



## HICKAM CHILDREN REMEMBER

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More than 750 children paraded around the Freedom Tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 10 as a way to remember those who were killed as a result of terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The students of Hickam Elementary School, the parents and teachers gathered together to pay tribute to those fallen Americans from that fateful day whom many people will remember for a long time.

This is the second year of the event and the teachers use this remembrance ceremony as a way to teach their students a different les-

son about honoring and respecting their country.

"It's a great way to teach our students about how important it is to respect and honor our country and all the sacrifices that their parents make to serve as they protect our country," said Michele Sasaki, a 10-year Hickam Elementary kindergarten teacher and a native of Pearl City, Hawaii.

"Sept. 11 is a day of remembrance of those who lost their lives and the tragic attack on our country, but it's also a day to refocus our commitment to the ideals of America and the promise ... the promise ... the promise ... promise that our country has made to you," said Col. Rusty Baumgardner, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and commander of 647th Air Base Group.

In addition to Baumgardner, the students were briefed by their principal, John Erickson, about the events that took place nine years ago and the significance of what it meant to him personally as well as the children's parents.

"We must never forget what happened on 9/11 and must remember that we are blessed to live and work on the greatest station on earth," Erickson said.

Before the children began their walk, the Radford High School Band played the National Anthem and the Hawaiian Anthem, while Pacific Fleet Band Musician 2nd Class Kristen Snitzer played "Taps."

"This event is about celebrating American pride and honoring those who have died, so it's very important we don't forget what happened

on Sept. 11 because it unifies us as a country," said Tracie Higashi, Hickam Elementary School music director.

"As you walk around the Freedom Tower, please show your patriotic pride and wave your American flags proudly," Erickson said.

Despite rainfall, the students of Hickam displayed spirit and enthusiasm from start to finish as they pushed through the inclement weather waving their flags.

Along with the Radford Band and color guard, the students were cheered on by their parents who seemed to enjoy the children's patronage just as much as their children.

"This is outstanding that the kids are doing something like this," said Tech. Sgt. Keith Cedergren.

"It gives them an opportunity to go out and have fun, but also reflect on what it is and hopefully they learn more things as they get older," Cedergren added.

In the end, the children were wet and a little tired, but their spirits had brightened a dreary day because they had learned something about the past that is important to everyone.

"I think it's great that the children learn about 9/11, so that they can remember just as we do because it's important to everyone," said Snitzer, a native of Rochester, N.Y. (See additional story and photos on A-4)

(Above) Students from Hickam Elementary School wave their flags proudly on Sept. 10 during a 9/11 Ceremony on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

## U.S. PACOM surgeon praises Pacific Partnership 2010

MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Micheal Mittelman, command surgeon for U.S. Pacific Command, joined local television station KHON2 to talk about Pacific Partnership 2010 PP10 at KHON2's studio in Honolulu on Sept. 9.

During the interview, Mittelman spoke about the significance of and the overall performance of the Navy's role in PP10.

"Mercy is one of the symbols of America," Mittelman said. "When we send the ship to the western Pacific, it is basically saying that the United States is here to help."

"We are trying to build partnerships and trust with countries in the western Pacific," Mittelman said. "Mercy helped more than



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Theresa Donnelly

Rear Adm. Michael Mittelman, command surgeon for U.S. Pacific Command, discusses humanitarian mission Pacific Partnership with anchor Jai Cunningham for the weekly Hawaii Navy News segment on KHON2 television. Pacific Partnership is the fifth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic assistance endeavors to strengthen regional partnerships.

100,000 patients in Vietnam, Cambodia, Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Our personnel performed life-saving surgeries on about 900 people, prescribed 50,000 glasses, and performed dental work for approximately 10,000 patients.

"The most important thing that we've done is build these partnerships with non-governmental agencies and these host nations," Mittelman noted. "In doing so, we've been able to prepare for disaster that might be forthcoming."

Mittelman also talked about the importance of Sailors having a hands-on experience during PP10.

"When the junior Sailors participate in missions like these, it changes their lives," Mittelman said. "They come back excited and they come back wanting to go on future missions."

Mittleman also visited the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) on Sept. 13 while it was in port at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled port visit after completing PP10.

Several ships from partner nations joined Mercy during PP10. While in Vietnam and Cambodia, Mercy operated with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force ship JDS Kunisaki (LST 4003), which hosted an embarked medical team and Japanese NGOs.

During PP10, Mercy provided extensive surgical capabilities and, combined with utility boats and two embarked MH-60S helicopters, helped support a large cadre of medical and engineering professionals moving to and from their work sites ashore each day.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

Men and women from the 647th Air Base Group, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii took time to remember those that were killed as a result of terrorist acts on Sept. 11, 2001. The Airmen stood in formation, had a moment of silence and were treated to a flyover from a C-17 Globemaster from the 535th Airlift Squadron.

## COMPACAF speaks to Team Hickam during Patriots Day formation

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Public Affairs

More than 1,200 Airmen from around Team Hickam stood in formation as Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, honored

the Americans lost on Sept. 11, 2001 and the service members sacrifice during a Patriots' Day ceremony in front of the 15th Wing Headquarters Building at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 10.

At the end of his speech, a C-17 Globemaster III from the 15th Wing flew overhead as a tribute to America.

During his speech, North reminded those in

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## POW/MIA Recognition Day Run



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

The Air Force Sergeant's Association and members of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam kick off a 24-hour relay run on Sept. 16 in honor of those who are prisoners of war or missing in action. The run will end on POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 17, and will conclude with a reveille ceremony. (See next week's Ho'okele for full coverage of both events, and visit the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Facebook page to see more photos.)



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# USS Greeneville departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by  
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The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Sept. 10.

"This will be our first deployment since 2007 and a first for the majority of the crew. Therefore, we are all very excited and eager to get this submarine underway and support the national theater tasking," said Cmdr. Anthony Carullo, USS Greeneville commanding officer. "They've all worked extremely hard getting the ship and themselves ready for this deployment, and regaining operational proficiency of all mission areas. I am very proud of each and every one of them," Carullo said.

"I have never traveled outside the United States so I am very excited and really looking forward to this deployment," said Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Kyle Bittner from Portland, Ore. "This will be my first



The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Sept. 10. This will be her first deployment since undergoing a 13-month depot modernization period at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine, and conducting an inter-fleet transfer back to Pearl Harbor in June 2009.

deployment and my first real chance to employ my submarine training."

Greeneville underwent a 13-month depot modernization period at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine that included upgrades in all of her

electronic systems in support of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. An overhaul of all machinery systems and a full external refurbishing was also completed. During that time, she accomplished numerous sea trials before conducting

an inter-fleet transfer back to Pearl Harbor in June 2009.

USS Greeneville is the 61st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 22nd improved Los Angeles-class attack submarine. Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for

covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

# Sailors encouraged to vote as 2010 elections near

MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public  
Affairs

Sailors assigned to commands in Hawaii are encouraged to register to vote and to request their absentee ballots for the upcoming 2010 elections in November.

The Navy encourages personnel to carry out the obligations of their citizenship through voting, enabling their participation in the democratic process, regardless of location.

Lt. Cmdr. Kathleen Elkins, judge advocate general and voting assistance officer for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, explained some of the things Sailors can do to



ensure they are registered to vote.

"In order to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot, Sailors and their families can go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) and use their online registration and absentee ballot assistant," Elkins said. "It is a quick and easy way to complete the forms. Using this method, they can submit an absentee ballot request

to their state."

"The states will begin mailing ballots out 45 days before the general election, which is on Nov. 2," Elkins explained. "If they have not received their ballots by Oct. 2, they should use the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB) as a backup. Again, they will still need to go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) and use the automated assistance to complete the FWAB."

For deployed shipboard Sailors, all forms and ballots should be mailed as early as possible in anticipation of the extended transit time for mail sent from areas outside the continental United States. Although individuals might be overseas at the time of an election, absentee voters are afforded the

same rights as those who currently reside in the United States.

Elkins explained the importance of making sure Sailors exercise their right to vote.

"As U.S. citizens, we enjoy many freedoms, but to maintain those freedoms, we also have a responsibility as citizens to vote and elect officials we feel will make our country better and safer," Elkins said. "We sometimes take for granted our freedoms without realizing what price was paid for us to enjoy those rights. Each individual in a society can contribute to making an important decision for the community."

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Lane Jones and Yeoman 1st Class (AW) Philip Harper, both assigned

to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, talked about some of the reasons they registered to vote.

"A lot of countries do not have a democracy; therefore, we are privileged that we have the right to vote and voice our opinions," Jones said.

"I think it's important to vote because if a politician makes taxes higher or policies you don't like, but you failed to vote against them, you have no reason to complain because you had the ability to make a difference," Harper added.

For more information about registering or re-registering to vote, requesting an absentee ballot, or how to obtain election information, visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or a command voting assistance officer.



**STAFF SGT. RYAN BOEHM**

**AF loadmaster exemplifies highest standards**

Story and photo by SrA Gustavo Gonzalez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Ryan Boehm, 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) loadmaster, is this week's Hickam Warrior. He flies C-17 airlift and airdrop combat missions, and administers evaluations to 37 assigned loadmasters.

"Staff Sgt. Boehm is one of the most experienced C-17 loadmasters in the 535th Airlift Squadron," said Senior Master Sgt.

Terry Topouzoglou, 535th AS superintendent. "He exemplifies the highest standards and skills of a leader and a C-17 evaluator loadmaster. He is an excellent role model and mentor to our newest Airmen and future Air Force leaders. The 535th AS is proud to have an outstanding Airman and NCO within its ranks," Topouzoglou said.

"I understand that the Air Force and civilian companies are always looking for ways to save money with automation, but I feel

that the personal touch is underutilized," Boehm said. "For example, scheduling appointments can take up to 15 minutes after going through all of the computer and telephone prompts where an operator could complete the task in a tenth of the time."

Boehm said he enjoys spending time with his family, playing sports and being stationed at Hickam. "You can't beat the weather," he said.



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**What advice do you have for our newly pinned chiefs?**



Chief Yeoman (AW) **Clara Bryant**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"My advice to our CPOs is to always remember where you came from and your CPO creed. Keep our tradition alive and make an impact! Anchor up!"

Retired Command Master Chief **James Taylor**  
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii  
volunteer



"You have to remember where you came from. Treat your Sailors with respect and do your best to help them mature into chiefs, too!"



Capt. **Lawrence Scruggs**  
Chief of Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Buy a full-length mirror and put it somewhere real close in their office or at home so that every time you put on that uniform before you leave, you can give yourself a self check. You can tell a chief by looking at the appearance of a chief petty officer. You have to be mentally prepared. When you roll out of your rack or when you leave your home, check yourself. That little check- I'm ready, mentally prepared. The number one role of a chief petty officer is to be the leader."

Command Master Chief (SW/AW) **Earl Gray**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"Making chief is one thing, but making a difference is what matters most. As you take on this adventure in the chief petty officers community, know that there are seniors, peers and subordinates who are counting on you to be their chief so in doing make sure you make a difference. When you're done with this job and there's something left behind, what you've left is your legacy. That's the most important thing."

(Provided by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico)

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*Hawaiian Air Force*



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On Oct. 19, 1940, the Hawaiian Air Force was established. It was activated Nov. 1, 1940, at Fort Shafter, Territory of Hawaii, and assigned to the Hawaiian Department, U. S. Army. The motto was the Hawaiian phrase *Ku Kiai* (on guard). The Hawaiian AF was moved to Hickam Field in July 1941, and redesignated as 7th Air Force on Feb. 5, 1942.

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First graders from Hickam Elementary School, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii wave their flags during their school's parade in the rain on Sept. 10 as part of their second annual 9/11 observance ceremony.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

## It rained on their parade, but nothing dampened their spirits

Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

The horrors of Sept. 11, 2001 are etched into the minds of every man and woman who was alive that day, their eyes glued to the television to witness the chaos of Ground Zero in New York City. We all watched the live broadcast of the second plane crashing into the Twin Towers that morning. And many of us know, or know of, brave men and women who risked or even gave their lives to rescue others.

But the younger generation doesn't remember. They rely upon our stories, good education and their own traditions to give them a glimpse into what is now, to us, history.

For that reason, Hickam Elementary School hosted the first iteration of their 9/11 Remembrance Assembly at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Sept. 10.

Although rain poured down on 750 students, their parents and the teachers and

visitors in attendance, they proudly sang the anthem, marched in formation, and commemorated an event most of them weren't even alive to see.

"It's great that we get to learn about the past so that we can make sure it doesn't happen again," said 11-year-old sixth grader Bailly Castillo, whose father is an active-duty Airman. For the spunky, self-described "not shy" young lady, volunteering to stand in the downpour and act as one of two masters of ceremonies was exciting. She loves social studies and has been all around the world with her family.

"It feels great to be an American," she said. "You get to believe in and do whatever you want, unlike many countries in the world."

And although she has often missed her father, she said she is proud that he gets to serve our country and make sure "it" (another event like 9/11) doesn't ever happen on our soil again.

"In total over 3,000 people died in the Sept. 11 attacks," said John Erickson, Hickam



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

First Graders from Hickam Elementary School, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii wave their flags during their school's parade in the rain on Sept. 10 as part of their Second Annual 9/11 Observance Ceremony.

Elementary School principal "An overwhelming majority of the casualties were civilian, including one of my best friends from high school. His name was Robert Curatolo, and he was one of the brave 341 fire fighters who lost their lives trying to help peo-

ple get out of the Twin Towers."

As a native New Yorker and having worked in the World Trade Center, Erickson has been profoundly affected by the events of 9/11.

"We have all been impacted in different ways and that is why this parade today is important," he said. "We must never forget what happened on 9/11 and we must also never forget that we are all blessed to live in the greatest nation on earth."

In addition to paying tribute to those who lost their lives and the men and women currently in uniform, the event was also a celebration, according to Col. Rusty Baumgardner, 647th Air Base Group commander and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander, as he encouraged the children present to stay strong and highly-motivated.

"This remembrance celebrates our enduring spirit that sustains our liberty, even in times of adversity," he said. "You are the heart of our country's future."



U.S. Air Force photo

Airmen at Chakala Air Force Base, Pakistan unload a CH-47 Chinook helicopter on Sept. 2, from a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft assigned to the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

## 535th Airlift Squadron supports Pakistan relief

Tech Sgt. Elicia Summerville

Defense Media Activity - Hawaii

to people in remote areas that are unreachable by any other means," he explained.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan – The U.S. government is committed to the welfare of the people of Pakistan and will continue to provide assistance during their period of suffering. The 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) aircrew from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii is lending a helping hand.

This short-notice tasking to Pakistan is like many others the 535th AS from Hawaii picks up. As the aircrew lands at the Islamabad International Airport, they understand the importance of the role they are playing.

"You and your airplane can bring aid that will affect millions of people," said Capt. Joe Aubert, 535th AS C-17 pilot.

Aubert is on the most important humanitarian mission of his career. "The Chinook that we brought will bring immediate aid

Private 1st Class Antonio Rucci is one of nearly two dozen Army troops who are flying halfway around the globe to bring relief to millions of Pakistanis affected by the flooding. The flooding has swamped as much as one-fifth of the country.

"It's a sad thing," Rucci said. "I understand people are missing their home, losing their families. Us being there is an awesome asset. We are going to pick people up, give them supplies, provide for them and help them. Whatever they need, we are going to be there for them," Rucci explained.

It's a mission that won't end soon. The devastation and its after-effects will affect the country for years, but for now the relief provided by these service members will provide hope in the face of what is going to be a long recovery.

For the full video story, visit [www.15wing.af.mil](http://www.15wing.af.mil).

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Members of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) leadership entertain questions during an open house and town hall meeting at Lockwood Hall on Sept. 9. JBPHH achieved initial operational capability on Feb. 1. Full operational capability is scheduled to occur Oct. 1. Seated are (left to right): Cmdr. Robert Reichart, executive officer, Fleet and Industrial Center, Pearl Harbor; Col. Braden Sakai, vice commander, 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard; Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Col. Charles Baumgardner, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and commander, 647th Air Base Group; Col. Sam Barrett, commander, 15th Wing; and Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

(Below) Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Woolley, 15th Medical Group Pediatrics, and Navy Master-at-Arms 1st Class David Taylor present a hockey stick signed by wounded warriors to Maj. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, director of operations, plans, requirements, and programs, Pacific Air Forces on Sept. 15 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Photo by David D. Underwood Jr.



(Above) A U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter hovers over the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor after lifting off on a return flight to Wheeler Army Airfield on Sept. 14. A few days earlier, FISC ocean terminals personnel offloaded 14 Kiowas, 12 Blackhawks and two Chinooks from the M/V Green Lake, and Army helicopter mechanics were on hand to reattach the props. The helos belong to the 25th Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade and were returning from service in Iraq.

U.S. Navy photo by Jim Murray



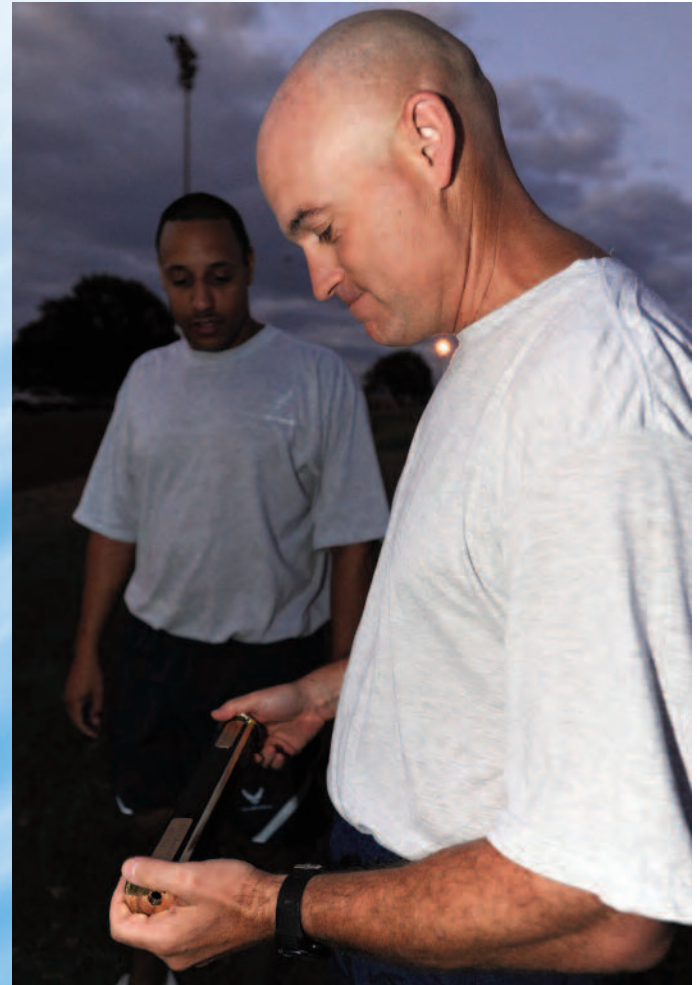
(Right) Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Daniel Drury, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Ruff and Information Systems Technician 2nd Class DeMarcus, members of the USS Lake Erie honor guard, with Capt. William Johnson, the ship's commanding officer, conduct a wreath-laying ceremony on Sept. 10 at the site of the Battle of the Lake Erie which occurred on Sept. 10, 1813. The ceremony was performed from the USCG Neah. Lake Erie visited Put-in-Bay, Ohio for the historic weekend commemorating the Battle of Lake Erie.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Kelly Waller



(Above) The Radford High School Color Guard marches in the rain as part of Hickam Elementary School's 9/11 Observance Ceremony held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Sept. 10. More than 750 students from Hickam Elementary participated in the ceremony with the help of their teachers, parents, fire department, Security Forces and the Radford High School Color Guard and Band.

(Right) Pacific Fleet Band member, Musician 2nd Class Kristen Snitzer, a native of Rochester, N.Y., plays "Taps" while being rained on during a 9/11 ceremony at Hickam Elementary School, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Sept. 10. More than 750 students from Hickam Elementary School with the help of their teachers, parents, Snitzer and the Radford Band took time to remember those who were killed as a result of terrorists acts on Sept. 11, 2001.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

(Above) 15th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker reflects for a moment on the baton he is about to run with in honor of those who are prisoners of war or missing in action. The Air Force Sergeant's Association and members of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam kicked off a 24-hour relay run on Sept. 16. The run will end on POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 17, and will conclude with a reveille ceremony. (See next week's Ho'okele for full coverage of both events, and visit the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Facebook page to see more photos.)



Riki Ellison, former San Francisco 49ers great and a three-time Super Bowl champion, visits Sailors on USS Lake Erie on Sept. 2. Ellison is the founder and chairman of the Missile Defense Agency Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the development and the deployment of missile defense.

## Former football star visits USS Lake Erie

Story and photo by Ensign Kelly Waller

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

Riki Ellison, former San Francisco 49ers great, visited USS Lake Erie on Sept. 2, but this was no USO tour. Usually a three-time Super Bowl champion steps foot on a warship in a public relations capacity, but Ellison was all business.

Ellison is the founder and chairman of the Missile Defense Agency Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the development and the deployment of missile defense. He sat down with Capt. Bill Johnson, Lake Erie's commanding officer, and other members of the ship's combat systems team to talk about the future of sea-based ballistic missile defense (BMD).

After the discussion, Ellison took time to sign footballs, pass out lapel pins, and swap gridiron stories with Lake Erie's fire controlmen. "The crew loved getting to see a former Super Bowl champion with the rings to match, especially one who is able to ask many pertinent policy questions," Johnson noted, adding, "I was quite impressed with his passion for missile defense."

Ellison later hosted an event at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel to raise awareness for the benefits that ballistic missile defense brings to Hawaii. Lt. j.g. Cameron Will, Lake Erie's fire control officer, attended the event and praised Ellison's efforts.

"The Navy is lucky to have an articulate advocate for BMD who is able to highlight both the security

benefits and also the robust economic impact that missile defense brings to the Hawaiian Islands," Will said.

Ellison became interested in BMD while he was a student at the University of Southern California. He completed a BMD internship during his college summers, in between successful seasons that included a national championship. As a middle linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Raiders, Ellison was voted All-Madden, All-Rookie, Alternate All-Pro and NFL Defensive Player during his 10-season career that included nine playoff births.

Ellison is far from retired as he continues to play defense while leading the MDA's efforts to protect the nation.

## Chief-selects attend CPO Legacy Academy aboard historic battleship

Story and photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii

Chief petty officer (CPO) selects graduated from the fourth CPO Legacy Academy held aboard the battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 3.

While at the academy, selectees learned the importance of leadership and how history and heritage affect junior Sailors. They also learned the advantages of teamwork and networking.

"It's important for us future chief petty officers to have a solid sense of heritage and knowledge of history," said Chief Hull Maintenance Technician (Select) Bryan Sylva from USS Reuben James (FFG 57). "We impart that to our Sailors, which in turn develops pride amongst them for what they're a part of."

Chiefs from Navy Region Hawaii volunteered their time to help out with the CPO Legacy Academy and teach the selectees about CPO heritage.

"This is my first time in Hawaii and on the Missouri," said Chief Logistics Specialist (select) Juse Silva from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), stationed at Everett, Wash. "I've gained a lot of pride, a lot of tradition and a lot of knowledge from past Sailors. We have great



Chief-selects sing "Anchors Away" at the Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Legacy Academy graduation ceremony held on the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 3.

chiefs that show us traditions and history and everything about the Navy that is going to make us better chiefs," Silva said.

CPO-selects learned about CPO history, as well as history of the Missouri and World War II. They also had the opportunity to network with other selectees throughout Navy Region Hawaii.

"It taught me a lot of history about the ship, about Hawaii and World War II, and the events that led up to World War II and after. I also met a lot of new chief selectees throughout the whole island of Hawaii, and also two shipboard riders from the USS Abraham Lincoln," said Chief Air Traffic Controller (select) Joanne Saalfrank from Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Pearl Harbor.

The CPO Legacy Academy was started three

years ago as an addition to the CPO induction process which focuses on the history and heritage of the CPO. Forty-five CPO selectees participated in different events held aboard the Missouri.

"We screen for this, and we have to meet certain criteria," said Chief Hull Maintenance Technician (SW) (select) Curtis Pevateaux from Center for Personal Professional Development, Pearl Harbor. "It's an extra thing to the whole induction process. It's just a certain group; there are only so many spots that are available for the legacy academy," he continued.

At the end of the week, the CPO-selects graduated with more than a wooden plaque. They left the Battleship Missouri Memorial with knowledge they gained from the CPO Legacy Academy to pass to their junior Sailors.

## Lake Erie Sailors commemorate the Battle of Lake Erie at Put-in-Bay Ohio

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USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

On an island in the middle of Lake Erie rests a small town by the name of Put-in-Bay.

The ferry ride to this quaint town conjures immediate feelings that there is something different here ... something special.

The town encapsulates all that is small town America. The townspeople will almost immediately accept you as family and share with you their rich heritage that includes stories of the root and heart of Put-in-Bay.

The parade which commemorated the Battle of Lake Erie is a perfect example. Veterans cruised down the street in model Ts, children and teens made music as their marching band brought life to the parade, and to piece it all together, the honor guard of the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) at the front and their captain at the rear demonstrated the pride this town holds in the U.S. Navy.

Sailors of Lake Erie participated in the historic weekend at Put-in-Bay, Ohio on Sept. 10-11. The event commemorates the American Navy's pivotal victory and turning point over the British at the Battle of Lake Erie during the war of 1812.

After the parade, many people gathered at the Perry



The honor guard of the USS Lake Erie, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Daniel Drury, Cryptological Technician 2nd Class Dustin Ueltschy, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class DeMarcus Wheat, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Ruff, Operations Specialist 2nd Class Zachary Hayden, present the colors during a ceremony at Put-in-Bay, Ohio commemorating the Battle of Lake Erie.

Visitor Center to listen to Capt. William Johnson, commanding officer of Lake Erie, the historical weekend's keynote speaker.

"It is an honor for me and for the Lake Erie Sailors to be

invited every year to celebrate our namesake, and to reflect on the events that took place in this historic harbor - one of the largest and most significant battles in our nation," Johnson said.

The Lake Erie has participated in the time-honored tradition since the ship's commissioning.

Dating back prior to the commissioning of the USS Lake Erie in 1993 are the origins of the naming of the guided missile cruiser.

Glenn Cooper, township trustee, saw a list of ships to be built, many of them which were yet to be named. Once he realized that cruisers were named after famous battles, he decided to push the idea to name the new cruiser after the famous battle that occurred just off the coast of Put-in-Bay and surrounding islands on Sept. 10, 1813.

"It is real important the Sailors here have the chance to learn about the history of the Battle of the Lake Erie," Cooper shared. "They can bring their motivation and what they have learned back to the ship to share with others ... Whether I'm here or visiting the USS Lake Erie in Hawaii, it is gratifying to see the Sailors enthusiastic about their job, especially here where the townspeople can see it," he explained.

During the recent trip, Johnson, Command Master Chief Brian Ortega, and the Lake Erie honor guard played an integral role in the town's historical celebration.

To kick off the historical weekend, some of Lake Erie's Sailors were invited aboard the Coast Guard ice breaker USGC Neah Bay, command-

ed by Lt. Cmdr. Bill Woityra, for a wreath-laying ceremony.

The ice breaker took the group of approximately 20 to the main battle site where, 197 years ago to the very day, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's lookout sighted six British vessels commanded by Capt. Robert Herriott Barclay.

At 7 a.m. on that day, nine American ships sailed to fight and win. Unfortunately, the wind advantage was with the British. Shortly before a decision was about to be passed to turn the ship around, the winds changed, allowing the American fleet to gain the advantage.

Before opening up for battle, Perry hoisted his battle flag which read, "Don't Give Up the Ship," on his flagship. The battle was bloody, leaving four of every five Sailors on the U.S. ship, the Lawrence, dead and the guns out of action.

Perry took a smaller sailing vessel, the Niagara, and pounded the Detroit and Queen Charlotte with the Niagara's heavy guns. It took only 15 minutes before the battle was over.

USS Lake Erie, upon special occasions, will hoist its battle flag which reads "Don't Give Up the Ship."

"The Lake Erie continues to fly a replica of this flag on her mast during our proudest moments," Johnson said.

Upon returning to Put-in-

Bay, the Sailors enjoyed a dinner with the Perry Group (a group which recognizes and continues to keep alive the accomplishments of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry).

"The community welcomed us with open arms and hearts," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Ruff. "The dinner with the Perry Group was a great way to get to know them and to show our appreciation for their support from the homefront."

The next morning began bright and early with breakfast at the campsite of approximately 1,400 Boy Scouts at the base of the Perry Visitor Peace Memorial. The annual camp grows each year. Just last year, 1,200 attended and conversed with the USS Lake Erie honor guard.

After breakfast and lunch with the Boy Scouts, Sailors of Lake Erie engaged in a Q&A session with the local community as they pretended to be Sailors of the Lawrence from the Battle of the Lake Erie back in 1813. The differences were vast and the Navy has obviously come a long way.

"Put-in-Bay is a phenomenal place to visit," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Zachary Hayden. "It is truly a heart-warming experience to see and feel the respect and appreciation the town holds for the Sailors of the USS Lake Erie."

## Hickam C-17s support Operation Enduring Freedom

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan - Aircrews from 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) operating out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii fly the C-17

Globemaster III aircraft throughout the world - including missions supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

It's a prime example of how 535th crews use the long legs of the C-17 to go halfway around the world in support of NATO allies. The goal of this mission is to deliver new armored modu-

lar vehicles to coalition forces downrange.

"We have really good allies and it was pretty easily coordinated for us to go in to their airport, pick up their vehicles, that had already been certified for airlift," said Staff Sgt. Lucas Crumpton, 535th AS loadmaster.

Crumpton is a C-17 load-

master who makes sure that this multi-million dollar load gets downrange securely.

"These vehicles there were right off the assembly line, on to our jet, then downrange," he said. "Better armor, better vehicles, the new technology, help keep the troops on the ground there safe."

The C-17 crew delivered

the up-armored vehicles to Polish troops at Bagram Air Base. The heavily fortified machines will make the Polish soldiers safer as they conduct combat missions against enemy insurgents.

"Anytime I can take in new equipment or supplies in there that can just help the guys that are there, I do enjoy it because it is definite-

ly going to be protecting and keeping people safe," Crumpton said.

Combat support missions like these continue to build strong relationships between our joint coalition forces as we work together to build a safer and more secure Afghanistan.

For the full video story, visit [www.15wing.af.mil](http://www.15wing.af.mil).

## 613th AOC provides key communication link during Valiant Shield exercise

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The 613th Air and Space Operations Center (AOC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will serve as the command and control hub for Air Force, Navy and Marine aircraft participating in exercise Valiant Shield 10, scheduled near Guam, Sept. 12 through 21.

Valiant Shield is a joint field-training exercise focused on integrated training among U.S. forces. This training enables real-world proficiency in sustaining the joint

forces' ability to detect, locate, track and engage units at sea, in the air, on land and in cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas.

"Valiant Shield is an excellent venue to forge stronger working relationships with our sister services. It allows us to strengthen our ability to command, control and execute air sea battle during any contingency in the Asia-Pacific region," said Col. Alan Kollien, the 613th AOC vice Commander. "We will test our ability to provide command and control from more than 3,000 nautical miles away in Hawaii despite operating in a

heavy jamming environment that degrades communication lines and denies space capabilities."

More than 100 aircraft will participate in Valiant Shield, including U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortresses, F-15C Eagles, F-15E Strike Eagles, F-22 Raptors, KC-10 Extenders, KC-135 Statotankers and E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft. U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps aircraft and equipment participating in Valiant Shield include F/A-18 Hornets, E-2C airborne early warning aircraft, HH-60 helicopters, AV-8 Harriers, ground attack aircraft and Omega

tankers. Aircraft will fly from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam to conduct sorties in various exercise scenarios.

A joint team of Airmen, Sailors and Marines will work in the 613th AOC at JBPHH and in the airspace around Guam to enhance joint combat skills and interoperability.

"I'm looking forward to training and the feedback this exercise will provide the aces of the 613th AOC and for the opportunity to once again train alongside our sister services," said Col. Wade Thompson, 613th AOC commander.

Valiant Shield is conducted in the U.S. Pacific Command area of operations and is designed to train Joint Task Force 519 functional components, including the Joint Force Air Component Command, on operational tasks with an emphasis on interoperability. This is the third Valiant Shield exercise conducted by the United States. The first Valiant Shield was conducted in June 2006.

Throughout Valiant Shield, safety and the environment are a top priority and were thoroughly integrated during both the planning and execution phases of the exercise.



### Diamond Tips

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

#### Here is some United States Air Force history:

With full operating capability of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam rapidly approaching on Oct. 1, this week's Diamond Tip will be used to give the Navy counterparts a brief history of the United States Air Force.

Sept. 18, 2010 will signify the United States Air Force's 63rd birthday. Along with that comes a wide variety of history, from the early use of balloons to today's use of our newest aircraft. Our equipment and personnel have been involved in both world wars and significant operations from the Berlin Airlift to our current roles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Air Force dates as far back as 1907, when the Army created the first antecedents of the Air Force. Through a succession of changes of organization, titles and missions, the United States Air Force became a separate service on Sept. 18, 1947 with the implementation of the National Security Act of 1947.

This act created the United States

Department of Defense, which would be composed of three separate branches: the Army, Navy and the newly created Air Force. The creation of the Air Force is an event that Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell, the most famous and controversial figures in air-power history, would have been proud of.

Over the years, the Air Force has had numerous recruiting slogans including "No One Comes Close," "Aim High," "Cross into the Blue," and most recently, "Above All." In 1997, the Air Force created what we now know as our Core Values: "Integrity First," "Service Before Self," and "Excellence In All We Do." The Airman's Creed was introduced in 2007 as a statement to summarize the culture of the Air Force.

To help further our knowledge of mission and functions, the Air Force has also produced videos, such as "Setting the Conditions for Victory" and "How We Fight," to outline the Air Force role in the war on terrorism and how the service succeeds in its domains of air, space and cyberspace.

For more information on Air Force history, visit the Air Force Enlisted Research Institute at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/barnes/heritage/index.htm>

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- Oct. 28 – USS Lake Erie

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# NIOC Hawaii Sailors prepare to take on EIDWS PQS

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NAVADMIN 058/10, announcing the Chief of Naval Operations approval of the Information Dominance Corps (IDC) warfare insignia for officer and enlisted personnel, was released on Feb. 19.

By mid-July, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii had 24 qualified Sailors in place who were trained and boarded with the help of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific's (NCTAMS PAC) Command Master Chief James Mathews to build the program from the ground up.

Pre-requisite courses on NKO were made available to NIOC Sailors who are automatically enrolled into EIDWS after they complete their requisite time in aloha division, the command's indoctrination division. The introduction of the EIDWS qualification is a chance not only for IDC Sailors to earn a warfare qualification, but for others outside of the community to increase their understanding of a growing



Leadership at NIOC Hawaii conducts an EIDWS qualification board with NIOC Sailors.

dependency of cyber space.

"Sailors in the information dominance (ID) community are as big a part as any in fighting the war on terror, protecting our fleets, our troops on the ground, and our country," said Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class (SW/AW) Sarah Goodale, NIOC EIDWS Program SME.

"Intel specialists, counter-terrorism forces, linguists, analysts

and computer network defense all are behind the scene protectors, and this warfare designation gives them an area in which they have their expertise," she explained.

Pre-requisites include professional military education and material maintenance management and damage control, similar to those courses used in training for other warfare designations.

"Some of the pre-requisites are

new to the Sailors in the Information Dominance Corp community, but it gives them an idea on how computers and communications devices needed to do their jobs are maintained, to ensure the technology we use 'stays afloat,' so to say," Goodale said.

Another pre-requisite to enroll in the EIDWS PQS is to be officer of the deck/junior officer of the

deck qualified. The requirement to have knowledge of the working order of the quarterdeck, at sea or ashore, is imperative to the warfare qualification.

"The goals we have for qualifying our Sailors in this designation is to make sure they understand how our command operates from top to bottom, just as a Sailor on a ship knows her from stem to stern," said Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) (SW/AW) Scott Kelton, NIOC's command program manager for the EIDWS PQS.

But this new warfare designation will not just be for the cryptologic technicians (CTs) or the information system technicians (ITs) or intelligence specialists (ISs), but for all Sailors who work at attaining the expertise in the information operations discipline. "Today's age is an info age and we have a dependency on cyber space," Kelton explained. "All Sailors can benefit knowing more about the cyber domain. Understanding the criticality of cyber warfare will give us the opportunity to better not only the information dominance community, but our Navy as a whole," he said.

## Gen. North: America is a country that 'will define our times'...

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attendance of the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"On Sept. 11, 2001, the Pentagon, the World Trade Center, and an open field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, suffered the first major attack on the United States since Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941," he said.

"In little over one hour, 2,975 innocent men, women, and children, from more than 100 nations were killed. It was one of the darkest days our country has ever known. But from that darkness we saw our nation at its best, as Americans came together to show the world true heroism. Whether it was emergency

responders running into burning buildings, people lining up to donate blood to the Red Cross, others enlisting in the Armed Forces, or, like many of you here today, service members going overseas to bring the fight to the enemy, America was united," he continued.

North spoke about the intensity of emotions that Americans felt in the aftermath of the attacks and the resolve that followed. "We all remember where we were that day, what we were doing, and the immense sadness and anger we felt. Some of you here may have been personally touched by these events, whether it was your proximity to the attacks or

because you had family or friends who perished. For you the pain was, and still is, enormous," he said. "On that day though, all Americans, and many throughout the world, felt tremendous sadness and anger. But from those feelings arose a hardened resolve that has carried us forward," he said.

"In the aftermath of the attacks, then-President George W. Bush said, 'Americans should not expect one battle, but a lengthy campaign, unlike any other we have ever seen.' Nine years later, we continue to hunt down those who attacked us. Although we have made great progress and have had many success-

es, our work is not done. President Obama has called our fight against violent extremism 'an enduring test of our free society, and our leadership in the world,' a test that continues today," North noted as he reminded those gathered of the progress and successes that have been made against violent extremists since Sept. 11, 2001.

The general spoke about the importance of service members to maintain that resolve and to remember the victims of the attacks. "After such a long time, it would be easy for our resolve to waver. By choosing to serve our nation in a time of war, with many of you having deployed

multiple times, all of you have shown your resolve. But standing here today and remembering those who died helps to maintain that resolve. We must remember that those who died on Sept. 11 were mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters," he said.

"Right now the Air Force has over 25,000 Airmen deployed to Southwest Asia, serving alongside Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from 47 nations. Every day, the Air Force, and the rest of our Armed Forces, are showing we have not forgotten what happened on 9/11 and that we remain firm and resolute in our cause. We are con-

tinuing to show the world that America is a country that 'will define our times, not be defined by them.' We owe those who perished on Sept. 11 to carry on in our mission and ensure America is never again attacked like it was on 9/11," North said.

In closing, North extended his appreciation to Airmen and other service members who currently serve in America's armed forces. "Thank you for having answered the call on Sept. 11 to defend liberty and for continuing to answer the call nine years later. May God bless the fallen, their families, and all who continue to sacrifice for this nation's freedom."