

Navy commands in Hawaii garner top environmental awards

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Navy commands in Hawaii were recently recognized for their commitment to the environment. Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) was honored and presented with a certificate for its environmental and cultural successes by the Hawaii House of Representatives at a ceremony held March 24 at the Hawaii State Capitol.

House Resolution Number 167 recognized the Kauai installation for its environmental and cultural resources successes and awards and applauded the installation for its "stewardship of the land and strong community involvement."

Representing PMRF during the capitol ceremony were Capt. Bruce Hay, PMRF commanding officer; Lt. Cmdr. Robert Rutherford, PMRF public works officer; and John Burger, range sustainment coordinator.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) won top honors in the natural resources (large installation) category for fiscal year 2014 in the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) 2014 Environmental Awards competition.

The annual Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Environmental Awards Program recognizes Navy and Marine Corps ships, installations and people for outstanding performance in promoting environ-



(Left) Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Timothy Niitani pulls out mangroves at Pouhala Marsh during a volunteer restoration project. (Right) Rep. Cindy Evans congratulates Rear Adm. Rick Williams, Capt. Bruce Hay, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Rutherford and John Burger at the Hawaii State Capitol building March 24.

mental stewardship.

Awards are presented for accomplishments in natural resources conservation, cultural resources management, environmental quality, sustainability, environmental restoration, environmental excellence in weapon system acquisition, and environmental planning.

Environmental experts from the government and private sector evaluate Navy and Marine Corps

nominations to determine up to one Navy winner and one Marine Corps winner for each category.

"I applaud our civilians, Sailors, and Marines, both here and forward-deployed, who are a part of our robust environmental team supporting the sustainment of our operations and resiliency of our installations," said Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus in a statement.

"Through your collaborative efforts and partnership with internal and external stakeholders, you protected endangered species, fought invasive species, obtained regulatory permits and authorizations efficiently, produced high-quality and defensible environmental planning, generated alternative and innovative solutions, reduced waste, decreased costs, engaged in ground-

breaking community relations, and accelerated our environmental program," Mabus said.

JBPHH also won top honors in the natural resources (large installation) category in the fiscal year 2014 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Awards competition.

"I would like to congratulate all the nominees and winners of the FY 2014 CNO Environmental Awards," said Vice Adm. Phil Cullom, deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics (N4).

"Their participation in this competition exemplifies their dedication to environmental stewardship in pursuit of our Navy's overall mission. These achievements underscore that each contribution can have a tremendous long term impact in conserving our environmental surroundings and resources," he said.

Also receiving CNO Environmental Awards were the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS Team in the environmental planning, team category, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii archeologist Jeffrey Pantaleo, who won the award for cultural resources management.

Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands (PMRF) was awarded in the cultural resources management, small installation category.

Mayor, City Council promote sexual assault prevention

Story and photo by MC1 Omari K. Way

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

HONOLULU — The Honolulu City Council and Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell held a proclamation ceremony March 24 in the Honolulu Hale City Council chambers. The event declared the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Top military officials from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Hawaii National Guard, and advocates from the Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center of Hawaii, attended the event.

It closely followed the announcement of the DoD 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention



Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell gives remarks during a proclamation ceremony held March 24 that declared April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Rear Adm. Rick Williams (center) and other top military officials participated.

Month (SAAPM) theme, "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part," released earlier this month.

There were no military remarks made during the

ceremony. However, Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, previously addressed the urgency of working together

to end sexual assaults.

"Sexual assault is a major crime that can tear apart commands wherever it occurs," Williams said.

"Ending sexual assaults will increase our readiness

and resilience as we become a fit team, improve coordination, and generate important warfighting readiness."

City Councilwoman Carol Fukunaga, Chair-

man Ernest Martin and Caldwell talked about community, commitment and teamwork throughout the presentation.

"The City and County of Honolulu is proud to stand together with the state and our armed forces in raising awareness of sexual assault," said Caldwell.

"Eliminating this intolerable form of abuse from our island takes a collaborative effort from us all, and it begins with spreading awareness. We are determined to see this through and foster a culture where sexual assault is not accepted anywhere," he said.

"Today's event is another way our community is reinforcing its collective commitment to combat sexual violence within our society," Martin said.

Then he thanked a list of **See SAAPM, A-6**

Sailors say farewells as USS Preble departs to western Pacific

Story and photo by MC3 Gabrielle Joyner

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Det. Hawaii

Sailors stationed aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) waved their goodbyes to families and friends as the ship departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 24 for an independent deployment to the western Pacific.

While deployed, Preble and its crew of more than 300 Sailors are scheduled to conduct theater security cooperation and maritime presence operations with partner nations.

"Preble is ready and excited to deploy and represent our Navy," said Cmdr. Jeffrey L. Heames, commanding officer of Preble. "We appreciate the support

of our families here and back on the mainland, as their support helps us operate forward."

The mission of Preble is to conduct sustained combat operations at sea, provide primary protection for the Navy's aircraft carriers and battle groups, as well as serve as escort to Navy and Marine Corps amphibious forces and auxiliary ships, and conduct independent operations as necessary.

Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Chelsea Adams-Dietz, stationed aboard USS Preble, shared her expectations of the deployment.

"I want to see different countries and the cultures of different people and just take that all in," said Adams-Dietz. "We're hoping to do some humanitarian work so I think I will be looking forward to doing that and help out where we can."



Sailors embarked on the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88), wave goodbye to their families and friends as the ship departs from JBPHH for an independent deployment in the western Pacific.

Family members, friends and Sailors, assigned to various commands at Pearl

Harbor, gathered pierside to show their support as they wished their best to the de-

ploying Sailors. "Between [my husband] and I, this is our fourth de-

ployment," said U.S. Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Robin Bowman, spouse of Cmdr. John Bowman, the executive officer of Preble. "I'm excited for them because I have my warrior spirit and I cannot wait for them to return I can hear all of their cool stories."

Preble is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 9 and is homeported in Hawaii as part of U.S. 3rd Fleet. Preble was commissioned Nov. 9, 2002 and is the sixth U.S. Navy ship named after U.S. naval hero Commodore Edward Preble who fought against the Barbary pirates off the coast of North Africa in the early 1800s.

U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the eastern Pacific from the West Coast of North America to the international date line and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.



Airmen and Soldiers conduct joint upload training **See page A-2**



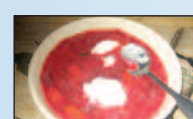
Third annual 'Walk to Safety' slated for April 1 to raise awareness **See pages A-4**



JBPHH 'Kicks Butts' in anti-smoking campaign **See page A-4**



Sailors train to fight Fire **See page B-1**



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Easter Sunrise Service to be held at the Battleship Missouri **See page B-2**

Navy announces April SAAPM 2015 theme

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Navy leaders announced the Department of Defense 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) theme is "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.

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 professionalism, dignity and respect.

Locally, a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam SAAPM proclamation signing will begin at 8:30 a.m. April 2 at Hickam Memorial Theater.



"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

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) Sailors form a blue ribbon on the ship's flight deck April 29, 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Jacob Estes

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.

"We see Sailors stepping up and helping, and we want to encourage that to continue," said Snyder. "Sexual Assault Awareness and Pre-

vention Month is a great opportunity for commands to show their support and focus on eliminating sexual assault."

Sailors and commands can find additional information, references and resources at www.sapr.navy.mil. The website contains turn-key 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 important 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 asymmetric advantage Sailors bring to the force.

Airmen and Soldiers conduct joint upload training

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) and Soldiers from the Headquarters 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, conducted static upload training of Army vehicles into a C-17 Globemaster III, March 18.

According to Staff Sgt. Ryan Lockhart, a loadmaster from the 535th AS, the training was conducted to familiarize Air Force loadmasters and Army infantrymen on how to upload and secure vehicles in the C-17.

Loadmasters from the 535th AS trained on backing vehicles with trailers into the C-17 and loading side-by-side cargo, as well as ensuring required shipping documentation was in order.

"This is great practice. We load Army vehicles like this all the time when we are deployed," said Lockhart. "It is better to learn in a controlled environment like this, so that when we are deployed we can load up and get back in the air as quickly as possible."

Capt. Eli Gaylor, a unit

movement officer from Headquarters 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, said in addition to helping the Air Force loadmaster, this training is essential for the 25th ID Soldiers. The Soldiers are part of a contingency response force that responds to any type of operation within the Pacific's area of responsibility.

"We could be deployed in a matter of hours to help resolve whatever issue may arise," said Gaylor. "The Soldiers need to be able to react and get the vehicles loaded onto the aircraft as quickly as possible. It is important for our Soldiers to get this training. It gives them familiarity with how to complete the task efficiently."

The team, consisting of six Air Force loadmasters and six Army infantrymen, was tasked with loading three tactical bases of operations vehicles with trailers into the C-17 and secured them to complete the training.

According to Army Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Pritchard from the 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, 380th Ground Liaison Office attached to the 15th Wing, this type of joint training



SrAirman Glenn Martin, a loadmaster from the 535th Airlift Squadron, shows Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, how to use restraints to secure a tactical base of operation vehicle that is loaded in a C-17 Globemaster III on March 18 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Additional photo on page A-5.)

is fairly routine.

"What I've noticed is this type of training is perish-

able," said Pritchard. "It needs repetition for both sides so it will become mus-

cle memory, especially with new Air Force loadmasters, Army unit movement offi-

cers and Soldiers constantly rotating in and out of their units."



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62), left, USS Sampson (DDG 102), USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), and USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) are moored in Apra Harbor, Guam, for a port visit. In the background is the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG 54).

DESRON 15, JMSDF flex combat capability

Story and photo by MC3 Raymond D. Diaz III

USS Curtis Wilbur Public Affairs

APRA HARBOR, Guam (NNS) -- Personnel and ships from Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and U.S. Navy forward deployed naval forces (FDNF) from Japan led by Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15 kicked off Multi-Sail 2015, March 22, in Guam.

Multi-Sail is an annual DESRON 15 led exercise that is designed to assess combat systems, improve teamwork, and increase warfighting capabilities in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

"Multi-Sail brings ships, submarines, and aircraft together to focus on core warfighting requirements," said Capt. Shan Byrne, commander of DESRON 15.

"This exercise allows us to test our systems from end to end, challenge our Sailors, and validate our bilateral tactics, techniques and procedures.

Uniquely this year, our Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force allies will join us to practice intermediate and advanced warfighting skills."

Following a pre-sail conference, ships departed March 23 from Guam to conduct the at-sea portion of Multi-Sail 2015. Several ships participated in a torpedo exercise including the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54).

"We did an excellent job getting the torpedo out of the tube and right on target," said Cmdr. Hans De For, commanding officer of Curtis Wilbur. "The crew rehearsed and prepared for this with our brand new A(V)15 sonar system. Their hard work, determination and repetitious practice showed."

Throughout Multi-Sail 2015, some other major training evolutions include firing vertical launch anti-submarine (VLA) rockets, standard missile (SM) 2 missiles as well as testing the ship's close-in weapons system (CIWS) and Mark 45 5-inch gun during live-fire exercises. Addi-

tionally, the exercise will allow for interaction with a U.S. submarine and coordination with aircraft in order to continue to hone anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare skills.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) is serving as the command flagship for Multi-Sail 2015 with DESRON-15 staff embarked. Other ships from DESRON-15 participating include USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62), USS Sampson (DDG 102) and USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Also supporting the exercise are the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG 54), the Henry J. Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS Pecos (T-AO 197) and the Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6), Commander, Task Force 72, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 77, HSM-51, HSM-35, HSM-37, and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25.

USS Paul Hamilton strengthens relationship with Indian navy

Ensign Ashleigh M. Share

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Public Affairs

GOA, India (NNS) — The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) visited Goa, India, March 17-21.

While in port, Paul Hamilton hosted members of the Indian press as well as Indian navy officers and sailors on board for tours of the ship and a reception.

"Defense cooperation and maritime security are major themes in the U.S.-India relationship," said Thomas Vajda, U.S. consul general in Mumbai, India.

"I was delighted to participate in several events with the crew of USS Paul Hamilton and their counterparts in the Indian navy."

"I have enjoyed seeing the sense of camaraderie and friendship developing between our officers and Sailors, which augurs well for a future in which India and the United States increasingly work together to address shared security, terrorism and piracy chal-

lenges whether they exist in the Indian Ocean region or farther afield," he said.

Paul Hamilton Sailors also participated in a friendly basketball game with the Don Bosco College of Engineering basketball team and distributed donated Project Handclasp materials for Child Right Goa activity centers.

The ship's soccer team also had the opportunity to play against a team comprised of Sailors from the Indian navy.

"We feel working together with the Indian navy and working together often is the single most important factor in building long-standing relationships," said Cmdr. John Barsano, Paul Hamilton's commanding officer.

"Building relationships through port visits like this will enable us both to call on one another during times of greatest need," he said.

Paul Hamilton, homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is currently on a deployment to the U.S. 5th and 7th fleet areas of responsibility.

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SECNAV commemorates Battle of Iwo Jima on 70th anniversary

Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

IWO TO, Japan (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus arrived March 21 on Iwo To, the island formerly known as Iwo Jima, to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

On the island where, in 1945, the United States and Japan met in conflict, Mabus spoke of the bravery displayed by those who fought for both sides during the historic World War II Battle for Iwo Jima.

“Simply walk through the black sands of Iwo Jima’s shores and spend a moment in one of its dark tunnels,” said Mabus.

“Only then can you begin to fathom the unbelievable and, at some level, past human, fortitude it took to charge these beaches under withering fire, or to fight from a sub-

terranean labyrinth for 36 days. A few heroes here know that courage. The rest of us can simply wonder with awe and admiration and respect.”

During the battle, the Japanese lost 21,750 members of their armed forces. The U.S. lost 6,821 and suffered 26,038 casualties.

The ceremony brought together representatives of the nations who fought so fiercely 70 years ago to honor the veterans of this battle, some of whom were in attendance.

“On behalf of generations of grateful Americans,” said Mabus. “I thank the veterans who sit here among us and those who are here today only in spirit. Legends of your intrepidity here at Iwo Jima will echo through the ages.”

Mabus also recognized the strength of the relationship between the U.S. and Japan, two former ad-



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus delivers remarks at the 70th anniversary commemoration ceremony of the Battle of Iwo Jima held March 21 in Iwo To, Japan.

versaries that have grown to become strong allies.

“While we gather here in commemoration of

93,000 sons of Japan and the United States, who fought on these sands as bitter enemies seven

decades ago, there is no better way to honor their legacy than to underscore the bond that now exists

between our two great nations as a result of what they did here,” Mabus said.

Joining Mabus at the commemoration, among others, were Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., Japanese Minister of Defense Gen Nakatani and Japanese Ambassador to the United States Kenichiro Sasae.

Similar commemorations have been held each year since 1995 when the surviving veterans of the Iwo Jima Association of America and the Japanese Iwo To Association agreed to meet every year on Iwo To to remember the battle with a reunion of honor.

Mabus’ stop in Iwo To is part of a multi-nation visit to the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility focused on reinforcing existing partnerships and visiting Sailors and Marines forward-deployed.

Commentary

In time of need NMCRS team supports our people, mission

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) — whose active duty fund drive is on now — can help our people in time of need, when they need it the most. Tragedy can strike anyone, anytime.

In the past year, our NMCRS team here at Pearl Harbor helped 76 people go home on emergency leave to see immediate family members at their bedside or to attend funeral services.

As Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said earlier this year, “Taking care of our

people is a top priority ... NMCRS is a lifeline of support and financial assistance for those in need.”

NMCRS Pearl Harbor, led by Paul Belanger and his team of mostly volunteers, helped dozens of families who arrived here on permanent change of station orders while they awaited their temporary lodging allowance reimbursements to kick in. Help included food, shelter and utilities.

Whether through interest-free loans or outright grants, depending on individual situations, the Pearl Harbor office of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provided \$836,000 in financial assistance last year to Sailors, Marines and Retirees and their family members.

Their quick assist loans are a safe and secure alternative to predatory loan sharks who prey on the mil-

itary and their loved ones.

The Pearl Harbor Visiting Nurse, working through NMCRS, performed 787 newborn home visits last year for new Navy and Marine Corps families, answering parents’ questions and setting families up for success, including with budget classes, nutrition advice and even a homemade baby blanket knitted by NMCRS volunteers.

That kind of support is greatly appreciated by new moms and dads whose own parents and grandparents are likely thousands of miles away. And it directly enables and supports our mission, especially when we need to focus on the vital job at hand.

Belanger’s team helped 28 clients with interest-free loans to repair their vehicles.

The Pearl Harbor NMCRS Thrift Shop served 5,600 customers last year

and raised more than \$60,000 to support assistance programs. Thanks to the thrift shop, Sailors and their families were able to purchase household items, children’s clothing, uniforms and other necessities.

Most of all, NMCRS is there in times of crisis. Remember, tragedy can come at any time.

Paul told me about a service member’s wife who requested emergency travel because a family member died suddenly. Her husband had been deployed for some time and money was tight. NMCRS came to the rescue and assisted her with an interest-free loan so she could travel. She was able to make it back home in time to attend the funeral. Later she expressed her profound thanks to her case worker and NMCRS.

Young families can be hit with unexpected bills. Re-

tirees can face costly medical or moving expenses. Returning warfighters can fall victim to predatory loan schemes.

Let’s encourage all of our shipmates to learn about the programs and services available at NMCRS. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is helping us meet our mission by taking care of our people in time of need.

If you are an active duty Sailor or Marine working at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Marine Corps Base Hawaii or here at the joint base, help may be available in the form of counseling, loans or grants.

Please join me in thanking everyone at Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. I appreciate also the good work of Fleet Logistics Command Pearl Harbor, keyworkers, supporters and volunteers in coordinating this year’s campaign.

Diverse Views

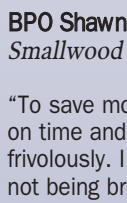


What do you do to save money or protect yourself financially?



SrAirman Steven Yanagi
1st Air Support Operations Group

“To save money and protect myself financially, I keep my money in the bank and keep track of my spending.”



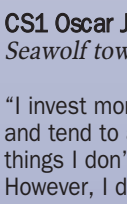
BPO Shawn Behari
Smallwood Hall building manager

“To save money, I always pay my bills on time and try to not spend too frivolously. I do this because it’s nice not being broke.”



Capt. Geoffrey Hanson
203d Air Refueling Squadron

“I try not to eat out more than once or twice a week and instead bring a lunch to work and make dinners at home. I also keep an Excel spreadsheet to help keep track of my budget. I do this so I can achieve financial peace and be free of debt one day.”



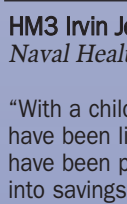
CS1 Oscar Jackson
Seawolf tower building manager

“I invest money I earn into a ROTH IRA and tend to avoid overspending on things I don’t particularly need. However, I do splurge from time to time. It’s healthy to buy something nice for yourself every now and then, but it needs to be controlled and in moderation.”



Jill Koester
Air Force spouse

“My husband and I have a TSP account and IRAs for retirement. We have a budget and emergency savings fund. We also have a savings account for trips and major purchases. It is comforting to not worry about money on a daily basis.”



HM3 Irvin Jones
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

“With a child on the way, my wife and I have been living below our means and have been putting everything we can into savings. But even before we were expecting our child, we lived frugally.”

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

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WAVES travel to Pearl Harbor



Official U.S. Navy photograph

Storekeeper 2nd Class Francella Leigh, Yeoman 2nd Class Patricia McRae and Pharmacist’s Mate 3rd Class Suzanne Hosmer remove knapsacks in their stateroom after arriving aboard a transport. They and other WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) were en route to their new duty stations at Pearl Harbor in early January 1945.

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JBP HH 'Kicks Butts' in anti-smoking campaign

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Public Affairs

Anti-smoking advocates across Oahu joined their counterparts nationwide for the 20th annual Kick Butts Day held March 18 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX).

"Kick Butts Day is designed to raise awareness of tobacco use in the state or community," said Brittany Bigham, a director for the campaign.

"It's events like this that encourage youth to reject the tobacco industry's deceptive marketing and stay tobacco-free. This is also an awareness campaign to urge elected officials to take action to protect kids from tobacco," she said.

NEX collaborated with Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, AMR Youth Sports, United Services Organization (USO) Hawaii and Defense Com-



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Paige Schmit encourages walkers during a two-mile fun run.

missary Agency (DeCA) to host a two-mile fun run in the NEX parking lot.

Participants walked or jogged the course as volunteers cheered them on with signs and words of encouragement. Following the

event, prizes and giveaways were awarded, including the grand prize, an adult bike donated by the Honolulu USO.

More than 1,000 events were held around the coun-

ty, sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

"Each day, thousands of kids across the nation will smoke their first cigarette," said Eleanor Bru, a registered nurse with Naval

Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) Health Promotion. "Our goal is to support military members and their families in quitting tobacco use or preventing the habit from starting."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if smoking persists at the current rate among youth, 5.6 million persons under the age of 18 are projected to die prematurely from a smoking-related illness. This represents about one in every 13 Americans aged 17 years or younger who are alive today.

"Secondhand smoke can cause a number of health afflictions for those around you, and that damage can last a lifetime," said Quartermaster 2nd Class Megan Steffy, one of the supporters at the event. "March 31 is my one-year anniversary quitting smoking. It was incredibly difficult to quit, and I encourage everyone to simply not start in the first place."

There are many options

available for service members and their families who are trying to quit smoking," said Bru. "As one option, they can make an appointment with Naval Health Clinic Hawaii to sign up for smoking cessation classes."

Bru explained that the program is a four-week course which provides personalized alternatives and proactive steps for quitting tobacco products.

Classes cover multiple topics, from understanding addiction to coping skills and how to overcome personal triggers. Through discussion, students discover ways they can manage to relieve stress and boredom without cigarettes.

To schedule an appointment for a tobacco cessation workshop at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii or one of its branch health clinics, call the NHCH health promotion office at 254-7636.

For more information about Kick Butts day and the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, visit <http://www.kickbuttsday.org>.

Third annual 'Walk to Safety' slated for April 1 to raise awareness

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On April 1, in conjunction with the monthly tsunami siren test, the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Department of Emergency Management will host the third annual one-mile long "Walk to Safety."

Slated for 11:30 a.m. on the waterfront at Aloha Aina Park, adjacent to the Wright Brothers Café at Joint Base, the walk is meant to be fun but is certainly not an April Fools' Day prank.

The event is being held by the JBPHH Department of Emergency Management to raise tsunami awareness and demonstrate that in the event of an actual tsunami, ser-

vice members and their families can "walk to safety" in less than 30 minutes.

Participants will begin the walk at Aloha Aina Park and make their way down Signer Street to the softball fields near the Hickam Fitness Center.

"Many people don't think it (a tsunami warning) matters or applies to them because the mistake people make is thinking, 'I don't live in an evacuation zone.' You have to remember Hawaii is surrounded by water and things can go wrong quickly," said Larry Sabatine, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy emergency manager.

Sabatine said the JBPHH Department of Emergency Management chose a walk because, at any time, you could be downtown or on a beach, and hopping in a car might not be the best way to get to



"Walk to Safety" participants make their way down Signer Boulevard.

safety. "We are trying to educate the populace and inform them that if they hear the siren, they should immediately get to a location one mile inland or 50 feet above sea level."

"You don't need to panic; you just need to walk inland. This is especially important if you are some-

where like downtown Waikiki. Just imagine trying to evacuate and navigate through that type of traffic," he said.

A piece of advice Sabatine offered is that there is not a specific sound or pattern to indicate a tsunami warning, but if the siren sounds, people should be vigilant

and seek information.

"There is no specific siren for a tsunami," he said.

"The sirens are meant to alert people of an existing or impending emergency situation. If they hear the sirens, they should immediately tune to their local and TV and radio stations."

When the sirens begin sounding on April 1, remember that it is a call for tsunami awareness, something Sabatine said everyone should take seriously.

The Walk to Safety is planned in conjunction with NOAA, state civil defense, City and County of Honolulu departments of emergency management, and the American Red Cross.

Families, service members and even pets are allowed to participate in the event. For more information about the JBPHH Walk to Safety, call Sabatine at 448-2742.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea and Shore Sailor of the Year (SOY) finalists and their families attend a guided tour of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), March 23. The SOY finalists are participating in a variety of personal and professional evaluations as well as leadership, naval heritage and team-building events throughout the week.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro

Marines assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii offload a UH-1Y Huey from the back of a C-17 Globemaster III, March 16, in preparation for the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition,

U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Elias Zani



(Left) One of three Army tactical base of operations vehicles from the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, sits just outside a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The vehicle was loaded into the C-17 as part of joint training between the Army and Air Force.

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

(Below) U.S. Pacific Fleet executive director and chief of staff Todd Schafer talks about the importance of a high-performing fleet, sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) and teamwork during the Senior Enlisted Leadership Training Symposium held March 24 at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters. The symposium is an annual event where senior enlisted leaders from across the Pacific Fleet gather to review the effectiveness of current policies and ways to improve mission readiness in open-forum discussions.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Brian M. Wilbur



Navy Rear Adm. Nancy Norton, U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) director for command, control, communications and cyber, provides opening remarks during the Multinational Communications Interoperability Program (MCIP) Planning Staff Workshop 2, in preparation for the upcoming humanitarian and disaster relief capstone event Pacific Endeavor (PE). The event was held March 23 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. Pacific Endeavor is a series of events that occur each year designed to manage the momentum of the Indo-Asia Pacific rebalance and strengthen relationships with allies and partners by testing the communications response to a natural disaster.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

USS Paul Hamilton enters US 5th Fleet AOO

Ensign
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USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)
Public Affairs

U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS (NNS) — The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) arrived March 22 in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations (AOO).

Paul Hamilton is an independent ballistic missile defense (BMD) ship that will be involved in a variety of operations in U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility (AOR).

“Paul Hamilton is a premiere BMD asset of approximately 310 highly trained Sailors looking for-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) departs Feb. 14 from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled independent deployment to the Arabian Gulf and western Pacific Ocean.

ward to executing with precision all operational mission tasks independently and in conjunction with carrier strike groups and coalition forces,” said Cmdr. John Barsano, the ship’s commanding officer.

The U.S. 5th Fleet AOO encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of water area, which includes the Arabian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman and parts of the Indian Ocean.

Paul Hamilton departed Feb. 14 from its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a training exercise and its deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet AOO. Paul Hamilton’s last deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet AOO was in 2013.

PACAF air domain monitoring capability expands, evolves

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In January 2014, a small team of intelligence Airmen began building Pacific Air Forces first air watch capability. A five-man team, comprised of enlisted and commissioned Airmen, shared a small computer nestled inside a cramped workspace. Despite their small numbers and lacking equipment, they stood up and operated a 24-hour Pacific air watch.

“Before the watch began, I’d compare our regional awareness to a game of whack-a-mole,” said Capt. Justin Ross, the air watch officer in charge.

“An event would pop up, draw our attention, and then we would react. We had limited visibility on what was going within the Pacific, and that put us in a reactionary position.”

PACAF’s mission covers 100 million square miles and over half of the world’s surface. The Asia-Pacific region contains 60 percent of the world’s population across 36 nations and encompasses one-third of the global economic output.

“The size and scope of what PACAF does every day is absolutely incredible,” said Col. Eva Jenkins, PACAF’s intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance director.

“Having awareness, from an air-perspective, is vital. We created the Pacific air watch capability to provide

real-time, or near real-time, monitoring of military air or missile activity in the air domain,” Jenkins said.

The information the watch began collecting and analyzing soon made its way to PACAF’s commander at the time, Gen. Hawk Carlisle. As it happens, Carlisle also fulfilled U.S. Pacific Command’s joint force air component commander (JFACC) role. Suddenly the small air watch team found their data was directly impacting mission decisions.

“The Pacific air watch team became the eyes and ears of the JFACC,” Jenkins said.

The monitoring and reporting of the air watch delivered round-the-clock situational awareness.

“Generally, we were the first heard, the first ones to tell the JFACC what was happening. This put him in a position to then give the PACOM commander the decision advantage,” Ross said.

The air watch began monitoring all manner of military air or missile activity, collaborating with the Joint Intelligence Operations Center in addition to other centers and units throughout the Pacific and feeding that information to the JFACC.

“The decision advantage gives the commander options,” said 2nd. Lt. Jacob Beeman, the air watch deputy. “For instance, if we detect certain air or missile activity, that information can then help the air component commander position assets or change pro-

cedures in response to a given activity.”

According to Ross, in the Pacific air watch’s short existence, there have already been several instances where activity the watch team reported has driven operations in the Pacific and State Department actions.

Over the next year, attention and support for the air watch began to increase. Backing from both Carlisle and his successor, Gen. Lori J. Robinson, instigated the need for the air domain monitoring capability to grow.

What were once four watchstanders in 2014 is expanding to 16. This year, the entire Pacific air watch is evolving and realigning with the 613th Air Operations Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as the senior intelligence duty officer (SIDO) team. This move exponentially increases PACOM’s air component monitoring and reporting capability.

“We are all looking forward to the SIDO evolution. It means great things for an already proven capability,” Beeman said.

“We’ll have space and systems to conduct our monitoring. If you look at what the original team accomplished with the resources they had a year ago, I get filled with excitement thinking about the future of air domain monitoring. We’ll be capable of doing so much more for our commander, combatant commander, and the Pacific region.”

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distinguished guests that included Williams, who accepted the city council certificate and proclamation on behalf of the CNRH Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program.

“It was a real honor to be a part of this important and collaborative effort with the City and County of Honolulu at the signing of this SAPR proclamation event. Annually, April has been established to recognize and provide additional awareness to Navy personnel concerning this issue,” said J. Curtis Gillard, regional program director and SAPR team supervisor.

“However, with the continual support of the mayor and his councilmen, not only will Navy personnel be made aware, but the entire city of Honolulu will be able to see our combined efforts concerning SAPR,” he said.

Regarding the strategy ahead, Williams said, “When it comes to sexual assaults, we must honor our shipmates by looking out for one another. We must have the courage to act, intervene and report.

“And we must have the commitment to support those who have been assaulted,” he said.

For more information about organizing SAAPM events and resources for victims of sexual assault, visit www.sapr.navy.mil.

New 3D-simulator generates training, expertise on subs

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ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) — A new diesel generator simulator has been delivered to Pearl Harbor naval facilities by the TechSolutions program at the Office of Naval Research (ONR), officials at ONR announced March 18.

High-fidelity 3D software will allow Sailors to use 50-inch touch screens to see and access all parts of the massive generators aboard Virginia-class subs.

The Navy's Virginia-class submarines are among the most technically advanced vessels ever built. But even these cutting-edge, fast-attack, nuclear-powered boats need emergency generators on hand and Sailors trained to operate and repair them.

"This will be a big help for the fleet, getting Sailors more training time and providing potentially significant cost savings," said ONR Command Master Chief Jessie Thomas.

"It has been challenging for all the Sailors who need training on these generators

to get enough work time on the actual boats, particularly given that the subs can be out to sea for extended periods.

"A state-of-the-art simulator allows far more time to learn how these complex machines work," Thomas said.

As Sailors are being trained on the simulator, they are able to touch different parts of the screen to view and access all parts of the complex generators, even moving virtual controls and twisting virtual knobs to make adjustments based on digital data or sight inspection.

The advanced 3D program, called the multipurpose reconfigurable training system (MRTS), will provide estimated cost avoidances of \$27 million over building more generators for training, freeing up funds for significant expansion of training capabilities.

The improvements include expansion of the machinery room where the simulators will be placed, allowing greater immersion and multiple-mission scenarios that until now had been largely confined to the classroom.

"The beauty of the system



U.S. Navy photo by Darrell Conley

Sailors train on a new diesel generator simulator during a project review at Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, Aug. 12 in Orlando, Fla.

is that it should reduce the amount of lab time while increasing the scenarios the instructor can put the students through," said Darrell Conley, project manager for Virginia diesel program at Naval Air Warfare Training Systems Division.

"The software can be loaded on any MRTS 3D trainer in the fleet, allowing any boat to schedule required training," he said.

The simulator is part of ONR's answer to Chief of Naval Operation Adm. Jonathan Greenert's Naviga-

tion Plan 2015-2019. The plan calls for greater focus on critical afloat and ashore readiness, including "development and fielding of live, virtual and constructive training environments to provide more realistic training at a reduced cost."

The TechSolutions program takes technology requests directly from Sailors and Marines. When the organization receives a request for a technology solution to a problem, anything from Sailors on watch needing improvements in steel toe boots to Marines in theater requesting better mortar sights, the program attempts to find and deliver a rapid technology prototype solution, usually within 12-18 months from the request being received.

"The work being done by TechSolutions makes an enormous difference to our Sailors and Marines," said Dr. Walter Jones, ONR executive director. "Innovative technologies, directly requested by our men and women in uniform, are able to reach the user in accelerated timeframes, making contributions from daily life to tactical functionality of platforms in the field."

The Sailors will work with the generator simulator at Pearl Harbor over the next several months, and it will ultimately be considered for transition to Naval Sea Systems Command's undersea warfare directorate.

Air Force's first female chief joined after Dec. 7 attacks

Air Force Enlisted Heritage
Research Institute

In 1960, Chief Master Sgt. Grace Peterson became the first female chief master sergeant. She was not only the first female chief master sergeant; she was part of the original group of senior NCOs to be selected for the rank of E-9.

At the time of promotion, Peterson was the first sergeant of a 400-person Women in the Air Force (WAF) squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

Peterson entered military service in New York City soon after the attacks on Dec. 7, 1941 that thrust America into World War II, and she joined what was then



Chief Master Sgt. Grace Peterson

called the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1942.

During an interview at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in

2010, Peterson said, "I joined because of the horrors of Pearl Harbor and I felt I had to do something about it."

Peterson recalled the first momentous day she entered WAAC as a boot trainee. She was sent to the first WAAC training center, which she hastily established, at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

The "genius" who prepared these facilities to receive the first females into the military will forever command her admiration, she said.

"Male OD coats were issued and trailed in the snow for the shorter girls. None of us needed mittens for the sleeves completely enveloped our arms," she said.

Four weeks later, she was as-

signed as company clerk to the second WAAC training center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and in less than one year the "boot trainee" had risen to the rank of first sergeant.

To this date, Peterson maintains the "boot" expression derived from the heavy brogan shoes she had her charges wore in those days. After experiencing the rigors of basic training and a tight academic schedule — first as a pupil and later as an instructor — the precedent establishing experience of the veteran of six months was considered too valuable to relinquish.

She had, so to speak, found her niche in the Army — to greet and train the women volunteers who had followed her in steadily in-

creasing numbers.

At this point in her career, Peterson said, "I was not only proud of my personal good fortune, but I felt an immense pride of my sex. Many of the volunteers we received — some a great deal older than myself — were college graduates and had established civilian careers but chose, instead, to serve with the armed forces. And I think the record points out the caliber of service women performed during the war."

Throughout the war years, Peterson remained in the U.S. except for a period of duty at Ladd Field, Alaska.

(Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson contributed to this article.)