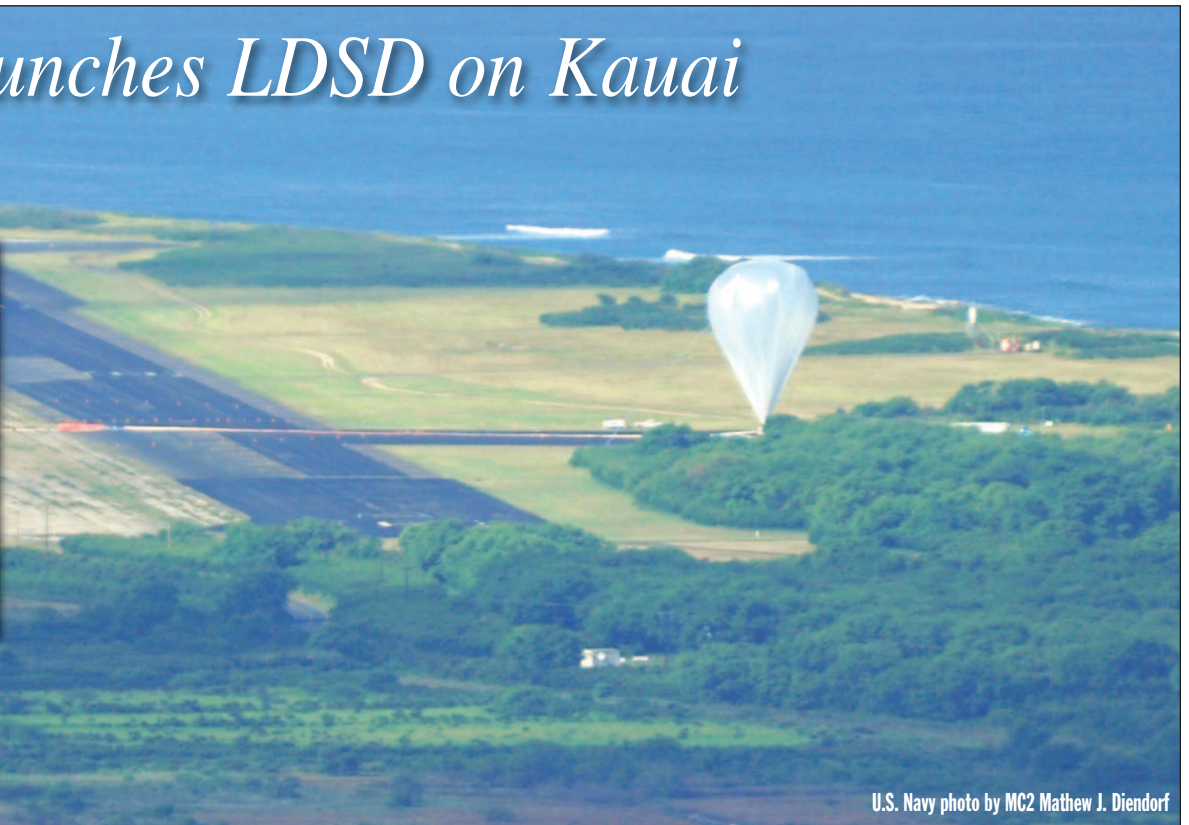


## NASA launches LDSD on Kauai



Photo courtesy of NASA

NASA's low density supersonic decelerator (LDSD) technology demonstration hardware is readied for shipping at Jet Propulsion Laboratory to the test site at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai, Hawaii. (Editor's note: The LDSD was launched on June 28 on Kauai.)



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf

NASA's high altitude balloon carrying the low density supersonic decelerator (LDSD) is inflated at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai on June 28. After liftoff, the balloon carrying the LDSD test vehicle floated upward to an altitude of 120,000 feet. The balloon then released the LDSD test vehicle and its rocket fired, taking the craft to an alti-

tude of 180,000 feet. Traveling at about Mach 3.8, LDSD deployed the first of its new technologies, a doughnut-shaped tube called the supersonic inflatable aerodynamic decelerator (SIAD). At approximately Mach 2.5, the test vehicle deployed the largest parachute ever made which, though not fully deployed, carried the LDSD to the ocean surface.

## 15th Wing bids *aloha* to outgoing commander

Story and photos by  
 Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing guidon was passed to Col. Randall Huiss, incoming 15th Wing commander, symbolizing the formal transfer of leadership of the wing from Col. Johnny Roscoe. The change of command ceremony was held June 27 on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Men and women of the 15th Wing, I look forward to meeting each of you and facing these challenges in the days and weeks ahead," Huiss said.

"Our job is to be ready and provide options for our senior leaders. This is something we cannot take lightly as failure is not an option. We'll practice safe mission execution as we take care of our nation's business. In short, our job is to ensure that when our president threatens with a clenched fist or offers with an open hand, that his words become reality," he added.

Huiss declared total sup-



U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden



(Above): Members of the 15th Wing stand in formation on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flightline during the wing change of command ceremony June 27. (Right): Lt. Gen. Russell Handy (left), 11th Air Force commander, passes the 15th Wing guidon to Col. Randall Huiss, the incoming 15th Wing commander.

port for his new Airmen. "I pledge to you my unwavering commitment to your mission readiness, your health and welfare, and the safety and security of you and your families," he said.

"I'm here to serve rather than be served, and I've experienced no greater honor and responsibility than to stand beside you as your

commander," Huiss said. Huiss thanked Roscoe for his leadership and incredible hospitality before addressing the formation of Airmen.

"[Roscoe] obviously left some very big shoes to fill," said Huiss. "My goal is to build upon those relationships and the success he fostered with the hopes of taking the wing's perfor-

mance to even greater heights."

During the ceremony, Roscoe was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious conduct and performance of outstanding services as the 15th Wing commander. He retired after 26 years of Air Force service.

Among the many things accomplished under Roscoe's

tour as commander were the activation of the Air Force's only active-associate F-22 Raptor squadron, an "excellent" rating on the wing's consolidated unit inspection, and the execution of a total force response to the Philippines for disaster relief after the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded tore through the region.

Huiss is a 1993 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and a command pilot with more than 4,200 hours in the C-17A, T-37 and T-38. Prior to taking command of the 15th Wing, he was vice commander of the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del. where he served as assistant to the commander for leadership in the combined C-5 and C-17 wing, providing worldwide movement of high priority personnel and cargo.



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

Adm. Harry Harris, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, answers questions during a Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014 press conference held July 30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## JBPHH change of command set for July 11

Leadership of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will change hands next week when Capt. Jeffrey W. James will be relieved by Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr. during a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. July 11 at the grassy knoll on Ford Island.

James assumed command

in May 2011 as the second commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, which officially stood up in October 2010. As commander, James led the Navy's third largest fleet concentration area with 177 tenant commands and about 93,000 active duty personnel, family members, Department of Defense civil-

ians and contractors. Prior to reporting to joint base, James served on the staff of Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet. He will retire after 30 years of naval service.

Keeve comes to Hawaii from the Pentagon where he served as military assistant to the Defense Business Board.

## Fourth of July Celebration tonight to include fireworks

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fourth of July Celebration will be held from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. today at Ward Field.

Featured artist 3 Doors Down will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. This multi-platinum rock band first rose to international fame with their hit single, "Kryptonite."

A fireworks display will

begin at 9 p.m.

The celebration will also include kids' activities, a car show, rides and inflatables, food and beverages available for purchase, and prizes and giveaways.

This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. There will be a 100 percent ID check at the

gate. The schedule of events is subject to change without notice.

For safety reasons, no backpacks or purses (larger than small clutches), food or beverages, barbecues, tents, umbrellas, animals, glass or coolers are allowed.

For more information, see page B-2 and visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).



Col. Roscoe takes 'fini flight' at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
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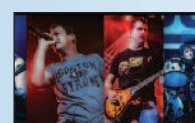
French honor WWII veterans  
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Navy continues battle against coconut rhinoceros beetle  
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RIMPAC features sports of all sorts  
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Fireworks, 3 Doors Down to highlight today's Fourth of July celebration  
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## Col. Roscoe takes 'fini flight' at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

(Above): Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, is hosed down by his family on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flightline after completing his "fini-flight."

(Left): Roscoe is doused with water by Capt. Nate Cavender, 15th Wing executive officer, on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flightline after completing his final training mission on June 24 in the C-17 Globemaster III. The mission was Roscoe's "fini-flight," a ceremonial final flight for Air Force pilots. Roscoe is retiring after 26 years of Air Force service.

(Right): Roscoe conducts a pre-flight checklist for a C-17 Globemaster III on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flightline before taking off on his "fini-flight."



## France honors World War II veterans with Legion of Honor

Story and photos by MC1 David Kolmel

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Seven World War II veterans from Hawaii received the French National Order of the Legion of Honor aboard the French floral-class frigate FS Prairial (F731) on July 2.

The honorees were Shiro Aoki, Yasunori Deguchi and Hiroo Endo, who served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; Edward Ikuma, Yoroku Ito and Shuji Akiyama, who served with the 100th Infantry Battalion; and Albert Brum, who was from Canada and fought with British and U.S. forces in France.

For more than a decade, the government of France has presented the Legion of Honor to U.S. veterans who participated in the liberation of France during World War II. The Legion of Honor is France's highest award. This award can only be presented by someone who has received it and is only given to living recipients.

Rear Adm. Anne Cullere, commander-in-chief of French forces in the Pacific, thanked the men for their courageous effort.

"This is a very special day today. We are gathered here to honor seven men that decided fighting for freedom was worth every effort unto the ultimate sacrifice," Cullere said.

"Here we are 70 years later honoring the sacrifice of too many of your comrades. We mourn with you. For what you achieved in the streets of Bruyeres and the dark woods of Vosges, we very heartily salute you. Today I will bestow the French Legion of Honor—the highest, honorific medal in France."

The award meant a lot to Edward Ikuma, who fought in France from October 1944 to March 1945.

"This is a great honor. At no point in my life did I ever expect to receive an award like this," Ikuma said. "This means more to me than anything I can express."

Yasunori Deguchi agreed with the significance of the award.

"There are no words that can express the appreciation and the recognition of the impact of the Japanese Americans

during the war," Deguchi said.

Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, said the award is well deserved.

"This is a significant day and a huge honor that the government of France is about to bestow on these seven men sitting in front of me now," Harris said.

"This is about a country saying thank you, a grateful nation saying thank you, to some folks that did amazing things in defense of that country and liberating that country during World War II," he said.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was composed of Japanese Americans, most of them from Hawaii.

The 100th battalion fought in the Naples-Foggia campaign from September 1943 to January 1944 before becoming part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which was also comprised of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Battalion, 522nd Field Artillery Battalion and the 232nd Combat Engineer Company. The 442nd RCT fought in Italy, then in France before returning to Italy.

The 442nd fought their most famous battle in France where they rescued the "Lost Battalion," breaking through the line to rescue 211 men who were cut off by German troops. The 522nd FAB also participated in the drive into Bavaria which freed inmates from Dachau prison that was being marched to their death. The 442nd, including the 100th, was the most highly decorated unit in the history of the United States for its size and length of service.

Brum, the lone Canadian honored, fought in France as a member of 101st Airborne and British 6th Airborne Division. After the war, he served in the U.S. Army, retiring as a colonel. He later became a U.S. citizen and lives in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

The ceremony was held aboard Prairial, which is homeported in Tahiti, here for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014 exercise. RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2014 is the 24th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

(See additional photo on A-5.)



Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, thanks Ralph Tomei, a 442nd Regional Combat Team veteran, for his contributions during World War II. Tomei represented his friend Shiro Aoki as Rear Adm. Anne Cullere, commander-in-chief of French maritime forces in the Pacific, presented him with the French National Order of the Legion of Honor aboard the French Floral-class frigate FS Prairial (F731).



Hiroo Endo, Yasunori Deguchi and Albert Brum, all World War II veterans, give honors during the U.S. national anthem on July 2. Rear Adm. Anne Cullere, commander-in-chief of French forces in the Pacific, presented the veterans with the French National Order of the Legion of Honor during the ceremony aboard the French Floral-class frigate FS Prairial (F731).

Commentary

## Celebrating birthday of our nation—freedom to be free

Col. Randy Huiss

15th Wing commander

It is an amazing time to be in Hawaii as we are about to celebrate the birthday of our nation. This will be a first for me as I just arrived on the island a little over a week ago and am really looking forward to seeing the fire-



Col. Randall Huiss

works over Pearl Harbor.

I am excited and extremely grateful to have the opportunity to continue serving alongside the exceptional men and women in uniform who help defend our freedoms and protect our nation for future generations that follow.

Through your careers in the Air Force, you will have,

or already have had, extraordinary opportunities to visit foreign lands. While each place has its own unique appeal, and I may have enjoyed my time while traveling abroad, it is always special to come back home. There is no place I would rather be than back in the U.S.A.

Our country is special, not because of the great material

riches or fancy gadgets that we have been blessed with and have come to enjoy but for the fortitude of the American spirit, the toughness that ensures we will get through anything together. The bullet pock marks on the PACAF headquarters building and the Pearl Harbor memorials bear witness to some of the trials our nation

has endured.

We all know that freedom is not free, so please take a moment this weekend—as you are enjoying the holiday with family and friends—to think of those who have come before. The torch is ours to carry now, and I wouldn't have it any other way. Happy Fourth of July everyone!

### Commissary Fourth of July hours announced

The Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today for the July 4th holiday. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402, ext. 101 or the Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

### Correction to Onizuka Village project – A2

A photo regarding the soil vapor extraction (SVE) system at Onizuka Village housing, which was published on page A-7 of the June 27 edition of Ho'okele, incorrectly identified the employee's company affiliation. It should read: "An employee from contractor Directional Technology Drilling operates a horizontal drill rig June 10 that will install a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system at Onizuka Village housing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam." We apologize for the error and any inconvenience this may have caused.



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# Largest international maritime exercise begins in Hawaii

**Vice Adm. Kenneth E. Floyd**

Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet;  
Commander, RIMPAC  
Combined Task Force



Vice Adm. Kenneth E. Floyd

Today (June 26) we kick off the 24th Rim of the Pacific exercise in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and I can tell you that there are more than 25,000 Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Soldiers from 22 nations here that are very excited to begin the world's largest international maritime exercise.

The RIMPAC series of exercises first started in 1971, and though the goal of the

exercise hasn't changed—helping forces from different countries work together better at sea—with each edition the exercise evolves

to include new partners, new concepts, new ships and new technologies. With more than 50 ships and submarines and more than 200 aircraft, RIMPAC 2014 is the biggest ever.

There really is no other exercise in the world quite like RIMPAC. Forces from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States have gathered to work together

in Hawaii and the waters nearby, as well as in southern California. Their training includes everything from disaster relief and maritime security to complex warfighting.

In addition to two countries participating for the first time at RIMPAC, Brunei and China, we have hospital ships taking part in the exercise for the first time. We have added a special operations component commander, which is another first. And we will be using some new equipment, like the Independence variant of the littoral combat ship, with LCS-2 operating in the waters

near Hawaii and LCS-4 off the coast of San Diego.

The training at RIMPAC is realistic and relevant. The relationships that are forged at RIMPAC span oceans and years. Ask any veteran of RIMPAC's past, and they will tell you that what stands out most in their memory is the chance to work alongside sailors of different navies and ships of different nations, improving their skills and building trust so that when we are called upon to respond to a crisis or disaster, we are ready to respond as a team.

The global maritime environment is too large and too

complex for any one nation to safeguard, and countries in the Pacific region have experienced economic prosperity largely because of the security and stability that exists at sea. Our economies, lives and mutual interest are more intertwined now than ever before, and RIMPAC provides the opportunity for participating forces to train to ensure the ability to deter disruptions to global supply chains and threats to lines of communication and commerce.

We have put together a strong team for RIMPAC 2014, and I am looking forward to what is certain to be a great exercise.

Commentary

# The certainty, meaning of freedom: Independence Day

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

Commander, Navy Region  
Hawaii and Naval Surface  
Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

For Americans, Independence Day is a time to celebrate the birth of our nation and reflect on our freedom, equality and heritage. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"—those are val-

ues we can share with others and defend and protect together.

Our independence and the freedoms we enjoy today came at a price of life's sacrifice from our dedicated military who came before us to fight for our independence and defend it during the past two centuries.

So, on this Independence Day, we should remember those who have gone before, and we should reflect on our freedoms and how our country has secured and maintained them. As recent world events show us, freedoms like ours should not be taken for granted; they have been hard earned.

This summer here in Hawaii we are making history. RIMPAC 2014 is the world's largest international maritime exercise, and our

region is proud to help host most of the 25,000 participants and observers from dozens of countries.

This weekend, I know many of us will share barbecues, sporting events, a concert and fireworks with our RIMPAC guests. Our guests will be able to see—some for the first time—the openness, hospitality and genuine goodwill of Americans.

This summer is an uncertain time in many parts of the world. With that uncertainty, there is an even greater need to promote understanding and build cooperative relationships.

Our Navy helps to provide certainty and security in an uncertain world. Security is one of our nation's leading exports.

We live in an intercon-

nected world, one which now depends on the ideals of freedom we defend: access to sea lanes and open oceans. As the nation's maritime strategy says: "Because the maritime domain—the world's oceans, seas, bays, estuaries, islands, coastal areas, littorals, and the airspace above them—supports 90 percent of the world's trade, it carries the lifeblood of a global system that links every country on earth."

RIMPAC helps our military team build capabilities in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, maritime security operations, sea control and other skills. The net result: we are more able to work together to preserve peace and prevent conflict.

Every day I look around

and I see service members, civilians and families who are proud to be here in Hawaii and who are sharing the spirit of aloha here in this wonderful state.

This Fourth of July weekend, during RIMPAC, let's celebrate together. Let's further reflect on the meaning of Independence Day. And let's commit to making our celebrations safe, using common sense and making good decisions.

We need you safe, healthy and on our team to meet our mission—for certain.

We must also remember that this holiday weekend there will be many of our shipmates and fellow service members standing duty and forward-deployed in defense of our country and all it stands for. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## Diverse Views



What is your fondest Fourth of July memory?



**Lt. Erik Guiremand**  
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"My first Fourth of July after I got married was two weeks before deployment. We spent some time in a hotel in downtown San Diego. Fireworks were around us and over the Midway carrier."

**Susan Venegas**  
Military spouse



"When we were stationed at Luke AFB in '92, we had a huge back yard to watch the fireworks, and we had all our family over. It was a wonderful time."



**IT1 Sharshell Porchia**  
NCTAMS PAC

"Playing with fireworks with my brothers."

**Airman 1st Class Jake Hartzog**  
766th Specialized  
Contracting Squadron



"Growing up on the lake in Georgia, we always went to a fireworks show with family and friends."



**Tech. Sgt. LaToya High**  
766th Specialized  
Contracting Squadron

"Best Fourth of July ever! Racine, Wisconsin; morning parade, afternoon barbecue, late afternoon carnival, evening fireworks by the lake!"

**FC2 Dylan Howard**  
USS Lake Erie (CG 70)



"Being on Lake Minnetonka with my family because it reminds me of a younger, more simple time."



**Master Sgt. Eric Oian**  
PACAF

"Cooking out with family and friends in the afternoon, and watching fireworks over Galveston Bay at night."

**BM2 Henry Lucas**  
NOSC Charleston



"Spending time with my grandmother, who was miles and miles away from home."

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

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Got opinions to share?

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## Strategic air attacks begin in Korean War



Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

On July 6, 1950 (64 years ago this week), the first U.S. strategic air attacks of the Korean War began. Nine B-29s attacked an oil refinery at Wonsan and a chemical plant at Hungnam in North Korea. The photo above shows a B-29 bomb run during the Korean War.

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## Stay safe on Fourth of July weekend

**Don Robbins**

*Editor, Ho'okele*

Here are some tips on ways to keep safe over the Fourth of July weekend holiday.

### Driving

- Be careful at intersections. Don't assume others are going to do the right thing.
- When operating a vehicle, remember to stay focused (not distracted), and keep your eyes on the road.
- Stay aware of the drivers around you. If you see an erratic driver, don't get angry, get away from them.
- Don't drink and drive. If you plan to drink, plan your transportation in advance.
- Don't drive if you are tired.
- Keep your car running well. Make sure your tires, brakes, headlights and taillights, and turn signals are all working perfectly.
- Obey the speed limit. In rain, fog and darkness, slow down.
- Drive defensively. Obey the rules and be predictable.
- Keep your children in car safety seats, and know how to install the seats.
- Use your turn signals and don't make any sudden moves.

### Boating

- Learn to swim.
- Don't drink while boating.
- Wear an approved life jacket, and make sure your passengers do, too.

### Grilling food

- Keep your grill at least three feet away from your house, porch, shed, trees or bushes.
- Use starter fluid that is made especially for barbecue grills. Follow the instructions about how to ap-

ply and light it.

- Don't squirt starter fluid on a fire after you've already tried to start it.
- Never use gasoline to try to start or restart charcoal.
- If you have a gas grill, make sure you read and follow the instructions about how to use and store it.
- Store gas cylinders outside and keep them away from buildings.
- Keep children away from the grill both while you are cooking, and after you finish while the grill is still hot and when hot coals remain.
- Don't leave lit grills unattended.

### Beach safety

- Protect your skin. Limit the amount of direct sunlight you receive between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and, wear a sunscreen with a sun protection factor containing a high rating such as 15.
- Drink plenty of water regularly and often even if you do not feel thirsty. Your body needs water to keep cool.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke: Heat stroke is life-threatening. Signs include hot, red, and dry skin; changes in consciousness, rapid, weak pulse, and rapid, shallow breathing.

### Swimming pools and kids

- If you're at a pool with children who are either very young or who can't swim, don't leave them alone, even if they aren't in the water.
- If you are taking care of an infant or toddler, don't let them out of arm's reach.
- Learn about rescue swimming and take a CPR course. You never know when you might have to rescue someone.
- Make sure you have life preservers handy.

## RIMPAC ship tours to be held Saturday

RIMPAC participants, military and Department of Defense ID-cardholders, their families and sponsored guests are invited to tour RIMPAC ships from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. on July 5, unless otherwise stated.

### Requirements:

- Guests must be 8 years old or older.
  - Must be independently mobile and able to walk aboard the ship and climb ladder wells and on gridded deck plates.
  - Dress comfortably and wear covered shoes, no heels or slippers.
  - Do not carry bags or anything that offers concealment.
  - Photography will be limited to the immediate area where the ship is moored and onboard the ship during the tour, as permitted by the respective ships' commanding officers.
  - Be prepared to show your ID at security gates and check points.
  - Parking is available in surrounding parking lots. No parking is allowed on the piers.
- The following ships are available for tours and are subject to change:

### Bravo Piers (along Pearl Harbor Boulevard)

Enter via pedestrian gates located at B-24 and B-26.

USS Spruance (DDG 111) - Pier B-23; USS Sampson (DDG 102) - Pier B-23; USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) - Pier B-24; USCGC Woesche (WMSL 751) - Pier B-24; USS Gary (FFG 51) - Pier B-24; USS Chosin (CG 60) - Pier B-25; USS Cape St. George (CG 71) - Pier B-25.

Enter via pedestrian gates located at B-19

ARM Revolucion (P 164, Mexico) - Pier B-3; JS Ise (DDH 182, Japan) - Pier B-4; HNoMS Fridtjof Nansen (F 310, Norway) - B-4; INS Sahyadri (F 34, India) - Pier B-7; USS Port Royal (CG 73) - Pier B-10; FS Prairial (F 731, France) - Pier B-16; CNS Blanco Encalada (FF 15, Chile) - Pier B-15; RSS Intrepid (F 69, Singapore) - Pier B-20; Almirante Padilla (FM-51, Colombia) - B-21; USS Michael Murphy (DDG

112) - B-9; USS Chafee (DDG 90) - B-15; USS Rushmore (LSD 47) - B-16.

### Mike Piers

Enter via pedestrian gate at M-4.  
KRI Banda Aceh (LPD 593, Indonesia) - Pier M-1; USS Lake Champlain (CG 57) - Pier M-3; JS Kirishima (DDG 174, Japan) - Pier M-4

### Sierra Piers

Enter via pedestrian gate at Sierra-10  
HMCS Calgary (FFH 335, Canada) - Sierra 8/9; HMAS Success (OR 304, Australia) - Sierra 8/9

### Hotel and Kilo Piers

Enter at pier security gate checkpoints.  
USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) - Pier H 2/3 (tours start at the top of the hour); HMNZS Canterbury (L 421, New Zealand) - Pier H ¼; USS Peleliu (LHA 5) - Pier K-10. On July 5, available for tours only from noon to 4 p.m.; USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) - Pier K-5. Also available for tours on weekdays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; PLA(N) Haikou (DD 171, China) - Pier K-7/8 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; PLA(N) Peace Ark (T-AH 866, China) - Pier K-7/8 1 to 5 p.m.  
For more information, call the Combined Information Bureau at 472-0240 or 472-0235.



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The amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5).

## RIMPAC features sports tournaments, recreation

### Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation Athletics

RIMPAC sports tournaments will run during in-port periods. The deadline passed and most are at full capacity.

Awards will be given for each event listed below:

First in-port period events (now to July 7), will be eligible toward RIMPAC Cup.

The following events will be held through July 7:

- Basketball tournament at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Hickam Fitness Center.

- Soccer tournament at Ward Field.

• Indoor volleyball tournament at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center and Naval Station Gym.

- Four-person sand volleyball tournament at Went-

worth Volleyball Sand Courts.

- Softball tournament at Millican Field.

From now through July 7, a singles and doubles tennis tournament at Wentworth Tennis Facility.

Second in-port period

events (from July 31 to Aug. 2), will not be eligible toward the RIMPAC Cup.

On July 31, a sailing regatta will be held at Rainbow Bay Marina.

The following events will be held from July 31 to Aug. 2:

- Basketball tournament will be held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fit-

ness Center.

- Soccer tournament at Ward Field.

• Indoor volleyball tournament at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center and Naval Station Gym.

- Softball tournament at Millican Field.

• On Aug. 1, a 5K run will begin at RIMPAC Central across from Bravo Pier.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



An MV-22 Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 161, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, prepares to set down on the runway at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai on June 24 during an initial test of PMRF's airfield capability to support possible future Osprey training. Two Ospreys practiced take-off and landing maneuvers on different parts of the airstrip. It was the first time that the MV-22 flew into PMRF. Two VMM squadrons will be based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay in support of III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) elements in Hawaii. The tiltrotor Osprey provides increased speed, longer range and greater mission versatility than a helicopter.

U.S. Navy photo by Stefan Alford

A Marine with 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, jumps from an MH-53E Super Stallion, assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 Pegasus, while conducting helicopter rope suspension training and amphibious insert capabilities during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Shannon E. Renfro



Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, addresses the audience during a commemoration ceremony for the 64th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl on June 26. Harris thanked the brave men and women who fought in the Korean War for their service and honored those who lost their lives, including Soldiers from Hawaii serving in the 24th, 25th and 45th Infantry Divisions.



Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and two sailors from the Republic of Korea ship Wang Geon (DDH 978) lay a wreath during a commemoration ceremony held June 26 for the 64th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

U.S. Navy photos by MC1 David Kolmel



Col. David Kirkendall (left), 647th Air Base Group commander, and Col. Jeffrey Guimarin, 747th Communications Squadron commander, exchange a salute during a change of command ceremony held June 26 at the Missing Man Formation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the ceremony, Guimarin took the reins from Lt. Col. David Hillman.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden



Rear Adm. Anne Cullere, commander-in-chief of French forces in the Pacific, presented Shuji Akiyama, a 100th Battalion veteran, with the French National Order of the Legion of Honor during a ceremony July 2 aboard the French Floréal-class frigate FS Prairial (F731).

U.S. Navy Photo by MC1 David Kolmel

# RIMPAC Sailors volunteer, learn about Native Hawaiian culture



Sailors from USS Lake Champlain, USS Spruance and USS Sampson, volunteer their time at the Halealoha Haleamau Burial Platform at joint base.

Story and photo by  
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Sailors from the USS Lake Champlain (CG-57), USS Spruance (DDG-111) and the USS Sampson (DDG-102), who are currently participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014, volunteered their time June 27 to work and learn about Native Hawaiian culture at the Halealoha Haleamau Burial Platform at Fort Kamehameha on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Jeff Pantaleo, Navy Region

Hawaii archaeologist, cultural resources program manager and Navy Native Hawaiian liaison officer, explained that this platform was created in consultation with the Native Hawaiian community to be a respectful way to properly preserve ancient Native Hawaiian remains or 'iwi (ee-vee) that were discovered during various base construction and maintenance projects.

The platform is a replica of a traditional Hawaiian burial platform and is surrounded by a *naupaka* hedge, an indigenous plant that discreetly shields it from view.

As respectful stewards of the

environment, the Navy and Air Force seriously accepts its responsibility in maintaining this burial platform. "It's great, working with the ships," Pantaleo said.

"Everyone is eager to learn about the Hawaiian culture and participate in a community outreach opportunity like this located on base. It's a win-win for all!"

This year's RIMPAC, the 24th in the series that began in 1971, is scheduled from June 26 to Aug. 1. Twenty-two nations, 49 surface ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate.

# Navy water consumers in Hawaii receive annual water quality report

Story and photo by  
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The Navy's 2014 Water Quality Reports are being distributed to all Navy, Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD) and some non-DoD customers in Hawaii beginning June 23.

"Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii operates six water systems and takes its mission of providing safe drinking water to customers very seriously," said Aaron Poentis, environmental business line director.

"We understand this important responsibility and have the knowledge and talent to make sure the treatment and distribution of this resource is properly executed in an efficient and secure manner."

As with all other drinking water providers throughout the nation, NAVFAC Hawaii is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to report test results on water that has been delivered over the past year. These annual water quality reports, also called

the consumer confidence reports (CCRs), provide data on the quality of drinking water provided to Navy water consumers by including information on the sources of water, health effects, compliance status and other related statistics. They also contain tables listing all contaminants detected in the water at levels above the EPA's prescribed minimum detection limits.

"All sampling and testing is done by following strict protocols and performed by certified experts with the results provided by the Navy to state regulators for review and analysis," said Poentis.

"The annual reports deliver this information to water consumers to educate them as well as confirm to them that the drinking water is completely safe and meeting all federal and state drinking water standards," he said.

The six water systems owned and operated by NAVFAC Hawaii are located at: Barbers Point (Kalaeloa), Camp Stover, Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Lualualei, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTMAS PAC) Wahiawa, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

(JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai. Annual reports are developed for each system, with the exception of NAVMAG Lualualei which does not require a report since it does not service any residents.

All Navy-provided water is from ground water sources similar to that of the city's Board of Water Supply. In accordance with Navy policy, it is chlorinated and fluoridated as indicated in the reports.

In June of each year, hard copies of the annual water quality report are mailed or hand-delivered to NAVFAC Hawaii's command customers. These customers are asked to post the report in highly-visible or high-traffic areas so that water users may see them.

For military housing residents, the distribution of water quality reports is handled through various housing management offices.

• JBPHH Water System – Most Navy housing residents near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam should contact Forest City's Residential Management office at the Aloha Center (Moanalua Shopping Center - 4825 Bougainville St., suite 100).



A water distribution system operator from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii's utilities water production section takes a sample of drinking water from building X29 on the command's main compound on June 11 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

• JBPHH Water System – Air Force housing residents at JBPHH Hickam-side may contact Hickam Communities (211 Mercury St.).

• JBPHH Water System - Iroquois Point housing residents may contact Waterfront at Puuloa (5105 Iroquois Ave.).

• Camp Stover and NCTMAS PAC Water Systems – Housing residents should contact Forest City's Pearl

City office (557 Lehua Ave.).  
• Barbers Point Water System – Housing residents should contact their housing office, Kalaeloa Rental Homes (4285 Independence Road).

• PMRF Kauai Water System – Reports for this system will be distributed by the NAVFAC Hawaii Public Works Department at Barkling Sands.

In addition, all reports are

electronically available via NAVFAC Hawaii's public website at <http://ow.ly/yFW3P>. The new 2014 versions were posted June 23.

If unable to obtain a hard copy or electronic copy of the 2014 Water Quality report, contact NAVFAC Hawaii's Public Affairs at 471-7300 or the command's environmental compliance office at 471-1171, ext. 203

# Navy continues battle against coconut rhinoceros beetle

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The coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) was first discovered in a trap at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Dec. 23, 2013. In January 2014, CRB eggs, larvae and adults were confirmed to be present in a large mulch pile on the Mamala Bay Golf Course on base.

Efforts have been underway since January to determine the extent of the beetle's infestation on Oahu. This has been done with a combination of methods, including conducting visual surveys of coconut trees and manila palms for feeding damage, searching through mulch and green waste piles for larvae, and by placing a variety of traps that lure and capture adult beetles if they are in the area. Some of these traps are placed in Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) communities, while many more are placed on other military and public grounds around the island.

The State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is the lead agency in this effort. Navy Region Hawaii and JBPHH have remained in close coordination with HDOA and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) while also working together with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine (APHIS-PPQ). This team has been performing the surveys, extermination and public awareness work to minimize the spread and eventually eliminate the beetle on Oahu.

"Unfortunately, it appears that the beetle found favorable breeding habitat in areas of the Mamala Bay Golf Course where green waste had accumulated or was being composted [and] was continuously moistened by the course irrigation system," said Dr. Cory Campora, natural resources specialist at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii. The green waste or debris in the areas that were confirmed as CRB breeding sites was excavated and ground twice on site using a "tub grinder," similar to a wood-chipper but capable of reducing ma-

terial to a smaller size. The ground mulch was then enclosed in tarps and netting to deter adult beetles from laying additional eggs in or surviving life stages from moving out of the mulch while it awaits further treatment.

"Similar areas of green waste or mulch are present in other areas of the base but so far have been negative for CRB eggs and larvae. Because these are all potential breeding sites, all material at these sites are under quarantine, meaning they cannot be moved, until they are treated to ensure that no CRB are present," Campora explained.

The advantage provided by the Navy-funded grinding process is that it eliminates all but the earliest life stages of the CRB. Adults, pupae and large larvae are destroyed by the grinding. With only the early stages of eggs and small larvae remaining, this technique then provides time to develop and

perfect methods for eradication. The CRB has a hard black shell with a horn on its head that is larger in males. Adult beetles are nocturnal and can grow to more than two inches in length. The beetle feeds on such plants as coconut palm trees, oil palms, other palm species, banana, sugarcane, papaya, sisal and pineapple. The CRB can often kill a palm tree when feeding on it, which makes it a very destructive species for Pacific islands.

The female adult beetles lay their eggs in decomposing organic matter where they develop into large C-shaped grubs before transforming into beetles, a process which takes about three to four months from egg to adult. Guam has experienced a particularly extensive infestation of the CRB that has killed off a significant number of the coconut palm trees on the island.

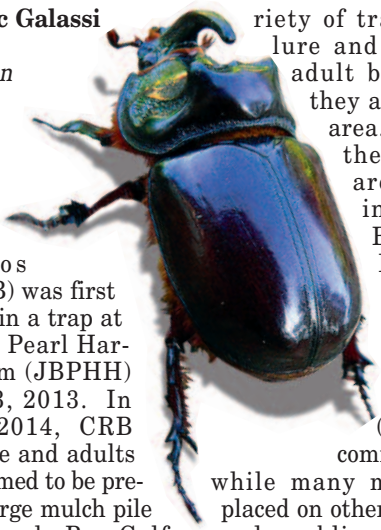
"It is unknown at this time how the CRB arrived

at JBPHH, and it is very difficult to determine the method of arrival," Campora said.

It is possible the CRB could have come on either military or civilian flights from many possible locations. In early November, inspectors at Honolulu airport picked up a CRB in luggage from a flight arriving from Japan but this was determined to be an isolated incident. Since this effort began, approximately 500 adult and 600 larval beetles have been found. Of these, only 13 adults have been discovered outside of the JBPHH boundaries.

Residents can report any sighting of the beetle to the state pest hotline at 643-PEST (643-7378). Information such as physical address, latitude and longitude, and/or a description of where it was found is needed. Pictures of potential CRB may be sent to the following e-mail address: stoprhino@gmail.com.

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## U.S. Pacific Fleet Band performs in Cambodia

Musician 3rd Class Cliff Murray and the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band perform June 21 with Cambodian musicians during a concert at city square in Sihanoukville, Cambodia.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Greg Badger