# Navy spouses attend 'Highlights in Leadership' seminar

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Spouses of Hawaii-area command senior enlisted leaders (E7-E9), prospective executive officers (PXO), executive officers (XO) and commanding officers (CO) participated in a "Highlights in Leadership" seminar on Sept. 28-30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The three-day seminar covered topics such as leadership, team-building, communication, stress management, command support team relations, personal vision and conflict resolution.

"The purpose of the course is to give leadership training to spouses who are either in, or entering into, that leadership position in their command," said Marilyn Haumer, lead instructor at the Command Spouse Leadership Course (CSLC).

Capt. Bill Nault, Command Leadership School (CLS) director, attended the seminar to offer the students insight into the six spouse courses the school offers, providing an overview of the Navy's current family readiness landscape, both its successes as well as its challenges, to help the students better acclimate to their new responsibility sets.

Nault's introduction provided

students with better insight into the importance of the course's topics, and how each might apply to their daily lives as Navy spouses.

Guest speakers Donna Willard and Trish Swift also offered senior spouse perspectives on sensitive issues that spouses may face while in their leadership roles.

"I received a lot of good information on communication and command resources that I'm excited about sharing with the other spouses in my command," said Denise Morin, spouse of Clifford Morin, command master chief, Mobile Diving Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1).

Students were also exposed to what their choices and contributions might be within a command as well as the myriad valuable resources that are available for those in need.

"I have a better understanding of what my position is, and what influences I have. That, to me, is very helpful. It's empowering in a way to recognize that. It's humbling, having the opportunity to develop how to share what I learned, and to pass it on, and to be there for people as they're struggling through hard times. More than likely, if they're going through it, [my husband and I] have gone through it," Morin said.

Robin Witcher, lead instructor for the Command Master Chief Spouse Leadership Course



Command Master Chief Spouse Leadership Course (CMCSLC) lead instructor, Robin Witcher teaches the, "Highlights in Leadership," seminar to Navy Region Hawaii's officer and senior enlisted spouses on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The seminar teaches leadership techniques and the importance of spouse involvement with the command.

(CMCSLC), said the seminar is important as is the importance of spouse involvement within the commands.

"It's important because when the spouses get the leadership training, they have the tools and resources to be able to support the families, not only for their service members but also to be able to help the younger spouses in the command with the resources and referral information, and better know themselves as leaders so they know how to be available to other peo-

ple," she explained.

Although "Highlights in Leadership" seminars have been available for senior enlisted spouses for the last 18 months in fleet concentration areas, the seminar at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam marked the first raining session during which both officer and senior enlisted spouses were offered the training at the same location.

"This seminar is the first to bring these two groups of spouses together for training, and is expected to have a considerable

impact toward improving a command's leadership communication and support team roles and responsibilities," Witcher said. "The seminar truly embraced the spirit of building those teams for the support of their service members and the command families."

Witcher said the focus of Command Leadership School centers around the command support team, which includes the spouses of the CO, XO, CMC/COB, the ombudsman, and the chaplain, when available. She also said the "Highlights in Leadership" seminar can allow a spouse to better understand what resources and skills are needed as senior spouses who choose to take on a leadership role in their command families.

"We hope that they'll leave with a better sense of who they are and what their personal goals are, so that they know what they have available to offer to their command families," Haumer said.

The Command Leadership School is currently scheduling seminars for fiscal year 2011, and will continue to provide command leadership spouses with the latest information and tools needed to assist family readiness Navy-wide.

For more information about the Center for Personal and Professional Development, visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>.

# Airmen wrap up bi-lateral training exercise in Bangladesh

Story and photo by  
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18th Wing Public Affairs

KURMITOLA AIR BASE, BANGLADESH – U.S. Airmen from Yokota Air Base, Japan wrapped up four days of training with their Bangladesh Air Force counterparts as exercise Cope South 10 came to an end, Sept. 23.

More than 40 U.S. Airmen and two C-130 Hercules aircraft came to the Asian nation to train with their Air Force to better respond to regional disasters. The exercise focused on tactical airlift operations with the Bangladesh AN-32 aircraft.

Building up the relationship between the two countries was the theme of Cope South 10. Much of that relationship-building happened during exchanges between subject-matter experts in operations, maintenance, navigation and rigging disciplines.

“Their planes are older, so we learned some things about the B-model C-130 while we told them about our H-model C-130,” said Tech. Sgt. Doug Harper of the 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS). “They’re very knowledgeable about the



Brig. Gen. Michael Keltz, Pacific Air Forces director of operations, plans, programs and requirements at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, discusses the differences between the C-130 Hercules and AN-32 aircraft with Bangladesh Wing Commander Imran while in an AN-32 cockpit at the close of exercise Cope South 10, on Sept. 23. The exercise offered 40 Airmen from Yokota Air Base, Japan the opportunity to exchange airlift, air land and airdrop delivery techniques with the Bangladesh Air Force. Two C-130s from Yokota Air Base, Japan, and an AN-32 from Kurmitola Air Base participated in Cope South 10.

aircraft. They’re trying to figure out from us how to improve their aircraft. They’re very well rounded. Our work is split up into different specialties in the Air Force. They have far fewer groups so their maintainers do a lot more.”

One of the exercise’s objectives was to introduce Bangladesh navigators and pilots to flying missions using night vision goggles.

“The squadron commander

approached me after the briefing and told me how great he thought this would cement the basics for his aircrew,” said 1st Lt. Robert Carranza, a C-130 navigator with the 36th Airlift Squadron (AS). “They don’t fly much with night vision goggles (NVG), so being able to take them up on our aircraft for observation rides showed them what their world looks like through NVGs.”

Bangladesh Air Force loadmasters also spent time learning how to secure cargo in a different airframe than the one they normally use.

“We went over airdrop limitations, the lengths platforms can be, the different air extraction parachutes that can be used and our personal experiences of doing training drops,” said Staff Sgt. Jace Hartog from the 36th AS. “They’ve done airdrops in the past, but not

with a C-130. They wanted to learn from somebody who’s experienced and wanted to get hands-on application and a general knowledge base so they could start their training,” he explained.

Air crews from both nations had originally planned to conduct joint airdrops, but flooding at the drop zone prevented the training. However, the crews maximized every opportunity to learn from each other. Staff Sgt. Christopher Smith, 374 AMXS, found himself assisting Bangladesh aircraft electricians troubleshoot problems they were having with their older model C-130.

“We’re just bouncing ideas off of each other to find solutions to problems,” Smith said.

“Cope South 10 was all about continuing to strengthen our relationship with the Bangladesh Air Force,” said Lt. Col. Rick Richard, 36th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander.

“Procedures and techniques were shared by both forces, and I think we’ve learned quite a bit from each other,” he said. “We’ve also expanded our relationships along the way.”

Bangladesh Air Vice Marshall Abu Eshrar was

also impressed by the manner in which the exercise was carried out.

“To me, the most important objective we have achieved is extending the friendship, mutual cooperation and understanding between our two countries,” he said at the closing ceremony. “I’m confident all the participating team members used this opportunity to further enhance our continued relationship and that this bonding will continue to develop in the days ahead.”

At the closing ceremony, Brig. Gen. Michael Keltz, Pacific Air Forces director of operations, plans and programs at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, called Cope South 10 the experience of a lifetime for those who participated.

“The bottom line is the relationship we have with Bangladesh is very important,” he said. “You are in a very strategic region of the world. The better we can work together and the more we understand each other, the better we can work humanitarian affairs and disaster relief.”

*(Editor’s note: Airmen who participated in exercise Cope South 10 are part of Headquarters Pacific Air Forces which is based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.)*

## Navy Region Hawaii leads awareness campaign for domestic violence

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signed a proclamation designating the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month during a ceremony at the Warfighter and Family Services Center (WFSC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 30.

The proclamation begins, “whereas we in the Navy community have an obligation to be more aware of the

negative effects of domestic violence, as well as its prevention in the community, and become actively involved in supporting domestic violence programs and services.”

Smith commended the effort put forward by the victim advocacy services staff at WFSC.

“I want to thank you for all that you do in trying to eradicate domestic violence,” Smith said. “We’re not perfect yet, but we’re definitely making progress. This is a very important issue and we need to stay ferocious on our attack to eliminate domestic violence.”

“The Clothesline Project” served as the background display for the speakers during the event. The project consists of a collection of T-shirts designed by survivors of domestic violence as a way to express their feelings and tell their story.

During the ceremony, Chet Adessa, family advocacy prevention education specialist for WFSC, spoke about the importance of raising awareness to cease domestic abuse.

“It is important that federal, state and local organizations unite to promote public awareness about domestic violence and its harmful effects on our families,” Adessa said. “I want to encourage people to not remain silent when someone they know abuses their spouse. Don’t look the other way because this is a very serious issue that affects a lot of people.”

Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW) Eric Vaphides, assigned to USS Russell (DDG 59), gave his perspective on domestic violence awareness throughout the Navy and how personnel can prevent it.

“Domestic violence is a growing problem, not only in our area here, but also across the Navy and the rest of the military,” Vaphides explained. “The biggest thing that we can do to help fight this is through educating our service members on the issues and problems that surround domestic violence.”

**Energy fairs**

The Hickam Base Exchange will host an energy fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15. The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange will host an energy fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 22.

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# Firefighters take fire prevention to Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School

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Firefighters from Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam visited Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School on Sept. 29 as part of National Fire Prevention Month.

The firefighters reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors and to install additional ones if necessary. They also advised families to rehearse their fire escape plans, notifying their children of a 'safe meeting place' outside the home.

As part of the fire safety demonstration, firefighters showed the children whom they rescue people that they cannot carry out by using a 'sleigh.' Battalion Chief Victor Flint, who led the presentation, emphasized the importance of being proactive about fire safety. "It all starts with the kids," he said.



Photo by Albert D. Balderama

Chris Magnani, a firefighter with Federal Fire Department Hawaii, shows the children at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary what a firefighter looks like with all his protective clothing on during a Fire Prevention Week event at the school on Sept. 30.

The students were able to step into the world of fire prevention as they participated in various exercises and games. One student, Daphne, said she enjoyed racing other children in putting on a firefighter's suit. "It got really hot in the suit. But it was fun to do it because my soon-to-be-step-dad is a firefighter, and I am proud of the firefighters because they get to help people," she explained.

A fifth grader, Jahmir, stated that the trucks were his favorite. Cyneea, another fifth grader, said, "The sirens and lights were great. I like learning about fire safety."

Tanner and Demond noted that they learned that it is important to close the door when a fire is on the other side and to stop, drop and roll if their clothes catch on fire.

The firefighters told the students to remember this message: "The best way to fight a fire is to prevent the fire."

# 19th FS and HIANG work together to perform F-22 missions

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Saipan and South Carolina.

Lt. Col. Harvey Newton, 19th FS commander, said he felt honored to be able to lead the unit.

"It's a tremendous honor to command a squadron with such a heralded history. The 19th FS had more than 70 kills during World War II, and has supported the Pacific theater for a long time. To be the first 'Gamecock' Raptor commander is extremely special. It's wonderful to be here and be able to lead the 19th," Newton said.

Newton said the 19th FS has significant meaning, for both military and Hawaii history.

"The 19th FS was stationed here after World War I all the way up through [the Pearl Harbor attack] up until 1944. In my opinion, the 'Gamecocks' have returned home. They've spent more time here on the island than anywhere else. They were the squadron responsible for defending the islands from further attack after the initial Dec. 7 attack and they performed their job extremely well," Newton explained.

Col. Jeffrey Morgan, 15th

Operations Group commander, echoed that the presence of the 19th FS fills this timeless need to maintain combat capability.

"As weapon technology proliferates throughout the world, the United States must remain superior in equipment, personnel and tactics," Morgan said. "The F-22, along with its world-class pilots and maintainers, fills this need now and well into the future."

For years, the combined efforts of the 15th Wing and 154th Wing have cultivated a special and essential relationship to provide combat capa-

bility throughout the world in the C-17 Globemaster III. In July, the two wings joined forces again to perform the KC-135 Stratotanker's air refueling mission.

So it continues with the F-22 Raptor as the 19th FS and the HIANG's 199th Fighter Squadron work together as nearly 100 percent integrated units to perform the mission, whether it be scheduling, training, tactics, standardization, or combat employment.

"Everything here is done as part of a team. It's truly unique," Newton said. "For the F-22s, what makes this

unit different is this is the only air reserve component lead organization in which the HIANG is the lead organization for the F-22 and the AD is associating with the HIANG to accomplish the mission here. You can't say the 19th without saying the 199th and you can't say the 199th without talking about the 19th."

The F-22 joins an already robust mission as Hickam continues to provide unique air capabilities in the Pacific theater. As a strategic location within a vast theater, the ability to react and respond quickly is key. The

15th and 154th Wings provide the assets needed to strike the enemy anywhere, anytime.

"We are fortunate to now have four diverse missions in the 15th Operations Group - airlift, air refueling, senior officer transportation, and now air superiority," Morgan said. "The 19th Fighter Squadron adds the 'punch-factor' to our capabilities. They will employ the F-22 Raptor both to protect the sovereignty of United States and, if needed, project unmatched combat power throughout the Pacific region."

# Navy highlights science and medicine for top Kauai students

Story and photo by  
MC2 Jay C. Pugh

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In 2004, Capt. Cynthia Macri, Chief of Naval Operation's (CNO) special assistant for diversity, noticed an alarming lack of diversity among health care professionals.

After looking across the room at multiple medical classes, she saw few people of color and especially no Native Hawaiians. The lack of diversity alerted her to the growing cultural disparity between health care providers and their patients.

In response to the lack of representation in the medical field, Macri developed a program called science, service, medicine and mentoring (S2M2).

The program has reached hundreds of students since it began. On Oct. 2, Macri brought the program to nearly 30 students from three Kauai high schools who were the first on the island of Kauai to participate in the program. They met at the Kauai Veterans Center and transitioned to the Lihue Airport to view aircraft static displays featuring an SH-60 Seahawk helicopter and a C-20G Gulfstream IV.

"I want to encourage students of all backgrounds to attend medical school to improve the health of our nation. We need to expose kids to medical and technical professions. We need physicians who understand all cultures to improve competent health care delivery," Macri said.

A group of Oahu-based multi-service personnel flew to Kauai in support of S2M2. Participating personnel included physicians, pilots, dentists, optometrists, nurses, pharmacists, corpsmen and aircrew. The personnel presented their careers in a classroom setting and again later at a roundtable discussion during lunch where they engaged students one-on-one.

Dr. Glenda Nogami-Streufert played a pivotal role in bringing S2M2 to Kauai. She engaged Bill Arakaki,



Department of Education Kauai Area Complex superintendent, and Kauai Mayor Bernard Carvalho over the past two years and spearheaded the outreach program in cooperation with Macri.

"We wanted this program on Kauai. Education has always been important to us. Kauai is a great place to start. I've always supported education and I wanted the kids to have an idea of different professions they can aspire to by exposing them to pharmacists and doctors that talk about their jobs," Nogami-Streufert said.

"Asians and Pacific Islanders need more opportunities. This program is designed to reach underserved populations," Macri emphasized.

The goal of S2M2 is to get college-bound high school students energized for careers in science and medicine and cultivate capable professionals, particularly in health-related career paths. The outreach is open to all students, but has a focus on disadvantaged and under-represented students. The Kauai S2M2 visit was conducted in collaboration with the Kauai Department of Education, three local Kauai high schools and several local Kauai veterans groups.

Ens. Christi Morrissey, student naval aviator, speaks with local Kauai students at Lihue Airport. Morrissey was part of a group of Oahu-based multi-service personnel who flew to Kauai in support of the science, service, medicine and mentoring (S2M2) program. The goal of S2M2 is to get college-bound high school students energized for careers in science and medicine and cultivate capable professionals, particularly in health-related career paths. The outreach is open to all students, but has a focus on minority students.

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

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Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

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