

F-22s strengthen warfighting might in Pacific

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Total force integration set the stage for the Hawaii National Guard, alongside Airmen from the Pacific Air Forces, as they marked the arrival of the first pair of 20 F-22 Raptors during a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on July 9.

The Raptors' arrival to the 199th Fighter Squadron and the 15th Wing marks the first Air National Guard led F-22 association in the nation. This partnership is a "reverse association" where the active-duty counterpart will soon re-activate the 19th Fighter Squadron.

"This construct marks an important partnership between the National Guard and the active-duty forces," said Gen. Craig R. McKinley, National Guard Bureau chief. "I couldn't be more proud ... about taking pride in total force integration. I think it's a crown jewel, in all of our services, to have this type of team spirit here in evidence today."

The ceremony marked the beginning of the newest partnership between the Hawaii Air National Guard and the active-duty Air



An Airman taxis an F-22 Raptor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 2. The 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard is transitioning from the F-16 and will serve as the only Air National Guard led joint guard and gctive duty squadron in the Pacific and the second in the U.S. Air Force. (Background photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young)

Force flying the "fifth generation" fighter at JBPHH. The F-22 Raptors will be flown by pilots from the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard, and active-duty Air Force pilots from the 19th Fighter Squadron, 15th Wing. The aircraft will

also be maintained by a combination of Hawaii Air National Guardsmen and active duty Airmen.

"Total force integration is a force multiplier," said Lt. Col. Harvey Newton, 15th Operations Group and incoming 19th Fighter Squadron commander. "We

bring the best of both together and capitalize on each others' strengths. The Air National Guard has highly experienced pilots, operations personnel and maintenance professionals who are the best at what they do."

From experience in the field and at home, Newton

said he believes each group is great at what they do because they have honed their trades over the years to become the best at it. The active component brings a breadth of experience from around the combat air forces and a full-time work force that can be

tasked at anytime.

"We have recognized the synergy that is gained from (total force integration) and it has become the combat air forces model," Newton said. "The HIANG (Hawaii National Guard) is a highly respected ... unit and their merits stand on their own. (Total force integration) will only help the HIANG and 15th Wing to reach new heights."

According to Newton, these new heights will come in the way of increased operations tempo as the Hawaii F-22 squadron is only one of seven operational squadrons.

Until now, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska has been the exclusive home to the F-22 in the Pacific Air Forces area of operations. The introduction of the most advanced fighter jet in the world further strengthens the Pacific.

"We owe it to our nation, and her protected citizens, to equip our Airmen, our nation's sons and daughters, with the very best that we can," said Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander. "The F-22's advanced technologies are an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities for the U.S. forces. Alongside our superb

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USS Hopper participates in 2010 RIMPAC Exercises

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Three international service members and several United States Naval Academy midshipmen joined the crew of the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70), homeported at Pearl Harbor, to participate in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010, the world's largest multinational maritime exercise, on June 23 - Aug 1.

Two members of the Royal Australian Navy and one member of the Colombian Armada integrated with the Hopper crew as the ship engaged in several RIMPAC exer-

cises, including a sinking exercise (SINKEX), surface-to-air missile exercise (SAMEX) and a naval surface firing support "rodeo" exercise (NSFS rodeo) with other participating naval ships.

"There's a lot of experience to be gained for the people on board and their watch stations," said Cmdr. Kevin Melody, Hopper's commanding officer. "Another thing RIMPAC allows us to do is it lets us interact with our friends and allies around the Pacific region. It's about working together synergistically and taking the good thing that each of us brings to the table and creating something better as a whole."

More than 30 naval ships from seven allied nations joined the RIM-



PAC 2010, which is currently taking place in the waters off the Hawaiian Islands.

CMDCM (SW/FMF/AW) Jay Stuckey, Hopper's commanding master chief, said that the ship's crew and the international service members both learned a lot from each other.

"I think the benefits of having the Australian and the Colombians here on this ship is that they are feeding my youth: the

The guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold (DDG 65) fires a surface-to-air missile off the coast of Hawaii as part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercises. RIMPAC is a biennial, multinational exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve interoperability.

junior enlisted, junior officers, the midshipmen and my chiefs," Stuckey said. "They know that they are the future."

During the SINKEX, eight naval vessels from the United States, Japan, France, Canada and Australia took turns shooting their gun systems at a decommissioned ship. Royal Australian Navy Midshipman Chris Abbott was on Hopper's flight deck when he witnessed the Australian Anzac-class frigate HMAS Warramunga (FFGH 152) score hits on the decommissioned Iwo Jima-class amphibious assault ship ex-New Orleans (LPH 11).

"To actually see something like that, to have

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It's back! ... again

The Sea-Based X-band Radar (SBX) arrives at Foxtrot Pier on historic Ford Island on July 4. SBX will be in port to perform periodic maintenance and to conduct American Bureau of Shipping surveys that will lead to the renewal of the SBX U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



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USS Chafee returns home to Pearl Harbor

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More than 250 Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on July 12 after a three-month deployment to the western Pacific.

Chafee departed JBPHH on April 5 for an independent deployment, operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

"This was a very productive deployment," said Cmdr. Chase Patrick, commanding officer of Chafee. "We never had a bad day at sea, we had a lot of fun, and we got a lot of work accomplished."

While on deployment, Chafee took part in Exercise Malabar 2010, a week-long bilateral military exercise hosted by the Indian Navy to promote the interoperability



(Above) Sailors and families line the pier as the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) makes her return to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a three-month deployment in the western Pacific. (Left) Sailors man the rails aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) as the ship makes her return to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a three-month deployment in the western Pacific. While on deployment, Chafee took part in Exercise Malabar 2010, participated in operations supporting Commander Task Force 70, and trained alongside the Malaysian Navy.

between the United States and India.

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Patrick spoke about how well the crew performed during the deployment.

"The crew performed great. They were very proficient from the navigation detail down to the engineers," Patrick said. "They did their jobs exceedingly well."

Friends and families were excited to see their Sailors return home as they waited at the pier.

"I'm very proud of my husband," said the wife of a Chafee Sailor. "It's really great that I get to see him after three long months."

"I've been anxiously awaiting this day since the time he left," added the wife of another Chafee Sailor.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission surface combatants, capable of anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and anti-surface warfare (ASUW) missions. They operate independently in support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups.

F-22 Raptor rolls out in Hawaii

Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

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Top military and local community leaders gathered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on July 9 for a dedication service for the F-22 Raptor.

Hundreds of onlookers gathered with members of the 199th Fighter Squadron (FS), 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) and people from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to welcome the F-22, a fifth generation fighter, which replaces the F-15

Eagle that the squadron has flown since 1987. The 199th FS is the first guard unit to receive the F-22.

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

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

"These F-22 Raptors are the state-of-the-art air supe-

riority fighter and couldn't be located at a better place," McKinley said.

Many of the guard members will serve as the lead in a "total force" concept that is already in use at JBPHH. The 199th FS, 15th Air Wing will fly and help maintain the F-22s that bring a new capability to the HIANG, as well as the Air Force.

"The Air Force is a seamless total force. Along with our Air Force Reserve and civilians, the National Guard and our active duty component form a very severe fighting force that can get the job done," McKinley said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Gustavo Gonzalez

A crowd takes photos of an F-22 Raptor during the F-22 arrival ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on, July 9. The F-22 Raptor is the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft. Its combination of stealth, supercruise, maneuverability and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, represents an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities. The ceremony marks the beginning of the partnership between the Hawaii Air National Guard and the active duty Air Force flying the "fifth generation" fighter at Hickam. The F-22 Raptors are assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard and the 19th Fighter Squadron, 15th Wing.

Raptors: Total force integration

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Airmen, who operate, maintain, support this aircraft, it represents an overmatching capability to any known or projected adversary fighter aircraft."

The arrival of the F-22 reverse association at Hickam is not a new concept for these Airmen working side-by-side. The active duty and guard members already share the C-17 Globemaster III in a traditional association where the active duty Airmen take the lead.

"Our Airmen in uniform, alongside their civilian counterparts, form the total force integration of active association initiatives where the Hawaii Air National Guard has the lead and our active-duty Airmen will operate alongside," North said. "This partnership ... forms the bond in testament of our total force and it is the envy of the world."

The F-22 Raptors will replace the F-15 Eagles that the 199th Fighter Squadron has flown since 1987. The F-22 is designed to counter lethal threats posed by advanced surface-to-air missile systems and next-generation fighters equipped

with a launch-and-leave missile capability.

Its predecessor, the F-15, entered the Air Force inventory in 1975, and there is now parity between the F-15 and potentially hostile foreign air superiority aircraft. The F-22 provides the U.S. Air Force air dominance for the 21st century, with a "first-look, first-shot, first-kill" capability.

The Raptor performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions, providing a diverse aerial combat capability. The two jets that arrived at Hickam are jets previously flown at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., where they were part of the 325th Fighter Wing. The remaining 18 aircraft will come from Langley Air Force Base, Va., where they presently are part of the 1st Fighter Wing.

For Newton, an F-22 pilot, there isn't an amusement park or thrill ride on the face of the planet that measures up to flying the most advanced fighter jet known to man.

"Imagine the best amusement park and the best ride and then quadruple the experience - and that is what it feels like to fly the F-22," he said. "It is awesome."



Command Master Chief John Hall, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77), says his goodbyes to his family before the ship departs for a seven-month deployment on July 9. O'Kane is scheduled to conduct operations in the Middle East and western Pacific.

USS O'Kane departs Pearl Harbor for seven-month deployment

Story and photo by
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More than 250 Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 9 for a seven-month deployment.

O'Kane is scheduled to conduct operations in the Middle East and western Pacific.

"We look forward to the missions in U.S. 5th Fleet, which differ somewhat from those we executed during our last (western Pacific) deployment," said Cmdr. Derek Trinqué, O'Kane's commanding officer. "The ship will support ballistic missile defense requirements in the Central Command region, though I expect we will take part in a host of other missions as well."

O'Kane returned from deployment on Dec. 16, 2009 after three months of operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Command Master Chief John Hall said that everyone is recharged, refreshed and ready for the deployment.

"O'Kane has been through an

extremely busy, fast few months and a lot of things that we had to do. We stepped up and took care of all of our tasks," said Hall. "We even managed to put in a short leave period to give the crew a chance to relax."

Trinqué noted how well the crew is prepared for the upcoming deployment.

"I think the amount of work they have done since the last deployment shows that there are experienced Sailors aboard and they are ready to go," said Trinqué. "I know they are looking forward to the deployment where they can see the direct results of all their hard work," he said.

"I look forward to the different port visits, and having a very successful deployment for the entire crew while doing our mission and coming home safely on time," said Hall.

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Paul Hamilton Sailor's Navy lifestyle leads to unexpected passions

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**FIRE CONTROLMAN 2ND CLASS (SW)
ELISSA GRIFFITH**



Initially, Fire Controlman 2nd class (SW) Elissa Griffith thought her impulsive choice to join the U.S. Navy just two weeks after graduating from high school was about following in the footsteps of a couple of family members. However, eight years later, the experiences she has had throughout her naval journey have not only redefined her self-image but also led to a few unexpected passions.

"I am doing things I never thought I would be doing like working on electronic missile systems on ships," said the Texas native. "I've also been to some pretty amazing places. My first tour was on the USS Kitty Hawk [CV-63] and based in Japan. I loved it there."

Griffith, who is assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), now spends her days working on the ship as a Tomahawk and harpoon technician.

"My primary job is to work on these electronic missile systems and make sure both are up and running and the ship is prepared at all times," she said.

Since arriving aboard Paul Hamilton in August 2009, Griffith has assumed leading petty officer duties of her division and according to her leaders, is responsible for increased productivity and morale throughout her division.

"FC2 Griffith performs at the level of a first class petty officer," said Chief Fire Controlman (SW) Christopher Davis. "She has also become a

mentor and role model for junior Sailors throughout the command."

Davis also noted that Griffith is proactive in finding ways to improve her personal and professional life and has become a role model for her peers and subordinates to follow.

Griffith attributes much of her personal improvement to her involvement with different community and social work projects at previous ports.

"Being in the military, I've always been involved with a lot of volunteer work," she said. "I've done the 'Big Brother' program, volunteered at homeless shelters, and read to children in libraries. In many of these places, I saw lots of kids that were in abusive homes or living on the streets. It really affected me and made me want to see what I could do to help change the [system]."

Griffith, who just completed her bachelor's degree in criminal justice, said she plans on pursuing a law degree after retiring from the Navy with hopes of one day becoming an investigator or child protective services worker.

"I've always liked law enforcement and I have a strong [desire] to help children," she said.

Much of Griffith's passion to help children stems from her personal struggle to care for her son, Aiden, who was diagnosed with leukemia at two years old.

"The story about my son is a tough one," she said. "After he was diagnosed with leukemia,

we fought for a good year and a half, and there were times where we didn't think he would pull through. But he is finally in remission and has been that way for just over a year now."

Griffith said the hardest decision she had to make, as both a Sailor and a mother, was to let her son live with family members in Houston while she reported for duty to Pearl Harbor.

"It has been really tough, but he has to stay in Houston because if the [leukemia] comes back there is not a treatment facility available for him here," she explained.

Griffith insists that the perseverance she has learned as a Sailor has been the one constant to carry her through the most difficult of days.

"What I have learned from the Navy is that there will always be something in your life that is stressful, but you have to learn how to cope with it," she said. "Sometimes I have days that are so tough, but I have to take a step back and look at it from an open perspective. The Navy has given me so many opportunities like traveling, college and meeting new people. I can say my life in the Navy has definitely been worth it," she added.

Armed with the gift of perseverance and a mother's loving heart, Griffith knows no matter what life may bring, she has the necessary tools to weather any storm.

Diverse Views



What's your proudest moment in the Navy?

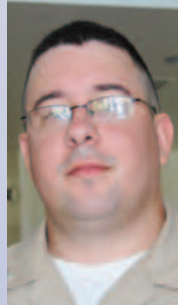
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Logistics Specialist Seaman Apprentice
Krystal Rochier
USS O'Kane (DDG 77)

"My proudest moment was coming back from deployment and seeing all the families and friends on the pier. It made me feel like I accomplished something."

Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS)
Tony Demarchi
USS Santa Fe (SSN 763)



"My proudest moment was when I got my warfare pin."



Personnel Specialist 2nd Class (SW)
Joe Haslem
Personnel Support Detachment

"My proudest moment was the first time I got to a foreign port."

Senior Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/AW)
Nim Salgado
Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



"My proudest moment was when I got promoted to chief the first time, when I first got to wear khakis."



Personnel Specialist 1st Class (AW)
Eugene Asuncion
Personnel Support Detachment

"My proudest moment was when I got capped to first class."

Personnel Specialist 3rd Class
Mariana Carrasco
Personnel Support Detachment



"My proudest moment was when I received my Navy ball cap after battle stations."

(Provided by SN (SW) Rachel Swiatnicki)

Airman Duane Hackney receives Air Force Cross for heroism



Official Air Force photograph from U.S. Air Force National Archives

Airman 1st Class Duane Hackney, an Air Force pararescueman, is presented with an Air Force Cross by Gen. Howell M. Estes Jr., commander of Military Airlift Command, for giving up his parachute and risking his own life during a dangerous 1967 flying mission. Hackney was the most decorated airman in U.S. Air Force history and was the recipient of 28 decorations for valor in combat and more than 70 awards and decorations throughout his entire Air Force career. In 1967, Hackney received the Air Force Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor. At the time, he was the youngest person and the fourth enlisted member to receive this medal.

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NAVFAC Pacific holds change of command ceremony

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific held a change of command ceremony July 9 at the command's headquarters Pearl Harbor.

Rear Adm. Kate Gregory relieved Rear Adm. Michael Giorgione as commander of NAVFAC Pacific.

Gregory was promoted to rear admiral June 1, becoming the first female Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) officer in the history of the Navy to attain the rank.

"Surely the Pacific theater is our Navy and nation's most important theater, and I appreciate the challenges we all face as we carry out our mission and as we take care of our fleet, our families and our shore establishments," said Gregory in her remarks to more than 200 command employees and guests. "We have a lot to do, and I'm ready to get started."

A St. Louis native, Gregory was commissioned as a CEC officer after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982. She arrived in Hawaii from Little Creek, Va., where



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup
Rear Adm. Katherine Gregory walks through the sideboys after assuming the command of Naval Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC PAC) during the NAVFAC PAC change of command ceremony at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters. Gregory is the first female flag officer in the Civil Engineer Corps.

she served as the chief of staff for the 1st Naval Construction Division. She is no stranger to Hawaii, as she previously served as executive officer during the transformation of Public Works Center Pearl Harbor to NAVFAC Hawaii.

Gregory's Seabee tours include assignments as company commander and detachment officer-in-charge, deploying to

Honduras with Amphibious Construction Battalion One, as the Seabee action officer at NAVFAC headquarters in Washington, D.C., and as the executive officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) One.

Gregory's first command tour was as commanding officer of NMCB 133, with deployments to the European and western Pacific theaters. She sub-

sequently served as commander, 30th Naval Construction Regiment, during which she deployed to the Al Anbar Province, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Gregory holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the U.S. Naval Academy, the University of Southern California and George Washington University; has completed the Senior

Executive Program at the London School of Business; is a registered professional engineer in Virginia; and is a qualified military parachutist and Seabee combat warfare officer. Her personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Gregory assumed command of approximately 4,000 military and civilian men and women who work for NAVFAC Pacific and its three NAVFAC commands in Hawaii, Guam and Japan.

Giorgione retires from the Navy today in a ceremony at Annapolis, Md., the place where he was commissioned as a naval officer 29 years ago.

Chung-Hoon, Philippine Coast Guard make coastal areas safer

Story and photo by
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Joint Special Operations
Task Force - Philippines
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SULU SEA, Republic of the Philippines - Sailors from USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, practiced maritime interdiction operations (MIO) with Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) sailors in a shift toward increasing the safety and security of the waters of northern Mindanao.

Members of Philippine Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao and PCG search and rescue vessel BRP Romblon (SAR-3503) participated in the training with Chung-Hoon Sailors in Macajalar Bay, just off the coast of Cagayan de Oro, on June 23-24.

"The training was very impressive and useful," said Ensign Johnny Belarmino, engineering officer and boarding team leader of Romblon. "There's a lot of new techniques and additional knowledge I can impart to my men."

The training consisted of interdiction (day and night) of a training vessel. The PCG personnel learned boarding techniques, proper vessel searches, and questioning and handling of suspects. Visit, board,



Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Nicholas Omeara teaches room entry techniques to members of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) during maritime interdiction operations (MIO) training off the coast of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines. Chung-Hoon, PCG search and rescue vessel BRP Romblon (SAR 3503), and representatives from Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao are conducting MIO training to increase the PCG's capability to help keep coastal areas safe and prevent terrorist and lawless groups from freely moving people, supplies and weapons along coastal regions and sea.

search and seizure (VBSS) team members from Chung-Hoon conducted training on hand-to-hand combat, tactical cover and movement, and room clearing with the PCG Special Operations Group.

"The PCG sailors have been extremely enthusiastic to learn new techniques

and to discuss what they do and to show us their equipment and procedures. It's been a fantastic opportunity to see what they can do," said Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Robert Jennings, a VBSS team member aboard Chung-Hoon.

The goal of the training

was to increase the capability of the PCG to help keep coastal areas safe and to prevent terrorist and lawless groups from trafficking people, supplies and weapons freely along coastal regions and the sea. This is a shift from the PCG's traditional role of search and rescue to mar-

itime security and law enforcement.

"It's a big challenge for us," said Ensign Mary Lou Caoyonan, a PCG officer, "but with the unity and cooperation of different agencies, not just the Coast Guard, other government agencies such as the Philippine National Police

(PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), we can maintain the security of our maritime waters."

The Philippine archipelago is made up of 7,107 islands, creating more than 22,000 miles of coastline for the PCG and Philippine Navy to patrol.

"We are happy to support the Philippine Coast Guard's evolution and efforts to expand its maritime law enforcement role into a multi-mission service," said Cmdr. Stephen Erb, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon.

U.S. Army Special Forces assigned to the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P) facilitated the training between the PCG and U.S. Navy. This level of coordination shows the combined nature of the Philippine and U.S. interaction in the southern Philippines.

The mission of the Philippine Coast Guard is to promote safety of life and property at sea; safeguard the marine environment and resources; enforce all applicable maritime laws; and undertake other activities in support of the mission of the Department of Transportation and Communications.

Chung-Hoon departed June 1 on its western Pacific deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.



Refueling in the sky

A KC-135 stratotanker assigned to the 465th Air Refueling Squadron refuels a B-52 strato-fortress assigned to the Buccaneers of 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron during a sortie supporting Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010. RIMPAC is a biennial, multinational exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve multinational interoperability.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Capt. Christopher Kaiser, commodore, Submarine Squadron 7, (center) presents the 2009 Supply blue "E" award to USS Columbia (SSN 771) supply officer, Lt. j.g. Jamie Steffensmier, (right) and Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SS) Jose Vazquez, on July 9. This award recognizes sustained superior performance for logistics and supply excellence.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Josh Thompson



U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Jody Lee Smith

A Marine amphibious assault vehicle embarked aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7) transitions ashore during a mechanized raid rehearsal on Pyramid Rock Beach at Marine Corps Base Hawaii during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercises.



(Left) The guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) fires a single surface-to-air SM-2 missile off the coast of Hawaii as the ship participates in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercises.

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

(Right) A KC-135 stratotanker maintenance crew assigned to the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepares a KC-135 aircraft for departure to support Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercises.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey



U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye speaks at the F-22 arrival ceremony on July 9, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Senator Inouye was on hand to help usher in a new era between the Hawaii Air National Guard and active duty Air Force. The arrival of the F-22 Raptor marks the beginning of a new associate unit between the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard, and the 15th Wing, active duty Air Force. This is the first time an F-22 Raptor associate unit will be led by the Guard.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

(Below) The F-22 arrival ceremony is held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, July 9. The F-22 Raptor is the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Gustavo Gonzalez



HSL-37 Sailors go above and beyond

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Sailors at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37 go above and beyond the call of duty to help disabled Hawaii residents enjoy the Hawaiian waters in a safe and secure environment.

Most recently, CMDMCM Jim Lyle, the command master chief of HSL-37, Logistics Specialist 3rd Class William Kueffoua and Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Jason Flicstein volunteered at White Plains Beach on July 3 as part of Access Surf's "Day at the Beach" program.

The volunteers arrived early and began setting up equipment.

"Access Surf is ecstatic about the services that the Navy provides, in particular for setup and takedown. CEO Mark Marble used to call up a whole bunch of individuals to set up and we've removed that burden from him totally," said Lyle.

When the volunteers finished setting up, they donned board shorts and rash guards and escorted people in and out of the water using adaptive wheel chairs, surf boards, life jackets and other special equipment.

"They just like being in the water. Some of them have disabilities so they can't go out by themselves. We just want to show them how fun surfing is," he said.

Flicstein took a surf board out and assisted with water safety. As the surf instructors and the participants were paddling out and riding the waves back to the shore, his job was to make sure everybody was safe.

"I'll paddle out on the rescue boards and I'll just sit out there and make sure that if anybody falls



Logistics Specialist 3rd Class William Kueffoua, assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37, left, assists a surf instructor and an Access Surf participant on an adaptive surf board at White Plains Beach. Lyle regularly volunteers his spare time each month to Access Surf, a non-profit organization that provides safe beach access to disabled Hawaii residents free of charge.

off, any of the surfers, I'll put them back on their board with the surf instructor behind them and just make sure everything is safe," he explained.

Lyle first heard about Access Surf from his wife approximately two years ago and has been personally involved for more than one year. Lyle has since then inspired others in his command to volunteer their time to the cause.

"They're afforded a great opportunity here to give back to local ohana," said Lyle. "It's an excellent opportunity and they'll have a story to tell working here with these participants."

Mark Marble, CEO of Access Surf, expressed gratitude for Lyle's support and all the contributions

the volunteers from HSL-37 bring to the organization.

"He saw the need for us to set up all the equipment early, to transport all the equipment, and then to set it up, tear it down, brush off everything," said Marble. "It's physical work and to do that with a handful of volunteers that are sometimes here and sometimes not, it was very hard for the first few years, so when we met Jim and his team, it's been a godsend."

Marble explained how the impact Access Surf has on the local community can be seen on the faces of its participants.

"They are leaving with the biggest smiles on their faces and a changed heart," he said.

Kueffoua, a regular volunteer,

described one such experience.

"I remember two months ago when I helped a lady with disabilities. She doesn't walk. What she told me was she really liked the program; she liked the way we helped her swim. Actually, she never swam in her life," Marble said.

"Now she can swim like many others," he explained.

Lyle said the volunteer opportunities don't interfere with the squadron's maintenance schedules.

"This conveniently is on a Saturday. They're spending a day out at the beach, it's sunny, you're getting your tan, meeting people; it seemed like a win-win situation coming out here," said Lyle.

He also said that the volunteers get just as much out of the experience as its participants.

"Most of them that are here, like today, are repeat [volunteers]. In the morning they come out and surf beforehand, they meet people, they get to paddle out, and they get credit for volunteer hours and it seems like a no-brainer for them," explained Lyle.

"It means a lot to me. Actually, a lot of my own ideology is that life is all about helping others. I feel happy; I feel my value when I help," said Kueffoua. "I heard about it from CMC Jim Lyle; he's the one who got me into the program and I actually like it more than he does."

For Flicstein, it's a chance to serve his community while getting to do something he loves.

"I just like being able to help people and I feel it's very easy for me to help these people," said Flicstein. "I love surfing so I figured this would be perfect for me."

Access Surf is a non-profit organization that provides safe beach access and assistance free of charge to anyone with physical and mental disabilities on the island of Oahu.

"Day at the Beach" is held on the first Saturday of every month at White Plains Beach and is open free of charge to anyone with a physical or mental disability free of charge.

In addition to a "Day at the Beach," Access Surf also provides beach accessibility for other events such as surf competitions.

"The non-profit organizations count on volunteers to make it happen, and without volunteers, the non-profit organizations cannot properly function," said Kueffoua. "A non-profit organization like Access Surf never has enough volunteers."



Check for PACAF programs

(From left to right): Pacific Air Forces Command Chief Brooke McLean; Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Gary North; Renee Acosta, Combined Federal Campaign overseas representative; Capt. Genieve David, 13th Air Force, and Maj. Gen. Doug Owens, Pacific Air Forces vice commander; pose with a check presented to Gen. North from Acosta on behalf of CFC. The check presentation took place at the Kenney Conference Center, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on July 8. Pacific Air Forces worldwide donated \$1.3 million dollars to the CFC this year. Acosta presented a check to Pacific Air Forces for \$69,635.11 to help support the PACAF Family Support and Youth Programs.

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Seminar to spotlight opportunities for women in military and civil service

Lt. Theresa Donnelly

Pacific Command Public Affairs

Highlighting programs for women in the military and government service, representatives from Commander, U.S. Pacific Command and Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet's (CPF) diversity group will host a seminar at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapel (fellowship hall) on July 28. The session, scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., will feature opening remarks by Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, who assumed command July 9 of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific. Gregory made history June 1 as the first female Civil Engineer Corps officer in the Navy to attain rear admiral.

"This forum is intended to provide a platform for issues concerning Sailors, Airmen and women who are increasingly holding some of the top positions in the military," said Kay Wakabayashi, head of CPF's diversity team.

"It will also give attendees the opportunity to learn about organizations and programs, which offer women career development programs and ways to network with one another," she added. Speakers will also share key takeaways from recent diversity conferences organized by Sea Service Leadership Association and Federally Employed Women (FEW). Sea Services Leadership Association supports professional development and provides a forum for information to women in the Navy,



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Rear Adm. Katherine Gregory reads her orders as she relieves Rear Adm. Michael Giorgione as commander of Naval Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC PAC) during the NAVFAC PAC change of command ceremony at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters. Gregory is the first female flag officer in the Civil Engineer Corps.

Coast Guard and Marine Corps.

Federally Employed Women (FEW) is a private membership organization that works as an advocacy group to improve the status of women employed by the federal government and by the District of Columbia government.

Next spring, the annual Washington, D.C. conference is moving to San Diego and plans to invite members of the Air Force, making the largest gathering of women in uniform even more inclusive.

Throughout the session,

speakers will discuss emerging policies affecting female service members, such as the inclusion of women on submarines, work-life balance concerns and raising children in the military. A brief from the Navy's Office of Women Policy and a discussion of the NavyWomen eMentor program are also planned, providing statistics regarding women in the Navy and ways to network professionally with each other.

No reservations are required, but for more information call Lt. Theresa Donnelly at 477-9611.

Hopper Sailors practice live-firing against targets

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that experience where there's an expendable craft that's used as a target, that's outstanding," said Abbot. "To experience it first hand is amazing."

The goal of the SINKEX training exercise was for the crew to gain proficiency in tactics, targeting and live-firing against targets.

"It made me exceptionally proud to see," said Abbott, in reference to the SINKEX. "To be able to hit the target is a good moment, and it really represented how efficient we are as a small navy. It's a great show of force from everyone."

Abbott, who has been taking duties as a conning officer aboard Hopper since the beginning of RIMPAC, said that he was impressed at how friendly the crew was.

"I think the American people that I've met have been great," said Abbott. "The officers and enlisted alike have been really friendly. Everyone says 'good morning.'"

RIMPAC 2010 is a biennial event designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve multinational interoperability. This marks the 22nd exercise in the series since the first RIMPAC exercise began in 1971.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

- July 22 – USS Chosin and cruiser modernization
- July 29 - RIMPAC wrap-up
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- Aug. 12 – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard apprentice graduation
- Aug. 19 – CARAT
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Sailors from Naval Special Warfare Boat Team 20 rescue tourists from a capsized boat July 7 in the Delaware River near Philadelphia.

Naval Special Warfare Sailors rescue nine from overturned tour boat

Naval Special Warfare Command Public Affairs

(Editor's note: Special Boat Operator 1st Class Garrett Rodriguez of Maui, Hawaii was one of the Naval Special Warfare Command Sailors who responded to a distress call when a tour boat capsized in the Delaware River.)

PHILADELPHIA – Sailors from Special Boat Team 20 helped rescue nine people from an overturned tourist boat in the Delaware River on July 7.

According to Philadelphia police, the boat was struck by a barge and capsized, throwing 35 passengers and two crew members in the water.

Twelve Naval Special Warfare boat operators at nearby Penn's Landing

immediately responded to a radio distress call and sped to the scene in small boats to recover people in the river. "We were the first responders," said 25-year-old Garrett Rodriguez, a special boat operator first class from Maui, Hawaii. "Some of us jumped out and started grabbing people. They were just exhausted, in shock."

Rodriguez said some of his team members pulled people into boats while others jumped off a jetty and swam to tourists struggling in the water.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Patrick Perdew, a 33-year-old Louisville, Ky. medic assigned to the boat team, said the nine passengers they rescued didn't have discernible injuries and were ambulatory when they brought them ashore.

The Navy crew mem-

bers worked together with the Coast Guard, Philadelphia Police and fire rescue teams.

"We were just happy to help," said Navy SEAL Capt. Chuck Wolf, the commander of Naval Special Warfare Group Four. "The city responders deserve all of the credit, but our guys really showed why the Navy is 'America's Navy: A Global Force for Good,' and it shows our ability to adapt to our surroundings and assist with any and all situations."

The boat team was in Philadelphia to attend community relations functions and was preparing to get underway and return to their base in Virginia Beach.

For more information on Naval Special Warfare, visit www.seal.navy.mil or www.sealswcc.com.

Bonhomme Richard Sailors lend helping hand to Oahu community

MC2 Joseph Ebalo

USS Bonhomme Richard Public Affairs

Sailors aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) participated in various community service (COMSERVE) projects June 28 to July 2 during a port visit to Pearl Harbor, in conjunction with the biennial multinational Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercise.

During their stay, more than 50 Sailors volunteered their time to help out the local community with four different COMSERVE events on and off Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Sailors rolled up their sleeves and assisted in the preservation of the Battleship Missouri Memorial and performed landscaping and restoration at the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden, Waimea Valley Historical Nature Park and He'eia Stream.

"In addition to sightseeing and enjoying the local nightlife, I wanted to do something constructive with my free time so I volunteered to help out at more than one event," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate Fuels 2nd Class (AW/SW) Albert Vencer. "Being from Warren, Mich., I never imagined I would ever be in Hawaii helping clear out a hiking path through the mountains, waterfalls and jungle. The sun was



U.S. photo by MCI Janell Alvarez

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels) Airman Denise Reber, assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), participates in a community service project at the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens in Oahu. Bonhomme Richard is visiting Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as part of the 22nd Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010.

really hot out there and the mosquitoes were biting, but it was worth it. I enjoyed myself and I found a new way to experience the island."

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Former Sailor Farrow to return as air boss for September Kaneohe Bay Air Show

Story and photo by
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Hawaii Marine

Not every pilot is allowed to fly upside down. During the Marine Corps Base Hawaii presents the Kaneohe Bay Air Show, pilots will work with Robert Farrow, the 2010 air boss, before they can take to the skies with the Federal Aviation Administration's blessing. He's an integral part of the Sept. 25-26 air show.

Marine Lt. Col. Mark Arboreaux, air show coordinator, has known Farrow since December of last year, when they both attended the International Council of Air Shows convention.

Arboreaux, described Farrow as a "good guy, hard worker."

"We get along really well," Arboreaux said.

Farrow, of Shelby, N.C., who regularly works as a supervisory air traffic control specialist at Marine Corps Air Station, is a retired Navy chief petty officer.

Enlisting in 1975, Farrow was an electrician before he started working in air traffic control.

"I have loved every second of it," Farrow said.

Farrow coordinated his first air show in 1985 at Naval Air Station Fallon in Nevada. He called his first experience "exciting and interesting," but also "overwhelming."

Now a seasoned veteran, he says coordinating an air show involves following safety regulations and making sure proper waivers are completed so performers are allowed to do certain aerobatics with their aircraft. Performers must also have the proper credentials before they can be part of the show. Farrow not only works with the performers, but also with



U.S. Navy photo

Robert Farrow, supervisory air traffic control specialist, Marine Corps Air Station, of Shelby, N.C.; Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Guilford, air traffic controller, MCAS, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Bell, air traffic controller, MCAS, from Quinter, Kansas, are pictured at work. Farrow is the air boss for the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Presents the Kaneohe Bay Air Show on Sept. 25-26.

an FAA inspector.

He has worked on air shows at Barbers Point, Hickam Air Force Base and two previous air shows aboard MCB Hawaii.

"The air show industry's almost like a big family," Farrow said. "You end up meeting a lot of people that you see year after year, and then there's new people that come into this industry every year as well."

Farrow said one of the biggest challenges he faces

as air boss is managing the schedule. The schedule can be modified as the day goes on.

"It's a lot of time management," Farrow said. "[It's like being the] conductor of an orchestra."

"There's all the different pieces [that] individually would be fine, but they all have to come together during the show," Farrow said.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Pete O'Hare, air show director, has known Farrow for almost four

years. O'Hare, worked with him on the 2007 Blues on the Bay Air Show here. Farrow was a "calming influence" on everyone. "He is knowledgeable," O'Hare said. "Everyone pays very close attention to him, and he generates and instills confidence in all the performers and the air show director."

Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Garibay, the facility watch supervisor for MCAS, has also known Farrow for about four years. Garibay, who

worked with Farrow as the mini boss for the 2007 air show, called Farrow "thorough."

"He never misses a detail," Garibay said. "Every 'i' is dotted and 't' is crossed."

Garibay recalls a time during the previous air show when Farrow had been so engrossed in his work that he hadn't had a meal for two days.

"I finally had to get him some food and force him to take a break to eat," Garibay said with a laugh.

But amidst his hard work, Farrow doesn't take all the credit.


"There's a lot of people that are involved in the air show that we couldn't do without their help as well," Farrow said. "It's not just the director and the air boss and the coordinator, there's literally thousands of people that get involved in putting on a show."

For more information about the September air show, visit <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/airshow>.

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FISC employee receives Medal of Valor

Ava C. Bronson

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor

A 19-year-old worker at Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor was recently awarded the Civilian Medal of Valor during a ceremony at the Charles H. Thurston Training Center.

The award was presented to Herbert "Maka" Kaio-Campbell by Mayor Mufi Hannemann and the Honolulu Fire Department.

Maka is credited with saving the life of a teenage girl at Makapu'u Beach Park in Waimanalo on Oct. 2, 2009. He was boogie boarding at the beach and was leaving just before sundown when he noticed a teenage girl struggling in one of the most dangerous parts of the bay. He watched her briefly, and when it became apparent that she could not get out on her own, he pulled on his



U.S. Navy photo by Jim Murray

Herbert 'Maka' Kaio-Campbell (far right), a fuel employee with the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor, was recently awarded the Medal of Valor during a ceremony at the Honolulu Fire Department Training Center. Maka was credited with saving the life of a teenager struggling in rough surf at Makapu'u Beach. Also recognized for his role in the lifesaving effort was Maka's brother, Louis Kaio-Campbell, who is shown alongside Maka. On hand for the presentation were Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann (left) and Sylvia Waiwaiiole-Hopfe, vice chair of the Honolulu Fire Commission.

swim fins and jumped into the water.

"I knew she was drowning," he recalled.

By the time he reached the spot where he had last seen her, she was no longer there. Maka had to look for her under the water.

After feeling blindly for the swimmer through the confusing blur of sand particles, turbulence and the dimming sunlight, he found the unresponsive teenage girl and towed her from the left side of the bay to back out to sea, away from the riptide. He then worked his way down the beach until the current released its grip on him and began to head back to shore, fighting his way through the waves.

"Sometimes I had her arm, sometimes her leg, and sometimes even her hair," he said. "My adrenaline was pumping."

Maka's 16-year-old brother, Louis Kaio-Campbell, reached Maka with a boogie board and helped bring the

girl to shore.

As they pulled her up the beach, Maka feared that his efforts might have been in vain.

"She was gone," he said. "I was freaking out."

Maka and Louis applied pressure to her chest until she lifted her head and threw up.

"I was really happy," Maka said.

At that point, he sat back exhausted on the sand while his brother and bystanders continued working on her. The ambulance and off-duty lifeguards arrived a few minutes later.

Maka rescued the girl around 6:30 p.m., about an hour after the last lifeguard shift.

Maka has never seen the girl again and doesn't know her name. But Maka said that is unimportant. In his heart, he knows he stepped forward to help a fellow human in her moment of need. And what more can a man ask of himself?

Ribbon-cutting marks completion of Hotel Pier upgrades

A ribbon-cutting ceremony that was recently held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) marked the completion of a \$5 million refurbishing of the JBPHH hotel pier. The latest upgrades to the historic pier began in November 2009 and was the first major overhaul of the pier since the last round of renovations were completed in 1997. George Cook, Alan Higuchi, Capt. Randy Moore, former commander of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor; Lt. John Casilio and Lt. Cmdr. Scott Hedrick participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of a \$5 million refurbishing of the Joint Base Hickam-Pearl Harbor's Hotel Pier.

U.S. Navy photo

