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Top Navy leadership in Hawaii changes hands

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Adm. Scott H. Swift returned to his home state and relieved Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. as commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet during a change of command ceremony held May 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“The magnitude of this moment is not lost on me, especially given my personal and professional history here in Hawaii and the Pacific,” said Swift, who became the 35th commander since the Pacific Fleet moved to Hawaii in 1941.

“No one is selected for responsibility such as that of the Pacific Fleet based on personal merit or performance alone. It is a reflection of the collective success of many, not one individual, and I am no exception,” he said.

Swift also spoke of his fond connection to Hawaii, where he was born when his father was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Harris said Swift’s Pacific ties made him the perfect officer to relieve him.

“There’s no person more suited to be the Pacific Fleet commander than Adm. Swift – former J3 at PACOM, former [U.S.] 7th Fleet commander, and most recently the director of Navy Staff,” said Harris. “He understands completely both his operational and Title 10 responsibilities. He gets it.”

With the historical USS Arizona



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro
Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. (center) salutes Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter as Harris assumes command of U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) during the joint USPACOM and U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) change of command ceremony held May 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the dual ceremony, Adm. Scott H. Swift relieved Harris as the PACFLT commander and Harris assumed command of USPACOM from Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III (left). (Additional photo on page A-5.)

and Battleship Missouri memorials as the backdrop, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert welcomed Swift and recognized Harris’ achievements as Pacific Fleet commander.

“He is always ready, and his forces are ready,” Greenert said. “He is always focused on what’s

important. He has been a great commander, a warrior and a statesman. In times of crises, we turn to Harry.”

In addition to turning over command of U.S. Pacific Fleet, Harris relieved Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III as commander of U.S. Pacific Command during the unique joint

ceremony and expressed his appreciation for the service members and civilians he leads.

“Men and women of the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Pacific Fleet, what you do on a daily basis is of fundamental importance to our nation’s defense. I’m proud to be your commander,” Harris said.

Defense Secretary Ashton Carter joined the CNO in praising Harris for his many contributions to the Pacific Fleet.

“At PACFLT, he helped bring our most advanced capabilities to the Asia-Pacific and shift 60 percent of our naval assets to the region,” Carter said.

“He also stressed and maintained the readiness that’s at a premium in this dynamic region. For all those reasons and many more, Harry’s the PACOM commander we need for the next phase of the rebalance,” Carter said.

Harris also spoke of the complexities of the Navy’s historic role in the region and vowed to continue promoting security, stability and peace.

“There’s no shortage of challenges that confront us,” Harris added.

“If called upon, we will fight tonight to defend American interests in the vast Indo-Asia-Pacific. This is not aspirational. It is in our DNA. Our nation deserves no less; our president and secretary of defense expect no less,” he said.

After reading orders and assuming command, Swift also thanked the men and women of the Pacific Fleet, emphasizing the fact that his success was not accomplished alone.

“While my life foundation is my parents, I stand on the shoulders of many,” said Swift.

Dock at USS Arizona Memorial under repair

Navy, Coast Guard investigations underway

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

On May 27, the Hospital Ship USNS Mercy was being maneuvered by two tugboats to transit Pearl Harbor from its berth at Hotel Pier as it prepared to go to sea. As the Mercy turned to head out to the channel, the ship may have



U.S. Navy file photo

made contact with the floating dock leading to the USS Arizona Memorial. Strong prop wash from the ship pushed the floating dock and access structure (brow) approximately 10 feet toward the memorial, damaging handrails and the dock’s infrastructure.

There was no damage to the remains of the USS Arizona vessel and no apparent damage to the Mercy. The memorial experienced minor superficial damage.

There were no injuries.

The Navy removed the brow and immediately began repairing the above-water floating dock and access structure and evaluating the underwater mooring system of chains and concrete block anchors.

“We are hoping to have all repairs done by June 3 so the memorial can be reopened to visitors June 4,” said Capt. Stan Keeve,

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Hawaii honors veterans on Memorial Day



Gravestones at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl are decorated with American flags and lei during the 66th Mayor’s Memorial Day Ceremony.



Guests depart after the conclusion of the 66th Mayor’s Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.



Members of a joint service color guard parade the colors during the 66th Mayor’s Memorial Day Ceremony.



Service members, veterans and Hawaiian residents participate in the 66th Mayor’s Memorial Day Ceremony. (Story and additional photos on page B-1.)



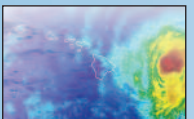
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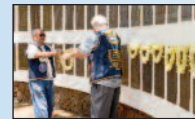
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Canadian admiral commends Pearl Harbor Sailors for 'a job well done'

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Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. William Truelove, commander, Maritime Forces Pacific (MARFAC), presented Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Cmdr. Todd E. Hutchison, commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), with the Canadian Forces' Unit Commendation during a commendation ceremony held May 26 aboard Michael Murphy at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Truelove presented Williams and Hutchison with the commendation for Navy Region Hawaii and USS Michael Murphy's roles in the rescue efforts of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Protecteur (AOR 509) in February 2014 after suffering a fire several hundred miles off the coast of Hawaii during its transit back to Esquimalt, British Columbia.

During the ceremony, Truelove expressed his thanks and appreciation to those in attendance and the crew of Michael Murphy for their resiliency and hard work during the recovery operations of Protecteur.

"I look you all in the eye and I tell you, on behalf of the crew of Protecteur and the families of all of those of the crew of Protecteur, how appreciative they are," said



Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. William Truelove, commander, Maritime Forces Pacific (MARFAC), delivers remarks to Sailors stationed aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Truelove.

"Our history of operating together goes back generations, and it's founded in trust, confidence and mutual respect that allows us, as great allies, to go to sea and depend on each other," said Truelove.

"Know that we appreciate what you've done, know that we stand ready to serve with you anywhere in the world, at any time, to make sure that our continent stays safe and secure," he said.

Michael Murphy was first to arrive on scene immediately after the fire occurred early on the morn-

ing of Feb. 28. Shortly after, USS Chosin (CG 65) arrived on scene and commenced towing operations while transporting food and water to Protecteur via embarked helicopter from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM 37).

As first responders, Hutchison said the crew of Michael Murphy was just doing what they knew needed to be done to help fellow sailors.

"Were the tables turned and the Protecteur had been around, or [HMCS] Calgary, or any of the other Canadian ships, I know they

would have gone at max speed to help us out as well," said Hutchison.

"The true honor and privilege was to be able to provide assistance to a country that has been such a staunch ally to the United States. But to know they haven't forgotten and to have Adm. Truelove take the time to come over and address the crew and present the flag and the certificate and the medallion, I can't put into words how much it means," he said.

Yeoman 3rd Class Russell Johnson Jr., a Sailor stationed

aboard Michael Murphy, echoed Hutchison's sentiments and added how much he and the crew of Michael Murphy appreciated the time Truelove took to show his gratitude for their service.

"The fact that [Rear Adm. Truelove] came out here and took his time to give us these awards, talk to us and show us his gratitude, and thank us really makes the crew feel good," said Johnson.

In the end, despite how hard he and the crew aboard Michael Murphy worked to provide whatever assistance they could to Protecteur, Hutchison said the real heroes were those who managed to control the dangerous situation on board Protecteur without any loss of life.

"Any actions that we did pale in comparison to the actions of all of the sailors and officers on board HMCS Protecteur who worked tirelessly night and day, without sleep and in horrible conditions, to save that ship in the face of tremendous danger," said Hutchison. "I think it's important we remember the true heroes were those on board the Protecteur, those sailors and officers who saved that ship and had no loss of life."

The Canadian Forces' Unit Commendation is awarded to any formation, unit or sub-unit of the Canadian Forces (CF), or to any similar organization of a foreign armed force working with or in conjunction with the CF, that has performed a deed or activity considered beyond the demand of normal duty.

Hawaii Navy commands receive National Energy Award

Naval Facilities Engineering
Command Pacific

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific, in partnership with NAVFAC Hawaii and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), was awarded the advanced rooftop unit (RTU) campaign (ARC) achievement award for energy improvements to facilities at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) during a ceremony held May 27.

The base was recognized for the highest number of advanced RTU control retrofits by a government organization, 30 advanced controls retrofits, with an estimated savings 272,000 kilowatt-hours per year worth \$116,000 annually.

"We are always looking for ways to conserve energy and to improve energy efficiencies" said Florence Ching, director of

project management at NAVFAC Pacific Capital Improvements. "Projects such as these keep us on path toward reducing energy consumption to meet executive order goals," Ching said.

The variable speed drive retrofit of roof top air conditioning unit was one of eight technologies included in the Navy funded partnership for the energy pilot program to advance energy-saving technologies in the military sector in Hawaii and Guam.

"It's thanks to all the professionals who participated in this project for making it a success," Ching said. "This was a great opportunity to strengthen the partnership between NREL, NAVFAC commands in the Pacific and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam."

The project included retrofitting older, inefficient

rooftop unit air conditioning systems and controls upgrades on rooftop buildings. Nine buildings on JBPHH were selected. Work began August 2011 and was completed in February 2014.

Combined, the estimated energy savings total more than 100 million kwh and \$10 million per year from efficient RTU replacements, retrofit and quality management.

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers, Retail Industry Leaders Association, and the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Alliance and Federal Energy Management Program launched the campaign in 2013. Since then more than 190 partners have driven reduction in heating and cooling costs of commercial buildings by upgrading more than 40,000 RTUs. As a result,



this has saved 4 trillion British thermal units (Btu) of energy and \$37 million annually.

ARC is a national initiative to promote market adoption of high-efficiency rooftop unit air

U.S. Navy photo by Peter Yuen

An advanced control retrofit, converting constant volume to variable volume with demand control ventilation, of a rooftop air condition unit was installed on the Federal Fire Station, building 284, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in October 2013 as part of the advanced rooftop unit campaign.

conditioners. By replacing RTUs more than 10 years old with high-efficiency units and retrofitting other eligible RTUs to high-efficiency units with advanced controls, buildings can reduce annual cooling and ventilating energy consumption 20 to 50 percent and energy costs by up to \$3,700 per RTU. Using national averages, this equates to a national savings potential of \$6.7 billion dollars and 670 trillion Btu annually.

'Aloha' premieres at JBPHH, portraying what life is like for Airmen

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

"Aloha," the Cameron Crowe-directed movie which filmed on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) in 2013, premiered May 17 at the Hickam Memorial Theater.

The movie features a host of well-known Hollywood stars portraying what life is like for Airmen and their families living and working on JBPHH.

In addition to providing a number of the movie's background characters

and supporting roles, the base also provided air assets like the C-17 III Globemaster and F-22 Raptor that were used in the film. The production crew was also granted access to base real estate such as the Historic Hickam Officer's Club, Fort Kamehameha housing, the flightline and the Pacific Air Forces commander's office, which also appeared in the movie.

"By supporting movie productions on base, the Air Force and DoD (Department of Defense) are able to increase their outreach to national and in-

ternational audiences," said Master Sgt. Christopher Stagner, secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Entertainment liaison office superintendent. "Arguably, one of the greatest forms of outreach we have is the entertainment complex."

Stagner said the relationship between the Department of Defense and production companies who want to film on military bases is a mutually beneficial one that comes at no additional cost to American taxpayers.

By giving production companies access to base

and military subject matter experts, movies give a more authentic and realistic portrayal of service members while also serving as a free recruitment tool for the DoD.

According to Stagner, a scene showing "Aloha" actress Emma Stone climbing into the cockpit of an F-22 might give a little girl watching something new to aspire to and set her on a path to becoming an Air Force fighter pilot.

During the movie's premier on base, attendees were treated to free concessions and entertainment from a local dance

company, followed by a guest appearance by one of the movies' executive producers, Iona Herzberg.

"Thank you for coming out today, and thank you for all that you are and all that you do," she greeted the audience. "It was an honor to be amongst you for a brief time while we made the film, to work with so many of you who we will always remember and to film on this amazing base."

Though Crowe was unable to attend the on-base premier, he made sure to send along his appreciation for Joint Base support.

"From all of us who were lucky enough to work with you and share your inspiration and your love of your jobs, your home and your families, thank you," he wrote in an open letter to the base.

"We spent every day in the editing room appreciating the riches you gave us when we visited and brought our cameras and inquisitive minds, and you opened up the world to us. Thank you and much love and warmest aloha to all of you."

"Aloha" opens in theaters today.

(Photo on page A-5.)

Pearl Harbor Colors remembers shipyard's legacy

Story and photo by David Tomiyama

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Public Affairs

Nearly 300 Sailors from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) & Intermediate Maintenance Facility conducted the monthly Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony held May 21 at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The theme for this month's event was "PHNSY: 107 Years of Keeping the Fleet 'Fit to Fight.'"

Capt. Nonito Blas, shipyard deputy commander, gave the ceremony's remarks that highlighted the shipyard's emergent repairs 73 years ago during World War II on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown (CV 10). Yorktown pulled into Pearl Harbor on May 27, 1942, severely damaged from her participation in the Battle of the Coral Sea and in need of repairs in time for the Battle of Midway.

"Though repairs were estimated to take three months, the Navy Yard



U.S. Navy Capt. Nonito Blas, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility deputy commander, addresses the audience during the Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony May 21 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Blas spoke about the 107 years the shipyard kept the fleet 'fit to fight' including emergent repairs on USS Yorktown (CV 10), which enabled the aircraft carrier to participate in the Battle of Midway.

would be challenged to complete the repairs in only three days," he said.

"Defying the odds, more than 1,400 Navy Yard Pearl Harbor shipfitters, machinist, welders, electricians, shipwrights and other tradesmen swarmed the

carrier. They worked day and night to patch the heavy steel of the flight deck, restore bulkheads, stanchions and deckplate, and repair or replace damaged instruments, electrical wiring and fixtures.

"Seventy-two hours later, Yorktown took on fuel, received air complement augmentation from USS Saratoga (CV 3) and departed Pearl Harbor for the Pacific to join Task Force 17 at Midway. As she sailed to battle, work crews from the Navy Yard and repair ship USS Vestal (AR 4) continued their repair work at sea, disembarking to return on small boats the next day," Blas said.

The shipyard's legacy—shared at the ceremony—impressed one of the command's own. Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Nathaniel Kersey, shop 99 radiological material controller, was not aware of the shipyard's repairs to Yorktown which played a key role in winning Midway, a turning point in the World War II's Pacific theater.

"Definitely interesting and impressive to hear about the emergent repairs the shipyard made on Yorktown in three days," he said. "Repairing some of the machines I work with can take three days, and the yard fixed a carrier during that amount of time."

For Abbey Wines, National Park Service (NPS) new acting chief of interpretation at the national monument, the Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony was eye-opening.

"This was the first colors ceremony that I've attended," Wines said. "From the color guard to the band and the speech on how critical the shipyard's repairs to Yorktown to get her into fighting shape were to history, I really enjoyed being a part of this."

This month's ceremony celebrated the shipyard's 107th birthday and the historic contributions the command has made since May 13, 1908. Additionally, the

ceremony commemorated the 71st anniversary of the West Loch disaster in which 163 service members were killed when an explosion occurred in a nest of landing ships parked in Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) West Loch on May 21, 1944.

Sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii in coordination with the NPS, Pearl Harbor Colors is a monthly opportunity for local residents and international visitors to witness a U.S. military ceremony featuring the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, the JBPHH Honors and Ceremonies Guard and an official observance of "morning colors."

Diverse Views



What do you do to make sure you get enough sleep?



Tech. Sgt. Nicole Smith
766th Specialized Contracting Squadron

"Since I have insomnia, I ensure I don't go to bed until I'm sleepy. I try to not eat late or watch television after a certain time to allow my body to wind down and relax before bedtime."

OS2(SW) Skylar Searle
MIDPAC



"Maintain a steady routine, get up, go to work, hit the gym, relax and go to bed at a decent hour. It's so I have enough energy to get me through my day."



Master Sgt. Glenn Tarrant
154th Maintenance Squadron, HIANG

"I try to stay with routine: sleep at the same time, eat dinner, and put my daughter to bed by 9 p.m. on a daily basis, because my day starts at 0300 hours."

MM1 James Drabble
USS Greenville (SSN 772)



"Don't go out too late before I have duty to make sure I do my job efficiently and safely to ensure no one gets hurt."



Lt. Col. Paul Farkas
HQ PACAF

"I try to get some quiet time after the kids go to bed, either watch a historical documentary or read to relax before bed. I sleep better when I take my mind off the busy day-to-day activities."

IT3 Antony Campbell
Navy Region Hawaii



"Make sure I knock off everything I have to do early, so I can hit the gym, work on my quals, study for advancement, and make sure I am in bed by 2130 every night."



Airman 1st Class Ashley Schucht
169th Air Defense Sector, HIANG

"I make sure I sleep early and eat healthy. Otherwise, I would still be tired no matter what time of the day. Drinking lots of water helps as well."

HTFA Joshua Hiebenthao
USS Port Royal (CG 73)



"Get everything you need to get done early so you can get enough rest and be productive."

Provided by Lt. Damall Martin and David D. Underwood Jr.

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Tsunami devastated Hilo in 1960



Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

On May 21-22, 1960, tremendous earthquakes in Chile produced tsunami waves that pounded the east coast of the island of Hawaii. Although warnings were issued, many Hilo-area residents tragically decided to stay in their seaside homes near Hilo Bay. Reportedly, 61 people died and hundreds were left homeless. By the end of the month, the 50th Air Transport Squadron, the 1502nd Air Transport Wing from Hickam Air Force Base airlifted more than 12 tons of emergency equipment and supplies to Hilo. Flying C-124 Globemaster II aircraft, the unit delivered a generator, a refrigerator, vans, clothing and food.

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USS Columbia holds change of command ceremony

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The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) held a change of command ceremony May 15 as Cmdr. David Edgerton relieved Cmdr. Patrick Friedman as commanding officer at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park.

Friedman expressed his appreciation in working with outstanding Sailors while having command of the submarine.

"My hat is off to you. You are truly professionals and represent the very best in our force," said Friedman. "Being here today is a testament to your commitment to hard work and the ideological principles that form the basis of Columbia's success."

During his more than two years of command, Friedman successfully led a western Pacific deployment during which the submarine's crew earned a 2014 Battle Efficiency "E" award. Friedman commanded his submarine



Cmdr. Patrick Friedman is piped ashore after being relieved by Cmdr. David Edgerton as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) at a change of command ceremony held May 15 at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park.

through a technologically advanced tactical development exercise, subse-

quently earning Columbia the highest possible grade on an operational reactor

safeguards exam.

The ceremony's guest speaker, Capt. Leonard

Dollaga, commodore of Submarine Development Squadron 12, praised

Friedman for a job well done.

"Patrick, on behalf of all your shipmates, thanks for everything you have done," said Dollaga. "Mission accomplished, Patrick."

During the ceremony, Friedman was awarded the Legion of Merit, recognizing his success while in command of Columbia from October 2012 to May 2015.

As Edgerton assumed command of Columbia, he thanked Friedman for turning over an accomplished crew and boat.

"You have set a high bar for Columbia, and I assure you that we will continue to maintain the high standards that you have established," said Edgerton.

"To the crew of Columbia, you are the best and brightest in the Navy and I am honored to be your commanding officer. I look forward to serving with you as we continue Columbia's proud tradition as the defender of freedom on the seas, he said"

USS Columbia, commissioned in 1995, was the last Los Angeles-class submarine to be built at Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, Conn.

Ogden relieves Collins as CO of USS Chung-Hoon

Ensign Caleb Robinson

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)
Public Affairs

Cmdr. Tom Ogden relieved Cmdr. Ryan Collins as commanding officer of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) during a change of command ceremony held May 22.

Collins served as commanding officer from Oct. 31, 2013. His tour included a six-month dry-docking availability, a basic phase training schedule, and culminated with a group sail exercise with Carrier Strike Group Three in preparation for a western Pacific deployment. Collins will be assigned as the operations officer for Carrier Strike Group Three.

Ogden was the executive officer of Chung-Hoon from October 2013 until April 2015 when he was relieved by Cmdr. Vic Sheldon. The ship is at the peak of the training cycle, and Ogden will lead Chung-Hoon through the remaining integrated



Cmdr. Ryan Collins, commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), boards the ship May 22 after a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

advanced tactical portion of the cycle in preparation for deployment.

"The guidance and support that Cmdr. Collins provided me throughout his tour has been invaluable," Ogden said. "I am thrilled for the opportunity to lead the crew of Chung-Hoon through the challenging and exciting times that the next few years hold."

Collins spoke of his memories regarding his three-year tour on Chung-Hoon and thanked the crew, his mentors and his family for their support throughout. "It has been my great honor to be your captain for the past few years," Collins said.

"The success of this ship would not have been possible without each of your contributions, and I will always be grateful for the role Chung-Hoon played in my career and in my life," he said.

Chung-Hoon continues through training and work-ups for another integrated strike group exercise and deploy later in 2015.

Navy, NPS hope to have repairs done to reopen June 4

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commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"We certainly appreciate the understanding of veterans, visitors and kamaaina," he added. "Rest assured—we're working closely with our partners at the National Park Service to safely reopen the USS Arizona Memorial as soon as we possibly can."

Paul DePrey, National

Park Service superintendent, said, "The National Park Service is working hard to provide visitors to Pearl Harbor with the most meaningful experience possible while the dock at the USS Arizona Memorial is being repaired. Harbor boats are still leaving every 15 minutes for Battleship Row, where the battleships were moored on Dec. 7, 1941. The public can view

the USS Arizona from the boat. Visitors should also know that there are many other special Pearl Harbor historic sites to visit: the USS Oklahoma Memorial, the Pacific Aviation Museum, the USS Bowfin Submarine and the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Travelers should still expect to have a quality experience when they come out to Pearl Harbor."

According to the park service, if visitors are seeking a contemplative experience at a Pearl Harbor memorial, another option is the USS Oklahoma Memorial, located on Ford Island adjacent to the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The normal \$3 shuttle bus fee to Ford Island will be waived during the time that repairs are in progress at the USS Ari-

zona Memorial. Visitors should inquire at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center for complimentary shuttle tickets to access the USS Oklahoma Memorial.

The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy work in partnership to bring the public out to the USS Arizona Memorial. During the duration of the time that visitors won't be able to disembark at the

memorial, park rangers will be on the boats to provide historic interpretation and to answer questions. Visitation onto the memorial will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Military Sealift Command will lead the Navy's investigation.

The Coast Guard is conducting a separate investigation.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III and his wife, Pamela, pass through sideboys at the conclusion of the joint U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) and U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) change of command ceremony May 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the dual ceremony, Adm. Scott H. Swift relieved Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. as the PACFLT commander and Harris assumed command of USPACOM from Locklear.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Brian Wilbur

Adm. Scott H. Swift reads his orders as he assumes command of U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) from Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. during the joint U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) and PACFLT change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan



A F-22 Raptor, from the Hawaii Raptors, prepares to receive fuel during an in-air refueling from a KC-135R Stratotanker from the 96th Air Refueling Squadron over Hawaii, May 19. The F-22 is the Air Force's fifth generation fighter aircraft that combination of stealth, supercruise, maneuverability, and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, represents an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities.

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



Military members and their families were treated to a traditional Hawaiian hula performance prior to the premier of the movie "Aloha" at the Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 17.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden



U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. Russell Wolffkiel

USNS Dahl (T-AKR 312) and USNS Montford Point (MLP 1) sail in formation off the coast of Hawaii while participating in exercise Culebra Koa 2015 (CK15). CK15 is a U.S. Pacific Fleet-directed amphibious force and joint seabasing exercise that occurred in the Hawaii operating area, specifically Marine Corps Training Area Bellows (MCTAB), May 18-21.



Be ready for 2015 hurricane season

As hurricane season is upon us, it's important to take the time to prepare and protect your valuable property and loved ones. Preparation begins now. Residents should ensure that they don't wait until the last moment to purchase items or prepare their property. You can keep this pullout as a ready reference throughout the storm season. Here are some tips to help you prepare for, get through, and recover from a storm:

Before the storm

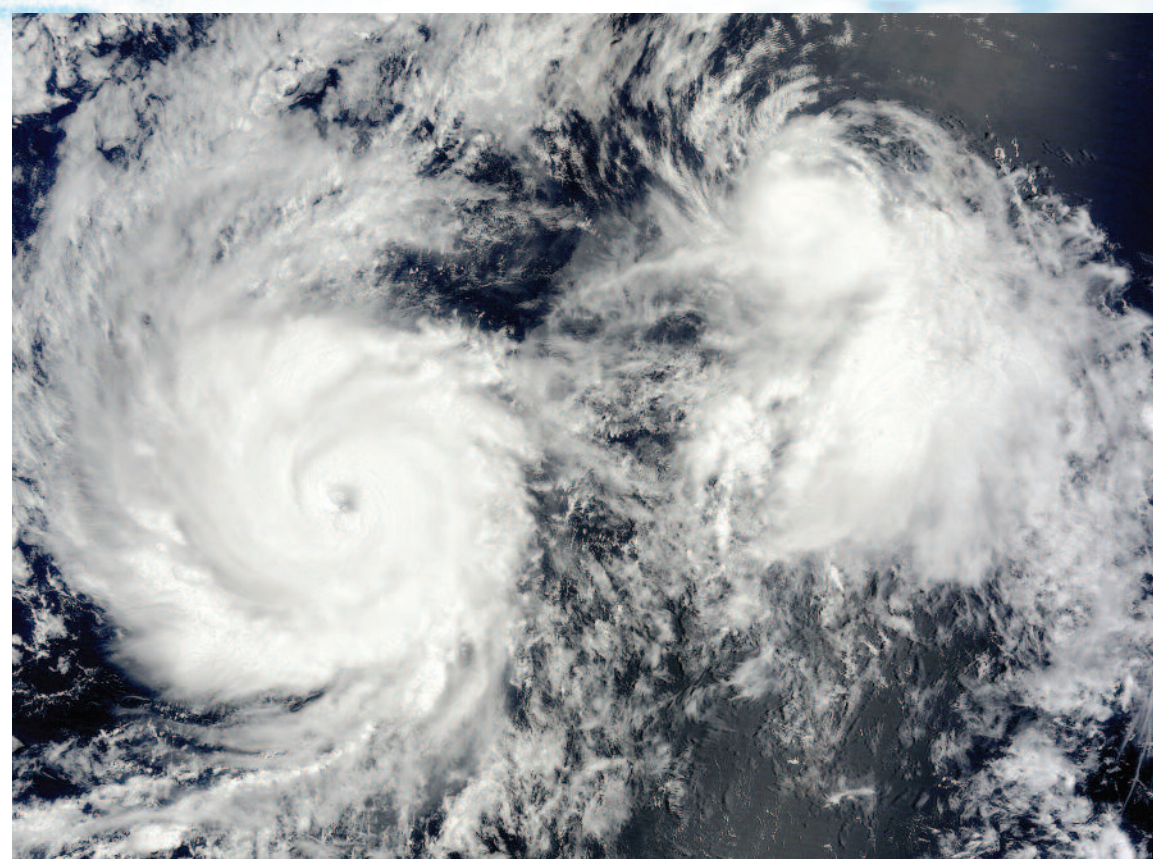
- Build disaster and pet emergency kits.
- Determine if you live in a flood-prone area.
- Know your surroundings and be aware of where higher ground might be.
- Make plans to secure your property.
- Install straps or additional clips to ensure your roof is securely fastened.
- Trim trees and shrubs around your home to become more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce garage doors.
- Make a plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else not tied down.
- Determine how and where to secure boats, kayaks, etc.
- Consider purchasing a generator in case of emergencies.

During the storm

- Listen to radio or television for information.
- Secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- Turn off utilities if instructed. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest and keep door closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Avoid using the phone except for emergencies.
- Stay inside.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If the storm becomes intense, retreat to a designated interior safe room. Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

After the storm

- Don't leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it's safe.
- Don't go out on the roads until you get the all-clear.



Hurricanes Felicia and Enrique

Satellite images courtesy of NOAA

- Watch and listen for reports on flooding or other storm-related activities.
- Don't call the police or other officials unless there is a life-threatening situation or emergency. Stay off the phone unless it's an emergency.
- Watch for and don't touch downed power lines.
- Watch your step. There may be broken glass and other debris lying about.
- Report dangling or downed power lines, broken water or sewer lines, or broken or downed telephone lines to the proper authorities.
- Inspect your home for damage; take pictures of damage for insurance purposes.

The day after the storm

- Don't sightsee. Authorities may be out repairing downed power poles, lines, sewer lines, etc.
- Use batteries and cell phones sparingly. You may not be able to replace them so easily.

Where to find hurricane preparedness information

There's an app for that. FEMA and Air Force both have free emergency preparedness apps for your iPhone and Android phones. Go to the Apple Store or Google Play Store to download free apps. Apps contain emergency preparedness information on how to build your kit, make your plan, and other useful information.

Navy Region Hawaii Facebook
www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii

JBPHH Facebook
www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam

Navy Region Hawaii website
www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii

JBPHH website
www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam TV (Channel 2)
Hurricane information on Joint Base TV 2 will be on the text crawl 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Department of Emergency Management (DEM)
Information is available on the DEM website at www.honolulu.gov/dem or by calling 723-8960. Residents can also call the DEM office and request a free packet of hurricane readiness information.

Hawaiian Humane Society: For information on how to prepare for your pets in a disaster, contact the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187, <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/disaster-readiness.html>.

Telephone directory
Disaster preparedness information is available at the beginning of the white pages section in your local telephone directory.
State Civil Defense: www.scd.hawaii.gov

FEMA ready.gov
JBPHH Office of Emergency Management
Call 421-4000 or 448-2741 for emergency preparedness information.

CNIC Ready Navy
http://www.ready.navy.mil/build_a_kit/emergency_kit.shtml

Also check

- Your unit/command emergency management representative.
- JBPHH "Are You Ready" guide.
- NIXLE Emergency Information Distribution Service. Sign up for NIXLE at www.nixle.com.
- www.ready.navy.mil
- www.beready.af.mil

Disaster kit

Build a disaster kit for your family. Bring it with you if you have to evacuate to a shelter or a safe haven.

- Water – one gallon/person/day for at least seven days.
- Non-perishable food for at least seven days.
- Manual can opener.
- First aid kit and include any prescription medications, at least a 14- to 30-day supply.
- Personal sanitation supplies such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Pet supplies: Crate, leash, food and water.
- Specialty items for children (toys, coloring books) or elderly.
- Extra glasses.
- Candles and waterproof matches.
- Money – at least \$250 in cash (in small denominations: 1, 5, 10, 20s), and travelers checks, extra car keys.
- Local maps and your evacuation plan.
- Family communications plan.
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio with NOAA weather channel (many models can also charge your cell phone).
- Important family documents (passports, IDs, deeds, wills, etc.)
- Dust masks and gloves.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Sleeping bags, change of clothing (if you evacuate).
- Fuel for camping stoves or lanterns.



Important telephone numbers

- Emergency, police, fire ambulance**
911
- State Department of Emergency Management**
723-8960
- Hawaii State Civil Defense**
733-4300
- National Weather Service (weather advisories)**
973-5286
- Military and Family Support Center**
474-1999
- Navy Marine Corps Relief Society**
473-0282
- Air Force Aid Society**
449-0300
- JBPHH Straight Talk Line**
421-4000
- HECO Service Center**
548-7311 (to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)
- Board of Water Supply trouble line**
748-5000
- Hawaiian Telcom repair service**
643-6111
- Hawaii Gas emergency service -**
526-0066
- Street lights out**
City – 768-5300, State – 831-6714, State (after hours) – 485-6200
- Time Warner Oceanic**
643-2100
- NAVFAC Hawaii emergency desk**
449-3100

If you must evacuate to an emergency shelter

If required, state-run emergency shelters will open selectively, depending on the severity and type of incident or disaster. You should know the location of your two nearest shelters in the community, but do not go there until instructed to do so. Listen to radio and television for shelter locations, instructions and opening schedule. Be aware that all shelters do not stock supplies. You must bring all of your emergency supplies with you.

Military families living on base should also be aware of their nearest shelter in the community as an option if it is necessary to evacuate. Navy "Safe Havens," or facilities located on base that provide protection from natural disasters, provide an option for displaced personnel to take refuge inside the installation.

Military families living off base should seek shelter at the closest City and County of Honolulu shelter. Do not bypass an open state shelter in an effort to reach the base.

Due to the limited availability of Safe Havens, a priority for occupancy can be ordered. Personnel with priority include category one and five personnel and their family members and residents in housing areas most vulnerable to a hurricane.

Before reporting to a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Safe Haven," personnel must register first at the Makai Recreation Center for assignments and transportation to the designated location. When going to an installation Safe Haven, take your emergency kit, sleeping bags and a five to seven-day supply of food and water.

Evacuation and shelter information for Oahu will be provided by:
Department of Emergency Management, City & County of Honolulu, 723-8960, website: www.honolulu.gov/dem.html
Hawaii State Civil Defense, 733-4300, website: www.scd.hawaii.gov



Pet emergency kit

Your pet will need supplies during an emergency. The best way to ensure you are prepared is to create a pet emergency supply kit, which should be stored alongside your family emergency supply kit in a waterproof container. If an evacuation is necessary, it is best to already know which shelters do and do not allow pets and to have the necessities on hand to continue to care for them. When evacuating, many shelters often ask for health paperwork before accepting you and your pets. This is what you will need for your pet:

- Carrier/kennel
- Pet food (7-day supply)
- Water
- Bowls for food and water
- Cat litter and box or doggie waste bags
- Muzzle
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant
- Flashlight
- Extra collar with identification tags
- Extra leash
- Vaccine and other important medical documentation
- Any medications your pet is on (2-week supply)
- Microchip information and number (if applicable)
- Recent photograph of pet
- Bedding
- Toys
- Picture and owner contact information on side of pet's kennel
- A list of emergency telephone numbers including your veterinarian, local animal control, local animal shelters, the Red Cross, and any other individual or group you might need to contact during the disaster.



80th anniversary of future Hickam Field honors namesake

Jenny Crider

15th Wing Historian

On May 21, 1935, the War Department in Washington, D.C. issued General Order No. 4, designating the Hawaiian Department flying field as "Hickam Field" in honor of Lt. Col. Horace Meek Hickam. The location of the new airfield was to be adjacent to Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

Hickam died the previous year on Nov. 5, 1934 in an aircraft accident at Fort Crockett, Texas.

The Chief of the Air Corps board met on March 15, 1935. During that meeting, members determined three possible names for the new Hawaiian Department field, Hickam being selected. The War Department authorized the Hawaiian Department to purchase the lands on April 3, 1935. Over the years, the marking of the dedication of the base in Hickam's honor moved to May 31.

Between October and December 1935, crews cleared 2,225.46 acres that would be Hickam Field. Early installation of infras-



(Above) Aerial photograph of early Hickam Field from June 1938 showing early construction and flying operations.



(Right) Portrait photograph of Lt. Col. Horace M. Hickam taken about 1934.

structure, initial hangars and roads were accomplished in 1936 and 1937 as more buildings were completed, including the base water tower, operations building and a number of hangars.

The first units were stationed at Hickam Field beginning in September and October 1937. The base officially activated on Sept

15, 1938. Construction of the base continued after that date and as additional units and personnel transferred to the airfield.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the name Hickam Field became marked in history with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and other military installations on the island of Oahu.

Hickam was born in

Spencer, Ind. in 1885. He began his military career by attending West Point from which he graduated in 1908.

In 1911, after several assignments to cavalry units, Hickam volunteered for aviation training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas along with 17 other young officers. The officers were not relieved of their regular

duties but required to conduct flight training in their spare time. Only three of the 18 officers, including Hickam, became pilots before World War I.

In 1915, Hickam served under Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, taking part in the Punitive Expedition into Mexico. For his part in the expedition, Hickam was awarded a Silver Star

for gallantry in action.

Following several other cavalry assignments, in 1917 Hickam was assigned to the Signal Corps, Army Air Service. He returned to flying training May 1918 at Rockwell Field near San Diego.

Completing flying training on Aug. 15, 1918, Hickam earned the rating of junior military aviator and continued on for further training in aerial gunnery and pursuit flight.

In early 1934, Hickam took part in the temporary takeover of air mail delivery by the Army Air Corp.

Later that same year, on Nov. 5, 1934, while conducting night landings on an unlighted runway at Fort Crockett, Texas, Hickam died from a broken neck after crashing his Curtiss A-12 Shrike.

Soon after he was recognized by the Office of the Chief of the Air Corps board charged with designating new flying fields "to be especially meritorious and outstanding, and deserves that his memory be honored by naming an important Air Corps activity after him."

Joint Base welcomes new senior enlisted advisor

Story and photo by Lt. Paul Fylstra

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Brent S. Sheehan assumed the dual roles of superintendent, 647th Air Base Group, 15th Wing and the senior enlisted advisor to the Joint Base commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on April 14.

As a joint base, Pearl Harbor-Hickam has a command structure which is different from many of the other service bases. Both the Air Force and Navy are represented in the base command staff.

Sheehan defined his role as senior enlisted advisor.

"I advise the Joint Base commander and deputy on matters related to the health, welfare, good order/discipline and morale of all Airmen, Sailors and their families with a par-

ticular focus on the enlisted force," he said.

His last duty station at Joint Base Guam brings with it a wealth of experience in working in a multi-service environment. He stated that working in a joint environment includes a number of challenges.

"One challenge is getting people to collaborate and learn each other's cultural/service differences, so they can embrace diversity and harness the power of these differences to better posture us for future success," he said.

Sheehan said his experience at former joint commands has confirmed his belief that the Air Force and Navy become much stronger when they work together to combine their strengths.

The new senior enlisted advisor said that during his tour, he wants to increase the collaboration



CMSgt. Brent Sheehan, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Air Force senior enlisted advisor, stays active in his office using a standing desk as part of his daily routine.

across the Joint Base. "Working with other services is like trying to teach another language without Rosetta stone to help," he said, noting that it is a difficulty worth pursuing.

"When military services understand the other services' languages, it makes operating in a joint environment easier and more effective," he explained.

Sheehan grew up in Tacoma, Wash. and entered the Air Force in February 1992. His background includes various duties across the spectrum of civil engineer operations. Additionally, he served as advisor to Air Staff on air expeditionary force strategic plans, policy and publications.

His assignments have included bases in Colorado, North Dakota, Texas and overseas in Germany and Guam. He also completed three difficult deployments to Afghanistan, where he

was involved in projects throughout the region.

He offered advice to Sailors and Airmen.

"Work hard every day because our nation and its people have provided us the honor to serve this great nation, and never forget the responsibility placed upon us to sustain what those before us started," he said.

Sheehan explained that he has great respect for every person in the armed forces because they all volunteered to be part of this organization during a difficult time at war.

His final advice: "Always improve your foxhole. When everyone works to make their station, base, communities and home a little bit better every day, the improvements will be visible everywhere. This will ensure that being stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is the best assignment for every Air-

Ash scattering ceremony honors Pearl Harbor survivor

Story and photos by MC2 Jeffrey Troutman

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Sailors and family members honored Alec Boatman, a Pearl Harbor survivor, during an ash-scattering ceremony May 27 at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Shipfitter 2nd Class Boatman served aboard the battleship USS Tennessee (BB 43) at the time of the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor. It was Boatman's wish for his ashes to be returned to Pearl Harbor where many of his friends and shipmates lie at rest.

Approximately 40 members of the Boatman family, both immediate and distant, attended the service, venturing to Pearl Harbor from as far away as New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Tokyo, to see that their loved one's request was honored.

"We couldn't have asked for a nicer ceremony. It's what my father would have truly wanted," said Juda Carter, Boatman's daughter.



"Almost the entire family made the trip here for this, and I feel like my father was here with us, as we honored his memory and his service to our

country. It emphasizes the importance of one's family and the impact my father had on the lives of our family members," she said. The service began with

a short speech by Retired Navy Master Chief Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, who coordinated the service with Boatman's family.

"Alec died an American hero, as well as a family hero," Taylor told the attendees.

"It was his greatest wish to make his final voyage

back to Pearl Harbor so he could once again be with his shipmates—his brothers—who were killed that morning. And now, thanks to his family and the Navy he served in, that wish is finally honored."

Boatman joined the U.S. Navy in December 1940 and served until his medical discharge in 1944. During World War II, Boatman took part in the pivotal invasions of Tarawa, Kwajalein, Makin, Apamama, Majuro and Eniwetok. He is survived by his four children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Boatman received full military honors for his service from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard. Family members bid him farewell as they took turns scattering his ashes into the waters surrounding the memorial.

"It's sad to say goodbye, but this family is so very blessed to be able to honor a man like my father," said Alec's daughter, Jeanette Boatman. "I'm absolutely thrilled to see so many members of the family here today to say goodbye."

Pearl Harbor survivor returns to Hawaii for final resting place

Story and photos by
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Detachment Hawaii

An ash-scattering ceremony was held for Pearl Harbor survivor Urban K. Mills on May 19 at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Born on Feb. 19, 1919 in Arkansas, Mills joined the Navy following high school and went to Recruit Training Command in San Diego, after which he was assigned to the miscellaneous auxiliary USS Argonne (AG 31).

Mills achieved the rank of chief petty officer, serving on the Gilliam-fast attack transport USS Brule (APA 66), the Gearing-class destroyer USS McKean (DD 784) and the fuel oil barge USS Whipstock (YO 49). He died March 22 at the age of 96.

Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, gave an overview of Mills' life and military service to Sailors, friends and family members at the ceremony.

According to Taylor, on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Mills had just been relieved from watch so he could go to breakfast when he heard and noticed low-flying planes above him.

"He and most of the others figured it was just another training evolution so they didn't get very excited about it," said Taylor. "Then they saw huge columns of smoke coming from a couple battleships. It still didn't immediately dawn on anyone what was going on until they saw one of the planes drop a torpedo toward one of the battleships."

It was then, Taylor said, that the ship's bell began to ring, calling everyone to their battle stations. For Mills, this entailed man-



ning an anti-aircraft gun on the main deck of Argonne.

It was at this time that Mills, and those around him, noticed all of the ammo was in storage.

"He and another shipmate finally broke open the lock on a storage bin, and a line was formed to get the ammo to the guns," said Taylor. "The ship did quite well getting the shells into the air, and the crew was quite proud of their success."

Following the attack, Mills became responsible for driving one of the ship's boats to rescue Sailors in the burning water.

"His life made a huge change that day," said Taylor. "Amazingly, the Argonne was able to make it through the attack without losing any of its crew members."

Later, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mills left Hawaii and headed to the Pacific, serving in the Korean War and later being deployed to Korea, Yoko-

hama and Yokosuka Japan.

He served in the Navy until October 1960, when he was honorably discharged.

"I feel quite certain [Mills] would have said he wasn't a hero, that he was just doing his job, doing what he was trained to do," said Taylor. "I differ with that. I believe everyone who has worn the uniform of our military is, and were, heroes."

For Linda and Matthew John McCulloch, Mills' daughter and grandson, the ash-scattering ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial proved to be the perfect resting place for Mills.

"It's just amazing because it's what he really wanted," said Linda. "He had very fond memories of his time in Hawaii, so it's only right that he should be back here."

"It's really surreal [being here] because all I ever really remember him talking about was how he wanted his ashes spread here and

to be with the rest of his shipmates," said Matthew. "I honestly couldn't have asked for a better service."

(Editor's note: The following are excerpts from a personal statement by Pearl Harbor survivor Urban King Mills, also known as Bill Mills:

"I was aboard the USS Argonne at Pearl Harbor, 1010 Dock, Territory of Hawaii on the 7th December 1941, during the Imperial Japanese attack.

"On December, 6th 1941 I had the duty, which means that 1/3 of the full crew must be on board the ship at any given time. Our duty was from Saturday 6th December to 8 a.m. Sunday 7th December. My relief arrived at 7:20 a.m. I was released for breakfast aboard before the 8 a.m. changeover.

"Sometime before 8 a.m. we heard the hum of planes in the sky then we noticed low flying planes above us but no one seemed to take much notice as the U.S.

Navy had been playing war games all week and most thought it was another training exercise.

"Then we saw huge columns of smoke coming from a couple of battleships adjacent to where the Argonne was moored. It still didn't immediately dawn on anyone until we saw one of the planes drop a torpedo toward one of the battleships.

"We started ringing the ship's bell to man battle stations and I ran to an anti-aircraft gun on the top deck (port side) and removed the canvas cover to access the ready ammunition storage but both were empty. All the ammo had been taken back to the main storage in the ship's magazine when we had returned to port, the week before.

"Frank Tillett and I ran to get ammunition but the magazine was locked! We were all running around trying to find bolt cutters or anything that would remove the lock so we could

access the ammo.

"There was mass confusion. We weren't expecting the attack. Lieutenant White had the key but was not aboard the Argonne at the time. We eventually got the lock off and we all formed an ammo line up to the top deck to all four guns.

"As things calmed down, everyone started talking about how many hits they'd made. There was elation amongst the crew until we noticed that most of our battleships were either on fire, sinking or turning over. We were in shock. Oil blanketed the sea. The water was on fire. There was dense black smoke in the air.

"My usual duty aboard the Argonne was Coxswain. The officer on deck called for me and my crew to take a boat and head to the vicinity of the battleships and try to rescue survivors from the water.

"It was about 20 minutes before we found the first man. The water was more like thick molasses syrup than water. We tried pulling him up onto our boat but he was slippery. He was covered in oil. We could see his eyes and mouth but everything else was black. When we eventually got him aboard you could see raw flesh on both forearms where the skin had burned and then peeled off as we pulled him up.

"We went on to pick up more men none of whom were as badly injured as the first man. We took them back to a pier near the Argonne where a temporary hospital was set up. We went out again and again picking up anyone we could find. It was an unpleasant task but it had to be done.

"I never did find out the name of the first man we pulled from the water but I thought about him a lot over the years."

Navy civilians gather in Hawaii for leadership development

Story and photo by
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Affairs

More than 250 Department of the Navy civilian employees attended a professional workshop held May 19-20, which was designed to enhance their leadership capabilities and help them hone career development strategies.

The event was hosted by the deputy assistant secretary of the Navy (civilian human resources) and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT), in partnership with the Executive Diversity Advisory Council. The training, "Cultivating Leadership for the Next Generation," included members of the senior executive service (SES), flag officers and other Navy experts who presented content and information focused on leadership to attendees.

"I believe leaders are born, but I also believe there are tools to make leaders better," said Mark Honecker, executive director and chief of staff, U.S. Fleet Forces.

"So by listening to a bunch of different leaders' perspectives, the participants can find something in each of those leaders that they can take on to better themselves."

The training event also gave the civil service work-



Todd Schafer, executive director and chief of staff U.S. Pacific Fleet, addresses members of the civilian workforce during the 2015 civilian leadership symposium at Ford Island Conference Center.

ers from various commands an opportunity to get to know one another and the senior presenters.

"The greatest benefit I am going to take away from this training will be networking and meeting some of the senior folks and them explaining to us how they got where they are today, what it took to get there, and how we can get there," said Reginald Patterson, PACFLT's fleet personal and family readiness program manager. "That in it-

self is invaluable."

Lynn Simpson, executive director, Total Fleet Force Fleet Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Pacific Fleet, shared that studies have revealed networking is one of the most effective ways to get hired for a job and that it is essential for accomplishing missions and creating success at every level in an organization.

"Networking and relationships are key to learning about developmental assignments, career broad-

ening, potential mentors, and learning about what is required to become advanced in a particular field of study," said Simpson.

During the two-day event, many breakout sessions were conducted with smaller groups of people to touch on topics like conflict resolution, workforce planning, building relationships, executive interviewing techniques and leading millennials. The sessions provided a more intimate setting for learning and an

opportunity for one-on-one discussions.

"I found the greatest value in the breakout sessions and getting the opportunity to speak directly with the SESs," said Lisa Hill, an investigator for Navy Region Hawaii's inspector general. "The open forum sessions provided great person-to-person dialogue."

Todd Schafer, PACFLT's executive director and chief of staff, explained the importance of informing the

participants on what the demand signal for senior civilian leaders will look like in the future and to help them develop a plan to have the knowledge, skills and abilities to seamlessly step into increasingly demanding leadership positions.

Schafer also expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in the training.

"I would like to thank all the participants who attended this event. It shows their aptitude for learning and ability to take action," said Schafer. "I also want to thank all the senior executive service members and flag and general officers who took time to be a part of the event. They truly made it a success."

Senior officers who spoke during the event included Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet; Gen. Lori Robinson, commander of Pacific Air Forces; Vice Adm. Scott Swift, PACFLT's incoming commander; and Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii.

"As a civilian work force, it is important to see how supportive the uniformed leadership is and how they believe our increased knowledge is just as important to the mission as anything else," said Ronald Kendrick Jr., director for Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific.

How to avoid 'grills gone wild' during summer season

Story and photo by
Karen Eubanks

Forest City Residential
Management

This is a great time to kick off the summer season by firing up your grill. Unfortunately, summer is also prime time for grilling-related fires.

According to a 2010 report from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Fire Administration, more than half (57 percent) of grill fires on residential properties occur from May to August. So before turning up the heat, it's a good idea to check out this important safety information.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that from 2007-2011 fire departments responded to an average of 8,800 home fires each year that involve grills, hibachis or barbecues. Those fires resulted in an estimated annual average of 10 deaths, 140 injuries and \$96 million in property damage.

Of those fires, 56 percent started on patios, lanai,



Service members grill up hot dogs for the crowd at a Forest City community event at Manana housing in Pearl City.

porches, balconies or courtyards and another 5 percent started on an exterior wall surface. These statistics highlight the importance of using the grill in a safe location.

The Department of Navy's base regulations and Forest City both require grills to be operated at least 10 feet from any structure. Keep in

mind, those requirements include being at least 10 feet away from any building overhangs, fences or any other structures.

To help keep grilling safe and enjoyable, NFPA provides the following grilling safety tips:

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills must only be used outdoors. If used im-

properly, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

- Position the grill at least 10 feet away from siding, deck railings and eaves and overhanging branches.

- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.

- Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.

- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.

- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Charcoal grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children and away from heat sources.

- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Propane grills

- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it

for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If it is determined the grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

- Use only equipment with the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

More information is available at www.nfpa.org/grilling and www.usfa.fema.gov.

NCTAMS PAC upgrades satellite communications capabilities

IT3 Alyssia Cunningham

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) continues to increase strategic, operational and tactical communications capabilities supporting customers in the Pacific area of responsibility (AOR).

The Makalapa Technical Control Facility recently increased their extremely high frequency (EHF) satellite communications (SATCOM) capability with installation of the AN/FSC-138 Navy multiband terminal (NMT), replacing the existing AN/USC-38 Legacy Terminal.

Located in the U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) compound at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the AN/FSC-138 NMT directly supports the COMPACFLT Maritime Operations Center (MOC) providing a more robust, assured command and control (C2) capability for missions including ballistic missile defense (BMD) throughout the western Pacific.

The NMT accomplishes this by providing secure,



(Above) NCTAMS PAC Makalapa Tech Control personnel, Information Systems Technician 1st Class (IDW/SW) Joseph Seeley and Electronics Technician 1st Class (IDW/SW) Cameron Otejen, run initial tests on the newly installed AN/FSC-138 Navy multi-band terminal. (Above right) NCTAMS PAC Makalapa Tech Control installs the new Navy multi-band at U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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protected, command, control and communications capabilities, providing phys-

ical and electromagnetic survivability as well as resistance to jamming and

electromagnetic interference (EMI).

The significant increase

in capability from 1.5 megabits per second (Mbps) to 8 Mbps supports the ex-

change of tactical data, imagery, real-time video, common operating picture (COP) and targeting information in keeping with agile communications and actionable information to decision-makers operating in the battlespace.

Upgrading from the Legacy AN/USC-38 to the AN/FSC-138 NMT has provided Makalapa Tech Control access to the advanced extremely high frequency (AEHF) constellation. The AEHF constellation consists of five satellites that provide up to 10 times the throughput of the 1990s-era Military Strategic, Tactical & Relay System (MILSTAR) satellite constellation and a substantial increase in global coverage for the fleet and joint users.

The NMT is capable of operating with both AEHF and MILSTAR constellations for both low data rate (LDR) and medium data rate (MDR) services making it versatile and capable of meeting all mission requirements.

As the mission set continues to increase in the Pacific AOR, so will the ability of NCTAMS PAC to provide and operate capable information systems in the cyber domain.