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Pearl Harbor Colors celebrates Women's History Month

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Navy Region Hawaii honored the history of women in uniform during a Pearl Harbor Colors, honors and heritage ceremony held March 19 at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

Set at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, commanding officers from the two surface ships most recently returned from deployment spoke to a group of service members, families and distinguished guests, as well as an audience of locals and visitors about this month's theme, "Lean in, operating forward: Women's History Month and the heritage of women serving in uniform."

It happens that the two commanding officers are women.

Cmdr. Gina McCaine is commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77). Cmdr. Linda Seymour is the top officer on the USS Halsey (DDG 97). Both are based in Pearl Harbor.

McCaine began her speech by making it clear that the women who wear a Navy uniform contribute to the CNO's tenets, also known as sailing directions.

"The three tenets of the Navy's Chief of Operations are warfighting first, operate forward, and be ready. Women exemplify these tenets today as warfighters, protecting the freedom of this great country ready at



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(Center) Honored Navy guest Eugenia Woodward speaks with Navy officers (from the left) Cmdr. Linda Seymour, commanding officer, USS Halsey (DDG 97); Cmdr. Jaja J.E. Marshall, commanding officer, USS Hopper (DDG 70); Lt. Meredith Manuel, USS Hopper navigator; and Cmdr. Gina McCaine, commanding officer, USS O'Kane (DDG 77) about her WWII experience in Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES). (See additional photos on page B-1.)

any given moment, and are operating at the front, leading Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines around the world," McCaine said.

She also provided the audience with context. She told of how quickly women responded to the country's call to service once they saw the slightest crack in existing gender barriers.

"Ninety-eight years ago today, on March 19, 1917, Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels authorized the enlistment of women and two days later, Loretta Walsh was sworn in as chief yeomen," McCaine said.

Today, Adm. Michelle Howard serves as Navy's Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

As the time approached 7:55 a.m., McCaine explained that the morning's ceremony was not only about the celebration of women in military service. She said it was also about ceremonies involving the American flag.

"The colors ceremony has a long standing tradition in our armed forces. Every morning and every evening, we stand in honor of this symbol of our great nation," she said.

"The American flag represents the ideals of our founders and the bonds that unite us all as citizens, but foremost, it represents the sacrifice of veterans both past and present who have served this country with distinction.

"On ships of the U.S. Navy, first call is sounded at 0755, five minutes ahead of morning colors (or raising the national ensign), and five minutes before evening colors (or lowering the national ensign)," McCaine said.

Then she turned to Chief Musician Ryan Ringnalda, from Pacific Fleet Ceremo-

nial Band, and said, "Bandmaster, sound first call to colors."

Lt. Meredith Manuel, master of ceremony, introduced the next guest speaker, USS Halsey (DDG 97) commanding officer, Cmdr. Linda Seymour.

"The forward-leaning, hard-working legacy of women in the Navy is all around us. A sister ship here in Pearl Harbor is USS Hopper (DDG 70). Hopper is named after Rear Adm. 'Amazing Grace' Hopper, who was a pioneering computer scientist. She was given the nickname 'Amaz-

ing Grace' because of accomplishments well ahead of her time," Seymour said. "Her service spanned from 1943 when she enlisted in the Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES) to her retirement in 1986 as a rear admiral. Hopper exemplified the Navy's core values and was truly a trailblazer as a computer scientist and naval officer," she said.

Seymour gave a nod to another member of the WAVES who was in attendance as guest of honor, Eugenia Woodward. Woodward was applauded and thanked for her service during World War II.

Seymour spoke of the first female four-star admiral, Adm. Michelle Howard, the introduction of women to combatant ships, and inclusion of women in the field of Navy nuclear propulsion. She paused briefly then called the audience to rise. Then she looked at Ringnalda and said, "Bandmaster, sound attention to colors."

Then, immediately looking to the enlisted men and women of the USS Halsey and USS O'Kane Honors and Ceremonial Guard, she gave the order, "Color guard, parade the colors."

The crowd stood tall, with each person either saluting or with hand over heart. The National Anthem played loudly. The American flag was paraded and posted.

The next Pearl Harbor Colors Ceremony will be held April 1 in tribute to chief petty officers on the CPO birthday.



Retired Rear Adm. Albert H. Clancy discusses the events of Dec. 7, 1941 with Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, March 13.

Pearl Harbor survivor returns

Story and photo by MC1 Omari K. Way

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A Pearl Harbor survivor, retired Rear Adm. Albert (Pat) H. Clancy, returned to site of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on his Brooklyn-class light cruiser the USS Honolulu (CL 48) March 13.

His son, retired Navy lieutenant commander and Vietnam veteran, Kevin Clancy and daughter-in-

law, Dawn, joined him in the tour. He also shared the day with fellow USS Honolulu survivor, former Chief Boatswain's Mate Ray Emory. Emory is a long-time resident of Hawaii, who has spent more than 30 years working to identify Sailors killed during the attack.

The tour began at Bravo Pier 21 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This is place where, according to Clancy, "we all grew up."

Clancy had been on base for a year, and he remem-

bers the weeks leading up to the attack as being unremarkable. He recalled being relatively unruffled by rumors of enemy landings nearby.

"To give you a sense of our attitude prior to the attack, the week before we had been having a big exercise that kept us in battle stations until 11 o'clock and we were all upset because we had missed the movie," Clancy said.

But when the attack be-

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Quenching the heat



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

Sailors based in Hawaii participate in a general shipboard firefighting training evolution at the Surface Warfare Officer's School (SWOS) March 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The training allowed students to practice proper hose handling procedures, firefighting maneuvers, teamwork and nozzle man relieving procedures.

Ford Island Bridge to close temporarily for run

The Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 6:55 to 7:35 a.m. April 4 in support of the 18th annual Ford Island Bridge Run, sponsored by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The 10K race will start at 7 a.m. at the entrance to the bridge, proceed

clockwise around the island and end at Richardson Field, across from Aloha Stadium.

All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.

More than 3,000 participants are expected. For more information, visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com.



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15th Wing gears up for Air Force Assistance Fund drive See page A-6



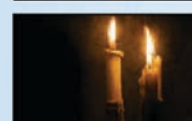
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Submarine Squadron 1 holds change of command ceremony

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The commanding officer of Submarine Squadron 1 passed on his duties March 12 during a change of command ceremony at the historic submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Capt. Harry Ganteaume, commanding officer of Submarine Squadron 1, was relieved by Capt. Timothy Rexrode.

Submarine squadron commanding officers are also known by the honorary title of commodore.

Ganteaume expressed gratitude for the team effort his staff put forth in supporting submarine crews and praised submarine commanding officers and crews that he served with at Squadron 1.



Capt. Harry Ganteaume is piped ashore after being relieved by Capt. Timothy Rexrode as commanding officer of Submarine Squadron 1 at a change of command ceremony March 12.

"The highlight of my tour will always be bidding farewell to deploying crews, excited about going out to do what they have been training and preparing for as well as welcoming them back, six to seven months later; Sailors filled with an im-

mense sense of pride about what they have accomplished," said Ganteaume.

The ceremony's guest speaker, Rear Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), praised Ganteaume for his

leadership on the waterfront and said he looks forward to working with him again as he transitions to the staff of COMSUBPAC.

"Harry, throughout your tour you fostered teamwork and enabled the development of people and systems

integral to our national security, now and into the future," said Sawyer.

During Ganteaume's 18-month tour as commodore, the squadron prepared five submarines for deployment, welcomed the arrival of the newest Virginia-class submarine to the waterfront, USS Mississippi (SSN 782), and oversaw the completion of the first-ever major maintenance availability of a Virginia-class submarine at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

"Your team's successes are successes for the submarine force, the U.S. Navy and for our nation," said Sawyer.

Ganteaume, who calls Richmond, Va. home, was awarded the Legion of Merit during the ceremony for his command of Submarine Squadron 1, serving from October 2013 to March 2015.

On hand in the first rows of the attending audience

were families and friends of both Ganteaume and Rexrode, who were all warmly greeted by Sawyer.

As Rexrode assumed command of Submarine Squadron 1, he thanked Ganteaume for his leadership and thanked his family for their unwavering support.

"I am humbled and very grateful for the opportunity to come here as commodore," said Rexrode, who is from Spencer, W.Va.

"Most of all, to the entire team here in Pearl Harbor that works so hard to get submarines ready, to get them out to sea, I look forward to being part of that team," he said.

Submarine Squadron 1 was first established in May 1941 at New London, Conn. On Oct. 1, 1945, Submarine Squadron 1 moved to the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor and has remained there ever since.

Safe Harbor concludes 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials in Hawaii

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The Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW)—Safe Harbor 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials drew to a close March 13, concluding a week of successful sporting events and family-oriented symposiums.

The athletes competed in basketball, volleyball, swimming, marksmanship and cycling events as a way to establish meaningful connections with other NWWs and experience positive connectivity through their challenges.

Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, personally commended the approximately 60 warriors who participated in this year's trials at the closing ceremony in Waikiki.

"On your journey to be here today, I know there were many obstacles that seemed insurmountable. All of you have not only overcome those obstacles, you've

strived for new challenges," said Harris. "In pursuit of a dream, every one of you has shown incredible mental and physical toughness. These Trials have provided an opportunity for all of us to celebrate your athletic achievements, your perseverance, your drive and your desire to succeed. So I thank you, and congratulate you for your tremendous achievements."

The wounded warrior athletes competing in the trials were comprised of active-duty and retired service members with upper-body, lower-body and spinal cord injuries; serious illnesses; traumatic brain injuries; visual impairment; and post-traumatic stress. The wounded warrior athletes were competing for selection to the Team Navy roster and advancement to the annual joint-service Warrior Games, which will take place this summer.

Retired Lt. j.g. Laura Root, a gold medalist winner in the 2013 and 2014 Warrior Games, said the trials are a great way for wounded service members to stay active and continue to support their country.



Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presents a wounded warrior with a special achievement medal during the Navy Wounded Warrior—Safe Harbor 2015 Pacific Trials closing ceremony in Honolulu.

"I know first-hand, when facing disability or when things in your life are going wrong, sports are one place where you can focus on what's right, and here you have a

great group of people who understand what you have been through," said Root. "When we come together like this, it's really about the camaraderie we share.

We heal ourselves a little bit by having a good time with each other and by doing something we enjoy."

The trials are also a way for wounded veterans to prove to themselves that they have the strength and the courage to move forward and continue to excel.

"There are a lot of sports in America today that have Wounded Warriors in mind," said retired Army Staff Sgt. David Kimes, coach of the Pacific Trials rifle shooting team. "To get out there and do something, and realize that even though you have that setback in your life, you can get out there and enjoy life, and succeed, and maybe even compete and win or turn a lot of heads—it can be huge for self-esteem and self-respect. That's what we try to show with these events, that it's just a temporary setback."

For more information about the trials, follow NWW on Facebook www.facebook.com/navysafeharbor. Visit <http://safeharbor.navy.live.dodlive.mil> or call 855-NAVY WWP to learn more about NWW and the benefits of adaptive sports.

Patrol Squadron 9 earns Battle 'E' and Golden Wrench Award honors

MC3 Amber Porter

Patrol Squadron 9 Public
Affairs

The "Golden Eagles" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 9 received two significant recognitions for their superior performance this past year, the Navy Battle "E" award and the AVCM Donald M. Neal Aircraft Maintenance Award, known as the "Golden Wrench" award.

"Two very prestigious awards for all of VP-9's dedication and hard work is absolutely well deserved," said Capt. Steve Newlund, commodore of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 2. "Each and every one of you played a role in accomplishing something special, the same squadron winning both the Battle "E" and Golden Wrench."

The Battle "E" is



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Amber Porter

Lt. j.g. Jameson Gay, assigned to the "Golden Eagles" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 9, explains components of a MK-54 Recoverable Exercise Torpedo as part of his Tactical Coordinator (TACCO) position before a torpedo exercise (TORPEX) for the squadron's Advanced Readiness Program (ARP).

awarded annually to ships and units that display the maximum condition of

readiness in their group and for their capability to perform their wartime re-

sponsibilities. Squadrons are graded in areas such as operational efficiency,

readiness achievements, aircraft material readiness, training, schedule and cost performance, to name just a few.

The Golden Eagles achieved a 100 percent mission completion rate during a seven-month deployment, completing 430 operational sorties and executing 5,008 flight hours. Additionally, they participated in exercises Noble Dina, BALTOPS 2014 and Phoenix Express.

The "Golden Wrench" award was established in 1965 by the Chief of Naval Operations and sponsored by Lockheed Martin to acknowledge maintenance performance that goes above and beyond the extraordinary effort that aircraft maintenance requires. The Golden Wrench is presented annually to a VP squadron in the categories of Atlantic, Pacific and special

projects. VP-9's maintenance professionals achieved an impressive 38 of 40 maintenance programs graded "on track" and achieved a flawless record for all drills, highlighting their "by the book" approach to the maintenance program.

Cmdr. Katrina Hill, commanding officer of VP-9, said there is no secret to the squadron's success.

"We earned the Battle "E" and the Golden Wrench by excelling as a team," said Hill.

"VP-9 Sailors are satisfied with nothing less than the highest professional standards. Our Sailors care about their jobs, train their replacements on a daily basis, and treat others with respect. Every Golden Eagle matters to our mission, (which is) deploying safe and effective combat ready aircrews and aircraft around the world."

Commentary

Women's History Month 2015

A proclamation from President Barack Obama



President Barack Obama

Throughout history, extraordinary women have fought tirelessly to broaden our democracy's reach and help perfect our union. Through protest and activism, generations of women have appealed to the values at the heart of our nation and fought to give meaning to the idea that we are all created equal.

As today's women and girls reach for new heights, they stand on the shoulders of all those who have come before and carry forward their legacy of proud achievement. This month, we celebrate countless pioneering women and the victories they won, and we continue our work to build a society where our daughters have the same possibilities as our sons.

Courageous women have called not only for the absence of oppression, but for the presence of opportunity. They have demonstrated for justice, but also for jobs—ones that promise equal pay for equal work. And they have marched for the right to vote, not just so their voices would be heard, but so they could have a seat at the head of the table. With grit and resolve, they have fought to overcome discrimination and shatter glass ceilings and, after decades of slow, steady and determined progress, they have widened the circle of opportunity for women and girls across our country.

Today, more women are

their family's main breadwinner than ever before. Women are nearly half of our nation's workers, and they are increasingly among the most skilled. At the same time, more than 60 percent of women with children under the age of five participate in the labor force. This increasing participation of women in our workforce has bolstered our economy and strengthened our families, and it has demonstrated that the policies that benefit women and working families benefit all of us.

But not all of the rules that govern our workplaces have caught up with this reality, and today, too many of the opportunities that our mothers and grandmothers fought for are going unrealized. That is why I am committed to tearing down the barriers to full and equal participation in our economy and society that still exist for too many women.

All women deserve equal pay for equal work and a liv-

ing wage. The Congress needs to raise the minimum wage and pass a law that ensures a woman is paid the same as a man for doing the same work. I continue to call for increased workplace flexibility and access to paid leave—including paid sick leave—so that hardworking Americans do not have to choose between being productive employees and responsible family members.

And I have proposed a plan that would make quality child care available to every middle-class and low-income family in America with young children. These are not only women's issues; they are family issues and national economic priorities.

We know that when women succeed, America succeeds. The strength of our economy rests on whether we make it possible for every citizen to contribute to our growth and prosperity. As we honor the many patriots who have shaped not only the destinies of other women, but also the direction of our history, let us resolve to build on their efforts in our own time.

As a nation, we must join our voices with the chorus of history and push forward with unyielding faith to forge a more equal society for all our daughters and granddaughters, one where a woman's potential is limited only by the size of her dreams and the power of her imagination.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as Women's History Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month and to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2015, with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. I also invite all Americans to visit www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov to learn more about the generations of women who have left enduring imprints on our history.



Grace Murray Hopper at the UNIVAC keyboard. She was a mathematician and rear admiral in the U.S. Navy who developed the first compiler in 1952. She also developed the first standardized computer language, COBOL, which laid the groundwork for all the computer languages we use today.

Photo courtesy of Smithsonian Institution

Commentary

'Lean in, Operate Forward' — Honoring Women's History

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Surface ships and submarines routinely deploy from their homeport here at Pearl Harbor. The two guided-missile destroyers that most recently returned from deployment are USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Halsey (DDG 97).

Each happens to be commanded by a woman.

Cmdr. Gina McCaine has been commanding officer of O'Kane since Nov. 9, 2014. Cmdr. Linda Seymour has been CO of Halsey for nearly a year. Both ships are namesakes of great World War II heroes, Adm. "Bull" Halsey and Rear Adm. Richard O'Kane, legends in our Navy's history and heritage.

During Women's History Month, it's fitting to reflect on the achievements our Navy has made and continues to make in advancing opportunities for women in uniform. In warfighting roles, in wardrooms and at the highest levels, women are leaning in, operating forward and making a difference.

One year ago at this time, USS Hopper (DDG 70) was on an eight-month deployment to build partnerships and provide mar-

itime security in Indo-Asia-Pacific. Of course, Hopper has a significant namesake, too, named for one of our Navy's cyber heroes, legendary Rear Adm. "Amazing Grace" Hopper.

Grace Hopper was born in 1906, two years before women were allowed to join the Navy and more than a dozen years before women were granted the right to vote. She passed away in 1992, 20 years after a pilot program was commissioned by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Zumwalt to evaluate women serving aboard Navy ships.

Obviously that pilot program was successful. Women have been serving routinely on ships since the 1970s and on combatant ships since 1994.

Today, women serve with distinction through-

out the Department of the Navy; aboard ships and submarines, as pilots and as commanding officers, including Cmdrs. McCaine and Seymour.

The first women naval aviators earned their wings in 1974. Women Submarine Warfare Officers earned their "dolphins" (warfare devices) in 2012, and enlisted women will be integrated aboard submarines later this year.

Women and men equally are standing the watch right now worldwide to defend freedom and protect the homeland. Women have the knowledge, skills, rights and abilities to serve at the highest levels of our military, witness Adm. Michelle Howard, Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

It is important to stop and reflect on how far we've come in the past century and in this generation.

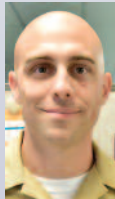
Our monthly Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony helps us commemorate the history and heritage of our service and spotlight those who serve, past and present.

Just as last month's Pearl Harbor Colors event highlighted African Americans in uniform, yesterday's Pearl Harbor Colors at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center was held with a theme of "Lean In, Operate Forward: Women's History and Heritage."

Diverse Views



What woman do you think has had the biggest impact on American history?



ABH 1st Class Zachary Cheatham
Transient Personnel Unit

"I would say Rosa Parks is the woman who made impact on American history. She was the face of the civil rights movement, and her role was paramount in obtaining equal rights for African Americans."

LN1 Rowena Downing
Navy Region Hawaii



"There have been so many women who have had important affects on American history, but if I had to choose one, it would be Julia Gordon Low. She was the creator of the United States Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts does more than just sell cookies, it creates a solid foundation for girls at a young age to become strong leaders, and positive contributors to society."



Tech. Sgt. Nathan Vilorio
624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

"Rosa Parks. She played a major role in the Civil Rights movement."

Christine Mensen
Air Force spouse



"Eleanor Roosevelt. She left a major impact in American history through her diplomatic and humanitarian work. I remember her being known as the 'First Lady of the World.' She also helped with [ending] segregation, better working conditions for women, and even the creation of the GI bill."



ET2 S.S. Zachary Jones
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"If I were to choose only one woman who made the largest impact on American history, I would say it would have to be Susan B. Anthony. She led the women's suffrage movement, allowing them the right to vote. Her tenacity and relentlessness in pursuit for equal rights was a necessity."

Staff Sgt. Joshua Chase
647th Security Forces Squadron



"Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Jacobson made a big impact because she was the first female Airman to die in the line of duty in support of the Iraq War."

Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and SrAirman Christopher Stoltz

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share?

Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com or karen.spangler@navy.mil

First Air Force woman physician commissioned

On March 14, 1951, Capt. (Dr.) Dorothy Armstrong Elias became the first woman physician sworn into the Air Force. March is Women's History Month. The commissioning ceremony took place at the Pentagon where Brig. Gen. Edward J. Kendrick, director of staffing and education for the Air Force Medical Service, administered the oath. Elias graduated from Tufts College in 1943 and Duke University School of Medicine in 1946. She had been an obstetrical and gynecological resident physician at Prince Georges' General Hospital in Maryland prior to entering the Air Force. Her first assignment in the Air Force landed her at Sampson Air Force Base, N.Y.



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'Feminism Unfinished': Freedom, justice for all

Review by Bill Doughty

"Feminism Unfinished: A Short, Surprising History of American Women's Movements" by Dorothy Sue Cobble, Linda Gordon and Astrid Henry, 2014, W. W. Norton and Company.

This book presents a history of the modern women's rights movement and argues that equality gains for women were not easy and the work is not complete.

Ingrained cultural biases against rights for women make progress slow, the authors say:

"Women's subordination is an ancient human practice, ingrained into nearly every major religion and nearly every economic system."

"Feminism Unfinished" focuses on the past 95 years, the status of women's right today, and the ongoing struggle in the future.

The authors acknowledge the achievements toward equality, thanks to women and men activists:

"Since the women's suffrage amendment was adopted in 1920, most legal restrictions on women have been abolished: Women now serve on juries, fight in the armed

forces, and can apply for any job or to attend any education institution, for example. Women can wear what they want and love whom they desire."

While that may be true in the United States, what about the rest of the world?

In her essay, "From Mindset to a Movement," author Astrid Henry shows how the women's rights movement is being championed in other countries by women drivers in Saudi Arabia, punk rockers in Russia, bloggers in Egypt, protesters in Spain, sex education activists in Africa and feminists in Mexico.

"Perhaps no one better symbolizes the future of feminism than Malala Yousafzai, the young feminist activist from Pakistan," Henry writes.

Shot in the head by a member of the violent extremist Taliban because she dared speak out for the rights of girls to get an education, Yousafzai suffered through months of rehabilitation and bravely took up the mantle again for women's rights and the right for all children to be educated. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.



Photo by Master Sgt. Sarah Webb

Girls from the vocational training program in Khawja Omari, created by Provincial Reconstruction Team Ghazni and the local Non-Governmental Organization Humanitarian Assistance for the Development of Afghanistan, wait for their graduation ceremony to begin, Nov. 11, 2009.

In their afterward, the authors conclude, "Feminism of the future ... may well be led by women from the poorer countries of the world. They in turn will also invent feminisms that meet their needs and

aspirations. It is impossible to understand the world's problems and hopes without taking into account the growing global movements for women's health, education, bodily integrity, sexual freedom, political

participation, and economic equality. Just as American feminism transformed American society, so global feminism is likely to transform the world."

This book is not and cannot be all inclusive in showcasing the women's rights movement over the past century. Nevertheless, it introduces the reader to some of the key people, currents within the movement and ongoing challenges toward achieving full equal rights.

Continuing progress in the United States is not inevitable, the authors conclude—especially in areas of healthcare access, growing income inequality, parental leave, rape prevention and equal pay. Progress in full equality, they write, relies on cooperation, education and participation by everyone, male and female.

"Looking forward," Henry writes, "the unfinished work of feminism will require a diversity of voices, willing to come together to secure freedom and justice for all."

(Doughty writes and posts to *Navy Reads*, a blog supporting the CNO's Professional Reading Program and related books: navyreads.blogspot.com).

First Air Force female general paved way for military women

Air Force History Support Office and Air Force News Service

In 1973 Jeanne M. Holm became the first woman in the armed forces to be promoted to the rank of major general and is credited as the single driving force in achieving parity for military women and making them a viable part of the mainstream military.

Holm was born in 1921 in Portland, Ore. and enlisted in the Army in July 1942, soon after the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was established by Congress. She attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and in January 1943 received a commission as a



Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm

"third officer," the WAAC equivalent to second lieutenant.

During World War II, Holm was assigned to the Women's Army Corps

Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she first commanded a basic training company and then a training regiment.

At the end of the war, she commanded the 106th WAC Hospital Company at Newton D. Baker General Hospital, W.Va. She then left active military duty in 1946 and attended Lewis and Clark College for two years, returning in 1956 for her bachelor of arts degree.

In October 1948 during the Berlin crisis she was recalled to active duty with the Army and went to Camp Lee, Va. as a company commander. The following year she transferred to the Air Force, when a new law integrated

women in the regular armed forces, and was sent to Erding Air Depot, Germany.

Holm served in a variety of personnel assignments, including Director of Women in the Air Force from 1965-1973. She played a significant role in eliminating restrictions on numbers of women serving in all ranks, expanding job and duty station assignments for women, opening ROTC and service academies to women, and changing the policies on the status of women in the armed forces. For her exceptionally meritorious service in this assignment she was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

On March 1, 1973, Holm

was appointed director of the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council.

She was promoted to the grade of brigadier general July 16, 1971, the first woman to be appointed in this grade in the Air Force. She was promoted to the grade of major general effective June 1, 1973, with date of rank July 1, 1970.

The general retired in 1975. She served three presidential administrations: special assistant on women for President Gerald Ford, policy consultant for President Jimmy Carter and first chairperson of the Veterans Administration's Committee on Women Veterans for President Ronald Reagan.

In recognition of Gen-

eral Holm's pioneering career, Air Force officials renamed the Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., the Jeanne M. Holm Officer Accession and Citizen Development Center in June 2008. Its mission is Air Force officer recruitment and training within the Air University.

Holm authored two books about women in the military. "Women in the Military: An Unfinished Revolution" came out in 1982 and was updated in 1994. Four years later she wrote "In Defense of a Nation: Servicewomen in World War II."

Holm died Feb. 15, 2010.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, commends the approximately 60 wounded warriors who participated in the Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor 2015 Pacific Trials during a closing ceremony held March 13 in Honolulu.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Jeff Troutman

Retired Airman Sadie Strong takes aim during a shooting (rifle) event March 12 as part of Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials held at Ford Island, JBPHH.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Omari K. Way



Sailors and Coast Guardsmen participate in a volleyball match during the 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials March 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

(Right) Retired Chief Gunner's Mate Hector Varela dribbles a basketball during a basketball game March 12 at the 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials at JBPHH.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Jeff Troutman



(Left) Participants in the 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials cycle around the historic Ford Island runway March 13 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

Senior Airmen Caleb Williams, a loadmaster from the 535th Airlift Squadron, secures four combat delivery systems in a C-17 Globemaster III, in preparation for a flight Feb. 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The combat delivery systems were air dropped to the 25th Infantry Division in support of Army Exercise Lightning Forge.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

Four combat delivery systems containing 36 meals-ready-to-eat and eight ammunition containers drop out from the back of a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron. The air drop was Feb. 27 over Kahuku Training Area.

15th Wing gears up for Air Force Assistance Fund drive

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

In the spirit of giving back to the Air Force community, the 15th Wing is preparing its 2015 Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign, which begins March 23 and runs through May 1.

The six-week campaign begins with an AFAF kickoff reception will be March 23 where the first official campaign contributions will be given.

The AFAF is an annual fundraiser for charitable organi-



zations that provide support to the Air Force community, including active duty, Reservist and Air Guard Airmen, their family members and retirees.

The charitable organizations include the Air Force Villages, Inc., the Air Force Aid Society, Inc., the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, and the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc. Donations made to these organizations directly support Airmen and their families.

Master Sgt. Lisa Deal, 15th Medical Operations Squadron, and Master Sgt. Marty Treml, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, are the installation project officers for this year's campaign.

Additionally, every 15th Wing unit will have an AFAF keyworker in charge of coordinating the collection of donations and ensuring the AFAF goals of 100 percent contact with their unit personnel and having 25 percent of them donate.

According to Deal, keyworkers are highly encouraged to host an AFAF fundraiser to assist with the overall donations.

"This year, the goal is to have

those who donate do so at 0.2 percent of their base pay with the base goal of raising \$108,746," said Deal.

"More importantly, the main goal is to focus more on increasing participation. What this means is getting more people to donate even if it is at a lesser value," he said.

Deal said the key to having a successful campaign is to ensure Airmen are fully informed about the charities.

"It's not just handing out a pamphlet," she said. "We want the volunteers to make sure that everyone knows the importance of these four charities and how

they truly give back to our own and that 100 percent of the donated amount goes to the charity of choice. I believe that the more people understand what these four organizations are about, the more likely they are to give."

Deal said donors are encouraged to learn more about the charities the AFAF supports and can find more information at their website links at <https://www.afassistancefund.org>.

(For more information about the AFAF campaign, contact Deal at 448-6142 or email lisa.deal@us.af.mil, or Treml at 449-3199 or email marty.treml@us.af.mil.)

Navy and Air Force civil engineers compete in annual Seabee Olympics

Construction Electrician 2nd Class (SCW) Lisa A. Spherhake

Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor

Seabees assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, Detachment Pearl Harbor, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii self-help, Civil Engineer Corps (CEC), and 647th Civil Engineering Squadron competed in the 2015 Seabee Olympics on March 4 held at Quick Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The competition included a creative construction project, nail-drive relay, volleyball, short game golf tournament, tug-of-war, tire flip, corn hole, Frisbee, and Humvee push. With each event, the competing teams had

a chance to earn five points for first place, three points for second and one point for third.

Builder 1st Class (SCW) Rouel Agustin, the event organizer assigned to CBMU 303, has participated in two events in the last three years he has been stationed on Pearl Harbor.

"This has been the first command during my 10 years in the Navy that I've had the opportunity to participate in a sports competition event where Seabees, CEC, and Air Force engineers compete against each other through friendly events," he said.

Agustin talked about the importance of the Seabee Olympics as a way to compete and network to gain knowledge from one another. It is also a way to build camaraderie and strengthen unit cohesion.

"This is a fantastic event where fellow engineers from dif-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan Seabees, assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, participate in a creative construction project during the annual Seabee Olympics at Quick Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ferent commands and branches on the island can come together and learn about each other, their missions, and tasking," he said.

For Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Zachary Wallace, assigned to NAVFAC Pacific Seabee self-help, it was an opportunity to

compete and learn with fellow engineers through friendly competition.

"The best part about participating is that I get to bond not only as a Navy Seabee but as an engineer alongside our Air Force brothers and sisters," he said.

The 647th CES won first place with 35 points, CBMU 303 took second place with 25 points, and NAVFAC Seabees self-help placed third at 18 points.

NAVFAC self-help claimed the Admirals Hammer in 2014. This year the trophy was placed in the hands of the USAF.

The Seabee Olympics at NAVSTA Pearl Harbor started in 1995. It was canceled in 1999 and resumed in 2007. Its mission is to build camaraderie, esprit de corps, and unit cohesion among Seabees, CEC officers, and fellow engineers of the 647th Civil Engineering Squadron.

NAVFAC Hawaii archeologist to receive CNO cultural resources management award

Story and photo by Denise Emsley

NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii archeologist Jeffrey Pantaleo was one of three individuals selected to receive the fiscal year 2014 Chief of Naval Operation (CNO) Environmental Award for Cultural Resources Management, which was announced March 3.

The CNO Environmental Awards are the first of three levels of competition within the Department of Defense. CNO winners are submitted for consideration in the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Environmental Awards competition. Winners at the SECNAV level of competition are submitted to compete in the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards competition.

Pantaleo is the Cultural Resources Program manager for two commands, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). He manages a wide range of cultural resources including Native Hawaiian sites and objects, some dating back to A.D. 1200.

"Jeff's expertise is vital in our ability to balance mission demands and Navy cul-



Jeff Pantaleo (right), Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii archeologist, discusses various aspects of Halealoha Haleamau Burial Platform, with Hawaiian cultural practitioner and member of the Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club Shad Kane March 13.

tural stewardship responsibilities on Oahu," said Capt. Dean Tufts, commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii. "He has succeeded in developing outreach and education programs that created our team of Navy, native Hawaiians and community leaders in order to participate in various activities and programs such as the annual JBPHH Makahiki festival honoring the Hawaiian deity Lono and restoration efforts at Pa'ai'au fishpond."

During the past two years, Pantaleo has ensured the Navy was in compliance with all state and federal historic preservation laws

and guidelines and has successfully completed the timely review and execution of approximately 225 projects, 15 Section 106 consultations and two memorandums of agreement.

"I am very honored that my nomination was forwarded for this award," said Pantaleo. "Working with the Native Hawaiian groups here has been very rewarding and the friendships I have developed with them have benefited both me and the Navy."

In addition, Pantaleo is an instructor in the Native Hawaiian Communication Course to educate Depart-

ment of Defense Hawaii personnel about consulting with Native Hawaiian organizations.

He is responsible and the primary caretaker of the Halealoha Haleamau Burial Platform, a traditional Hawaiian burial vault, on JBPHH for more than eight years.

Pantaleo ensures that all new archaeological resources and artifacts are properly inventoried; stored in the Navy's curatorial facility which serves JBPHH and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai. He also provides cultural resources management support for Air Force landholdings in Hawaii.

"I'm very excited that Jeff is being recognized for his work in Hawaiian cultural preservation and issues," said Shad Kane, Hawaiian cultural practitioner and active member in the Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club.

"He has played a big part in improving the relationship between federal agencies, the Navy specifically, and native Hawaiian organizations. His participation in the restoration of various Hawaiian sites has been instrumental in helping us all grow and I commend him for all of his efforts," Kane said.

Pantaleo began his career in archaeology by completing an undergraduate de-

gree in anthropology from the University of Hawaii. He continued his education at San Diego State University, earning his master's degree. Pantaleo worked in archaeology in Hawaii in

the private sector for many years before becoming a federal employee and working five years for the former Hickam Air Force Base and the past four years with NAVFAC Hawaii.

Rear Adm. Clancy recalls 'day of infamy'

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gan and an armor-piercing bomb struck the pier next to the ship, Clancy said, "We weren't scared. We knew exactly what we had to do."

In an earlier interview Emory remembered busting ammunition boxes open and said, "anything close enough to fire we fired."

The future rear admiral, who on Dec. 7, 1941 was only an ensign, assumed the responsibilities of Officer of the Deck (OOD).

He said, "I directed Sailors to general quarters, while the captain was on board attempting to get underway."

The Honolulu did not get underway that day. Like so many others aboard the 20 ships damaged in the attack, the officers and crew could only fight the enemy pier side. But repairs were

fast and the USS Honolulu was back to wartime operations within weeks.

Clancy said, "All of our attention was on the shipmates, the ship, and the war."

Nearly 75 years later, the USS Honolulu is long gone from Navy service and Bravo Pier 21. In its place an unassuming plaque serves as a reminder for whatever ship moors in its place: "At 0758, 7 December 1941 near this spot an armor piercing bomb penetrated the dock deck and exploded under water inflicting severe damage to the Honolulu."

After the leaving the pier, the two shipmates continued on to the USS Arizona Memorial, where they both saw many familiar names.

"Going to the dock where the Honolulu was tied up

brought back many memories of that morning and the Arizona Memorial was very moving seeing the names of my classmates on the wall and remembering them," Clancy said.

After the tour Clancy

and his family returned to their home in Cupertino, Calif. He plans to return next year.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

PACOM Joint Intelligence Operations Center honors fallen Marine

MC3 (SW)
Vanessa David

U.S. PACOM Joint
Intelligence Operations
Center

Family and service members from Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC), U.S. Pacific Command, gathered at the U.S. Pacific Fleet complex March 12 for a memorial service to honor the life and sacrifice of a fallen Marine.

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Allan Borchers was killed March 12, 1990 while on sentry duty at the Makalapa compound gate. The gate was named in his honor Nov. 6, 1990.

The remembrance ceremony was the first in 25 years, said Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Clifford Vinson.

"The importance of this memorial hit me when I realized that this is the first time our command has conducted a remembrance ceremony for the Borchers family," said Vinson. "As a Marine, you always remember and take care of your own."

Service members and



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jerine Lee

Monica L. Keotters, sister of fallen Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Allan Borchers, speaks at a remembrance ceremony in front of Joint Intelligence Operations Center, U.S. Pacific Command.

family came together to remember Borchers with a poster-size photo of him, adorned with three lei, each representing the Marine Corps values: honor, courage and commitment.

In the opening remarks of the ceremony, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Errin Avila said, "Before you is a picture of a brave, young Marine who sacrificed his life to guard this very base that we

are all a part of."

"Most people don't know and will never understand, but the most outstanding custom in the Marine Corps is simply being a Marine. All that it implies is exactly what Lance Cpl. Borchers embodied: a Marine to all, a brother, a son and a reason—a reason to mourn, to cry tears of joy, and to always know Lance Cpl. Borchers will

never be forgotten."

Borchers was born Dec. 22, 1968 in Sioux City, Iowa and enlisted April 18, 1988 in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"He was the model of a Marine even before he became one," said Brian Borchers, Jeffrey's brother. "He was a protector. He was my best friend. He always wanted to help and would give you the shirt off his back."

Many of the service members in attendance who never met Borchers said the ceremony touched their hearts.

"It was a great experience for the Marine element to participate and bring joy to a family that experienced a tragic loss and to honor a fallen warrior and family member," said Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Rueben Breaux.

Monica L. Keotters, Borchers's sister, felt the sentiment of the service reached the family's hearts.

"Knowing that someone heard of his story and wanted to honor him is touching," said Koettters. "Knowing that so many people who never knew him cared enough for someone they didn't know personally and keeping his memory alive is heartfelt because he is always in our hearts. Words can't even describe the feeling of watching the ceremony. I'm not sure if you'll ever know how much this means to us."

Because of health reasons, Borchers's mother, Jan Borchers, was unable to be present for the service. In

her absence, she sent a letter to be read.

"I want to thank all who have come to pay respect and honor the 25th anniversary of Borchers Gate," Jan wrote. "Jeff was a wonderful son, a proud Marine, a great friend to many, and paid the ultimate price for his country. When you pass Borchers Gate, I hope it may give you comfort in knowing that my family and I are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers."

After Monica read her mother's speech, the ceremony drew to a close.

"As you are looking down on this fellowship of people honoring you, continue to be proud, to keep your presence shining down, but don't continue your watch for you have been officially relieved," recited Avila in conclusion. "We have assumed all duties and responsibilities. Rest in peace, Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Allan Borchers."

Borchers is survived by his mother Jan Borchers, his brother Brian, and two sisters, Monica and Kimberly, all of Sioux City, Iowa.

Nondestructive inspection: diagnosing defects, cracks

Story and photo by
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The 15th Maintenance Squadron's (15th MXS) non-destructive inspection (NDI) lab plays a critical role in aircraft safety.

NDI specialists conduct inspections of aircraft parts much like a doctor would inspect someone with a broken bone. They use X-ray and ultrasound equipment to identify and diagnose defects and cracks without damaging the aircraft components.

"When you think NDI, think aircraft doctor," said Tech. Sgt. Samuel Djonorh, non-commissioned officer in charge of the NDI lab for the 15th MXS.

"If you go to the doctor, he uses equipment to diagnose what is wrong. NDI is simi-



Airman 1st Class Jose Herrera-Valtierra, a nondestructive inspection specialist for the 15th Maintenance Squadron, washes magnetic particle compound over a Ketos ring March 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

lar; a part comes into the lab and we don't know what is wrong. We use our equip-

ment to determine if there is a crack or damage to the part and if it needs to be re-

placed or repaired."

In addition to the X-ray and ultrasound, NDI technicians use magnetic particles, dye penetrant and eddy current to test aircraft parts for damage and structural integrity.

According to Airman 1st Class Jose Herrera-Valtierra, nondestructive inspection specialist for the 15th MXS, the magnetic particles inspection uses magnetic fields and a magnetic particle compound to detect flaws in components. The magnet particle compound contains a neon green dye that glows under a black light and iron particles that attach to the components when magnified.

SrAirman Emily Morrissey, nondestructive inspection specialist from the 15th MXS, explained dye penetrant inspection is used to identify surface defects in metals and plastics. Dye penetrant uses a fluorescent dye that sinks into any defect and highlights the defect on the component.

Djonorh said eddy current is used to examine large areas very quickly. Unlike magnetic particle inspection or dye penetrant, eddy current doesn't require the use of any liquids. In addition to finding cracks, eddy current can be used to check metal hardness in components and parts.

However, not all of the NDI technician's work happens in the lab.

"I enjoy when we are up on the wing of the aircraft inspecting a spar or a panel and you look up to see the entire airfield," said Morrissey.

Additionally, the NDI technicians work with aircraft crew chief, structural engineer and aircraft metals technology to ensure aircraft parts are structurally sound.

"I like when we make a big call on a critical part being cracked, and we keep a part that could fail off the aircraft. That is when I really like my job," said Herrera-Valtierra.

Meeting discusses military compensation, retirement

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A town hall meeting was held on March 13 at the Oahu Veterans Center to discuss matters related to the Military Compensation & Retirement Modernization Commission. The meeting was organized by the office of U.S. Rep. Mark Takai, and was a follow-up to an earlier meeting held Feb. 21.

The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) was established in 2013 to conduct a review of military compensation and retirement systems. This January, the MCRMC submitted a report with 15 recommendations for changing and modernizing these systems to Congress and the president. President Barack Obama has until April 1, 2015 to submit documents to Congress and the MCRMC either approving or disapproving these



U.S. Rep. Mark Takai, center, hosted a town hall meeting on March 13 at the Oahu Veterans Center to discuss matters related to the Military Compensation & Retirement Modernization Commission.

recommendations.

The commission's report and 15 recommendations may be viewed at <http://www.mcrmc.gov/index.php/reports>.

Takai's office held the March 13 meeting to solicit comment from the community regarding the MCRMC's proposals.

"This is an important issue," said Takai. "It affects active duty service members, veterans, as well as those just now

entering the military."

Among those submitting testimony were representatives from the Society of Military Widows, the Military Intelligence Service Veterans Club of Hawaii, and the Military Officers Association of America.

Those wishing to submit written testimony to Takai regarding the MCRMC recommendations can do so via his website, www.takai.house.gov.

The Commission's recommendations are:

1. Modernize the retirement system—Help more service members save for retirement earlier in their careers, leverage the retention power of the current retirement system and give the Services flexibility to retain quality people in demanding career fields.
2. Survivor benefit plan changes—Provide more options for service members to protect their pay for their survivors.
3. Promote service members' financial literacy—Increase frequency and strengthen content of financial literacy training.
4. Increase efficiency within Reserve component status system—Reduce the 30 unique statuses under which Reserve component members can be called to duty to just six.
5. Ensure service members receive the best possible combat casualty care—Enhance dedicated oversight of medical readiness through the creation of a joint medical component within a newly established joint readiness command.
6. Increase access, choice and value of health care—Replace the current TRICARE healthcare program with a new system that offers beneficiaries (families and retirees) a selection of commercial insurance plans.
7. Improve support for service members' dependents with special needs—Benefits offered through the military's Extended Care Health Option program should be expanded to include state Medicaid waiver programs.
8. Improve collaboration between Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Administration (VA)—Strengthen and add additional authorities and responsibilities to the current DoD-VA Joint Executive Committee.
9. Protect both access to and savings at DoD commissaries and exchanges—DoD commissaries and exchanges should be consolidated to leverage the mission and process similarities between the two.
10. Improve access to child care on military installations—Congress should reestablish the authority to use operating funds for minor construction projects up to \$15 million to expand or modify child development program facilities.
11. Safeguard education benefits for service members—Old GI Bill programs (Montgomery GI Bill and Reserve Education Assistance) should be sunset in favor of the Post 9/11 GI Bill with changes to transferability and housing stipends for dependents.
12. Better prepare service members for transition to civilian life—DoD should require mandatory participation in the Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) education track.
13. Ensure service members receive financial assistance to cover nutritional needs—The Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) should be retained only for those in overseas locations, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) should be used for assistance in the United States.
14. Expand Space-Available travel to more families of service members—Access to unaccompanied travel for dependents on military aircraft should be provided if the service member is deployed for 30 days or more.
15. Measure how the challenges of military life affect children's school work—A military dependent student identifier should be implemented to identify students who are children of active duty service members.

Navy announces April SAAPM theme

Chief of Naval Personnel
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Navy leaders announced March 16 the Department of Defense 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) theme of "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know your part. Do your part." The effort will focus on raising awareness and highlighting prevention of sexual violence with an emphasis on bystander intervention.

Locally, Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell will host a SAAPM ceremony at 2 p.m. March 24 at Honolulu Hale, and a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam SAAPM proclamation signing ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. April 2 at Hickam Memorial Theater.

April is an opportunity to build on existing momentum to eliminate the crime of sexual assault and ensure all service members are committed to creating command climates of professional-

ism, dignity and respect.

"As we focus on this year's theme of 'Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know your part. Do your part', it's critical that everyone takes time to focus on the areas where they can help, through attention and intervention," said Rear Adm. Rick Snyder, director, 21st Century Sailor Office. "Sailors at every level of leadership are the ones that make this not just a successful month, but a sustained and positive campaign to identify situations that pose a risk for sexual harassment, sexual assault, and other criminal behaviors and have the social courage to safely correct harmful behavior."

In addition to making Sailors aware of SAAPM and this year's theme, commands are encouraged to organize events to highlight the awareness and prevention of sexual assault. Some of the suggested events include hanging ribbons on trees around base, hosting "Meet your

SARC and victim advocate" events, organizing skits at the local base theater, and other activities to raise awareness during the month of April. Events can be coordinated with local SAPR professionals to ensure maximum visibility and participation.

Sailors and commands can find additional information, references and resources at www.sapr.navy.mil. The website contains turnkey information on organizing and executing SAAPM events. The website also includes resources for victims of sexual assault who want to reach out for information and support.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is an effort in the 21st Century Sailor Office which consolidates programs and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor personal and family readiness and build resilience, enhancing the advantage Sailors bring to the force.

For more information, go to www.Navy.mil/sapr.