

Eagles soar for last time at Hickam



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F-15 Eagles from the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) completed their last training mission from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Aug 25.

The HIANG is upgrading to the F-22 Raptor, a fifth generation fighter and received their first two Raptors in July.

The Guard is the lead in a "total force" concept that already exists at Hickam with the C-17 Globemaster III. The 19th FS, 15th Air Wing will fly and help

maintain the 20 F-22 Raptors that bring another capability to the HIANG as well as the U.S. Air Force.

Many of the current F-15 pilots of the HIANG are eager to start training and flying the Raptor, but will still sorely miss the Eagle aircraft, which the unit has flown since 1987.

"It's like saying goodbye to a good friend," said 199th pilot, Lt. Col James Sage. "It was exciting flying it for the last time and especially against an F-22, but at the same time the F-15 has always brought me home safely and been an outstanding aircraft," Sage added.

The three remaining F-15s will take off on Sept. 1 and two of the

fighters will move on to the 56th Aggressors Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., while the other will move on to the 120th Fighter Wing of the Montana Air National Guard. The Montana unit has assumed the HIANG's air defense mission for the next year as the HIANG transitions to the F-22, according to Lt. Col. Mark Ladtchow, 199th pilot.

"It's somewhat a bittersweet feeling flying

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Laura Ladtchow walks on the flightline with her son Lt. Col Mark "Odie" Ladtchow of the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii as he prepares for his last F-15 training mission.

(Above) F-15 Eagle pilot, Lt. Col Mark "Odie" Ladtchow of the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, takes off for his last F-15 training mission on Aug. 25 while at Hickam.



END OF WWII

Marines fire a 21-rifle volley salute during a ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on historic Ford Island on Sept. 2. More than 300 service members, veterans and government leaders attended the ceremony.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



Joint training tackles drunk drivers, underage drinkers

Story and photo by Senior
Airman Gustavo Gonzalez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Drinking on the job will never be acceptable, of course, unless you are a volunteer for the 647th Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 647th SFS conducted a three-day course to train 12 647th Security Forces members and two Department of Defense (DoD) members from Pearl Harbor. They needed volunteers to consume alcohol, under supervision, to ensure that the training was as real as possible.

Volunteers were taken to a room and drinks were handed out for more than two hours as part of the last day of the



Senior Airman Rachael Ronk, 647th Security Forces Squadron, conducts a field sobriety test on Tech. Sgt. Brian Daniels, 15th Maintenance Operation Squadron, during field sobriety test training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 20. The 647th Security Forces Squadron conducted a three-day course to train 12 security forces members and two Department of Defense members from Pearl Harbor.

three-day training. "We want to have a variety of drinkers," said Master Sgt. John Havrilla, 647th SFS flight chief. "If someone gets too drunk, they are no use to us. We are trying to see if (the students) will make the right choice to take them in or not."

The drinkers were paraded by four different stations of security forces members to conduct the testing. The "suspected" went through a barrage of sobriety testing to determine the amount of alcohol the test subject consumed.

"We used field sobriety tests and had to guess and estimate how high their blood alcohol level is," said Senior Airman Rachael Ronk, 647th SFS. "I think it's good training. I liked it."

According to Staff Sgt. Frank Petray, who is on a temporary duty assignment to Hickam from the 188th Security Forces Squadron at Fort Smith, Ark., every security forces member needs to get trained on this skill.

"There are so many security forces members and so few instructors that it's hard to get this training on a regular basis," Petray said.

Petray also believes that including the Pearl Harbor DoD members in this training will be beneficial for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

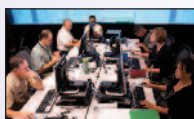
"Everything is going joint forces now," Petray said. "So being able to train as a joint force I think will help in the long run as far as communications and good rapport with other branches."



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USS Hawaii departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by
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Public Affairs

The Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 25 for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region.

With a crew of 136, this is Hawaii's first western Pacific deployment and the first time deploying from Pearl Harbor.

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

"It has been a very busy year for the team as they have made the homeport shift from Groton, Conn. to Pearl Harbor in July 2009



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and have progressed through the deployment certification process during most of 2010," said Cmdr. Steve Mack, USS Hawaii

commanding officer and a native of Silver Spring, Md. "For a large part of the crew, this will be their first deployment and for many it

will also be the first time to the western Pacific. Our goals are to complete all assigned tasking safely and return to our friends

and families." For Sonar Technician Submarine 3rd Class Marquis Perry from Kansas City, Mo., this will

be his first deployment.

"I am very excited and motivated to get underway on deployment where I will finally get the opportunity to utilize my training," Perry said. "I am also looking forward to all of the world travel and experiencing the different cultures of the places we will visit."

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.

13 AF concludes Asia-Pacific civil engineering summit

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13th Air Force Public Affairs

A 13th Air Force-hosted civil engineering subject-matter expert exchange (SMEE) that included officers from 14 Asia-Pacific countries concluded at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 22.

The exchange allowed mid-level officers from regional Asia-Pacific partner nations to exchange views related to civil engineering operations, to tour U.S. military and civilian facilities and programs, and to establish international and interpersonal relationships.

The SMEE is a joint and combined military information-sharing forum designed to enhance regional partnerships and promote interoperability among U.S. forces and partner nations.

"This forum allowed our counterparts in the Asia-Pacific region a rare behind-the-scenes look at our civil engineering operations," said Col. Mark Bednar, the 13th Air Force director of installations mission. "It clearly fostered relationship building and allowed all involved an opportunity to improve how we conduct business in a combined environment," Bednar said.

The exchange, which was conducted in three iterations this past summer, included officers from Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Laos, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Thailand, Tonga, and Vietnam. It focused on emergency management preparation, disaster response, fire prevention, confined



Courtesy photo

Civil engineers from the Asia-Pacific region participate in a hazardous material demonstration at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, as part of a subject-matter expert exchange called Pacific Unity that concluded at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii on Aug. 22. The SMEE is a joint and combined military information-sharing forum that provides mid-level officers from regional Asia-Pacific partner nations to exchange views, tour U.S. military facilities and programs, and establish international and interpersonal relationships.

spaces search and rescue, and general contingency engineering tactics.

"We are in the Pacific ring of fire where tsunami and volcanic activity could happen at any time,

and we don't have any response options," said Lt. Col. Douglas Papa, the Papa New Guinea Defense Force director of engineers. "To be able to expose ourselves to this kind of training

gives us an insight, and more so, it gives us confidence that there are people out there who are concerned about what's happening around the world. That in itself is kindness to humanity - assisting

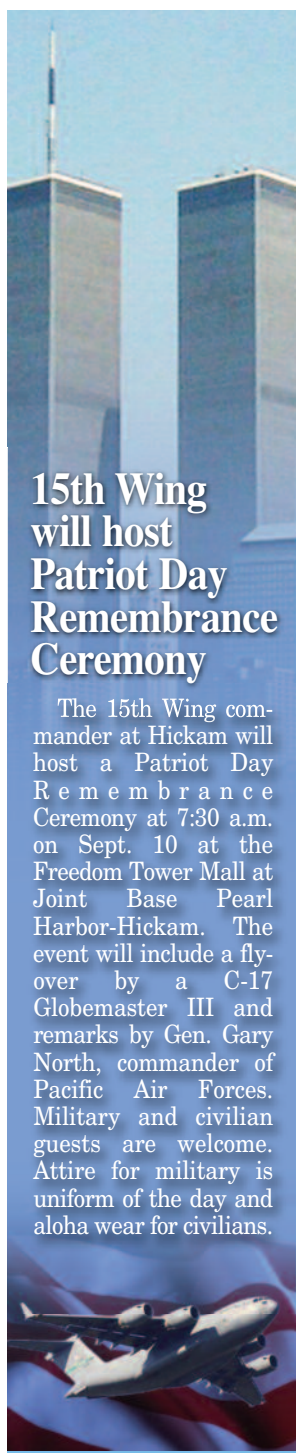
one another and exposing the technologies and ideas that are available so at least other countries can be able to benefit," explained Papa.

The participants visited several locations throughout the United States, including Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

During the delegates' visit to the U.S. Air Force Academy they toured the school's department of civil and environmental engineering, where they observed academy students in the field engineering readiness lab. They conducted mock deployments designed to allow the students to perform hands-on training in surveying, construction methods and using various construction materials.

"I think this seminar exposed us to a wealth of information that is very, very beneficial and we will go back armed with information to try to make a small change to what is happening in our respective countries," said Papa. "Many thanks to the facilitators, the participants (from the other countries) and everyone who has contributed to our knowledge gap in one way or another - thank you."

The civil engineering community has conducted SMEEs for more than 40 years as their responsibilities have grown in number and complexity with more subject matter experts participating in exchanges to share the depth of knowledge required in specific areas.



15th Wing will host Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

The 15th Wing commander at Hickam will host a Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 10 at the Freedom Tower Mall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event will include a fly-over by a C-17 Globemaster III and remarks by Gen. Gary North, commander of Pacific Air Forces. Military and civilian guests are welcome. Attire for military is uniform of the day and aloha wear for civilians.

Training, exercise test ROC's response to natural disasters

Grace Hew Len

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Environmental Public
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In the aftermath of fictitious Hurricane Apikalia, Navy Region Hawaii's regional operations center (ROC) stepped into action to deal with extensive damage to roads and infrastructure and loss of mission functions, compounded with a simulated oil spill in the harbor. The fictitious hurricane provided the scenario for exercise Liberty Champion, energizing members of the region's crisis action team (CAT) to work as a cohesive group to respond to complex catastrophic events.

Liberty Champion was the culmination of a week-long Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) ROC operations course for 45 members of Navy Region Hawaii's crisis response teams. The successful ROC training from Aug. 16 to 20 fulfilled the command center's annual sustainment training requirement and consisted of 20 hours of instructor-facilitated coursework, reinforced with a practical application to enhance understanding of emergency management principles and practices.

During Liberty Champion, CNIC evaluated the ROC's ability to demonstrate command,



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

Navy and civilian personnel assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH), provide operational support during the region operations center's Liberty Champion exercise. CNRH conducted a simulated emergency management exercise, called Liberty Champion, to test the Navy's rapid responses during crisis situations (e.g., hurricanes, earthquakes and oil spills).

control and communications tasks. The successful completion of Liberty Champion resulted in certification of Navy Region Hawaii's ROC. "You're certified green," noted Randy Morgan, CNIC training and readiness (N7) director, who lauded what he called ROC's superb leadership and mission focus at all levels. Morgan said Navy Region Hawaii's successful completion of the exercise provides a certification that establishes an appropriate level of readiness across all regions based on the approved Navy mission essential task list.

Navy Region Hawaii's response teams include a battle watch team (BWT),

threat working group (TWG) and crisis action team (CAT). Trained to recognize a problem and initiate action, the BWT maintains around-the-clock situational awareness and briefs staffs with the latest updates. The BWT is invaluable to maintaining a good COP, or common operating picture. The TWG and CAT often have the same members. They include key program directors, department heads and special assistants, such as a public affairs officer, chaplain and legal counsel.

According to regional emergency manager Dennis Siler, the ROC operations course was an eye opener for most CAT

members and gave them the tools they need to support the crisis action planning process and purpose. "The goal is to move our local training efforts to the next level and exercise what we learned," he said.

For many of the crisis team members, the turnover process practiced during the exercise proved effective. CAT members have a primary, or "blue" team member, and a backup, or "gold" team member. At the end of each operational period, the blue and gold teams conducted a turnover, allowing relief during continued operations in the ROC. "The turnover process was a very valuable exercise in ensuring continued

extended planning and execution of the region commander's desires in a prolonged event," explained Siler.

During the nearly six-hour long exercise, the ROC buzzed with activity as the CAT members assembled in their groups to develop a crisis action plan and courses of action to protect and preserve Navy assets, care for personnel and their family members, and restore operations following a powerful hurricane. Leaders cautioned the team to plan "as if it were the real thing." Hurricanes and tsunamis are the biggest threats to the Hawaiian Islands.

During his closing comments following the exercise, Morgan stated the importance of training and practicing what is learned. "It's important to continually look to improve the process and create a training environment that closely matches the operating environment," he said.

At the completion of the Liberty Champion exercise, Morgan presented an award to commemorate the graduation of the CNIC Shore Training Center's 1,500th student, Steve Farmer, of N6 information technology services. Farmer completed the ROC training and the Liberty Champion exercise, and provided expertise as a member of the crisis action planning team.

JBPBH revs up free advanced motorcycle training for active-duty riders

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Thirteenth Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPBH) will host a free advanced motorcycle track day safety-training course for active-duty motorcyclists on Sept. 15 and 16. Instructors from the California Superbike School will conduct the training on the Hickam flight line.

The four half-day courses will provide advanced motorcycle training for riders of all skill levels and on any type of motor bike. Training will focus on improving cornering ability and overall motorcycle handling at realistic street and highway speeds in a safe environment.

The course is designed to complement the Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses, and to further reduce the number of motorcycle mishaps for active-duty motorcycle riders.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIC Anthony Jennings

Kristi Martel, California Super Bike School coach class two, instructs a rider how to improve his turning techniques during the Advanced Rider Track Day event on the Andersen Air Force Base flightline July 27. The 13th Air Force, 36th Wing and Joint Region Marianas safety offices worked together to bring the CSBS to teach Guam motorcycle riders how to safely execute a turn at realistic speeds.

"This course provides our service members an extraordinary opportunity to receive professional motorcycle training," said

Lt. Col. Michael Benham, 13th Air Force chief of safety at Hickam. "It's a program we are working to make available to

Airmen across the Air Force. The training focuses on cornering, the biggest problem area for riders, in order to

improve cornering skills and ultimately reduce mishaps," he explained.

Eighty percent of all motorcycle fatalities occur in corners with speed being the predominant factor in 92 percent of fatal sport bike wrecks in corners.

Each session will train 30 riders, divided into three groups of 10. Each group will get at least three 15-minute track sessions. If time allows, follow-on training will be conducted. Riders will be briefed on track rules, safety and proper cornering technique before riding, and will be allowed to push the limit of their ability as long as they are doing so in a safe and controlled manner. Racing is not allowed. Each rider can expect to ride about 500 turns at realistic street and highway speeds.

Riders; active guard and reserve must be on active duty during the training. Motorcycles must be street legal, in compliance with local laws, and in good operating condition. All motorcycles will be inspected

for compliance and safety before being permitted on the track.

Riders must be in compliance with parent service traffic safety instructions (MSF training requirements, wearing required personal protective equipment).

Additional personal protective equipment is highly recommended, especially abrasion resistant jacket and pants as speeds are likely to reach 60-plus mph. Riders must use their own bike during training.

Training will be conducted on the following dates and times: Sept. 15, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Sept. 16, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The following documents are required to participate in the training course:

- Current license/permit with motorcycle endorsement (any state).
- Current registration.
- Current proof of insurance.
- Motor Cycle Safety Foundation card.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host open house events

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPBH) will host two open house/town hall events on Sept. 8 and 9 for all customers of the joint base. Everyone is invited, including military and civilian and all employees, residents, contrac-

tors and tenant commands, to attend and get informed about joint base.

The Hickam open house town hall event will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Hickam J.R. Rockers Enlisted Club. There will be a one-hour

town hall meeting from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Pearl Harbor open house town hall event will be from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Lockwood Hall. The town hall meeting will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Capt. Richard Kitchens, JBPBH commander; Col. Sam Barrett, commander of 15th Wing; and Col. Rusty Baumgardner, JBPBH deputy commander and commander of 647th Air Base Group; will be in attendance at both

events. Members of the Joint Base Partnership Council will be providing a panel discussion setting to answer questions and address your concerns.

For more information, contact vickie.lancaster.ctr@navy.mil.

Diverse Views



What is your view on the Navy Ethos?

(Sailors from Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two)



AWOI (NAC/AW)
Andre Garcia

"I don't have an issue with how it reads. It's another repetitive item, another thing that's out there. We have a Sailor's Creed, Chief's Creed, Aircrewman's Creed, etc. All of these are based off of the Navy core values of 'honor, courage, and commitment.' I can understand how the Ethos covers the whole gamut of creeds.

Lt.
Chris Denton



"The Ethos is trying to condense our Core Values, Sailor's Creed, and Oath of Office into one paragraph. There's some good stuff in there, fluff as well, and it comes across as a scattered mission statement. It points out broad groups of people, i.e., Sailors and civilians, but then calls attention to special programs within the Navy like diversity, while excluding merit and content of character. It's condensed, but too broad. Why do we need it? We have thrived for 235 years without it."



AWFI
Juan Gonzalez Moreno

"I think the Ethos was a great idea because it is the basis for the Sailor's Creed, but why point out diversity? It seems the Navy is focusing heavily on diversity. I think the attempt with the Ethos was to make the Navy core values of 'honor, courage, and commitment' more full-fledged, but it should be expounded upon in the Ethos because none of the creeds have it. Overall, I don't see anything wrong with having an Ethos."

Lt. j.g.
Rabon Jones



"I think it's a good idea to remind and reinforce the mission and purpose of the Navy as well as the core values of 'honor, courage, and commitment.' As times change and the Navy grows, we need to reflect and ensure our statement is current, representing all that is the Navy."

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Loading aircraft at Hickam Field, c. 1938.



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Airman's know-how supports knowledge operations

SrA Gustavo Gonzales
15th Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Derek Johnson, 15th Operations Group knowledge operations manager, is this week's Joint Base Warrior of the Week. His job requires him to support more than 350 service members throughout

squadrons, installing and configuring computer hardware and software. Johnson troubleshoots more than 100 computer issues monthly.

He is also his unit's deployment manager and Air Expeditionary Force reporting tool monitor, preparing Airmen to deploy to various locations all over the world.

Additionally, Johnson is a vehicle control officer and is responsible for the commander's vehicle and serves as a focal point for all vehicles within the 15th Operations Group. He also maintains approximately \$78,000 in automated data processing equipment resources.

He enjoys playing the guitar and has been playing ever since he was in high school.

His hobbies also include following the Chicago Bears, working on computers, traveling and writing music.

Photo illustration | U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

F-15 Eagle

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the last training mission of the F-15 with our unit," Ladtchow said. "I'm blessed to have the upcoming opportunity to fly the F-22, but the F-15, which I've flown for 17 years, is a friend of mine and will be missed," he added.

Ladtchow is a 20-year veteran of the military, with the last six being part of the Guard world. He will be the one delivering his jet to the Montana Guard in the near future.

"The 199th proves that National Guard forces are capable of maintaining a strategic presence with its active duty association and providing a great value to our nation and the state of Hawaii," said Gen. Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The F-22, a single-seat, twin engine aircraft that utilizes stealth technology, was originally designed primarily as an air superiority fighter.

"These F-22 Raptors are the state of the art air superiority fighter and couldn't be located at a better place," McKinley added.

MCPON sends 2010 Labor Day message to the fleet

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

WASHINGTON (NNS) – Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Labor Day message to the fleet on Aug. 27:

"Shipmates and Navy families, as we enjoy the last few weeks of summer, I would like to take this opportunity to remind our Sailors and their families to keep safety in mind, especially during what is considered to be the unofficial last weekend of summer, Labor Day weekend.

We all need to think about off-duty risk management while planning our Labor Day weekend activ-



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Jennifer A. Villalobos

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West holds an all hands call with the crew of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) during a recent visit to Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

ities, and not try to cram in too many activities into one weekend which could lead to injury or fatality.

While we have seen success in summer risk management, the loss of even one trained and ready Sailor is unacceptable, and last Labor Day weekend we lost two. As of Aug. 6, eight Sailors have died this summer during off-duty hours: four in four-wheel motor vehicle mishaps, two on motorcycles and two during recreation mishaps. Based on an average of the last five years, nearly twice as many Sailors are killed on motorcycles during Labor Day weekend than any other weekend. Remember, proper personal protective equipment is a requirement year round, on or off base. Keep in mind that if you are

going to play, play it safe ... summer sports cause numerous minor injuries every year and 12 Sailors were injured participating in sporting activities last year.

I issued a challenge to the fleet during Fourth of July weekend and that was to keep up the success rate of zero fatalities from Memorial Day, and I'm giving you the same challenge for this Labor Day weekend.

Use caution when driving, participating in water activities, and if drinking, have a plan. Stay safe and enjoy your much-deserved time off with your family and friends, and as always, keep in mind our Sailors who are deployed and can't be with their loved ones.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and hooyah!"

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Lt. Col James Sage F-15 Eagle pilot, with the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is guided by a crew chief before departing his last F-15 training mission on Aug. 25 at Hickam. The 199th is transitioning from the F-15 to the F-22 Raptor, which is a fifth generation fighter. The 199th has flown the F-15 since 1987 and received their first two Raptors on July 9.

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



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Airman First Class David Lairsey, F-15 Eagle crew chief, an F-15 Eagle crew chief with the 199th Maintenance Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam conducts a visual inspection by looking for loose screws and cracks of an F-15 while at Hickam on Aug. 25.



Courtesy photo

(Above) Civil engineers from the Asia-Pacific region take time for a group photo following a fire training simulation at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, as part of a subject-matter expert exchange called Pacific Unity that concluded at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, on Aug. 22.

(Right) Army Chief Warrant Officer Lief Ovaldson, from Alpha Company 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, concentrates on the puck while making a save for team USA Blue during the Inaugural Wounded Warriors Charity Hockey Game on Aug. 29. The event, which was held at Honolulu's Ice Palace, helped raise more than \$10,000 to support the local Wounded Warriors Program in Hawaii. (See stories and additional photos on page A-9 and B-3.)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight



(Below) Service members and civilians visit employer booths during the Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) job fair at Club Pearl at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 1. Approximately 100 companies and agencies provided job seekers with the opportunity to talk with recruiters, drop off resumes, and pick up applications.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



(Below) Maj. Deborah McCall, family nurse practitioner at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, checks the vital signs of an explosion victim, played by Senior Airman Padonda Ali of 647th Force Support Squadron, during a medical response exercise on Aug. 25. Federal Fire Department Hawaii, the 15th Medical Group Field Response Team, and the bioenvironmental engineering team participated in the exercise.

Photo by David D. Underwood Jr.





U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Shannon Renfro

Children of service members and Department of Defense civilians play at a child development center at Yokosuka, Japan.

Defense Department adjusts child care fees

Bruce Moody

Commander, Navy Installations Command, Navy Family Readiness Program

The Department of Defense establishes fee ranges for all military child development programs and recently released a policy addressing the fee adjustment. The adjustment brings the number of fee categories to nine, causing some people to move into different categories.

The Navy is adjusting its child care fees beginning Oct. 1, and adding categories for its highest income earners, to compensate for six years without fee range increases.

Under the new fee schedule, families with a total income of \$85,000 or less will see their child care cost rise by one dollar a week. Child care costs for families earning more than \$85,000 will rise between \$10 and \$16 a week. For a 50-hour week, child care costs will range from \$1.12 to \$2.74 per hour.

Here is the new fee schedule:

Category I – incomes of \$29,400 or below.

Category II – incomes from \$29,401 to \$35,700.

Category III – incomes from \$35,701 to \$46,200.

Category IV – incomes from \$46,201 to \$57,750.

Category V – incomes from \$57,751 to \$73,500.

Category VI – incomes from \$73,501 to \$85,000.

Category VII – incomes from \$85,001 to

\$100,000.

Category VIII – incomes from \$100,001 to \$125,000.

Category IX – incomes of \$125,001 or above.

A list of fees for each income level is available at each child care facility.

An optional high-cost fee may be used in areas where it is necessary to pay higher wages to compete with local labor or at those installations where wages are affected by non-foreign area cost of living allowances (COLA), post differential or locality pay. Three Navy installations use this high cost option: NNMC Bethesda, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam and PMRF Barking Sands.

“The Navy is committed to providing affordable child care to our military families,” said Chuck Clymer, child and youth program manager at Commander, Navy Installations Command.

For the first time in six years, fee ranges have been revised to account primarily for inflation, increased incomes, and increased caregiver salaries. Competitive salaries help to recruit and retain quality staff. Retaining high quality staff contributes to continuity of caregivers – stability that is very important to the young child’s emotional development,” he said.

“The fee policy revision represents a balanced solution to the issue of adjusting fees to pay caregiver salaries while limiting the financial impact to the family,” Clymer said.

“The Navy has a lifelong commitment to protecting the well-being of our Sailors and their fam-

ilies,” he said. “Ensuring the health, safety and well-being of the military children entrusted to the Navy’s care is a number one priority.”

The Navy supports service members and families by caring for nearly 52,000 children ages six weeks to 12 years, in 132 child development centers, 86 school-aged care programs and 3,115 on- and off-base licensed child development homes.

The Navy recently expanded its child and youth program to include 7,000 child care spaces fleet-wide for children ages 12 and under and 31 new child development centers. The expansion will reduce a child’s time spent on waiting lists to three months or less to meet 80 percent of the potential need across the Navy by the end of 2011.

Navy Child and Youth programs are among the highest quality in the nation. Navy Child Development Centers are accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Child development home providers are certified by the Department of Defense, applicable state licensing agencies, and are currently accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care. Navy before and after-school programs are currently accredited by the National AfterSchool Alliance. Youth programs are affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

For more information, parents should contact the program manager at their child care development center.

Slow down – watch for keiki



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Navy Sailors will participate with the local community in another sign-waving event on Sept. 13 to raise awareness about safe driving and the need to reduce speed in a school zone. Ship’s Serviceman 1st Class Telehia Sutherland, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, holds a watch for keiki sign along Lehua Avenue to raise awareness about driving safely and reducing speed in a school zone. Keiki is the Hawaiian word for children. The U.S. Navy joined forces with local residents and the Honolulu Police Department to communicate the importance of safe driving and the need to obey speed limits.

Commissary schedule for Labor Day holiday

Labor Day holiday shopping hours on Sept. 6 for Pearl Harbor Commissary will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Labor Day shopping hours for Hickam Commissary will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please plan your shopping needs accordingly.

Emergency management reaffirms commitment to readiness, preparedness

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) office of emergency management leads the way in integrating a collaborative, joint approach to emergency management (EM). During the EM senior leadership strategic communication workshop on Aug. 19, Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, announced he recently signed the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Emergency Management Plan, a detailed document that combines the Navy and Air Force plans into a single, comprehensive plan. Emergency and disaster preparedness continue to be priorities for the base, and the new joint plan reaffirms the commitment to readiness and importance of preparedness.

Nearly 50 Air Force and Navy senior leaders from various tenant commands, along with members of their staffs, gathered at the new



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Daniel Dubois, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) emergency manager, provides an orientation of the new joint base emergency management plan to tenant command senior leaders. The orientation introduced how emergency management and response will work on JBPHH, what responsibilities are expected from tenant commands and how the plan will fit into and influence the emergency management process.

joint emergency operations center (EOC) for the emergency management overview and strategic communication workshop. Dan DuBois, joint base emergency management officer, conducted the workshop to increase aware-

ness to senior leadership, and outline communications strategies during a natural or manmade disaster.

Participants sat in the new state-of-the-art EOC, which is getting final preparations and will be fully operational

when JBPHH enters into full operating capability on Oct. 1.

Emergency management is the smallest of the four public safety functions. While small, compared to the much larger functions of security, fire and

safety, it remains a focus area for the joint base commander. "Everybody has equity in this," said Kitchens, who strives for transparency while carefully balancing the needs of both the Navy and Air Force.

The inaugural Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam EM plan was the result of an eight-month collaborative effort as the Navy and Air Force came together as one, seamless team. The plan accomplishes the following areas: Provides the joint operational and response organization structures and procedures; identifies response resources and assets; establishes training standards for assigned personnel; and provides policy for equipment procurement, issue and maintenance. Among the key components of the plan are 19 hazard-specific annexes that identify each possible hazard the installations may face.

The greatest threats to the Hawaiian Islands are hurricanes and tornadoes, noted DuBois, so an annex on destructive weather provides a checklist of actions and tasks and procedures to

respond to the threat. Other hazard-specific annexes include environmental pollution/contamination, seismic/geological hazards, hazardous material spills, active shooter and terrorism incidents.

The EM concept of operations focuses on three priorities: saving lives and property, restoring essential and critical mission functions, and long-term recovery and cleanup. The joint base commander retains operational command of EM activities and receives incident information from the EOC. During emergencies and disasters, the EOC will activate to provide support and coordination to the incident command. The EOC consists of trained Air Force and Navy personnel who coordinate response to disasters.

DuBois' role as an emergency manager is coordination and facilitation. "I'm analogous to a wedding planner," he said, as he works to bridge communication and ensure the program's goals are well coordinated among the numerous tenants of the joint base.

Medical Group husband and wife help seizure victim

Senior Airman
Gustavo Gonzalez

15th Wing Public Affairs

You never know when you may encounter a situation where you need to use your knowledge and skills to help someone in a medical emergency.

On July 27, Staff Sgt. Robert Woolley and his wife, Airman 1st Class Erin Woolley, both assigned to the 15th Medical Operations Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, were on their way to do some shopping at the Hickam Base Exchange. On their way into the BXtra, the sound of two children

crying caught Erin's attention.

"She [Erin] saw that there was some lady having a seizure (on a bench) and said, 'We have to take care of this,'" Robert explained. "So we ran over and I helped the lady down to the grass with [the help of] another man."

"I was terrified at first, trying to think back to school," Erin said. "I was trying to think what we would do first."

Robert and a bystander moved the victim to the grass behind the bench so that they could get her into the shade. Another bystander contacted 911. The victim's seizure continued as the good samaritans stayed close by, but they did not

try to interrupt her while she was having the seizure. When the seizures stopped, Erin tilted the victim's head and chin back to ensure the woman's airway was open, and checked her pulse and respirations.

"We did what EMT basics are supposed to do until the paramedics arrive," Robert said. "Training did kick in; it was the fight or flight situation."

When the victim started to gain consciousness, they told her to relax until the paramedics arrived. According to the Woolleys, the victim didn't quite understand and didn't reply. The Woolleys gave the medics the information about the victim's pulse and respirations.

They related that eventually, the paramedics were able to get the victim to speak. She had no recollection of what had happened, where she was, what her name was, or what her sons' names were. But just as fast as the medical emergency had begun, it was over.

"We were told [in training] it was going to happen and we were going to freak out when it happened the first time, dealing with a situation like that," Erin said. "We were as prepared as we can be."

"We were just doing our own job, what any bystander would try to do, and do what we could to help someone in need," Robert explained.

AF Sergeants' Association to host POW/MIA events

The Air Force Sergeants Association is sponsoring two POW/MIA events. The first is a 24-hour remembrance run beginning at 6 a.m. on Sept. 16 at the Hickam base track. The second is a reveille ceremony at 7:20 on Sept. 17 a.m. at the PME Center flag pole. Squadron volunteers are needed to fill relay teams and other volunteer opportunities. Relay volunteers should contact Tech Sgt. Lillian Barnes at lillian.barnes@hickam.af.mil. For information about other volunteer opportunities, contact Tech Sgt. Michael Gomes at michael.gomes@hickam.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Tricia Benning at tricia.benning@hickam.af.mil.

Operation Pacific Angel - Sri Lanka concludes humanitarian assist

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PUTTALAM TOWN-SHIP, Sri Lanka -- Representatives from the United States, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Mongolia concluded Operation Pacific Angel-Sri Lanka here after providing humanitarian civil engineering and medical aid to people living in the Anuradhapura and Puttalam communities, Aug. 14 through 22.

Pacific Angel-Sri Lanka medical teams provided primary, dental and optometry care to 4,647 patients in three locations, and dispensed 4,462 prescriptions. Included in that total, 1,662 optometry patients and 562 dental patients received medical care. The Pacific Angel optometrists provided 1,448 pairs of eyeglasses, and the dentists performed 78 extractions.

"Together we were able to provide medical care to more than 4,400 Sri Lankans as well as conduct capacity-building seminars in pediatrics and mental health. These activities have had an enormous and positive impact on several communities in Sri Lanka. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for all the participants of the Pacific Angel-Sri Lanka mission," said Col. (Dr.) David O'Brien, the 13th Air Force surgeon general. "A great deal of thanks to our Sri Lankan counterparts for their support during this Pacific Angel mission -- we

couldn't possibly have been as effective without their support."

Two medical educational programs were also offered, which provided U.S. and Sri Lankan professionals the opportunity to exchange information and practice advanced skills related to mental health and pediatric emergencies. Following the completion of medical treatment at each site, Pacific Angel members donated the remaining medical supplies to the Cheddikulam Hospital and Puttalam Township.

In addition to the medical care provided during Pacific Angel-Sri Lanka, the Pacific Angel civil engineering teams repaired and refurbished two primary schools, which improved the educational environment for nearly 200 students. The U.S. forces also partnered with the mayor of Puttalam to provide a power generator, lighting, and three new computers to the Semandalawa Kanista Vidyalaya school in Puttalam Township.

Pacific Angel is a humanitarian and civic assistance program aimed at improving military civic cooperation between the United States and countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

The multinational forces participating in Operation Pacific Angel-Sri Lanka were here at the invitation of the Sri Lankan government in coordination with each nation's embassy and military commands. Pacific Angel is a partner nation capacity and teamwork building program led by United States Pacific Command, based in

Honolulu, Hawaii.

This is the fourth and final iteration of Operation Pacific Angel 2010. Operations were previously conducted in the Philippines in February, Vietnam in May, and Bangladesh in June.

The United States and Sri Lanka militaries have a long history of partnership. This visit enhances that cooperation and expands the already strong relationship between the two countries.

(Editor's note: Pacific Angel is led by U.S. Pacific Command, based in Hawaii.)

U.S. Air Force civil engineers participating in Operation Pacific Angel-Sri Lanka donated school supplies to children from the Semandalawa Kanista Vidyalaya primary school in Puttalam Township, Sri Lanka, on Aug. 21, 2010.



Maintenance/lane closures scheduled for Ford Island Bridge

Maintenance on Ford Island Bridge will result in intermittent lane closures on Fridays and Saturdays from Sept. 3 to Oct. 2.

Lane closures will last 45 minutes to one hour to support cylinder removal or installation. When lanes are closed, flagmen will control the traffic to and from Ford Island and route it onto the lane that remains open.

The north lane (headed onto Ford Island) will close intermittently from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 3, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1.

The south lane (departing Ford Island) will close intermittently from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 4, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.

Drivers and pedestrians should proceed with caution and obey signage and flagmen.

Diamond Tips

*Actions speak
louder than words*

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

Have you ever seen someone roll through a stop sign? How about not wearing their hat outside their house while in uniform? If you have, what does that say about their integrity? "But, first sergeant, no one was coming," or "No one was around." Great! Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is around or no one is looking. Why should the people of the United States trust that you won't take a bribe in return for national secrets if you can't follow the simplest of laws and rules? Think about it. Don't tell us you have integrity; let your every action show us.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

- Sept. 9 – Pacific Partnership 2010
- Sept. 16 – Education: STEP
- Sept. 23 – Blue Angels air show
- Sept. 30 – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
- Oct. 7 – Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Oct. 14 – Navy birthday

(The segments currently air between 6:15 and 6:45 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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Charity hockey game supports Wounded Warrior program

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Service members from the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army and Air Force faced off against each other in the inaugural Wounded Warriors Charity Hockey Game held Aug. 29 at Honolulu's Ice Palace Skating Rink.

The purpose of the game was to promote awareness of the Wounded Warrior program in Hawaii, as well as help raise money for the services it provides to Wounded Warriors.

"Today's game is all about giving back to those who have sacrificed for their country," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class David Taylor from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the event organizer. "All the money that is taken in will directly help those who need it."

The hockey game featured USA Blue, consisting of service



Members of the USA White, representing the Army and Air Force team, cover their hearts during the playing of the National Anthem prior to start of the Inaugural Wounded Warriors Charity Hockey Game on Aug. 29. The event, which was held at Honolulu's Ice Palace, helped raise more than \$10,000 to support the local Wounded Warriors Program in Hawaii.

members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, facing off against USA White, comprising Soldiers and Airmen from the Army and Air Force.

Players on both teams volunteered their time to perform in the game and pay tribute to their fellow service members wounded in the line of duty.

"This is such a great event and

a great opportunity," said Army Sgt. Spencer Wellmen of the 13th Military Police Detachment. "To know that I am making a difference and helping to give back to my fellow service members is such an honor."

While there was fierce action on the ice Sunday, the competition was just as intense off the ice where spectators participated in a silent auction, and bid on donated items to help raise money for the Wounded Warrior program.

"We received outstanding support from the local USO and the National Hockey League (NHL)," Taylor said. "Both the USO and the NHL have been very giving in the items they donated to be used in the silent auction. With their support, we will be able to reach our goal of raising \$10,000 tonight."

The support and excitement toward the players and the event could be seen everywhere as the crowd cheered their respective teams on.

"I am excited to be here

tonight for the game," said Navy Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen, deputy chief of staff for logistics, fleet supply and ordnance, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "Walking in tonight you could feel the excitement from everyone who was waiting to get in."

Aside from the excitement of the night's fundraising activities, spectators thrilled to the back and forth action of the game with the Army/Air Force team eventually beating the sea services by a 5-3 score.

"Tonight was a huge success in all areas," Taylor said. "So far tonight, we have raised well over our goal of \$10,000, and there are still donations coming in from all the people who have opened their hearts and shown support for the Wounded Warrior Program."

The Wounded Warriors Charity Hockey Game is scheduled to continue as an annual event to be held at the Ice Palace in Honolulu.

(See additional photo on page A-5 and supporting story on B-3.)

CPO-selects volunteer aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial

Story and photo by
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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Chief petty officer (CPO)-selects from commands in the Pearl Harbor area participated in a community relations project aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on historic Ford Island on Aug. 25.

The CPO-selects helped paint and clean the memorial in preparation for the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II ceremony held yesterday.

"Every year the chief-selects take part in community projects out in town, but this year we thought it would be a great idea to have them

participate in projects on base or relating to the Navy as well," said Chief Mass Communication Specialist Robert Feinberg, assigned to U.S. Pacific Command. "They took this project upon themselves to help provide restoration to the ship, making it better for the crowd and visitors who will be here on Sept. 2."

Keven Williamson, director of volunteers for the Battleship Missouri Memorial, expressed his gratitude to the CPO-selects for volunteering their time.

"They've done an outstanding job here today," Williamson said. "The memorial would not be so well kept if it weren't for the chief-selects and the Navy com-



Chief petty officer-selects from commands in the Pearl Harbor area paint wooden structures during a community service project aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The chief selects helped paint and clean the memorial in preparation for a World War II ceremony on Sept. 2.

ing in and helping work on, clean and repair the ship."

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Command's Joint (select) Jason Townsend, Intelligence Operations

Center, talked about the importance of volunteering in the local community.

"It's important that Navy and military personnel volunteer their time to their community because it assures people in the community that we are here to help them out with things they can't do by themselves," Townsend said.

Along with the Battleship Missouri Memorial project, the CPO-selects will participate in another scheduled community relations project at the Ronald McDonald House in Honolulu on Sept. 4. The CPO-selects also volunteered their time at the Hawaii Special Olympics in Pearl City on Aug. 22.