

## Secretary of Defense recognizes Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard as *no ka oi*

**Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON – The Secretary of Defense recognized Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard as the 'best of the best' in depot-level maintenance across all military services Aug. 2.

The shipyard received the prestigious Robert T. Mason Award for its outstanding emergent repairs and 'support of the warfighter.'

The award is presented annually to one program from a Department of Defense (DoD) depot-level maintenance activity that exemplifies exceptional depot-level maintenance support to DoD operating units.

"We are both proud and humbled by this award," said Rear Adm. (Sel) Capt. Greg Thomas, shipyard commander. "Winning this Secretary of Defense award shows once again that the men and women of our shipyard today walk proudly in the footsteps of those shipyarders who helped turn the tide of - and win - World War II. Every shipyard worker is proud that we continue to live up to our legacy of greatness," he said.

Thomas also credited the support of the people of Hawaii that has been an important factor in Pearl Harbor's success.

"Our civilian workers and Sailors live in the local communities," he said. "They come to work knowing they receive the support and *aloha* of their



U.S. Navy photo by Liane Nakahara  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard apprentices, Rachele Quiocho (front) and Aaron Ransom, work on the sail of USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) in May 2009.

elected officials, educators, business and their neighbors. This sense of *ohana* makes a tremendous difference in worker morale and effectiveness," Thomas said.

The shipyard was recognized among 12 nominations throughout the military for its emergent repair program. Emergent repairs are emergency repairs to vessels as

opposed to scheduled and planned modernization and repairs. The shipyard was also recognized for critical mechanical or structural fixes conducted in Hawaii for naval forces of strategic significance, such as the rapid repairs in support of the USS Boxer Expeditionary Strike Group and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group.

The shipyard was also acknowledged for its successful planning to support the homeporting of two Virginia-class submarines – USS Texas (SSN 775) and USS Hawaii (SSN 776), facilities modernization planning and improvements, workforce shaping and development, process improvements, support of its National Guard and

reservists and community outreach.

Liane Nakahara, shipyard spokeswoman, explained that the DoD-wide Robert T. Mason Award is comparable to "winning the maintenance world cup."

In fiscal year 2005, the Secretary of Defense depot-level award was named the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot

Maintenance Excellence in recognition of Robert T. Mason, a former assistant deputy under secretary of defense for maintenance policy, programs and resources. This year's award will be presented Nov. 17 at the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Ceremony and Banquet at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Fla.

## Navy League honors American patriots in Hawaii

**Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico**

*Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs*

The Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council, held its seventh annual American Patriot Awards dinner at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Aug. 7.

This year, the Navy League honored two pairs of American patriots: Michael W. Perry and Larry Price, also known as "Perry and Price," hosts of several Honolulu morning radio shows; and former prisoner of war (POW) James Hickerson and his wife, Carole, who created the design now used on the POW/MIA flag.

"This honor, bestowed upon our friends by the



A U.S. Naval Sea Cadet escorts Carole Hickerson, an advocate for POW/MIAs during the seventh annual American Patriots Awards Dinner. The Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council hosted a banquet to honor leading citizens who have made significant contributions to the community.

Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States, is a testament to their love of country and selfless service," U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye wrote in a letter to the Navy League. "Each in their own way has touched the lives of many, and earned the respect of countless others. I join their families friends, colleagues and all others in expressing our congratulations and appreciation. They are truly deserving of this special honor, and without question, embody the spirit of the American patriot."

In 1983, radio personalities Perry, a former naval officer, and Price, a former NFL player and head coach of the University of Hawaii football team, joined together and hosted shows and charity drives that

benefited the local military and community.

"Today, this is all about patriotism," said Perry. "We see the military under siege. I don't know why that is. It shouldn't be that way. The military is every bit as important as it ever was, and we need to get the message out."

Mel Ing, Honolulu Navy League president, said that Perry and Price have been the voices of calm and reason during community crises or when they explore various sides of an issue. In 2006, Perry and Price went on the air to deliver information from Hawaii State Civil Defense to their listeners when two earthquakes caused a power outage on Oahu.

Carole Hickerson's first husband, Marine Capt.

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### RECP community meetings to begin Aug. 17

Navy leadership and the resident services team at Forest City Residential Management will host a series of community meetings that will explain the new pilot Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) to Navy housing residents.

An informal open house will begin one hour preceding each community meeting. At that time, residents will have an opportunity to pick up information and ask questions regarding RECP and energy conservation.

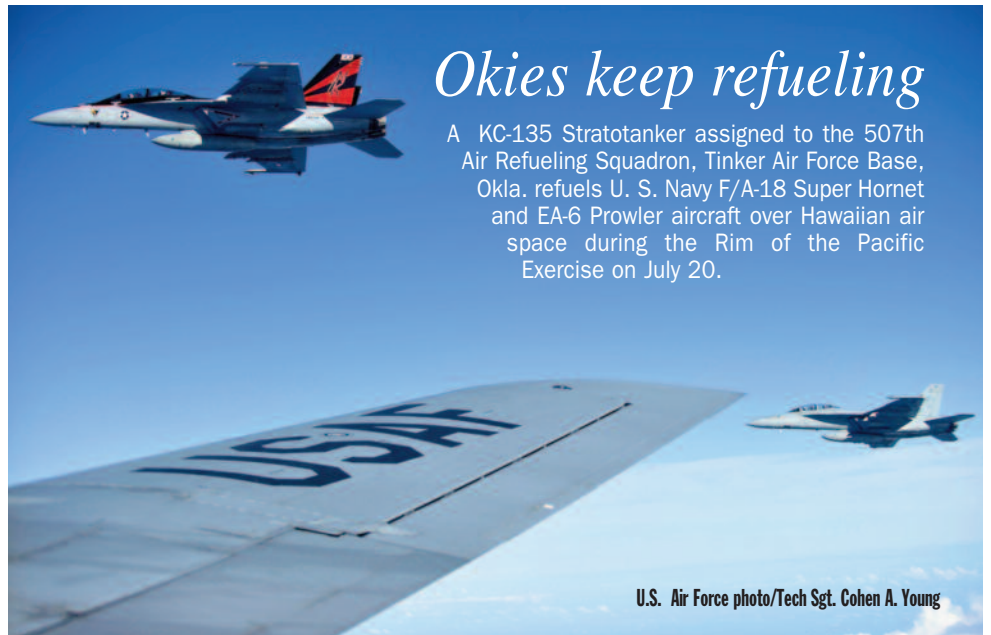
The 'mock' billing period begins Sept. 1 with actual billing starting Jan. 1, 2011.

**Following is a schedule for locations/times for the RECP**

**community meetings:**

- Aug. 17 and 18 - 5:30 p.m., Sharky Theater, JBPHH
- Aug. 19 - 5:30 p. m., Pearl City Peninsula Community Center
- Aug. 23 - 6 p.m., Shenanigan's restaurant, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai
- Aug. 24 - 5:30 p.m., Ford Island Conference Center
- Aug. 25 - 5:30 p.m., Pearl City Peninsula Community Center
- Aug. 26 - 5:30 p.m., Wahiawa Annex Chapel

For more information, contact the Forest City Residential Management resident services team at 839-8600 or visit the website at [www.fcnavyhawaii.com](http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com).



### Okies keep refueling

A KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 507th Air Refueling Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. refuels U. S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet and EA-6 Prowler aircraft over Hawaiian air space during the Rim of the Pacific Exercise on July 20.

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



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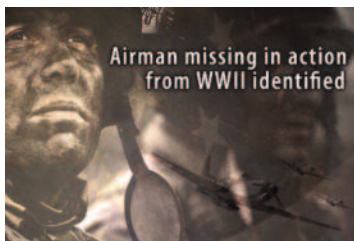
# Airman missing in action from WWII identified

**Air Force News Service**

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office officials announced Aug. 6 that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. John P. Bonnassiolle of Oakland, Calif. will be buried Aug. 10 in San Francisco.

On April 29, 1944, Bonnassiolle was aboard a B-24J Liberator with nine other



crewmembers. They failed to return following a bombing mission over Berlin. German documents captured after the war established the aircraft had crashed near the town of East Meitze, Germany, north of Hannover. German forces removed the remains of three crewmen from

the site and buried them in a cemetery in Hannover.

In 1946, the Army's Graves Registration Command officials located the remains of the men buried in Hannover and reburied them at the U.S. Military Cemetery at Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, after confirming the identities of two of the three.

In 2003, a German citizen began excavating the East Meitze crash site and turned over human remains to U.S. officials. A joint POW/MIA accounting command team traveled to excavate the crash site in 2005 and 2007, recover-

ing additional remains and crew-related equipment, including identification tags for Bonnassiolle and three other crew members.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used mitochondrial DNA, which matched that of Bonnassiolle's sister, in the identification of his remains.

More than 400,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II died. At the

end of the war, U.S. government officials were unable to recover, identify and bury approximately 79,000 as known persons. Today, more than 72,000 Americans remain unaccounted-for from the conflict.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO Web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call 703-699-1169.

(Editor's note: The headquarters for Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii.)



## USS Russell returns to Pearl Harbor from seven-month deployment

**Story and photos by MC2 Robert Stirrup**

*Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs*

More than 250 Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a scheduled seven-month deployment in the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibilities (AOR) on Aug. 6.

Russell deployed under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant deployment concept, in which Pearl Harbor-based ships deploy in support of operations in the Middle East and western Pacific. Russell also conducted integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners and with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group.

"While on deployment,



Sailors man the rails aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) as the ship returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 6 after a scheduled seven-month deployment in the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. While on deployment, Russell conducted operations in conjunction with coalition partners deployed to the Middle East and with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group.

we operated mainly in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR protecting oil platforms," said Cmdr. Rodney Patton, commanding officer of Russell. "On our way home, we conducted operations with the Malaysian Navy, and we stopped in Japan to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Japan-U.S. alliance."

Patton also spoke about how well Russell Sailors performed on the deployment.

"I could not have asked of anything more from the ship and the crew. It was an outstanding performance," said Patton. "We were on station each and every day, and we never missed any tasking."

Friends and families of Russell Sailors lined the pier as they waited for the ship to arrive.

"I really haven't seen my husband that much this year because the ship has

been deployed for awhile now," said the wife of a Russell Sailor. "I'm just really happy to see him and be able to spend some extended time with him."

Sailors were happy to be home as they walked off the ship to be greeted by their families.

"It was a long deployment and it feels great to be back here in Hawaii," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Tommy Nickerson. "I think we did a great job on the deployment, and I want to thank everyone who was involved for the support."

Guided-missile destroyers like Russell provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities and can operate independently or as part of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious ready groups and underway replenishment groups.

## Vice chief describes airpower's key role in Pacific at Tinian symposium

**Lt. Col. Sam Highley**

*SecAF-CSAF Executive Action Group*

TINIAN, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (AFNS) – Sixty-five years after a single bomber launched from a U.S. air base here changed the course of history, airpower continues to play a key role in regional security, the Air Force vice chief of staff said during a speech Aug. 5.

Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler spoke at an educational symposium titled "The Manhattan Project and Tinian." The gathering of historians, government officials, local residents and other interested visitors was supported in part by the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"Tinian's role in World War II is an important part of our shared history, and I am grateful for your friendship and for your efforts to preserve the past," Chandler told the attendees.

On Aug. 6, 1945, the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay" launched from Tinian to strike Hiroshima, Japan, with an atomic bomb. After a second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki three days later, Japan surrendered and ended World War II.

"As heart-breaking as the memories of destruction in that war can be for us today, we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of the mutual security alliance between the United States and Japan, a nation now squarely among the United States' most cherished allies," Chandler said.

Together with allies



Capt. Ron Poe climbs into the pit used to load atomic bombs onto B-29 Superfortresses at the end of World War II, while Lt. Col. Richard Pagliuco prepares to follow him, shortly before a wreath-laying ceremony Aug. 6, in Tinian, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. Both were invited by local officials to place unit coins in the bomb pit during a commemoration of Tinian's role in World War II. Pagliuco is the 20th Air Force deputy director of operations at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., and Poe is the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Aircraft Maintenance Unit officer in charge at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

and partners like Japan, the U.S. officials continue to help underwrite security and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, the general said.

Chandler said the Air Force and Navy are forging a new vision of cooper-

ation between the two services called air-sea battle, and that this integration will be especially important to the Pacific area of operations.

Additionally, presence continues to be important to regional peace and sta-

bility, he said.

"Our current posture in the Pacific reflects this reality and relies on our presence on Guam and the Northern Marianas to project stability throughout East Asia," Chandler said. "Andersen Air Force

Base is a key component of our long-term commitment to the region."

Investments in long-range strike will also augment the United States' forward presence throughout Asia, the general said.

"The security and stability of the Pacific region has long been guaranteed by the strength of our diplomacy and our alliances, all of which have been underwritten by American long-range power projection," Chandler said. "Maintaining that balance still requires our vigilance."

Maj. Gen. Doug Owens, the Pacific Air Forces vice commander at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, attended the symposium as well, and spoke at a wreath-laying ceremony Aug. 6, held at the Tinian bomb pits that were designed to load the two atomic bombs on to the B-29s.

"We commemorate (the Hiroshima mission) today not in celebration, but in remembrance," Owens said. "We remember because war is a human endeavor and comes with such great national and personal sacrifice, and cost to all of us."

Also attending the events were Lt. Col. Richard Pagliuco, the 20th Air Force deputy director of operations at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; Capt. Ron Poe, the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Aircraft Maintenance Unit officer in charge at Whiteman AFB, Mo.; and Capt. Joe Tulloss, a 13th Bomb Squadron flight commander and B-2 Spirit instructor pilot also at Whiteman AFB.

The three traveled to Tinian to learn about

their organizations' heritages. Airmen in the 20th Air Force and the 509th Composite Group, a historical precursor to the 509th Bomb Wing, planned and flew the atomic bomb missions.

"To come to Tinian and see first-hand the history of our Numbered Air Force has been truly an honor," Pagliuco said. "Back at F.E. Warren (AFB), we do our best every day to continue the proud legacy set by the Airmen here in World War II, and continue to do our part to keep the United States and our partners safe."

Poe and Tulloss, both members of the 509th Bomb Wing, each said they were especially impressed by hearing from Dutch Van Kirk, the last surviving member of the Enola Gay crew who spoke to the symposium via phone.

"It took remarkable airmanship to fly that mission, with the risks and unknowns," Tulloss said. "Hearing Mr. Van Kirk give those first-hand details was outstanding and a truly unique experience."

Poe said he sees parallels between operations at his unit today and those Van Kirk described at Tinian.

"At the 509th (BW) today, our deterrent operations continue as a combined effort," Poe said. "From disciplined maintainers who keep our B-2 fleet healthy through detailed aircraft inspections coupled with sound maintenance principles, to the pilots who fly them, it's a collaborative effort from everyone to accomplish the mission, just as it was during Mr. Van Kirk's 509th (CG) tenure."

# Hopper Sailor brings Kenya spirit

Story and photos by  
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Kenya-born Sammy Kamau Nganga always knew he wanted to join the military, so when he was unable to join the Armed Forces of Kenya because of a single missing tooth, he was thoroughly disappointed.

Nganga explained that it was very hard to join the military. He said that, unlike the U.S. military, there were very few vacancies in Kenya's military.

"You have to meet a certain height and meet a certain chest width," said Nganga. "You have to have no marks, no tattoos—no nothing. You have to be clean. And then you have to do a 10-mile run, and you have to finish it in a certain time for you to get picked—just to be processed for boot camp."

Nganga did not even have the chance to run the 10-mile because it was through dental that he was shut down. Later, though, through a U.S. Congress-mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program, Nganga would get another chance in joining another military—the U.S. Navy.

The Diversity Immigrant Visa Program makes available 50,000 diversity visas annually, drawn from a random selection of people who meet strict eligibility requirements from countries with low rates of immigration to the U.S., including Kenya.

"It's kind of a raffle," said Nganga. "Worldwide, the program picks an initial 100,000. Once you're one of the 100,000, there's another process you have to apply for. You have to go to medical, go through languages or go get more education. They have to get good

quality people to come."

As one of 50,000 "winners," Nganga said he felt very lucky, and he was soon on his way to America.

On May 12, 2001, Nganga arrived at Dallas, Texas. A few weeks later, he met with a Navy recruiter, and then on June 26, he reported to Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

"My dream was to join the military," said Nganga. "So when I joined the Navy I felt that my dream has been fulfilled. The Navy interested me due to their positive challenge that includes career acceleration, seeing the world and learning more about other peoples way of life. I wanted education, opportunities and financial benefits."

After Nganga joined, he was assigned to USS Port Royal (CG 65) and later to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii. He has visited several foreign ports such as Bahrain, Australia, Thailand and the Republic of the Philippines. In 2006, Nganga attained his U.S. citizenship through the military and in 2007, he earned his bachelor of science in logistics management from Bellevue University.

Now a logistics specialist second class aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 60), Nganga said he feels he accomplished a lot during his first nine years in the Navy.

Nganga said that he would tell his Navy shipmates that everything here in the U.S. is spoon-fed.

"From childhood, you get everything from

your parents," said Nganga. "You don't struggle. What I tell them is regardless of whether you're in the military or civilian, you have a lot of opportunities, a bunch of them. Not unless you pursue them, you'll never get it."

Hopper's Command Master Chief (SW/AW/FMF) Jay Stuckey said that Nganga is one of the ship's top Sailors.

"He has made an impact from day one and continues to do so," Stuckey said. "He is jack of all trades within the supply department."

While aboard Hopper, Nganga carries several responsibilities. He is the primary postal custodian for the ship. He also serves as a work center supervisor and divisional training petty officer for his department. As a multi-cultural committee member, Stuckey said that Nganga is always thinking of ways to add his unique culture into several programs that would enrich cultural awareness aboard the ship.

"I could say that Kenya is one of the most peaceful and beautiful countries in Africa," Nganga said. "My older son has been very fortunate. He has been there three times now since birth. He has learned a second language already. When my children grow up, I'd like them to experience both U.S. and Kenya so that from there, they can decide what to do with their lives."

Nganga said he hopes to become an officer through the limited duty officer program.

"If that path doesn't open, I'll just continue to go as far as I could go as a chief, senior chief, master chief," Nganga said. "I want to do my initial 20 years and then from there, I'll decide. I just want to make good with my family life, take care of them, give them whatever I can."

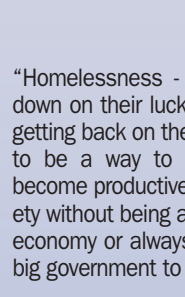
In the mean time, Nganga's teeth were eventually fixed, courtesy of the U.S. Navy.

## Diverse Views

*If you could dedicate your time and money to any cause, what would it be and why?*  
(From Fleet and Industrial Supply Center)



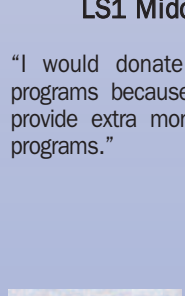
**Ralph Jackson**  
"Red Cross because they help people all over the world."



**Mike Gladden**  
"Homelessness - because people down on their luck have a hard time getting back on their feet. There has to be a way to enable people to become productive members of society without being a drain on the local economy or always having to rely on big government to bail them out."



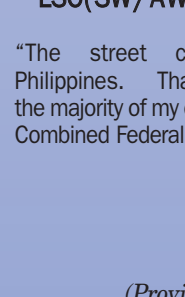
**BMC Michael Foster**  
"Children's hospitals because I've had a son live in one before and a niece. Families need them."



**LS1 Midderice Dunivan**  
"I would donate more to youth programs because schools do not provide extra money toward these programs."



**BMC (SW) Mark Turner**  
"Cancer research because it's affected my family and it affects so much of the general population that we need a cure so that the future generations will not have to suffer."



**LSC(SW/AW) Mario Comia**  
"The street children in the Philippines. That's where I put the majority of my contribution for the Combined Federal Campaign."

(Provided by Ava Bronson, FISC)



## A Kiss in Times Square

New York City celebrating the surrender of Imperial Japan and the end of WWII. They threw anything and kissed anybody in Times Square. In this iconic WWII photo taken by LIFE magazine, a then unknown Sailor later confirmed as Glenn McDuffie, celebrates the end of WWII by kissing a nurse in Times Square on Aug. 14, 1945. During the festivities, the photographer recalled that the 18-year-old McDuffie was kissing every girl he encountered in the street and the nurse reportedly slapped him after this spontaneous kiss.

Photo courtesy of Life Magazine

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# USS Columbia holds change of command

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Commander Submarine  
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Cmdr. Dennis Kline relieved Cmdr. Craig Blakely as commanding officer of Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) during a change of command ceremony held Aug. 5 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Guest speaker Capt. Christopher Kaiser, Commander, Submarine Squadron 7, praised Blakely and his crew for their accomplishments on board Columbia.

"The magnificent performance, dedicated service to country and complete devotion to do what it takes to get the mission done that Columbia displayed these past three years were emblematic of the entire time Cmdr. Blakely has served as her captain," said Kaiser. "Operating technical marvels like this ship takes the collective wisdom, strength and dedication of a focused and dedicated team."

Blakely was awarded the meritorious service medal (gold star in lieu of the third award) for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from October 2007 to August 2010.

He reflected on his time spent in command and the accomplishments of the crew.

"The crew of the USS Columbia is the best in the



Cmdr. Craig R. Blakely is piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) by Cmdr. Dennis J. Klein during a change of command ceremony held Aug. 5 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Navy, and I couldn't be prouder to have led them or, more appropriately, got out of their way as they completed everything I or the operational commander asked of them," he said. "Leading this group of men will remain the highlight of my professional career.

There was nothing you could not fix, no mission you didn't execute, and you are clearly focused on the operational commitment of Columbia," he said.

As Klein assumed command of Columbia, he acknowledged the quality of the crew he was inheriting.

"We, the crew of Columbia, will continue to be the frontline asset, performing the mission at the exceptional standard," he said. "It is the commitment from you which makes this submarine and its success possible, so know that your readiness to operate and

fight this ship is what will be required of all of us as we go forward."

Blakely graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1989 with a degree in civil engineering. Following commissioning via Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. and

completion of nuclear power training, he was assigned to the staff of the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Blakely's sea tours include USS Georgia (SSBN 729) (Gold), USS Asheville (SSN 758) and USS Memphis (SSN 691).

## Air Force officials to release staff sergeant promotion list

Air Force News  
Service

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) – Air Force officials selected 13,518 of 28,510 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for a selection rate of 47.41 percent.

The average score for those



selected was 282.88, with an average time in grade of 1.97 years and an average time in service of 4.55 years, respectively. The average score was based on the following point averages: 131.31 for enlisted performance reports, 0.94 for decorations, 71.18 for the promotion

fitness examination and 59.08 for the specialty knowledge test.

The staff sergeant promotion list will be released publicly Aug. 19 at 8 a.m. CDT on the Air Force Personnel Center's public website. Airmen also can access their score notices at the same time on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight and Air Force Portal.

Those selected for staff

sergeant will be promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in September.

As a reminder, selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date. AFPC officials will notify Airmen through their military personnel sections if their selec-

tion is in question.

The promotion release using the Web is one of the many technological initiatives AFPC officials have taken to effectively deliver personnel services, allowing Airmen around the world 24-hour access.

For more information, visit the AFPC public website or contact the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

Air Force will celebrate  
**63rd Birthday Ball**

The Air Force will celebrate its 63rd Birthday Ball on Sept. 17 at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort. This year's theme is "Pacific Centennial of Flight," commemorating the first manned flight of the Curtiss Bi-plane over Hawaii in 1910. Tickets are on sale now through Aug. 27. Contact your local AF Birthday Ball representative. Ticket prices for the 2010 Air Force Ball are as follows:

- E1-E4, \$20.
- E5-E6 and GS-1-GS-9, \$40.
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**Diamond  
Tips**

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

**"My supervisor is deployed, and I need some assistance...who should I turn to?"**

All too often, Airmen caught in this situation may feel that they have no one to turn to when their supervisor is deployed. This situation can also occur when a supervisor works on a different shift.

As Air Force leaders, it's our responsibility to ensure all Airmen are taken care of, even if they're not our ratee(s). Remember...taking care of the mission does not end when we leave work

each day. Taking care of the mission means taking care of our Airmen, whether on or off-duty, mission or personal issue. It's equally important for us as Airmen to notify our leadership of issues, or issues that could develop into larger problems. It's much easier to solve a problem before it gets too big to handle, and your career is at stake.

When we communicate throughout our chain of command, problems are addressed at the lowest level, and our force is better able to complete the mission.

Leaders...take care of your Airmen. Airmen, communicate with your leaders.

Communication is key to airpower.



U.S. Navy photo

Victor M. Flint, lead fire investigator with Federal Fire Department Hawaii, shows burn patterns and other indicators that show the direction of burn to fire inspectors, Shannon Gipaya and Tristan Cortez. Gipaya and Cortez were assisting with a fire investigation of a large wildfire at Makua Valley on July 24 and 25.

## Federal Fire Hawaii partners with other agencies to fight Makua Valley wildfire

**Federal Fire Department Hawaii**

Federal Fire Department (FFD), Honolulu Fire Department (HFD), State Forestry and Army Garrison responded to a wildfire at Makua Valley on July 24. The fire crews successfully confined and extinguished the stubborn blaze, ensuring that there were no injuries and that no structures were damaged.

The fire originated near Farrington Highway and migrated into Makua Valley. It burned 485 acres and encroached on endangered native habitat.

A fire investigation determined that the wildfire was incendiary, meaning that it was started on purpose.

The Waianae community addressed at a Waianae Neighborhood Board Meeting on Aug. 3. Terry Selig of HFD, Victor M. Flint of FFD, Joe Otineru of FFD who was also the incident commander at the scene of the fire, and Scott Yamasaki of Army Garrison explained what was accomplished as a unified command. Information was provided on how the fire started, how it was confined and finally extinguished. Each of the emergency responding

agencies had an area of responsibility, and by working together, they prevented this fire from expanding to other parts of Makua Valley and ultimately, extinguished the blaze.

An investigation determined that the fire was started on purpose. Fire department officials emphasized that this was an unnecessary fire that hurt the land, wasted thousands of gallons of water, threatened endangered plants and animals, and put people at risk.

Officials stressed the need to focus efforts on awareness of wildfire prevention.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



(Above) Sailors man the rails aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) as the ship returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a scheduled seven-month deployment in the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility on Aug. 6. While on deployment, Russell conducted operations in conjunction with coalition partners deployed to the Middle East, and with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

(Right) Sailors walk off the brow of the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) after returning to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 6 from a scheduled seven-month deployment in the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. While on deployment, Russell conducted operations in conjunction with coalition partners deployed to the Middle East, and with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group.

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(Below) David W. H. Pila, right, principle of Kalihi Elementary School, expresses his thanks to members of the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) after receiving a recent donation of school supplies on Aug. 10. The JEA spent two weeks gathering donated supplies from COMPACFLT service members and their families to be donated to the students of Kalihi Elementary.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight



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

Lt. Greg Perez, assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, donates blood for the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. ASBP is a joint operation that plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families worldwide.

(Below) USS Port Royal (CG 73), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, participates in the parade of ships during its visit to Seattle, Wash. for the Seattle Seafair. (Note the Space Needle in the background.) Port Royal also hosted a citizenship ceremony during the parade of ships. While in Seattle, the Port Royal Sailors enjoyed such activities as watching power boat races, the Navy Blue Angels airshow, and Mariners Navy Night as well as sightseeing in Seattle. Capt. John T. Lauer, commanding officer of Port Royal, said, "The best part of the visit was for Team 73's crew to hear the people of Seattle say how impressed they were with the ship and crew."

U.S. Navy photo



# Kerr relieves Warner as CO of USS Bremerton

Story and photo by  
MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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

Cmdr. Caleb Kerr relieved Cmdr. Howard Warner as commanding officer of USS Bremerton (SSN 698) during a time-honored change of command ceremony held Aug. 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Capt Stanley Robertson, commander, Submarine Squadron One, was the guest speaker. He praised Warner and his crew for their exceptional performance on their accomplishments while commanding Bremerton.

"In the last two and a half years, Bremerton has proven to be the go-to boat at Submarine Squadron One. It was Cmdr. Warner's unique, decisive and demanding leadership that was the key to developing a crew of motivated professionals," said Robertson. "Our submarines, the crews that man them, and the families that support them are a testament to the power and productivity of



Cmdr. Howard Warner is piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) by Cmdr. Caleb Kerr during a change of command ceremony held Aug. 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

American values."

Following Robertson's remarks, Warner was awarded the meritorious service medal (gold star in lieu of the second award) for

his exceptional performance as commanding officer from March 2008 to August 2010.

Warner reflected on his time spent in command and the accomplishments of

Bremerton. He acknowledged that the majority of the submarine's success could be attributed to the crew and their hard work.

"I can attest that the offi-

cers, chiefs and Sailors of Bremerton are the reason that the oldest submarine in the Pacific Fleet consistently delivers victory," he said. "Without question, I have

relied upon these master submariners to keep this ship fit for sea and mission capable. They have done it without complaint, with full commitment to the core values and principles of success of my command philosophy."

As Kerr assumed command of Columbia, he also recognized the quality of the crew he was inheriting.

"We, the crew of Bremerton will operate this warship with high standards and I know this can be done because of the motivated and high caliber submariners on board," he said.

Warner graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1989 with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering. He subsequently earned a masters degree in business administration from George Washington University in August 2002.

Warner will report for duty as head of enlisted submarine and nuclear power assignments, Millington, Tenn. His sea tours include USS Nevada (SSBN 733) (Gold), USS Pogy (SSN 647), USS Alexandria (SSN 757) and USS Key West (SSN 722).

## Navy seeks public input at open house scoping meetings

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Navy Region Hawaii  
Environmental Public  
Affairs Officer

The Navy will hold public scoping meetings in Hawaii from Aug. 24-27 for the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) environmental impact statement/overseas environmental impact statement (EIS/OEIS).

The EIS/OEIS will evaluate potential environmental effects associated with training and testing activities in the HSTT study area in order to maintain fleet readiness. Public involvement and input are a fundamental part of the Navy's EIS/OEIS development under the National Environmental Policy Act. The scoping process identifies community concerns and issues for analysis in the EIS/OEIS.

The HSTT study area encompasses the at-sea portions of Navy range complexes and research, development, testing and evaluation ranges around Hawaii and off the coast of southern California, including San Diego Bay and the in-water areas of the Silver Strand Training Complex.

The HSTT study area also includes the transit route between Hawaii and southern California as well as Navy and commercial piers at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and San Diego, Calif., where sonar maintenance and testing may occur. Land-based portions of these range complexes are not a part of the HSTT study area and will not be analyzed.

Navy training and testing in these areas were already analyzed in the Hawaii Range Complex EIS/OEIS and the Southern California Range Complex EIS/OEIS, completed in 2008 and 2009, respectively, along with the pending Silver Strand Training Complex EIS/OEIS. The HSTT EIS will re-assess and validate the environmental impacts evaluated in the previous EIS/OEISs and consolidate three separate EIS/OEIS documents into a single document. This effort will also include and analyze anticipated new weapons and systems as well as any adjustments to naval training and testing necessary.

The public is invited to attend the open-house style scoping meetings for information about the Navy's proposed action and to give written and oral comments on environmental aspects to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. More information may be found at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com).

Comments may also be submitted online at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com). All

written comments must be postmarked or received during the comment period to be considered in the draft EIS/OEIS process. Written comments must be post-marked by Sept. 14 and mailed to:

Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command,  
Southwest

Attention: Kent Randall -  
HSTT EIS/OEIS  
1220 Pacific Highway,  
building 1, floor 5  
San Diego, CA, 92132

### The meetings will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the following locations

**Tuesday, Aug. 24**

Location: Kauai  
Community College  
Cafeteria  
3-1901 Kaumualii Hwy.  
Lihue, Hawaii

**Wednesday, Aug. 25**

Location: Keehi Lagoon –  
Disabled American,  
Veterans Hall  
Weinberg Hall  
2685 North Nimitz Hwy.  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Thursday, Aug. 26**

Location: Hilo High  
School Cafeteria  
556 Waianuenue Ave.  
Hilo, Hawaii

**Friday, Aug. 27**

Maui Waena  
Intermediate School  
Cafeteria  
795 Onehee Ave.  
Kahului, Hawaii

# TAP helps Airmen transition to civilian life

Erin Tindell

Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) – Airmen planning to separate or retire are encouraged to participate in the Air Force transition assistance program (TAP) to help them make informed decisions on life after active-duty service.

Department of Defense officials partner with Department of Labor and Veterans Affairs officials to provide TAP workshops at installations worldwide. TAP workshops are hosted by Airmen and Family Readiness Center officials with a goal to provide Airmen the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for a successful transition to civilian life or to service in the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve or another

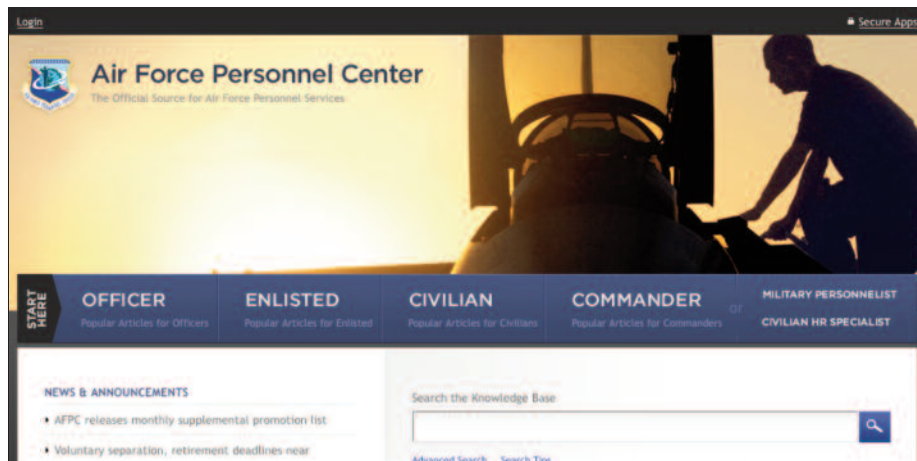


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branch of the armed services.

Planning early for separation or retirement is a key part of ensuring that transition is successful, Air Force Personnel Center Airman and Family Readiness officials said.

“Transitioning into the civilian sector can be a chal-

lenging process,” said Vonda Ware, the Airman and Family Readiness Center program manager. “It’s a cultural change, and the sooner the member begins their preparation, the more successful their job search

will be.”

Airman and Family Readiness Center officials offer congressionally mandated pre-separation counseling, which should be the first step in preparing for transition. Workshops cover

topics such as writing resumes, job search techniques, interview skills and salary negotiations. Airmen and their families are eligible to begin participating in TAP activities two years before a retirement and one year before a separation.

Air Force officials have also ensured procedures are in place to expedite the identification of those affected by force management initiatives as the service continues to reduce its force level to meet its congressionally mandated end strength.

“Airman and Family Readiness Centers provide one-on-one assistance to all those affected by force management,” Ware said. “They contact those impacted directly to inform them of services available at home or

if deployed, (at an Airman Readiness Center in Southwest Asia).”

Besides helping Airmen transition out of the service, Airman and Family Readiness Center officials provide personal financial services, relocation services and readiness programs that assist Airmen and their families throughout the entire military life cycle, including deployments.

For more information about TAP and other services available, contact a local Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Additional information on TAP benefits available to those affected by force management can be found on the AFPC personnel services page at <https://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

## ‘Patriots’ Award

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Stephen Hanson, vanished in 1967 while piloting a secret helicopter mission in Laos. During the Vietnam War years, Carole was one of the most outspoken POW/MIA wives, breaking the code of silence about POWMIAs by publicizing their plight on a television program.

Carole eventually created the National League of Families for POWMIAs. She became its second president and a member of its board of directors. Carole also created the emblem that would be recognized as the POW/MIA flag.

Carole said she felt very humbled to know several years later that the flag would still be raised.

“We never thought about such things back in those days,” said Carole. “It was just trying to get the word out about the POWs and MIAs.”

Carole met with Presidents Nixon and Ford, secretaries of state, and many world leaders to help spotlight the POW/MIA issue. Later, as Carole accepted that Stephen had perished, she moved on with her life.

In 1974, while attending a POW event at the Texas Cotton Bowl, Carole met James Hickerson, a former POW.

“What Carole didn’t know is that we heard about her in the camp,” said James, referring to his time in a POW camp. “We used to get all kinds of newspaper articles and transcripts and, of course, the communists only gave us... stuff that had a slant to it. We received a transcript of the 60 Minutes program.”

Carole appeared on 60 Minutes together with other POW wives who expressed their desire for their husbands to return home.

“They had one lady on

that program who said that she believed in what the president was doing, who believed in the country, and she wanted for her husband to come home with honor and with his head held high,” said James. “We did not know who this lady, Carole Hanson, was. ‘Who’s Hanson? Whose wife is this?’ We didn’t know who it was, but we said that when we come back we’ve got to meet this lady and thank her because she said the things that we wanted to hear.”

In 1967, Lt. Cmdr. James Hickerson was on an air mission when his aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile and was forced to eject. He spent nearly six years as a POW in the torture and deprivation of the North Vietnamese. Upon returning home, he continued his naval career until retiring with 30 years of service.

“There are a lot of differences,” said Carole when asked about the difference between today’s war on terrorism and the Vietnam War. “The one that strikes me the most is that the American people are a lot more behind the individual Sailor/Soldier than they were in Vietnam. There was so much dissention during Vietnam that you don’t see today as far as the way that the individual feels about the military person.”

The Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the importance of sea power to U.S. national security and supporting our military men and women and their families. The funds the League generates help support youth programs, such as Sea Cadets and NJROTC, as well as support services, scholarships and recognition for active service personnel.

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

Aug. 19 – CARAT

Aug. 26 – 65th Anniversary End of WWII

Sept. 2 – National Preparedness Month

Sept. 9 – Education: STEP

Sept. 16 – Pacific Partnership 2010

Sept. 23 – Blue Angels

(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>)

Got a story for KHON Hawaii Navy News?  
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# NCTAMS Sailor shoots silver at Aloha Rifle Tournament

MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

A Sailor assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) received the silver medal for overall standing at the Aloha Games' NRA F-Class High Power Rifle Tournament on July 17.

To win second place overall, Electronic Technician 2nd Class (SW) Kevin Heal won gold, silver and bronze medals in three slow fire prone categories in a tournament hosted by the Pu'uloa Rifle & Pistol Club in Ewa Beach.

"Honestly, I was mostly surprised that I did so well," said Heal. "I just showed up to have a good time and see how well I could do. I shoot with a lot of these people for fun every other month or so and knew that they were excellent marksman so I did my best, and I did pretty well."

Heal won the gold for 300 yards with a score of 147.05 out of 150, bronze for 500 yards with a score of 142.04 out of 150, and silver for 600 yards with a score of 142.02 out of 150.

"I think the point spread among the winners was two to three points overall so the competition was really tight," said Heal. "Each match points spread between winners was around a one-two points."



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of USPACOM

Electronic Technician Second Class Surface Warfare Kevin M. Heal participated in Aloha State games approved NRA F-Class High Power Rifle Tournament held 17 July 10 at the Pu'uloa range, hosted by the Pu'uloa Rifle & Pistol Club in Ewa beach, HI. ET2 Heal received a Gold, Bronze and Silver medals in 300yards, 500yards, 600yards. Received a Silver medal for final match standings.

Heal practices shooting his rifle every week at the Koko Head Gun Range to prepare for the tournament. Every other month, Heal competes at competition ranges at the Pu'uloa Gun club, shooting side-by-side with some of the

same competitors from the Aloha Games.

"It's all for fun," said Heal. "It is very challenging to see how well you can shoot and get the best scores possible for yourself and not for the sake of winning."



## 2010 Combined Federal Campaign will launch Oct. 1: 'iCARE'

Lt. j.g. Casey Two Bears

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

On Oct. 1, federal agencies and military services throughout the Pacific will officially kick off the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fundraising drive. Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, will chair the 2010 CFC. This year's slogan is "iCARE - iContribute, iAssist, iRenew, and iEnrich."

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy, through presidential executive order, established the CFC. Its continuing mission is to support philanthropy through the generosity of federal employees and military service members.

Thousands of charities have benefited from the efforts of many CFC volunteers. Cmdr. Jeanene Torrance, the 2010 CFC project officer, emphasized that

importance, stating, "In these difficult financial times, federal employees are in a great position to truly make a difference. The Combined Federal Campaign makes that possible."

The CFC currently supports more than 2,200 local, national and international charities. These organizations provide services and assistance to people in nearly every walk of life. It is only through charitable donations that many of these organizations can sustain their efforts.

Polly Kauahi, director of development for the Hawaii Food Bank, works to combat hunger and malnutrition. "Each year over 183,500 people in Hawaii struggle with hunger. Sadly, over 55,000 are children. Your generous support of the Combined Federal Campaign provides meals for many of those needy families," Kauahi said.

Lyn Brown, executive director for the Hawaii Make-A-Wish Foundation,

stressed the importance of CFC, saying, "For many years, Combined Federal Campaign donors have helped the kids of Make-A-Wish, Hawaii, cope with their illness, by caring and sharing." "We want everyone to know how important these gifts to us are and how much we appreciate them. Approximately, 30 percent of our wish kids are civilian and military family members, and CFC donations fully sponsor their wishes," she said.

"CFC donors have helped us bring hope, strength, joy and aloha to children in our islands by allowing them to escape from a world of hospitals, tests and treatments into a world where dreams come true. A granted wish lets them be kids again instead of fighting very adult battles. For that we are forever grateful," Brown said.

This year's campaign runs from Oct. 1-31. For more information, visit [www.cfc-hawaii.org](http://www.cfc-hawaii.org).

## Bicyclists should share the road safely

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Safety Office

Anyone who lives and works on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recognizes that many folks enjoy riding bicycles on base. Many of us have also probably had a dangerously close encounter with a cyclist—

be it a serious one dressed for the Tour de France or a child zigzagging in and out of cars as they are riding to school.

In any case, cycling can be dangerous. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Agency, approximately 34,000 people die in bicycle accidents annually. With the help of both motorists and bicyclists, we can avoid a valuable member of our team from becoming a statistic. Here are a few tips to ensure bikes and cars operate safely together:

Regardless of age and location, while operating a bicycle it is mandatory to wear a bicycle helmet that fits properly and is intended for the type of riding to be performed. More information on the type of helmet can be found at the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute: <http://www.bhsi.org/types.htm>. While helmets are great for minimizing injuries, they won't prevent an accident. Of course, nothing will prevent all accidents, but adherence to the following rules can mitigate the risk:

**Obey all traffic laws.** Bicyclists are considered vehicle operators and are required to obey the same rules of the road as motorists. This means that stop signs and red light are

not optional. Additionally, travel with the flow of traffic the same way you would if you were driving a car.

**Share the road.** Bicyclists do have a right to the road even though they go a little slower. Drivers are reminded to be patient, courteous and allow at least three feet clearance when passing a bicyclist.

**Slow down.** Base housing is not a palindrome, nor the freeway. Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks and keep speeds no faster than 10 mph on sidewalks, running/fitness tracks and paths.

If you decide to ride on the sidewalk and approaching crossing, bicyclists must dismount or get off the bike and walk it across the crosswalk. Then you can resume riding once you have crossed the crosswalk. Motorists are reminded to yield to cyclists at intersections.

**Texting and driving or cycling don't mix.** Yes, we have seen kids texting on their bikes. This is a major no-no. Parents, please remind your teens that they need to pay attention to the road while biking—that text can wait until they stop.

**Be visible.** During hours of darkness or night operation, bicycles must be equipped with lights and reflectors and riders should wear brightly colored or reflective clothing.

By following these seemingly simple rules, motorists and bicyclists can share the road safely at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



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### Hickam Medical Clinic will close on Aug. 25 and Sept. 9

In order to meet emergency management and exercise requirements, the 15th Medical Group, Hickam Clinic, will be closed on Aug. 25 and Sept. 9.

For more information, call 448-6120.



# NIOC Hawaii Sailors volunteer for DEFY 2010

Story and photo by  
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Twelve Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii (NIOC) Sailors recently volunteered to help staff and mentor at Wheeler Army Base, Oahu, for the annual Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) camp.

This is the eighth consecutive year that NIOC Hawaii Sailors have supported the program. The 2010 DEFY summer camp has 29 enrolled service members' children ages 9-12, five junior mentors ages 13-18, and the NIOC Sailors as mentors to the children.

The two Sailors responsible for leading all of the mentors for the 2010 DEFY camp were Lt. j.g. Bryan Peterson and Yeoman 1st Class (YN1) Latasha Jones who worked to provide a fun and educational experience for the children.



Children enrolled in the DEFY program at Wheeler Army Base and Sailors from NIOC Hawaii begin the one-mile run as part of the President's Challenge physical activity program.

Jones has been involved with the DEFY program across the coun-

try for six years and loves what the program has to offer to military children.

"The most important thing that I want military families to know is that

the DEFY program is available to all branches of service and the cost is

absolutely free to the family," explained Jones.

The two-week summer camp includes activities, food and equipment, and at no cost. Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Seaman Colin Dewey, an experienced camp counselor and mentor, said "My favorite experience is the first couple of days. The kids are testing and seeing how you will react to what they do."

The goal at DEFY camp is to produce 9-to-12-year-olds with character, leadership and confidence so they are equipped to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens it also teaches them the necessary skills to be successful in their lives through coordinated community participation, commitment, and leadership.

For more information on the DEFY program, visit <http://www.donhq.navy.mil/defy/>, or call (901) 874-3300.

## NAVFAC Hawaii, Pacific hiring qualified individuals

NAVFAC Headquarters/NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and NAVFAC Pacific, both located on Oahu, are recruiting qualified candidates for positions ranging from trained civil and mechanical engineers to various tradesmen with technical expertise in remediation, air conditioning systems, and metal working.

To help communicate why its employees enjoy working for NAVFAC and its need for highly-skilled individuals, the organization's headquarters created a new recruitment video

which can be viewed on its Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1276400002877>.

NAVFAC's ability to consistently deliver superior technical expertise has built an impressive reputation over the past 165 years. With an annual volume of business in excess of \$18 billion, NAVFAC career opportunities exist worldwide.

"NAVFAC is a global corporation with locations across the continental United States as well as in Hawaii, Guam, Japan, Djibouti, Bahrain, Egypt, Greece and Italy," said Matthew Tropiano, NAVFAC recruiter. "The work is

demanding, rewarding and exciting with outstanding growth opportunities and benefits. Best of all, with NAVFAC, you will expand your career while bringing real value to our nation and our citizens. Come work for NAVFAC and provide the important infrastructure Sailors and Marines can rely on."

NAVFAC offers civilian positions in a wide array of professional fields – for college graduates, skilled tradesmen and seasoned professionals, from interns to senior levels.

"Specifically, NAVFAC Hawaii is always looking to hire journeymen-level engineers to work in our environmental and capital

improvement business lines," said Janine Matsuo, NAVFAC Hawaii personnel management analyst. "Additionally, we are recruiting various tradesmen like welders, pipefitters, air conditioning mechanics, and wastewater plant operators for our public works business line."

No matter what the specialty, electrical engineer or community planner, production controller or IT professional, skilled artisan or environmental protection specialist, the projects are challenging and diverse. NAVFAC employees help build schools during humanitarian missions,

design state-of-the-art naval bases, rebuild bridges during disaster relief operations, construct world-class aircraft hangars and facilities and manage environmental studies.

"Job openings are announced through the Department of the Navy's Civilian Hiring and Recruiting Tool (CHART) and USAJobs websites," said Matsuo. "Recruiters also attend three to four job fairs a year and accept resumes which may be reviewed under the expedited hiring program for a job offer on the spot."

To be eligible for a career with NAVFAC, candidates

must be U.S. citizens and create an account with USAJobs where they are able to post their resume and search for other Department of Defense jobs. Announcements are released regularly and may close within a certain period to limit the amount of applicants.

To find jobs available at NAVFAC Hawaii, visit NAVFAC Hawaii's website – careers page – <http://bit.ly/NFHJobs>.

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