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Carter expresses condolences for deceased Marines



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Editors note: the status of these Marines officially changed to "deceased" on Jan. 20 after five full days of search and rescue operations.

WASHINGTON—Yesterday, Defense Secretary Ash Carter provided the department's condolences to the loved ones and families of 12 Marines who've gone missing since two Marine Corps CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters, each with six crew

members aboard, are presumed to have crashed off Hawaii's Oahu Island Jan. 14.

The U.S. Coast Guard suspended the search for the missing Marines Jan. 19.

"Our hearts go out to the loved ones and family members of 12 Marines missing since an apparent helicopter collision off the coast of Hawaii last week," Carter said in a DoD news release issued yesterday. "While there is no way to comprehend the grief their families feel today, this we do know:

These proud Marines died as they lived, in service to a country they loved and in dedication to a cause greater than themselves."

Carter said he also wanted to extend his gratitude to the Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine personnel "who have been absolutely unwavering in their efforts to locate and rescue their colleagues."

He added, "For the men and women who encountered rough seas and heavy swells over

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U.S. Marine Corps Photos by Lance Cpl. Maximiliano Rosas (Left and above) Marines with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment search the beaches Jan. 17 for any debris from two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters that went missing Jan. 14 just before midnight during a night training flight off the North Shore of Oahu (Additional photos on page A-5.)

Chief of Naval Personnel talks with Sailors



MC2 Jeffrey Troutman

Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Bill Moran, conducted an all-hands call Jan. 14 with Sailors and personnel stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to discuss how the Navy's personnel policies are affecting Sailors serving in the Pacific region.

Moran's weeklong tour of the Pacific region also included stops in San Diego and Japan, where he and Fleet Master Chief April Beldo had the opportunity to visit with Sailors stationed at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka for the first time.

"Fleet Master Chief Beldo and I are absolutely thrilled to be in Hawaii engaging with those of you stationed here," Moran told the audience. "Make no mistake; we're not here to lecture

you about Navy policy and procedures. We're here to listen to you and address any questions or concerns you may have, and then take your input back to Washington, D.C., to see how we can implement them and make our Navy better for everyone."

Moran informed those in attendance about upcoming major changes within the Navy's policies concerning the biannual Physical Fitness Test, the newly implemented Meritorious Advancement Program and the Billet Based Detailing program that will assist Sailors in finding the right fit for their next duty assignment.

"The Navy has never been more manned and ready in my 34 years of service than it is right now," said Moran. "Our goal is to make sure our Sailors are fit and healthy, and that the

right Sailors are being advanced and assigned to the billets where they can most succeed."

"In today's Navy, we are competing with corporate America, in that we want the best of the best working for us also," added Beldo. "Our focus is on how can we, as an organization, can give every Sailor who walks into a recruiting office an opportunity to succeed. One of our goals is for every individual who considers enlisting in the U.S. Navy to know that the opportunity exists for them to succeed within our organization."

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/.

Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Bill Moran, addresses the crew of the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) during an all-hands call Jan. 14 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Additional photo on page A-5.)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



PACOM commander credits Hawaii's role in Indo-Asia-Pacific rebalance

Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

Defense Media Activity — Hawaii

Speaking to local government officials, private sector representatives and military leaders, the commander of U.S. Pacific Command emphasized Hawaii's importance in the future of the Indo-Asia-Pacific theater during an annual meeting for the local Military Affairs Council Jan. 15 in Honolulu.

Navy Adm. Harry B. Harris recognized the council and state leaders for their support in communicating how joint military forces in Hawaii support the national security strategy and ongoing Pacific rebalance initiative.

Harris said there is no doubt that the United States economic future is firmly tied to the Indo-Asia-Pacific, and that everyone must work together to strengthen civil and military relationships and with other nations in the region.



Adm. Harry Harris, U.S. Pacific Command commander, speaks at the annual Military Affairs Council (MAC) Meeting and Partnership Conference Jan. 15 at Washington Place in Honolulu.

munications conducted by Governor Ige, Mayor Caldwell, Senators Schatz and Hirono, Representatives Gabbard and Takai, and all of our local-state

officials, decision makers in Washington and throughout the region are well aware that Hawaii remains the gateway to America's rebalance to the In-

do-Asia-Pacific," Harris said.

Harris said the state's role in supporting the rebalance — Hawaii is the only place where all U.S. component commanders are geographically co-located — allows forces to train and operate jointly and benefit from a face-to-face relationship, an advantage made largely possible because of the support from the state.

"This gives us an extraordinary advantage and it wouldn't be possible without the continued dedication and support from Hawaii's community, civic, and industry leadership," Harris said. "In addition to our forces in Hawaii, the presence and capabilities we are bringing forward into this theater are commensurate with the challenges that we face."

Defense agreement

Harris sighted an example of strengthening security ties between the Philippines and the United States through an enhanced defense cooperation agreement.

"The agreement will facilitate

the enhanced rotational presence of the U.S. military in the region, and support the long-term modernization of the armed forces of the Philippines," Harris said. "This will enable the United States and the Philippines to continue supporting the international rules-based order that has served the region so well."

Harris also emphasized that security and stability — which the region has enjoyed — can't be taken for granted. Hawaii's role to the rebalance will continue to support Pacom's commitment to the security and safety of the nation's allies as possible threats in the region emerge.

"Security challenges such as North Korea threaten to destabilize the region and reverse the trends of transparency and prosperity that we've all enjoyed," Harris said. "America is rebalancing to the Indo-Asia-Pacific to meet those challenges and reinforce the international rules-based order that has benefited the region for more than 70 years and Hawaii plays a critical role."

Memorial services held for Airman from Hawaii

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Memorial services were held Jan. 20 at Mililani Mortuary Mauka Chapel, celebrating the life of Senior Airman Jeremy M. Jutba-Hake who died in December.

Jutba-Hake, 22, of Waianae graduated from Kapolei High School in 2011, and joined the Air Force later that year. He is survived by his parents, Jonathan and Eva Hake of Kapolei.

Jutba-Hake served as a C-130H instructor loadmaster and was stationed with 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, since November 2013.

Jutba-Hake collapsed during post-flight duties following a training mission at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Jutba-Hake was on TDY with members of the 374th Airlift Wing to participate in the



Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Jonathan Hake says a final goodbye to his son Senior Airman Jeremy M. Jutba-Hake before he is laid to rest during a memorial service Jan. 20 at Mililani Memorial Park. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

annual Operation Christmas Drop, where donated supplies were delivered to island villages and atolls scattered throughout Micronesia.

"This is a tragic and sad time for Team Yokota and Team Andersen — we lost a true warrior, a wingman and our friend," Col. Douglas C. DeLaMater, 374th

Airlift Wing commander, said in a statement. "Our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies are with Jeremy's family, friends and loved ones

during this time of need. We share in your sorrow with love, friendship and support."

Friendship and support were apparent at

Jutba-Hake's service, as Airmen and other guests mourned the loss, but also sung songs celebrating his life and spirit.

His friends and family laid flowers upon his casket, saying their final goodbyes and conversing with each other about how they knew Jutba-Hake, and how he affected their lives.

"We are very proud of our son and his career choice to serve in the United States Air Force," said Jeremy's father, Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Jonathan Hake. "Jeremy was well known among his crew as someone who could light up a room with his positive attitude and his contagious smile. He loved being an instructor loadmaster as well as a loyal friend."

In lieu of flowers at his service, his parents asked for his friends and family to donate to Operation Christmas Drop. According to his parents, Jeremy always shared his aloha spirit, and providing to those in need, does just that.

Marines remembered

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the course of these operations, 'leave no man behind' was not a simple slogan; it was a solemn oath. We deeply appreciate their determination and the strong support they received from state and local authorities and the people of Hawaii."

According to the Marine Corps Base Hawaii website, the deceased 12 Marines are:

- Maj. Shawn M. Campbell, 41, of College Station, Texas;
- Capt. Brian T. Ken-

- nedy, 31, of Philadelphia;
- Capt. Kevin T. Roche, 30, of St. Louis;

- Capt. Steven R. Torbert, 29, of Florence, Alabama;

- Sgt. Dillon J. Semolina, 24, of Chaska, Minnesota;

- Sgt. Adam C. Schoeller, 25, of Gardners, Pennsylvania;

- Sgt. Jeffrey A. Sempler, 22, of Woodruff, South Carolina;

- Sgt. William J. Turner, 25, of Florala, Alabama;

- Cpl. Matthew R. Drown, 23, of Spring, Texas;

- Cpl. Thomas J. Jardas, 22, of Fort Myers, Florida;
- Cpl. Christopher J. Orlando, 23, of Hingham, Massachusetts; and

- Lance Cpl. Ty L. Hart, 21, of Aumsville, Oregon.

"The loss of these 12 brave Americans is a tragic reminder of the risks our men and women in uniform take each day in service to our country," Carter said in the release. "Today and on all days, we remember that it is because of their dedicated efforts that we live in peace and security."

Memorial service for HMH-463 crew to be streamed live today

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Public Affairs

The memorial service for the crew of HMH-463 to be streamed live today at 10 a.m.

The event will fea-

ture two feeds: the primary feed will be stationary, focusing on the speakers and the memorial; the secondary feed will be mobile, gathering nonintrusive shots of family members, Marines, and others in attendance.

The live stream of the memorial service can be viewed on the Pacific Marine YouTube channel at <http://ow.ly/XnYbZ>.

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What's the nicest compliment you've ever received?



Lt. Chris Burson
NAVSEA

"I get told I'm a really good people person. I work well with others."

Bernadette Cruz
766th Specialized Contracting Squadron

"Small girl with a big heart."



Specialist Adrian Escobar
Bravo 211



"Once we had our son, they described him as perfect. That was the nicest compliment we could receive."

BU1 (SCW) Duran Garcia
NAVFAC Seabee Division

"The nicest compliment that is ongoing no matter who it's from is 'thank you for your service.' It always hits home and is always unexpected."



Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Hurst
647th Security Forces Squadron



"It was from a WWII vet during the 74th Dec. 7 event, for helping them from their vehicle to the event site. He thanked me for my service, but it was me who was grateful for his service."

BU2 (SCW) Brandy Jackson
303 CBMU

"Very dependable and reliable."



Staff Sgt. Edward Lim
324th Intelligence Squadron



"I make people laugh easily."

Capt. Wendell Miculob
15th Medical Operations Squadron

"My chief nurse told me, being prior enlisted, you know what it takes to be a great leader. The enlisted look up to you and you are destined to do great things."



CE2 (SCW) Lisa Sperhake
303 CBMU



"I get complimented on my cooking. My kids might disagree with me on that but they're the only ones. If it's not hamburgers or hot dogs they don't like it."

CUCS (SCW) John Thomas
303 CBMU

"Motivated. I'm a morning person, so I'm always smiling when I come in to work."



Provided by Ensign Krystyna Nowakowski and David D. Underwood Jr.

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Commentary

Make a difference in someone else's life today

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Heath

30th Medical Group



Will you make a difference in someone else's life today? We have all heard someone say, "Take care of your people and their families." Have you ever stopped to think why we hear this so often?

As Airmen, our number one responsibility is to accomplish the mission. However, without smart, dedicated, hard-working people and the unconditional support of their families, the mission would not get accomplished. This philosophy is not new. In fact, it's been a fundamental concept in our Air Force culture for many years, but are we truly putting forth our best effort on a daily basis to be involved in the lives of our people and understand the needs of our Airmen?

Genuinely caring for your Airmen is essential and helpful when providing honest and realistic performance appraisals. Mentor those whose development with which you are charged. Make sure they can do your job someday. Teach them from your experiences — the good, the bad and the ugly.

Share your successes and failures and tell them how you handled them. Make it a teaching moment so you can make them better leaders.

Taking the time to develop Airmen is not an easy task and it's not something that can be done only online or by computer based training. It takes human interaction, patience, effort, and an ability to evolve.

Enable and motivate people to accomplish the mission. Give a sense of accomplishment and make sure they are recognized for it. If done properly, no doubt you will instill confidence in others and ensure the success of

tomorrow's leaders.

When you take care of your people, help them accomplish their goals and live up to their potential, and great things will happen. Not only will the mission get accomplished, but innovation and excellence will ensue.

You and I share a common blessing in that we are members of the finest country in the world. I have faith that you will endeavor to make our country even better in the future by making a difference in someone else's life today.

I was entrusted with the incredible responsibility to be a supervisor more than 25 years ago. I started something that first morning as I prepared for work. As I was so proudly putting on my Air Force uniform I looked

into the mirror and said, "Will you make a difference in someone else's life today?" I have asked that question every day since. When I get home at the end of my duty day, as I take off my uniform, I look in that mirror again and ask myself, "Did you make a difference in someone else's life today?" Sometimes the answer is no, so what do I do the next day? Try harder!

So I ask you, will you make a difference in someone else's life today? If you do, it could inspire an Airman for a lifetime.

Remembering King's legacy

Alphonso Braggs, the president of the Honolulu-Hawaii NAACP branch, makes remarks during an observance event in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday held Jan. 15 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event was held to celebrate the life and legacy of King and to reflect on the impact he made in support of equal rights.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gabrielle Joyner



Hawaii shows aloha to Amelia Earhart



Photo courtesy of the Hawaii Department of Transportation

Mildred Mitchell presents a lei to Amelia Earhart while on an interisland tour of Hawaii, while her sister Bernice Mitchell waits with more lei, Jan. 5, 1935. The tour took place 81 years ago this month.

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USS Charlotte visits Sasebo during Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment

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USS Charlotte Public Affairs

SASEBO, Japan — The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) arrived at Fleet Activities Sasebo, Jan. 5, for a port visit as part of its Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment.

Homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Charlotte is on a six-month deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. Charlotte will conduct important missions to strengthen theater security with strong partners throughout the region.

“My team is very excited to have the opportunity to visit Sasebo, experience Japan’s culture and fantastic people and contribute to strengthening our partnership with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force,” said Cmdr. Andrew T. Miller, Charlotte’s commanding officer. “For me personally, it has always been a highlight of my past deployments to visit Sasebo and receive the warm hospitality of the people of Japan.”



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Kakiel

USS Charlotte (SSN 766) moors outboard of USS Texas (SSN 775) at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka in this file photo from Dec. 23.

With a crew of approximately 150, all of Charlotte’s Sailors were eager and excited to visit Japan. Most crew members had never visited Sasebo and wished to make the most out of their visit.

“Japanese food is my favorite cuisine,” said

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Alexander De-Grado. “I can’t wait to enjoy it.”

Charlotte’s crew has worked to safely arrive for some rest and relaxation.

“This crew of professional submariners is by far the hardest working

and resilient team I’ve had the honor of serving with,” said Master Chief Electrician’s Mate James W. Grant, Charlotte’s chief of the boat. “The ship’s ability to participate in forward-deployed operations has come as a direct result of the crew’s ability to come together

as a highly skilled team, [and] conquer some of the most challenging material and scheduling issues ever experienced on a submarine.”

Measuring more than 360 feet long and displacing more than 6,900 tons when submerged, Charlotte is one of the

most advanced fast-attack submarines in the world. This submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) warfare, and strike and mine warfare.

Federal Fire Department telephone numbers change

Fire Inspector Angela Sanders

The Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii recently upgraded its telephone system, which resulted in a change of phone numbers. Points of contact now have direct lines. All previous extensions have been eliminated. New telephone numbers are listed below.

- FFD Administration: 471-3303
- Training Division, Training Chief: 471-5000
- Operations Division, District Chief 1: 471-4200
- Operations Division, District Chief 2: 471-4202
- Operations Division, District Chief 3: 471-4207
- EMS Division, EMS Chief: 471-2402

- Prevention Division, Prevention Chief: 471-8000
- Prevention Battalion Chief, Army Services: 471-8001
- Fire Inspector V. Enriques: 471-8007
- Fire Inspector J. Chong : 471-8020
- Fire Inspector K. Kunihiro: 471-8041
- Prevention Battalion Chief, JBPHH Air Force Services: 471-8002
- Prevention Battalion Chief, JBPHH Navy Services: 471-8006
- Fire Inspector R. Rapoza: 471-8011
- Fire Inspector K. Ching: 471-8031
- Fire Inspector S. Gipaya: 471-8032
- Fire Inspector M. Brodsky: 471-8033
- Fire Inspector SSgt R. Jackson: 471-8036

- Fire Inspector C. Monceaux: 471-8042
 - Fire Inspector SrA K. Serrette: 471-8045
 - Prevention Battalion Chief, Marine Corps Services: 471-8004
 - Fire Inspector P. Allen: 471-8015
 - Fire Inspector T. Bledsoe: 471-8016
 - Fire Inspector A. Sanders: 471-8019
 - Fire Inspector C. Magnani: 471-8021
- For public education requests, call 471-8019.
For fire warden training, call 471-8001.
For permit authorizing individual (PAI) training, call 471-8031.
- For more information about the Federal Fire Department, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-8019 or angela.sanders1@navy.mil.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Above) Memorial services were held Jan. 20, at Miilani Mortuary Mauka Chapel, celebrating the life of Senior Airman Jeremy M. Jutba-Hake who died in December. (Right) Lt. Col. Andrew Campbell, 36th Airlift Squadron commander, presents a folded American flag to Eva Hake. (See story and additional photo on page A-2.)

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



(Below) Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran speaks to Sailors during an all-hands call Jan. 14 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Moran's visit was one of several stops on a weeklong tour of the U.S. Pacific Fleet to discuss how the Navy's personnel policies are affecting Sailors serving in the Pacific. (Story and additional photo on page A-1.)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman



(Above) Capt. James Jenkins, Coast Guard 14th District Chief of Staff, speaks during a press meeting outside the John K. Kalili Surf Center in regards to the search and rescue efforts of two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters, which were involved in an incident earlier last week off the North Shore of Oahu Jan. 17. (Left) Marines with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment board a bus to go on a search party for debris of two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters. (Story and additional photos on page A-1.)

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Maximiliano Rosas