

## Ceremony celebrates tower dedication



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The renovation and reopening of the harbor control tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) was celebrated with a traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony April 25.

The harbor control tower is a historic water tank and signal tower located near

the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard that survived the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Originally constructed in 1925 to serve as a harbor control tower to provide an observation deck for monitoring ship movement in Pearl Harbor waterways, the Pearl Harbor tower is the only one remaining of three original water towers built jointly by the U.S. Army and Navy in the 1920s.

"This signal tower was built on top of a water



(Above): Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, greets Pearl Harbor survivor Delton Walling at the newly renovated and reopened harbor control tower during a traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony April 25.

(Left): The newly renovated and reopened harbor control tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

tower, a very small structure, and from that signal tower service members would use flag signals to direct naval traffic in and out of Pearl Harbor," said Jim Neuman, historian for Navy Region Hawaii.

"The harbor patrol team does not use those signals anymore, but they are still the ones who are assisting in the navigation of ships, and it has been going on for 88 years right here. The technology may have changed but the function really is the same," Neuman said.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Navy personnel stationed at the

signal tower identified and confirmed the enemy air attack by Japanese warplanes in the bombing of Pearl Harbor and provided the first telephone call warning to Rear Adm. Husband Kimmel, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, saying, "Enemy air raid — not a drill."

"On Dec. the 7, 1941, I was standing right there," said Delton Walling, Pearl Harbor survivor, pointing to the left top of the tower's observation deck.

"Of course, it was not the setup you have now. We just had a steel rail around with the six-foot cabin in

the middle, so we were out in the weather. We did not have cover or anything."

Walling recalled his experiences during the early Sunday morning attack on Pearl Harbor.

"As we were standing here atop the tower that morning, at 0756 we had the colors ready to go up as we heard the roar of planes," remembered Walling. "There were about 182 planes that came in. We thought we had a great naval maneuver happening but then on second glance we saw the 'Rising Sun,' and we knew that something was amiss."

As Walling described it, black objects started coming out of the planes, but neither he nor his crew comprehended at that moment what was about to happen until the bombs hit Ford Island.

"As I was looking where that last bomb landed, another one was exploding right near us," Walling said, describing the events.

"When I'm ... telling all the stories about Pearl Harbor, I don't feel the same emotions as being here in Hawaii, standing on this deck," explained Walling.

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## Hawaii honors military contributions

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Military Appreciation Month (MAM) is a time when Hawaii, along with communities across the nation, pay tribute to the service and dedication of the military.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to publically demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by service members — past and present.

A combined base population of about 66,300 people, including almost 55,000 active duty Navy and Air Force service members, selected Reserves and retirees, and family members, live in the islands.

Military Appreciation Month presents opportunities for the community to thank service members and their families, but it also gives the military a chance to show its appreciation to the people of Hawaii and is considered by civilian and military leaders as a win-win for everyone.

"During Military Appreciation Month and really throughout the year, the people of Hawaii show they understand and value why we're here — to protect the homeland, to build partnerships, and to provide global security — not only here in Hawaii but also forward-deployed from here to Indo-Asia-Pacific. A good example



U.S. Navy photo by MU2 Andrea Sematoske

The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band marches in the Merrie Monarch Royal Parade on April 26 in Hilo. The band will also be performing at the Combined Military Band Concert on May 17 at Hawaii Theatre for Military Appreciation Month.

is USS Hopper's upcoming return to homeport after eight months on deployment," said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

He talked about the important connection that Navy Sailors in Hawaii enjoy as part of the local culture.

"Soon the men and women of USS Hopper, along with their families and together with all of us, can enjoy the spirit of aloha during Military Appreciation Month. And while USS Lake Erie and USS O'Kane continue on their deployments, their families can enjoy the deep appreciation of a grateful community," he said.

"Great cultural, educational and recreational opportunities such as those provided here in Hawaii im-

prove quality of life that makes for better quality of service," Williams said.

Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie issued a proclamation in honor of the contributions of the military in Hawaii.

"All branches of the armed forces are represented in Hawaii, creating a unique relationship with the state, which is important to Hawaii's economic vitality and security. I encourage all citizens of the Aloha State to join ... in saluting the men and women of our armed services, not just this month but all year long. These brave individuals carry forth the virtues of duty, honor, service and selflessness that we can never truly repay," Abercrombie said.

Active duty service members not only play an important role in their service and

protection for the country but actively reach out to the local community and participate in numerous projects. For example, service members volunteer in the schools in such areas as reading programs, tutoring, and help with painting and cleanup efforts.

In partnership with the City and County of Honolulu and other agencies, Sailors and Airmen help with cleanup efforts and helping to rid the island of invasive species. They are involved in the cleanup of the Pearl Harbor Bike Path, helping the nature conservancy with the eradication of invasive species at Pouhala Marsh, and various beach cleanup projects.

Those efforts were recognized by Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

"Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard and Navy service members, civilian staff, and their loved ones are an integral part of the diverse rainbow of our islands. Hawaii residents rest easy knowing that every branch of the world's most powerful military stands guard at our doorstep," Caldwell said.

"While Hawaii Military Appreciation Month reminds us to recognize the members of the armed forces stationed in Hawaii, we should show our appreciation every day to those who sacrifice so much to protect and defend our nation and way of life," Caldwell said.

Military service members volunteer, not only with their commands but individually, with such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, USO, Hawaii Foodbank, and Meals on Wheels to help

make a difference in the lives of many.

They also actively participate in cultural events in the community such as the annual Merrie Monarch Festival and makahiki celebrations which honor important aspects of the local culture. The Navy has been invited to participate in the Merrie Monarch Festival every year since 1964. Again this year, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band proudly marched down the streets of Hilo in the Merrie Monarch Floral Parade.

U.S. Sen. from Hawaii Mazie Hirono pledged her support to the military along with her thanks for their contributions.

"With Hawaii serving as the gateway to the Asia-Pacific and home to the U.S. Pacific Command, our state is home to thousands of men and women who keep watch over half the globe.

"As a member of the Senate Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs, I will continue to fight to ensure that current and former members of the military receive the support and benefits they have earned, especially as many transition back to civilian life," Hirono said.

Wherever the nation's servicemen and women go, fellow Americans and citizens from foreign nations reach out, expressing appreciation for their service.

Some Hawaii-based service members talked about how thankful they are for

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# Holocaust Remembrance Day event held at Aloha Jewish Chapel

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A Holocaust Days of Remembrance service was held April 28 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. This year, Holocaust remembrance week is April 27 to May 4, and Holocaust Remembrance Day was April 28.

Capt. Sal Aguilera, Navy Region Hawaii/ Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific chaplain, opened the ceremony and led the invocation.

"On this day, we gather to remember the 6 million Jews killed by Nazi Germany in World War II," he said during his opening remarks.

After Aguilera's invocation, Cantor Ken Aronowitz of Temple Emanuel sang Psalm 121, followed by volunteers reading aloud relevant



Seymour Kazimirski speaks at the Holocaust Remembrance Day service held April 28 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel.

historic texts about the Holocaust and lighting six memorial candles.

"We now light six candles in memory of the six million," said Dr. Dan Bender, lay leader at the chapel. "As we light these candles, we commit ourselves to building a world in which we

take responsibility for one another. In this world, there is no room for hatred or violence."

Bender then introduced the event's guest speaker, Seymour Kazimirski. Kazimirski has been speaking to schools and other organizations about the Holocaust

for more than 40 years.

"Many people ask me why I still talk about the Holocaust after all these years," he said. "For me, it's all about the youth. The youth are the critical part of education."

Kazimirski said he believes in making the

Holocaust something that people—especially young people—can relate to emotionally and not just "a paragraph in a schoolbook saying 6 million people were killed."

"When I speak at schools, I ask, 'How many of you live with your parents?'" he said. "Then I ask, 'How many of you have brothers or sisters? Grandparents? Aunts and uncles? Then I say, 'Imagine they are all dead. You have no one.' The classroom becomes so quiet you can hear a pin drop."

Kazimirski's mother, Ann, survived the Holocaust, but more than 60 of her relatives did not. In her book, "Witness To Horror," Ann Kazimirski wrote of seeing her own mother lined up against a wall and shot. "I will never forget the image of the red blood staining the white snow," she wrote. "I saw my beloved mother die and there was nothing I could do."

For Kazimirski, reaching out to young people is especially important because they are the ones who "must stand up

against bigotry."

"Anti-Jew, anti-black, anti-Muslim, anti-gay ... are really anti-people," he said. "We must be tolerant of all people and accept them for who they are. Don't think for a moment you are better than them."

After he finished speaking, Kazimirski was presented with a letter of appreciation by Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The service concluded with Aronowitz singing the funeral prayer, "El male rachamim," a recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish, and some final thoughts from Bender.

"The Holocaust reminds us of the fragility of democracy and the need for citizens to be both well-informed and vigilant about the preservation of democratic ideals," Bender said.

"An engaged citizenry that embraces the power of the individual to make a difference is the frontline defense for strong, just societies. What we do—or choose not to do—matters."

## Annual HURREX slated for May 5-9

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In preparation for hurricane season in Hawaii, Navy Region Hawaii will conduct its annual hurricane readiness exercise, HURREX, to be held May 5-9 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF).

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. This year, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will conduct both pre- and post-landfall components to the exercise.

Navy Region Hawaii conducts HURREX to provide commands with an opportunity to prepare for hurricanes and associated effects brought on by a major storm event. Field training and command post exercises will take place at JBPHH and PMRF.

"HURREX is about the safety of our personnel, maintaining our ability to operate, and accounting for our Airman, Sailors and families," said Michael Smith, Navy Region Hawaii director of training and readiness.

"We still have a job to do, so this upcoming exercise improves our ability to survive the storm with minimal impact to our ships, aircraft, Sailors, Airmen and families," he said.

Although the exercise storm is fictional, preparation is real because when a hurricane approaches, personnel must be able to handle matters quickly and efficiently to minimize the effects the storm will bring.

All Navy activities in Hawaii will exercise personnel accountability during HURREX. Command personnel accountability representatives will account for all categories of personnel in the state as directed by an "All NAVACTS" message. Reporting for this year's HURREX will be actual, not simulated. Additional guidance and resources are available at <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>.

TCCOR (tropical cyclone condition of readiness) levels will be set for commands to execute their TCCOR checklists. The military uses TCCOR levels based on the arrival of destructive winds, which triggers

specific actions.

This year the National Weather Service and NOAA have implemented a change to hurricane watch and warning times. TCCOR III, or 48 hours before destructive winds arrive, is equivalent to a hurricane "watch." Thirty-six hours before expected arrival of destructive winds, NOAA will issue a hurricane "warning."

When a hurricane watch is issued, all state of Hawaii schools will close. Parents should make preparations for childcare in their emergency plans to accommodate school-age children.

During the exercise, personnel at JBPHH and PMRF will notice exercise events and notifications taking place, including computer desktop notifications, Straight Talk Line, Nixle alerts, JBPHH television messages, Facebook updates and marquee messages. All exercise-related communications will be prefaced with "exercise-exercise-exercise."

Look for an expanded hurricane season preparedness pullout feature in the May 30 issue of Ho'okele.

## Possession of 'beetle' poses serious consequences

Navy Region Hawaii  
Public Affairs

Anyone who is found in possession of any life stage of the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) could face monetary penalties as well as misdemeanor criminal charges, according to a letter that is expected to be released May 20 to area com-



This could include monetary citations of no less than \$100 and up to a maximum of \$10,000 as well as the misdemeanor charges.

The CRB, first discovered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) this past December, is a highly invasive species with great potential to devastate the island coconut palm population.

"The CRB utilizes mulch, compost and green waste piles as a primary and preferred breeding site. High risk of the beetle spreading outside JBPHH exists if any mulch, compost or green waste leaves base grounds," explained Rebecca Smith, a natural area reserves specialist with the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Smith said that all personnel should be briefed on the importance of mulch/compost/green waste not leaving JBPHH. It must be inspected

for beetle infestation by CRB unified command personnel/crews.

Any suspect mulch, compost or green waste piles discovered on base needs to be reported. Such areas that are discovered and documented on JBPHH property should not be moved or consolidated with other piles unless authorized to do so by HDOA [Hawaii Department of Agriculture]/USDA [U.S. Department of Agriculture] CRB Unified Command.

Personnel who are working in an infested area should contact the CRB Unified Command Post before moving any material off-site to avoid spreading this pest," Smith said.

Anyone finding a CRB (in any life stage) should contact the CRB Unified Command to make arrangements to have an HDOA official retrieve and/or collect it.

The CRB Incident Response is coordinated by USDA, HDOA and associated state, city, county and JBPHH partners.

The CRB Incident Command Post phone number is (808) 832-0585. Questions regarding this information should be directed to this line.

Residents are advised to report beetles on the state pest hotline at 643-7378 (643-PEST).

Residents who find a trap that is damaged can call 832-0585 to have it picked up.

## Navy begins visual inspection of tank at Red Hill

Navy Region Hawaii  
Public Affairs

Navy contractors began visual inspections on April 24 in tank 5 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

The visual inspections are part of the process to determine what may have caused a drop in levels at the tank that were reported on Jan. 13. Calculations of those changes in level indicate that a release of up to 27,000 gallons may have occurred.

The visual inspection work is on schedule following preparations to vent the tank and install proper lighting, scaffolding and other safety requirements. The visual inspection is expected to continue for at least several

weeks. No initial findings are available at this time.

The Navy also provided their initial release response report to the State Department of Health, on schedule as required within 90 days.

"Both the inspection of the tank and our report to DOH are within the timelines we have committed to," said Capt. Mike Williamson, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and regional engineer for Navy Region Hawaii.

"And all drinking water samples continue to be in compliance with all state and federal regulations," he added.

"We are wholly committed to pro-

tecting the environment and our vital fresh water sources," Williamson said. "I believe we have taken prudent measures to ensure the water remains safe to drink, and we look forward to continue working collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure public safety while maintaining this critical national strategic asset."

The Red Hill fuels facility is a national strategic asset and continues to provide vital, secure fuel storage for ships and aircraft of U.S. Pacific Fleet and other military branches.

The Navy is working with the State Department of Health and the City & County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply to maintain an open dialogue to ensure the safety of drinking water.



# ANZAC forces honored during memorial service

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

Defense Media Activity — Hawaii

The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day Memorial Service was held April 25 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) to honor the service and sacrifice of the ANZAC forces during World War I.

ANZAC Day commemorates the 1915 attack by Australian and New Zealand forces on Turkey during the Battle of Gallipoli. More than 10,000 ANZACS lost their lives during the eight-month fight.

Australian Army Maj. Gen. Rick Burr serves as U.S. Army Pacific deputy general of operations and is in the unique position of being a foreign officer commanding U.S. troops. Burr said the sacrifice of ANZAC forces was not in vain.

"It was during this grueling eight-month campaign, sustained from the beach head of ANZAC Cove, that the true character and the true meaning of ANZAC was forged," Burr said.

"Victory was not gained there but meaning was won. The ANZACS helped create a sense of identity for our new nations."

Burr also acknowledged the

United States for its continued cooperation, friendship and leadership.

"Standing here at this hallowed ground at the United States National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific is a poignant reminder of our collective commitment to shared values that are worth defending," Burr said.

"We humbly acknowledge the extraordinary sacrifice of the United States and for its leadership in the world."

Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, laid a wreath to commemorate and honor the memory of the fallen ANZAC forces.

"The Australians and New Zealanders have been beside us in so many conflicts, so it's only fitting that we would be out here to commemorate with them today," Brooks said.

"It's an honor to be able to carry on tradition and to recognize those who have gone before us, and we have a solemn obligation to maintain that closeness that existed on those battlefields so many years ago."

The 2014 ANZAC Day commemoration marked the 99th anniversary of the battle at Gallipoli and has been honored in Honolulu by the U.S. and its Pacific allies for more than 40 years.



Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, prepares to place a wreath during the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day memorial service held April 25 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu.

## PHNSY offers monetary STEM awards for high school students

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY&IMF) has announced the availability of 10 \$2,000 awards for students interested and active in robotics.

The intent is to recognize

local high school students who have demonstrated dedication to science/technology/engineering/mathematics (STEM) activities. These awards are funded by the National Defense Education Program (NDEP).

To be eligible for the STEM awards, applicants must be: (1) a resident of the state of Hawaii, (2) a

current high school (public, private or home-schooled) student in good academic standing and (3) able to provide proof of active participation in Hawaii's annual FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) for at least one full academic year.

The official application form — which includes details on an essay requirement and required letters of

recommendation — must be submitted in time to meet the May 30 submission deadline. Interested students should contact Eric Petran at 473-8000, ext. 2560, or [eric.petran@navy.mil](mailto:eric.petran@navy.mil) to obtain the application form and details of the submission criteria.

The 10 STEM Award winners will be announced in late June.

## Diverse Views



**May is Military Appreciation Month. Share a favorite memory of how someone expressed appreciation to you for your military service.**

**Airman 1st Class Shandi Black**  
535th Airlift Squadron



"Being a brand new Airman in the Air Force is a huge step in my life. Going through the airports while traveling has been an eye-opening experience. Everything from being told, 'Thank you for your service,' clapping, being coined by a civilian, and just being asked questions. It shows that the American people really do care, and I can't wait for future experiences."



**GMSN Jessica Smith**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
1st Lieutenant

"I think the most powerful thanks I received was on my birthday in Vietnam. The bus driver took us around, showed us all the beautiful places and told us about its history. I told him it was my birthday. He bought me a birthday cake and I was very thankful for that. He told us how grateful he was to be able to do such a thing and appreciated us Americans."

**2nd Lt. Austin Gibbons**  
17th Operational Weather Squadron



"When I returned home for a few days after Officer Training School (OTS), everyone was so kind and proud of me for joining and getting through OTS. I haven't been overseas yet, so this has been my favorite memory thus far."



**QM2 Kevin Stafford**  
Region Operational Center,  
Pearl Harbor

"I think the most powerful thanks I received was from a family in Guam. I was invited to a cultural wedding, which was pretty much done only on that island. They invited me because they knew I was around that culture for a long time. It was an honor being there."

**Master Sgt. Takenya Moore**  
15th Medical Operations Squadron



"I think the most incredible experience has always been the gratitude and appreciation expressed by fellow Americans at airports. There's always people there to say thank you for your service. It's a reminder of the importance of what we do."

Provided by MC1 Nardel Gervacio and David D. Underwood Jr.

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## Chinese youth join U.S. Navy



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Chinese youth inspect posters in English and Chinese displayed by naval personnel in Los Angeles. They are pictured outside the Navy Recruiting Station, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association's Headquarters in 1942. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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# JBPHH, PMRF earn CNO and SECNAV environmental awards

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility have been named as winners of the 2013 Secretary of the Navy environmental awards.

Joint base earned the 2013 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award for Cultural Resources Management-Installation.

"The award focused primarily on various historic preservation program initiatives and archaeological outreach programs over the past two years," said Charlene Oka-Wong, registered architect for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii.

The work included the cultural resources management (CRM) team in JBPHH's completion of its master planning initiative.

"This honor results from the collective effort of various members of the NAVFAC Hawaii, Navy Region Hawaii (NAVREG Hawaii) environmental quality, cultural resources and natural resources team who worked together with Navy, Air Force and more than 120 other major Department of Defense tenant commands operating within Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)," said Aaron Poentis, NAVFAC Hawaii environmental director and environmental program director for Navy Region Hawaii.

They created the base cultural resources management installation submission for the 2013 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Awards, Poentis added.

"I believe the selection of

JBPHH by the CNO and also by the Secretary of the Navy for this category is a testament to the efficient networking of our personnel, environmental stewardship commitment, and a number of tools and best

preservation honor awards for work completed between 2012 and 2013 from Historic Hawaii Foundation in recognition of its valuable and consistent stewardship of JBPHH's historic assets. Projects recognized in-

the art deco Hickam entry gates, preservation of historic Hickam homes, and construction of the new MILCON P-307 Production Support Services Facility in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

vanced the construction of two projects under its facilities modernization plan.

The installation also works with Native Hawaiian groups on the JBPHH *makahiki*. Known as a Hawaiian Thanksgiving,

having been previously recognized in 2011.

For the most recent award, the small team of two contracted range complex sustainment coordinators, two U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife services technicians, and a Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Natural Resources biologist and environmental specialist continued to promote big gains in areas such as protection of nocturnal-fledging seabirds, the Laysan albatross (LAAL) surrogate parenting program, the seabird tissue archival and monitoring project (STAMP), and the eradication of long thorn *kiawe*.

In addition, the award recognizes the base's new initiatives in cooperative conservation, such as state-of-the-art marine mammal studies, a shoreline survey, wedge-tailed shearwater population assessments, and restoration of Hawaiian intertidal shores.

"Forging successful relationships through cooperative conservation with organizations and programs outside the installation boundary are necessary for successful stewardship," said John Burger, PMRF range complex sustainment coordinator.

Burger was recognized in March by the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) for his work with avian conservation programs with the NMFWA's Natural Resource Conservation Management Award for Model Programs/Projects.

Community outreach integrates natural resource stewardship with federal and state agencies, the local community college, local conservation organizations, the public and Native Hawaiians, explained Burger.

"This award was a complete team effort," added Burger.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Rose Forrest

The 2012 *makahiki* was a joint event between Native Hawaiian civic clubs and the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam installation.

practices established," Poentis said.

They include programmatic agreements, planning documents and design guidelines which have effectively streamlined the preservation process and promoted its further integration into all phases of acquisition and facilities management, Poentis explained.

In order to achieve a balance between mission demands and its stewardship responsibilities, the CRM office focused on successful partnering and work management system processes and the implementation of CRM best practices.

Among its accomplishments, JBPHH and the CRM office received 10

clude the Pearl Harbor way-side exhibits, a Lualualei radio transmitting facility video documentary, a comprehensive study of strafing and bomb damage inflicted on building 1102 during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack, and a Wake Island historic landscapes survey.

The installation and CRM was also recognized for its cultural resources program initiatives, including the historic assets management process and wooden structures repair manual and training.

Rehabilitation and new construction projects recognized with local preservation honor awards included significant stabilization of the Ford Island Control Tower, rehabilitation of

Hickam Fitness Center renovations and alterations also earned a 2012 Building Industry Association Renaissance Award.

In addition, the CRM office actively supports Commander, Navy Installations Command and the JBPHH Energy Team on energy conservation and alternative energy initiatives.

Community outreach and building partnerships are also priorities. For example, a significant component of the CRM office's support to JBPHH is the sustainment of its relationship with its partners, both within and outside of the installation. Key successes include partnerships with the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard that have ad-

the *makahiki* provides an annual opportunity for military families to appreciate and learn more about the culture and history of Hawaii. The event, which takes place at the JBPHH installation's Hickam Harbor beach, symbolizes JBPHH's history of its partnership with Native Hawaiian groups.

The Pacific Missile Range Facility was recently selected as the winner of the Secretary of the Navy's Environmental Award for Natural Resources Conservation in the small installation category for 2013.

It is the second time in three years that PMRF has garnered the SECNAV honor for its emphasis on environmental programs,



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

(Below): Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, places a wreath during the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day memorial service held April 25 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu.

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



(Above): Australian Army Maj. Gen. Rick Burr, U.S. Army Pacific deputy commanding general, gives remarks during an Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day memorial service held April 25 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu.

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



Stephen Taylor, earth sciences professor at Kauai Community College at right, marks intervals along the beach at Pacific Missile Range Facility's Major's Bay with assistance from Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Mathew Diendorf at left, as part of the ongoing shoreline survey of sand deposits and erosion.

U.S. Navy file photo by Stefan Alford



A ceremony was held April 25 for the newly renovated and reopened harbor control tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Originally built in 1925, the nearly 200-foot tower oversees the inbound and outbound boat traffic in Pearl Harbor.

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(Below): Delton Walling, Pearl Harbor survivor, speaks about what he experienced Dec. 7, 1941 at the blessing ceremony held April 25 at the newly renovated harbor control tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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# NAVFAC commands participate in fifth annual Hawaii Earth Day Fair

## Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific and NAVFAC Hawaii partnered with Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLCPH) on April 22 to participate in the fifth annual Earth Day Fair at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"Environmental stewardship, sustainable design, energy conservation and renewable energy opportunities are top priorities for the Navy and our region Hawaii team," said Capt. Michael Williamson, NAVFAC Hawaii commanding officer.

This year's Navy Earth Day theme continues the 2013 theme of "Global Reach — Local Action," which highlights all individuals, military and civilian, having the responsibility to protect our environment through opportunities such as local outreaches and programs.

"We take great pride in working collaboratively with all key stakeholders to explore net-zero energy solutions, to energy adaptively re-use our historic structures incorporating Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified designs, and constantly expanding environmentally friendly practices across the joint base such as xeriscaping with the

use of native plants, creative composting and recycling," Williamson said.

The NAVSUP FLCPH Earth Day Fair is an opportunity for Navy, Air Force and members of the community to meet, exchange ideas, and show solidarity in protecting our environment.

"With the participation of a wide swath of military, state, local and non-governmental groups, this event is the epitome of what Earth Day stands for—a convergence of people, best practices, and new technologies," said Lt. j.g. Christopher Hebert, NAVSUP FLCPH event coordinator.

Both NAVFAC commands provided displays for marine mammals, energy savings, native plants, archaeology, recycling, and spill prevention control and counter measure (SPCC).

NAVFAC Pacific's Environmental Marine Resources group partnered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and provided educational materials, poster displays and fact sheets on how to protect Hawaiian monk seals. Souvenirs such as dog leashes and stickers were also given to those who visited the marine mammal's booth.

"Earth Day serves as a great opportunity for us to educate the public, especially military families who are new to Hawaii, about the protected species they may



U.S. Navy photo by Krista M. Catania

Morgan Richie, NAVFAC Pacific marine resources specialist, hosts a marine mammals booth at the 2014 Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor Earth Day Fair held April 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

encounter while living here," said Meredith Fagan, NAVFAC Pacific Natural Resources management specialist.

"These endangered species include the Hawaiian monk seal, which exists only in the Hawaiian Islands. Through our partnership with NOAA, we are

able to reach more of the community and are better equipped to educate them on the importance of protecting and preserving Hawaiian monk seals as well as other protected species found in the islands such as sea turtles or humpback whales."

With an emphasis on a "Saving Energy Every Day"

theme, the NAVFAC Hawaii energy team generated awareness at their booth through educational poster boards and pamphlets on how to save energy at home and work, a question and answer beanbag toss game with prizes, and demonstrations of energy-saving tips.

NAVFAC Hawaii also hosted an archaeology booth, various living native plants, a recycling demonstration, and also provided useful information on SPCC.

"The Earth Day Fair allowed our team to educate the public about energy conservation and how they can do their part to better our environment," said Amy Hanada, NAVFAC Hawaii installation energy manager. "We provided hands-on

demonstrations through a meter showing the difference between an LED and incandescent light bulb and also an advanced power strip demonstrating how to save on plug load energy. It's encouraging to witness the crowd learn new things through our educational energy booth," Hanada said.

More than 200 people attended the annual fair which included 17 booth participants, two energy efficient vehicles and a tour of the Clean Islands Oil Spill Response Vessel. The vessel's purpose is to immediately respond to an oil spill emergency. The vessel is stationed on Oahu at pier 35 Hanada, NAVFAC Hawaii and is available to assist any emergency 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Dedication

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"Here, I get overwhelmed with emotions. This is my last, maybe, last time being here. Time waits for no one, and it is not going to wait for this old Sailor," he said.

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of JBPHH, thanked everyone in attendance for their support and help in reconstructing the tower and expressed personal appreciation to Walling for attending and seeing his old post rebuilt.

"Not only does this tower

serve a current, functional purpose but it is a monument — a monument to our history, to the Navy and to Pearl Harbor. I am very honored to be here today," James said.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii awarded the contract to renovate the tower to contractor Nan Inc. The construction and repair included re-engineering and a significant amount of metal replacement. Once structural repairs were finished, new epoxy paint was applied to ensure protection

of the historic tower from the harsh salt air environment along the harbor front. The steel-framed freestanding tower is nearly 200 feet high and supports a 40-foot diameter water tank and control tower office.

Other significant elements of the project included replacing the stairway from the control office to the balcony level walkway, adding an additional stairway to meet the fire code, new stairway lighting, protection from lightning, and a fire alarm system in the control office.

These upgrades have transformed the tower into a safe, functional space to accommodate port operations employees while still retaining its historical elements.

Today the harbor control tower still continues the tradition of overseeing the inbound and outbound movements of all vessels in the Pearl Harbor waterways. As the first line of defense in protecting the five lochs, the tower watchstanders assist the anti-terrorism officer in the safe passage of maritime traffic in Pearl Harbor.



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# Pacific Partnership brings new look to multilateral mission

*Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Timor-Leste and Vietnam to host annual disaster mission*

## U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy's ninth multilateral Pacific Partnership mission will include an enhanced role for Japan and simultaneous seaborne and airborne phases to improve disaster response preparedness in five Southeast Asia host nations beginning in late May.

Directly assisting host nations Vietnam, Cambodia and the Republic of the Philippines, a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) ship will serve as this year's primary mission platform, marking the first time Pacific Partnership will be led from a partner nation's ship.

A simultaneous airborne phase — also a first for the U.S. Pacific Fleet's annual humanitarian and disaster response-focused mission — will fly assistance into host nations Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

"As we saw last November when our Philippine allies were devastated by a typhoon, being able to provide effective humanitarian assistance and disaster relief is critical to stabilize a crisis," said Adm. Harry Harris Jr., U.S. Pacific Fleet commander.

"Because United States naval forces are forward-deployed, where it matters, when it matters, we were able to quickly respond with ships, aircraft and personnel during Operation Damayan," Harris said.

"But we were not alone, as many partner nation militaries, civilian agencies and non-governmental organizations also provided assistance to the Philippines. That's why multilateral missions like Pacific Partnership are so valu-



U.S. Navy photo by Kristopher Radder  
Lt. Cmdr. Tessa Lee (center), of the U.S. Navy, helps Lt. Sopheap Pen (right), of the Cambodian Army, with a medication list during a medical civic action project (MEDCAP) at Kandol Dom Primary School for Pacific Partnership 2012.

able, because it prepares us in calm so we can effectively respond together in crisis."

At the invitation of host nations, Pacific Partnership 2014 (PP14) unifies the efforts of partner nation militaries, host nation civilian agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGO) to strengthen the collective ability of the international community to operate as a team in delivering foreign humanitarian aid in times of natural disaster or crisis.

"We are grateful to the host nations of Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, the civilian NGO specialists, and our military partners from Australia, Chile,

Japan, New Zealand and Singapore for joining the Pacific Partnership 2014 mission," said Harris.

"It is an historic moment in the progress of this vital mission that Japan is contributing the primary command ship. Friends help friends, and this multilateral mission will not only strengthen future disaster response preparedness, it will build trust and enhance interoperability so that we can continue improving regional security and stability," he added.

U.S. Navy leaders from Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 21 will serve as mission commander and will embark the JMSDF command ship to oversee PP14. Simultaneously,

Seabees from the U.S. Navy's 30th Naval Construction Regiment (30 NCR) in Port Hueneme, Calif. will deploy via air from Point Mugu, Calif. to lead the mission in Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Lasting for approximately two months, PP14 will feature a multinational command and control (C2) structure to include a deputy mission commander from the JMSDF, a mission chief of staff from the Australian Defense Force, a deputy base commander (Indonesia) from the Australian Defense Force and a deputy phase commander (Timor-Leste) from the New Zealand Defense Force.

Born out of the devastation wrought by a 2004

tsunami that swept through parts of Southeast Asia, Pacific Partnership began as a military-led humanitarian response to one of the world's most catastrophic natural disasters. Building on the success of this operation, the U.S. hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) returned to the region in 2006 for the inaugural Pacific Partnership mission. In successive missions, participants expanded to include partner nation militaries and NGOs working to increase the disaster relief capabilities of host nations.

While training in simulated crisis-conditions, Pacific Partnership missions to date have provided real-world medical care to approximately 250,000 patients, veterinary services to more than 37,000 animals, and accomplished more than 170 engineering projects. It has enabled critical infrastructure development in Cambodia, Federated States of Micronesia, Indonesia, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

According to Navy Capt. Brian Shipman, mission commander and commodore of San Diego-based DESRON 21, the uniqueness of this year's mission is due to the expanded leadership of partner nations.

"In previous years, the U.S. Navy provided the command ship for the mission, with partner nations providing a mission platform for some of the specific phases," said Shipman.

"This year, our Japanese allies are providing the command ship, which is a natural progression of previous

efforts. I am extremely proud of the hard work that has gone into planning this year's mission.

"Everyone involved understands that we're not only helping our partners become more resilient and better prepared for humanitarian contingencies, but we are also making a long-lasting impact in the host nation communities where we will be working," he said.

Building on the lessons of previous missions, PP14 will increase regional stability and security, open dialogue between leaders, cement new and enduring friendships, and build mutual trust and respect.

While Pacific Partnership brings together a great number of like-minded organizations focused on making a long-term difference, Harris pointed out that the mission goes beyond the actions of training while improving engineering, medical, dental and veterinary services.

"As I travel through the region, military and civilian leaders all agree about the necessity of being able to work together in order to respond quickly and effectively to natural disasters and crises like the missing Malaysian Air Flight 370," Harris said.

"Working cooperatively in a multilateral way allows partners to share the workload, leverage the capabilities of more than one nation and civilian agency, and learn from each other through an exchange of ideas.

"So not only does Pacific Partnership have a long-lasting impact on future readiness, it also helps the U.S. Pacific Fleet better understand the maritime security needs of our allies and partners," he said.

# Hickam student doodles his way to Google award

Story and photo by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

A student at Mokulele Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was selected as the finalist from Hawaii for the annual nationwide Doodle 4 Google contest.

Second grader Charles Seagle was chosen by Google from more than 100,000 submissions for his entry in this year's theme, "If I could invent one thing to make the world a better place..."

A ceremony was held at the school on April 29 to announce the winner and unveil the winning drawing. Members of Google delivered a presentation to staff and students, describing the various services Google provides and projects for the future.

These services include

Google Voice, Google Maps and Google Art Project, which will allow people to view high resolution images of art in museums from their computers. To conclude the presentation, the Google team uncovered a large drawing and announced Seagle as the winner for Hawaii in the Google 4 Doodle contest.

Seagle's entry was a drawing of a time machine with parts of the machine spelling the word "Google."

"The past memory is him with his grandmother. He drew the time machine because he wishes he could change the past," said his father, Dwayne Seagle.

Dwayne mentioned that his son loves drawing in addition to many other forms of visual art. "Eventually I'm going to need a second shed to store all of his drawings," he said.

The annual Doodle 4 Google contest selects finalists from submissions of

drawings by kindergarten through 12th grade students from all over the United States. The team at Google chooses five finalists from each state and announces the state winner at the winner's school.

The winners' drawings are displayed online for a public vote from April 29 to May 9. The public determines the finalist for each of five grade groups. The national winner is selected by Google executives and will be named on May 21 during a ceremony at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. The winning drawing will be displayed at [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) on June 9.

For winning the contest on the state level, Charles receives prizes including an Android tablet and a trip to Google headquarters for him and his father. At Google, he will participate in workshops to meet the Google Doodle team and learn more about Doodles



Charles Seagle, second grader at Mokulele Elementary School, shows his drawing which earned him first place in Hawaii for Doodle 4 Google contest.

and engineering. The national winner of the contest will receive a \$30,000 college scholarship, and the school of the winner will receive \$50,000 toward the establishment of a computer lab.

Charles has submitted drawings that have won or

placed in numerous contests held by businesses and organizations including Lands' End, Hallmark and City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

His father is a technical sergeant in the Air Force stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Dwayne has served as part of the team to maintain the C-17 Globemaster aircraft at Hickam since 2009.

For more information or to vote on the national finalists for the Doodle 4 Google contest, visit the website at [www.google.com/doodle4google/](http://www.google.com/doodle4google/).

## Appreciation

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the gestures of appreciation they have received.

"The best experiences I have had so far have been at airports. There have been a number of times people have thanked me for my service. Those 'thank you's' I have received have boosted my motivation and pride in my uniform," said Airman 1st Class Sean Brannan, assigned to 535th Airlift Squadron.

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tiarra Fulgham, assigned to Navy Public Affairs Support Element, Hawaii Det., shared her experiences in Okinawa.

"A Japanese woman, who owned a small restaurant in Okinawa, knew that being in the military away from family and friends was tough, thanked us for our

service, and said that we're always welcome in their restaurant," Fulgham said.

U.S. Congressman from Hawaii Tulsi Gabbard, who is also a fellow veteran, praised the commitment of America's military.

"In every generation, American service members have raised their hands to fight and sacrifice greatly in the defense of our nation. Today, our islands are home to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coasties who answer the call to service every single day," Gabbard said.

"They are an elite community, making up less than one percent of Americans who raise their hand and volunteer to serve and to uphold and defend the very democratic ideals upon which our country was founded.

"As a fellow veteran, I un-

derstand their sacrifice, am awed by their selflessness, and inspired by their resolve. The future of our nation depends on the selfless contributions of these true servant-leaders," she said.

"Mahalo nui loa to all those who have served and continue to serve. Your grateful nation honors your sacrifices and commitment," Gabbard said.

The admiral stressed the importance of community support.

"We are grateful for the strong support our service members and their families receive from the Chamber of Commerce and Navy League. These organizations, and the people of Hawaii, help us stay the course and operate forward knowing that our families are in good hands back home. Thank you for all the warm aloha," Williams said.

## AFOSI warns against accidental ingestion of illegal substances

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force has a zero tolerance policy on drug use. There are several programs in place that help educate and prevent Airmen from deliberately using drugs. However, many Airmen may not realize the policy extends to the unintentional ingestion of drugs as well.

Of particular concern are hemp plant seeds, or cannabis, which is commonly used for fiber in clothing, rope, paper, etc., as well as for nutritional, medicinal and recreational purposes. More specifically,

the ingredient can commonly be found in body lotion, vodka and snack foods such as yogurt and granola bars.

Department of Defense policy 1010.01 specifically names marijuana, "synthetic cannabinoids" and controlled substances, which include THC, as prohibited.

While each service's policy on the matter may differ, the Air Force policy is clear: any consumption of these products is forbidden.

"Hemp seeds and hemp seed oil contain various levels of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, which is detectable under the Air Force drug testing program," said Special Agent

Johnny Brady, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 601.

Brady said it is Airmen's responsibility to be informed about Air Force policies and to know what they mean and how they apply.

"It is recommended that everyone check the ingredients in the products they consume," he said. "Claiming that consumption of yogurt with hemp seeds, for example, caused a positive urinalysis result is not an acceptable excuse. Further, he or she could still be charged under Article 112a, wrongful use or possession of controlled substances, following a positive urinalysis result."