



**Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs**

The U.S. Navy and the sister cities of Nagaoka, Japan and Honolulu will join together Saturday to celebrate 70 Years of Peace as the city of Nagaoka brings its famous fireworks to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The event will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific and will take place on historic Ford Island.

The public is invited to the festivities which will begin at 4 p.m. with food vendors, cultural and educational displays, and entertainment on

stage, followed by a commemorative program at 7 p.m.

The fireworks display will begin at 8 p.m. and will honor the memory of war victims and celebrate 70 years of continuing peace and friendship. Music for the fireworks will be simulcast live on radio station Hawaiian 105.1 KINE-FM.

Some of the event highlights will include entertainment by multiple Na Hoku award-winning musician, Mark Yamanaka, U. S. Navy's talented Pacific Fleet Band, Aloha Hula Club from Japan, and a taiko drum performance by Ryukyukoki Matsuri Daiko.

The official commemorative

program which will begin at 7 p.m., will feature guest speakers, a youth peace summit declaration, choir performances by Nagaoka Boys and Girl's Choir and HEARTS Hawaii Choir, and a special live performance of the hit song, "Jupiter" by Japanese singer, Ayaka Hirahara.

**Fireworks viewing locations**

The main fireworks viewing location will be on Ford Island, with parking available on a first-come, first-served basis. The National Park Service's Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will open after hours at 5:30 p.m. as an alternate viewing location. Neal S. Blaisdell Park in Waimalu of-

fers another viewing option for the public and will close at 10 p.m.

**Parking and entry**

The City and County of Honolulu will provide free shuttle service from Aloha Stadium to and from Ford Island (A \$3 fee will be charged if vehicles are parked at the stadium.)

Parking on Ford Island will open at 4 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. In preparation for the fireworks, the Ford Island Bridge will close to inbound and outbound traffic from 7:45 to 8:20 p.m. Other parking and transportation options will be posted on the website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearspeace](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearspeace).

**Security**

Strict security measures will be in place for access to Ford Island. Guests may bring lawn chairs and mats, small bags, diaper bags, strollers and cameras. No large bags, coolers, tents and outside food or beverages are permitted. Food will be available for purchase. All carry-in items are subject to search. For a complete list of restricted items, is also on the "70 years of peace website."

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(See *Ho'okele* pages A-2, A-3, A-4, A-6, A-7 and B-1 for more information.)

Courtesy photo

**Ford Island Bridge closures announced for Saturday**

The Ford Island Bridge will be closed to both inbound and outbound vehicle traffic from 7:45 to 8:20 p.m. on Saturday during the Nagaoka fireworks event.

The Ford Island Bridge will also be closed to inbound vehicle traffic from 8:20 to 9:45 p.m. on Saturday for departure of event attendees.

All motorists, pedestrians and residents should plan accordingly.

**Ho'okele newspaper survey begins today**

**Ho'okele Staff**

Ho'okele readers will have an opportunity to participate in a survey and also have a chance to win some great prizes.

The eight questions on the survey will provide some helpful feedback to the staff of Ho'okele and give us some ideas to help improve the newspaper. We would like to hear from you. What is your favorite section of the newspaper? What is your least favorite section? What do you think we could do better?

We appreciate your taking the time to participate in the survey and give us some valuable feedback. Visit [www.hookelenews.com](http://www.hookelenews.com) to complete the survey. Only one survey should be completed per person.

Prizes have been provided by our publisher, Oahu Publications Inc., and by the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. These include a \$200 NEX gift card offered by our publisher and a gift basket filled with goodies from the Pearl Harbor NEX.

The survey begins today and will continue through Sept. 4.

So please take a few minutes to answer the survey. We would love to hear from you. Mahalo nui loa!

**USS Michael Murphy re-enlistment**



U.S. Navy photo by LTJG Joshua A. Flanagan

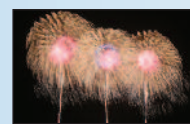
Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ian Sattaur is reenlisted on the ship's centerline anchor by USS Michael Murphy's commanding officer, Cmdr. Todd Hutchison. Michael Murphy is homeported in Pearl Harbor, and is commencing a maintenance period having after returning from her maiden deployment in U.S. 7th Fleet.



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Rear Adm. James Kilby, commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC), speaks with junior surface warfare officers during a ship tour and professional mentorship wardroom call aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## SWO 'Top Gun' admiral promotes new career opportunities

Story and photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Junior surface warfare officers (SWO) stationed aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) were visited Aug. 10 by Rear Adm. James "Jim" Kilby, commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC), at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The new SWO "Top Gun" commander hosted a professional mentorship call to introduce SMWDC and the career opportunities it presents to SWOs after their second division officer tour as a new generation of SWO tactical experts called warfare tactics instructors (WTI).

"WTIs are junior SWOs that receive comprehensive education in advanced tactics and training," said Kilby.

"These officers will act as force multipliers for their ships and staffs. They are passionate about tactics, and they've shown an affinity throughout their career to become tactical subject matter experts (SME) in specific warfare areas: amphibious warfare (AMW), integrated air and missile defense (IAMD), surface warfare/anti-submarine warfare (SUW/ASW) and mine warfare (MIW)," he said.

SMWDC's goal is to produce 110 WTIs per year with one WTI attached to each surface ship and staff (center for surface combat systems, afloat training groups, etc) to ensure a single training

standard for the surface fleet.

Junior officers aboard John Paul Jones said having the rear admiral come on board ignited their interest in the WTI program, primarily because the career trajectory allows opportunity for growth, specialization and appreciation.

"Do I see myself pursuing the path of a WTI? Right now, where I am in my career, I would say, yes," said Ensign Elee Wakim, main propulsion officer (MPO) aboard John Paul Jones.

"It offers the opportunity for me to specialize, learn and grow in a specific warfare area. It allows me to leave my imprint and really have ownership of something in my career. It's an exciting opportunity and it's one I think I'll pursue," Wakim said.

Lt. j.g. Alexander Roman, anti-submarine warfare officer (ASWO) for John Paul Jones, agreed with Wakim.

"Would I sign up to be a WTI? Of course, without a doubt," said Roman. "This is an exciting time to be a SWO; being a better warfighter is what I signed up to do.

"WTI is the future of the [surface] Navy. Being able to teach tactics, being able to understand the tactics, and being able to tactically employ the weapon systems and build up the proficiency of the wardroom, wherever you go [as a WTI] in the Navy, is the way that it should be," Roman said.

Dating back to summer 2014, Kilby and his SMWDC staff have been on a ship-to-ship campaign seeking the most tactically passionate junior SWOs to prospectively

become WTIs. His visit to the John Paul Jones marked his 55th ship visit spanning from San Diego, Virginia, Japan and now Hawaii.

"When you take time out of your day to go to the ship and address them, that's a definite overt signal. It's a visible tangible signal that we are serious about this program," said Kilby.

"The John Paul Jones is unique. She's the test ship for the Missile Defense Agency in the Navy. Those officers are on the tactical cutting edge of our Navy, and I definitely want to pull that experience and leverage it as we move forward into this program."

In conclusion, Kilby said the WTI program is a long-term investment opportunity, one that builds a more robust surface Navy, with more tactically proficient leaders as they gain subject matter expertise at more junior levels.

"The best investment is in our people. We're investing in our youth and building that expertise at a much more junior level," said Kilby.

"We will see over time that those officers will stay in and feel valued and become great commanding officers, destroyer squadron commanders or amphibious commanders in the future."

SMWDC headquarters was formally established June 2015 at Naval Base San Diego and is responsible for increasing the tactical proficiency of individual surface warfare communities through the creation of warfare doctrine, under-way assessment exercises and warfare tactics instructors.

## USS John Paul Jones intercepts target



Photo by Ralph Scott

On July 29, a short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai, Hawaii, as the second event in a series of joint Missile Defense Agency/U.S. Navy missile defense tests. The USS John Paul Jones, positioned west of Hawaii, detected, tracked and launched a SM-6 Dual I missile, resulting in a second successful target intercept. (See story in Aug. 7, 2015 Ho'okele, page A-1.)



## Good reasons to attend 70 Years of Peace

Spectacular fireworks  
Mark Yamanaka  
U.S. Pacific Fleet Band  
Nagaoka Boys' and Girls' Choir  
Celebration of 70 Years of Peace  
Ono food

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Commentary

# Remembering, Honoring, Celebrating: '70 Years of Peace'

**Rear Adm. John Fuller**  
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific

The United States and Japan ended World War II in the Pacific 70 years ago this summer. This week, the U.S. Navy in Hawaii is hosting sister cities Honolulu and Na-

gaoka, Japan to commemorate that anniversary. This month's commemoration, "70 Years of Peace," has three goals: to honor the sacrifices of seven decades ago, celebrate the enduring peace between the United States and Japan today, and keep the memories alive for generations to come—past, present, future.

Nagaoka Mayor Tamio Mori, Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, will lead solemn remembrance events on Aug. 14. We will recognize those who fought and died during the War in the Pacific—beginning in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and then across the ocean, from island to island, and ending in the summer of 1945 in Japan.

Pearl Harbor suffered greatly on Dec. 7, 1941. Nagaoka suffered greatly in the waning days of the war when U.S. bombers destroyed 80 percent of the city. Nagaoka was the home of Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy's Com-



Rear Adm. John V. Fuller

bined Fleet, who, historians tell us, reluctantly planned the attack on Pearl Harbor. After conducting private solemn ceremonies on Aug. 14, we will shift the focus to a public event on Aug. 15 to celebrate our mutual respect and friendship. Nagaoka, now famous for its spectacular fireworks

displays, will light up the sky over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The base will open part of historic Ford Island to the public. Singers, dancers and taiko drummers will perform, but the highlight will be the fireworks show.

Today, the citizens of Japan and the United States work together to prevent war by preserving peace—building cooperation, strengthening partnerships and training together as allies.

And, that's what our Navy does when we operate forward. We have great friends in the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and we work as a team to continually improve that relationship.

Here in Hawaii, people from Nagaoka and Honolulu are promoting cul-

tural and educational exchanges, in which our Navy is happy to participate – in association with the Japan America Society of Hawaii. Young people from both countries are conducting outreach events at local schools, with the University of Hawaii, and together with the National Park Service at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

We learn by studying the lessons from history.

Our World War II veterans tell us their greatest wish is that we never forget the sacrifices they made seven decades ago and that future generations will continue to value and defend cooperation, stability, freedom—and peace.

Please join us as we celebrate 70 Years of Peace with our dear friends at Pearl Harbor.

## Diverse Views



What is your favorite video game of all time?



LSSN Daniel Walpole  
JBPHH

"Super Smash Brothers. It's always fun to see who would actually win in a fight between Mario and Luigi or Bowser and Princess Peach. She isn't a hostage anymore!"

Master Sgt. Steven Phillips  
Det 5, 2nd Weather Squadron



"The Legend of Zelda, because it was the first challenging game I beat."



STG2 Matthew Paiva  
JBPHH

"My favorite video game of all time is Mario Kart because it's simple, fun and a game you can play with a bunch of friends!"

Lt. Col. Jerrod Duggan  
HQ PACAF



"Atari Pitfall, always a great adventure."



FC2 Austin Emery  
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"My favorite game is Halo because it's fun and because of the nostalgia of following the game when it first came out."

Chief Master Sgt. Liza VanBurger  
HQ PACAF



"I loved pinball games."



OSSN Jasmine Bencid  
JBPHH

"Mortal Kombat is my favorite game of all time because of the intense nature of the game!"

Capt. Edward Yang  
8th Intelligence Squadron



"Rome: Total War. It was an amazing game for battle strategy and tactics, especially for someone who enjoys reading about Roman history."



STG2 Jose Moran  
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"Kingdom of Amalur. It created an outlet for me during deployment."

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

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Na Hoku Hanohano award winning singer Mark Yamanaka has a voice range from tenor to falsetto and is known for his song stylings in traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music but also covers some country.

## Force protection exercises to begin next week

Naval installations in Hawaii are planning to participate in force protection exercises this month beginning next week. Such exercises are conducted to enhance the training, readiness and capability of Navy security forces to respond to threats to installations, commands and units. Residents and the workforce may hear announcements, sirens or other noises associated with the training. These exercises are not in response to any specific threat. Additional details will be provided in next week's Ho'okele.

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## Navy nurses celebrate end of war



Official U.S. Navy photo

U.S. Navy nurses stationed at Pearl Harbor march in a V-J Day parade on Sept. 3, 1945. Hawaii officially marked V-J Day with a three-day holiday ending with a parade.

## HO'okele

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# WWII Companion: How Peace Was Achieved 70 Years Ago

Review by Bill Doughty

Starting in the aftermath of the First World War, when the world lived in “interesting times” – economically, politically and socially – David M. Kennedy shows how the fumes of discontent and aggression exploded into war.

How and why the Allies won in Europe and the Pacific in 1945 is also explained in Kennedy’s encyclopedic, “The Library of Congress World War II Companion” (Simon & Schuster, 2007).

Kennedy provides fascinating context alongside hard facts and historical photos in this 982-page book that shifts chronologically from East to West and back with timelines, lists and profiles of people, places, battles and concepts.

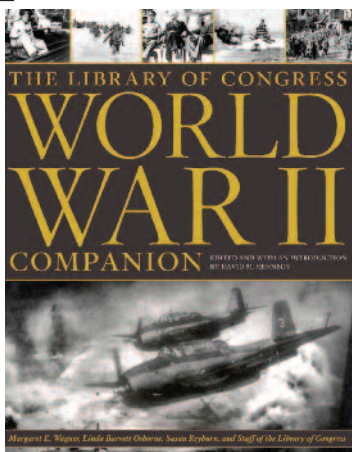
Timeline entries show how the war began, with tensions growing in 1940 after President Franklin D. Roosevelt embargoed oil and other materials to Japan in January. Volatility increased into the summer.

“July 26: Attempting to restrain Japanese expansionist policies, the United States embargoes shipments of high-octane aviation fuel and premium scrap iron and steel.”

Kennedy shows the perspective from all sides, including Japan’s.

Among the topics in “Companion”: mobilization, operations, tactics, instruments of war and how war affected the homefront.

This week marks the 70th anniversary of the end of war in the Pacific, when “Tenno Heika” Emperor Hirohito announced Japan would surrender, signifying the end of theocratic divine rule, male dominance over society, and military control of the government.



As to how the United States led efforts in the Pacific to bring freedom, equality and democracy to Japan, Kennedy lists the “Keys to Victory: Why the Allies Won.” He has lists for both the European War and Asian-Pacific War. In the case of Asia-Pacific, he offers these reasons:

- **Allied Industrial Production.** The United States quickly overcame the damage done to the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, while Japan had neither the population nor the resources to match Allied industrial output. The intense rivalry between Japan’s army and naval branches greatly limited the country’s production capabilities.

- **Intelligence.** Allied intelligence gathering, code breaking, and analysis was far superior. After the war, Japan’s chief of army intelligence, Lt. Gen. Seizo Arisue, admitted, “We couldn’t break your codes at all.” The Japanese, in fact, broke some but to little effect.

- **Battle of Midway.** After the war, all Japanese naval officers

questioned by U.S. interrogators cited the defeat at Midway as “the beginning of total failure.” Japan could not make up for the tremendous loss of aircraft, warships or experienced pilots. In 1943-1944, Japan produced seven aircraft carriers; in that same period, the United States produced 90.

- **Island hopping strategy.** By skipping over many fortified Japanese-held islands, the Allies isolated and kept large Japanese forces out of the fight (as at Truk and Rabaul). The strategy also kept the Japanese guessing as to where the Allies would strike next.

- **Combined operations and amphibious landings.** The Allies mastered these techniques to successfully capture the islands necessary for an eventual attack on Japan.

- **Destruction of the Imperial Navy.** At the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944, U.S. forces destroyed nearly all that remained of the Japanese navy, which was “tantamount to the [subsequent] loss of the Philippines,” the Japanese naval minister said after the war. “When you took the Philippines, that was the end of our resources.”

- **Conventional and atomic bombing of Japan.** Bombing from spring 1945 to August destroyed more than 2 million buildings and demolished about 40 percent of the country’s urban areas. The destruction and Allied blockades put Japan on the verge of starvation.

One could argue that other key reasons deserve special recognition: the impact of submarines and inspirational naval leadership, such as that provided by Fleet Adm. Nimitz, for example.

Balanced with the joy of victory and end of suffering, Kennedy also shows the tragic aftermath of war. He writes of a U.S. Marine, Eugene Sledge, who was on Okinawa on Aug. 14, 1945 and who remembers poignantly the Marines’ reaction:

“We received the news with quiet disbelief coupled with an indescribable sense of relief. We thought the Japanese would never surrender. Many refused to believe it. Sitting in stunned silence, we remembered our dead. So many dead. So many maimed. So many bright futures consigned to the ashes of the past. So many dreams lost in the madness that had engulfed us. Except for a few widely scattered shouts of

joy, the survivors of the abyss sat hollow-eyed and silent, trying to comprehend a world without war.”

Today, Japan and the United States share the same values of an open and free society based on democratic principles. A commemoration in Pearl Harbor this week, presented by sister cities Nagaoka and Honolulu and hosted by the U.S. Navy, celebrates “70 Years of Peace.”

Last week, Japan Self-Defense Force soldiers and sailors paid their respects aboard USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor.

(Doughty writes Navy Reads on weekends: [www.navyreads.blogspot.com](http://www.navyreads.blogspot.com).)



It’s an opportunity to celebrate peace and share cultures. Nagaoka’s famous fireworks beginning at 8 p.m. will honor the memory of the war’s victims and celebrate 70 years of peace and friendship.



## USS Chung-Hoon Sailors engage in COMPTUEX



(Above, right) Sailors from the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) conduct a visit, board, search and seizure training exercise aboard the motor vessel M/V ATLS-9701.

(Left) Sailors aboard Chung-Hoon heave around phone and distance line as the ship takes on fuel during an underway replenishment (UNREP) from the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



**U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jason Swink**  
(Above) The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) moors pier-side on returning to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a six-month scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region.



(Below) U.S. Air Force Chaplain Daniel Leatherman, 154th Wing Headquarters, performs a blessing at the 154th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) indoor firing range at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

**U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco**

**U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson**  
(Above) Senior Airman Famellajamie Aquino, chemical, biological and nuclear environment survival instructor with the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron, walks Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen through a basic map reading exercise during the hands on portion of Self-Aid and Buddy Care training during August's unit training assembly Aug. 9 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

(Below) Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard practice lifesaving skills during the hands on portion of Self-Aid and Buddy Care training during August's unit training assembly Aug. 9 at JBPHH.

**U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson**



About Nagaoka: Nagaoka is Honolulu's sister city and home of the famous Nagaoka fireworks. After Nagaoka was bombed during World War II and 80 percent of its city's was destroyed, the people of Nagaoka started reconstruction of the city and also began a fireworks festival as a symbol of their recovery. The fireworks are considered a kind of prayer for peace of Nagaokan people.

# Hawaii Air National Guard unveils new indoor shooting range

Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz

154th Wing Public Affairs

The Hawaii Air National Guard debuted its new indoor live-fire shooting range in a ceremony held Aug. 8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The new 6,000 square foot unit located on the grounds of the Hawaii Air National Guard gives the HIANG a capability it has never had before, the ability to qualify and train its Airmen in small arms fire and prepare them for deployments in-house.

"Small arms qualifications was conducted at the only USAF firing range on the island, which happens to be located approximately 20 miles away on Schofield Barracks," said Maj. Dane Minami, 154th Security Forces Squadron commander.

"The HIANG had to compete for scheduling of the firing range with both the active duty and the Reserves and because we did not own the range, we normally had low priority," he said.

According to Minami, in addition to improving readiness capability, benefits



U.S. Air National Guard photos by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco

(Left) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt Bronson Colton, 154th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), grabs a pinch of salt during the blessing ceremony of the 154th SFS Indoor Firing Range, Aug. 8, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Salt is spread throughout the facility by the chaplain and members of the 154th SFS as a way to purify and protect the facility. (Right) U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Stan Osserman (retired), former commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard, aims down range after the blessing of the 154th Security Force Squadron Indoor Firing Range at JBPHH.

include cost savings due to the reduction in the resources and manpower previously needed to coordinate, schedule and

transport Airmen to an off-site firing range.

"For a traditional Guardsman, time during drill weekends is a precious commodity. Having an indoor firing range right here in our own backyard saves time, money and gas for our

unit members and all Hawaii Air National Guard personnel with weapons qualification requirements," Minami said.

"The ability to schedule live-firing at any time of the day and night or week will allow us to more effectively

support the entire organization with short notice deployment and annual qualification requirements," he said.

The modular containerized small arms training sets (MCATS), as its name implies, utilizes a prefabricated and modular design concept. Prefabrication of the units was done by a company in Nevada and then shipped to the Hawaii Air National Guard where it was assembled on an empty asphalt area on the HI-ANG's compound.

Because of this, many of the pre-construction costs, such as engineering, architecture and site prep were minimized. Its modular design allows it to be disassembled and moved to another location should the need arise.

The MCATS has 12 shooting lanes and is fully enclosed with heating, ventilation and cooling systems. Everything from target control to shooting environment is monitored and adjusted from a master control room.

Depending on the training requirements, lighting systems can simulate low light or night time shooting conditions, and an automated target retrieval system makes feedback to the shooter

timely and convenient.

The ceremony, which included a traditional Hawaiian blessing, signified the range's first official day of operation and was the culmination of months of planning and procurement challenges.

"The list [of challenges] is long and wide, everything from having to build a standard configuration that the Guard Bureau and USAF accepted," said retired Brig. Gen. Stan Osserman, a former commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

"Then there was the typical case of Hawaii being so far away from Washington, D.C. that we couldn't always make sure we kept our priority place in line. We nipped that one on my last trip to D.C. and got the HI-ANG put back in the right place," he said.

While the firing range's primary use is to train HI-ANG Airmen, there are plans to eventually make the facility available to other Department of Defense organizations.

The facility is the third one of its kind in the Air National Guard. The Nevada Air National Guard and New York Air National Guard began operating similar facilities in 2014.

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PEARL AND HERMES  
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

**More good reasons to attend 70 Years of Peace**

- Taiko drums
- Hula
- HEARTS Hawaii Choir
- Even more entertainment
- Youth peace summit declaration
- Cultural displays
- Fun and festivities

## Hurricane season is busier than usual

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor, Ho'okele

With the prediction earlier this year that the 2015 hurricane season would be busier than usual, it increases the odds that our island home will be impacted by one of the passing storms.

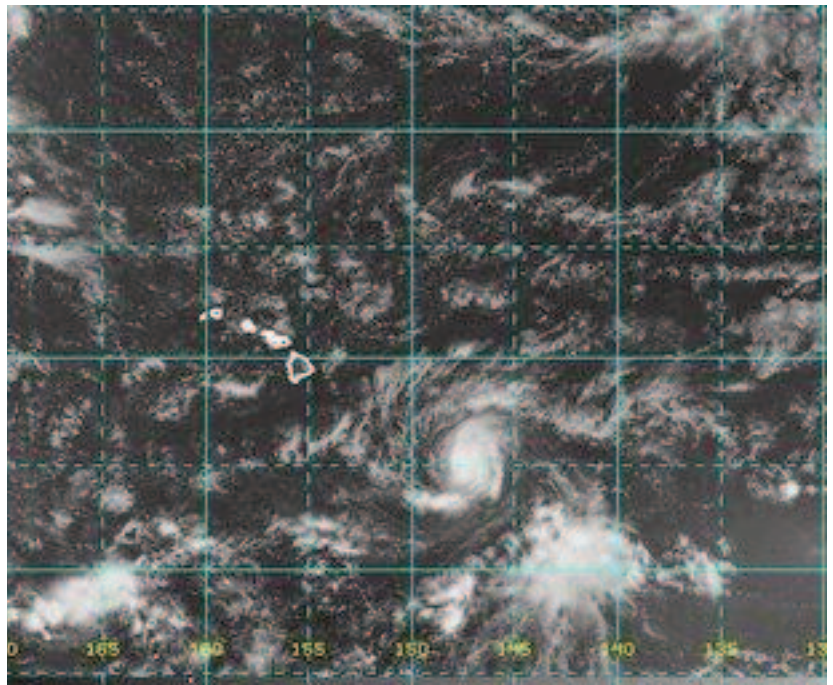
Tropical storms Guillermo and Hilda passed by the islands within a week of each other and just a few weeks earlier, Tropical Depression Ela passed by the islands, thankfully without making much of an impression.

But the forecast for more storms than usual makes it likely that Hawaii will be saying aloha to more disturbances before hurricane season ends in November.

So it's important to take precautions, just in case one of the storms should decide to pay a visit.

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency recommends that island residents continue disaster preparedness efforts:

- Continue to follow reports for the latest information on hurricanes/tropical storms by monitoring local broadcasters and/or sign up for local notification systems, especially if living in a flood prone area.
- Be aware of flood safety recommendations. Tips can be found at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).
- Gather important documents such as flood insurance policy. Flood losses are not covered under normal homeowners' insurance policies.
- Listen to ocean safety officials and exercise caution if entering the water as high surf messages are issued.
- Read the Hawaii Boater's Hurri-



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cane and Tsunami Safety Manual for recommended precautions to protect boats prior to a storm at: <http://ow.ly/QPD3o>.

• Download the Homeowners Handbook to Prepare for Natural Disasters, which includes helpful tips to lower risk of damage to homes from a natural disaster at <http://ow.ly/QPDj0>.

• Identify small outdoor items that could be picked up by high winds. Make a plan to bring these items indoors if a hurricane/tropical storm watch or warning is issued.

• Have an emergency kit with enough food and water to last your family for three to seven days, and make sure to have at least \$250 in cash.

• Set aside an emergency supply of any needed medication, and keep a copy of prescriptions in case you run out of medication after a disaster.

• Those who require special medical assistance should make arrangements in advance of the storm's arrival (i.e., if medication needs to be chilled, begin building up ice reserves).

For more information, about emergency preparedness, visit the Navy Region Hawaii website at [www.cnrc.navy.mil/hawaii](http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/hawaii) and the JBPHH website at [www.cnrc.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam](http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam).

Additional information is available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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Family members of Cmdr. Linda Seymour, outgoing USS Halsey commanding officer, and Cmdr. Ken Athans, incoming commanding officer, place the Command at Sea Pin during Halsey's change of command.

## USS Halsey holds change of command in San Diego

Lt. j.g. Frances Klimczak

USS Halsey (DDG 97) Public Affairs

Cmdr. Ken Athans relieved Cmdr. Linda Seymour as the commanding officer of guided missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) during a change of command ceremony held Aug. 3 in San Diego.

Capt. Paul Hogue, commodore of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23, presided over the ceremony. He both welcomed Halsey to the DESRON 23 team and congratulated Seymour and the crew

for a job well done throughout her tour, especially on a successful deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Seymour addressed the crew and expressed how proud she was of their accomplishments and how bright their future was ahead with Athans at the helm.

Currently, Halsey is away from its homeport of Pearl Harbor and is participating in LA Navy Days and a fleet exercise for training.

## USS Halsey brings aloha spirit to Los Angeles

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USS Halsey (DDG 97) Public Affairs

USS Halsey (DDG 97), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, sailed past the battleship USS Iowa into the port of Los Angeles as it arrived Aug. 4 for LA Navy Days. Alongside Halsey were USS Bunker Hill and USS Cape St. George.

For six full days, each ship offered tours of the topside decks to the general public and hosted various receptions for the Navy League and other supporters. In return, Sailors participated in numerous activities from

nights out in the city, to an Angel's baseball game and even some Hollywood studio tours.

LA Navy Days are a celebration of the sea services where Sailors interact with the public through ship visits, social events and community relations activities. The general public tours offered people a chance to see the ships up close and to hear Sailors talk about what they do.

"It can be easy to forget just how unique our jobs are," said Firecontrolman 2nd Class Jonathan Little.

"I do a lot of the same mundane tasks every day but getting to show someone and see how excited they were to be part of it, that was special," he said.

Sailors proudly wore their uniforms out in town and received a warm welcome from the people of Los Angeles. Navy Days reinvigorated the crews of all three ships and reminded them just how important their work is.

The visit to LA also held special meaning for Halsey. Adm. Bull Halsey Jr. was chosen as LA's hometown hero following World War II. USS Iowa, now permanently homeported in the port of LA as a museum, also served as Halsey's flagship at the end of the war.

Halsey's sister ship, Battleship Missouri Memorial, sits across the harbor from Halsey when it is at home in Pearl Harbor.



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Visitors toured the topside decks of USS Halsey (DDG 97) as part of a recent LA Navy Days event.

## Utilities work breaks waterline

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

A waterline break occurred on the morning of Aug. 11 on Kamehameha Highway near Aloha Stadium and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during scheduled utilities relocation work by Kiewit Infrastructure West Co., a rail construction contractor.

The break was reported to Navy engineers at 9:15 a.m. on Aug. 11. The contractor is repairing the waterline and will notify the Navy when repairs can be completed.

Only an isolated area was affected: Richardson Pool, which is currently closed, and an office space. Housing areas and Schooners Restaurant were not impacted.

The 24-inch waterline is approximately 4 feet deep, was installed in the late 1990s and was not encased in concrete.

The cause of the break is believed to have been movement of a pipe joint during work by the contractor, but this has not been confirmed. The Navy does not plan to conduct an investigation.

On Aug. 13 the contractor completed repairs. The Navy ensured the contractor properly disinfected the new rerouted section of waterline, and then Navy engineers slowly opened up the system to recharge our system.



Taiko drum performance by Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii chapter features three types of drums and choreography created in Okinawa