

## SECDEF, defense ministers discuss rebalance at ASEAN forum

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U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel hosted the 2014 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Defense Forum held in Hawaii from April 1 to April 3 as part of a 10-day long trip across the Asia-Pacific region where Hagel spoke with ASEAN defense ministers.

It was the first time for the forum to be held in the United States.

The forum included a roundtable discussion at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Inouye Regional Center. The focus was on humanitarian and disaster relief, a matter of concern in the Asia-Pacific region.

“Humanitarian assistance and natural disasters are with us every day and will continue to be,” Hagel said. “The more we continue to understand the science behind those natural disasters, the more we can communicate and coordinate our efforts to help each other.”

Rajiv Shah, U.S. Agency for International Development administrator, joined the secretary in leading the ASEAN



U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman  
MV-22 Ospreys attached to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 161 fly over the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Anchorage (LPD 23) on April 2 during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit. U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel hosted the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) defense ministers in Honolulu. They also received operational briefings and demonstrations of U.S. capabilities from United States Pacific Command. (See additional photo on page A-5)

roundtable.

“Natural disasters have cost the world roughly \$300 billion and 30,000 lives in the last two years alone,” Shah said. “This is a unique opportunity for us to learn together how we can be supportive of your efforts as defense ministers, often called in when times are toughest and expected to perform under conditions of little information and extreme crisis.”

The ASEAN contingent then toured the U.S. Navy amphibious transport dock USS Anchorage, the most decorated ship of its kind on the west coast that can launch versatile airframes like the U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey to disaster areas where others can't breach. After the tour, Hagel spoke about the importance of the ASEAN collaboration and cooperation.

“The focus was on our efforts to bring our capabilities together as countries who share our futures, our interests and our histories in the Asia-Pacific region,” Hagel said. “We started the day focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief but we can do more, we will do more, we are doing more. I think there is ample evidence on how we can collaborate

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## Leaders sign proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month officially kicked off with a proclamation-signing ceremony at Hickam Memorial Theater on April 1.

The ceremony was jointly hosted by Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii. The theme for this year's SAAM is “Live Our Values: Step Up and Stop Sexual Assault.”

“When we step up to solve the crime of assault, it may not be the same as confronting a gunman, but sexual assault is life threatening, too, and it certainly has a long and significant impact on the victims,” Manfredi said.

Roscoe noted the need to stay active in the effort to combat sexual assault. “We recognize April as [SAAM] because it's at the forefront of our minds, but this is an enduring conversation. Sexual assault prevention is an everyday effort,” Roscoe said.

Roscoe also thanked the attendees at the event,



Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii, sign a proclamation letter declaring April as Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Hickam Theater on April 1.

praising their willingness to learn more about the issue of sexual assault prevention.

“Our focus has to be on the people who came here on their own because you are the ones who are going to foster and strengthen the climate,” Roscoe said.

The event's keynote speaker, Anne Munch, a nationally acclaimed prosecutor and sexual assault expert, discussed various sexual assault issues during her presentation.

For more information on SAAM and the events going on this month, contact the SAPR office at 448-3192.

## U.S. Pacific Fleet announces Sailors of the Year

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U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

HONOLULU – Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, announced Naval Aircrewman Mechanical 1st Class Matthew Meadows as 2013 Sea Sailor of the Year (SOY) and Builder 1st Class Deanna Dimeo as the 2013 Shore SOY during a ceremony held March 28 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

Harris commended all 10 finalists for their teamwork, excellence, integrity and leadership.

“Out of the 100,000 or so Pacific Fleet Sailors, the 10 finalists standing on the stage with me have risen to the top, and I for one am truly thankful to have them on our team,” Harris said. “They all faced challenges, and they've proven themselves well-equipped to meet those challenges.”

“They do not accept second-best at anything they put their minds to. They're winners, always will be. They exemplify the highest standards of service to our nation, at home and abroad, at sea and ashore, in combat and in peace,” he said.

For his selection as the 2013 Sea SOY, Meadows, representing Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 4, will fly to Washington, D.C. and will be meritoriously promoted to chief



U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez congratulates U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year (SOY) finalists following a luncheon to honor each of them and announce the selection of the SOYs. The group of finalists participated in a variety of personal and professional evaluations as well as leadership, naval heritage and team-building events throughout the week around historic Pearl Harbor.

petty officer. Meadows recognized all of the people who have supported him throughout his career to get him to this point.

“This has been an outstanding opportunity and a very humbling experience,” Meadows said. “When I heard my name called, I couldn't help but think about all

those who helped me to get here—the junior Sailors, chiefs, officers and long years of dedication to those people and what they gave back to me. It's an amazing experience.”

Representing Naval Construction Group 1, Dimeo, the 2013 Shore Sailor of the Year will

travel to the capital to compete in the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year competition. Dimeo said she felt honored to win.

“It's an incredible feeling to be here and represent my community and my family of Seabees at this level,” Dimeo said. “I've been

in 11 years, and everyone from an E-1 to a master chief have touched me in some way and contributed to where I am today.”

The 10 finalists spent the week in Pearl Harbor learning about the rich naval history and heritage of the area with visits to the USS Arizona Memorial, where they honored those Sailors who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor with a wreath-laying ceremony, the Battleship Missouri Memorial and the Pacific Aviation Museum. They also spent time networking with each other and speaking to Navy leaders from throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

“The events of Sailor of the Year provided each of these outstanding Sailors a better glimpse into our naval history and heritage,” said U.S. Pacific Fleet's Master Chief Marco Ramirez. “The week provided them with better understanding of the area and something they can take back and share with Sailors at their commands.”

Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Robert Layton agreed. “SOY week has been a very special, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I think the biggest thing I have taken away is meeting Sailors from different communities and learning more about heritage and history and the pride that it gives

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# Secretary of education holds discussion panel at JBPHH

Story and photo by SrA Christopher Stoltz

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 30 and held a discussion panel addressing the issues facing today's military-connected students, particularly those related to their high mobility.

This visit marks the 50th state Duncan has visited during his tenure as secretary of education and the first visit by an education secretary to Hawaii in about 20 years, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Duncan, along with Army Brig. Gen. Todd B. McCaffrey, 25th Infantry division command group deputy commander; Cathie Robling, Marine Corps Forces Pacific family readiness program advisor; and Ronn Nozoe, Hawaii



United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan speaks with local media outlets Sunday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Department of Education deputy superintendent; answered pre-submitted questions along with ones from the audience.

One of the popular questions Duncan and the panel addressed was the difference in educational standards between duty sta-

tions for students forced to move due to a permanent change of station.

"Raising the standards is an objective we have

accomplished in 46 states," he said. "However, ensuring the individual states uphold those standards is something we are working on."

"We want to challenge the country to have higher standards, so all children are actually prepared for college-level classes once they complete high school."

Duncan also addressed the issue of expenses of education for states struggling to support their educational systems.

"There are many places that look at education as nothing but an expense and not an investment," he said.

"Our children deserve a world-class education and should be able to learn anytime, anywhere. Regardless of where a child lives, they have a right to learn. It is our job to make that investment and provide our children what they rightfully deserve," Duncan said.

Another question the

panel discussed was concerning the issue of classes not properly preparing students for education after high-school.

"One of the toughest issues we are running into these days in education is being 'dumbed down' for children," Duncan said. "When standards are lower, it's good for politicians. But it is horrible for our children and even worse for our future."

Duncan expanded on this topic by stating the United States of America needs to be a leader on the forefront of education.

"Providing children the option to learn coding is something we are looking into," he said. "With careers in the tech industry booming, the future is leading toward a world where knowing this language will be commonplace. We need to be a leader, not a follower. We need to lead the pack, or else we are going to be playing catch up."

## DOE halts Radford High track field renovation due to soil contaminants

Hawaii State Department of Education

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE) has temporarily halted the renovation of Radford High's athletic track field after debris was found during excavation work and subsurface soil tested positive for contaminants.

The athletic field has been off-limits to students and staff since the start of renovation in mid-December. As part of a multi-agency effort to assess the area, all appropriate safety measures were immediately taken upon discovery of the debris.

The construction area in question is adjacent to a former Navy

disposal site, the Makalapa Crater landfill. It is likely the debris originated from past Navy disposal of construction wastes and material dredged between the 1930s and 1970s, according to a preliminary Navy assessment.

The DOE is working with the State Department of Health (DOH) and the U.S. Navy to safeguard, study and remove debris such as ash, asbestos and discarded mechanical items found during initial excavation work.

"I want to thank our partners in the Department of Health and the Navy for mobilizing efforts to ensure the campus is safe for our students and staff at Radford High," said DOE Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi.

An environmental sampling of the excavated subsurface soil conducted by DOE consultant Bureau Veritas North America in accordance with DOH guidelines revealed elevated levels of contaminants such as lead, arsenic and cadmium, according to results finalized on March 21. The contaminated subsurface soil exposed by the excavation is covered, and the construction site was immediately contained following the debris discovery.

The DOH has confirmed that the athletic field construction site poses no health risk to students or staff as all appropriate safety measures have been taken to prevent exposure to the contaminated soil. A health risk would occur

if someone were to ingest the tainted dirt.

Additionally, per DOH's recommendation and as a precautionary measure, the DOE conducted further tests throughout Radford High's campus as well as on the grounds of the nearby Makalapa Elementary School. Results confirmed the subsurface soil contamination is confined to the Radford High track area.

The DOH will continue to monitor remediation activities and is working closely with the U.S. Navy and the DOE.

"The Navy is wholly committed to taking immediate action and remediate this site in accordance with all federal and state regulations," said Capt. Michael

Williamson, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii.

"We have the technical expertise and have demonstrated our capability to regulatory agencies and the public in the past. This historic Navy debris that was discovered will be removed quickly, and we will ensure that DOE can safely proceed with construction of the new track," Williamson said.

Radford High and Makalapa Elementary informed parents about the situation in a letter sent home with students April 1.

The DOE, DOH and the Navy will continue to update the community on the progress of the project as more information becomes available.

## Chapel Holy Week schedule announced

Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor

Holy Week events have been announced for Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. They include:

### Catholic services

- Palm Sunday (Roman Catholic), 8:45 a.m., April 13
- Holy Thursday, 6 p.m., April 17.
- Good Friday, 6 p.m., April 18.
- Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. April 19.
- Easter Sunday, 9 a.m., April 20.

### Protestant services

- Palm Sunday, 11 a.m., April 13.
- Foot washing ceremony and dinner, 5:30 p.m., April 16 (fellowship hall)
- Easter sunrise service, 6:30 a.m., April 20 at Battle-ship Missouri Memorial.

The chapel needs volunteers to serve before and after the Easter sunrise service. Uniform for the sunrise service is aloha crisp. For more information, email Fruji.mills@navy.mil.

- Easter service, 11 a.m., April 20.

Unless otherwise noted, all services will be held at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. For more information, call 473-3971.

In addition, the Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Chapel will hold an Easter sunrise service at 5:45 a.m. April 20 at Ft. Hase Beach, Landing Zone Eagle. For more information, call 257-3552.



Worshippers participate in an Easter celebration last year at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

## Volunteers can join cleanup on Saturday

Air Force and Navy personnel and their families will have an opportunity to volunteer at the Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup which will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

The cleanup is a partnership of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with the City and County of Honolulu. Volunteers can meet at Neal Blaisdell Park in Waimalu by 8 a.m. Turn on Kaahumanu Street off Kamehameha Highway to get to Blaisdell Park.

Volunteers will pick up trash and bulky items along the bike path from McGrew Loop to Blaisdell Park and to Waipahu Depot Street, with emphasis on "hot spots" behind Pearl Kai Center, Home World and Best Buy.

Volunteers should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and sunscreen.

Contact MAC William Matteson to volunteer via email at william.n.matte son@navy.mil or call 225-5347.

For more information on the event, contact Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi at 473-0660 or e-mail eric.galassi@navy.mil.

## Healthy base event to be held today

As part of the Commissaries Healthy Base Initiative, a new section in the Pearl Harbor Commissary produce department will be set up near the entrance area to better identify and advertise the quality and freshness of the local produce items. A kickoff event will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. today with a Hula Fitness (dance workout) on the commissary sidewalk.

The event will move into the commissary at 10 a.m. and will offer fresh locally grown products on display for patrons.

Farmers will be available to provide samples and promote their produce until noon.

In addition, dietitians will be available to promote healthy eating and provide nutritional information.

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402, ext. 101.

## Ford Island Bridge Run set for Saturday

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale Welfare and Recreation will host the 17th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday.

The event is open to the public. The Ford Island Bridge will close to traffic from 6:55 to 7:25 a.m. on Saturday.

The 10K run starts at the entrance of the Adm. Bernard "Chick" Clarey

Bridge, continues across the bridge, around historic Ford Island and back over the bridge, ending on Richardson Field.

All entry fees are \$30 until today at 2:30 p.m. Race day entry fee is \$45 until Saturday at 6:45 a.m. The race is open to runners, walkers and strollers. No pets are allowed.

On the day of the run, limited free parking is available at Rainbow Bay Marina. Additional parking is available at the Aloha Stadium. Richardson Field will be open for spectators

throughout the run.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third overall male finishers, overall female finishers, military male finishers, and military female finishers. Koa bowls will be awarded to first, second and third finishers in the following age categories: Under 10, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80 and older.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

## Correction:

A caption for the USS Utah interment story, featured on page A-1 of the April 4 edition of Ho'okele, inaccurately identified Capt. Lawrence Scruggs as commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Pacific. Scruggs is the deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility. Rear Adm. Rick Williams is the commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. We are sorry for the error and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

- Editor

## @USNPeople Weekly Wire collects key news for Sailors

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@USNPeople Weekly Wire is a weekly PDF newsletter produced by the Navy that consolidates important information for Sailors and their families.

Each issue features three to five key internal or external stories every week. The Weekly Wire provides both short summaries as well as the full texts of the stories.

Items featured in the most recent issue included Adm. Jonathan W.

Greenert, chief of naval operations, discussing the forward presence mandate, a question-and-answer session with Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (AW/NAC) Mike Stevens discussing his vision and priorities for the fleet, detailing his plans for uniform updates, chief training, tablet devices, re-up rules and more.

To sign up to receive @USNPeople Weekly Wire, send an email to usnpeople@gmail.com. The newsletter can also be accessed via the

@USNPeople Weekly Wire link at the Chief of Naval Personnel website at www.navy.mil/cnp/.

Sailors and families can also send direct questions or feedback on people or personnel policies to usnpeople@gmail.com. According to Moran, questions will be answered by his staff directly in a timely manner. Questions that Sailors have that are specific to individual issues should continue to be directed to NPC via the customer service hotline 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672) or email to uasknpc@navy.mil.



Commentary

# Pacific Fleet's top Sailors challenged to 'pay it forward'

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

I had the privilege to have a front row seat at this year's Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year luncheon.

Adm. Harris, Pacific Fleet commander, gave a compelling keynote address about the 10 finalists' exceptional attributes and willingness to "take the road less traveled." He challenged the Sailors to pay it forward — to inspire others to choose their destiny based on core values of honor, courage and commitment.

These values are instilled by our families and reinforced throughout our experiences and careers in the Navy.

Sailors carry those core values when they deploy forward as they are doing now aboard our Hawaii-homeported ships: USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Lake Erie (CG 77).

In his speeches, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus calls our forward-deployed

service members "the face of the Navy" to the world.

"It's often the only time people will see an American or get to talk to one. It's our Sailors and Marines that they see," the SECNAV said. "And whether it's a routine port call or an emergency relief effort, the face of America is the face of Sailors and Marines."

The 10 Pacific Fleet finalists — with hometowns spread throughout the United States and from duty stations across the breadth of the Pacific — show the diversity that constitutes our nation.

Last week's luncheon

came at the end of a week's visit to Pearl Harbor to learn about the Navy's history and heritage.

History provides the context for our nation's rebalance to Indo-Asia-Pacific. Pearl Harbor is not only gateway for the rebalance but also the heart of the Navy's history for more than 70 years.

I'm convinced the young leaders who were commended and challenged by Adm. Harris at last week's luncheon will meet his challenge. They will pay it forward when they deploy and operate forward.

I'm sure they will remember his words — that no Sailor stands the watch alone, that every Sailor is part of a team of shipmates, that hard-working, highly trained and dedicated Sailors are more important than even the best equipment and technology.

I felt very fortunate and proud to have been part of such a significant event last week.

Adm. Harris thanked the Navy League — especially President Carl Devoe and Executive Director Bob McDermott — for sponsoring the event. Our Navy League's support for

Sailors, Marines and families is second to none.

Adm. Harris also commended Fleet Master Chief Ramirez and the entire Hawaii chiefs' mess, for "a magnificent job of making this a memorable

week of celebration."

I congratulate all chief petty officers, past and present, on the 121st birthday of the U.S. Navy chiefs this week.

As MCPON Stevens says, chiefs are "charged with the

responsibility of leading Sailors to be the best in the world, ready to carry out our Navy's mission when the nation calls."

Chief petty officers are the backbone of our Navy. They pay it forward.

## Sailors of the Year

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me," Layton said.

Many of the Sailors brought their families with them, which gave them a chance to be recognized for all they do.

"Having the families here is very important and to have the chance to honor them is what makes this event even more special," Ramirez said. "They are a big part of the SOY's success, and it's nice they are recognized as well."

"I would say that my family has done everything for me to get to this point," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Nicholas Fessler. "I have a very loving wife. I'm here because of the commitment she has to stand next to me through the long hours and hard work."

The Sea Sailor of the Year finalists were Master-at-Arms 1st Class Nicolas Fessler, USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6); Equipment Operator 1st Class James McVicar, Underwater Construction Team 2; Electrician's Mate 1st Class Scott Koenig, USS Jimmy Carter

(SSN 23); and Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Benjamin Pit, SEAL Team 5.

The Shore Sailor of the Year finalists were Machinist's Mate 1st Class James Nelson, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 Performance Monitoring Team Det. Guam; Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Robert Layton, Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129; Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jeremiah McArthur, Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Jackson (LCS 6); and Cryptologic Technician Technical 1st Class Jessica Villa, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet.

Former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Whittet established the SOY program in 1972 to recognize an individual Sailor who best represents the group of dedicated professional Sailors at each command and, ultimately, in the Navy. Within 10 years, the Sailor of the Year program was expanded to include the shore establishment and Navy Reserve Sailors.

## Diverse Views



What is your favorite TV commercial (past or present)?



**MMFR Angie Gastellum**  
USS Halsey (DDG-97)

"The GEICO commercial where the chocolate M&M is lecturing the little gecko."

**Anduha Pomaikai**  
15th Medical Group



"My favorite commercial would have to be the 'Where's the beef?' commercial from the '80s. It's mainly because an old lady her age would probably not be eating burgers, let alone one from a drive-through."



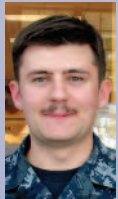
**QN3 Alexander Diaz**  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"The Petsmart sock puppet."

**Tech. Sgt. Maybelle McKinney-Martin**  
15th Medical Group



"My favorite commercial has to be the Christmas/Jingle Bells Kmart commercials, because they are funny and usually feature very attractive men. Another one I enjoy is the 'Ship your pants' commercial. It is a funny play on words."



**FTSN Robert Moore**  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"The Allstate dude that falls through the roof. The mayhem commercials."

**Capt. Aspen Heger**  
15th Medical Group



"I don't really have a favorite commercial because I usually stream all of my television shows online. However, one I do remember and usually enjoy is the M&M commercials, because I really enjoy their chocolates."



**OSSN Kayla Bragg**  
USS Halsey (DDG-97)

"The one where the kids are sitting at the table and saying completely cute things."

**OSSN Connor Woodard**  
USS Halsey (DDG-97)



"I like those Jack Links Beef Jerky ones with the Sasquatch."

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and SrA Christopher Stoltz

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## 2013 Hawaii Pacific CFC concludes

Maj. Gen. Kevin Pottinger, mobilization assistant to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, provides opening remarks for the 2013 Hawaii-Pacific Combined Federal Campaign recognition ceremony held March 25 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. PACAF led the 2013 CFC, raising more than \$5 million in donations from across the Hawaii-Pacific area.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

## Pan Am Clipper makes pioneering flight



Photo courtesy of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation

Commercial air service to Hawaii was inaugurated on April 20, 1935 with the arrival of a Pan American Airways Pioneer Clipper at Pearl Harbor. The historic event took place 79 years ago this month.

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## 535th Airlift Squadron auditorium is rededicated to fallen Airman

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The 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) auditorium was officially renamed the Hollister Auditorium in a dedication ceremony held March 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The room was named after fallen comrade, Staff Sgt. Robert "Danny" Hollister, a loadmaster assigned to the 535th AS, who lost his life in the line of duty March 13, 2012 while participating in Exercise Cope Tiger in Udon Thani, Thailand.

During the ceremony, Hollister was recognized for flying more than 2,500 hours, including 300 combat hours while flying more than 550 sorties in his six-year tenure with the unit and the Air Force.

"We did this dedication to honor his memory and show his family that his legacy will live on," said



Lt. Col. Gregg Johnson (far left), 535th Airlift Squadron commander, applauds after unveiling a plaque with Tony Hollister (center), Toni-Marie Hollister and Ann-Marie Hollister (far right) at the Hollister Auditorium at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 28. (Additional photo on page A-5).

Capt. Rush Taylor, 15th Operations Support Squadron wing training chief. "We want his family to know how amazing of a person Danny was and this is one

way to do that."

Hollister was remembered as an "outstanding NCO and loadmaster" by more than 75 of his friends, family and co-

workers in attendance.

Lt. Col. Patrick Winstead, former 535th AS commander, described Hollister as the "cream of the crop," during his trib-

ute, saying, "He was a great American, great loadmaster, great Airman and great man."

Winstead said professionally, Hollister was his go-to Airman when he needed things done, but he was also a "good guy."

"He cared about everyone, he loved his family, he loved his heritage, he loved people," Winstead said.

As Winstead reminisced about his time working as Hollister's squadron commander, he told the audience several accounts of Hollister's selfless acts of service and dedication to duty.

Hollister was also remembered by his father, Tony Robert Hollister, who flew to JBPHH with his wife, Ann-Marie Hollister, and daughter, Toni-Marie Hollister to attend the ceremony.

"It is a great honor and privilege to be a part of this momentous occasion," he said. "To be here where my son sacrificed for our freedoms is an

honor. Speaking on behalf of my wife and daughters, we express our deepest heartfelt thanks."

Though Hollister distinguished himself as exceptional Airman, he is also remembered for being a good friend.

"He was a lot of fun, always smiling, always very joyful, kind of like a big kid," said Staff Sgt. Keith Roscoe, a loadmaster assigned to the 535th AS and long-time friend of Hollister.

Roscoe said it will be "awesome" to walk past the newly dedicated auditorium and remember his friend, but the best part about it, he said, will be the legacy left for his two children.

"I think about his boys walking into the auditorium or walking down the halls of the squadron and seeing the plaques," he said. "Every time they see a flight suit or a 535th patch, they will think of their dad and so, we're all representing Danny in that way."

## Royal Thai Navy vice admiral visits Pearl Harbor for tour

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Vice Adm. Pongthep Nhuthep, assistant chief of staff for operations for the Royal Thai Navy, visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 1 for an official tour of the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) and the Surface Warfare Officers School Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor (SWOS ELS).

Pongthep came to Hawaii to attend the Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC) course at the Asia-Pacific Center for



Senior Chief Damage Controlman Chris Salzer guides Vice Adm. Pongthep Nhuthep, assistant chief of staff for operations for the Royal Thai Navy, and his aide, Capt. Chermgchai Chomchemgpat, on a tour of the Surface Warfare Officers School Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor.

said. "Even though there are a lot of training costs involved, they have a good potential to improve the operability of everything."

"We have a very close relationship between the U.S. Navy and Thai Navy," he said.

Joining the tour was Lt. Cmdr. Jimmy Wang from Commander, Pacific Fleet, Plans and Policy office.

"The U.S. military relationship with the Thai military is based on a security alliance and many years of cooperation. This relationship is mutually beneficial," Wang said.

"The captain of USS Port Royal briefed the vice admiral on the history of the ship and her participation in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012. The vice admiral was very impressed with the ship and her crew and was grateful for the hospitality," he said.

During his visit, Pongthep received a guided tour of the SWOS, learning site facilities including multiple demonstrations of firefighting in an aviation trainer, main machinery room and a demonstration of the wet trainer.

"We are an ally with the Royal Thai Navy and we are building those relation-

ships for the strategic position of the U.S. Navy and global stability," said Senior Chief Damage Controlman Chris Salzer, senior enlisted leader for SWOS.

"Our job here is to teach basic damage control and to give the vice admiral of the Thai navy an experience of what we do here, showing the unity and teamwork that hopefully carries on all the way through the Navy on both sides."

The mission of the Surface Warfare Officers School is to provide a continuum of professional education and training in support of surface navy requirements that prepares officers and enlisted engineers to serve at sea. The SWOS ELS offers different trainers and simulators to provide students the ability to practice what they have learned in the classroom.

The U.S. Navy and Royal Thai Navy have been treaty allies for more than 180 years, security allies since the end of World War II and have participated together in multiple maritime exercises such as Cobra Gold, Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) and Guardian Sea.

Commentary

## Preserve the ohana, live our values: Step up to stop sexual assault

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Every day the Air Force is committed to preventing sexual assault, but one month a year, there is a special observance. This April, the military will observe its 10th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month with the theme, "Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault."

Sexual violence is a devastating and intolerable crime, affecting men, women and children of all races, ages, cultures, economic situations and abilities in homes, schools and communities. Therefore, we have chosen as our Hickam theme, "Preserve the Ohana."

Here at Hickam we are actively joining the campaign. It takes everyone getting involved to put an end to sexual assault in our community. This year's SAAM campaign event kicked off April 1 with a joint proclamation signing at Hickam Memorial Theater by Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander; Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff of Navy Region Hawaii.

Other opportunities to get involved include the monthly wing fun run,



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youth education program, motorcycle ride along with the Ruff Ryders, teal ribbon campaign and the single Airmen retreat.

Commanders and leaders can help by having purposeful engagement, providing a space for informational displays, recognizing victim advocates in the unit, and encouraging participation in SAAM planned activities.

Finally, the SAPR office is working in our community to coordinate and provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors by providing 24-hour hotline services, offering crisis intervention and advocacy during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process. This is done with the outstanding support of leadership and nationally certified unit victim advocates.

Team Hickam and our partner units, I challenge us to end sexual assault

and to know that every Airman has the inherent right to safety and respect. Let's "Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault; thus we can 'preserve the ohana.'" For more information or to volunteer, contact the SAPR office at (808) 448-3192.

Security Studies in Honolulu.

While on Oahu, he visited Port Royal where he was greeted by the ship's commanding officer, operations officer and the navigation officer. While aboard he was given a guided tour that included the ship's foc'sle, pilot-house, combat information center and the central control station.

"The beauty of this visit is in how we can join the bridge together in future operations," Pongthep



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal  
U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Association of Southeast Asian Nations defense ministers, and military leadership observe an Osprey flyover during the U.S. ASEAN Defense Forum at the USS Anchorage on April 2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. ASEAN nations include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden  
Ann-Marie Hollister, mother of fallen loadmaster Staff Sgt. Robert "Danny" Hollister, admires a picture of her son that hangs in a hallway at the C-17 simulator building at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) during a visit March 28.

(Below) Vice Adm. Pongthep Nhuthep, assistant chief of staff for operations of the Royal Thai Navy, and his staff observe firefighting training during an official visit and guided tour of the Surface Warfare Officers School, Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor. U.S. and Thai militaries have been treaty allies for more than 180 years and security allies since the end of World War II.

U.S. Navy photo by C2 Tiarra Fulgham



Stan May, a guide at Pacific Aviation Museum, explains the different waves of attacks on Pearl Harbor to U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year (SOY) finalists during a tour.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Kolmel



U.S. Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year (SOY) finalists observe a moment of silence during a wreath-laying ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Kolmel



# Emergency vehicle operators' course aids JBPHH first responders

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15th Wing Public Affairs

An emergency vehicle operator's course (EVOC) took place March 24-28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The training course prepares Airmen and Sailors to operate police, fire and emergency medical service vehicles in emergency situations.

According to police Capt. Edward Silva, the course is a requirement before first emergency service personnel can respond to a scene using their flashing lights and sirens, otherwise known as "code."

"It is a privilege to get behind the wheel and drive one of these vehicles," he said. "We are accountable, responsible and obligated by law to follow host nation traffic codes. This is serious business. When you're driving a 3,000 pound vehicle inappropriately it's a weapon and there can be consequences to not doing it right. We have to protect ourselves and



Capt. Jun Park, emergency vehicle operator's course (EVOC) instructor, demonstrates the proper way to perform a radius turn in an emergency situation during the training course held March 26 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

other drivers on the road."

The 40-hour course teaches the students driving techniques such as evasive maneuvers, proper lane changes, and how to handle radius turns and breaking. Additionally, the students are educated on the importance of route planning.

"You have to be familiar with the area you are driving in, and that's when route planning comes into play,"

Silva said. "You have to consider the elements. Things such as peak traffic hours, construction and big events can slow you down. The shortest route is not always the fastest or safest."

However, Silva said one of the most important lessons the students learn in the course is when they can report to a scene in code mode, it's not as simple as jumping in the car and flip-

ping on the lights and sirens.

Silva said in order for code to be used, there must be a "true emergency" which is defined by law as a situation in which there is a high probability of death or serious or significant property loss. The driver must also give due regard to whether or not "a reasonable, careful person performing similar duties and under similar circumstances would react in the

same manner."

"Not every situation will require emergency driving, but when it does, it's important to be prepared, to know what to do and how to do it," he said.

A large emphasis is also placed on safety.

"Emergency responders need to get to the scene fast, but without becoming a casualty or creating another accident," Silva said.

With that in mind, EVOC students are taught to use different driving techniques than they might use while driving personal vehicles. For example, Silva said, the three and nine hand placement on the steering wheel is taught. Palms facing up, using the push and pull method for steering gives the driver more control over the vehicle in the event that the airbags are deployed.

"Emergency driving techniques are different, and we try to teach the students good driving habits," he said. "We make sure the students know their limitations and the vehicle limitations, so we teach hand positioning and

vehicle positioning."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Ebony Washington, JBPHH security forces, said the class was definitely beneficial for first time emergency drivers.

"We learned a lot of different driving techniques, but I definitely learned how to depend on my mirrors and use them more effectively," she said. "The class definitely teaches you how to multitask because there are so many things you need to be able to do at once."

Washington said she considers herself to be a "pretty good" driver, but learned to let go of her old driving habits to embrace the new techniques taught in the class.

Though picking up on new driving skills is a definite plus, Silva said it's all about being prepared for unpredictability.

"We want to instill confidence in our drivers," he said. "When they know what they can do behind the wheel and what their vehicles can do, they can put all their focus on the situation they are heading into."

# USS Chung-Hoon earns 2013 Battle Effectiveness Award

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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) was recently recognized by the Commander Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet as a 2013 winner of the Battle Effectiveness Award, or Battle "E."

The Battle "E" is awarded annually to ships who demonstrate sustained superior performance and readiness in an operational environment. Each ship is evaluated throughout the year on their ability to carry out assigned wartime tasking.

"This is a tremendous and

well-deserved honor for the crew of Chung-Hoon," said Cmdr. Ryan Collins, Chung-Hoon's commanding officer. "However, the mission success that we experienced throughout 2013 did not happen by accident. It is a testament to the hard work, dedication and professionalism of the crew at every level."

Ships that win the battle effectiveness competition are authorized to paint a white "E" with black shadowing on their bridge wing to display this significant accomplishment.

"I feel like all of our hard work in preparation and execution of deployment has paid off," said Quarter-

master 3rd Class Tyson Al-



USS Chung-Hoon Sailors paint a Battle "E" on the bridge wing of the ship after it was recognized as a 2013 winner of the Battle Effectiveness Award, or Battle "E."

varez.

"It's a great feeling to know that each one of us helped Chung-Hoon receive this award."

The ship's superior performance during 2013 can be credited to the dedication of all of its Sailors and as the ship goes through a major maintenance period, this award will continue to build the already high sense of pride and accomplishment throughout the crew.

"Though it's nice to be recognized for our accomplishments in 2013, the hard work doesn't stop here," said Command Master Chief Ben Rushing. "This will simply set the standard for Chung-Hoon excellence in 2014 and beyond."

# Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel hosts Women's History Month event

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An event marking Women's History Month was held March 26 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The featured speaker at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel event was Rear Adm. Alma M. Grocki, deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Grocki was the first woman from Hawaii appointed to the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree. She leads and directs maintenance efforts and programs for Pacific Fleet surface ship and submarine assets to support the fleet's warfighter mission.

Grocki discussed growing up in Kalihi, her experiences at the Naval Academy and her career as a Navy officer. She also talked about taking time away from active duty service, transferring to the Navy Reserves so she could have a family. Grocki stressed the importance of work-life balance.

"You can have what you want," she said. "You just can't have it all at once."

Women's History Month originated in 1981 when the U.S. Congress requested the president to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as Women's History Week. Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as Women's History Week.

In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress designated the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the president to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month.

Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the



Rear Adm. Alma M. Grocki, deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the featured speaker at an event on March 26 marking Women's History Month.

month of March as Women's History Month.

The presidential proclamation declaring March 2014 Women's History Month, stated, "Throughout our nation's history, American women have led movements for social and economic justice, made groundbreaking scientific discoveries, enriched our culture with stunning works of art and literature, and charted bold directions in our foreign policy."

They have served our country with valor, from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the deserts of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan. During Women's History Month, we recognize the victories, struggles, and stories of the women who have made our country what it is today."

# ASEAN

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and cooperate."

Hagel provided examples of ASEAN collaboration including the response to the disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370. He also pointed to the collective response by the ASEAN countries to last fall's destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

"In both cases, nations in the region were able to set aside rivalries and differ-

ences and instead work together," Hagel said.

"At the same time, both cases underscore the reality that nations must engage in more practical security cooperation ahead of time in order to work together more effectively when challenges arise."

Hagel emphasized that the forum underscores the need for Asia-Pacific nations to work together in providing regional security as well as bringing aid and relief to countries affected by natural disasters.