

## RIMPAC in high gear



(Left) A U.S. Marine Corps CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 463 based at Marine Corps Air Station, Hawaii, departs after offloading Marines assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment participating in various live fire exercises in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 on Range 442 at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii.

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Orlando Perez

Australian Defense Forces photo

A visit, board, search and seizure team assigned to the littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1) conducts a non-compliant boarding exercise aboard the Royal Australian Navy amphibious ship HMAS Kanimbla (L 51) during the at-sea phase of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercises.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Chris Okula

(Below left) Cmdr. Thad Shelton, commanding officer of 3rd Fleet Marine Air Operations, demonstrates proposed unit movements at the Sea Spirit Battle Lab during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercises.

## Bloggers get a lift and a rush from C-17 RIMPAC experience

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Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) partners illustrated air component capabilities to prominent local Hawaii bloggers during mission scenarios on July 16.

Thirteen social media gurus watched as two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS), 15th Wing, dropped real world and simulated cargo to Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay who were training on the Big Island of Hawaii.

RIMPAC, a biennial exercise in its 22nd year, stresses interoperability of all partner nations as a key element of regional stability.

Pacific Air Force is more



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew McGovern

Media members photograph a C-17 Globemaster III during the Rim of the Pacific Exercise on July 16. Pacific Air Forces Airmen entered a new realm by demonstrating PACAF air drop capabilities to social media aboard two C-17 Globemaster IIIs.

involved in this year's RIMPAC than at any time in the past, and took this opportunity to invite some social

PACAF has to offer. For many of the members of the blogosphere, this was their first time to actually ride aboard a C-17 or witness an airdrop first-hand.

"It was simply amazing," said Damon Tucker, of damontucker.com. "When the back door opened up and we saw the F-16s, I was like 'Whoa! Combat situation,' Tucker added.

In this new age of communication, Twitter, Facebook and popular blogs are the leaders in the way people do business and communicate. PACAF chose to show their capabilities to a select group of talented bloggers in an effort to highlight their mission and achievements.

Not everyone is up to speed with the social media craze, but many are learning, including Lt. Col. Andrew J. Leshikar,

535th AS commander.

"RIMPAC has been a great training exercise for us," Leshikar said.

"Being part of what is called 'the non-digital age,' I'm not really good at this (social media) stuff," Leshikar said. "Blogging is another form of communication, and it allows us the opportunity to reach a different audience and maybe a bit younger audience," Leshikar added. "It's great that this group could come in and learn something about what we do."

Some of the bloggers wished they were young enough to join the Air Force.

"If I wasn't already 40 years old, I would join because watching those planes gives you a rush," Tucker said.

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## Navy will begin pilot Resident Energy Conservation Program in September

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Residents of Navy and Marine Corps public-private venture (PPV) housing will soon be asked to take the next step toward energy conservation when the Department of the Navy introduces its Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) in September.

The Department of the Navy will launch RECP as a pilot program at two privatized locations, here in Hawaii and at Beaufort/Parris Island in South Carolina. Forest City Military Communities is the Navy and Marine Corps PPV partner in Hawaii.

The emphasis on energy conservation is not a new concept. Back in 1998, the Office of the Secretary of Defense established the policy for the payment of utilities in PPV housing in order to encourage energy efficiency in privatized units.

Although public-private ventures have made considerable progress in eliminating inadequate Navy family housing, statistics show that PPV residents consume more energy than their military and civilian counterparts who live in the civilian community.

The RECP program aligns with Department of Defense and Department of the Navy energy con-



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

A Navy family practices energy conservation in their home. Such simple measures as replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs and turning off lights when not needed will help to conserve energy. It is recommended that families review their usage habits and make adjustments as necessary.

conservation initiatives to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and foreign oil.

"It's the right thing to do. Conserving energy helps our fragile ecosystem by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels in general and foreign oil, in particular," said Rear Adm.

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## P-3C Orion aircrews conduct live-fire training exercise

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 Public Affairs

Air crews from Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, VP-5, VP-62 and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), 11 Patrol Squadron from Edinborough, Australia, participated in a live-fire exercise (SINKEX) July 10 as part of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 Exercise.

Each squadron fired AGM-84D Harpoon missiles at the decommissioned Iwo Jima-class amphibious assault ship ex-USS New Orleans (LPH-11) in the Hawaiian operating area.

The purpose of the SINKEX was to provide P-3C Orion air crews with valuable training in harpoon missile proficiency. Air crews train extensively on the simulated use of a harpoon missile, but rarely get the chance to fire the live weapon.

"It was an outstanding



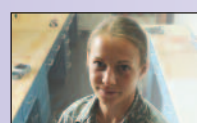
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Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Bobby Rafalski (center) and Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Brandon Duncan look to Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Justin Rongey (left) to see if the hoisting cables on an AGM-84D Harpoon missile are properly aligned before loading the weapon on a P-3C Orion aircraft. Air crews from Patrol Squadron 47 launched harpoons and other ordnance during a sinking exercise for the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 series of exercises.

opportunity for our young junior officers and air crewman to gain valuable experience shooting a forward-firing weapon," said Cmdr. Jason Jorgensen, commanding officer of VP-5 and deputy of Combined Task Group 172.2.

Each aircraft launched an on-target hit on the New Orleans. The SINKEX provided the first opportunity for most of the participating air crew to fire a live weapon.

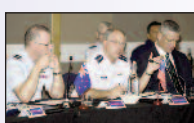
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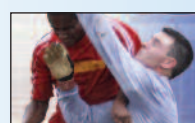
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# PHNSY provides maintenance support to RIMPAC ships

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyards workers completed more than 80 ship maintenance jobs on U.S. and foreign vessels participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010. The 22nd biennial event – the largest maritime exercise in the world – is being held in Hawaiian waters through Aug. 1.

"We started preparing for RIMPAC several months ago," said Capt. Lynn Hampton, head of the shipyard's industry management department. "One of the most effective things we did was to develop a supporting organization that dedicated four of our seven maintenance teams to RIMPAC. This allowed us to continue to provide repair support to our homeported ships while providing the necessary support to the visiting ships."

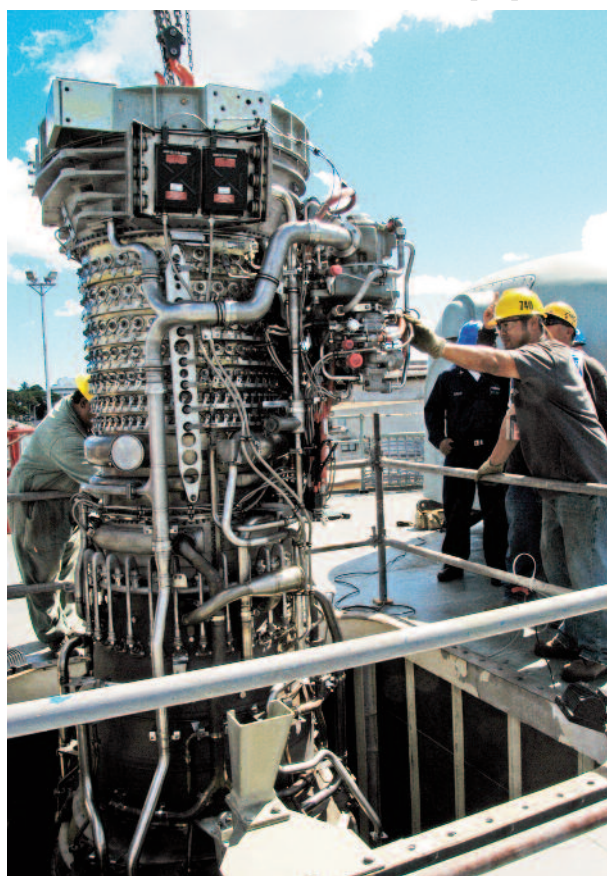
Many of the ships required technical assistance, while other ships needed deckplate-level repairs, Hampton said.

Significant work on domestic ships included a motor removal and other maintenance on USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), gas turbine generator replacement on USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) and troubleshooting assistance on USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Main feed and condensate pump repairs and a ship steam turbine generator repair on USS Cleveland (LPD 7) earned the shipyard a bravo zulu.

Capt. Timothy Wilson, commander of Amphibious Squadron Seven, thanked Hampton and his team and the rest of the shipyard for providing "top-quality support to Cleveland over the Fourth of July weekend."

Wilson specifically thanked Richard Tudor, port engineer, and Senior Chief Electronics Technician Victoria Marino, ship superintendent, "for their tireless work finding the right person for the right job, as well as their superb coordination of all repairs."

Shipyards support was not limited to pier-side work in the harbor. Maintenance teams were routinely flown



Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyards workers remove a gas turbine main engine from the Australian frigate HMAS Newcastle (FFG 6). They replaced it with another engine flown in from Australia to enable the ship to participate fully in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) international maritime exercise.

out by helicopter to ships such as Ronald Reagan and USS Comstock (LSD 45).

Work on foreign ships included maintenance on the Japanese JS Akebono (DD 108) and a gas turbine main engine replacement on the Australian frigate HMAS Newcastle (FFG 6).

A routine inspection revealed catastrophic damage to the starboard main engine. A new engine was needed to enable Newcastle to participate in a missile exercise, according to Lt. Cmdr. Macinty Winner, Newcastle marine engineering officer.

A spare engine was flown in from Brisbane and shipyard gas turbine system technicians performed a successful replacement. The job was especially challenging because of Australian adaptations to the original U.S.-designed guide railings for installing and removing the engines.

"The shipyard has been extremely willing to help out any way they can – very efficient with a big emphasis on safety," Winner said. "There were no issues whatsoever;

they were professional."

Shipyards assigned to assist Newcastle alternated between two shifts over a five-day period to complete the replacement. "The 13 visiting nations obviously came here to participate in the exercises at RIMPAC, and we wanted to make sure we provide maintenance support to make their mission possible," said Master Chief Fire Controlman William Sylves, leading chief petty officer of the shipyard's industry management department.

Cmdr. Justin Jones, Newcastle skipper, watched the evolution from the deck and expressed his gratitude. "The shipyard has been fantastic in supporting our RIMPAC mission," he said.

"It is vital that we pursue options that enable us to improve our knowledge-sharing between our countries," said Lt. Shane Savy, Newcastle officer. "The shipyard has a long history of the work it performs and has (gas turbine system) experts who know particularly what to do while we do these jobs less often," he said.

## Ride in the sky during air drop



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Matthew McGovern

Burt Lum photographs an air drop in a C-17 Globemaster III July, 16 over a simulated forward operating base Hawaii. Lum is a social media member from Hawaii Public Radio.

## Navy Region Hawaii achieves 'fifth element' in social media

MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

With the creation of a command YouTube account, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii achieved the '5th element' in Navy Newsstand's social media directory.

Along with a YouTube account, CNRH has Facebook, Twitter and Flickr accounts and a command history blog.

CNRH is one of only six commands recognized by the Navy with active accounts for all five social media applications.

After the posting of photos of USS O'Kane's recent deployment on CNRH's Facebook page, friends and families shared their comments on the page.

"I have a really good friend whose husband is going to be on this ship. May they stay safe and their families stay strong while they are gone," said one person who commented on the album.

CNRH's Facebook page and Twitter applications allows Sailors and family members to access different topics ranging from community events to emergency information.

"Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with things that are happening with Navy Region Hawaii," said Lt. j.g. Casey Twobears, assigned to CNRH. "I

believe social media can be invaluable, especially in the event of an emergency. It really helps me stay up to date with immediate information."

Last March, CNRH was recognized by Chief of Navy Information for use of social media during a tsunami warning.

"We were able to communicate early, correct misinformation quickly, and succeed in ways we had not fully anticipated, thanks to the use of social media," said Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Commands under CNRH have also been implementing social media, with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility creating Facebook pages.

CNRH's social media accounts are located at: Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pearl-Harbor-HI/Navy-Region-Hawaii/167560113041>; Twitter, <http://twitter.com/NavRegHawaii>; Flickr, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/navyregionhawaii/>; YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/user/NavyRegionHawaii>; Navy History Blog, <http://www.navyhistoryhawaii.blogspot.com/>.

For more news from Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cnrh/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnrh/).

## SINKEX: RIMPAC live-fire exercise

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"Flying with a live weapon always heightens air crew and maintenance awareness of tactics, techniques and procedures. The SINKEX serial provided 11 Squadron with a great opportunity to test our individual and collective warfighting skills in a complex coalition environment. It does not get too much better than that," said Wing Commander Phil Champion, commanding officer of 11 Squadron, RAAF.

It was the first time in eight years the RAAF shot a harpoon missile.

The AGM -84D Harpoon is an all-weather, over-the-horizon, anti-ship missile system. The Harpoon's active radar guidance, warhead design, low-level cruise trajectory and terminal mode sea-skim or pop-up maneuvers assure high survivability and effectiveness. The missile is capable of being launched from surface ships, submarines, shore batteries or aircraft such as the P-3C Orion.

Commissioned in 1968, New Orleans was the third U.S. ship named for the Battle of New Orleans. Throughout its 30 years of service, the ship took part in various amphibious exercises and contingency operations during the Vietnam War, carrying Sailors and Marine ground forces, helicopters and landing craft. The ship was decommissioned in 1997.

VP-4 and VP-47 flew another SINKEX on the ex-USS Monticello (LSD 35) on July 14 using harpoons and AGM-65 Mavericks to destroy the target. VP-5 and VP-40 conducted the last of the sinking exercises on July 17, also using Harpoons and Mavericks against the ex-USS Anchorage (LSD-36). Each crew scored a direct hit, on time.

RIMPAC is a biennial, multi-national exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve interoperability. P-3C Orion air crews will conduct similar exercises throughout the course of RIMPAC.

## RECP: 'Mock billing' will begin in September

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Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"Careful conservation of valuable resources through decreased energy consumption contributes to our nation's security and readiness and enables us to better support Sailors and their families, here in Hawaii and nationwide," Smith said.

"The Forest City Military Communities and Navy Region Hawaii privatized housing partnership is the first Navy location to implement the RECP," said Will Boudra, vice president of development for Forest City. "Ten months of time and effort has been invested by both the Forest City and Navy region teams to build upon the programs previously implemented at other services' privatized housing projects."

The benefits of saving energy will directly affect PPV residents. Saving energy costs will translate into capital that will be re-invested back into the PPV community, resulting in improvements and community amenities.

Another benefit will enable families whose consumption of electricity is less than a 'normal usage band' to earn rebates.

"Conserving energy is a win-win for everyone. Not only will dollars saved be put back into family housing for community services, programs and amenities, but families who reduce their electric consumption below the 'normal usage band' will receive rebate checks," Smith noted.

Under the RECP, each month a utility allowance will be established for groups of similar size and type homes. A buffer will be added above and below the baseline (average) to create a 'normal usage band' that accounts for variances. The RECP requires residents who exceed the usage band to pay for

the excess usage and provides a credit or rebate to residents who use electricity at a level lower than the usage band.

Beginning in September, housing residents will start receiving a 'mock bill.' According to Forest City, this will show residents their electric usage in a true bill format and will help them to understand the monetary value of energy they are using. The mock billing will continue through December.

The 'mock bill' will let residents know if they would have owed no money, received a credit or rebate, or would have owed a payment for excess consumption if it were an actual bill under the RECP. Along with their 'mock bills,' residents will receive tips and ideas on ways to reduce electricity consumption. The 'mock bills' will provide residents with an opportunity to make any necessary lifestyle changes in order to lower electrical usage and to prepare them for the actual billing that will begin Jan. 1, 2011.

Additionally, review and assistance will be available if there are concerns about the billing process, itself.

Lauren Rabb, president of the Moanalua Terrace RAB, commented, "I feel like this is a totally error proof program. You can't go wrong if you just do the right thing."

Actual billing will begin Jan. 1, 2011 and residents will become responsible for their own electricity usage. The first bills will be received in mid-February. The live billing phase of the pilot program will continue for one year.

In January 2012, there will be an evaluation of the pilot program, and strategies will be determined for implementing the program across all PPV locations.

"Navy Region Hawaii has been selected as one of the pilot programs for the Resident Energy Conservation Program. Thank you in advance for

your support of this important energy initiative," Smith encouraged.

Community meetings for PPV residents to learn more about the RECP program are planned in August; dates and locations will be announced by Forest City in letters to PPV housing residents in early August. Meanwhile, resident advisory board (RAB) members will continue to have an opportunity to weigh in on the new program.

"RECP is more than a fair way to begin an energy conservation program. As representatives of the military and as taxpayers, military members have an obligation to do our part in conserving energy. All of us want the next generation to profit from our deeds, not suffer from them," said Debra Duncan, Halawa RAB president.

Hickam Community Housing currently collects data on residential water use in Air Force housing communities and plans to launch a SYNERGY (Saving Your Nation's Energy) program later this year. The focus will be to help create awareness and education among families about energy conservation.

Plans for implementing the Air Force's electricity and water billing program here in Hawaii are still under development.

DoD contends that reducing energy consumption will not only result in improved quality of life for military residents and benefits to PPV neighborhoods, but will also make our world a better place.

"We are all responsible for the betterment of the world we live in and this is a great opportunity to show the world that military families are conscientious of future resources on multiple levels," said Renee Midgett, president of the Maloelap RAB.

For more information on the RECP program and frequently asked questions, please visit <http://www.greatlifehawaii.com/recp/> or <http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com>.



STAFF SGT.  
**AMANDA SIMONSEN**



## Hickam 'Warrior' is fitness enthusiast

Story and photos by  
SrA Gustavo Gonzalez

Staff Sgt. Amanda Simonsen, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) craftsman, is this week's Hickam 'Warrior.'

She described her responsibilities in her job with the 647th CES. "As commander's executive, I initiated, executed and tracked squadron evaluations and decorations and suspensions for seven flights, 26 shops and 500 personnel," Simonsen said.

Simonsen's current duty as a construction inspector and project manager for Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements (SABER) includes the full responsibility to manage SABER projects during

design, construction and final acceptance. "I enjoy meeting and interacting with everyone in the 647th CES," she said. "I've been able to meet more people in the last six months than I did in the first two years I've been here. I enjoy being in the Air Force because of the experiences I've had and will have in the future."

Simonsen is a fitness enthusiast and enjoys running, lifting weights, hiking and riding her bicycle.

"I love to go out with friends to watch a movie and eat good sushi. Otherwise, I'm hanging out at home with my husband, daughter, dog and cat," she said.

Her favorite thing about being stationed in Hawaii is seeing all the beautiful beaches and new sites.



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Federal Fire Department Hawaii  
A kitchen fire at AMR caused \$54,000 in damaged.

## FFD Hawaii, HFD respond to structure fire at AMR

Victor Flint

Battalion Chief, Federal Fire Department Hawaii

A fire which started in the kitchen of a home at Aliamanu Military Reservation on July 18 caused \$54,000 in fire, smoke and water damage.

There were no injuries as a result of the fire. Thanks to a quick response from neighbors who called 911, the fire was contained to the kitchen.

Firefighters from Federal Fire Department Hawaii and Honolulu Fire Department responded an additional \$10,000 in water and smoke damage was caused to the neighboring housing unit.

According to the fire investigator with Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii, the fire was accidental and caused by unattended cooking.

### Federal Fire Department offers these kitchen safety tips:

- Never leave cooking unattended, not even for a minute.
- Have a lid handy to cover a pan or pot if there is a fire.
- Turn handles in to prevent tipping.
- Never put water on a grease fire.

For more safety tips, call Battalion Chief Victor M. Flint at 471-3303, ext. 633.

## Diverse Views



When off duty, what is your favorite pastime here on Oahu?  
(Personnel from Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii)

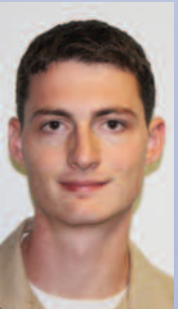


IT2 Paula Hubbard

"Ocean kayaking. I miss rafting my river back home, so it's nice to have this activity here."

CTN1 Melanie Labbe

"Going to Bellows Beach with my family. My daughter really enjoys rolling around in the sand and splashing us with water. I love taking pictures with a lush backdrop."



CTI3 Harry Larson

Personnel Support Detachment

"Rock climbing with my friends in Waipio. I'm also a vocalist in a band."

CTRSN Dakota Swafford

"Definitely afternoon beach barbecues with all my friends. It's much cheaper than eating out every night."



IS1 (SW/AW)  
Christina Velasquez

"Every week I take my six-year-old daughter to dance lessons. The studio has an amazing view of the downtown area."

(Provided by Lt. j.g. Melissa Ocasio, NIOC Hawaii)

## War games in Pacific



Official U.S. Navy photograph, U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command  
USS Cebu crew members take part in a tug-of-war during liberty while ashore on a southern or western Pacific island circa 1944-'45.

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# Navy, Coast Guard promote 'summer water safety'

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard joined together to promote summer water safety at local television station KHON2 in Honolulu on July 15.

Lt. Jennifer Hall, diving and undersea medical officer for Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 (MDSU-1), and U.S. Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Garrett Hamilton offered advice and tips for people engaging in water activities.

With safety props on hand, Hamilton talked about the importance of wearing life jackets while aboard a boat.

"It is always safe and recommended to wear a life jacket the moment you get aboard a boat. Life jackets don't work if you don't wear them," Hamilton said. "Also,



U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Angela Henderson

(Left to right) Jai Cunningham, KHON2 anchorman, discusses summer water safety with Lt. Jennifer Hall, Navy diving and undersea medical officer with Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Garrett Hamilton, from Coast Guard Station Honolulu, during the KHON2 Wake Up 2Day morning show on July 15. Coast Guard paired up with Navy to discuss boating safety tips and boating under the influence regulations as well as other water safety precautions.

as per federal regulation, anyone aboard a boat who is 12 years or younger must wear a life jacket at

all times."

Hall noted that while diving and snorkeling are some of the

more popular water activities in Hawaii, people should make sure they have proper equipment and have received training.

"If you want to become dive certified, take a course that will provide classroom training, pool in-water training, and open-water dive training. The course should provide a good deal of in-water training," Hall said. "You should also make sure you are familiar with your dive equipment and ensure it is in good working order, including the maintenance and safety checks."

Hamilton spoke about the importance of being sober while operating a boat.

"Boating under the influence can have the same consequences as driving under the influence," Hamilton noted. "Intoxication can impair your judgment while operating a vessel and, just like driving, boat collisions can happen on the water."

Hall also talked about the importance of having a plan when taking part in diving and snorkeling activities.

"The Navy is a big proponent of first having a plan and then adhering to the plan. We always say as divers, 'plan the dive and dive the plan,'" Hall noted. "I always tell our Sailors that they should feel their best while in the water. If there's any doubt or concern physically or with safety, then you should not put yourself at risk."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 3,500 unintentional drownings occur in the United States each year, and for every one drowning victim, there are up to five non-fatal near drowning events which can result in lifelong complications, including significant brain damage. In addition, almost 500 people die each year from other boating-related incidents.

## '10 Lives' cat foster program gives homeless felines another chance

Story and photo by Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

Concerned about the growing stray cat problem at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, one retired Air Force service member decided to form a grassroots foster and adoption program aimed at rescuing homeless cats.

In 2009, Barbara Heiller, a former Air Force lieutenant colonel, formed "10 Lives," an "unofficial" adoption and fostering program dedicated to giving stray and abandoned cats, found near Air Force and Navy base housing, one more chance at a good life.

"Our motto is 'one extra chance at a real home,'" she said. "We are giving the cats that pass through our organization a new start in life ... hence cats with 10 lives."

Heiller said she was prompted to start her grassroots initiative due to the increasing cat population control problem found on military bases and on the entire island.

"Since last fall, we took in more than 50 cats, primarily from Hickam," she said. "One big issue we are finding is pet abandonment. All of a sudden these beautiful, friendly cats just show up. Some are spayed and neutered and microchipped, but their owner



Air Force spouse Sue Beaudet cares for her new foster kitten for the "10 Lives" cat adoption program. The program is aimed at giving stray and abandoned cats, found near Air Force and Navy base housing, one more chance at a good life.

information is out-of-date. Unfortunately, many of these [cases] coincide with their owner's PCS date," she added.

According to Heiller, the 10 Lives' mission is to decrease and prevent homeless cats found in military communities, particularly in base housing.

"We are dedicated to getting the social homeless cats off the streets and into homes," she said. "We are also dedicated to preventing any more on the street. Our services

include fostering, facilitating spay and neutering, and promoting responsible pet ownership."

Since forming her program, Heiller has recruited several willing military families to volunteer as foster families for any stray cats or kittens she finds.

Sue Beaudet, a former veterinary nurse and Air Force spouse, said her previous experience as a veterinary nurse made her an ideal candidate to foster homeless felines.

"I love animals in general so when I saw Barbara's ad that was looking for volunteers, I knew I could help," she said.

In a little more than a year of involvement with the 10 Lives program, Beaudet said she has fostered and found homes for at least 15 cats.

"Cats have such different personalities," she said. "You can have three kittens from the same litter and there will be three completely different personalities."

Although it is fairly easy to socialize young kittens, Beaudet said she specializes in working with the older 'problem' cats.

"I have a soft spot for the sick ones or the hard-to-work-with ones," she explained. "I enjoy the challenge of trying to help them. They are all special."

Since April, Navy spouse Tatum Desper Buckley has served as a first-time foster parent of one cat from the 10 Lives program.

Buckley said she was inspired to volunteer after visiting with Heiller about the plight of 10 Lives program.

"[Barbara] is committed 100 percent to finding them a good home," Buckley said. "She wants to do what is right for them. Nowadays, it is amazing to me how disposable animals can be to people. What I really respect about Barbara is that

if it doesn't work out [with adoptive or foster family], she will always take her cats back."

Buckley hopes that animal lovers within the military community will check out the 10 Lives program first when considering adopting or fostering a cat.

"Fostering does not mean you love them any less; it is about making a difference for that one animal," she said. "This is one way to be active and help out your military community. If you have the time and room in your heart, please step up and give these animals a home."

Currently, there are close to 25 cats available at 10 Lives for fostering or adoption. According to Heiller, the most urgent need is foster care and adoption for older cats and adolescent kittens. All 10 Lives cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, de-wormed and vaccinated. A donation of at least \$60 is required for the adoption or foster process. 10 Lives is also in need of donated items, including extra carriers, kennels, litter boxes, cat trees, scratching posts, toys and cat food.

For more information on the 10 Lives' cats and kittens, visit the '10 Lives' Facebook page. For those interested in donating, fostering or adoption, e-mail [ten-lives@earthlink.net](mailto:ten-lives@earthlink.net) or call 341-1512.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) New Zealand Defense Force Lt. Cmdr. Kerry Climo, embarked aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), gives a boy a paper airplane she made while spending time with children at the Rumah Sejahtera Bagi Anak Orphanage during a Pacific Partnership 2010 community service event. Pacific Partnership 2010 is the fifth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic assistance endeavors to strengthen regional partnerships.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Matthew Jackson

(Below) Lance Cpl. John Rogers, right, assigned to Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, waits along a tree line after securing the area in preparation for an amphibious landing by Marines assigned to 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Division, The Marines were on the beach of Bellows Air Force Base, Hawaii, supporting Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercises.

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



(Left) Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Robert Haack prepares an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 154 for flight operations during a vertical replenishment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan is underway participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Benjamin C. Jernigan

Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Lawrence St. Peter (left) and Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Buck load ammo into a .50-caliber heavy machine gun aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) during a surface gunnery exercise with the Republic of Singapore Navy for Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Singapore 2010. CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Eric J. Cutright



An SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter takes off from the flight deck of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) after conducting a personnel transfer during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Singapore 2010.

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## Asia-Pacific nations meet to discuss peace operations

### 13th Air Force Public Affairs

U.S. military personnel will join representatives from other nations throughout the Asia-Pacific region in Singapore on July 19-23 to discuss the use of air forces in support of peace operations.

The talks are part of the 2010 Pacific Rim Airpower Symposium, co-hosted this year by the Republic of Singapore and the U.S. Air Force. The symposium encourages relationship building and enhances cooperation among the air forces of Pacific nations.

This year's symposium theme, "The Role of Airpower in Peace Support Operations," aims to help participants better understand how air forces can support peace-keeping missions in the region.

Underscoring the significance of the symposium, Brig. Gen. Kwek Kok Kwong, commander of the Air Defence Operations Command from the Republic of the Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and co-host of the event, said, "The RSAF participates in a wide spectrum of peace support and humanitarian operations around the world. This symposium is an excellent forum for the RSAF to share the HADR lessons, the peace support operations in Iraq and the Gulf of Aden, as we prepare for our first UAV deployment in Afghanistan."

Additionally, the Senior Enlisted Leadership Conference, the largest Air Force multi-national enlisted conference, will be held in conjunction with the PACRIM Airpower Symposium. The conference was first held in 2008 and is designed to enhance the professionalism of the different air force enlisted corps in the region.

Lt. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 13th Air Force commander, will lead the U.S. delegation at Singapore. Thirteenth Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii leads the U.S. planning and execution of the PACRIM Airpower Symposium and Senior Enlisted Leadership Conference.

"The U.S. Air Force looks forward to these events every year, and our 2010 editions are no exception," Carlisle said. "We thank the government of Singapore for inviting us to their country as co-host, and all the participants for joining us in a spirit of partnership."

Delegations from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, the United States and Vietnam have been invited to participate.

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Aug. 12 - Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard  
apprentice graduation

Aug. 19 - CARAT

Aug. 26 - 65th Anniversary End of WWII

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# PMRF welcomes summer interns

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Pacific Missile Range Facility  
Public Affairs

For the third consecutive year, the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai welcomed college students to participate in the Hawaii Space Grant Consortium (HSGC) Internship Program which ended today.

This program is a six-week summer course that immerses students in their fields of interest.

The interns were required to turn in weekly journals and, at the end of the program, write a final report about their experiences. The reports will be transmitted to the HSGC.

Each intern received a stipend of \$3,000 to help cover their college tuition. The four interns this year were Tiffany Eliana from Hanama'ulu, Eric Fune from Koloa, Geoffry Tran from Hanapepe and Melissa Peck from Kalaheo.

This summer the program ran from June 14 to July 23. Eliana and Fune worked in the communications department under the mentorship of Alan Chun, range communications division head.

"They get to see what the real-world working environment is like," Chun said.

Eliana, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, said the internship is a good opportunity when summer jobs can be hard to find.

Fune has found the internship to be a good opportunity as well. It is his second summer participating in the program at PMRF. He plans to graduate from the University of Hawaii Manoa with a major in electrical engineering.

Fune, who lists PMRF high on his list of possible work places, said, "This internship will help me get contacts if I want to work here after I graduate."

Stu Burley wants to give interns a chance to experience what it is like to work in the



Tiffany Eliana and Eric Fune, summer interns with the Hawaii Space Grant Consortium (HSGC) Internship Program, are busy at work in the communications department at Pacific Missile Range Facility.

high-tech industry. The hope is that students will come back to work on Kauai because of their experience as an intern. There are many departments available to interns in the science and math fields.

Tran, a sophomore at the University of Hawaii, worked under the mentorship of Chun last year and this year switched to the manu kai optics department.

"There is more diversity with what I am doing. I get to see the different systems they use," Tran said. This fall, both he and Fune will have the opportunity to give an eight-minute presentation about their summer internship to a panel of students and faculty at the University of Hawaii.

Peck is worked in the public affairs office under the mentorship of Tom Clements.

"Melissa is able to combine her technical skills with a desire to teach and communicate as an intern with the PMRF Public Affairs Office. She immediately stepped in to help with a very successful science camp field trip for the Young Presidents Organization and helped us to finally get the official PMRF Facebook page online. Both efforts are very important to PMRF's civic outreach and are very much in line with HSGC Program's intent to inspire Hawaii's youth to pursue high-

tech opportunities," Clements said.

The HSGC Internship Program is sponsored by NASA and administered through the University of Hawaii, Manoa. The program has been active for a number of years at other University of Hawaii community colleges, but was not present on Kauai until 2008. The goal of the program is to prepare college students in the field of science, technology, engineering and math as they pertains to NASA.

For the past three years, Burley, associate director of the HSGC for Kauai Community College and Kauai Industry, has visited high school students during their senior year to talk about the program. He collects names, resumes and applications, and pairs students with the summer internship that will be the most beneficial for them.

Marie Paiste, human resources liaison at PMRF, has been the point of contact between PMRF and the HSGC for as long as the program has been on Kauai. Together with many other people from the University of Hawaii and NASA, Burley and Paiste make the internship program possible for college students.

For more information about future internships, contact Burley at [stu@stukaui.com](mailto:stu@stukaui.com) or visit his website at [www.stukaui.com](http://www.stukaui.com).



U.S. Navy photo by Marion Bedingfield

(Left to right) Capt. James Hagy, outgoing commanding officer; Vice Adm. Barry McCullough, commander of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command; and Capt. Jeffrey Cole, incoming commanding officer, at change of command at Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii.

## Cole relieves Hagy at NIOC Hawaii change of command

Lt. j.g. Melissa Ocasio

Navy Information Operations  
Command Hawaii Public Affairs

Capt. Jeffrey Cole relieved Capt. James Hagy as commanding officer of Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii during a change of command ceremony at Kunia, Hawaii on July 9.

From July 2008 to July 2010, Hagy's leadership and management at NIOC Hawaii were crucial in the delivery of cryptologic support to various government organizations and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Vice Adm. Barry McCullough, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet, was guest speaker for the ceremony. "It is truly a pleasure to be here as we celebrate the success of NIOC Hawaii under Capt. Hagy and usher in a new era of growth for NIOC Hawaii under Capt. Cole," McCullough said.

As the second commanding officer of NIOC Hawaii, Hagy was instrumental in influencing and shaping the future of the Information Dominance Corp (IDC) and FLTCYBER-COM/C10F. McCullough spoke

about the vision, purpose and significance of the IDC, explaining that the exponential growth in computing and communications has transformed the information environment from an enabling medium to a core element of war-fighting capability. "This is truly an information age and information is warfare," McCullough remarked.

During the change of command ceremony, McCullough presented Hagy with the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as commanding officer, NIOC Hawaii, from July 2008 to July 2010. Hagy will report to Commander, Pacific Fleet, as department director for intelligence and information operations.

Cole came from Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command where he was the assistant deputy chief of staff for intelligence and information operations.

He will lead NIOC's 1,500 plus Sailors and civilians who primarily operate in building nine on Schofield Barracks, building 324 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.