

Adm. Harris honors service members

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HONOLULU — Adm. Harry B. Harris, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, honored America's fallen service members at the 65th Mayor's Memorial Day ceremony held May 26 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

"Memorial Day is a day on, not a day off," Harris said. "This is a holiday in which we remember all servicemen and women who gave their lives so that we might live in freedom. This is a special and sacred day. This is why we are gathered here to memorialize the fallen, because the spirit of freedom will never let us forget."

Harris noted that this country has always had people who will stand in defense of America.

"Thankfully, our nation has always been blessed to have strong men and women with exceptional courage who are willing and able to stand and defend America whenever our liberty is in jeopardy," Harris said.

"America is the country she is because of young men and women who are willing to forego wearing a business suit, forego strolling down 'easy street,' forego living the good



Adm. Harry B. Harris, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, lay a wreath during the 65th Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. The ceremony honored America's service members who have fallen while serving in the military.

life but to wear instead the cloth of the nation, to travel instead along an uncertain road fraught with danger, to live lives that matter on

a fundamental level," Harris noted. Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, the keynote speaker, also spoke about the great effort and sacrifices

of the units from Hawaii. "I came up a little late today because I was saying thank you to all those who served in World War II,

including some of our veterans in the 442nd, those who serve in the intelligence in the Pacific, those who had Purple Hearts starting with WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and going forward," Caldwell said. "They are here to honor those who did not come home, who did sacrifice their lives for the rest of us."

Caldwell also honored the late Sen. Daniel Inouye, a Medal of Honor recipient who served in the U.S. Senate from 1962 until his death in 2012.

"He would say, 'I'm grateful that I survived,' when many of his peers never came home," Caldwell said. "He worked hard in the memory of those who did not come back home with him, and that is the spirit of Memorial Day."

More than 40 military organizations presented wreaths at the memorial to honor the nation's war dead.

Memorial Day, previously known as Decoration Day, became a national holiday in 1971 and is celebrated the last Monday in May. Memorial Day honors those who have lost their lives serving in the military. In 1987 and each subsequent year until his death, Inouye introduced a resolution to return the holiday to its original date of May 30.



Paying tribute

Sailors from Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific participated in a Memorial Day ceremony held May 26 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain in front of building 150 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Capt. Chris Bushnell, commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 (CDS 31), made remarks to commemorate Memorial Day. The fountain serves as a compass, which provides a bearing to remember the sacrifice of fallen shipmates, to remember Pearl Harbor, and to commit to steady vigilance now and in the future, Bushnell explained. Twelve Sailors in summer and dress whites simultaneously placed lei on each pillar of the memorial and lined up for morning colors. The ceremony was coordinated by Region and MIDPAC command master chiefs.

U.S. Navy photo by Pedro Valdez



Candles are lit to honor the memory of the fallen and missing in action during a Memorial Day eve candlelight ceremony May 25 at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu (Punchbowl). (See additional photo on page A-5.)

Memorial Day eve candlelight ceremony honors POW/MIA service members

Story and photo by
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Defense Media Activity - Hawaii

HONOLULU — Service members, civilians and veterans gathered for a candlelight ceremony held May 25 on the eve of Memorial Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) to honor all American prisoners of war and those missing in action (MIA).

Three hundred and fifty motorcycle riders also attended as Hawaii's version of Rolling Thunder XXV.

According to the Rolling Thunder Inc. official website, the organization consists of both old and young, men and women, united in the cause to bring full accountability for POWs and those still MIA.

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Irwin K. Cockett was the keynote speaker for the event and said that the commemoration was a time to remember those lost on both sides during

the Vietnam War.

"On this the eve of Memorial Day, it is fitting that we gather along with our Vietnamese community leaders to pay homage to the fallen comrades of both our countries," Cockett said. "They may be far removed in time but not in memory."

Cockett said that remembering what the missing and fallen sacrificed during that war is a way to honor their memory.

"Tonight our hearts remain heavy for our MIA comrades," Cockett said. "It is for us to remember the noble cause we fought for so many years ago on the battlefields of Southeast Asia."

Those in attendance were able to listen to a performance given by the Marine Forces Pacific Band, hear a cultural song from the Vietnamese VNTV *ohana* choir, and see a dance done by Thai-Hang Phan called "He Hawaii Au."

At the end of the ceremony, attendees lit candles and laid wreaths to give their respects to those who served.


Sailors honor fallen on Arizona



Musician 3rd Class Shelby Tucci, assigned to the Pacific Fleet Band, renders honors on the USS Arizona Memorial during the National Park Service sunset tour.


Electronics Technician 3rd Class Timothy Crossno (left) and Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 3rd Class Adam Crist, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonies flag detail, perform evening colors on the USS Arizona Memorial. In honor of Memorial Day, visitors to the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument participated in the National Park Service sunset tour of the memorial.


U.S. Navy photos by MC1 Daniel Barker


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U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

Members of the Joint Forces Color Guard parade the colors during the Fifth Celebration of Life and Memory for West Loch at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Service members honored during 70th anniversary of West Loch disaster

Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

Defense Media Activity-Hawaii

HONOLULU — Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, and Hawaii's joint military forces, honored the West Loch disaster fallen during the Fifth Celebration of Life for West Loch ceremony held May 21 at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

The West Loch disaster was a maritime accident that occurred May 21, 1944 at Pearl Harbor. On that afternoon, landing ships, tank (LSTs) were tightly positioned as service members loaded them with munitions to support the U.S. Marine invasion of Saipan. At 3:08 p.m. there was a blast aboard a vessel followed by a chain reaction of fire spreading explosions.

"It's fitting that we stop to honor those who lost their lives in the midst of performing hazardous duty and for the many more who were wounded by the explosions and the fires that began in what was really a second day of infamy in Pearl Harbor, this time in the West Loch Channel," Brooks said.

The 29th Chemical Decontamination Unit, consisting of mostly African Americans and stationed at Schofield Barracks, suffered the most fatalities while loading and unloading the munitions on the LSTs.

Many who survived the blasts began an effort to extinguish the fires and rescue the injured.

"We know that the efforts of those who were present that day were heroic and gallant in the midst of unthinkable chaos and danger where high explosives and fuel shredded metal and wood and flesh, but many lives

were saved," Brooks said. "Sadly, many perished or were injured after they initially survived as they were trying to assist or rescue others."

One hundred and sixty-three men lost their lives and 400 were injured during the tragedy. To this day, some of the fallen have been unidentified.

"Let us remember them with the dignity that they so richly deserve, and let's continue to serve our nation with their example in our hearts," Brooks said.

"I've been given the gift of understanding the meaning of service and sacrifice through the example of those who rest here under the name 'Unknown, West Loch disaster 21 May, 1944, Pearl Harbor.'"

The ceremony marked the 70th anniversary since the disaster and honored the memory and contributions of the men and women who lost their lives that day.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

Jack Sampson, West Loch Disaster survivor, speaks during an interview following the Fifth Celebration of Life and Memory for West Loch at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Pools open for summer season

In time for the warmer weather, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has announced extended pool hours for the summer season. The new hours include the seasonal opening of Arizona Pool now through Labor Day only. New hours have also been announced for Scott Pool, Hickam Pools 1 and 2 and Towers Pool. The hours were published in the May 23 issue of Ho'okele. For more information, visit the following web links <http://www.hookelenews.com/pools-to-open-for-summer-season/> and <http://ow.ly/xpiEE>.

Chief of Naval Personnel visits JBPHH

Story and photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Navy Public Affairs Support Element, Detachment Hawaii

Vice Adm. Bill Moran, chief of naval personnel (CNP), visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) to meet with Sailors on May 22.

Sailors from commands in the Hawaii region gathered at Bloch Arena at JBPHH for an all-hands call where Moran discussed petty officer advancement opportunities, changes to the advancement policy, the command advancement program (CAP), sea duty incentives, and questions and answers with Sailors.

Moran addressed the slight reduction in advancement opportunities for Sailors wanting to promote to E4-E6.

"Retention is strong, as more and more high quality Sailors are deciding to 'stay Navy,' causing a down tick in the advancement rate," said Moran.

"Advancements, at or near the 10-year average, was what we expected and we are just about there. However, moving forward, the goal is greater stability across the board, in end-strength, advancement rates and community health."

The new NAVADMIN 114/14 announced revisions to the Navy's enlisted advancement policy. Changes were designed to reward sustained superior performance and increase the role of the commanding officer, executive officer and command master chief in the advancement of Sailors. They also include updates to the command advancement program (CAP).

Commanding officers will still maintain the authority to select Sailors for meritorious advancement. The change simplifies the program's timeline to a single CAP season which allows advancement planners to factor in CAP selections before setting advancement quotas.

"I want to be clear: CAP isn't going anywhere; the number of CAP quotas isn't going to change," CNP said. "The new changes simply add structure to when CAPs can occur—ensuring we balance rating health with rewarding performance."

May is the first month that increases to career sea pay are in effect, and Moran said that he will continue to work with the chief of naval operations (CNO) on additional incentives to reward Sailors assigned to sea duty.

The revisions to the advancement policy also updated the final multiple score (FMS).

Fleet Master Chief April Beldo, senior enlisted advisor to the CNP, said these changes introduce a new FMS that increases the weight on areas where Sailors can demonstrate their performance and further empower command triads in the advancement process.

Beldo also emphasized the significance of visiting Sailors directly at Navy commands around the world.

"I always learn something, every trip that myself and CNP take because being in D.C. sometimes we don't get the rest of the story," said Beldo. "So when we travel that is our purpose — to hear what our Sailors E-1 to O-9 have to say because sometimes the information gets filtered. We learn something all the time. The purpose of us coming out here is to let them know we are not making decisions in a vacuum, and we come out here to listen to suggestions," said Beldo.

As for gaining input from Sailors and implementing changes, according to Beldo it is done carefully and with purpose. "We're not going to be able to change everything, but it gives us an opportunity to hear from the fleet and then we can give them feedback eye to eye. If you manage Sailors' expectations and you're up front and honest with them, they appreciate that. They might not always agree with it, and that's okay, but at least they understand it, and we want them to understand where the Navy is coming from."

Many of the Sailors in attendance appreciated the direct interaction and efforts made by CNP to keep them informed.

"Any time you're trying to be a good leader, first and foremost your thought is your assets, and personnel are your greatest assets," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jeffery Ketchum, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

"So to get a feel for what's going on within the Navy from the lower levels up, it's huge for the CNP and fleet master chief to take the time to come out and get our opinions and our thoughts on how we can continue to improve processes throughout the Navy. In my particular instance, it was a force multiplier and improved efficiency," Ketchum said.

The chief of naval personnel (CNP) is a three-star admiral responsible to the chief of naval operations (CNO) for Navy's manpower readiness. Dual-titled, CNP also serves as deputy chief of naval operations (manpower, personnel, training education/N1) and oversees the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Personnel Command and the Navy Manpower Analysis Center.



Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. William F. Moran speaks to Sailors at Bloch Arena on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during an all-hands call. Moran spoke to Sailors on issues such as career sea pay, fleet manning and advancements.

Commentary

Midway legacy lives at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Capt. Brian Osgood

Commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility



Capt. Brian Osgood

This time of year is typically full of excited graduates looking forward to a new future, students welcoming a break from school, and military families preparing for changes of duty stations. Despite all the activities in our busy, modern-day lives, it's important to pause and take note of important events in history which make the freedom enjoyed by all possible.

June 4-7 will mark the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway which turned the strategic tide of World War II in the Pacific against

the Imperial Japan.

Vital intelligence uncovered by U.S. Navy code breakers working in the basement of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's "building one" alerted U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm.

Chester Nimitz of the Imperial Japanese Navy's plan to entrap and destroy the U.S. Navy and capture Midway Island to use as a forward base.

In order to surprise the enemy and counter their attack effectively, Adm. Nimitz needed USS Yorktown to be available for the Battle at Midway. He ordered an expedited repair of the carrier which was heavily damaged during the Battle of Coral Sea three months prior.

Despite estimates of months required to repair the Yorktown, thousands of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers labored around the clock to ensure the carrier was returned to a condition that allowed her to be back in action.

Within 72 hours after ar-

riving at the shipyard, the USS Yorktown sailed out of drydock one on May 30, bound for Midway Island with some shipyard workers still on board, feverishly completing jobs.

The Yorktown and two other aircraft carriers surprised the enemy forces, sinking the four Japanese carriers that had attacked Pearl Harbor only six months before. Sadly, Yorktown was ultimately sunk on June 7, but her role in this pivotal battle enabled a win for our Navy and gave much needed fuel to surge ahead in the Pacific campaign.

The Battle of Midway victory was possible in great part because of the heroic efforts of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's men and women who had already made

tremendous contributions repairing ships damaged in the Pearl Harbor attack.

The civilian workforce, comprised of Hawaii residents as well as men and women from across the country who answered the call, partnered hand-in-hand with Navy Sailors to keep the U.S. Pacific Fleet in fighting condition.

The shipyard also relied on support from organizations such as Hawaiian Electric to arrange scheduled blackouts across Oahu to keep power flowing throughout the yard in our nation's time of need.

This tradition of cooperation between the military and civilian personnel, as well as with the local community, continues today and is key to our continued suc-

cess as Hawaii's largest industrial employer.

We are proud of our shipyard's role in the Battle of Midway and look forward to continued growth of our mission as the U.S. military moves forth with its re-balance to the Pacific.

Remember those who worked and sacrificed during the Battle of Midway. They may have never realized the importance of their contributions in the years and decades that would follow, but we are their beneficiaries. For their contributions, we thank and honor them.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the U.S. Navy's No Ka Oi shipyard — forged by generations of shipyard workers in a living legacy — and we will continue to keep the fleet "Fit to Fight!"

West Loch survivor visits site of 1944 disaster

Story and photo by Brandon Bosworth

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On May 21, Jack Sampson, a survivor of the 1944 West Loch disaster, toured Navy Munitions Command, Pearl Harbor, and visited the wayside exhibit commemorating the tragedy. The exhibit is located across from the wreckage of LST 480.

The West Loch disaster occurred on May 21, 1944. Thirty-four ships were in

Pearl Harbor's West Loch to load ammunition and supplies for an invasion of Saipan. The LSTs (landing ship, tank), or small ships designed to land battle-ready tanks, were close together along six berths.

At 3:08 p.m., an explosion occurred resulting in a chain reaction of explosions that sank six of the LSTs and severely damaged several others. One hundred and sixty-three men were killed and 396 wounded.

The West Loch Disaster

was Pearl Harbor's second greatest disaster in terms of casualties. The exact cause was never determined.

Sampson was a pharmacist's mate with the 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, assigned to LST 222 at the time of the disaster.

"When things started blowing up, I didn't realize how close we were," he said. "Why we didn't go up ... who knows?"

Sampson recalled that as soon as the explosions began, the captain of his ship wanted to get underway.

"He yelled, 'Get that engine going! We're getting out of here!'" he said. "We got the engine going and got underway and went off the entrance of Pearl Harbor."

Despite the events of May 21, 1944, Sampson said he enjoyed his time in the service.

"I was in for three years. It was a great time," he said. "Sometimes I thought I was John Wayne."

Sampson has frequently returned to Hawaii and even lived on Maui for two years when he was attached to the 4th Marine Division.



Jack Sampson (left), a survivor of the 1944 West Loch disaster, meets with Capt. Michael Singleton (right), commanding officer of Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division, during a visit to Navy Munitions Command, Pearl Harbor.

However, this was his first visit back to West Loch. While there, he met with Capt. Michael Singleton, commanding officer, Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division.

Accompanying Sampson were Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, and Doug Wachter, whose father was also a survivor of the West Loch disaster. Wachter has visited Pearl

Harbor before and said he always enjoys touring the base.

"It's amazing how much history there is out here," he said. "I could study it for years."

Speed limit to change on O'Malley Boulevard

On June 2, the speed limit on O'Malley Boulevard will be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. All motorists must obey the newly posted speed limit.

Diverse Views



What is the most important thing you would tell a person graduating from high school?



EMCM Ricardo Guajardo
USS Hopper (DDG 70)

"Seek your dreams, they're out there. Seize the opportunities, because they don't always come. The world is out there. It's up to you how much you really want it."

Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Kelly
392nd Intelligence Squadron



"It's okay not to have all the answers, but you'll never know what you're capable of if you never try. And keep a positive attitude while doing it."



GM2 Shane Wilds
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

"To continue your education, definitely."

Tech. Sgt. Steven Byrd
15th Wing



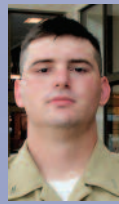
"To have a plan of attack moving forward with their lives. With no plan, you will get left behind. Whether it be college, joining the military, or finding a job, always have a plan."



IC3 Roxanne Rimonte
USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)

"Know what you really want to do in life, and do whatever it takes to get there."

CTTSA Joseph Peffer
NIOC Hawaii



"One of the biggest things I've found is that in order to succeed in life you actually have to try and not just coast through. If you're going to try, make it happen."

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and David D. Underwood Jr.

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Tsunami in 1960 devastates Hilo, Hawaii



Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

On May 21 and 22, 1960, a tsunami took place in Hawaii. Tremendous earthquakes in Chile produced tsunami waves that pounded the east coast of the island of Hawaii, 54 years ago this month. Although warnings were issued, many Hilo-area residents tragically decided to stay in their seaside homes near Hilo Bay. Up to 61 people died and hundreds were left homeless. By the end of the month, the 50th Air Transport Squadron, 1502nd Air Transport Wing from Hickam Air Force Base (now part of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam) airlifted more than 12 tons of emergency equipment and supplies to Hilo.

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Navy Marine Corps Relief Society - 473-0282
Air Force Aid Society - 449-0300
JBPHH Straight Talk Line - 421-4000
HECO Service Center - 548-7311
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Board of Water Supply trouble line - 748-5000
Hawaiian Telcom repair service - 643-6111
Hawaii Gas emergency service - 526-0066
Street lights out - City – 768-5300
 State – 831-6714
 State (after hours) - 485-6200
Time Warner Oceanic - 643-2100
NAVFAC Hawaii emergency desk - 449-3100

Where to Find Hurricane Preparedness Information

Get emergency updates on Facebook:

- Navy Region Hawaii - www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii
- JBPHH - www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam

Navy Region Hawaii website: www.cnrc.navy.mil/hawaii

JBPHH website: www.cnrc.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam TV (Channel 2): Hurricane information on Joint Base TV 2 will be on the text crawl 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Department of Emergency Management (DEM): Information is available on the DEM website at www.honolulu.gov/dem or by calling 723-8960. Residents can also call the DEM office and request a free packet of hurricane readiness information.

Hawaiian Humane Society: For information on how to prepare for your pets in a disaster, contact the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187. <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/disaster-readiness.html>

Telephone directory: Disaster preparedness information is available at the beginning of the white pages section in your local telephone directory.
State Civil Defense: www.scd.hawaii.gov
FEMA: www.fema.gov

JBPHH Office of Emergency Management: Call 421-4000 or 448-2741 for emergency preparedness information.

CNIC Ready Navy: http://www.ready.navy.mil/build_a_kit/emergency_kits.html

Also check:

- Your unit/command emergency management representative.
- JBPHH "Are You Ready" guide.
- NIXLE Emergency Information Distribution Service.
- Sign up for NIXLE at www.nixle.com.
- www.ready.navy.mil
- www.beready.af.mil

Hurricane Categories

Tropical Storm

Winds 39-73 mph

Category 1 Hurricane — winds 74-95 mph.

No real damage to buildings. Some damage to poorly constructed signs. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.

Category 2 Hurricane — winds 96-110 mph.

Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings. Some trees blown down.

Category 3 Hurricane — winds 111-129 mph.

Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland.

Category 4 Hurricane — winds 130-156 mph.

More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland.

Category 5 Hurricane — winds 157 mph and up.

Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.

Hurricane Watches

Weather/marine advisories:

Issued for all Central Pacific tropical cyclones.

Hurricane watch:

Issued when there is a strong possibility that the storm could threaten coastal or inland communities within 48 hours or less.

Hurricane warning:

Issued when there is a high possibility that hurricane force winds will arrive within 36 hours or less.

Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR)

Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness, or TCCOR, is the system that is used by the military to explain the level of preparation that is recommended to be undertaken before a storm arrives.

TCCOR levels are based on the arrival of destructive winds and trigger specific actions.

The Pacific hurricane season runs from June through November. This is the time to dust off your family emergency plan and restock your disaster kit before a hurricane occurs. Learn your evacuation routes and the location the nearest state shelters. Stock your kit now... before the rush.

TCCOR V (96 hours before destructive winds arrive)

TCCOR IV (72 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Maintain areas around the house, and keep them clear of debris and loose material.
- Prune dead branches from trees.
- Get needed supplies.
- Maintain storm shutters in good repair and keep them easily available.
- Determine location of official shelters.
- Stock and maintain your hurricane supply locker.

TCCOR III (48 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Start monitoring the news.
- Review emergency plans with your family.
- Practice where to go in the house as the hurricane intensifies.
- Expectant mothers beyond 37th week of pregnancy should make hospital arrangements.
- Knock down coconuts and secure outside potted plants.
- Ensure loose debris is picked up around the house.
- Refill any special medications.
- Ensure gas tank is full and check your battery, water and oil.
- Move small boats to secure and safe havens.
- Check flashlight and radio batteries and make sure you have extras.
- Charge cellular phones.
- Get cash (at least \$250 in cash) in small denominations (1, 5, 10, 20s).
- Prepare to put up hurricane shutters.
- Put important documents in safe deposit box, a home safe or another safe and dry place.
- All Hawaii schools close.

TCCOR II (24 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Install typhoon shutters, siding or plywood on windows.
- Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and away from trees.
- Move grills, patio furniture, potted plants and other loose objects inside.
- Tie down anything that you can't bring inside.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting, and pack your freezer with newspaper to keep the food colder longer.
- Move furniture away from windows or cover with plastic.

TCCOR (12 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Fill your tub and bottles with water.
- Secure and brace external doors.
- Move as many valuables off the floor as possible.
- Continue to listen to the radio or television for weather advisories.
- Stay inside and off the roads.
- Stay off the phone unless it's an emergency.

TCCOR-1E (Destructive winds are occurring)

- Monitor AFN TV or radio
- Do not be confused by nice weather.

TCCOR-1R (Destructive winds have subsided)

- Remain indoors until recovery process is declared complete.
- Be aware of falling debris.

Necessary Precautions

- Stay off the phone unless it's an emergency.

During the storm

- Stay inside.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If the storm becomes intense, retreat to a designated interior safe room.

After the storm

- Don't leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it's safe.
- Don't go out on the roads until you get the all-clear.
- Watch and listen for reports on flooding or other storm-related activities.
- Don't call the police or other officials unless there is a life-threatening situation or emergency. Stay off the phone unless it's an emergency.
- Watch for and don't touch downed power lines.
- Watch your step. There may be broken glass and other debris lying about.
- Report dangling or downed power lines, broken water or sewer lines, or broken or downed telephone lines to the proper authorities.

The day after the storm

- Don't sightsee. Authorities may be out repairing downed power poles, lines, sewer lines, etc.
- Use batteries and cell phones sparingly. You may not be able to replace them so easily.

Hurricane Shelters on Oahu

State-run emergency shelters will be opened selectively, depending on the severity and type of incident or disaster. You should know the location of your two nearest shelters in the community, but do not go there until instructed to do so. Listen to radio and television for shelter locations, instructions and opening schedule. Be aware that all shelters do not stock supplies. You must bring all of your emergency supplies with you.

Military families living on base should also be aware of their nearest shelter in the community as an option if it is necessary to evacuate. Navy "safe havens," or facilities located on base that provide protection from natural disasters, provide an option for displaced personnel to take refuge inside the installation.

Military families living off base should seek shelter at the closest City and County of Honolulu shelter.

Due to the limited availability of safe havens, a priority for occupancy can be ordered. Personnel with priority include category one and five personnel and their family members and residents in housing areas most vulnerable to a hurricane.

Before reporting to a JBPHH safe haven, personnel must register first at the Makai Recreation Center for assignments and transportation to the designated location. When going to an installation safe haven, take your emergency kit, sleeping bags and a five-day supply of food and water.

When preparing for hurricane season, it



Hurricanes can be very destructive. Be sure to go to an evacuation center if conditions are unsafe at home.

is important to have a plan for your pets. If an evacuation is necessary, it is best to already know which shelters do and do not allow pets and to have the necessities on hand to continue to care for them.

Always be prepared to bring your pets with you during an emergency, if the situation allows. Animals depend on their owners for survival, just as much as children do. In time of emergency, it is unknown how long you may be away from home, or unable to live in normal conditions. When evacuating, be sure that you transport your pet safely, and use pet carriers and proper leashes and/or harnesses.

During an emergency, it may be hard to identify your pet. The best way to avoid the confusion is to place an identification tag on your pet's collar and make sure that they have a microchip in case the collar is removed or they are separated from your family. If your pet does get separated from you, it is good to keep a photograph of them on hand for identification purposes.

Owners should always keep their pet's vaccinations current to avoid being turned away from shelters. When evacuating, many shelters often ask for health paperwork before accepting you and your pets.

Have supplies on hand. Be sure to pack a week's worth of food, water, medication, cat litter, or any other supplies your pet needs on a regular basis.

Emergencies are very stressful on animals. Even the most well-behaved animals may act out, try to run away, or bite.

Plan your evacuation and leave in plenty of time. Do not wait until the last minute to evacuate. When rescue officials come to your door, they may not allow you to take your pets with you.

Remember, emergency responders are trained and required to save human lives, not animals. They may be taking physical and legal risks if they stop to help your animals.

Carry a list of emergency telephone numbers with you. This should include your veterinarian, local animal control, local animal shelters, the Red Cross, and any other individual or group you might need to contact during the disaster.

Evacuation and shelter information for Oahu will be provided by:

**Dept. of Emergency Management
 City & County of Honolulu**
Telephone: 723-8960
Website: www.honolulu.gov/dem.html

Hawaii State Civil Defense
Telephone: 733-4300
Website: www.scd.hawaii.gov

Pet Emergency Kit

Your pet will need supplies during an emergency. The best way to ensure you are prepared is to create a pet emergency supply kit, which should be stored alongside your family emergency supply kit in a waterproof container.

- Carrier/kennel
- Pet food (7-day supply)
- Water
- Bowls for food and water
- Cat litter and box or doggie waste bags
- Muzzle
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant
- Flashlight
- Extra collar with identification tags
- Extra leash
- Vaccine and other important medical documentation
- Any medications your pet is on (2-week supply)
- Microchip information and number (if applicable)
- Recent photograph of pet
- Bedding
- Toys
- Picture and owner contact information on side of pet's kennel



Disaster Kit

Build a disaster kit for your family. Bring it with you if you have to evacuate to a shelter or a safe haven.

- Water — one gallon/person/day for at least seven days.
- Non-perishable food for at least seven days.
- Manual can opener.
- First aid kit and include any prescription medications, at least a 14-to-30 day supply.
- Personal sanitation supplies such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Pet supplies: Crate, leash, food and water.
- Specialty items for children (toys, coloring books) or elderly.
- Extra glasses.
- Candles and waterproof matches.
- Money — at least \$250 in cash (in small denominations: 1, 5, 10, 20s), and travelers checks, extra car keys.
- Local maps and your evacuation plan.
- Family communications plan.
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio with NOAA weather channel (many models can also charge your cell phone).
- Important family documents (passports, IDs, deeds, wills, etc).
- Dust masks and gloves.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Sleeping bags, change of clothing (if you evacuate).
- Fuel for camping stoves or lanterns.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Electronics Technician 3rd Class Timothy Crossno (left) and Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 3rd Class Adam Crist, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonies flag detail, perform evening colors on the USS Arizona Memorial on May 26.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Daniel Barker

(Below) Retired Master Chiefs Howard Wagner (left) and John Duggan of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. Bowfin Base honor submarines and their crews lost at sea during a Memorial Day ceremony May 26 at the USS Parche Submarine Park and Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Submariners honored those on "eternal patrol" and those whose lives were spent defending the nation beneath the sea.

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DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal (Above) Thai-Hang Phan performs a dance called "He Hawaii Au" during a Memorial Day eve candlelight ceremony on May 25 at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).



DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal (Above) Motorcyclists arrive at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) to honor prisoners of war and those missing in action from the Vietnam War during a Memorial Day eve candlelight ceremony on May 25.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

(Above) Artie Wilson, master of ceremonies, addresses the audience during the Fifth Celebration of Life and Memory for West Loch at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). Wilson is a member of the board of directors of the African American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii, which hosted the commemoration.

(Right) Rear Adm. Richard L. Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speaks during a military appreciation luncheon May 21 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai. The event was sponsored by the Kauai Chamber of Commerce.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf



USS City of Corpus Christi receives 2014 Ney Award

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The Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) earned the 2014 Captain Edward F. Ney Award for best submarine galley in the Navy, announced recently by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus.

The annual award, co-sponsored by the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA), encourages excellence in Navy Food Service programs with the objective of improving the quality of life for Navy personnel.

"Winning this award allows the culinary specialist division to be properly recognized for the hard work and persistent dedication they devote to the crew members on a daily basis," said Lt. j.g. Franklin Roberson, the supply officer aboard City of Corpus Christi.

"The ability to maintain an exceptional operation speaks volumes for culinary specialists."

The culinary division on the City of Corpus Christi is made up of 10 culinary specialists who prepare three meals a day for the



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a previous deployment to the western Pacific in 2013.

150 crew members.

"Teamwork was the key to success," said Senior

Chief Culinary Specialist Gerald Davis. "To accomplish this with such a

young group of guys is my favorite part."

Many crew members said that their high morale was in a large part due to the quality of the food served aboard.

"Everyone enjoys the food," said Sonar Technician (Submarines) Seaman Stuart Wright. "To win this award lets us know we are getting the best food."

"I really like the variety; it's the best," said Wright, echoing other crew members with what they enjoy most about their galley. "We get everything from authentic southern country cooking to Asian and Hispanic foods."

"It was a big morale boost for the whole boat,

not only the culinary specialist division," said Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Bickert upon winning the award. "The whole crew was pulling for us to win it."

The Ney award is given to the ship that most successfully sets the standards for cleanliness in the galleys, quality of food and overall service of the food support team.

City of Corpus Christi is the second ship to be named after the Texas city and is capable of conducting both anti-surface and anti-submarine operations along with guided-missile strike operations using conventional Tomahawk land attack missiles.

JBPHH 'Port Dawgs' participate in global 5K run to honor fallen

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Airmen from the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMS), as well as air transportation members and supporters from other JBPHH units, organized and participated in a Port Dawg Memorial 5K Run on May 16.

The run took place during National Transportation Week and honored air transportation "Port Dawgs" who lost their lives in the last year.

"Today's run went really well because it allowed us to reflect on the lives of our fallen [Airmen] and helped build our unit camaraderie," said Master Sgt. Todd Cyr, 735th AMS passenger ser-



vices superintendent.

To kick off the run, the group of about 40 participants gathered to listen to the event's guest speaker, retired Chief Master Sgt. Jose Silva.

"With this run, we have a great opportunity to honor our fallen family members," Silva said. "That's something that we have to remember—we're all family and families take care of each other. The legacy they left behind is in your hands today. They passed that torch to you."

A participant then read the names of the fallen Airmen, and the group paused for a moment of silence before beginning the run.

Cyr said this is the run's inaugural year as a global event and plans to have JBPHH participate from now on.

"This is one of the largest groups participating in the global run, and I think that's a testament to Team Hickam," Cyr said.

Participants in the Port Dawg Memorial 5K Run pass the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Aloha Aina Park, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 16.



Photo courtesy of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Fishermen can help hooked turtles by cutting the line as close to the hook as possible. The hook should be removed only if it can be done without injury to the turtle.

FAST program is launched to protect sea turtles

Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

A new interagency program created by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) and the state of Hawaii aims to promote methods of protecting sea turtles from injuries caused by fishhooks or entanglement.

The program is called Fishing Around Sea Turtles or FAST, and it emphasizes the phrase "It's OK to help!" This program relies on advice from experienced fisherman and local experts who can provide suggestions to minimize the chances of harming sea turtles while fishing.

FAST was started to inform potential fisherman about tips that can be used to avoid accidentally hooking sea turtles while fishing and what to do when a sea turtle has been hooked or entangled. In the case of a hooked turtle, FAST encourages the fisherman to "reel-in the turtle carefully, hold it by its shell or flippers, cut the line as close to

the hook as possible, and release with no (or as little) gear/line attached."

Other tips include fishing with live bait which will attract big fish, while sea turtles more often go for dead fish, eels, octopus or squid. People should avoid cleaning their catch in harbors or piers where turtles might eat the waste and become accustomed to being fed and therefore more likely to eat bait from a hook. Fishermen are asked to use barbless circle hooks when fishing and follow Hawaii fishing regulations. Anyone who sees illegal activity, including the use of gillnets, should report it to 643-DLNR (3567).

For more information and tips on how to prevent or reduce the chances of --interactions, visit the FAST program at http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/PRD/prd_fishing_around_sea_turtles.html.

To share feedback, provide suggestions or if you have other sea turtles concerns, contact Irene Kelly, NOAA Fisheries at Irene.Kelly@noaa.gov. To report an injured or dead turtle on Oahu, call 725-5730.



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A B-2 Spirit and 16 other aircraft from the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps fly over the USS Kitty Hawk, USS Ronald Reagan and USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike groups in the western Pacific Ocean on June 18, to kick off Exercise Valiant Shield 2006.

Navy, Air Force team up in Asia-Pacific region

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WASHINGTON, D.C.— The Navy and the Air Force are collaborating as part of the Defense Department's rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert said here May 21.

The Naval Integrated Fire Control-Counter Air Capability-Based System, which employs the teaming of services' situational awareness and strike capabilities to detect and attack targets at long range, is prominent in organizing concepts that the Navy and Air Force are using to conduct counter-air operations now and into the future, Greenert said in remarks at the Defense Working Group breakfast.

"We are taking elements of Navy integrated fire control-counter air (NIFC-CA) and integrating them into exercises we run with the Air Force [such as] Northern Edge ... in Alaska and Valiant Shield [in Guam]," Greenert said.

"The whole idea is getting the tactical data links and those networks compatible — the air-sea battle brought this together."

The admiral explained that the challenge at hand is how to integrate submarines, other vessels and aircraft to bring a common effect.

NIFC-CA, Greenert said, involves assessing the inventory and area denial systems such as platforms, payloads and sensors, as well as analyzing what elements of NIFC-CA to which the Air Force could contribute.

"You lay [the elements] out there and say, 'That's nice. Now how do they operate together?'" Greenert said. "You're using Aegis cruisers and destroyer ships. Everybody sees the same thing and, therefore, they can shoot the weapon based on what you see."

The key, Greenert explained, is to sort through the tactical nets — such as the Air Force's F-35A aircraft, the Navy's F-35C and F/A-18E/F Super Hornet aircraft, and the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System — so the two services can share information.