

RIMPAC 2010 OFFICIALLY OPENS

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Top military leaders from 14 partner nations held a press conference to officially launch the 2010 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 28.

Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT), and Vice Adm. Richard Hunt, commander, Combined Task Force, welcomed the participating foreign navies as they announced the official start of the month-long exercise.

"For us to be able to hold this exercise today represents a substantial commitment by the countries that are participating and represented here," said Walsh. "Our goal is to ensure a reciprocal level of commitment in terms of training opportunities for those who are here."

The exercise will bring together units and personnel from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and the United States.



U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Rachel Swiatnicki | U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Gustavo Gonzalez

"It's an honor to stand here before you with the leadership that we have from each of the 14 nations

that are represented in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2010," said Hunt. "Throughout the one-month

period, a tremendous gathering of like minded nations will be working together to secure the maritime domain

in a way that we have not been able to achieve in the past. We really look forward to the exercise."

Walsh said that information sharing is a key enabler and a force multiplier which is one of the key points of the exercise.

"It gives us opportunities when we have the ability to communicate with each other to take full advantage of the respective capabilities that each nation brings to the sea," said Walsh.

During the exercise, participating countries will conduct gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises, as well as maritime interdiction and vessel boarding, explosive ordnance disposal, diving and salvage operations, mine clearance operations and an amphibious landing.

Hunt said that the exercise will also emphasize littoral operations with ships like littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1), the French frigate Prairial (F 731) and the Singapore frigate RSS Supreme (70).

RIMPAC is the world's largest multi-national maritime exercise, and will take place in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands. The exercise is themed "Combined Agility, Synergy and Support," and marks the 22nd exercise in the series that originated in 1971.



Staff Sergeant Philip Vallenta, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, reinforces a container delivery system bundle in preparation of a 25 bundle air drop totaling more than 90,000 pounds. The drop was accomplished on June 24 in support of the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC).

Air Force ramps up for RIMPAC

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

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A C-17 Globemaster III from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam dropped supplies to Marines on the island of Hawaii on June 24 as part of the 2010 Rim of the Pacific exercise.

This is the first year that C-17s are participating in RIMPAC, the largest maritime, biennial exercise in the world, which is in its 22nd year of existence. Interoperability is a key element of regional security and RIMPAC tests participating nations and strengthens their ability to communicate and operate in simulated air, land and maritime scenarios.

Crew members from the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) said they felt very fortunate to have the opportunity to mark history by being the first C-17 squadron to participate in the exercise.

The crew used the improved container delivery system (ICDS) to drop more than 25,000 pounds of sup-

plies to Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawaii who are deployed to the island of Hawaii, said aircraft commander Maj. Paul Anderson.

"We conducted a single ship mission in which we dropped 25 ICDS bundles over a new drop zone on the Big Island of Hawaii to Marines from Kaneohe Bay in support of the RIMPAC 2010 exercise," said Anderson, a native of Duncanville, Texas.

"The method we used is the same as what we utilize in Afghanistan and is more accurate than the old system, which is important when we drop supplies to troops in forward operating areas where we can't get low enough because there is a threat, it's dusk or there isn't a runway available to land," Anderson added.

"This type of training is not done typically in Hawaii so it was good for our pilots and loadmasters to be able to conduct this type of real-world training that most of them haven't seen here," he said.

Exercises like RIMPAC promote closer military-to-

military bonds that help establish clear lines of communication and focus collective efforts on today's regional and global challenges.

"This was the first joint operational drop conducted in Hawaii," said Capt. Michael Boyer, a 535th AS co-pilot and a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. "The Marines were very accommodating and we look forward to working with them more in the future."

RIMPAC will include 14 nations, 34 ships, five submarines, more than 170 aircraft and 20,000 personnel from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and the United States, while Brazil, India and New Zealand will be sending observers. The exercise runs from June 23 through Aug. 1 in the Hawaiian operating area in and around the islands of Hawaii.

Fifteen units from the U.S. Air Force and associated personnel are here as part of the combined air component for the exercise.



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith (left), commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Mufi Hannemann, mayor of the city and county of Honolulu, and Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii Fire Chief Glenn de Laura, speak to local television stations during a conference to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOA) on June 28 at Honolulu Hale in Honolulu. The MOA is for mutual aid emergency medical services agreement with FFD and the city and county of Honolulu's emergency medical services (EMS) department.

Federal Fire Department Hawaii partners with City of Honolulu

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Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Mufi Hannemann, mayor of the city and county of Honolulu, signed a memorandum of understanding for a mutual aid emergency medical service (EMS) agreement between Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii and the city and county of Honolulu's EMS division at Honolulu Hale in Honolulu on June 28.

The mutual aid agreement will permit the city and FFD to assist one another to provide coordinated and enhanced emergency care for military and civilian communities.

The agreement will also provide an opportunity for the two organizations to train together and share resources.

"I am very proud of the FFD for initiating this mutual aid agreement, and I appreciate the city of Honolulu for joining this partnership on behalf of our service members, civilians and families," said Smith. "We look forward to working with the city in continuing to provide safe, effective and efficient care."

Hannemann talked about the importance of FFD and the city's EMS division's partnership.

"This mutual aid agreement allows the city and the Navy to support each other in providing valuable and proficient pre-hospital care to those in need," stated Hannemann. "It is partnerships like these that make it possible for the city to con-

tinually ensure the health and safety of everyone in our community."

FFD Fire Chief Glenn De Laura noted the significance of the memorandum of understanding agreement.

"The memorandum of understanding will give flexibility to a coordinated response between agencies, and it will also enhance response times while providing proper emergency medical care to both military and civilians," De Laura said.

FFD is a multi-service organization that provides comprehensive fire and emergency services to Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard installations around the island of Oahu.

Honolulu's EMS division provides all emergency ambulance services on the island of Oahu.



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Multi-national submarines participate in RIMPAC 2010

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The Republic of Korea Submarine (ROKS) Lee Eokgi (SS 071) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in early June, and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine Mochishio (SS 600) arrived June 21 to participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise that began June 23 and continues through Aug. 1.

These two submarines, along with U.S. Navy submarines USS Bremerton (SSN 698), USS Pasadena (SSN 752) and USS Columbus (SSN 762), will participate in numerous operations displaying their warfare capabilities during RIMPAC.

RIMPAC is a multi-national exercise that prepares forces to be interoperable and ready for a wide range of potential operations. The biennial exercise affords an opportunity to train and operate in a multi-national environment, strengthening mar-



Line handlers stand by on the pier as the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine Mochishio (SS 600) arrives June 21 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise. JMSDF Mochishio is one of two foreign submarines that will participate in RIMPAC, a multi-national biennial exercise that prepares forces to be interoperable and ready for a wide range of potential operations. This year's exercise is scheduled for June 23 through Aug. 1.

itime partnerships while increasing personnel proficiency and honing participants' ability to adapt to changing environments.

"RIMPAC is a great opportunity to train and work together as a team,

establish a strong partnership with various military forces and having the capability of executing any task." said Lt. Cmdr. Myungho Jung, executive officer of ROKS Lee Eokgi. "This mission has already

presented a positive impact on the crew. To be able to communicate to each other with a full understanding, despite the language barrier, displays camaraderie, a true milestone in the career of each

and every one of them."

The exercise is designed to enhance the tactical proficiency of units in a variety of sea operations. This year, 14 nations, 32 ships, five submarines, more than 170 aircraft and 20,000 person-

nel will participate in the biennial RIMPAC in the Hawaiian operating area in and around the islands of Hawaii.

"This training exercise is of vital importance for the crew of Mochishio," said Cmdr. Yasuteru Ueta, commanding officer, JMSDF Mochishio. "To have the opportunity to compare and improve their submarine tactical skills and training techniques with not only U.S. forces, but with forces from all over the world will strengthen their knowledge in joint training operations."

"The crew of the Pasadena is excited to be a part of this multi-national exercise," said Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Steve Boching, USS Pasadena assistant navigator. "RIMPAC is an excellent opportunity for us to strengthen ties with our allies and the numerous types of at-sea training attained will be invaluable to all submariners who are participating."

Hosted by Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2010 is themed "Combined Agility, Synergy and Support," and marks the 22nd exercise in the series that originated in 1971.

USS Emory S. Land makes first port call in two years en route to Diego Garcia

MC3 Anna L. Arndt

USS Emory S. Land

Following a two-year shipyard availability period and completing the first ever submarine tender hybrid crew conversion, USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 22. The crew set sail on June 14 from its old homeport of Bremerton, Wash., beginning a 61-day, 10,000 mile voyage to the ship's new homeport of Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory.

"The ship looks terrific and has operated very well, and our new hybrid crew has performed exceptionally well, despite having little sailing time together," said Cmdr Christopher Carter, the ship's executive officer.

While the hybrid crew conversion joins Navy Sailors and Military Sealift Command (MSC) civilian mariners, unlike typical MSC vessels, Emory S. Land remains a United States ship under the command of a U.S. Navy captain, currently Capt. Edward B. Seal.

Carter explained, "The way the crew has operated the ship during this transit to Pearl is a true testament to the high quality seamanship of our civilian mariners and professionalism of our Sailors. Together we are quickly becoming a formidable team, eager to take our mission forward."

"The ship is in great shape. One would never know she is 30 years old," said Master Chief Hull Technician (SW) Larry Rucker, command master chief. "The crew is very excited about Pearl Harbor being their first port-of-call since 2007, and having the opportunity to experience Oahu's great hospitality, culture and scenery. Though the week-long stop in Hawaii will be primarily a working port, the crew will have opportunities to see the sights and enjoy everything Hawaii has to offer," he added.

"I think the crew as a whole is very excited to be pulling into Pearl Harbor," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Shipman, production maintenance assistant. "Many of them have not been to any port out of the continental United States and therefore are looking forward to the experience."



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW/AW/SCW) Ronald Gutridge

USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) renders honors as she passes the USS Arizona Memorial upon arrival for a port visit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on June 22. Emory S. Land is conducting a homeport shift from Bremerton, Wash. to her new homeport of Diego Garcia.

Land's crew has labored countless hours in preparation for this homeport shift voyage. While in port, Emory S. Land will undergo two major inspections; the first, an anti-terrorism/force protection certification inspection, administered by the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "This comprehensive assessment will evaluate the entire spectrum of the ship's force protection and security programs, thereby ensuring Emory S. Land is fully combat-ready prior to transiting the Pacific Ocean to Diego Garcia," said Lt. Cmdr Kenneth Teasley, ship's weapons officer.

The second inspection is a ship material assessment and readiness testing (SMART), which will be performed by inspectors from the Military Sealift Command, with support provided by the Navy's Board of INSURV. "SMART inspections are normally conducted following major shipyard period for the purpose of assessing a ship's material condition and fitness for further service," said Andrew Lindey, former chief mate and now SMART coordinator.

"The crew as a whole has worked very hard to get ready for the change of home port," Shipman said. "From preparing their families and personal matters, to preparing their work centers and the ship's requirements for self-protection and safety, many hours of hard work have gone into

getting to where we are today - ready to sail into our new homeport and be successful."

One of only two submarine tenders in the Navy's ship inventory, Emory S. Land will provide expeditionary ship repair and maintenance capabilities to fast-attack and guided missile submarines operating in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility

from its forward base in Diego Garcia.

"The services we will provide are many and varied," Shipman said. "We will be able to repair tended units in our new homeport, along with providing many needed services such as medical and supply. We will also be able to pull into other ports and provide a stable mooring location with

power, water and other services to allow Navy assets to visit more locations. This will increase the visibility and use of the U.S. Navy as ambassadors to more countries."

Chief Interior Communications Specialist Cody Owings noted that without the hard work of both the civilian mariners and

Sailors, this voyage would not be possible.

"I congratulate the crew for all the hard work, sweat and tears they have put into this hybrid project to make it successful," Owings said. "It's always nice to say that we were the first to do it, and make it work. We have worked our tails off to get to this point, and it's very rewarding to see our hard work pay off."

Diego Garcia is a coral atoll, the largest island of the Chagos Archipelago, and is located in the Indian Ocean approximately 1,000 miles south of the southern coast of India. It is part of the British Indian Ocean Territory. Because of the island's isolated location, Diego Garcia is designated a dependent-restricted assignment by the Department of the Navy, thereby limiting tours for Sailors to 12 months.

While operating from this remote outpost, the crew of Emory S. Land is looking forward to opportunities to take its submarine and ship maintenance capabilities to new ports of call.

Emory S. Land is assigned to Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

USS Reagan arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

Spectators watch in awe as they welcome the USS Reagan, a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, as it approaches Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hi. June 29 to participate in the 2010 "Rim of the Pacific" exercise. RIMPAC is the world's largest maritime exercise held biennially in June and July in Honolulu, Hawaii under the leadership of United States Pacific Command.

MCPON sends 2010 Independence Day message to the fleet



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

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Independence Day message to the fleet June 30:

“Shipmates and Navy families, As we celebrate our great nation’s 234th birthday, I hope that we all take time to reflect on the meaning of our independence and the sacrifices of those who have gone before us and those who continue to serve our nation.

Each and every one of you has a role in preserving the ideals the United States was founded upon. You are all patriots in defense of liberty and protectors of our independence, and I’m so very proud of you

and your families for your dedication to our nation and our great Navy.

As you celebrate the Fourth of July, please keep in mind that many of our Sailors are deployed and can’t be with their loved ones, but they do so in order that our fellow Americans can spend it with theirs. Currently, we have more than half of our ships and submarines underway, including five carriers and six large-deck amphibious ships, and more than 10,000 individual augmentees deployed ‘boots on ground’ around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.

Another item I would like for all of you to keep in mind, especially during this holiday, is safety. We must look out for our shipmates, families and friends as we take to the highways, waterways and our back yards. The Navy was successful during Memorial Day with zero fatalities, so I challenge you to keep our success rate. Use caution and practice ORM (operational risk management) when driving, participating in water activities or just conducting everyday activities. As you know, many personnel will be out and about, and if you decide to drink, don’t drive and have a plan to get home. Shipmates, stay safe and enjoy your much-deserved time off with your family and friends.

I’m honored to serve among you, and I’m thankful for all that you do in defense of our nation and our Navy.

Stay focused, stay alert and stay safe; happy Independence Day, Hooyah!”

Motorcycle safety is top priority at JBP HH safety brief

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The 13th Air Force chief of safety outlined a new program to provide advanced training to military motorcycle riders during the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam safety stand-down brief at Sharkey Theater on June 21.

Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Benham introduced the Advanced Rider Track Days course, a program sanctioned by the California Superbike School that teaches motorcycle riders how to perform maneuvers at street speeds in a controlled environment.

“The Advanced Rider Track Day is a level of motorcycle training above and beyond what the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation] courses teach, where we set up a road course on the flight line using cones to create a track that allows us to provide training at realistic street speeds,” said Benham. “The training is really focused on teaching good cornering skills, how to be able to make the bike be stable and predictable, and how

to maximize your traction throughout the corner.”

Benham explained the importance of providing an additional level of training for military riders.

“Anytime you provide better training, it gives people skills to get themselves out of bad situations and it also helps them shape better judgment so they don’t put themselves in bad situations in the first place,” he said.

Benham also said the tracks days will provide a safe avenue for sport bike riders to test the limits of their motorcycles.

“People who regularly ride on the track tend not to ride on the street. If they do ride on the street, they feel less comfortable riding aggressively,” explained Benham. “Hopefully, we’ll have enough capacity for anybody to come out as often as they want and get that aggressive riding out of their system in a safe environment, also getting some training in the process because it’s supervised riding. It’s supervised by some of the best motorcycle instructors in the entire world,” he said.

The program was introduced by the Marine Corps in 2008 as a response to an increasing number of motorcycle-related fatalities.

Since then, Marine Corps Base Hawaii has been hosting track day events on a regular basis at Kaneohe Bay for service members of all branches.

Benham, a motorcycle rider himself, said he participated in at least six of the Marine Corps track days and that he learned more from them than he did from the basic and advanced sport bike courses taught by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).

“After seeing the value, I tried to bring this training over to the Air Force,” Benham said. “Now that this is a joint base, the Navy is going to be involved as well and we’ve worked together in selling the program to both the Air Force and the Navy here on Oahu, and so we expect to be able to offer it at the joint base here in the next few months.”

Currently, all military motorcycle riders are required to complete the MSF’s Basic Riders and the Advanced/Military Sport Bike Riders’ courses offered on base.

F-22 Raptor dedication ceremony

The dedication of the first F-22 Raptor based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the Hawaii Air National Guard is scheduled for 9 a.m. July 9 at the base operations building. Active duty and their families are invited to observe this significant and historic event. Parking on site is extremely limited. Attendees should plan to take shuttle busses from the Burger King and Base Exchange parking lot. For more information, call 15th Wing Public Affairs at 449-2490 or Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs at 448-3214.

A date under the palm



Official U.S. Navy photograph, U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command
A Navy Sailor and his companion enjoy the beach view and scenery underneath a palm tree at the Gulf Coast Naval Air Station, circa 1945.

Diverse Views



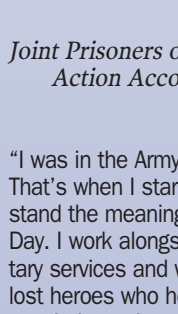
What does the Fourth of July mean to you?

(from Airmen at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam)



Tech Sgt. Kevin Thompson
Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC)

“In my younger age, my father and I used to do re-enactments with the Yankee group in Florida, so all the way from that time, it was instilled in me the significance of the Fourth of July. Obviously, you adapt to a sense that you are now a part of what keeps our country independent from foreign threats.”



Ben Fansen
Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC)

“I was in the Army for five years. That’s when I started to really understand the meaning of Independence Day. I work alongside of all the military services and we search for the lost heroes who helped our country stay independent in the past foreign wars. So that has a big significance on why I feel so strongly about Independence Day. It’s a lot more than just fireworks and barbecues.”



Airman 1st Class Bradley Joplin
647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES)

“It’s big, especially since I’m in the military it means a lot to me. Before it was about fireworks, but the meaning of the event didn’t mean anything to me. I couldn’t really put it in perspective until I got in the military.”

Airman 1st Class Randy Cooper (daughter Trinity)
647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES)



“To me, it’s all about the celebration of freedom. There are shows and fireworks, but when it comes down to it, it’s all about freedom. I always celebrated it that way, but it does mean more to me now.”

(Provided by Randy Dela Cruz)

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Catch a Falling Star: Historical top-secret mission will celebrate 50th anniversary

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Next month marks the 50th anniversary of the first successful aerial recovery mission made by the 6594th Test Group Squadron, formerly based at Hickam Air Force Base.

As part of the highly classified Corona Satellite Program, a top secret Air Force spy satellite project, the 6594th Test Group's mission was to retrieve film capsules, returning from orbiting U.S. spy satellites, that contained important photo reconnaissance data.

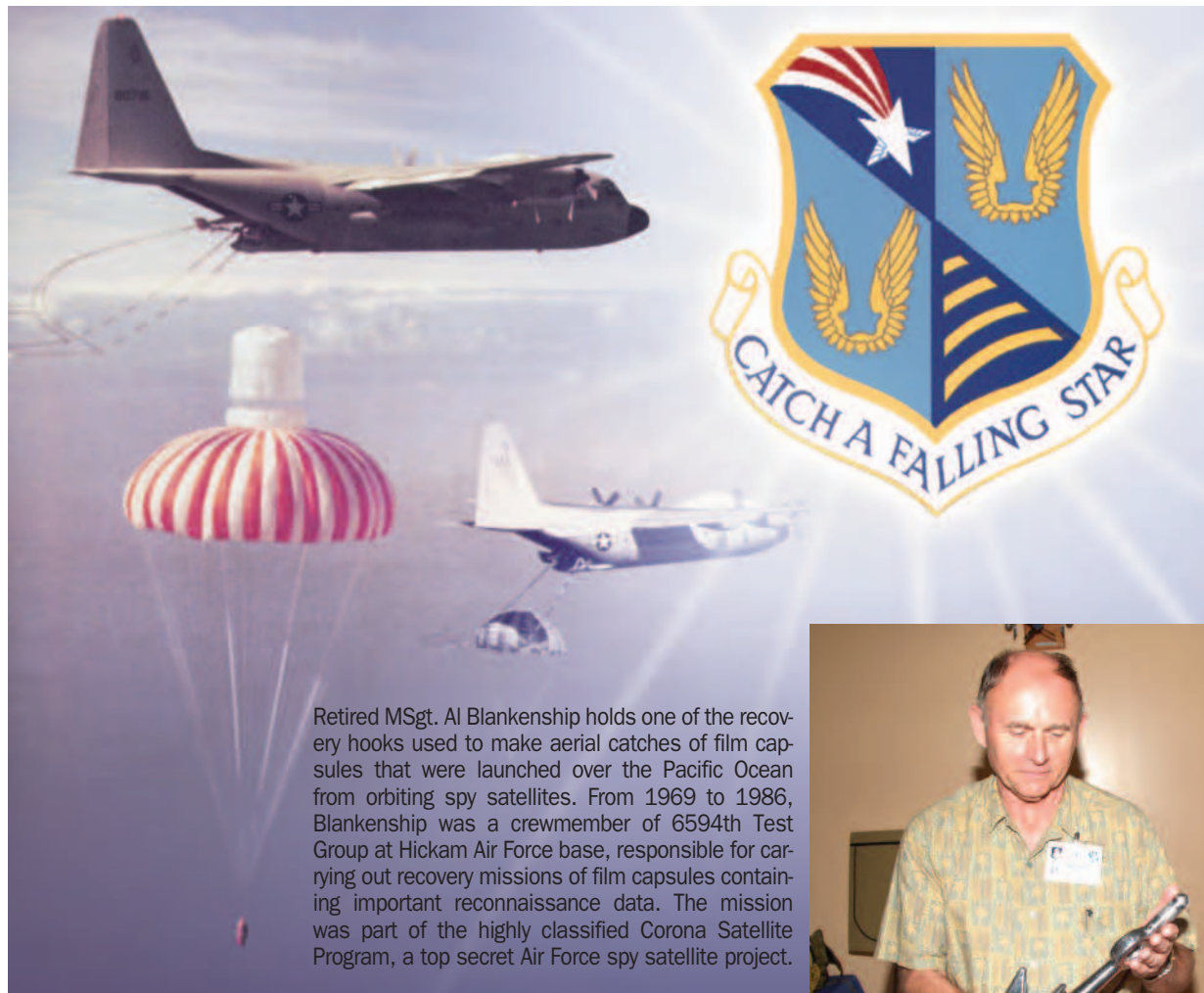
On Aug. 19, 1960, the first successful aerial recovery of a de-orbited Discoverer 14 film capsule was made, marking two major milestones for the U.S.; the first return of an object placed in earth's orbit and the first pictures of earth captured from space.

Initially called the "Discoverer Space Technology Program" in 1958, the program was later referred to by its code name, "Corona."

Since the Hawaiian Islands were the only location for U.S. satellite film capsule recovery, the 6594th Test Group, which employed nearly 1,000 Air Force personnel, was the only organization that performed this important mission and their slogan became "Catch a Falling Star."

Between 1958 and 1986, the group accomplished 40,000 aerial recoveries and captured more than 200 film capsules, ranging in cost from \$7 to \$250 million each. In 1996, the Corona Satellite program was finally declassified.

Retired Master Sgt. Al Blankenship worked as a crew member for 6594th Test Group from December 1969 until September 1986, when the mission ended.



Retired MSgt. Al Blankenship holds one of the recovery hooks used to make aerial catches of film capsules that were launched over the Pacific Ocean from orbiting spy satellites. From 1969 to 1986, Blankenship was a crewmember of 6594th Test Group at Hickam Air Force base, responsible for carrying out recovery missions of film capsules containing important reconnaissance data. The mission was part of the highly classified Corona Satellite Program, a top secret Air Force spy satellite project.

After joining the Air Force right out of high school in 1965, the Oregon native said he was lucky to be assigned to a unit responsible for carrying out such a rare but important mission.

"Because I had taken physics and chemistry classes in high school, I got into a smaller research and development electronics career field which would later lead me to this one-of-a-kind unit," he said. "I was very lucky because my career field used the latest technology and we went on very important missions. It was a lot more interesting than other jobs where you sit behind a desk all day."

Blankenship served as an airborne telemetry operator

and maintainer for the JC-130 "Hercules" aircraft that were used to catch the satellite film capsules. Later he was in charge of maintaining the electronic and electrical systems used for both aerial and surface recoveries that utilized JC-130 and HH-53C aircraft.

He said his unit used modified cargo planes rigged with a winch, dolly and two 34-foot poles holding eight large recovery hooks that would be extended during flight to make "mid-air catches" of film capsules as they descended by parachute over the Pacific Ocean.

In the early 1970s, Blankenship flew on 13 mission aerial recoveries and witnessed the mission first-

hand from the plane.

"Everything was focused around the estimated time the parachute would deploy," he said. "There would be five planes flying in the ballpark 600 miles long and 50 miles wide. We would take off to be in our place one hour before the parachute deployment and listen for the telemetry signal. Once we got it, the commander made the call and the crew in the best position proceeded to make the catch."

According to Blankenship, aerial recoveries were used in capturing more than 90 percent of all launched film capsules throughout the 27-

year mission.

"Aerial recoveries were preferred because the capsules were coming down at 1,500-feet-a-minute so when they hit the water they would go under about 12 to 15 feet," he explained. "When they go under, salt water gets inside, damaging some of the film and data inside the capsule."

When surface recovery was needed, helicopters and Navy ships were on hand to help retrieve the capsule from the ocean.

"The Navy was there the whole time supporting our

mission," said Blankenship. "From 1962 to 1974, we had two naval ships that went out with us on every mission in case we needed a surface recovery."

In the 1980s, advances in digital video technology provided satellite data in a timelier manner and removed the need to recover actual film capsules. On Sept. 30, 1986, the 6594th Test Group unit's mission was finally decommissioned.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the 6594th Test Group's first successful mission, a special plaque ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 19 at the Hickam flagpole, located on Atterbury Circle, near the Pacific Air Force Headquarters (PACAF) building. Retired Air Force General Bruce Carlson from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) will be featured as a guest speaker.

Blankenship said he hopes others will realize the historical significance of the Corona Satellite program, which was America's first operational space reconnaissance project.

"These missions are now flaunted by historians as being equivalent to what the Wright brothers did and Yeager breaking the sound barrier," he said. "The Corona program was the first time mankind put something into space and brought it back and it was a very rewarding time in my life."

Blankenship said a "Falling Star" reunion is planned for former members of 6594th Test Group the week of Aug. 16 to 20.

For more information on the 6594th Test Group's 50th anniversary or the "Falling Star" reunion, visit www.6594thtestgroup.org.



Veterans honored at 60th Commemoration of the Korean War

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Korean War veterans were honored during the 60th Commemoration of the Korean War at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu on June 25.

More than 250 military personnel and civilians attended the commemoration recognizing the veterans.

During the ceremony, Sailors from the Republic of Korea and Korean War veterans' organizations in Hawaii participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Adm. Robert Willard, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, was the keynote speaker. "We are here today to honor the hundreds of thousands of American and Korean service members who fought and died defending our freedom 60 years ago," Willard said. "Present day Republic of Korea leadership is always first to remind us that we've spilled blood together as allies and we should be ready to fight together at any time our countries are in trouble."

Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle talked about the significance of honoring the Korean War veterans.

"It's important for us to remember those who gave their lives to protect a country as it says on the Korean War Memorial," Lingle said. "Our nation honors our sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and people they never met."



Sailors from the Republic of Korean navy participate in a wreath-laying ceremony during the 60th Commemoration of the Korean War at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu. The theme of this year's commemoration was "60 years of commitment, 60 years of friendship."

"We have here at home in Hawaii, a fitting memorial on the grounds of the state capitol that allows us not just today, but in other days throughout the year, to pay tribute and homage to the brave service members who sacrificed their lives 60 years ago," said Mufi

Hannemann, mayor of the city and county of Honolulu.

At the conclusion of the commemoration, the 45th Sustainment Brigade delivered a three-volley gun salute followed by Taps, played by the Marine Forces Pacific Band.

The Korean War

began on June 25, 1950 and lasted until an armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. More than 54,000 service members from the U.S. and more than 227,000 Republic of Koreans were killed during the war.

Ships Maintenance, LLC takes safety seriously

Seaman (SW) Rachel Swiatnicki

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) contractor, Ships Maintenance, LLC in Waipahu has gone two years, which is equivalent to more than 300,000 man-hours, without a work-related injury.

As of June 9, more than 80 employees on payroll have been accident-free for 623 days. According to Victor Gautier, the project manager and chief operating officer for Ships Maintenance, LLC, this number doesn't represent their highest number of accident-free days. "Last time we went almost four years without lost time. Now we are almost at two years again," said Gautier.

The NAVSEA Inactive Ships On-Site Maintenance Office crew celebrated their good safety record. As an incentive, Ships Maintenance, LLC rewards employees with an additional \$100 every 120 days. Workers also go on safe-

ty picnics with their families.

"This is considered an industrial work area, like a shipyard. We follow all safety rules," Gautier said.

Richard Reyes, a steelworker at the facility, said his job is by far the most dangerous. Reyes said that the possibility of getting shocked is high if the right safety protection isn't used.

"I got shocked once. I didn't have my glove. Things like this happen, but never anything too serious," Reyes said. Reyes creates improvised materials and does steel work for the company.

NAVSEA inactive ships commits to support U.S. foreign policy through ship sales and transfers to allied navies; transition ships from the fleet for storage and disposal; preserve naval heritage through ship donations; enhance marine ecosystems through artificial reefing; and protect the environment through ship dismantling and recycling. NAVSEA inactive ships manages U.S. Navy ships and craft that have reached the natural end of their lifecycle.

Wear proper uniform when visiting Arizona Memorial

Dr. Philip R. Breeze

Director of Public Affairs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

With summer upon us, and vacation season in full swing, many of us will be hosting visiting family and friends - or taking a 'stay-cation' ourselves - and a visit to Oahu for anyone affiliated with or appreciative of the military would not be complete without a visit to the Arizona Memorial.

Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Bill Holz reminds active duty military about the appropriate uniform to wear when visiting the Arizona Memorial. "Working uniforms (dungarees, working khaki, flight

suits, camouflage, BDUs, coveralls) are not suitable dress onboard the memorial," Holz said.

For Navy personnel, the service uniform or better is appropriate. For E7 and above, summer whites or better are called for. The appropriate Air Force uniform is blues. The Army class B uniform is appropriate, as is the tropical blue uniform for the Coast Guard and the class C uniform for Marines.

"The intent of the uniform policy is not to inconvenience anyone, but to preserve the sanctity of the USS Arizona, where many of our war dead are still entombed. As a sign of respect, military personnel shall dress in service appropriate uniforms," Holz said.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

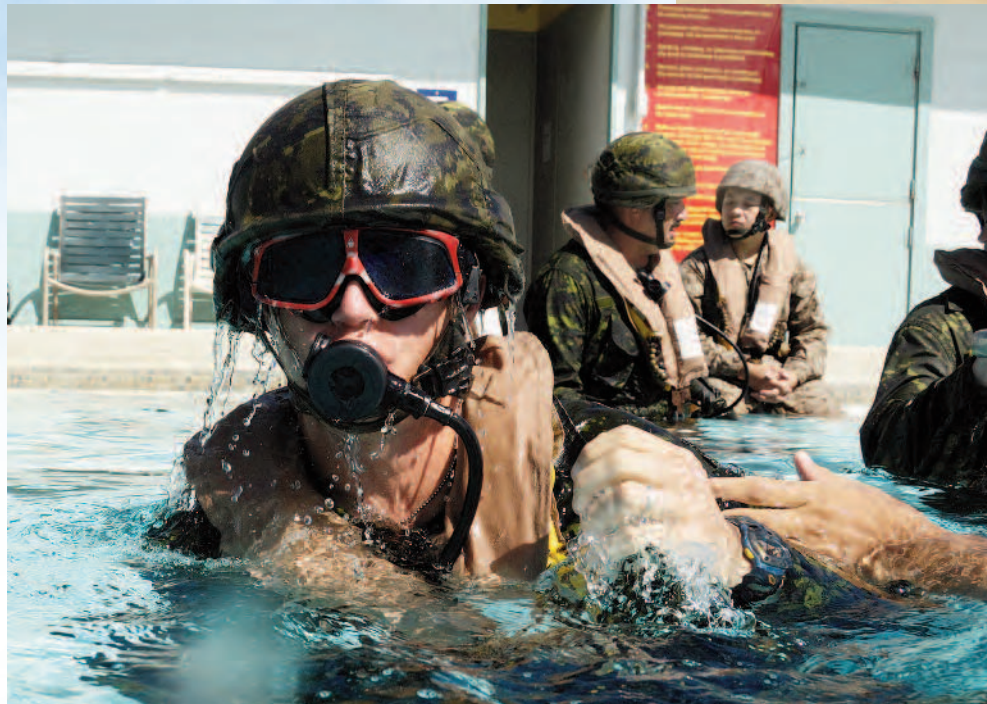


Senior Airman Alejandro Ramos, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron air transportation specialist, braces a piece of cardboard as Senior Airman Micah Smith, 647th LRS air transportation specialist, slices it with a box cutter at hangar seven on June 18. The cardboard was used in a pallet built to deliver food through airdrop to Marines and Seabees on the island of Hawaii as part of the Rim of the Pacific Exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

A landing craft, air-cushion (LCAC) transports explosive ordnance disposal equipment to Marine Corps Training Area Bellows on June 24. The amphibious landing exercise was in preparation for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010. RIMPAC is a biennial, multinational Exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve multinational interoperability.

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



(Left) Lt. Kayne Carr, from Chatham, Ontario, commander of 1st Platoon, 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment based at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, completes shallow water egress training in preparation for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 exercise. RIMPAC is a biennial, multinational exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve interoperability.

Canadian Forces photo by Cpl. Susan Howell

Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet; Vice Adm. Richard W. Hunt, commander of Combined Task Force; and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Rear Adm. Kazuki Yamashita, assistant deputy commander of Combined Task Force; break the cover of a sake barrel with representing members from the Republic of Korea and Singapore to start the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 reception aboard the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force guided-missile destroyer JS Atago (DDG 177) on July 2. RIMPAC is a biennial, multinational exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve interoperability.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeremy M. Starr



A sailor from the Australian Navy Underwater Salvage Team, right, tries to advance the ball past a Sailor from the guided-missile frigate USS McClusky (FFG 41) during a Morale, Welfare and Recreation soccer tournament as part of an in-port period of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 on June 29. RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime exercise. RIMPAC is a biennial, multinational exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve interoperability.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Benjamin Stevens

Women's symposium draws record crowd

Lt. j.g. Theresa Donnelly

Special to Diversity
Directorate Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – More than 1,000 people – the highest number in history – gathered June 2-3 for the 23rd annual Sea Services Leadership Association (SSLA) women's symposium at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C.

"As it applies to the women who serve today, this past year has been a milestone year," said Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead during his keynote speech at the symposium. "We're going to continue to pursue and look for opportunities for bright young women to be attracted to the Navy, to make the choice to come into the Navy, and then to move forward and lead in the Navy."

The two-day event emphasized significant contributions women are making in the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.

Some accomplishments highlighted during the symposium included National Defense University President Vice Adm. Ann Rondeau's selection as the first female three-star officer, the selection of the first female flag to lead a carrier air wing and strike group, and the selection of Sailor of the Year awards for 2010 were all women. In addition, the Navy Chaplain Corps and Civil Engineering Corps celebrated their first female flag officers.

The symposium theme this year "Leading from



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Kyle P. Malloy
Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead takes questions during the 23rd annual Sea Service Leadership Association Women's Leadership Symposium.

the Front Into the Future," featured speakers from the corporate sector, retired women flag officers and high-ranking female leadership in the military.

After the National Anthem sung by Capt. Annie Andrews, the event kicked off with opening remarks by Juan Garcia, assistant secretary for the Navy's manpower and reserve affairs.

"We literally could not run the Navy and Marine Corps today without women," said Garcia. "What I love about our services is that moreso than any other sector of our society, performance is rewarded regardless of background, family history

and increasingly, gender. Success is based on your performance and inherent capabilities."

Crucial to many of the military's missions, the event emphasized women serving in humanitarian and disaster relief missions, with a joint military panel of women who had served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, Cuba and Haiti.

"The panel was great. I loved listening to all the different experiences and it was a lot of information to keep in mind. I found it interesting how the Navy PT [physical training] uniform could be seen as offensive to certain nations and it showed me how we

really have to be careful not to be disrespectful when in other countries," said Aviation Mechanic 2nd Class (AW) Maritza Tolentino, stationed at Fleet Readiness Center Southwest in San Diego.

Honoring those who serve, an awards luncheon recognized service members who are making outstanding contributions to the armed forces. Before the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Angela Salinas, director of UCMC Manpower Division, reflected on their accomplishments.

"I'm in a room with so many incredible leaders of our nation. You are the leaders of the best and the brightest of this country,

and I applaud you for taking the step to lead in a time of uncertainty when our nation needs strong leaders like yourselves," said Salinas.

On the second day, each service branch met separately to discuss issues affecting their respective services.

Navy panels included a board to discuss Navy uniform initiatives and a panel of male leadership who are leading change for several policies concerning women in the Navy. Of particular importance to the attendees was the mention of the Navy policy change to assign women to submarines.

"The level of expectations and professionalism within the submarine community is so high, and I think the integration of women on submarines is going to reflect that," said Rear Adm. Barry Bruner, commander of Submarine Group 10. He further explained that by opening up the aperture to allow female officers to work in submarines, the overall submarine readiness will increase.

The discussions for the panels were honest and frank. Participants were forthright in voicing some of their concerns with current military policies, such as if the military is seeking to change the combat exclusion law, how the Navy is going to fully integrate enlisted women on submarines, and ways to make the Navy khaki uniform present a more professional appearance.

Not only were women able to share in this networking opportunity, but

quite a few men attended the symposium.

"We encourage men to participate in the women's leadership symposium, and we see more and more men coming to the symposium each year," said Stephanie Miller, SSLA president.

"Women still represent a minority in each of the maritime services, but have a really strong presence in terms of leadership roles and expanding influence. We see men coming to the symposium to learn about what issues are relevant to women in the military and to take that back to their commands," explained Miller.

Each year, the symposium grows in popularity. Plans are already in place to hold the March 2011 conference in San Diego, as this will make attendance easier for those serving on the west coast.

"I have definitely been influenced by all the women leaders here. Sometimes you don't know that there are that many out there, so it was real nice perspective to hear some of their thoughts. This is a great way to connect with other females and have that open forum," said Marine Sgt. Stephanie Ricci, assigned to Marine Headquarters Battalion, Installations and Logistics.

For more information on the Sea Services Leadership Association, or to see photos and additional stories from this year's conference, visit the Navy's Diversity Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/navydiversity>.

USS Oklahoma mast wings its way to mainland

The 40-foot mast that was originally attached to USS Oklahoma is loaded on a C-17 on its way from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to Muskogee War Memorial in Oklahoma. The battleship Oklahoma, named after the 46th state, was sunk during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. The effort is part of a tribute to be made at the Muskogee War Memorial honoring the USS Oklahoma and her crew.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen



Preparing facilities inventories for joint basing at Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Story and photo by
Thomas Obungen

Naval Facilities
Engineering Command
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Personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific and Hawaii have teamed up to execute a large asset evaluation (AE) project of the former Hickam Air Force Base facilities as part of the joint basing effort at Pearl Harbor.

"Knowing what assets and facilities are being moved over to the Navy's property inventory is extremely important in the creation of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam," said Dan Fujii, NAVFAC Hawaii joint basing program manager. "It is essential so that correct decisions can be made today and in the future management of this huge addition of structures and property at Pearl Harbor."



Jared Hee of NAVFAC Hawaii's asset management department shows how he enters the data into the tablet computer.

Beginning in April, three teams of two, containing a mix of both NAVFAC Hawaii and Pacific Asset Management employees, have been performing field work and collecting data for the AE and the basic facility requirements (BFR)

reports.

"There are two parts to the equation where team members are working on migrating data from the Air Force [facilities] database to the Navy database," said Will Hong, NAVFAC

Hawaii project manager. "Then we have to evaluate and input other aspects about the property like historical information, maintenance responsibility and cost history data."

Using a custom-built access database program

and a tablet computer, one team member calculates the physical aspects of the structure, such as dimensions, area and use while the other inputs the database. This data will then be uploaded to the internet Navy Facilities Assets Data Store (iNFADS) system.

If the building is occupied, the teams will meet with the property manager to tour the facility and confirm the use of rooms and their functional adequacy. They will also refer to maps and floor plans to describe the use of the facility and assign it the correct space utilization code for iNFADS, making adjustments to reflect current situations.

"We basically have to interpret Air Force real property data, translate it, and plug it into the Navy's system," Hong said. "The way the Air Force tracks its data is quite different from the way the Navy does, so some parts are not easily transferred from

system to system."

As a part of the BFR process, teams examine the buildings to determine how much space is needed for each tenant to fulfill their duties. According to the Unified Facilities Criteria, "For each category code, if the sum of all assets is greater than the BFR, there is a surplus of space; if it is less, there is a deficiency."

Once all the data is collected and processed by iNFADS, a facility planning document (FPD) is generated for each category code in order to compare assets with BFRs. The FPD then allows the building owner to plan for renovation, demolition and/or construction.

The AE and BFR are required by the Navy for the iNFADS system in order for joint basing efforts to run smoothly. The teams expect to be finished collecting data by mid-August, just in time for joint basing to become official on Oct. 1.



Young Seaman excels during temporary duty assignment

Story and photos by
Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

For a young seaman two years out of high school, Personnel Specialist Seaman (SW) Lamaar Burroughs is one ambitious Sailor.

"I guess I am just a very competitive person," he admitted. "I don't want to be just average. I want people to notice me. I want to be successful."

Since joining the Navy in 2008, the Brooklyn native has already garnered two achievement medals, deployed twice with two different ships, and earned his surface warfare qualification, all at the tender age of 20 years old.

Although Burroughs is currently assigned to San Diego-based vessel, USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108), he recently distinguished himself during a five-month temporary additional duty (TAD) with the USS Reuben

James (FFG 57).

Command Master Chief (SW/AW) William Adams from Reuben James described Burroughs as a model Sailor since reporting to his ship on Jan. 11.

"Assigned TAD from USS Wayne E. Meyer, PSSN Burroughs has successfully filled an unexpected billet gap," he said. "He displayed a great work ethic and attitude since his first day onboard. I would eagerly keep him onboard as permanent ship's company if I could," he added.

Hand-picked by his San Diego command to serve aboard Reuben James during the five-month deployment, Burroughs acted as the command muster petty officer and was responsible for much of the ship's payroll, administrative and personnel issues.

"I take my responsibility very seriously because if you don't, you are going to lose someone's important [paperwork] or not turn it in

on time and that could impact their money and ultimately, their ability to provide for their family," he explained. "I handle my job with the care I would want if I had entrusted someone else with my [payroll]. I don't rush through anything because I want to make sure it is done right the first time," he added.

Burroughs attributes his methodical approach to the mentoring he received from his leading petty officer aboard USS Wayne E. Meyer, Personnel Specialist 1st Class R.D. Gant.

"PS1 Gant did what a yeoman, a personnel specialist and a Navy counselor did all in one day," he said. "He would be there from seven in the morning until seven at night, whatever it took to get the job done. Not only is he a great guy, but he is also a great role model for me. I thank God for him," he added.

Although Burroughs is uncertain if he will pursue a career in the Navy, while he is enlisted, he

insists on setting his sights for the top.

"I would love to work at Camp David and for President Barack Obama," he said. "There is a need for my rate there and if I can get my evaluations up, maybe they will pick me for that position. I plan on starting the [application] process once I return to San Diego."

Perhaps to any other Sailor, this dream would seem far-fetched or out of reach. But anything is possible if you have the tenacity and determination of Seaman Burroughs.



Senator Inouye shares leadership insights with shipyarders

Story and photo by
Marshall Fukuki

Pearl Harbor Naval
Shipyards Public Affairs

U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye — Medal of Honor recipient, most senior member of the U.S. Senate, and chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations — shared his combat and legislative leadership experience with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyards employees June 3.

Inouye was the featured speaker as the shipyard resumed its Legacy of Leadership program after a three-year hiatus.

"Legacy of Leadership is about developing current and future leaders to do the demanding and challenging work of our naval shipyard," said Rear Adm. (select) Gregory Thomas, shipyard commander. "We're pleased that the senator took the time out of his busy schedule to speak to us."

The program provides a forum in which prominent members of the community share their leadership insights with shipyard workers. Previous speakers include Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald Moon; retired Adm. Ronald Zlatoper, a former commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet; and head coach June Jones, who led the University of Hawaii football team to the greatest



Rear Adm. (select) Gregory Thomas, commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyards, explains the origin of the command logo to U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye. Inouye shared insights about his combat and legislative experience with shipyard employees at a command-sponsored forum to develop current and future leaders.

single-season turnaround in NCAA history.

Addressing the shipyard audience, Inouye framed his views on leadership in simple words: Believe in the mission. Listen to others. Tell the truth. Get everyone involved. Thank them often. Learn some history.

He illustrated several of his points with candid personal stories from his Army service during World War

II. "You have to be convinced that the mission, project, whatever you're attempting to do, is not only worthy and meritorious, but you support it," Inouye advised. "If you don't, (those) who follow you will sense that."

You must also "convince everyone on your team that what they are doing is important," he said. "When people believe in the mis-

sion, they will be more willing to serve beside you."

"Make sure the whole team is involved," he said. "You can't just take the tough guys or the old-timers. You have to take everyone."

Inouye recalled that during the war, he led the most patrols in his regiment. The majority of these patrols were actual combat missions, but the purpose of some was to build a sense of

belonging within the Soldiers and give them their own war stories to tell. "Being part of the gang is very important," he said.

The senator emphasized communication. "Be a good listener," he said. "You cannot just dictate. ... That doesn't work. Sometimes the newest member of the team might have the answer you need."

"Talk to each other,"

Inouye said. He noted that the best form of communication is face-to-face, what he called "eyeball to eyeball."

When asked for your opinion, "try to be as realistic as possible," he said. He advised that if you know a job is going to take 12 hours, don't say it will take only eight. Be honest and upfront. "That builds trust," he said.

When the job is done, "make sure that everyone on your team is aware of your gratitude," he said. "Tell them, 'Because of you, we were successful.'" Inouye added, "Thank them individually, and not as a group."

He also recommended studying history. "I believe if we don't know our past, how can we be concerned about matters of national security?" he said. According to Inouye, many people, especially our youth, enjoy the advantages of democracy, but don't know where these rights came from or what was done to preserve them. "If you look into history, a lot of blood was spilled to ensure the benefits we enjoy today," he said.

Inouye told the audience, "It's not easy being a leader. It's a 24-hour job. I commend you all for stepping forward to take upon yourselves positions of leadership. ... We're depending on you."

JPAC teams deploy to southeast Asia

Joint POW/MIA Accounting
Command Public Affairs Office

Recovery teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command departed Hawaii on June 23 for missions in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Three recovery teams will be deployed for more than 30 days to excavate three sites that are associated with the losses of four individuals.

In an effort to account for missing Americans from the Vietnam War, the teams will excavate sites in two provinces that are associated with aircraft losses. This is the 115th Joint Field Activity in Laos.

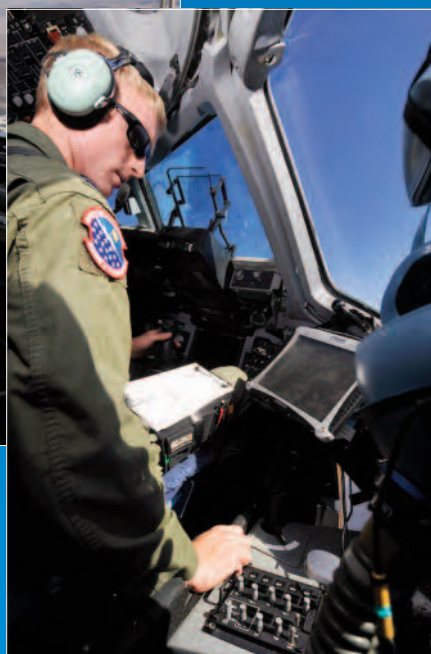
Recovered evidence from all missions will be transferred to the JPAC Central Identification Laboratory for analysis.

The mission of JPAC is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts. In fiscal year 2009, recovery and investigation teams deployed to 16 countries on 69 missions searching for those heroes that remain unaccounted-for.

Air Force ramps up for RIMPAC

Seven Container Delivery system bundles consisting of meals-ready-to-eat (MRE) and milk are dropped from the ramp of a 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III for Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, while above the Big Island of Hawaii on June 24, in support of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise.

(Right) 535th Airlift Squadron pilot Capt. Michael Boyer, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., checks map and the global positioning system (GPS) readings of a 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III before conducting an air drop delivery of 90,000 pounds of supplies to Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay while flying above the Big Island of Hawaii on June 24, in support of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise.



NMCRS Pearl Harbor recognizes Hawaii-based commands

Story and photo by
MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public
Affairs

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), Pearl Harbor chapter, held an awards ceremony to recognize Hawaii-based commands for their efforts during the 2010 NMCRS Fund Drive at Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 22.

A total of four area coordinators and 31 commands were presented awards by Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Smith, who served as an honorary chairman for this year's fund drive, offered remarks to Sailors in attendance.



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, talks with Sailors assigned to various commands in Hawaii during the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Pearl Harbor Chapter's 2010 Fund Drive awards ceremony at Hickam Memorial Theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. A total of four area coordinators and 71 commands were recognized at the ceremony for their efforts during the fund drive that helped raise \$493,106.

"This was a superb year for the NMCRS Pearl Harbor fund drive," Smith said. "I want to thank you all for the tremendous job you've already done and for the job you continue to do." A total of 71 commands

participated in the fund drive with 31 commands surpassing last year's total to help raise \$493,106.

"This year's drive raised more money than ever before and we reached well past our goal," said Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor. "I just want to thank everyone who was involved for helping us exceed our expectations."

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Nicholas Messina, assigned to Navy Region Hawaii, said that this year's fund drive was a team effort for raising money at his command.

"All the personnel at my command did a great job in pulling together to hold fundraisers and getting the word out about the fund drive to help raise more than \$4,000," Messina said. "It is important that we support NMCRS because

they are the ones who help out the Sailors and Marines in need, and ultimately that helps support mission readiness."

The awards for the highest contributions were presented to the guided missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59), the attack submarine USS Key West (SSN 722), Navy Exchange Pearl Harbor and Naval Information Operations Command Hawaii.

The mission of the NMCRS is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the naval services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 1 holds change of command

Story and photo by
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Mobile Diving Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 held a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 24.

MDSU 1 bid farewell to Cmdr. John Moulton and welcomed Cmdr. Thomas P. Murphy as the unit's new commanding officer, in a ceremony on the MDSU 1 compound. Capt. Theodore J. Lucas, the commodore of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group 1, was the honored guest and key speaker during the ceremony.

In his speech, Lucas commended Moulton for a job well done as the commanding officer of MDSU 1 since July 23, 2008.

"During your time in command, you far surpassed any expectations and made an enormous impact in this command and this community," said Lucas. "I knew your leadership. You had to endure a high operational tempo, preparing and deploying Sailors all over the world for numerous and different kinds of support and exercises. MDSU 1 is the type of command that, when called upon, goes—and at times with very little notice."

During Moulton's tenure as commanding officer, MDSU 1 successfully deployed eight mobile diving salvage companies to operate in 35 countries.



Cmdr. Thomas Murphy is set to relieve Cmdr. John Moulton (not in photo) as the new commanding officer of Mobile Diving Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1. MDSU 1 held a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 24.

MDSU 1 supported operations such as western Pacific deployments, Central Command deployments and U.S. 3rd Fleet operations.

Moulton took MDSU 1 to Bahrain. While deployed to Bahrain as Commander Task Group 56.1, his teams operated in 14 countries and accomplished more than 100 combat/EOD missions in Iraq. In addition, MDSU conducted more than 800 dive missions and eight bilateral exercises, including operations in Pakistan, Lebanon and the first central command exercise in Yemen in four years.

"Your tour as command-

ing officer of MDSU 1 is marked by mission success, personal accomplishments and improved quality of life of every member and family in your command," Lucas said. "I'm extremely proud of the job you have done, and, as you prepare to head to [U.S.] 6th Fleet, I challenge you to continue to excel in the years ahead, because I believe someday you'll be a commodore."

During Moulton's speech, he thanked his unit, family and friends for his time at MDSU 1. He also welcomed Murphy as he steps in to be the new commanding officer.

"I'm glad that you're

here," Moulton said, addressing Murphy, "even if it means that I have to go, because the unit I have had the privilege of serving is getting a great commanding officer."

Lucas said Murphy has big shoes to fill as he assumes the command. Murphy, in turn, promised the Sailors of MDSU 1 that initiative, professional performance and dedication by each team member will be valued.

"We will work hard, train harder and complete every mission as a team in a proficient and safe manner," Murphy said. "We will be prepared to respond in

times of war, natural disaster and building new military partnerships. We will respond and we will be ready for the unexpected.

"I look forward to the adventure that awaits us in leading you as your commanding officer," Murphy said.

MDSU 1 fostered foreign maritime relations by participating in subject matter expert exchanges with 35 countries and participated in several multi-national exercises, including Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Exercise 2009, Mexican Exercise (MEXEX) 2009 and the Balikpapan

Exercise in the Republic of the Philippines.

In addition, MDSU 1 sent out numerous teams for anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) missions in countries such as Iraq, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

MDSU 1 provides combat ready, expeditionary, rapidly deployable mobile diving and salvage (MDS) companies to conduct harbor clearance, salvage, underwater search and recovery, and underwater emergency repairs in any environment. Currently, MDSU 1 has 124 divers and 47 non-diver support personnel serving in its command.

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Crommelin takes Midshipmen from the classroom to open ocean

MIDN 1/C Downing

USS Crommelin (FFG 37)

The first group of summer 2010 Midshipmen joined the crew of the USS Crommelin (FFG 37) for four weeks during their summer training. Four third class Midshipmen and two first class Midshipmen from the Naval Academy and one first class Midshipman from the University of Colorado Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps teamed up with crew members to learn about the Navy and shipboard life first hand.

"Summer cruise is important because it gives me a glimpse of my future," commented Midshipman 3rd Class Chris Talarico. During their first week on the Crommelin, the Midshipmen participated in gun quals, line handling and ship handling, allowing them to enhance their knowledge of the surface warfare community.

For Midshipmen, summer training is a chance to apply things learned in the classroom to the surface warfare community and develop an understanding



U.S. Navy photo by STG2 (SW) Vetter

Lt. j.g. Ray Miller IV instructs Midshipmen during a man overboard exercise on USS Crommelin.

of what their futures hold as future naval officers.

"This is a great chance for us to apply various things we have learned about becoming a SWO. For me, this is a very

important opportunity, coming from a landlocked state where the nearest ocean is hundreds of miles away," said Midshipman 1st Class Beth Downing.

The crew of a ship is a vital part to summer training and the crew of the Crommelin is always willing and on hand to answer questions to aid the Midshipmen. "Not only is

this a great chance to show off what we do, it is also a great refresher training starting with the basics and having them ready to report to a ship when they leave here," said Lt. j.g.

Ray Miller IV. Midshipman training is a vital part to the success of these future officers as it lays the foundation for the next generation of naval leaders.



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USS Reuben James conducts fisheries patrol

Ensign Ben Dalton

USS Reuben James (FFG 57) Public Affairs

The USS Reuben James recently conducted a fisheries patrol through the waters of the middle Pacific as part of a joint effort between the Navy and Coast Guard District 14. The purpose of the patrol was to identify and gather information on vessels conducting illegal, unregulated and unlicensed fishing operations.

The patrol covered the economic exclusion zones of several Pacific Island nations including the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia as well as the high seas scattered between the economic exclusion zones.

The patrol by the Reuben James was the second such patrol that the ship has conducted on its four-and-a-half month western Pacific

deployment. While transiting from Pearl Harbor to the western Pacific area of operation in January, Reuben James conducted a similar fisheries patrol through many of the same areas.

The fisheries patrol that Reuben James conducted on its return trip to Pearl Harbor was somewhat different than other fishery patrols that have been conducted in the past. On previous patrols, a U. S. Coast Guard liaison has been onboard leading the coordination between the ship and the Coast Guard base in Hawaii.

For Reuben James' patrol, all of the coordination was done remotely by way of frequent updates from Coast Guard District 14 on possible vessels of interest and their proximity to Reuben James.

Reuben James aggressively utilized HSL 37 Detachment 3 and their two SH-60B helicopters to investigate fishing vessels

throughout the patrol. The long range of the helicopters allowed Reuben James to effectively patrol a much broader area than what would have otherwise been available. With the help of the Coast Guard, Reuben James and HSL 37 were able to investigate contacts of interest throughout the 2,300 mile patrol.

Lt. Anthony Pangjogie, Reuben James operations officer, said, "The fisheries patrol is important for the Pacific Island nations because a huge source of revenue for the islands comes from fishing. Without the fishing revenue, some islands would not be able to support their economies."

The Navy and Coast Guard are planning on continuing their partnership in the future. Over the last year, three patrols have been conducted in the Pacific Island nations region, all with considerable success.

Sailors receive culinary internship training from Waikiki chefs

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The Navy Food Management Team (NFMT) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is providing Sailors with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work side-by-side with certified chefs in the civilian sector.

This career-enhancing program is used to further educate and develop skill sets for culinary specialists (CS) while working in a five-star restaurant in Waikiki. Each Sailor will spend two weeks working side-by-side with top professional executive chefs in all areas of food service.

The unique internship program was established in the late 1990s with the NFMT, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and the Sheraton Surf Rider Hotel in Waikiki. The program is now executed in conjunction with the military-affiliated Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

The Internship is designed for top notch culinary specialists in pay grades E-6 and below. It provides culinary specialists with the opportunity to gain professional experience by studying and training directly under hotel and restaurant chefs.

The interns are exposed to all meal shifts and to several catered events. They learn knife skills, advanced food production, baking, garnishing, plate presentation and expediting individual meals to the customer. After completion of the internship program, each student will receive a certification from the executive chef at the Hale Koa. This can be used toward a journeyman certification or

it can be added to an aspiring chef's resume package when applying for jobs in the civilian sector.

The internship program is an opportunity for Navy culinary specialists to learn different techniques in all areas of food preparation and presentation. This program helps culinary specialists build individual skills they can take to their commands to improve their food service operations.

The NFMT works with commands in Hawaii and Japan to select Sailors to participate in the program. Each command is encouraged to forward the names of their candidates to the NFMT points of contact listed below. The NFMT will then conduct an interview with each candidate prior to making a selection. This selection process is done only to ensure the best qualified candidates are selected for the internship program, which has limited quotas.

The NFMT selects four students every two weeks to take part in the program. Each command is responsible for providing transportation for the students to and from the hotel. The only exception is the initial meeting with the chefs; the NFMT will provide transportation. If Sailors are coming from outside Hawaii, each command is responsible for providing funding for rental cars and lodging costs; the NFMT will assist in coordinating all lodging reservations.

The primary points of contact for coordinating this program are lead inspectors at 473-7516 or 473-3762. Please submit selected names a minimum of 30 days in advance with two requested timeframes. This will give the NFMT ample time to coordinate quota availabilities and to screen applicants in a timely manner.

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Shoplifting at Hickam's AAFES facilities on decline, costs to military community down in 2009

AAFES Pacific Region Public Affairs

A focus on electronic article surveillance (EAS) systems, closed circuit television cameras and an aggressive youth shoplifting awareness campaign has resulted in a decrease in shoplifting at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities on Hickam. Incidents decreased by three percent last year, from 71 in 2008 to 69 in 2009.

The recently released statistics also reveal that the value of merchandise involved in these incidents dropped, from \$6,905.02 in 2008 to \$5,140.47 in 2009.



"We have aggressively targeted juvenile shoplifting through training sessions with children 5-17 years of age," said Jeff Gardner, AAFES store manager, Hickam Base Exchange. "Additionally, we have increased EAS and stepped up tagging of high demand merchandise."

With a dual mission to provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support

Morale, Welfare and Recreation or Services programs, AAFES, which has contributed more than \$2.4 billion to military quality of life programs in the past 10 years, continues to focus its efforts on reducing theft.

"Shoplifting from the exchange affects the entire military community," said Gardner. "Because AAFES is a military command with a mission to return earnings to quality of life programs, shoplifting

impacts the bottom line and, in essence, takes money directly from the pockets of military families."

If shoplifting is suspected, AAFES loss prevention associates turn the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act, which began March 1, 2002, allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost (civil recovery) of \$200. There may be further fees, in addition to the civil recovery program, depending on the condition of the recovered merchandise.