

Mighty Mo hosts 70th anniversary of end of WWII

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The 70th anniversary of the end of WWII was celebrated during a commemoration ceremony held Sept. 2 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island.

Seventy years ago, Gen. Douglas MacArthur oversaw the signing of Imperial Japan's instrument of surrender on the Missouri. The ceremony honored the historical event by beginning the ceremony at 9:02 a.m., the exact time MacArthur began the official proceedings.

Navy Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke of the significance of the historical event as part of his speech during the ceremony.

"It's truly a day of reverence, commemorating the millions of departed and surviving veterans of WWII," Swift said.

"It's about mourning the civilians of all nations whose passing is all the more poignant in light of their innocence. It's about the enduring commitment to allies, partners and friends, a commitment to ensure such tragic losses and sacrifices are not for not," he said.

Swift also said that there is a continued responsibility to fulfill today to ensure that the commitments made 70 years ago are maintained.

"Our legacy will be how well we preserve the peace given as a gift from these hallowed decks," Swift said.

Tim Guard, chairman of the USS Missouri Memorial Association; Congressman Mark Takai, U.S. Representative from



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Hawaii; and U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz from Hawaii; all spoke about the relevance of the historical date and how it helped shape the relationship between the United States and Japan today.

"All the speakers today came back to the same theme of the closing of WWII that occurred on these decks," Swift said.

"Two countries that were bitter rivals in WWII are now the

strongest of allied partners. It's an affirmation of the task we've all taken on 70 years ago and to continue to take that task forward with all of our allies and partners in the Pacific."

U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, representative from Hawaii's 2nd Congressional District, said she felt honored to be able to attend the event.

"Today is such a special day,"

Gabbard said. "It's a day that I've been reflecting on how grateful I am just to be in the presence of some of these great heroes who came before us. We had 10 Sailors here today who were here Sept. 2, 1945 for that signing ceremony. It's a great opportunity to remember what this is all about and the sacrifices of those who came before us."

The commemoration by the

Battleship Missouri Memorial featured an exhibit of rare historic artifacts that were part of the ceremony 70 years ago, including the two pens used by Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz to sign the Japanese Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the United States, and one of the pens used by MacArthur as supreme commander for the Allied Powers.

USS Chafee supports Oceania Maritime Security Initiative

USS Chafee DDG 90
Public Affairs

PACIFIC OCEAN—The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, participated in the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) with the U.S. Coast Guard's 14th District, Aug. 5 - 21, in the western Pacific Ocean.

OMSI is a maritime security operation designed to enhance maritime domain awareness, increase law enforcement presence, and expand at-sea law enforcement capabilities throughout Oceania.

"We were there to provide key presence in the region and build partnership capacity for a critical Oceanic partner," said Cmdr. Shea Thompson, Chafee's commanding officer.

"Our presence with the Coast Guard and our partner nation set a new tone of deterrence in the region and will prevent



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Clemente A. Lynch

USS Chafee (DDG 90) operates in the western Pacific.

future violations."

The Navy-Coast Guard team, including the two embarked MH-60R helicopters from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 37, conducted a total of 19 external visual inspections and nine boardings to internally inspect fishing vessels across three separate jurisdictional areas - high seas, Marshall Islands and Nauru exclusive economic zones (EEZ).

The boarding inspection resulted in some docu-

mented violations and, more importantly, demonstrated U.S. commitment to regulating these fishing areas in partnership with our friends in the region.

"Working side by side with Coast Guard in support of District 14's initiative was a unique and beneficial mission for Chafee Sailors," said Lt. Robert Eidson, Chafee's weapons officer.

"Not only were we able to experience, first hand, the great efforts required for

law enforcement at sea, we also had the privilege of working side by side with an elite Coast Guard law enforcement team. The team provided invaluable training to Chafee's visit, board, search and seizure team to including tactical team movements, tactical combat casualty care, and safe boarding techniques. Cognizant of the level of expertise that comes with a Coast Guard Law Enforcement team, we welcomed this training with enthusi-

asm," Eidson said.

OMSI is a Secretary of Defense program which leverages Department of Defense assets transiting the region to increase the U.S. Coast Guard's maritime domain awareness (MDA), ultimately supporting its maritime law enforcement operations in Oceania.

The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for patrolling the waters around the numerous islands associated with the United States

throughout the region. Each of these islands have territorial waters stretching out to 12 miles from shore.

Beyond that, stretching out to 200 nautical miles is an exclusive economic zone (EEZ), an area defined by international law that allows each nation exclusive rights to the exploration and use of marine resources. Oceania contains 43 percent, or approximately 1.3 million square miles, of United States' EEZs.

Events planned to observe Suicide Prevention Month

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

A series of events have been scheduled in September to observe Suicide Prevention Month.

- A proclamation signing for Suicide Prevention Week will be held at 10 a.m. today at Mayor Kirk Caldwell's office in Honolulu Hale.

- "Resiliency Bingo," part of Free Food Fridays, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Beeman Liberty

Center. The event will include free deli sandwiches and prizes. It is open to all single Sailors and Airmen.

- A "safeTALK" workshop will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Sept. 11 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. The workshop is designed to teach participants how to be "suicide alert" and identify people with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. The workshop is open to all adult military, civilian and family members. Pre-registration is

required. For more information, email rebecca.miranda@navy.mil.

- A Friends and Fun cosmic bowling and pizza event, part of Free Food Fridays, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 11 at the bowling alley on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base. The event is open to all single Sailors and Airmen.

- An Oahu Out of the Darkness Community Walk will be held Sept. 12 at Ala Moana Beach Park and Magic Island in Honolulu.

Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the walk will begin at 9 a.m. Participants can walk, volunteer and/ or donate to raise awareness and help prevent suicide prevention. Walkers may choose to remember someone lost to suicide. Donations are optional. The event is sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter. Participants can register at <http://bit.ly/1cEn29y>. For more informa-

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Ho'okele survey ends today

Ho'okele Staff

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

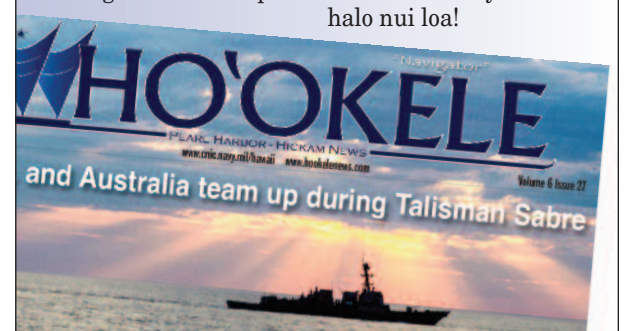
The eight questions on the survey provide some helpful feedback to the staff of Ho'okele and give us some ideas to help improve the newspaper. We would like to hear from you. What is your favorite section of the newspaper? What is your least favorite section? What do you think we could do better?

We appreciate your taking the time to par-

ticipate in the survey and give us some valuable feedback. Visit 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 ends today. So please take a few minutes to answer the survey. We would love to hear from you. Mahalo nui loa!



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'Teamwork makes a dream work'

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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii—"Teamwork makes a dream work," said Chief Hospital Corpsman Jonathan Scott, assigned to the 3rd Marine Regiment at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), during the 15th Annual Island Wide Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Challenge held Aug. 27 at MCBH.

"They are doing an outstanding job. They are working together, and they don't let each other quit. They support one another, and that is a great example of how you get a job done," Scott said.

The FMF Challenge is an event designed to test chief petty officer (CPO) selectees, both physically and mentally, before they put on their chief anchors. The event consisted of chief petty officers and chief petty officer selectees running a 5K, battling an obstacle course, flipping tires, carrying simulated personnel on stretchers, and competing in a tug-of-war challenge.

The hundreds of CPO selectees were divided into teams, and all of the evolutions were timed. The team with the fastest time was crowned the winner. "During this challenge, I have learned that everybody has a strength, and we can use those strengths to our advantage," said Chief Aircrewmen Mechanical (Sel.) Frank Wilson, assigned to Patrol Squadron Four (VP4) at the MCBH.

"You can't do everything by yourself, and the biggest lesson for the future is to use our strengths and the strengths of our Sailors to help us all grow and succeed," Wilson said.

Wilson said he had chiefs who helped mentor him and point him in the right direction. Wilson wasn't thinking of becoming a chief when he first enlisted. He said he was lucky to have chiefs who believed in him and supported him.

"It is all about team," said Wilson. "When you become a chief, it



(Left) Chief selects from commands across Hawaii pull a Humvee during the 15th Annual Island Wide Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Challenge on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. (Below) Chief selects use teamwork to climb over an obstacle. (Below left) Chief petty officers and chief selects warm up prior to kicking off the 15th Annual Island Wide Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Challenge

is not just about you anymore."

Wilson wants to become the kind of chief he used to look up to and said he is trying to learn as much as possible from chiefs he respects and admires.

Meanwhile, Senior Chief Aircrewmen Mechanical Dustin Kuers, assigned to the Patrol Squadron Four at MCBH, writes down words of wisdom in "charge books." A charge book is a book filled with advice from different chiefs on how to be a great chief, a leader and knowledge on how chiefs should conduct themselves. The charge books are kept in vessels, wooden boxes every CPO selectee builds for themselves.

"Charge books are our naval tradition. Thanks to them, selectees have to go out and meet different chiefs and network," said Kuers.

"There are some great chiefs out there, and they have a lot of knowledge and a lot of experience," said Kuers. "We are one team, and we are here to support each other and to help those new chiefs

become great leaders." Kuers said the FMF challenge was designed to be difficult and intimidating. Sailors have to depend on each other and work together to make it through the day, he said.

As the event was coming to an end, U.S. Pacific Fleet Force Master Chief Susan Whitman shared her thoughts with the CPO selects.

"Remember, your great Sailors are great and sometimes your not-so-great Sailors are great, too. Don't discount them

just because they are not up to your standards," said Whitman. "They are part of the team, and you have responsibility to take care of them."

"If you need me, call me," she said. "I have time."

"How sad would it be if, by the end of the day, I wouldn't have time to train my relief?" she asked. "It would be sad if you would not have time to train your relief, too."

"Congratulations and have fun because it is all about the journey," Whitman said.



Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Capt. Jamie Kalowsky, commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (right), congratulates a graduate of the Shipyard apprentice program during a ceremony Aug. 26 at Historic Hickam Officers' Club. (Additional photo on page A-5.)

Shipyard graduates 92 apprentices in class of 2015

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility's apprentice program conducted a commencement ceremony for its 92 graduating members of the class of 2015 on Aug. 26 at the Historic Hickam Officer's Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The shipyard's apprentice program is a successful partnership between the shipyard, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and Honolulu Community College (HCC). Graduating apprentices earn an associate's degree in applied trades from HCC and a certificate of completion from the DOL. The four-year program prepares participants for shipyard careers by combining academic study with paid work experience.

Capt. Jamie Kalowsky, shipyard commander, congratulated the graduating apprentices for their successful completion of a rigorous and competitive program.

"You are among a select group, carrying on a rich tradition of deliv-

ering mission readiness to the fleet. Thousands apply each year to compete for what has for many years been just more than 100 shipyard apprentice program openings.

"Those selected through this rigorous competition receive a four-year, full-time, paid apprenticeship that combines academic learning with on-the-job work experience at Hawaii's largest industrial employer - not to mention the intangible value of serving our Navy and nation," Kalowsky said.

The keynote speaker at the ceremony was Senior Executive Service (SES) Gregory "Kaipo" Crowell, the shipyard's nuclear engineering and planning manager. Crowell is a Kamehameha Schools graduate, who earned his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Portland. He has worked at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in a number of leadership positions since 1983.

Crowell interacts with shipyard apprentices on a frequent basis. In addition to his official duties, he devotes much of his time and energy to the development of shipyard per-

sonnel, including training new employees, supervisors and other managers, and strategic planning for future readiness.

Crowell encouraged the graduating apprentices to live by the values of honor, courage, commitment and aloha.

"I value your commitment," he said.

"Sometime in your career, you are going to do something special for this country. What you do here is important to our future and to our kids' future. I value your leadership and have worked with many of you in the shipyard's learning organization team, the Pearl Harbor Apprentice Association, and elsewhere."

Crowell thanked the graduates for their service and thanked family members and friends for their support.

This year's graduating class includes new "journey workers" from 20 different trades. The shipyard's first apprentice class graduated in 1924. Since then, more than 5,000 journey workers and future leaders have been graduated from the program.

Prevention fairs set

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tion, visit www.facebook.com/AFSPHawaii.

- A joint service suicide prevention fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 13 at the terrace area outside the 154th Wing dining facility and 154th Medical Group, 360 Mamala Bay Drive, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. For more information, email Lt. Col. Tara P. Davis, Hawaii Air National Guard suicide prevention program manager at Tara.davis.3@us.af.mil.

- An outdoor resiliency-building fun event for Sailors and Airmen will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at Earhart Field. The event will include a lifesaver relay, flag football, tug of war, ability course and team drills. The event is designed to build camaraderie through activities that promote humor, trust, confidence and problem solving, to ensure that we can all be lifesavers to each other when needed.

- A friends and fun spaghetti lunch and billiards, part of Free Food Fridays, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Beeman Liberty Center. The event is open to all single Sailors and Airmen.

- An express yourself karaoke event and Hawaiian dinner, part of Free Food Fri-

days, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Beeman Liberty Center. The event is open to all single Sailors and Airmen.

- A Joint Base Morale Welfare and Recreation 5K Buddy Run and Resiliency Fair will begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 26 at Hickam Fitness Center. The event is open to all Department of Defense personnel, families and retirees. Pets are allowed. Awards will be provided to the first place winner in men's, women's, youth boys, youth girls, and men's and women's stroller categories. Community support resources will be on site to provide information about services available.

For more information, visit www.greatlife.hawaii.com or call 448-2214.

- An ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. Participants can learn suicide first aid skills to help pull someone out of the "river of suicide." The workshop is designed to offer skills to better care for those with thoughts of suicide. It is open to all adult military, civilian and family members. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, email rebecca.miranda@navy.mil.

Memorial service today for AEAA Brown

Families and friends of HSM-37's Easyriders are invited to attend a memorial service for Aviation Electrician Airman Apprentice James Henry Brown III at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Chapel, building 6677, at 10 a.m. today. Uniform for Navy personnel is summer whites for E-7 and above and dress whites with ribbons for E-6 and below, or service equivalent. For more information contact Lt. j.g. McKenzie Brannon at mckenzie.brannon@navy.mil.

Diverse Views



What are your plans for the Labor Day holiday weekend?



Kenneth Pajas
Navy family member

"Go to the beach! Eat outside!"

Capt. Charlene Rueben
15th Medical Support Squadron



"Enjoying the island and all its beaches."



Leia Haney
Navy spouse and Forest City community manager

"I'll be participating in the Fisher House 8K as part of a team. This will be my first time running this type of race—or running that far at all—so wish me luck! My husband runs lots of races, so I thought I'd try one while he's deployed."

Staff Sgt. Reese Stock
647th Security Forces Squadron



"Leading a fly away security team to the Philippines."



Joseph Celebrado
Forest City groundskeeper

"I'm looking forward to some quiet time away from my grandkids."

Senior Airman Alexander Aloirobledo
15th Operations Support Squadron



"Keeping the airfield safe."



Christina Dyson
Army spouse

"Having a cookout with my family and our neighbors."

Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Rickard
PACAF



"Going to the beach and a local car show at Aloha Stadium."



Senior Airman Latean Chatman
15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

"Going to the beach, hiking and eating barbecue."

Maj. Michael Bartels
692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group



"Enjoying spending time with my ohana."



Airman 1st Class Michael Liu
17th Operational Weather Squadron

"Working."

Provided by Karen Eubanks and David D. Underwood Jr.

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Commentary

Suicide prevention: '1 Small ACT' of kindness, hope

Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. John V. Fuller

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Let's use this month as a launch pad to promote hope, self-confidence, and resilience. Use it as a way to improve our ohana and teams' readiness for the remainder of this year and throughout the years to come.

Some believe that people who attempt suicide do so out of a sense of hopelessness and isolation. Even if those are only two of the causes, if we know someone who is experiencing these feelings, we need to recognize the situation and step in and help.

Here's how: The Navy's theme this year is "1 Small ACT," based on the ask-care-treat (ACT) approach to suicide prevention. Ask if they will talk to you. Find ways to restore hope and trust, and—if necessary—make the connection to professional help. Show you care and can be trusted.

It all starts with one small act of kindness. One simple gesture can make a profound difference. One small act can save a life.

intervene to help break the chain.

There is strength in asking for help, and there is courage in accepting help—daily "ACTs" that show we care create ripple effects that help navigate life's storms. Ask, Care, Treat.

Whether it's taking a moment to appreciate the things we are grateful for, doing a random act of kindness, offering encouragement, or reaching out to someone in distress and getting them help, we should all try to build hope and show we care.

This month, I encourage everyone to get involved in activities designed to promote self-care, teamwork and positive relationships. Seek help when needed. Help is available through a variety of resources, including online at <http://ow.ly/RLXbl>.

Allow me to shift gears for a moment.

As we approach the Labor Day weekend, I am pleased to thank everyone in our region who helped us achieve a relatively safe "100 Days of Summer" since last Memorial Day. But we still have more work to do.

Please don't let your guard down. Continue making those responsible choices. When shipmates take care of shipmates, and wingmen help wingmen, we achieve greater safety on and off duty.

We can apply the same ohana spirit and decision principles to other challenges we face—preventing sexual assaults, drug abuse and other bad choices. As with suicide prevention, bystander intervention and 1 Small ACT can make a huge positive difference.

Please stay safe and ready. Let's find ways to enjoy our blessings. After all, we live in Hawaii—Who has it better than us?



Training to combat suicide scheduled this month

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

U.S. Pacific Fleet is sponsoring suicide prevention and "postvention" (actions after a suicide attempt or death) training in September.

The training will be led by Dr. Mary Bartlett, a licensed professional counselor, behavioral health consultant, researcher, trainer and adjunct professor of counseling at Lamar University.

She is a master trainer for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, is an Army National Guard qualified master resilience trainer, and has extensive experience engaging with the Department of Defense on suicide and resilience-related matters.

Bartlett will provide eight ses-

sions on resilience/suicide prevention for all hands and suicide postvention for specific audiences. The sessions include:

- A resilience/suicide prevention training session for all hands will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at Sharkey Theater. Navy commands may opt to count this for annual suicide prevention general military training.

- Suicide postvention for stakeholders will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at Ford Island Conference Center ballroom, building 89. This event is for suicide prevention coordinators, counselors, medical personnel, chaplains, casualty assistance calls officers, law enforcement, legal personnel and interested command leaders.

- Suicide postvention for command triads will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Ford Island Conference Center ballroom building 89. The event is for commanding officers, executive officers, command master chiefs and chaplains. Command leaders who are unable to make this session are welcome to attend any of the stakeholder sessions.

- Suicide postvention training for ombudsmen/key spouses will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Military and Family Support Center, room 294, 4827 Bougainville Drive, Honolulu.

For more information, contact Lt. Rebecca Miranda, Navy Region Hawaii suicide prevention program manager, by email at Rebecca.miranda@navy.mil or call 474-0045.

Pilots stand watch



Photo courtesy of Ted Merrill

Hawaii Air National Guard 199th Fighter Squadron pilots Maj. Ross England and Maj. Gerald Sada stand in the control tower of the former Dillingham Air Force Base on Oahu's North Shore circa 1970. Dillingham AFB was considered a "forward operating base" before it was given over to civilian use. During the unit's annual "summer camp," the 199th FS would sometimes deploy its aircraft there to conduct operations. During air operations two pilots would be in the tower to perform the duties of supervisor of flying and mobile controller.

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Medical team gives world-class care during PACANGEL-Philippines

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TAGBILIRAN, Philippines—Rayian Carazon slept soundly for the first time in weeks Aug. 16.

Already caring for energetic 1-year-old Trica and four months pregnant with her second child, Carazon constantly worried about the health of her young family. Until this day, she had no way to know if there was anything wrong.

Through word of mouth, she heard about the health services outreach provided as part of the Pacific Angel 15-1 Philippines mission taking place near her small home in Lila, Bohol province, Philippines.

"I came to see what the medical mission was all about," Carazon said. "I now know my family is in good health. I am grateful for this medical mission, and it is very nice you had it here in Lila."

Her story is common among the approximately 3,000 citizens of Bohol province set to receive free health screening and treatment during PACANGEL-Philippines.

Individuals from all over the tropical island braved weather ranging from downpours to intense heat for their chance to see military



(Above) Medical professionals from the Philippines, Australia and Papua New Guinea provide health screening to the local population during the Health Services Outreach provided as part of the Pacific Angel Philippines mission taking place in Lila, Bohol province, Philippines, Aug. 16. (Below) Military doctors, dentists, optometrists, physical therapists and pharmacists from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy, along with service members from the Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea, provide free health screenings as a part of the health services outreach during the Pacific Angel Philippines mission.

doctors, dentists, optometrists, physical therapists and pharmacists from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy along with

Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea.

Providing world-class care to patients such as Carazon is a valuable byproduct of the real intent of the exercise,

which is to build partnerships between the U.S. and its Indo-Asia-Pacific partners.

"It is very enlightening working with other military healthcare providers," said

Philippine Air Force Capt. James A. Robert Honculada, an orthopedic and family practice physician.

"There really are different styles in management for different illnesses. Now,

I have confirmed what I have only read is genuinely being practiced by my counterparts from other countries. I can take this knowledge back to my patients in my country," he said.

These partnerships strengthen relationships that are relied upon during humanitarian assistance operations.

"It has been an extremely positive experience working with the other national doctors from the different partner nations," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Timothy Hiyra, a physician from the Hawaii Air National Guard.

"We are all teaching and learning. Not only are we learning new techniques and new types of treatment, we are also getting a chance to teach what we do in the U.S. as well. It is a two-way collaboration which has been a huge benefit of this exercise," Hiyra said.

Partnership building aside, at least one satisfied patient is just grateful the medical providers were here this week.

"I want to say thank you to the barangi (neighborhood) officials, the local government unit of Lila and all the military people," Carazon said.

"Today was very easy. My family as able to see a doctor, receive medications and be reassured that my family is in good health."



Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard bolsters Hawaii STEM efforts

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
Public Affairs

Hawaii education will receive \$26,000 in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) support for consumable supplies and robotics competition registration fees either directly from or through their association with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY&IMF).

Five local schools with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard robotics mentors will receive National Defense Education Program (NDEP) grant funding (\$2,000 each) to put toward FIRST Robotics competition registration fees.

The NDEP's Department of Defense-wide program will provide this assistance to Damien Memorial School, Governor Wallace Rider Farrington High School, McKinley High School, Mililani High School and Waialua Intermediate/High School.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is also helping several local school groups, sponsored by shipyard employees, purchase consumable supplies worth more than \$16,000 for STEM projects. Eleven of 13 applications received for separate K-12 educational projects were approved for funding or for material support, using STEM inventory the shipyard has been able to purchase with NDEP funding.

Schools receiving assistance include Moanalua Elementary, Highlands Intermediate (teamed with Pearl City High School), Mililani Middle School, Governor Wallace Rider Farrington High School, Kapolei High School, Waialua High School and Waipahu High School, two private schools (Hanalani



Participants of the 2015 Hawaii Regional SeaPerch Underwater Robotics for Youth competition operate underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROV) through obstacles at U.S. Coast Guard Base Honolulu.

U.S. Navy photos by ND2 Joe Finemore

Schools and Iolani Schools), and one group of 24 home-schooled students.

Funded projects include equipment for a marine advanced technology education (MATE) team from Highlands Intermediate and Pearl City High School that has competed successfully in international competitions; equipment for a high school robotics program team; rocket launchers and mouse-trap racers for study and build

events; VEX IQ robotics kits for the Challenge Robotics Program; balsa wood bridge building packs and egg drop kits for group learning and competitions; robotics equipment for team preparing for FIRST robotics competitions; motors, gears, wheels, batteries, sensors and controllers for VEX robotics team competition; two microscopes for one school's science lab; a flight control board, motor, controller and batteries for drone/quadcopter pro-

jects; and various VEX and FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) project support items.

Funding for the project purchases was made available through a contract between PHNSY&IMF and Building Engineering and Science Talent (BEST), a public-private partnership dedicated to building a stronger, more diverse U.S. workforce in science, engineering and technology.

Since 2004, BEST has provided

support to the National Defense Education Program (NDEP) and the military services on program effectiveness, evaluation and communications.

PHNSY&IMF has been a strong supporter of STEM education for Hawaii's youth at all levels. The shipyard is a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and a one-stop regional maintenance center for the Navy's surface ships and submarines.

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(Above) Chief selectees crawl through an obstacle course as chief petty officers from commands across Hawaii cheer them on during the 15th Annual Island Wide Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Challenge on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. (Right) Chief Hospital Corpsman Luis Martinez, assigned to 3rd Radio Battalion at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), leads chief petty officers and chief selectees in a formation run.

U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Katarzyna Kobijak



(Left) Graduates of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's apprentice program class of 2015 await their turn to receive diplomas during the ceremony held Aug. 26 at Historic Hickam Officers' Club.

Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Congressman Mark Takai, U.S. representative for Hawaii, and other distinguished visitors watch members of the Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific Joint Honor Guard conduct a flag folding ceremony during the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II.

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



Commentary

Solemn occasion leads to continued partnership in Pacific

Jim Neuman

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On the morning of Sept. 2, 1945, USS Missouri lay at anchor in Tokyo Bay. The scene was the surrender of Imperial Japan to the allied forces and the end of World War II. On the veranda deck bulkhead above the hatch that led to the captain's in-port cabin hung a framed 31-star American flag in a glass case.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur summed up the sentiment of many around the world when he declared, "It is my earnest hope and indeed the hope of all mankind that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and the carnage of the past—a world founded upon faith and understanding—a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish—for freedom, tolerance and justice."

For nearly four years, the United States and her allies had fought the Japanese Empire over the issue of the control of East Asia and the destiny of the millions of people who inhabited this increasingly important part of the world.

The significance of the 31-star flag lies in its connection to America's first treaty with Japan and the events that would bring the two nations together as competitors, enemies and friends.

When does America's story in the Pacific begin?

The story of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific has its beginnings as early as the War of 1812 when the famed frigate Essex, under Capt. David Porter, rounded Cape Horn and decimated the unprotected British commerce along the west coast of South America. Her crew ventured as far out as the Marquesas Islands before being captured in Valparaiso in March 1814.

America's own seaborne commerce was the key to U.S. naval presence in the Pacific in the greater part of the 19th century. Initially, trade with the lucrative Chinese market consisted of ani-



View of the surrender ceremonies, looking forward from Battleship Missouri Memorial's superstructure, as Adm. Conrad E.L. Helfrich signs the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of The Netherlands. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur is standing beside him.

Photo courtesy of Naval Historical Center

mal skins from the northwest and sandalwood, largely from Hawaii, in exchange for prized Chinese tea, silk and spices, but the commercial focus would soon shift to the whaling industry.

New England whalers plowed the Pacific hunting grounds in record numbers between 1820 and 1860, precipitating the need to call on the U.S. Navy for protection.

In essence, until the geographical shifts in American foreign policy that were wrought by the Spanish-American War, Mahanian Theory and the ascendancy of the Japanese Empire, America's fixed military presence in the Pacific consisted of small assemblies of ships formed into intermittent "squadrons" or "stations" operating along the western coasts of North and South America and in the East Indies.

In the absence of more perma-

nent bases and diplomatic presence in the region, naval captains were called upon to sail the vast Pacific Ocean, ensuring respect for the American flag and acting in a sense as "armed diplomats." The manner in which a naval captain carried on his responsibilities could either damage American credibility or establish a foundation that could be cultivated for the future.

One example is Commodore Matthew Perry who sailed into Tokyo Bay in 1853 with a set of demands seeking diplomatic and trade relations between the United States and Japan. The issues were largely commercial in nature, such as: better treatment for shipwrecked sailors, harbors of refuge and access to fuel and provisions, but the overall effect was to open Japan to the world for the first time in hundreds of years.

It was the flag from Matthew

Perry's ship that was transported from Washington, D.C. to Tokyo Bay in September 1945 to be put on display aboard the Missouri during the surrender.

Within 40 years of the opening of Japan and the closing of the American west, the United States began to develop an increasing interest in the Pacific and the need for a more permanent U.S. naval presence. The Spanish-American War of 1898 brought the Philippines and Guam under America's aegis as territories. Hawaii was shortly thereafter annexed, and Pearl Harbor developed as America's intermediary point between the West Coast and the Orient.

The clash that became World War II

In many ways, the United States and Japan would grow up together at the beginning of the 20th Century as relatively new players in the search for commer-

cial markets and raw materials in the Pacific region. Ironically, it was Japan on the west and the United States on the east that formed the boundaries of the region and, therefore, had the most to gain or to lose in discussions of the region's security. The clash that became the Pacific Theater of World War II was largely a result of, to quote MacArthur, the "divergent ideals and ideologies" that divided the two nations.

Though divided by 6,000 miles of ocean, unique cultural values and sometimes "divergent" national policy, the goal for peace established 70 years ago has stood the test. Japan and America's relationship proves that, differences aside, regional stability is attainable when our "most cherished wishes" lead to partnership and a commitment to understanding, no matter which flag we fly.

POW/MIA Memorial Week events set for Sept. 14-18

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

POW/MIA Memorial Week commemorations from Sept. 14 to 18 have been scheduled at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

- A reveille will begin at 7 a.m. Sept. 14 at Atterbury Circle.

- A name reading will be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

at the POW/MIA monument, Sept. 14, 15th Wing Headquarters, Sept. 15, the Courtyard of Heroes, Sept. 16, Earhart Track, Sept. 17, and Missing Man Formation, Sept. 18.

- A sentinel post will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Atterbury Circle.

- A remembrance run will be held from 6 a.m. Sept. 17 to 6 a.m. Sept. 18 at Earhart track.

- A closing ceremony will begin at 7 a.m. Sept.

18 at Atterbury Circle.

This is a time of remembrance for those who were held prisoner and those who have yet to come home. Members of the JBPHH community are welcome to participate, including as volunteers.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mary Witherow at 448-1428, Master Sgt. Amy Mendonca at 449-8775 or Tech Sgt. Rudy Mendez at 448-1231.

- A Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency re-

membrance ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Sept. 18 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). For more information, call 488-1935.

- The monthly Pearl Harbor Colors honors and heritage ceremony at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 17 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will focus on national POW/MIA recognition. Former Vietnam War POW retired Capt. Jerry Coffee is the guest speaker.

Small acts can save lives, Navy observes Suicide Prevention Month

**Chief of Naval Personnel
Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON (NNS)—While September is Suicide Prevention Month, subject matter experts from the 21st Century Sailor Office's Suicide Prevention Office, OPNAV N171, say their goal isn't to prevent suicide on just a single day or month, but every day of the year.

"Every life is precious, and the fight is year-round," said Capt. Mike Fisher, OPNAV N171 director.

"We want people engaged with their shipmates every day of the year. We're talking about being there for every Sailor, every day."

This year, Suicide Prevention Month will focus on a new message



with its "Every Sailor, Every Day" campaign, "1 Small ACT." The message promotes simple, everyday actions that can ultimately save lives, using Navy's "ACT" (Ask Care Treat) bystander intervention model.

Last week, the Navy Suicide Prevention office released a toolkit to help Navy commands and Sailors

engage in the fight to prevent suicide. This toolkit features educational resources, high-resolution graphics, and ideas for actions to take during September and year-round.

Also in the toolkit are engagement ideas to promote peer support, personal wellness and bystander intervention all year

long. One way to get involved as an individual or organization is to participate in the "1 Small ACT" photo gallery.

Participants can print the "1 Small ACT" sign directly from the toolkit or online, personalize it with their example of a small act that they can perform in a shipmate's life, and then send a photo with the sign to suicideprevention@navy.mil. Submissions will also be accepted through the Real Warriors mobile app, which can be downloaded on the Apple App Store.

"We want to highlight people across the fleet as they share their ideas for supporting their shipmates and promoting psychological health," Fisher said. "You never

know when that everyday action—a kind word, an offer to help—will make the big difference in someone's life."

The "1 Small ACT" photo gallery will be displayed on the Navy Suicide Prevention Office's operational stress control Facebook page, building a virtual wall of hope for the entire Navy community. Submissions will be accepted from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31, 2016.

For more information, visit the Navy Suicide Prevention's "Every Sailor, Every Day" webpage at: <http://ow.ly/RLXbL>.

Help is always available. Call the military crisis line at 1-800-273-TALK (press 1), text 838255 or visit www.militarycrisisline.net for confidential, free support, 24/7.

PACFLT admiral reaffirms close ties with Singapore

**Task Force 73
Public Affairs**

SINGAPORE—Adm. Scott Swift, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, made his inaugural visit to the Republic of Singapore, Aug. 26-28, to reaffirm the U.S. Navy's strong partnership and ties with the Singapore Armed Forces.

The visit followed two days of leadership engagements in Kuala Lumpur, where Swift met with Malaysian defense officials and discussed the Navy's commitment to peace and stability in the region.

During his Singapore visit, Swift met with the Republic of Singapore Chief of Defense Maj. Gen. Perry Lim and Chief of Navy Rear Adm. Lai Chung Han after inspecting a guard of honor at the Ministry of Defense headquarters.

"Our long-standing partnership with the Republic of Singapore Armed Forces reflects our shared commitment to security in Southeast Asia," said Swift.

"We're grateful for our strong ties with partners like Singapore that help our Navy remain forward-deployed and ready to contribute to the greater stability of the region."

Swift also visited with U.S. Sailors and their families during a town hall at Commander Logistics Group Western Pacific (COMLOG WESTPAC).

During a question-and-answer-session, Swift discussed the rotational deployments of littoral combat ships (LCS) to Southeast Asia, including USS Fort Worth's (LCS 3) current 16-month deployment, and the planned rotational deployment of four LCS ships to the region by 2018 as part of the U.S. Navy's support for the Pacific rebalance.

He also highlighted the 21st anniversary of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT), a series of bilateral exercises held annually to enhance interoperability with nine regional navies.

"CARAT remains a critical venue for increasing maritime security cooper-



U.S. Navy by MCI Jay C. Pugh
Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, addresses Sailors, civilians and their families during an all hands call in Singapore.

ation throughout South and Southeast Asia," said Swift. "Your hard work and critical engagement during these exercises is one of the reasons why

the United States remains the partner of choice for many nations in this region."

Swift responded to a wide range of personnel

topics, including uniforms, the fiscal budget and future manning initiatives. He emphasized the importance of the Navy's forward presence

and thanked Sailors for operating forward in a critical and relevant area of the world.

"I greatly appreciate what you do, day in and day out," said Swift. "I'm also very thankful for our families who have chosen to serve alongside our Sailors and civilian personnel far away from home and away from your extended families. Your support makes all the difference."

COMLOG WESTPAC is the U.S. 7th Fleet's provider of combat-ready logistics, operating government-owned and contracted ships to keep units throughout U.S. 7th Fleet armed, fueled and fed.

Additionally, Task Force 73 conducts advanced planning, organizes resources and directly supports the execution of maritime exercises such as the bilateral CARAT series, the Naval Engagement Activity (NEA) with Vietnam, and the multilateral Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) with Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.