

## RIMPAC 2010 begins as ships arrive at Pearl Harbor

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The biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise officially kicked off Wednesday as 14 nations, 32 ships, five submarines, more than 170 aircraft and 20,000 personnel arrived in Hawaii.

By Monday, June 28, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) will be hosting units and personnel from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and the United States.

Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander of PACFLT, and Vice Adm. Richard Hunt, commander, Combined Task Force, are scheduled to officially open the exercise with a press conference at 9:30 a.m. June 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The world's largest multi-national maritime exercise takes place from June 23 through Aug. 1 in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands. The



exercise consists of three major phases. Phase I, the harbor phase, from June 28 through July 5 will consist of operational planning meetings, safety briefings

and sporting events. This phase is designed to make final preparations for the at-sea phases of the exercises, as well as build on professional and personal rela-

tionships between the participating countries.

Phase II, the operational phase, is driven by a structured schedule of events and starts July 6 and con-

tinues through July 24. This portion includes live fire gunnery and missile exercises, maritime interdiction and vessel boardings, anti-surface warfare,

undersea warfare, and naval maneuvers, air defense exercises, as well as, explosive ordnance disposal, diving and salvage operations, mine clearance operations, and an amphibious landing. This phase exercises the ability of each nation to conduct robust command and control operations with multinational players and enhances each unit's operational capabilities.

Phase III, the tactical phase of the exercise, is scenario-driven and takes place July 25 through July 30. The intense training during this phase allows participating nations to further strengthen their maritime skills and capabilities and improve their ability to communicate and operate in simulated hostile scenarios. This phase concludes with the ships' return to Pearl Harbor, where participating nations will reconvene to discuss the exercise and overall accomplishments.

RIMPAC 2010 is themed "Combined Agility, Synergy and Support," and marks the 22nd exercise in the series that originated in 1971.

## 13 AF hosts international engineering exchange summit

Tech. Sgt. Kerry Jackson

13th Air Force Public Affairs

Thirteenth Air Force hosted seven civil engineers from countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region during a subject-matter expert exchange (SMEE) summit called Pacific Unity at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on June 3-17.

The SMEE is a joint and combined military information-sharing forum that provides mid-level officers from regional Asia-Pacific partner nations to exchange views, tour U.S. military

facilities and programs, and establish international and interpersonal relationships. The goal of the exchange is to enhance regional partnerships and promote interoperability between U.S. forces and partner nations.

"This exchange provides us a rare opportunity to showcase our civil engineering mission to countries in the Asia-Pacific region," said Capt. Michael Crosse, 13th AF chief of the civil engineer division at JBPHH. "The forum not only allowed our counterparts to learn how we respond to a wide range of installation and contingency operations,



Civil engineers from the Asia-Pacific region participate in a subject-matter expert exchange called Pacific Unity watch as a U.S. Air Force Airman conducts an engineering survey at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on June 4.

but we learned a lot about how they operate and respond to various needs in their countries. It was just a great experience from start to finish."

The exchange included officers from Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand and focused on emergency-management preparation, disaster-response, fire prevention, confined spaces, search and rescue, and general contingency engineering tactics.

The participants visited several locations throughout the United States

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Jim Neuman (left), historian for Navy Region Hawaii, and Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), unveil a newly installed wayside exhibit during a ceremony June 17 at Hospital Point at JBPHH. Nine exhibits were built to describe the history of various sites around Pearl Harbor.

## Unveiled 'wayside exhibits' reveal history at Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH)

hosted a ceremony June 17 at Hospital Point at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to unveil nine newly built wayside exhibits.

The exhibits are placed at historical sites around

Pearl Harbor, including Merry Point Landing, the coaling station, Hospital Point, historic Ford Island, Puller Hall Marine Barracks, Pearl

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## Air Force officials announce plans for third DOS rollback

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15th Wing Public Affairs

Air Force officials have announced plans for a third enlisted date of separation rollback with a mandatory DOS of Aug. 31. This program is part of an overall effort by the Air Force to maintain a quality enlisted force and meet the congressionally-mandated end strength.

Under the third DOS rollback, Airmen with fewer than 14, or more than 20, years of service must separate no later than Aug. 31 or retire no later than Sept. 1 if they possess a code preventing their re-enlistment.

"They are adverse action codes Airmen received by the commander for not complying with Air Force core values," said Master Sgt. Ben Jefferson, 647th Force Support Squadron military personnel flight superintendent. "Rosters were provided to commanders by close of business on June 8, and

those affected should have been notified by the commander," he said.

These codes include, but are not limited to, Airmen awaiting retraining, awaiting discharge, denied reenlistment, declined a permanent change of station, retained, declined training, article 15 punishment and control roster.

Airmen separated or retired under the DOS rollback are authorized transition assistance benefits that include 180 days of extended medical care for themselves and their families and an ID card permitting base commissary and exchange privileges for two years.

Those separated with more than six years but less than 20 years of total active service are eligible for one-half the amount of separation pay, but must sign an individual ready reserve (IRR) agreement to serve for a minimum of three years. Those declining to serve in the IRR will be ineligible for separation pay.

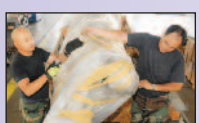
The Air Force will not recoup unearned portions of education assistance funds special pay, bonuses or other monetary incentives under the DOS Rollback Program. Additionally, most post-9/11 GI Bill benefits will not be affected; however, the transferability of benefits to dependents may be. Airmen should consult their local education centers or the VA concerning transferability.

Airmen with more than 20 years of service who are affected by the DOS rollback must request a retirement date via the virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Air Force officials said the third enlisted DOS rollback will allow leaders to manage the force and strategically balance skills and abilities in the midst of a 15-year high for retention.

"This rollback is another force management tool that is being used to shape the enlisted force and reduce the inventory while maintaining

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# Battleship Oklahoma's mast finds new home

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Personnel assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and the Oklahoma Air National Guard and Hawaii Air National Guard moved the Battleship USS Oklahoma's mast from historic Ford Island to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on June 17. The move was made in preparation for its transit to the Muskogee War Memorial in Muskogee, Okla.

Oklahoma was sunk by Japanese bombs and torpedoes during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, taking 429 of the crew with her as she cap-sized.

The ship's mast was recovered during dredging operations around Pearl Harbor Foxtrot Five, where the ship was moored at the time of the attack.

As personnel transported the mast from Ford Island to JBPHH, it was one step closer to its new home in the ship's namesake state.

"The mast is a historic artifact that will contribute greatly to the heritage that is already in the patriotic state of Oklahoma," said Lt. Col. Andrew Sroczynski, assigned to



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico  
Airman 1st Class Rodolfo Fabro and Master Sgt. Daryl Oshiro, both assigned to 154th Wing Hawaii Air National Guard, strap in the 40-foot mast that was originally attached to USS Oklahoma (BB 37). The battleship Oklahoma, named after the 46th state, was sunk during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The mast itself was dredged up more than 60 years later and will be transported to the Muskogee War Memorial in Oklahoma.

the Oklahoma Air National Guard, 137th Air Refueling Wing.

Master Sgt. Daryl Oshiro, of

the Hawaii Air National Guard, 154th Wing, talked about what it felt like to move the giant mast.

"The mast weighs approximately 22,000 pounds, and it's by far the heaviest piece of equipment that we've trans-

ported before," said Oshiro. "It's amazing that the mast was under water for more than 50 years and now it's here and ready to go to Oklahoma."

Command Chief Master Sgt. John Waller, assigned to the Oklahoma Air National Guard, 137th Air Refueling Wing, expressed what the transporting of the mast meant to him.

"It's kind of surreal because you look at this piece of equipment and you have to stop and think that it was part of a ship that had our state's name and was involved in such a huge part of American history," said Waller. "It really makes me feel good that I've been a part of a team effort between the Navy and the Air National Guard in being able to bring the mast home to Oklahoma."

"Oklahoma's mast is headed to an appropriate and proper home where it can appropriately be displayed," said Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The mast was flown from JBPHH to Tinker Air Force Base on June 21 by the Mississippi Air National Guard via a C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft. From Tinker Air Force Base, the mast will then be transported to the Muskogee War Memorial.

## JPAC identifies four Air Force MIA from Vietnam War

Story provided by 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office announced June 14 that the remains of four Airmen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are: Capt. Peter H. Chapman II, Centerburg, Ohio; Tech. Sgt. Allen J. Avery,

Auburn, Mass.; Tech. Sgt. Roy D. Prater, Tiffin, Ohio; and Sgt. James H. Alley, Plantation, Fla.

Prater was buried in Columbia City, Ind. on June 19. Other burials are being scheduled individually by the families of the Airmen.

On April 6, 1972, six Airmen were flying a combat search and rescue mission in an HH-53C Super Jolly Green Giant over Quang Tri Province in Vietnam when they were hit by enemy ground fire and crashed.

Joint U.S. and Socialist

Republic of Vietnam field investigations from 1989 to 1992, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, yielded evidence leading to an excavation at the crash site in 1994 as well as two reported burial sites.

Team members recovered human remains and personal effects as well as aircraft debris. As a result of these recoveries, all six men on the aircraft were accounted-for in 1997 and buried as a group at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. Three

were individually identified at that time. Recent technical advances enabled JPAC officials to identify additional remains to be those of Prater.

In 1988, the SRV turned over remains that they attributed to an American service member; however, the name did not match anyone lost or missing from the Vietnam War. The remains were held by JPAC officials pending improved technology which might have facilitated an

identification later.

In the mid-2000s, JPAC laboratory officials gained increased scientific capability to associate the 1988 remains to the correct loss. The Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) members tested these remains against all of those service members who were MIA [missing in action] from the Vietnam War with negative results. In 2009, AFDIL officials expanded their search to make comparisons with previously resolved individuals. As a

result of AFDIL's mitochondrial DNA testing, JPAC scientists determined that these remains were associated with four of the six Airmen from the 1972 crash.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO website at [www.dtic.mil/dpmo](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo) or call 703-699-1169.

(Editor's note: Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.)



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup  
Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, stands in front of the Merry Point wayside exhibit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with the USS Freedom in the background. Neuman launched a blog, Navy History Hawaii, on June 4.

## Navy historian launches Navy History Hawaii blog

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Navy Region Hawaii launched its first blog, called Navy History Hawaii, on June 4.

Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, introduced the blog as a means to deliver and disseminate historical information to the public.

"There's a lot of information out there," said Neuman. "There's a lot of documentary information. There's a lot of photographic documentation around Hawaii that deals with the Navy, but there's never been anybody to kind of consolidate all of that, and that's what I hope to be able to do."

As Navy Region Hawaii's first historian, Neuman is bringing

together historical information regarding the U.S. Navy in Hawaii. In one of his first entries, Neuman discussed the history and role of USS Nevada (BB 36) during WWII. On Dec. 7, 1941, Nevada was one of several ships that was trapped during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The other day I was just watching a documentary on Normandy, which is way out in Europe, but then I remembered the Nevada was in the Battle of Normandy," said Neuman. "So here you have the ship that was attacked at Pearl Harbor and in 1944, three years later, was all the way in Normandy bombarding the Germany gun placements. I thought that was kind of an interesting story, the fact that you could raise these ships, and then they would actually

contribute not just in the Pacific but, in WWII in general. I quickly did a little blog on that. I found some pictures and posted it," he explained.

Neuman is currently a U.S. Navy reservist who has been with the U.S. Navy for more than eight years in both the active and reserve components. As a service member, Neuman said he realized the need for history to be readily available to the public.

"If you can start consolidating this kind of information, it helps leadership make decisions," said Neuman. "Another reason why it's important for me is because I'm an educator at heart and I want to educate people."

For more information, visit the Navy History Hawaii blog at <http://www.navyhistoryhawaii.blogspot.com/>

## Summit enhances regional partnership

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including Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, and the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

During their visit to Ft. Leonard Wood Army post, the 366th Training Squadron, Detachment 7, shared info about emergency management, mapping and surveying, and operating heavy equipment. The group also participated in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosive demonstration and had the chance to don protective gear and process through a contamination control area using simulated chemicals. In addition, the delegates learned how the U.S. military conducts pavement operations, focusing on design, construction, evaluation, operations, and repair and maintenance of airfield pavements.

"The delegates learned about our mission from a host of technical experts that have a unique blend of experience, education, and training that I believe made their visit worthwhile," said Crosse said. "It provided an up-close and personal view of our mission as well as an opportunity to interact with the people who make the mission possible, and that experience you can't capture through reading a book."

At Goodfellow AFB, the participants visited the Louis F. Garland Department of Defense Fire Academy where they took part in aircraft and structural firefighting demonstrations and

learned about advanced hazardous material response, and confined spaces search and rescue procedures.

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

"It was very good to see the realistic training the U.S. military is conducting and we found a lot of things we can implement back home in our countries," said Capt. Salamat Ullah, Bangladesh Air Force group captain. "It will strengthen our joint ability to combat emergencies."

More than 60 U.S. military service members, including a team of civil engineers, recently concluded humanitarian medical and civil engineering efforts in Bangladesh as part of Operation Pacific Angel, a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation aimed at improving military civic cooperation between the United States and countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

In addition to learning how U.S. forces use civil engineering techniques to respond to emergencies, many of the participants were happy about the opportunity to work along side other civil engineers from the Asia-

Pacific region.

"We're so happy because of the rare opportunity to have this multi-lateral exchange," said Col. Manuel Victorino Ramiro, Philippine Air Force. "It was a great opportunity to meet officers from other countries to learn about different cultures and to share our experience with one another to enhance our knowledge on engineering matters."

Ramiro added, "The facilities we saw really amazed us, especially the equipment and the classrooms, which were very conducive for us to learn. We have learned so much and we treasure all the things we learned in this country."

All the participants expressed how impressed they were with U.S. military personnel, especially the integral role of the NCO Corps in military operations.

"I was clearly impressed with the NCO Corps," said Royal Thai Air Force Group Captain Chalee Watanawanna, "They are really the backbone of the U.S. military and play a much different role from our NCO Corps."

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

Thirteenth Air Force is scheduled to host two additional engineering SMEEs in July and August.



STAFF SGT.  
**ISABEL RICO**

## Staff Sgt. Rico keeps Team Hickam awards program running smoothly

Story and photo by  
SrA Gustavo Gonzalez

15th Air Wing Public Affairs, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Air Force Staff Sgt. Isabel Rico, 15th Wing command chief executive assistant, manages the Team Hickam quarterly and annual awards program. The program recognizes more than 500 nominees each year.

She also administers the monthly promotion recognition ceremony and drives scheduling certificates for 1K annual promotees.

In addition, Rico manages and directs wing detail taskings in support of various wing programs, special events and deployments.

"Staff Sgt. Rico is the consummate professional

who represents the wing in a positive way on a daily basis," said Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker, 15th Wing command chief.

"Her attention to duty and professionalism is something normally found in more senior personnel and is a testimonial to this young enlisted leader. She is indispensable to the success of the wing," Recker said.



## Diverse Views



*If you had not joined the Navy, what job do you think you would be doing now?*

(Personnel from Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor)



LS2 (SW/AW)  
**Mitchell Burgess**

"I'd own a bar in the Caribbean. I'd like to be my own boss."

LS2 (SW/AW) Lisa Mendez



"I'd be working in the psychology field. I like to study people and their thought processes."



LSC (AW) Baby Wakefield

"I'd finish my engineering degree, or I would be a nun. I wanted to be a Soldier of God . . . or a Sailor of God!"

Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Lookabill



"I would be a high school teacher and coach or perhaps a college basketball coach." (Note: Lt. Cmdr. Lookabill spent four years as a guard on the United States Naval Academy varsity basketball team.)



LSCM (SW/AW) John Andoh

"I'd like to get my master's degree and work in an accounting office. If not, I'd be a counselor who helps kids."

LSC (SW/AW)  
**Florendo Callejas**



"I'd be working in the field of civil engineering."

(Provided by Ava Bronson)

## Airman operates switchboard



Photo courtesy of Air Force National Archives

U.S. Air Force Sgt. Suzann K. Harry of Wildwood, N.J. operates a switchboard in the underground command post at Strategic Air Command headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., in 1967. Switchboards were used to connect a group of telephones manually to one another or to an outside connection, within and between telephone exchanges or private branch exchanges (PBXs).

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# Leadership at NAVFAC Hawaii changes hands

Thomas Obungen

Naval Facilities Hawaii  
Engineering Command

Capt. John Coronado relieved Capt. Bret J. Muilenburg as commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, and regional engineer, Commander Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH), during a change of command ceremony held June 18 at Pearl Harbor.

For two years, Muilenburg's leadership and resourcefulness were instrumental in the delivery of more than \$1.2 billion in facilities engineering and management services to Navy Region Hawaii, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and various other Department of Defense and federal agencies throughout Hawaii.

"He strengthened and encouraged members of this command through his professional and courteous nature and always looked out for the U.S. Navy, NAVFAC Hawaii and our supported commands," said Capt. David Bustamante, executive offi-



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Capt. Bret J. Muilenburg, outgoing commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, arrives at the change of command ceremony held June 18 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

cer, NAVFAC Hawaii. "Capt. Muilenburg is a true gentleman who treats everyone with dignity and works tirelessly to find common ground when confronted with difficult or contentious issues."

As the third commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii, Muilenburg continued to make safety a command priority and advocated personal employee commitment to working safely. This resulted in multiple distinguished safety awards including the 2009 Department of the Navy Safety Excellence Award for the industrial category.

In addition to his unwavering dedication to safety, Muilenburg's leadership transformed the Navy's energy program in Hawaii from a traditional, energy-efficiency focus program to a powerhouse of energy initiatives, such as renewable energy and energy security projects valued at more than \$250 million.

These actions helped earn seven SECNAV Energy Awards for the region in facilities management between 2008 and 2009.

Muilenburg made great strides in the environmental

arena as the Navy's regional engineer in Hawaii, enabling Navy Region Hawaii to be chosen as one of the first regions to be delegated "finding of no significant impact (FONSI)" signature authority under the National Environmental Policy Act.

This authority has reduced the approval process by months, without any reduction in environmental technical and legal review.

An expert in shore facilities and building relationships, Muilenburg had a personal involvement with the large joint basing effort of Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base. He oversaw the pending transfer of real property and 250 civilians and 200 military personnel to the command.

During the change of command ceremony, Rear Adm. Michael A. Giorgione, commander of NAVFAC Pacific, presented Muilenburg with the Legion of Merit award, for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service."

"I am truly awestruck by the way Bret has handled things that have happened

under his watch," said Giorgione. "Challenges at work, home and in our community were managed with a style a lot of us could learn from."

Muilenburg will report to the 30th Naval Construction Regiment, Port Hueneme, Calif., as its new commander.

Prior to arriving at NAVFAC Hawaii, Capt. John Coronado was the head, officer community manager, Bureau of Naval Personnel at Millington, Tenn.

As commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii, Coronado assumes command of a large industrial employer in the state of Hawaii dedicated to providing the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Department of Defense and other federal agency clients with best-value planning, engineering, public works, environmental and acquisition (contracting) services. He will lead approximately 1,100 highly skilled civilian federal workers and 45 Civil Engineer Corps officers and Seabee enlisted personnel.

On Oct. 1, 450 Air Force personnel will join the command under Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## Wayside exhibits 'describe history of landscape' at Pearl Harbor

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Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hale Alii, Submarine Base and Kuahua.

Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, offered remarks as the guest speaker.

"This is an extremely wonderful milestone for this base," Kitchens said. "One of our missions here at JBPHH is to keep our community and military informed about historic Pearl Harbor and this is a great way

in doing so."

Jim Neuman, CNRH historian, talked about the purpose of the wayside exhibits. "The wayside exhibits don't just describe just one building or structure; they are intended to describe the history of the landscape," Neuman said. "As visitors look at each exhibit, they can read what it says and it will describe to them exactly what they're looking at."

Neuman also noted that in addition to the new exhibits, there are still many more historic sites

that could have exhibits.

"There are nine that we've put up. That doesn't even scratch the surface of Pearl Harbor's history," said Neuman. "There are many other locations around Pearl Harbor where these could be installed, and these nine are just the beginning."

Each of the exhibits provides photos and a brief explanation about the site.

The coaling station was completed in 1918 and provided fuel for vessels transiting in and out of

Pearl Harbor.

- Hospital Point was opened in 1917 and served nobly until 1942. The point is also home to the memorial for the crew of the battleship USS Nevada.

- Ford Island was purchased in 1917 for the construction of Luke Airfield. In 1923, a naval air station was established on Ford Island.

- Puller Hall Marine Barracks was built in 1913 and is one of the oldest buildings at Pearl Harbor. Thousands of Marines

have passed through the barracks on their way to Pacific battlefields.

- Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has been servicing vessels for more than 100 years for the U.S. Navy, earning the motto, "We keep them fit to fight."

- Hale Alii was established between 1914 and 1916. The area has been home to high ranking officers in times of peace and war.

- Submarine Base has been the home to submarines of the Pacific

Fleet since its construction in the 1920s.

- Kuahua was once an island similar to Ford Island. Over the years, Kuahua has transformed from a naval magazine to a supply center.

- The Merry Point Landing exhibit describes the history of Pearl Harbor. In 1840, Commodore Charles Wilkes conducted the first American survey of the inlet to what is now Pearl Harbor. Since that time, the harbor has seen extensive changes.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Cmdr. Steve Mack, commanding officer of USS Hawaii (SSN 776), and Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead, discuss future operations of the Virginia-class submarines during a tour onboard USS Hawaii on June 9. "We live in a world where there is a lot of tension," said Roughead. "There is no question in my mind that the future of the submarine force, not only here, but across the Navy, is going to stay extraordinarily busy." The CNO arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to participate in the 2010 Japan-U.S. Junior Officers Symposium.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

(Below) While participating in the 6th Annual June Jones Golf Classic, Operations Specialist 3rd Class Joy Cline, Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Thomas Naboa, Religious Program Specialist 1st Class Akil Blackmon, and Chief Gunners Mate Roger Ware pause for a photo with Hawaii recording artist Henry Kapono, center. The Hawaii-based Sailors were invited to participate in the June Jones Classic, held at the Plantation Golf Course in Kapalua, Maui, in recognition of their recent return from individual augmentation assignments.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight



(Below) Coast Guardsman Petty Officer 1st Class Lee Akai attempts to carve through the waves of White Plains Beach at Kapolei, Hawaii on June 19. More than 90 active duty and retired military members competed in the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii Morale, Welfare and Recreation Hawaiian Island Creations/Quicksilver All-Military Surf Classic.

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



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 N. Brett Morton

(Above) Onlookers wave as the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Oyashio-class submarine J.S. Mochishio (SS 600) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to support Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercises. RIMPAC is a biennial, multi-national exercise designed to strengthen regional partnerships and improve multi-national interoperability.

(Right) Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard volunteers, wearing light blue T-shirts, cheer athletes competing in swimming during the Special Olympics Hawaii State Summer Games at the University of Hawaii-Manoa campus May 28-30.

U.S. Navy photo by Yvette Flynn



U.S. Navy photo by Brister Thomas

Children at Operation Purple Camp participate in activities and learn about military commands during a Military Experience Day at the camp.

# USS Chafee participates in community service project

Ensign Douglas Duckert

USS Chafee (DDG 90) Public Affairs

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia—Thirty-five Sailors from USS Chafee (DDG 90) recently participated in a community service project benefiting the Taska & Tadika Suausindak Penampang Orphanage, holding true to the Navy's slogan "a global force for good."

The Taska & Tadika Suausindak Penampang Orphanage cares for approximately 100 children between the ages of one and four years old. The orphanage also teaches expectant mothers how to care for young children.

Throughout the day, Sailors performed yard work, cleaned out an overgrown sandbox, and cleaned and painted two buildings. The highlight for most of the Sailors was the time spent playing, dancing and singing songs with the young children.

"I really enjoyed dancing and



U.S. Navy photo by EN1 (SW) Lester Silva  
Damage Controlman Fireman Olivia Satterfield from USS Chafee (DDG 90) shows one of the children a picture of himself during a community relations project at Taska & Tadika Suausindak Penampang Orphanage, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

singing with the children. It reminded me of playing with my own kids," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class Nicholas Josshua. "I saw the adults looking at what we were doing, smiling and being proud of what the Chafee Sailors had done for the center."

The Navy's involvement with overseas community service projects is intended to build good relations and demonstrates the good will of the United States. "Although our Sailors who participate in the community service projects ask for nothing, they always leave with the personal satisfaction of making the world a better place, one port at a time," said Cryptologic Technician 1st Class Selena Current, Chafee's community service coordinator.

Chafee visited Kota Kinabalu as part of a theater security cooperation visit to Malaysia. Chafee is currently conducting a surge deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. The ship is homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

# Tripler Army Medical Center holds blood drive at Hickam

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15th Wing Public Affairs

For some people, blood is a tough sight to see. But June 17 was an exception for those who showed up willing to have their arms poked with a needle.

The Armed Services Blood Program, hosted by Tripler Army Medical Center, held a blood drive at the Consolidated Maintenance Complex at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"We are collecting blood to help support troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and to help support any local emergencies," said Army Sgt. David Walker, Tripler Army Medical Center blood donor center supply NCO.

Staff Sgt. Maverick Quartero, 154th Maintenance Squadron avionics technician, said he has always donated blood since he was in high school and doesn't get to go to the blood bank as often as he'd like.

"Whenever they're doing a

blood drive here at the CMC, I always try to stop by," he said. "In my (career field), I haven't been down range very often and I know there are fellow Airmen out there going through a lot of hard times and I want to do whatever I can here to help them out."

According to Walker, one unit of blood can save as many as three lives. More than 45 units of blood on average are collected when the blood drive is held at Hickam.

"Every unit counts," Walker said.

Sgt. Jose Martinez, Non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of the blood donor center, Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, draws blood from Airman 1st Class Kellie Sheehan, 647th Civil Engineers Squadron fuels shop, during a blood drive at the 15th Maintenance Group Consolidated Maintenance Complex at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 17.

U.S. Air Force photo by David D. Underwood Jr.



# HCH offers residents new tool to provide feedback

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Hickam Community Housing LLC

Beginning July 1, Hickam Community Housing (HCH) will implement a new online customer survey program called Insite. The questionnaire will give residents an opportunity to rate HCH services, and a section in the survey will allow residents to provide additional comments.

Following the completion of a maintenance service or a move-in or move-out, a resident will receive an email that contains a link to the Insite survey. Upon completing and submitting the survey, the information is immediately



forwarded to HCH, giving staff the ability to quickly respond to any resident concerns.

Insite is intended to increase communication with residents for the timely resolution of issues as well as provide a method whereby HCH can evaluate and improve its services to residents. Positive feedback received through Insite is also important. It will help validate and ensure continued funding of important residents programs

and services.

"We think our residents will find this option quick, easy and effective in addressing their questions or concerns," said David Tripp, director of property management. "Insite will provide residents with another way to give us feedback and share their ideas, and they can continue to give us feedback at AskHCH@hickamch.com or by calling us at 423-2300."

HCH owner Actus Lend Lease has implemented the Insite online survey at projects across its residential military portfolio. The Insite program is a product of SatisFacts Research, a nationally recognized leader in resident relationship management.

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

- July 1** – Summer fire safety and prevention – Federal Fire Department Hawaii
- July 8** – Hurricane readiness
- July 15** – Water recreation safety - MDSU-1 and UCSG

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

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## Rollback has Aug 31 DOS

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a quality enlisted force," said Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker, 15th Wing command chief.

"The program targets those Airmen in certain categories who have been denied re-enlistment or had other quality issues. The numbers impacted here at Hickam are minimal. I encourage everyone to take a moment to review the DOS rollback guidance on the Air Force Personnel Center web page so they are familiar with this program and its impacts," he said.

In November, officials announced plans to conduct an April 30 DOS rollback for enlisted members. A second rollback was announced in March with a mandatory DOS rollback of June 30. The third rollback will also accelerate the date of separation for Airmen based on their years of service and re-enlistment eligibility or assignment availability codes.

As with the June 30 rollback, AFPC officials said commanders are allowed to conduct early consideration under the Selective Re-enlistment Program for Airmen who possess select re-enlistment codes and meet the rollback program criteria. Any personnel actions by commanders needed to be accomplished before June 24, when the roster of Airmen affected will be pulled by the AFPC Separations Branch.

For more information, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services website and enter "DOS rollback" in the search engine or call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

(Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs contributed to this report.)

## How does the Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam merger affect legal services?

### Hickam Base Legal Office

Effective Oct. 1, legal assistance will only be available at the Naval Legal Service Office Pacific (NLSO), Detachment Pearl Harbor.

Legal assistance specifically concerning deployment-related matters will continue to be available at the Hickam Base Legal Office. However, all other powers of attorney, wills and legal assistance appointments will be handled by the NLSO.

Legal assistance will continue to be available at the NLSO to all active duty members, dependents and retirees. For more information, contact Hickam Base Legal Office at 449-1737.

# Fallen Airmen laid to rest after 38 years

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Unidentified remains of 14 fallen Air Force AC-130 gunship crew members were laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on June 18, nearly 40 years after their aircraft was shot down over southern Laos.

Lt. Col. Henry P. Brauner, Lt. Col. Richard Castillo, Lt. Col. Irving B. Ramsower II, Lt. Col. Howard D. Stephenson, Maj. Curtis D. Miller, Maj. Barclay B. Young, Capt. Richard C. Halpin, Capt. Charles J. Wanzel III, Chief Master Sgt. Edwin J. Pearce, Senior Master Sgt. James K. Caniford, Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Simmons, Senior Master Sgt. Edward D. Smith Jr., Master Sgt. Merlyn L. Paulson and Master Sgt. William A. Todd were honored in a group burial with full military honors in the cemetery's Section 60.

The crew was killed in action March 29, 1972, in the midst of the Vietnam War.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Mark D. Shackelford presented an American flag to the families. Air Force Chaplain (Capt.) Anthony Wade and Rev. Martin McGill presided over the service.

Full military honors included a flag-draped casket and carrying team, a firing party, a band and bugler, a horse-drawn caisson and escorts from the Air Force Honor Guard. All 14 names will be included on the headstone.

Representatives from the families of 13 of the Airmen attended the ceremony. Several members of



Families of fallen Vietnam War-era Airmen gathered for a burial service June 17, at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. The service was a mass burial for the unidentified remains of 14 Airmen who were killed March 1972 when their aircraft was shot down over southern Laos.

Rolling Thunder, an advocacy group for the return of all prisoners of war and those missing in action, also attended the service.

"Individual remains were identified and returned to each of the family members with the exception of Lt. Col. Brauner's, who was included in the group remains buried Thursday," Larry Greer, a spokesman for the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, said in an interview with American Forces Press Service.

Young and Caniford were buried here individually in 2008, said Kaitlin Horst, a spokeswoman for the cemetery.

Forensic anthropolo-

gists and scientists from the Defense Department are confident all 14 Airmen were involved in the crash, Greer said. The scientists used identification tools, circumstantial evidence and DNA tests to match the crew members' remains with their families, Greer said. Scientists also used dental comparisons to identify remains.

"All of these men have been accounted for and the families have accepted the identification," Greer said. "These final, full-honor services are to recognize the sacrifices that these men made and their families made, and all of us involved in this mission feel it an honor to bring closure to these families."

The crew's plane was

shot down by a surface-to-air missile during an armed reconnaissance mission. Search and rescue efforts were hindered because of heavy enemy activity in the area and were stopped after only a few days, Greer said.

The first remains were recovered in 1986 by a joint U.S.-Laos team, Greer said. Recovered items included two identification tags, life support equipment and aircraft wreckage, he added.

Between 1986 and 1998, nine members of the aircrew were positively identified. Follow-on surveys and excavations in 2005 and 2006 found more remains, personal effects and other equipment, he said.

The remains of more than 900 service members killed in the Vietnam War have been returned to their families since 1972. More than 1,700 remain unaccounted-for.

In the past year, the Joint Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) has accounted for 98 service members missing from the Korean War, Vietnam War and World War II. More than 80,000 service members from the three wars remain unaccounted-for. Nearly 2,000 from the same wars have been accounted for and returned to their families.

(Editor's note: JPAC is headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.)