

## VCNO holds all-hands call at JBPHH

Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) Adm. Michelle J. Howard greets Sailors based in Hawaii during an all-hands call (AHC) held at Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the AHC, Howard discussed gender integration, sexual assault and cyber security.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Diana Quinlan



(Left) Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michelle J. Howard interacts with Sailors based in Hawaii during an all-hands call held at Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Cmdr. Robert Figgs is piped ashore after being relieved by Cmdr. David Cox as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) at a change of command ceremony held May 12. (See additional photo on page A-5.)

## USS Louisville changes command

Story and photo by MC1 Steven Khor

Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Command of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) was passed May 12 as Cmdr. David Cox relieved Cmdr. Robert Figgs during a time-honored ceremony at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Figs expressed how proud he was of having the opportunity to be in command of the submarine and working with the outstanding crew.

"Everyone on board Louisville performed their jobs with dedication and professionalism," said Figs. "You should be proud of your accomplishments and should be proud to be known as one of the 'best of the breed.' I know I am."

While in command, Figs led his submarine to comple-

tion of a successful western Pacific deployment. Missions on deployment ranged from preparing the battlespace for continued operations to conducting intelligence and surveillance and operating with allied partners in support of the global maritime strategy.

The ceremony's guest speaker, Capt. Craig Blakely, commander of Submarine Squadron 7, praised Figs for an outstanding job while in command.

"Bob, on behalf of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force and everyone gathered here today, I thank you and I congratulate you on a job well done," said Blakely. "You have led your team well and your performance has been superb."

During the ceremony, Figs was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his performance on board Louisville from September 2012 to May 2015.

As Cox assumed com-

mand, he thanked Figs for turning over a very capable ship and a loyal crew.

"Bob, congratulations on a job well done," said Cox. "I have observed the crew underway and in port, and their exceptional state of training is a testament to your leadership. I promise that I will serve them in command with the same level of diligence and care that you did."

Cox addressed the crew and told them how honored he is to be selected as their commanding officer.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve the 'best of the breed' as commanding officer, and I look forward to continuing your hard-earned reputation for excellence," said Cox.

Louisville is the fourth United States ship to bear the name in honor of the city of Louisville, Ky. It is the 35th nuclear-powered fast-attack submarine of the Los Angeles-class design.

## Installation deployment plan is now in place

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

The new installation deployment plan (IDP) was signed April 1 by Brig. Gen. Braden Sakai, 154th Wing commander, Col. Randall Huiss, 15th Wing commander and Col. David Kirkendall, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) deputy commander.

The IDP provides a framework for how the 15th Wing, the 154th Wing and JBPHH will work together to deploy Airmen to support combatant commanders down range. The IDP gives instruction on how to deploy a single Airman or squadron of Airmen for a natural disaster or a hostile event.

"The bulk of the work was figuring out how, as a

total force unit, we deploy," said Tech Sgt. Brandon Gaskill from the 647th installation deployment center. "We have been going through all the total force integration (TFI) initiatives determining how we will deploy with the [Air] National Guard (ANG) so we are one team, one fight."

According to Maj. Rayan Randall, installation deployment officer of the 154th Logistic Readiness Squadron, the new IDP has improved the ability for the active duty Airmen and ANG Airmen to deploy together.

"In the past, the ANG and the active duty prepared for deployment separately, but with the newest IDP we all process for a deployment together as one unit," said Randall.

According to Gaskill, in addition to providing instruction on deploying as a

TFI unit the document also gives instruction on how deployment operations work as a joint base.

"The majority of the mission support functions shifted to the Navy side of the base so adjustments were made to the mission support portion of the IDP," said Gaskill.

As the new IDP began to take shape, a change to the AFI gave direction that was more specific.

"The latest AFI directed that there was a specific order to the IDP requiring us to merge a lot of the information that we had and rearrange it to align with the new AFI directive," said Gaskill.

Two years in the making, the IDP ensures that if there were a major event in the Pacific the 15th Wing, with the 154th Wing and JBPHH, will be ready to fly, fight and win.



Brig. Gen. Braden Sakai, right, 154th Wing commander, and Col. Randall Huiss, 15th Wing commander, sign the 2015 Installation Deployment Plan, May 1, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



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# Hawaiian community, Navy visit heiau in Lualualei Valley

Story and photo by Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii  
Hawaii Public Affairs

Personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii and Navy Region Hawaii along with Hawaiian Civic Club members from Kapolei, Nanakuli, Lualualei, Waianae, Makaha and Kaneohe met with archaeologists May 4 to visit the Nioi'ula Heiau at Naval Magazine Lualualei.

Pacific Consulting Services, Inc. (PCSI) was hired by the Navy to clear, survey, document and map the Nioi'ula Heiau. Heiau were places of worship, including shrines to gods and places of refuge, in ancient Hawaii. These structures included stone enclosures and platforms as well as earthen terraces.

The Nioi'ula Heiau is considered to be of significance, but exactly what this



Dennis Gosser, an archaeologist with Pacific Consulting Services, Inc., shares information May 4 with a visiting group of Hawaiian Civic Club members about the current archaeological investigation being conducted at the Nioi'ula Heiau at Naval Magazine Lualualei.

site was used for is unknown at this time and is why archaeological work is being conducted in late April and early May.

The visit was coordinated to bring together members of the Hawaiian community

interested in the heiau to discuss some of the archaeological findings of PCSI and exchange information.

"I am extremely happy that our visit to the Nioi'ula Heiau was so well attended by such interested and

thoughtful individuals who are willing to listen and share their considerable knowledge on Hawaiian cultural resources," said Jeff Pantaleo, NAVFAC Hawaii archaeologist

"It is through this inter-

action that more of Hawaii's past will be revealed, and it is our responsibility to protect, collect and pass this information onto our children so they remain connected with these beautiful islands," he said.

PCSI personnel have spent two weeks investigating the area and have uncovered a few items such as basalt flakes, charcoal and a pig's tooth. The charcoal will be submitted for radiocarbon dating to help determine the age and possible use of the structures. A buried platform was found during this effort, and thoughts on whether it is part of an original structure at the site are being considered. The big questions are: when was this structure created, why was it situated at its current location, and how was it used.

The heiau was originally recorded during archaeological investigations in the 1930s by Bishop Museum (McAllister 1933). Later in the 1980s, the museum

mapped the heiau.

Archaeological studies conducted in 2000 and 2001 successfully dated some of the other sites in the valley, and it is hoped that the dates from items found at this current excavation will help continue to fill out the story of the people who lived here.

Various members of the visiting Hawaiian community asked questions and shared ideas about the Nioi'ula Heiau, emphasizing the need to learn more and educate our youth about their past.

"It is the Navy's intention to continue to consult and share with the Hawaiian community any archaeological findings that may be uncovered at the Nioi'ula Heiau," said Pantaleo. "We see this as a terrific opportunity to work together and learn from each other with the overall desire to preserve cultural resources that are important to us today and to future generations."

# Airmen help spark children's interest in aviation

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen learned teaching techniques that will help spark children's interest in aviation at the Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) aerospace education member training held April 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The training, a joint effort between the Headquarters Pacific Command Equal Opportunity office and the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol, is designed to take Airmen's passion for aviation and spread it to today's youth as part of a diversity and inclusion initiative.

"The goal is to get a wider variety of people to look at the Air

Force and aerospace as a career," said Nick Ham, deputy chief of staff for aerospace education for the Pacific region of the Civil Air Patrol. "I think this is vital to keeping strong aviation and aerospace programs."

The Airmen who attended the training, which introduces them to basic teaching techniques giving them the skills to teach elementary school students, will become aerospace education members for the CAP.

They also received hands-on experience with several different activities, one of which was a straw rocket that the Airmen created for a competition to see who could make it travel the farthest.

"Activities like the straw rocket are designed to capture children's attention and allow



Airman 1st Class Steven Fulkorson from the 15th Maintenance Squadron blows through a straw to propel a pink paper rocket through the air during Civil Air Patrol's aerospace education member training held April 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

[the aerospace education member] the opportunity to teach the importance of science, technology, engineering and math to the children in a fun way," said Ham.

According to Glenn Medeiros, director of education for the Hawaii CAP, becoming an aerospace education member for the CAP will give the Airmen access to 450 classroom projects, which are nationally certified for curriculums ranging from math to sciences, engineering and history.

Medeiros said that training military members to become aerospace education members who can take these projects into the local classrooms will expand the CAP outreach to the community and spark an interest in the next generation of aviators.



Commentary

# Feeling of 'ohana' makes Hawaii special

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Later this month we will bid aloha to Adm. Samuel Locklear, welcome Adm. Harry Harris, who will assume command of U.S. Pacific Command, and welcome back Adm. Scott Swift as new U.S. Pacific Fleet commander.

This is a busy summer of transition throughout our Navy ohana.

In the past month, I have seen tremendous examples of what makes the Navy Region ohana so strong, resilient and effective.

Did you know that our Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society raised nearly half a million dollars. That's Sailors and Marines helping other shipmates, friends and families.

You don't see that kind of commitment anywhere else in the world – such a strong willingness to help others in need.

The spouses' organiza-

tion Boutiki raised \$50,000, and all of the profits are donated to help military families. The Armed Services YMCA and other groups in the community dedicate their time and talents – with a lot of help from caring volunteers – in order to assist our loved ones.

Military Appreciation Month is year-round here, especially with support from the Chamber of Commerce, Navy League and Friends of Hickam along with the stakeholder relationships we have with all of our his-

toric partners.

Last month we promoted Earth Day and made it Earth Month. Region [Navy Region Hawaii], MIDPAC, Fleet Logistics Command, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, and others have worked with state and city and county partners to show what we're doing for energy conservation, environmental stewardship and sustainability for the future.

I'm especially proud of how U.S. Pacific Fleet, Navy Region Hawaii, MIDPAC and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) have rallied together to bring commu-

nity leaders and veterans in a national venue through our monthly Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony.

At Pacific Missile Range Facility, we had more than 250 middle school students participate in Earth Day events, and our Sailors and civilians sponsored a huge beach cleanup.

Throughout May, we are reminding people of the tremendous educational opportunities here in Hawaii. Our military team is showing how to work with the schools to share STEM, apprenticeship opportunities, scholarships, music, JROTC and research, and, yes, it is rocket science.

Our installations work tirelessly to build relationships both outside the command and within the fence line.

When several events in recent weeks raised security and safety concerns at JBPHH, we saw swift action and strong cooperation by groups as diverse as Federal Fire Department, Honolulu Police Department, Explosives Ordnance Detachment, Naval Criminal Investigation Service, and base security—all working together as a team.

Working together, we get things done here in Hawaii. We achieve as a community, with a sense of civic duty and responsibility to helping others.

When there are misunderstandings or problems to resolve, we know how to work together.

We are fortunate to be so close and so closely tied with U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Pacific Air Forces, Submarine Force and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, to name a few. People like Mayor Caldwell, Adm. (ret.) Fargo, Tim Guard and Jerry Coffee are part of our ohana. That strength in leadership, teamwork and mentoring available to us in Hawaii is something we don't take for granted.

It's that feeling of ohana that makes Hawaii so special. It's something I appreciate every day.

## West Loch tribute planned for May 21

On May 21, Army Gen. Vincent Brooks will honor and celebrate hundreds of young men who lost their lives in the West Loch disaster at Pearl Harbor 71 years ago on May 21, 1944.

The tribute will begin with a floral tribute in Walker Bay, West

Loch, Pearl Harbor.

The public is invited to join in the sixth Celebration of Life and Memory for the West Loch men at 3 p.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl with full military honors. Adm. Harry B. Harris will be

keynote speaker. Other dignitaries will make remarks.

This event is in collaboration with Hawaii Joint Military Forces and African American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii.

For more information, call MoLentia Guttman at 597-1341.

## Diverse Views



What is your favorite Asian or Hawaiian food?



**Tech. Sgt. Kristy Negron**  
HQ PACAF

"Lumpia, because my mom makes it so delicious! It is a Filipino egg roll with meat and vegetables. It is fried and amazing!"

**YN1 Jeannette Bryant**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"My favorites are kalua pork and yakiniku because of the different and unique flavors."



**Lt. Col. Daniel Lang**  
PACOM

"Asian-braised short ribs from Café O Lei in Maui. The chef, and my father-in-law, Michael Pastula taught me his secret recipe."

**CS3 Shivraj Behari**  
Fleet and Family Readiness Program



"I love chicken katsu with curry because the curry flavor reminds me of home."



**Senior Airman Cody Becker**  
647th Security Forces Squadron

"My favorite type of Asian food would have to be sushi. I love the different flavors and types, not to mention it's healthy and good for you."

**STS3 Edward Graves**  
USS Louisville (SSN 724)



"Poke is my favorite because it's so fresh and so ono."



**Master Sgt. Khaalis Hall**  
25th Air Support Operations Squadron

"The food I love most in Hawaii is Kalua pork. I love going to luaus because the pork is so fresh and tasty, especially with barbecue sauce."

**CSSA Keith McLeod**  
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)



"Shrimp fried rice because it tastes really nice."

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## Bombers fly from California to Hickam



Photo courtesy of Hawaii Department of Transportation

The first mass flight of Army bombers departed Hamilton Field in California on May 13, 1941 (74 years ago this week) and arrived at Hickam Field in 13 hours and 10 minutes. The flight consisted of 21 B-17 bombers like these flying over Hickam's main gate.

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# Hickam ES celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week

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Service men and women got a taste of what it's like to be a teacher at Hickam Elementary School as they led students through health and fitness activities May 5-8 as part of Teacher Appreciation Week.

To celebrate the teachers and offer them well-deserved time off, Airmen volunteered their time to supervise the kindergarten through sixth grade students as their teachers enjoyed the Hickam Historical Tour led by Jessie Higa, volunteer tour guide.

"We wanted to do something special that celebrated health and fitness for the students at the end of the year, and we also wanted to really do something special



First grade Hickam Elementary School students show some love to Tech. Sgt. Evette Blount of the Pacific Command Joint Information Operations Center and volunteer of the Hawaii 5/6 Counsel for Teacher Appreciation Week held May 5-8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

for our teachers," said Alyssa Yengo, the Hickam Elementary School parent community network coordinator.

"We thought, what if we could do both things on the same day, and let the teachers have a really special experience?"

Besides giving teachers a break, the intention behind the program was to better connect families with the school while creating enriching experiences for the students through open communication with parents, students and teachers.

"Teachers have a lot to deal with on a daily basis, and I respect them," said Tech. Sgt. Evette Blount, a volunteer from the Hawaii 5/6 Counsel and member of the Pacific Command Joint Information Operations Center.

While teachers took pleasure in the peace and quiet

during a tour of the base, the Hickam Elementary students giggled, screamed and ran around the schoolyard, spending time with the Airmen who normally spend their day in quite a different environment.

The volunteer military members guided the kids through different stations, learning more about health and fitness through fun, interactive and creative games.

"Students came ready to go," Yengo said. "They came with their hats and their sunscreen and sneakers and were ready to play."

The focus remained on the appreciation that parents and students have for the loving teachers.

"I don't think I would have the patience to do this all day, every day," Blount said. "I commend them for everything that they do for our kids."

## Key Spouse Program is vital to family readiness

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Air Force spouses are essential to maintaining stability on the home front as Airmen maintain focus on the war front, and the Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) Key Spouse program takes it to heart.

The key spouse program is an official unit/family program overseen by commanders. The program is designed to enhance readiness and establish a sense of unity within the Air Force community. It was standardized across the Air Force in March 2006.

"Key spouses are not a social group per se, so we do not plan activities," said Amy Anderson, 647th CES key spouse. "However, we do encourage group gather-

ings and events within the spouse community and as key spouses, we do attend and participate in the events put on by the booster club or other leaders.

"We participate in these events to encourage a stronger community. Our attendance helps the other spouses know who the key spouses are, so they know who they can comfortably turn to during the struggles of deployments," Anderson said.

The CES Key Spouses program is also integrated into the newcomers' orientation so that married Airmen and their families have a chance to gather information and introduce themselves.

"I believe this program is important because it helps relieve stress on the home

front," said Nakeita Wilson, 647 CES key spouse.

"The service member is sometimes consumed with their mission duties and the spouse is left to care for all the extracurricular things such as housing, schooling, healthcare, etc., so this program offers the squadron spouses resources and links to the community outside of their active duty spouse," Wilson said.

The program recognizes everyone on the unit's team — commander, key spouse mentor, first sergeant, key spouse and the Airmen and family readiness center -- impacts the unit's culture and contributes to its ability to accomplish the mission at home or abroad.

"All in all, our program is very strong. That being said, we are going through

some turnover when three of our long-time spouses departed in late 2014," said Senior Master Sgt. Kyle Scafidi, 647 CES first sergeant.

Scafidi noted that the key spouses program is one that is near and dear to his heart.

"It's all about getting to know each other, so we're better able to help one another. That's how the program strengthens our Air Force," he said.

The program helps to provide guidance and support in these areas which key spouses are trained on:

- Increase awareness of installation/community resources
- Identify and help resolve issues at lowest levels (providing info on programs, benefits and more).
- Prepare and support

families during separations.

- Improve quality of life among unit families.

- Enhance family resilience.

- Strengthen leadership's support team.

"We use each other's strengths and talents to focus on our mission," said Ria Muller, 647th CES lead key spouse.

"We have wonderful leadership that supports us in everything we do. We have five trained key spouses in total along with volunteers/helpers, and they all have families and busy working schedules. However, they never fail and still manage to give and show support to our spouses. In this type of community, we need those strong commitment and motivation in order to go forward," Muller said.

Muller said being a part of the key spouses is an experience she will cherish for the rest of her life.

"Honestly, this is the best group I have ever been a part of," she said. We cheer and empower and lift up each other. We make sure that everybody is well taken care of in times of trouble and provide the best resources and links when families need it.

"Being a key spouse can be challenging at times, but we always try to stay positive and figure out what works best according to our squadron's need. We all enjoy working with each other. We respect, care and connect as much as we can. I believe that staying connected is important not only in key spouse program but in any group," Muller said.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

(Right) Cmdr. Robert Figgs, right, passes command of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) to Cmdr. David Cox at a ceremony, May 12, overseen by Capt. Craig Blakely, commander of Submarine Squadron 7.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

(Below) First grade students of Hickam Elementary School play a fitness game inspired by Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," as part of Teacher Appreciation Week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 5-8. (See story on page A-4.)

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona



(Right) Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Jesus Fernandez (left) and Sonar Technician (Submarine) 3rd Class Joseph Gutierrez, both assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Greenville (SSN 772), participate in a truck-pulling contest during a Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored health and wellness fair at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See story and additional photos on page B-1.)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro



(Left) Master chiefs and senior chiefs from Navy Region Hawaii assembled on May 6 to conduct a CPO boards record review for 120 Sailors. The day-long event was coordinated by Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate Enrique Acosta and Senior Chief Personnel Specialist Dean Howell with the chiefs action group (CAG). It is a two-part event beginning with a boards brief, then a records review.

Photo courtesy of AGCS Enrique Acosta



# Sexual assault awareness continues beyond SAAPM

Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month has come to a close but the education, awareness and culture of prevention and response endure beyond April 30.

The 2015 SAAPM campaign was packed full of events and activities including the ribbon cutting of the new sexual assault and prevention office, fit to defend classes, first responders summit, single Airmen retreat, teen lock-in, first term Airmen mock trial and a beach bash.

Each event focused on educating the Joint Base community on sexual assault awareness and prevention.

"I believe in a community-based approach to preventing sexual assault and supporting survivors," said Machel Terrell, 15th Wing sexual assault response coordinator.

"We were honored to partner with so many of our community members—victim advocates, leaders, parents, units, private organizations, medical professionals, chaplains, public officials, survivors, supporters and many oth-



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona  
Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, speaks to Airmen at the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month beach bash April 30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ers—who are working together to provide prevention, coordinated responses for victims and support to survivors," she said.

Terrell said sexual assault is a continuing problem in our military, which requires sustained vigilance and a steadfast team effort to eradicate.

"We believe in, and work hard to ensure, effective collaboration and cooperation within our Hickam community to change the conversation for better prevention, advocacy and care," said Terrell.

"Together we can prevent sexual assault as the DoD [Department of Defense] theme sums it up, 'Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part, Do Your Part.'"

Although SAAPM has come to a close, that does not mean the effort to educate and prevent sexual assault has ended.

"Let's continue to build momentum in this program. Yes, we have a SAAPM, but this is not a program that we put on the shelf," said Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander.

"This is something we will continue to work on throughout the year to making sure all work places and anywhere we go we build a climate of dignity and respect."

## SAPR team raises awareness with 'human sign flash freeze'

Maricar D. Davis

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, MFSC

Navy Region Hawaii SAPR team called on their U.S. Marine Corps counterparts to jointly raise awareness about sexual assault in a unique and non-traditional way during an event held recently at Marine

Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The concept for the event, called a "human sign freeze," was borrowed and modified from the popular "flash freeze mob" social trend in which groups of people would "freeze in motion" for 3-5 minutes in public, simply to attract attention and curiosity in a fun and harmless way.

More than 30 Navy Sailors, Marines and civilian volunteers participated in a staged freeze at the K-Bay courtyard mall, attracting passers-by, Marine Corps Exchange customers and lunch crowds. The volunteers froze in the middle of a motion and held signs and posters with messages about Department of the Navy sexual assault pre-

vention for three minutes.

Some volunteers froze in motion during a salute, others while picking up a dropped object, and still others froze in the middle of an animated group toast/cheer. One volunteer Sailor even simulated a fall and remained "frozen" on the ground with her sign in hand which read, "kissing or flirting does not

imply consent for sex."

While the freeze was one of numerous events recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), it was also a concerted Navy and USMC effort to keep sexual assault awareness in the public forefront. The volunteers felt the freeze was "fun, creative and

worth repeating."

At least two bystanders expressed that they were initially surprised when everyone around them froze in motion, but when they read the signs and realized it was a SAAPM event, they thought it was a neat and interesting way to catch attention and convey the message of sexual assault prevention.