

# USS North Carolina arrives at Pearl Harbor

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One of the Navy's newest and most technologically sophisticated Virginia-class submarines, USS North Carolina (SSN 777), arrived at her new homeport, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 15 after the completion of a four-month inter-fleet transfer from Groton, Conn.

"The crew of North Carolina is excited to be here. They've been looking forward to this day for well over two years," said Cmdr. W.E. "Wes" Schlauder, commanding officer. "Having just completed a long shipyard period, they are motivated to get to work here in the Pacific and for the ship's first deployment."

During the transfer, North Carolina conducted a diverse series of exercises and test events to evaluate and certify the ship's capabilities in stealth and her new combat system across a range of submarine mission areas.

"During this time, we conducted extensive operational training with the crew to prepare them for future opera-



USS North Carolina (SSN 777) arrives at her new homeport, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 15, after completing a four-month inter-fleet transfer from Groton, Conn. The arrival of North Carolina is the third Virginia-class submarine to be stationed in the Pacific.

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Raymond Debolt from Long Island, N.Y. kisses his wife, Cristine, as he is the first to disembark when the USS North Carolina (SSN 777) arrived at her new homeport, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 15.

tions in the Pacific," Schlauder said.

North Carolina's keel was laid on May 22, 2004 and the submarine's official commissioning ceremony was held on May 3, 2008. Measuring 377 feet long, weighing 7,800 tons when submerged, and with a complement of more than 130 crew members, it is the fifth ship to be named in honor of the 'Tar Heel State.' North Carolina joins two active Los Angeles-class submarines in the Pacific, USS Asheville (SSN 758) and USS Charlotte (SSN 766), which are also named after cities in North Carolina.

This state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, special operations, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and strike group operations.

"We are excited and determined that this legacy of service will continue as we make our new home here in Hawaii and begin operations in the Pacific," Schlauder said.

North Carolina will be the third Virginia-class submarine homeported at Pearl Harbor, and will be assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron Three.

## Col. Alan Kollien assumes command of 613th AOC at Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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Col. Allan Kollien assumed command of the 613th Air and Space Operations Center (AOC) from Col. Wade Thompson during a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 10.

Kollien, who was previously the 613th AOC vice commander, will, as commander, lead one of five AN/USQ-163 Falconer weapon systems worldwide through which a commander of Air Force Forces, or a joint force air component com-

mander, exercises command and control of air, space and information forces.

"Picking the next AOC commander was indeed a very simple decision," said Lt. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 13th Air Force commander. "I have had the opportunity to watch this fantastic leadership team before and truthfully, they are as good as I have ever seen. Alan and Carla are the perfect choice to pick right up where the Thompsons left off and take the AOC to even greater heights. Their enthusiastic, dedicated and caring servant leadership is truly something to behold," Carlisle said.

The 613th AOC, also

known as the Maj. Richard Bong AOC and assigned to 13th Air Force, supports operations in the Asia-Pacific region outside the U.S. Forces Korea area of responsibility, and serves as the nerve center of air operations during any campaign.

"Thank you to the watchstanders ... our Airmen, including Guardsmen, Soldiers and Sailors, who stand watch 24-7-365 for seven mission areas," Kollien said. "It is our doctrinal and PACOM-tasked responsibility to oversee these mission areas for the theater and we do not take it lightly ... It may seem like a thankless

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Capt. Ed Spillman, deputy commander for military services at Navy Exchange Command; Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and representatives from Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Navy Exchange untie the maile lei during the fleet store grand opening ceremony held on Nov. 15 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## JBPHH celebrates grand opening of Pearl Harbor Fleet Store

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrated the grand opening of the Pearl Harbor Fleet Store on Nov. 15.

The brand new fleet store, located near the waterfront, combines the Naval Station Mini Mart, barber shop, uniform center and a four-segment food court.

"It's more like a one-stop shop. I like it, definitely good for expediting and making efficient use of my time," said Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Hiu Nguyen from the USS La Jolla (SSN701).

"This brings stuff down

to the fleet, right across the street from the piers and from the Sailors who stand duty here and live on the ships. It provides that easy access to come here 365 days a year," said Capt. Ed Spillman, deputy commander for military services at Navy Exchange Service Command. "It's a great store. I think it's going to provide a lot for the Sailors here."

Also located at the fleet store is a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) and an Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office, available for all service members at a low cost.

OAC sponsors different trips each month to introduce patrons to the island's hidden gems for hiking, paddling and other outdoor activities.

"For any program that you do, it costs \$20, and any program that we do with the barbecue costs \$25. That includes all the equipment, transportation and the guides," said Dino Scheidt, outdoor recreation program manager for MWR.

Equipment available at MWR includes surfboards, kayaks, paddle boards, camping gear, sports equipment, mountain bikes and dive equipment.

Additional services available at the fleet store include a laundry service, tailor work for uniforms, and free Wi-Fi in the food court and outside lanai.

The store is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

## Japan Consulate General visits 15th Wing



Photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Consulate General of Japan Yoshihiko Kamo greets Capt. Joseph Monaco, 15th Wing executive officer, before a C-17 simulator demonstration on Nov. 10. Consul General Kamo visited 13th Air Force headquarters and the 15th Wing during his visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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# JBP HH hosts CBRNE Exercise

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Emergency Management organized a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive (CBRNE) exercise on Nov. 9.

The purpose of the exercise was to assess the ability of JBPHH, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, Federal Fire Department Hawaii, 647th Air Base Group, 15th Medical Group and the 15th Wing to respond to multiple explosive chemical dispersal devices on the installation.

Dan DuBois, the JBPHH emergency management officer (EMO), said the exercise was one in a series of scenario-driven integrated exercises between Navy and Air Force units aboard JBPHH.

"Within the emergency operations center, we are working on the common operating picture (COP) piece. One of the challenges we are working on is the cultural difference between the legacy systems of the Air Force and Navy. This exercise is another step in the process to meld those systems together in an effort to become more efficient as a joint base," DuBois said.

One of the objectives of the exercise is to train the members of the EOC incident management team as they coordinate information and instructions to JBPHH security forces, firefighters and emergency medical teams.



Representatives at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Emergency Operation Center (EOC) coordinate the activities and information out in the field during a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive (CBRNE) exercise. The purpose of the exercise is to assess the ability of JBPHH, Navy Health Clinic Hawaii, Federal Fire Department Hawaii, 647th Air Base Group, 15th Medical Group and the 15th Wing to exercise and evaluate a rapid assessment and response to multiple explosive chemical dispersal devices. (Bottom left) Air Force Capt. Jon Ma, assigned to the 15th Wing Command Post, is the air operations representative at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Emergency Operation Center (EOC) during a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive (CBRNE) exercise. (Bottom right) Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Friedman from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) security presents the situation report and a map of the simulated affected area at the emergency operation center (EOC) during a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive (CBRNE) exercise.

"Our job basically is to support the incident commander (IC)," DuBois said. "The incident com-

mander is the person who is out there in the field, whether he's a firefighter or a security officer. The

IC is the one who is actively engaged in the response or rescue operations. They're the ones

who are working to solve the problem. The whole point is to work together as a team, to pool togeth-

er and provide the IC with needed support and the joint base commander information to help him make decisions to recover the installation from the event," he explained.

The exercise played out two simulated scenarios simultaneously, including a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device at the Air Force side of the base and an improvised explosive device at one of the piers on the Navy side. Both scenarios also simulated a chemical dispersal after the explosion.

DuBois said scenarios like these play a big part in training our military personnel.

"Unfortunately, there are dedicated groups of people who want to do really bad things to the citizens of the United States," DuBois said. "There is a potential to become complacent here in Hawaii because we are out in the middle of the Pacific and we don't have a lot of radical population, but the FBI just arrested a homegrown terrorist less than two weeks ago. There's always a possibility. We have to train for those possibilities," he added.

The JBPHH Emergency Management team schedules at least four major emergency/disaster exercises yearly, including an anti-terrorism exercise, a hurricane exercise and an earthquake exercise.

The team supports activities that provide for the preparedness, mitigation response and recovery from the impact of natural, accidental or civil threats to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam or surrounding community.

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## Commentary

# Getting rid of 'running rust'

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Aloha again shipmates,

Have you ever driven through a neighborhood where the buildings, streets and sidewalks were all well maintained and the people seemed friendly and happy, but just a few blocks later you felt like you're in a different world where everything was falling apart, tagged by graffiti and no one seemed to care about anything but themselves? I have, and I remember thinking, "Why is there such a noticeable difference between these two locations?"

Well, I have a theory about that, and I'd like to share it with all of you. I call it my "running rust" theory, and it's based on the idea that little problems when viewed separately may not seem like a big deal, but if ignored, they can rapidly combine to result in a much larger problem.

Actually, I can't take full credit for "running rust" because it's based on another concept known as the broken windows theory. This theory proposes that neighborhood crime is directly related to the residents' perception of what is normal behavior and acceptable conditions for their neighborhood. In a magazine article, social scientists James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling used the example of a broken building window and suggested that if left unrepaired, it would result in a tendency for vandals to

break more windows. Eventually this would lead to the perception that the residents didn't care and other criminal activity like graffiti, break-ins and squatting would increase. Gradually, the once normal neighborhood would evolve into a "bad" part of town.

It's a very interesting theory and I recommend you read up on it if you have a few spare minutes, but the point is, I believe we can apply the same concept to our Navy. We have probably all seen examples of this in the fleet, but never stopped to think about it or consider the situation.

Let's use two of our ships as an example: same homeport and class of ship, built by the same shipyard around the same time, and crewed by the same number and type of Sailors. Why does one ship have a history of excellence, where the crew takes pride in the appearance and reputation of their ship, yet the other, virtually identical ship carries a bad reputation with high rates of NJP, repeated maintenance issues and poor morale?

Was it a stroke of luck that the first ship received all outstanding Sailors, while the second got a bunch of poor-performers and trouble makers? I don't think so. I believe this is a case of "running rust."

Both ships started out with the same potential for success, but somewhere along the line they took diverging paths that led to the current situation. It's not that it was a bad ship or crew. They just didn't take the time to fix the problems when they were still small. I

can guarantee they faced similar disciplinary problems like a liberty violation here or a gundecked maintenance check there, but when you allow the little things to slip by without being corrected it's like allowing a small spot of rust to grow unchecked. The corrosion will spread throughout the workspace and eventually compromise the entire ship.

The same can be said of the crew's performance and standard of conduct. If we allow the little things to slide by uncorrected, then it's just a matter of time until minor liberty incidents become major ones and gundecking evolves into dereliction of duty. Eventually, this becomes accepted as "the way things are" on that ship. Once the crew perceive themselves and their ship that way, their "running rust" spreads to other Sailors and ships on the waterfront and pretty soon, everyone in the fleet is dealing with the effects of the "running rust" throughout our Navy.

It's been said that perception becomes reality, but no one ever said the perception had to be negative. Instead, how about we all set an expectation for excellence, and foster a work environment where the perception is one of pride and professionalism, an environment where even the small problems are addressed and quickly corrected. How about we stamp out the "running rust" before it ever has a chance to take hold of our ships, commands and Sailors.

Thanks for your time, shipmates, and thanks for all you do.



Air Force photo David D. Underwood, Jr.

Col. Allan Kollien (center) assumes command of the 613th Air And Space Operations Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, on Nov. 11. Kollien, who was previously the 613th AOC vice commander, will now lead one of five AN/USQ-163 weapon systems worldwide.

## Col. Alan Kollien assumes command

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job, but it is vital, for the price of freedom is still eternal vigilance," he noted.

The 613th AOC focuses exclusively on air operations supporting the National Defense Strategy. The AOC develops strategy, plans, and command and control processes to employ air, space and information forces to achieve desired effects in support of U.S. Pacific Command objectives. It supports the commander of Air Force Forces and the joint/combined force air component commander by accomplishing strategy development, detailed planning, target development, weaponeering and force allocation, air tasking order production, force execution, and operational level assessment functions in support of the joint force commander's campaign plan.

"Colonel Thompson has been an incredibly successful

commander, and now he is moving to a huge job as General North's chief of staff ...a huge win for PACAF," Carlisle said. "Wade, thank you for taking such great care of the 613th AOC. You have definitely left it better than when you took over and you have to know yours was a job extremely well done."

Thompson expressed his gratitude to the men and women of the 613th AOC as they continue forward with the mission.

"There are many things that I'm going to miss about my time in the AOC, but what I will miss most is working with such outstanding people," Thompson said. "The mission of the Richard I. Bong Air and Space Operations Center could not happen, could not be performed in the excellent manner it is day in and day out without the dedication, hard work and selfless sacrifice of each and every one of you - I owe you all my profound grat-

itude," Thompson continued.

Carlisle also praised the 613th AOC team for all they do for the AOC mission.

"To the men and women of the 613th AOC, you are at the tip of spear or at least you are guiding the spears every move. You are the gold standard of AOCs and command and control and you are pushing the envelope for the employment of airpower to new heights in everything you do. Thank you for your professionalism, your dedication and your discipline. I have no doubt that you will continue to excel under Col. Kollien just as you did under Col. Thompson," Carlisle said.

The 613th AOC has five divisions: strategy; combat plans; combat operations; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and air mobility. In addition, several specialty and Agile combat support teams provide cross-functional support and expertise to all divisions.

## Diverse Views

How do you plan to celebrate Thanksgiving this year?



CTR3  
Ryan Murphy

"We plan on going to COSTCO, buying a turkey and vegetables, and then heading to a friend's house to have a 'family-away-from-family' get together."

CTII (IDW)  
Emily DaBruzzi



"I am flying home to Wisconsin with my two sons. This is the first time I've been home in four years. I am from a traditional Italian family, so we'll be eating a typical Italian feast, sure to include ravioli."



YNCS (SW/EXW)  
Donella Anderson

"My family and several other families are reserving the community center in our housing area, and we will be inviting our Sailors and their families to come for a southern style Thanksgiving dinner."

CTB  
Cody Weber



"Me and several friends rented a cabin at Bellows Beach. We will be eating our Thanksgiving dinner there, and hanging out on the beach."

CTI3  
Michael Mullen



"Any meal that involves turkey and eggnog is a Thanksgiving meal to me. My wife and I are meeting friends from the mainland in downtown Honolulu."

(Interviews and photos provided by Lt. j.g. Melissa Ocasio, NIOC Public Affairs)

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## Enjoying 'turkey day' aboard ship



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives

Adm. William F. Halsey, commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, eats Thanksgiving dinner with the crew of his flagship, USS New Jersey (BB 62), on Nov. 30, 1944.

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# Veterans Day sunset ceremony held on Battleship Missouri

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The historic Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was the setting for a special Veterans Day sunset ceremony, attended by hundreds of active duty and retired service members, on Nov. 11.

Army Maj. Gen. Robert G. Lee, the adjutant general for the state of Hawaii and the keynote speaker for the event, reflected on the changes he has seen in the military during his nearly four decades of service and of the remarkable dedication service members continue to exude.

"It has truly been a magnificent journey for me these past 39 years, serving on active duty in the Army Reserves and now in the National Guard," Lee said. "When I was first commissioned in 1971, a long, long time ago, we did not have stealth technology or smart bombs. Cruise missiles, like the ones that the 'Mighty Mo' used during the Persian Gulf War, were just being imagined by defense contractors, but what has changed very dramatically, more than the hardware, is the culture and the development of the people in the armed services of the United States," he explained.

"I take nothing away from the veterans of World War II, Korea or Vietnam, but today's Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman you will find very different. I have seen them in action in all of my eight years in Iraq, Afghanistan and Djibouti and they are just outstanding. On average, the ser-



(Above) Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Alex Mcnee, rifle squad leader for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) Honors and Ceremonies Guard, renders a hand salute as the ceremonial guard prepares to conduct a rifle salute in honor of Veterans Day on Battleship Missouri Memorial. (Bottom left) Maj. Gen. Robert G. Lee, adjutant general for the state of Hawaii, delivers a speech on Veterans Day onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial, thanking past and present service members for their contribution and continued dedication to our military. Lee was the keynote speaker for this year's sunset ceremony celebrating Veterans Day on the historic battleship.

vice member today is better educated, is married and has a family and has more responsibility relative to their rank than ever before," Lee said.

Afterward, Lee called upon veterans and current service members at the event to be recognized and they received a standing ovation.

Hawaii resident Herbert Weatherwax, a 93-year-old Army veteran who survived the Pearl Harbor attack and fought in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII, shared how he felt after the ceremony.

"I have always strongly backed our veterans and service members," Weatherwax said. "My legs

aren't as good as they once were, but I used to participate as a flag bearer at Punchbowl for these events. Veterans Day is a symbolic day that I think should be kept alive for as long as we are a nation."

The ceremony aboard the Missouri marks the last Veterans Day event to be celebrated in the U.S.

because of Hawaii's time zone. The event was capped off with a view of a Hawaiian sunset.

Barbara Mathews, co-owner and videographer of Dog Barney Productions, documented the ceremony for the Battleship Missouri Memorial Association and paid special notice to the horizon.

"I think that our remembered veterans had a lot to do with that beautiful sunset," Mathews commented.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday that has been held annually on Nov. 11 since 1919 to honor service members past and present. (See more Veterans Day photos on page A-5)



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Members of the Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Mess participate in a CPO Fun Run on Veterans Day 2010.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Bart A Bauer

(Right) Margaret Sandoval from Seattle, a member of the Radford High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, presents a special lei to USS Bullhead (SS 215), a Balao-class submarine that was the last U.S. Navy ship sunk by enemy action during World War II, during a Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 11 at the USS Parche Submarine Memorial Park at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Sandoval's great-grandfather, Seaman 1st Class Jess Sandoval, was a crew member on board Bullhead.

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



(Above) The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Navy Detachment Honor Guard conducts a 21-gun salute in tribute to Sailors and the submarines lost during World War II during a Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 11 at the USS Parche Submarine Memorial Park on board Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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(Right) A joint service color guard marches down California Avenue in Wahiawa during the 2010 Wahiawa Veterans Day Parade, hosted by the Wahiawa Lions, on Nov. 11. The 65th annual event drew hundreds of visitors to central Oahu to honor veterans.

Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

(Right) Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, hands a coin to Hawaii Five-O star Alex O'Loughlin during a break in the filming of a scene Nov. 11 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Barrett presented coins to the hit show's cast and crew.

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jeffrey Allen





# C-17 has cameo on Hawaii Five-0

Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

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One of the stars in the hearts and minds of the men and women of the 15th Wing made its first cameo in television's hottest new television show, "Hawaii Five-0."

Film crews for "Hawaii Five-0" teamed up Oct. 11 with Airmen at Hickam to film scenes for the Nov. 15 airing of the television episode. Though the C-17 wasn't the main star, its commanding presence wasn't missed during scenes filmed on location at Hickam's flightline. Airmen worked alongside the stars of the show and the film crew.

"It was exciting for the H50 crew to work alongside such amazing technology and equipment on this historic and active base," said Brad Turner, Hawaii Five-0 director.

"The cooperation from the crew members on the plane and the ground crew was great. We couldn't ask for a better day."

Episode nine, "Po'ipu," (a Hawaiian word meaning "The Siege") involves the Five-0 team trying to unfold the details of an assassination attempt of a ruthless dictator during his visit to the islands for an aid summit. From his arrival on a C-17, the Five-0 team must protect the dictator and his family, uncover the assassination plot, and investigate the murder of a security detail member involved with the visit who knew details of the planned assassination.

The Air Force support during the ninth episode of the first season was minimal in the script, but it

was a key piece in the story and allowed the writers and the director to get their main antagonist of the story in and out of Hawaii.

According to the filming crew, the C-17 had a huge presence in the filming of the scene in the episode and the authenticity is second to none.

"First and foremost, it creates an environment that exceeds anything we could manufacture or create on a sound stage or inactive base on location," the director said.

"In any film and television project, you strive for an authentic look. The opportunities that we have working with the military at this level - and being invited onto Hickam - makes our job so much easier and pays homage to the men and women who are involved in real situations every day," he explained.

Air Force representation in a show that centers around a main character who is a U.S. Navy SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) and staged in Hawaii, the site of one of the most infamous surprise military attacks in history, presents little problem to get the Air Force involved. "What a great opportunity to highlight the dynamic mission and selfless service of our Air Force Airmen stationed in the great state of Hawaii," said Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander.

"Any chance we have to share even a glimpse of what our Airmen do every day, especially to an international audience, is something special."

Barrett said he is proud to lead a group of Airmen in a strategic location in the Pacific region, operat-



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jeffrey Allen

The Hawaii Five-0 production crew uses a C-17 Globemaster III from the 15th Wing as a backdrop while filming a scene on Oct. 11. The cast and crew of the hit show were on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam filming for an episode.

ing an Air Force weapon system that fits into the personality of a high octane television series.

"Day and night, the C-17 delivers personnel and supplies in support of humanitarian, peace keeping and wartime contingencies to every land mass on the globe," the Barret said. "What a fitting weapon system to feature on an internationally watched TV show."

"It's always great to participate in a new series and get the Air Force involved early, not only from a storyline perspective, but also from a partnership perspective," said Lt. Col. Francisco Hamm, U.S. Air Force entertainment liaison

office director.

"In this case, having a lead character who is a Reserve Navy officer in Hawaii, coupled with the key location of the show, lends itself to Air Force involvement within the series."

According to Hamm, whose recent Hollywood projects involving the Air Force include advising "Transformers 3," having the creative minds and vision of the film industry provides the Air Force an opportunity to be positively portrayed to a wide audience.

"The Air Force has a ton of real-world cool, riveting, emotional, uplifting and dramatic stories to share and these entertainment opportunities allow the Air Force to have a voice," Hamm said.

"I think in this day and age of the 24-hour news cycle being very crowded, it's refreshing to have another strategic outlet for Air Force stories that can rise above the noise and be able to educate, inform and entertain, not only the American public, but many times to a worldwide audience as well," he continued. Filming of "Hawaii Five-0" on Hickam was a win-win situation for many. It was a win for the Air Force by showcasing America's Airmen and the technology they employ every day and a win for the show's pursuit of authenticity.

The director explained that working with Hickam Airmen was a pleasurable experience and said the Airmen are "amazing professionals."

"When we had issues

with sound and the engines due to the wind, the ground and air crew worked creative solutions to stop the noise," Turner said. "This helped us complete our mission to get clear sound and when we finished post production we realized that the noise had cleared and no ADR (replacing location sound with sound from the sound booth) was necessary. This was due to the efforts of our Air Force crew," he explained.

Filming on the flightline might have only been a one-day event, but the experience will not be forgotten anytime soon for those involved.

"We hope that this was the first of many opportunities we have to showcase Hickam," Turner said. (See additional photo on page A-5)

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## ENGINEERMAN 2ND CLASS MOIKEHA J. KEOGH

# NOSC PH Sailor becomes U.S. citizen

Story and photos by  
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public  
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A Sailor assigned to the Navy Operational Support Center, Pearl Harbor (NOSC PH) took his oath of citizenship in front of his family and co-workers at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services in Honolulu on Nov. 2.

Engineman 2nd Class Moikeha J. Keogh, who was born in the Republic of Palau, is one of several foreign nationals who raised their right hands to pledge their allegiance to the United States of America during a citizenship ceremony.

"It feels pretty good to be a citizen," Keogh said. "Getting my citizenship opened a lot of other job opportunities in the Navy. I was denied orders once before for not being a citizen. I won't be running into that problem again and also, of course,

the opportunity to vote is very important."

Keogh was born on the Republic of Palau, an island nation located in the Pacific Ocean about 500 miles east of the Republic of the Philippines. In 2004, U.S. Navy recruiters from Guam arrived in Palau to meet with Keogh.

"Recruiters from Guam flew over to Palau, and they do the ASVAB test twice a year," Keogh said. "Initially, I took the test to go in the Army, but I scored high enough for the Navy recruiter. The Navy recruiter pulled me aside and asked me to join the Navy instead of the Army."

Since then, Keogh said he had no regrets about joining the Navy. Keogh has been in the Navy for more than six years, most of it aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS Dubuque (LPD 8). While assigned to Dubuque, he has deployed twice, visiting foreign ports such as Singapore,

Thailand and Hong Kong.

In early 2010, Keogh transferred to NOSC PH, where he had time to process his application for naturalization.

"It wasn't too difficult, just a lot of paperwork and patience was required," Keogh said. "It's a lot of waiting for papers and confirmations to come in the mail. And being on shore duty gave me time to get everything done and sent in."

While assigned to NOSC PH, Keogh supports the Reservists side by providing the fleet with fit-ready Reserves to mobilize as needed. Chief Hull Technician (SW) Robert Thompson, the command's senior enlisted advisor, said Keogh processes orders for more than 650 Reserve personnel, supporting 32 different commands around the Navy.

With more than 20 personnel in the command, Thompson said that Keogh brings a different dynamic to the table.

"We have folks that come to Hawaii and don't get out and

visit all the beautiful places on the island," Thompson said. "They go to downtown and go to Waikiki, Restaurant Row, and that's the extent of their experience. Coming from another beautiful island in the Pacific, he brings that outlook that there are other things to do and that some of our folks have never even heard of. We actually had several talks with him telling the staff about where he's from. Some people haven't even heard about Palau. We would get a geography lesson from him."

Keogh is married and has a three-week-old son. He said he plans on furthering his career in the Navy in hopes that he will buy his own house in Hawaii one day.

The NOSC's mission is to ensure Reservists are ready and fully integrated into the active force, so they can rapidly deploy in support of the fleet in the event of a partial or full mobilization.

## Thanksgiving safety message

Naval Safety Center

Thanksgiving is a joyous tradition that allows us to reflect on the good fortune we enjoy as Americans. While our Navy and Marine Corps team is engaged in wars on two fronts and our nation is undergoing tough economic times, there is still so much for which we are grateful. Americans across this great land will give thanks for you and for the

work you do every day in service to our country. It is important that you know your hard work is appreciated, and I encourage you to enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

Many of us will be driving long distances to spend time with loved ones. Unfortunately, increased traffic on the roadways, coupled with the fatigue that often accompanies the holidays, can be a dangerous mix. Last year

we lost one Sailor and one Marine on the highway over the Thanksgiving weekend. There were 11 other non-fatal motor vehicle mishaps that weekend. If you are driving long distances during Thanksgiving weekend or at any time throughout the holidays, use the travel risk planning system (trips). You can access trips through Navy Knowledge Online at [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil). The survey

assesses the dangers and offers relevant advice to reduce risk.

If alcohol will be a part of your holiday celebrations, it's important to plan for success. Designating a sober driver or taking cabs are great ways to avoid the career and personal consequences of driving under the influence. It's also important to remember moderation even if you aren't driving. Over-consumption of alcohol

reduces inhibitions and makes any activity much riskier. Alcohol is also a factor in sexual assaults, and this criminal behavior negatively affects the readiness of our entire navy-marine corps team. Know your limits, have a plan, and stick to it.

The Naval Safety Center has resources to help ensure you and your family remain mishap-free this Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday

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# Navy E-5 commander of Hickam VFW commemorates his military legacy

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Hanging out with veterans who are 40 to 60 years older than he is the most rewarding thing Damage Controlman 2nd Class Kenneth B. Wiseman III can think of doing. He spends 10 to 15 days out of the month going to meetings, recruiting and working special



events on top of his full-time job as a damage controlman at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

At the age of 26, he's the youngest commander of any VFW post – and, his birthday marks the most significant day in military history for Hawaii: Dec. 7. "I come from a long family tradition of military service," said the young Sailor, who spent Veterans Day weekend this year conducting commemorative services with his 'boys' at Hickam, Kaneohe and the WWII and Korean/Vietnam War Memorial downtown. Three of his four grandparents, including his paternal grandmother, served in World War II and the Korean War.

The way Wiseman decided to both commemorate his military legacy and preserve his own future entitlements as a veteran was to join the Horace Hickam VFW Post a year and a half ago, when he became stationed at Pearl Harbor. Soon after he joined the post, the young firefighter decided to take it a step further and become the leader of the men and women of post 970.

"Even though I'm young, I have experience as a vet," Wiseman said. He served two six-month deployments on the U.S.S. Samuel B. Roberts during the drug wars, one of which, to Colombia in 2009, earned him the right to be a VFW member. "I wanted to not only honor those who have served, but also serve my community," he explained. The hard-working college student has little time for much else, since his job as an E-5 in the Navy requires more than the ordinary 9 to 5 job. But the camaraderie and fraternal nature of the VFW draws him to stay as a "lifetime member."

Chartered on the former Hickam AFB in 1980, this post is the most active of the 21 VFW posts in the state of Hawaii, according to the organization's website. Seventy percent of its membership consists of Air Force veterans, and the post itself was named for an Airman. "It's important to me to remember the contributions of those who have served our country," Wiseman said. "Our focus is on doing a lot for veterans, especially the older ones who are no longer able to do some things for themselves, but it's about more than just sitting around drinking beer and telling seafaring stories. I know one day I'll be retired and I'll need all these benefits we're [lobbying] for right now."

Along with trying to get funding to help victims of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries; trying to get more benefits for female veterans; and campaigning against suicide among veterans, Ken and 'his boys'

are trying to garner interest in a national "Unknown Soldiers Day" – something similar to Veterans Day and POW/MIA Day that will honor those buried in unknown tombs.

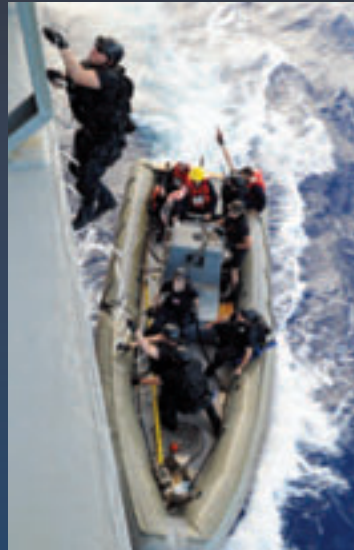
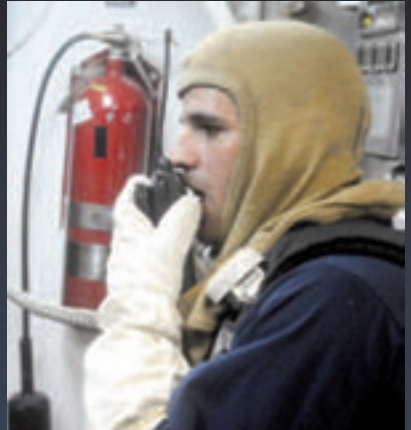
"The hardest part of being the commander of a VFW is trying to find the balance between what you want to get done and what you can get done," he said. So last weekend, they handed out poppies at the commissary and placed flags on unknown tombs at the Punchbowl in Waikiki. That, he said, was "something he could do."

For more information on how to become a member of the VFW, visit [www.vfwhawaii.org](http://www.vfwhawaii.org) or e-mail [membership\\_p00970@vfwhawaii.org](mailto:membership_p00970@vfwhawaii.org).

# Koa Kai exercise

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Robert Stirrup

(Right) Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) participate in a fire drill during exercise Koa Kai off the coast of the Hawaiian Islands. Koa Kai is the primary integrated training event for mid-Pacific surface Combatant units with the goal of achieving deployment certifications and training. Koa Kai encompasses Hawaii-based surface, submarine and aviation assets, and other commands within the Hawaii region.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup (Left) Members of the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James' (FFG 57) visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team board USNS Guadalupe while conducting a VBSS drill during exercise Koa Kai off the coast of the Hawaiian Islands.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

The guided-missile destroyers USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) perform shipboard maneuvers during exercise Koa Kai off the coast of the Hawaiian Islands. Koa Kai is the primary integrated training event for Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant units with the goal of achieving deployment certifications and training.

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## Michael Caine visits Pearl Harbor



U.S. Navy photo by MCC(AW) Bauer, Bart

Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, greets movie actor Sir Michael Caine and introduces him to several Sailors and Airman before giving Caine a tour of the base. Caine took the time to take pictures, answer questions and speak with the service members on Nov. 13.

## U.S., Japan prepare for Exercise Keen Sword 2011

### 13th Air Force Public Affairs

U.S. military personnel will partner with Japanese Self-Defense Forces in Japan from Dec. 3 through 10 to conduct joint-bilateral training during Exercise Keen Sword 2011.

The commander of 13th Air Force, Lt. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, and Gen. Ryoichi Oriki, chief of staff, Japan Joint Staff will direct the exercise.

A large and complex exercise, Keen Sword 2011 involves all components of U.S. Joint Forces and Japanese Self-Defense Forces who are training to

conduct bilateral operations in support of the defense of Japan in a number of locations throughout the country. The purpose and value of the training is to facilitate the interaction and improve the interoperability of both militaries.

"In 1960, Japan and the U.S. signed the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security," Carlisle said. "Participation in Keen Sword further enhances the Japan-U.S. alliance, which remains a key strategic relationship in the Asia-Pacific region."

Training between Japan Self-Defense Forces and U.S. military forces has been a routine, recurring

event for many years. Keen Sword 2011 is the 10th joint-bilateral field training exercise since 1986.

"The alliance has served as the foundation of our security and prosperity for 50 years," Carlisle said. "By conducting exercises such as Keen Sword, we are ensuring that our forces will continue to be effective in meeting the challenges of the 21st century."

The biennial Keen Edge-Keen Sword exercise series alternates between Keen Sword, a field training exercise, and Keen Edge, a command post exercise.

## Service members attend Million Dollar Sailor class

### MC2 Jon Dasbach

Navy Public Affairs  
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Service members attended a bi-monthly Million Dollar Sailor class on Nov. 8 and 9 at the Warfighter and Family Service Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The two-day course covers the necessity of personal financial management, pay and allowances, developing a spending plan or a budget, savings and investments, Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) and consumer information.

"I learned that this class has valuable information to prepare yourself for your career and have control over your money," said Information Systems Technician 1st Class Alexander Lennon, assigned to Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii. "I've learned that having control of your finances helps you keep control and know where your money is going, down to the penny."

The class also provided important information on credit reports, credit scores, car buying and different types of insurance.

"I learned a lot. I know

that I would use the car-buying tips that they provided. I see myself saving a lot of money with the information that they gave us," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Charriot Moody, assigned to 15th Medical Support Squadron, Hickam clinic.

Since Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base joined together, this was the first Million Dollar Sailor class where an Air Force member was present.

"We're so excited now under joint basing to have the opportunity to offer this to our Air Force counterparts," said Debbie Blunt, an accredited financial advisor and course instructor.

Million Dollar Sailor was created by Warfighter and Family Service Center (formerly Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) to help service members with their finances, and learn about the options they have when it comes to their money.

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# Hickam aircrew hones skills in Pacific Northwest

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15th Wing Public Affairs

The drizzling rain and cold temperatures of the Pacific Northwest are not a substitute for the sunshine and palm trees of the Hawaiian Islands, but a Hickam C-17 Globemaster III aircrew is toughing out the elements to hone their skills in the airlift arsenal.

The 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) aircrew trained in unrestricted descent assault landings, air drop, combat offloads, air refueling, night vision goggle training, combat offloads, low levels, mountainous terrain, threat responses and multiple ship formation training during a five-day training trip to Washington on Nov. 12-17.

"The Pacific Northwest offers a plethora of training opportunities that we don't get on the islands of Hawaii," said Capt. Dave Morales, 535th AS pilot. "Specifically, the mountainous terrain allows us to get low toward the ground when we fly our terrain following low levels."

Of the many flight training limitations in Hawaii, getting realistic flight instrumentation, assault landing, and drop zone experience is on the top of the list. The weather patterns in Hawaii

that hover around 80 degrees and partly cloudy are an environment where strictly instrumentation flying is not necessary.

"They (Washington) have a couple of IFR (instrument flight rules) drop corridors that allow us to actually fly in the weather to a drop zone and conduct airdrop," Morales said. "Weather is always an issue here."

Grant County, Wash., near Moses Lake, has a 3,500-foot assault landing zone where pilots get the opportunity to practice assault landings without any simulation. Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay has a simulated assault landing field, but according to the pilot nothing is better than landing on the real thing.

"It's a realistic approach to an assault landing, where you have to put that aircraft down on a very small runway," Morales said. "That's something once again we don't get to do over at Kaneohe Bay which is our primary training base."

They took a look at the area during the day, flying low level and air drop patterns. They also took a look at the military training route under the cover of darkness, through the eyes of the night vision goggles.

"The pilots are getting a ton of training out of it,"

Morales said. "Just being in the cockpit, absorbing all that, is great training in and of itself."

According to Capt. Rob Greeson, 535th AS pilot, taking a look at the training area, drop zone and assault landing airstrip during the day and at night are two totally different experiences. Performing an unrestricted descent for a tactical arrival on an actual assault landing zone at night while wearing the night vision goggles does not have the peripheral rush of the ground as the airplane gets closer to touchdown.

"It's like a video game, in that you only concentrate on what is in your line of sight," Greeson said. "During the day, you can see how short the runway really is. At night, all you see is five lights and the data the airplane gives you. There is no ground rush. You have to trust the instrumentation."

Training like this is a stepping stone in proficiency and leads to larger formations, like those conducted at the Mobility Air Forces Exercise in Las Vegas, Nev. Throughout the training in Washington, Morales, a U.S. Air Force Weapons School graduate, is making sure the four pilots on the training mission are cycled through the cockpit for the training they need.

Staff Sgt. Jason Jones,



Staff Sgt. Jason Jones, 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) loadmaster, enjoys the view over Grant County, Wash., during a training mission Nov. 13 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The 535th AS aircrew trained in unrestricted descent assault landings, air drop, combat offloads, air refueling, night vision goggle training, combat offloads, low levels, mountainous terrain, assault landings, threat responses and multiple ship formation training during a five-day training trip to Washington on Nov. 12-17.

535th AS loadmaster, has been with the crew every step of the way, training in the back of the airplane while the pilots hone their tactical skills.

"I'm getting a lot of crucial real world training that is not available at Hickam," Jones said. "There are some inherent limitations to Hickam Field and even Kaneohe Bay airstrip that keeps loadmasters from performing currency items

such as combat offloads. We have to stay current and proficient on many aspects of flying and get it on missions like this," he added.

For pilots in the airdrop program, they go through a sequential training plan to get qualified to conduct airdrops. The planning for a multi-ship air drop is crucial for both the pilots and the loadmasters. In large formations, the decisions

made by one aircraft affect every other aircraft in trail.

Inherent and crucial to flying operations, lots of time has been spent planning each training mission. Their training will culminate at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. On Nov. 18 while participating in the Mobility Air Forces Exercises 10-B, an 18-ship formation, as the final project for the weapons school students.

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