

‘Battleship’: JPBHH goes Hollywood

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A production crew from Universal Pictures arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) to film the new action-adventure movie “Battleship,” based on the Hasbro board game, Sept. 7-24.

Directed by Peter Berg, “Battleship” will feature the U.S. and Japanese navies stumbling upon the point of an alien invasion. Berg’s previous directorial works include “The Kingdom,” “The Rundown” and “Hancock.”

“I’ve always been a huge fan of the Navy,” said Berg. “My father was a Marine and a naval historian. I was brought up learning about Pearl Harbor, the campaign of the Pacific, and the Battle of Midway. He was particularly obsessed with World War II. The idea of making a film about naval warfare was something that was always interesting to me. What better place to set it than Pearl



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

J J Dashnaw, stunt double for actor Taylor Kitsch, leaps onto the deck aboard the destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) as camera operator Chris Haarhoff films the action using a steady camera. The Universal Picture action-adventure movie “Battleship” is currently in production and filming at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and aboard U.S. Navy ships. “Battleship” is scheduled for release on May 18, 2012.

Harbor?”

The film is set in modern day during a Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise. RIMPAC is the largest real world multi-national

maritime exercise. It occurs every two years in and around the Hawaiian islands. This year, seven nations participated in RIMPAC, showcasing more than 30 modern naval ships, with the goal of building relationships, increasing interoperability and improving readiness among allied countries.

Berg said that there have been a number of films with old battleships like the Battleship Missouri. “I thought it would be interesting to introduce the audience to modern surface warfare and some of the current destroyers, missile cruisers and some of the other things that the Navy has

now that they didn’t have back in the old days,” he said.

One of the modern U.S. Navy destroyers featured in “Battleship” is USS Hopper (DDG 70), where the film crew shot several action scenes.

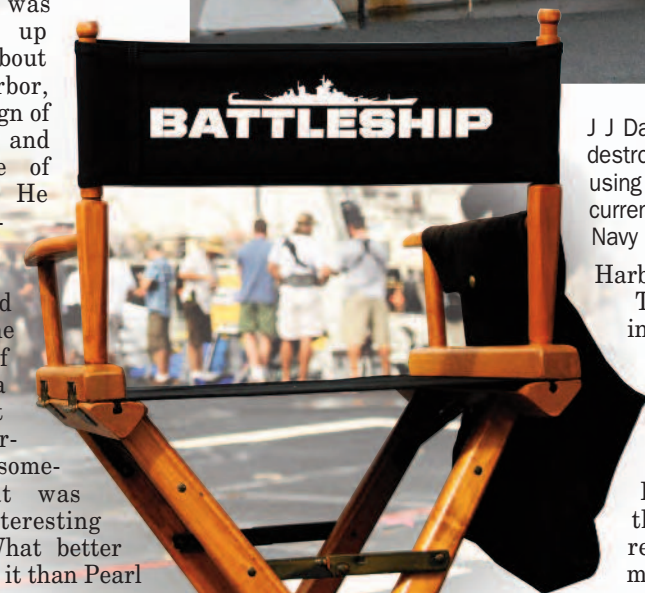
“The movie gives the Sailors a chance to see what Hollywood is like and, believe it or not, they are not unlike us,” said a Hopper Sailor, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jim Dewitt. “It brings a lot of different people out to see what the Navy is all about. All the people who are in the background and all the people who are working for Hollywood themselves probably never got to do some of the stuff that we get to do,” DeWitt said.

When the casting call was announced for scenes aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Dewitt signed up to play an extra in the film. More than 300 Sailors and actors playing sailors signed up to participate in the filming aboard Missouri.

The scenes shot aboard the Missouri included actors Taylor Kitsch, Brooklyn Decker, Alexander Skarsgård, Rihanna and Liam Neeson.

“I met most of the actors and actresses, and they are all very nice,” Dewitt said. “They are very approachable individuals.

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

A C-17 flies a demonstration flight during the 2010 Kaneohe Air Show.

15th Wing C-17 demo team warms up, ready for world wide shows

Capt. David Tomiyama
15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing’s C-17 demo team thrilled thousands of spectators at the 2010 Kaneohe Bay Air Show at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe on Sept. 24-26 - a warmup to expected air shows in the spring.

“The main mission of the demo team is to showcase the capabilities of the C-17,” said Maj. Victor Aguilar, 15th Wing demo team commander. “When we go to international air shows, we play the ambassador role for the Air Force by interacting with air show fans and meeting community leaders.”

The demo team flies three different profiles. One is six minutes long, another is 10 minutes in length, and the third and most common is the 12-minute profile. The profile length is determined by the time slotted for the C-17. For the Kaneohe Bay air show, the team flew the 10-minute profile.

An air show profile is not much different from what 15th Wing C-17 pilots perform during real-world missions across the Pacific. However, an air show demands that the demo team take its flying to the next level with precision and speed in putting on a proper demonstration for crowds.

“Although the profile is not much different from an operational mission, what we do is very fast-paced,” Aguilar said. “Plus we still have the air show (crowds), we have to meet a (training) timeline, and we’re held to a strict show schedule; that’s where the challenges come in.”

The other challenge the team has is scheduling. With the 15th Wing’s high operations tempo, aircraft and personnel are always on the move. The challenge is ensuring the entire team as well as a C-17 are available. According to Aguilar, air shows can pop up on a calendar as short as a few

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Today’s Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam FOC events

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will commemorate achieving full operational capability (FOC) with a ceremony at 9 a.m. today at the Hickam Missing Man Formation Memorial at Aloha Aina Park.

Keynote speakers for the ceremony will be Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Brig. Gen. Scott D. West, vice commander of 13th Air Force. Capt. Richard W. Kitchens, commander of JBPHH, and Col. Sam C. Barrett, commander of 15th Wing, will also provide remarks.

The program will include a keiki hula celebration performed by Hula Olana Halau, performances by a joint Navy and Air Force band and color guard, the unveiling of the JBPHH

flag, and a traditional Hawaiian blessing of the newly established joint base.

The JBPHH celebration will continue from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Freedom Tower mall. Bring your lounge chairs and blankets to enjoy hours of free activities and entertainment, celebrating this historic final merge between the two bases.

Entertainment will include local ukulele phenomenon, Jake Shimabukuro; the PACFLT High Tide Band and the PACAF Hana Hou Band.

The evening will conclude with a state-of-the-art laser light show under the stars.

For more information about Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, go to: <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam/index.htm>.

Domestic Violence Proclamation

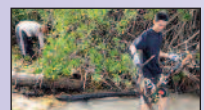


Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signs a domestic violence proclamation at the Warfighter and Family Services Support Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 30. The proclamation officially designated October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month for Navy Region Hawaii.

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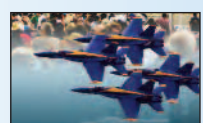
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CNRH celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Sailors and civilians assigned to commands in the Pearl Harbor area attended a ceremony to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 28.

This year's Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America."

Jose Villa, editor of Hawaii Hispanic News and a U.S. Air Force veteran, was the guest speaker and offered his perspective to the audience.

"When I was in the Air Force, I attended these Hispanic heritage events and listened to the speakers, and I would just hear about the history of Hispanics in the United States. I would get that same history regardless of whether I was in New York or Tokyo, and I really appreciated the fact that it was being shared," Villa said.

"The thing that I wondered is, did we ever do anything here in this particular area? What difference have Hispanics made here? Today I wanted to talk about a little bit of the history of Hispanics here in Hawaii," Villa continued.

The first documented arrival of a Hispanic in Hawaii was in 1794. Francisco Marin arrived in Hawaii from an agricultural



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Judah and Sunshine Oschner, three-time representatives to the ESPN World Salsa Championships, perform a traditional salsa dance during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 28. This year's Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America."

part of Spain and because of that, he was very familiar with the medicinal uses of herbs and plants. When Marin arrived in Hawaii, King Kamehameha I was in

the midst of uniting the Hawaiian Islands, and because of Marin's knowledge of plants and herbs, he became Kamehameha's business advisor, bookkeeper,

physician and interpreter. Through his service to the kingdom, Marin eventually acquired land and wealth, Villa noted during his remarks.

"According to the 2000 census, between 1990 and 2000 the Hispanic population of the United States doubled. One out of every six Americans is Hispanic," Villa

said. "The number of the Hispanic population continues to grow, and corporate America has come to realize that Hispanics are a force that will be included."

During the ceremony, the audience was entertained by the performance of a traditional salsa dance performed by Judah and Sunshine Oschner, three-time representatives to the ESPN World Salsa Championships.

To conclude the ceremony, Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presented Villa and Judah and Sunshine Oschner with certificates of appreciation.

"I want to personally thank our guests for discussing the history of Hispanics in Hawaii and for helping us recognize this year's Hispanic American Heritage Month," Smith said.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration, lasting from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, to honor the nation's Hispanic heritage. During this time, America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Flu vaccination schedule for Navy commands

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

The flu vaccination schedule for major commands follows. Those who are served by the medical clinics, including retirees and family members, can walk into the influenza clinic at building 1750, shipyard clinic, from 7:30 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday. For small commands with 100 people or less, it is recommended that they call the flu clinic at 471-2212, ext. 371 to schedule a walk in time.

October
1 - NMCEAD
1 - COMSUBPAC

4-5 - COMPACFLT
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12 - DISAPAC
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14 - PACOM
20 - Kunia Tunnel
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Flu immunizations will also be available at military exchanges on the following dates:
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Grace Hew Len

Navy Region Hawaii
Environmental Public
Affairs

Be an environmental hero and join Navy Region Hawaii, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the community for Make-A-Difference Day cleanup events in October, in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu.

Volunteer for about two to three hours on a Saturday morning to help local neighborhoods by keeping the streams and streets clean and healthy.

Activities may include picking up trash, removing weedy overgrowth and noxious weeds, planting, and some bulky debris removal. Supplies will be provided by the city's adopt-a-stream programs.

Volunteers are advised to dress to get dirty. Wear covered shoes and sunscreen.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Grace Hew Len, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, at 473-2926, grace.hewlen@navy.mil.

The following cleanups are scheduled:

Oct. 2, 8:30-11 a.m.: Manoa Stream Make-A-Difference Day Cleanup at Kolomono Ditch and Woodlawn Bridge. Meet at 8 a.m. at Kolomono Ditch, between Kaamalio Drive and Kolomono Place in Manoa Valley.

Oct. 9, 8:30-11 a.m.: Waimanalo Make-A-Difference Day Cleanup at Kahawai Stream. Meet at 8 a.m. at Kahawai Stream on Kalaniano'ele Highway.

Oct. 9, 8:30 to 11 a.m.: Kaneohe Make-A-Difference Day Cleanup at Kaneohe and Kawa Streams. Meet at 8 a.m. at the neighborhood park on Waikalua Road.

Oct. 16, 8:30-11 a.m.: Ewa Beach Make-A-Difference Day Cleanup along North Road. Meet at 8 a.m. at Campbell High School North Road parking lot.

Oct. 23, 8:30-11 a.m.: Pearl Harbor Make-A-Difference Day Cleanup at Kapakahi Stream in Waipahu. Meet at 8 a.m. at Kapakahi Stream on Waipahu Depot Road, across from the police academy. Alternate location is at natural springs location near Blaisdell Park.

Combined Federal Campaign official kick off is Oct. 7

Lt. j.g. Casey Two Bears

Navy Region Hawaii
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On Oct. 1, the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) officially begins for the Hawaii Pacific Region. This year's campaign runs Oct. 1-31 and is chaired by Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

President John F. Kennedy started the CFC in 1961 through a presidential executive order as a means for federal employees and military personnel to donate to important



charities and causes.

On Oct. 7, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host its official kickoff from 10 a.m. to noon at Ward Field in Pearl Harbor. CFC volunteers will serve hot dogs and burgers and the Pacific Fleet Ceremonial Band will provide musical entertainment.

Military service members and their families, as well as federal employees, are welcome to participate

in the festivities. The purpose of the kickoff, according to Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Randy Basat, CFC special events coordinator, is to, "raise awareness and familiarization with the different charities and organizations that CFC is supporting. Service members can personally interact with charity reps and beneficiaries to further educate service members about CFC and its intentions."

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and executive assistant for the 2010

CFC, emphasized the special role federal employees play, stating, "In the face of a weak economy, federal employees are in a unique position to help."

In keeping with the giving spirit, the Navy Exchange is also offering discounts on store merchandise in exchange for a \$5 contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign. The benefit will be held on Oct. 4 and 5. Shoppers can purchase the \$5 discount tickets from their commands.

For more information, contact your command or Frank Ilderton or Elvie Mamuad at 423-3231.

PIPS and e-Finance now utilized at Hickam

The permanent change of station in-processing system (PIPS) allows members to process permanent change of station (PCS) vouchers electronically from their desks. The 15th Wing is now using PIPS for all its inbound personnel.

Members must have a common access card (CAC) and CAC reader to access the PIPS secure website. The finance office will offer initial instructions for PIPS

in the basewide in-processing briefing. Then members will access the PIPS website to upload their documents and submit PCS vouchers from their office computer.

Why waste a trip to the finance office when you can submit your travel voucher electronically from your office? The Air Force has recently unveiled the capability of processing non-defense travel system (DTS) travel vouchers in e-

Finance.

Any orders created in DTS may not be submitted through e-Finance. E-Finance allows the member to process non-DTS vouchers electronically, including: emergency leave (without dependents), consecutive overseas travel (COT-without dependents), deployment and formal training vouchers. The Hickam 15th Wing finance office is now accepting non-

DTS travel vouchers electronically through e-Finance.

There are two ways to access e-Finance or PIPS, either directly or through the Air Force Portal. In the AF Portal under the "finance & travel" link, click e-Finance workspace. The direct website is <https://efinanceworkspace.wpafb.af.mil/GovWarning.aspx>.

'Battleship' at JBPHH

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A lot of people were kind of 'should I talk to them, should I not?' But they are as excited about being here as much as we are," he continued.

Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, JBPHH chief staff officer, showed his support for the movie by signing up to be an extra as well.

"The real value of having Sailors as part of that production is that we could "sailorize" the actors who have no military affiliation," Scruggs said. "With "Battleship," this is an opportunity for the Navy to reach out to the civilian population and say, 'Hey, look at us and look at what we do.'"

Scruggs said it is important to depict U.S. Sailors accurately.

"Somebody is going to see "Battleship" and see those actors and extras and that's going to be their only impression of the Navy," Scruggs said. "You want that to be a good impression because there are 330,000 Sailors and Marines out there right now who are just doing great stuff for the country. We want to portray those individuals accurately as well as those Sailors who have come before us," he noted.

Berg said he believes in research and authenticity, citing his previous movies "Friday Night Lights" and "The

Kingdom," in which he used actual football players and FBI agents, respectively.

"As an actor, I like taking people who have never acted before and helping them find their inner actor," Berg said. "We all have an actor inside of us. To have the guys and gals on board ships like the Hopper, Shoup, Ronald Reagan - and some of the other ships that we have been on - do what they do - we could not teach an actor to do as well as they do it. They have a lot of fun. They're good at it, and it is fun to put real Sailors in the movie," Berg explained.

Dewitt said he hopes that he could at least be seen in the movie.

"There were a few scenarios where we had some close-ups done, but you just never know," Dewitt said. "It was still a fun experience. I expect that we will have a good portrayal of the Navy. They've done a lot of good Navy shots, incorporating a lot of the Sailors and service members around Hawaii. I also think that we are going to see a lot of action in this movie. They're pulling off a lot of different stunts and a lot of different things. They're going to show what the Navy is all about," he said.

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

Flight of the Question Mark



Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force.

Pictured is the crew of the "Question Mark," (from left to right), Lt. Harry Halvorsen, Capt. Ira Eaker, Staff Sgt. Roy Hooe, Maj. Carl Spaatz (mission commander), Lt. Elwood "Pete" Quesada, and an unidentified crew member. During a 1929 refueling operation dubbed "Question Mark," a Fokker C-2A was refueled in flight by two modified Douglas C-1 transport aircraft.



C-17 precision flying

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weeks for U.S. shows and a month in advance for international shows.

A C-17 demo team is made up of a four-person team. The 15th Wing's demo team is made up of Maj. Victor Aguilar, pilot and 15th Wing demo team commander; Capt. Russell Foxworth, the co-pilot; Capt. Stephen Koether, the safety observer; and Staff Sgt. Scott Stueven, the loadmaster.

Being a member of the demo team requires a high level of experience in the C-17, meeting training requirements and senior leadership approval. Veteran pilots who have been instructors, evaluators or aircraft commanders are selected. Training begins in a C-17 simulator and extends to flying the profiles and ground training, all to ensure safety

and precision flying.

"Over the past couple of weeks our demo team worked hard to finish the required air show certification training in preparation for the Kaneohe air show," said Lt. Col. Andrew Leshikar, 535th Airlift Squadron commander. "They are some of our best and most qualified pilots and loadmasters and are now ready to represent the wing and the Air Force at shows across the Pacific."

While no future air shows are currently scheduled, the team traditionally performs three to four shows a year. Past shows included trips to Guam, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and India. The 15th Wing shares the Pacific air show schedule with another C-17 demo team at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

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JBP HH celebrates National Public Lands Day

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Personnel assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and the 647th Civil Engineering Squadron (647 CES) participated in National Public Lands Day removing red mangrove and kiawe from Ahua Reef along the shoreline of JBPHH on Sept. 25.

Approximately 30 volunteers helped remove the invasive, non-native species that have been taking over the coastal shoreline.

"The species we're removing today tend to inundate coastal areas, and they don't allow native species, such as the shore birds, Hawaiian stilts, Pacific golden plovers and others, to use the beach," said Joel Helm, event coordinator and natural resource specialist for 647 CES. "The volunteers are removing the growth and piling it up so a contracted company can come here and take it off base."

CNRH and JBPHH received a \$5,000 grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation to support National Public Lands Day.



Personnel assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and the 647th Civil Engineering Squadron clear red mangrove off the shoreline of Hickam Beach at JBPHH on Sept. 28. Personnel assigned to JBPHH, 647 CES and Commander, Navy Region Hawaii participated in the cleanup event for National Public Lands Day 2010.

David Sullivan, deputy regional environmental coordinator for CNRH, talked about the importance of National Public Lands Day.

"We want to encourage a shared experience of environmental stewardship within the community," Sullivan said. "The area that we are working on has

a lot of mangrove, but along other areas of the JBPHH coastline, people have been removing the mangrove for years, making the area nice and clean."

National Public Lands Day 2010 celebrates service and recreation on public lands while educating volunteers about the effects of climate change on the

country's parks. National Public Lands Day also engages a diverse audience of adult and youth volunteers to get outdoors and improve their lands.

DOD announces absentee voting week, launches electronic voting support wizard

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced absentee voting week from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4. The week will encourage all citizens voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act who have not received their absentee ballot to go to <http://www.FVAP.gov> to fill it out as soon as possible.

Commanders and voting assistance officers will use this week to emphasize the importance of filling out and returning the absentee ballot. They will also educate eligible personnel on how to use the new online tools to fill out their absentee ballot, plus encourage the use of e-mailing and faxing as an alternative to sending the voted ballot to local election officials

where allowed. "We encourage all military personnel, their family members, and overseas citizens to exercise their right to vote," said Clifford Stanley, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "We strongly recommend they complete and mail their absentee ballots immediately, so they are received by local election officials in time to

be counted for the November general election. Make your vote count. The Federal Assistance Voting Program (FVAP) is responsible for making the absentee voting process easier and more efficient. One of their new initiatives is to provide military members, their families and overseas voters with electronic alternatives to

requesting, receiving or returning their ballots. If someone has not received their state absentee ballot, it is not too late. "This year, the states and FVAP launched new online products that make completing absentees ballots much easier. In many cases, voters can request their ballot, fill it out and

mail or fax it back in 10 to 15 minutes," Stanley said. "When I was a junior officer, this process could take 30 to 40 days. The new online tools have remarkably reduced the wait time. Go to FVAP.gov to fill out your state ballot or the federal write-in absentee ballot online and send it, today."

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(Left) Tristan Cortez, Shannon Gipaya and Angie Sanders, inspectors for the Federal Fire Department (FFD), Hawaii, put the finishing touches on their road side sign. "Smoke Alarms: A Sound That You Can Live With" is the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week. FFD will be conducting fire prevention exhibitions and live fire demos at schools and other venues around Oahu. Contact FFD for more info at 471-3303, ext. 633.

Photo courtesy of Federal Fire Department Hawaii

(Right) Firefighters from Federal Fire department Hawaii present fire fighting and fire prevention demonstrations at Hickam Elementary School on Sept 27 as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Photo courtesy of Federal Fire Department Hawaii



(Left) Firefighters from Federal Fire department Hawaii present fire fighting and fire prevention demonstrations at Mokapu Elementary School, Kaneohe, on Sept 29 as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Photo courtesy of Federal Fire Department Hawaii

(Right) Peter Berg, the director for the new movie "Battleship," talks to his military technical advisor, retired U.S. Navy Capt. Rick Hoffman, aboard the destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70). The Universal Picture action-adventure movie is currently in production and filming at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and aboard U.S. Navy ships. "Battleship" is scheduled for release on May 18, 2012.

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



(Left) Peter Berg, the director for the new movie "Battleship," operates a camera as Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class (SW) Philip Merriweather and Gunner's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Justin Ames rush toward the torpedo tubes aboard the destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70). The Universal Studio's action adventure movie is currently in production and filming at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and aboard U.S. Navy ships.

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

(Right) Personnel assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) clear red mangrove off the shoreline of Hickam Beach at JBPHH on Sept. 25. Personnel assigned to JBPHH, CNRH and the 647th Civil Engineering Squadron participated in the cleanup event for National Public Lands Day 2010.

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Total force integration mentality saves Airmen, mission

**Senior Airman
Gustavo Gonzalez**

15th Wing Public Affairs

A fuel leak from a battle-scarred humvee on a C-17 Globemaster III could have spelled disaster for the Air Force and the Marines alike - if not for the actions of two crew chiefs.

Staff Sgt. Jesse Arnold, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Harlasun Kang, 154th Maintenance Squadron, both from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, were flying from Bastion Airfield, Afghanistan, to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, with cargo which included 22 Marine passengers when diesel

fuel from the damaged vehicle started spilling into the cargo bay of the aircraft, filling the air full of fumes.

"We uploaded our cargo at Bastion, which included a palletized HMMWV with battle damage," said Capt. Eric Wietlisbach, 535th Airlift Squadron pilot. "After departure from Bastion airfield heading north to Manas, the damaged HMMWV began leaking a large quantity of fuel which caused fuel fumes to fill the aircraft."

Arnold and Kang noticed the fuel spill when a foul odor filled the inside of the C-130. When the mechanics found the gushing leak flowing from the vehicle, the aircraft mechanics found a solution that would

make even MacGyver proud.

"We saw a puddle of fuel coming from the HMMWV so we started to grab passenger blankets and put them under it," Kang said. "Then we clamped the hose shut to stop it from leaking. Later, another hose began to leak and I got the idea to plug it with earplugs because they can conform to any shape."

The idea to use earplugs came from a similar idea Kang used to plug an appliance leak at home. According to Kang, approximately 10 gallons of fuel spilled out of the vehicle - a potentially dangerous amount.

"It was essentially a matter of life or death. If the fuel had caught fire or anything else happened to it, the whole plane

could have gone down," Kang said.

According to Wietlisbach, once on the ground at Manas, medical personnel checked all crew members and the passengers for effects of fuel fumes with no negative effects being reported. "Without [Arnold's and Kang's] quick thinking and professionalism as [aircraft mechanics], the crew would have been forced to descend back into the weapons engagement zone in Afghanistan, make an emergency landing in theater, and unnecessarily risk the lives of the crew and the 22 U.S. Marines onboard," Wietlisbach said.

After arriving in Manas, Arnold and Kang cleaned up most of the fuel themselves,

ensuring a minimal delay in the arrival of the cargo and the re-deployment of the 1st Marine Special Force Battalion, B Company from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Kang said that working alongside active duty Airmen helped him get better acquainted and ultimately helped him to effectively respond to a potentially critical situation.

"These two are prime examples of our active duty and guard Airmen working together to execute the mission," said Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander. "Their ingenuity, flexibility and immediate reaction to the situation ensured the safety of the passengers and crew and a \$210 million aircraft."

Airmen celebrate 63rd annual Air Force Ball



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Airman 1st Class Timothy Shoeneman, 561 Network Operations Squadron (youngest Airman present); Gen. Gary North, commander, Pacific Air Forces; and Dr. Lawrence K. W. Tseu, honored guest of North; cut the cake at the 63rd Annual Air Force Ball on Sept. 17 at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, Honolulu.



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Representatives from the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Army participate in a special choreographed ceremony at the POW/MIA ceremonial table during the Air Force Birthday Ball on Sept. 17. The ceremony honors those military service members who gave all in the service of their country.

Housing residents receive energy savings mailer

Krista Stehn

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In recognition of National Energy Awareness Month, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii Energy Team is intensifying its energy awareness efforts to motivate Navy and Air Force families to take the action and make a difference in their energy use.

During the first week of October, Navy and Air Force housing residents will receive a fact-filled energy conservation mailer. This energy handout will provide housing residents with simple energy savings tips as well as discounts on energy efficient products.

The NAVFAC Hawaii Energy Team joined forces with the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Hickam Base Exchange to develop an energy conservation mailer to provide residents with practical and easy ways to save

energy. The mailer also includes valuable information on energy efficient products on sale at the exchanges during the month of October.

In Hawaii, residents pay some of the highest electrical rates in the country. Consequently, saving energy and improving energy efficiency are priorities for Navy Region Hawaii.

"Housing residents are a critical component in the region's energy conservation efforts," stated Greg Gebhardt, director, NAVFAC Hawaii Energy Team. "By being mindful of how we use energy and taking simple steps to reduce energy use, we can have a significant impact."

There may be no better time to improve energy use than during National Energy Awareness Month. Navy and Air Force families are challenged to become more aware of their energy use and choose to make a difference. The energy conservation mailer is a simple way to help housing residents with their efforts.

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The Virginia-class attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) enters Apra Harbor for a scheduled port visit. This is the first deployment of a Virginia-class to the western Pacific region.

USS Hawaii visits Guam

Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs

APRA HARBOR, Guam (NNS) -- The Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) arrived Sept. 24 in Apra Harbor, Guam for a port visit during the ship's first deployment to the western Pacific.

The ship departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Aug. 25.

With a crew of 136, this is the ship's first deployment from Pearl Harbor.

Hawaii will be conducting a multitude of missions while assigned to U.S. 7th Fleet during the next several months.

"Guam, as a port, plays a vital role in the U.S. military's efforts to fulfill our

commitments to our allies and partners and to protect our nation's security," said Capt. John Russ, commodore for Submarine Squadron 15. "USS Hawaii's deployment to the western Pacific with their unique capabilities helps strengthen our commitment to the prosperity, security and stability of the Asia-Pacific region."

Measuring 377 feet long and weighing 7,800 tons when submerged, Hawaii is one of the Navy's newest and most technologically sophisticated submarines.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations

forces, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare.

Legal assistance to transfer to Navy

Capt. Kathryn Christian

15th Wing, Judge Advocate

Effective Oct. 1, the Woodring Law Center at Hickam at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will relinquish its legal assistance services to the Navy Legal Services Office (NLSO), located at Pearl Harbor.

The following services, previously provided by Hickam's legal office, that are affected by this transition are: wills, powers of attorney (POA), notaries and attorney consults.

However, military members seeking legal services that are deployment-related may still be seen at the Woodring Law Center by making an appointment at 449-1737. Individuals deploying within 30 days will be required to provide documentation (i.e., orders, email tasking) confirming an upcoming deployment. All other cases will be required to contact the NLSO.

NLSO can be contacted at 473-4717 and can assist in the following areas:

POA and notary services:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday: 8 to 11:30 a.m.

and 2-3 p.m.

(*Real estate notary is by appointment only.)

Legal assistance services:

Walk-in consultations:

Tuesday and Thursday: 9-11 a.m. or by appointment.

When resources permit, NLSO can offer legal assistance in the following areas:

- Guardianships, adoption, name change.
- Divorce, separation, annulment.
- Non-support of dependents.
- Bankruptcy, indebtedness.
- Landlord, tenant disputes.
- Taxation.
- Immigration, citizenship.
- Service member's Civil Relief Act.
- Consumer affairs.

Basic estate planning and wills:

By appointment only.

Two-step process (mandatory in-person attorney consult and formal will execution ceremony).

*Arrive 15 minutes prior to any appointment time to complete preliminary client intake sheet.

For more information, visit the NLSO website at http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/nlso/nlso_pacific.htm.

Diamond Tips

(Diamond Tips are provided by Air Force first sergeants to address concerns in the Air Force community and provide guidance to Airmen.)

When is the BDU no longer an authorized uniform? How long can you wear tan boots with the ABU? Is your fancy new purse authorized in uniform? What color back-

pack is authorized with the ABU and blue service uniform? Find the answers to these questions and more at: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/index.asp>. The Air Force Personnel Center Dress and Appearance website is the place to go for all of your dress and appearance questions.

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Council evaluates Navy volunteer program for CNIC, CNO

Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The Navy Community Service Program (NCSP) Council conducted its annual planning and review meeting on Sept. 20-24 at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C.

Commander, Naval District Washington, in coordination with Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), sponsored the annual meeting of the NCSP Council.

Several key regional representatives from as far apart as Guam and Florida met with flagship program representatives to review the Navy's volunteer outreach throughout the past year.

Together, the group drafted fiscal year 2011 recommendations for the chief of naval operations (CNO) via CNIC.

Among the recommendations: updating related instructions, standardizing the community service awards program, and capturing volunteer hours from every region to be able to demonstrate the effectiveness of NCSP's impact throughout the nation.

"When we can report the numbers of hours our Sailors give back to the community, it helps people visualize just how much of an investment that Navy makes," said Dianne Parker, community service volunteer coordinator for Commander, Navy Region Southeast.

"It's huge. In our region alone, more than 23,000 of our service members donated over 385,000 hours of their time helping in one of the five flagship areas," Parker said.

There are five Navy volunteer "flagships," which include personal excellence partnerships, devoted to education-related volunteer work with young people; health, safety and fitness, focus-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Rasheema Newsome, assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, reads a Dr. Seuss book to kindergarten students of Lehua Elementary School. Students from kindergarten to sixth grade honored the 105th anniversary of Dr. Seuss' birthday with the readings of his classic books by 10 Pearl Harbor-based Sailors.

ing on health and sports-related volunteer programs; Campaign Drug Free, highlighting anti-drug education; Project Good Neighbor, spotlighting volunteer efforts with people who are less fortunate; and environmental stewardship, recognizing the importance of caring for and about natural resources.

Commands compete each year for NCSP awards in each flagship category. During the meeting, they looked for ways to streamline the awards process for Navy regions, installations and other commands.

"As the flagship sponsor for the health, safety

and fitness program, I see the value of volunteering, not only to the Navy and to young people in our communities, but also to individual Sailors," said Henry Giles, director of community service and outreach for Naval Education and Training Command.

Giles is also Navy's program manager for Starbase-Atlantis, a Department of Defense (DoD) youth outreach education program operating at 15 locations throughout the United States.

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Paul Polach of CNIC, who led coordination of the coun-

cil meeting, said that the minutes and recommendations of the council's meeting will be provided to the CNO via CNIC. He publishes information about NCSP through his magazine, "Navy Volunteer!"

"We'll be compiling a special report on the numbers of volunteer hours by Sailors, Navy-wide," Polach said. "I think people will be impressed with how much our Sailors give back."

Polach also coordinates the NCSP flagship awards and Bainbridge award program.

During the three-day meeting, the council trained together on legal

aspects of volunteering, risk management, NCSP's role in natural disasters and other topics.

A highlight of the council meeting was attending a full honors arrival ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard on Sept. 23, in which CNO Adm. Gary Roughead welcomed his counterpart, Adm. Nirmal Kumar Verma, chief of the naval staff of the Indian navy.

"We were privileged to be part of the audience to witness this special ceremony," said Olivia Hunter of Commander, Naval District Washington, primary host of the council meeting.

"We, in turn, hosted 20 JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) students from Suitland High School and joined them in a tour of the Navy ceremonial guard facility," said Hunter.

Several students expressed an interest to council members about joining the Navy.

The council meeting concluded Sept. 23 with a plan for fostering the volunteer program in fiscal year 2011, engaging in social media and continuing interaction opportunities on line.

For more information about volunteering, go to <http://bit.ly/NavyVolunteer>.

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