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JBP HH holds change of command today

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Capt. Jeffrey W. James is relinquishing command of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBP HH) to Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr. during a change of command ceremony today on Ford Island. James took command of JBP HH on June 3, 2011.

James is retiring from the U.S. Navy after 30 years of service and plans to stay in Hawaii.

"I've lived here longer than I've lived anywhere else in my life. This is where we're staying after I transition out of the Navy," he said.

"This is my home now. Hawaii means a great deal to me and my family. We've been welcomed, and we've really embraced the aloha spirit. I really enjoy the culture, a lot that Hawaii has to offer. It's been great to serve here.

"I look forward to being able to continue to join the community as we stay here beyond my Navy time and be part of the community and still have something to give back," he added.

James also had some advice to offer to Keeve as he



U.S. Navy photo by SrA Christopher Stoltz
Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr. (foreground), incoming commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, receives turnover of the JBP HH Installation Development Plan (IDP) from Capt. Jeffrey James, outgoing joint base commander.

takes command of joint base. "Aside from running the base, it's really about establishing and nurturing relationships we've got with the community," James said.

Prior to taking command of joint base, James served on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor. His previous assignments have included commanding officer of USS Hopper (DDG 70) and USS Pioneer (MCM 9) and as operations officer on USS Elliott (DD 967).

He served as an ordnance officer and navigator on USS Flatley (FFG 21). He also completed tours of duty at Naval Personnel Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, is the guest speaker for the ceremony. He praised James for his leadership of joint base.

"As commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Capt. James has been directly responsible for the Navy's third largest fleet concentration area with more than 87,000 Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines, their fami-

lies, Department of Defense civilians and contractors — at the Navy's best homeport. Joint base is the home to the U.S. Pacific Fleet, submarine forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Hawaii Air National Guard and Pacific Air Force's key strategic flight line in the Pacific," Williams said.

"Capt. James' leadership has been critical in ensuring warfighting readiness, focusing on supporting forward operations, building strong partnerships, and meeting the needs of service members and their families. He built strong ties with our friends and neighbors in the community—fostering education, understanding and a real sense of aloha through the annual makahiki and in events with the Navy League, Chamber of Commerce and other groups," he said.

Keeve's previous assignment was as military assistant to the Defense Business Board in the Pentagon.

A surface warfare officer, he served tours of duty on USS Reuben James (FFG 57), USS Philippine Sea

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USS Halsey deploys to U.S. 7th Fleet AOR

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) departed from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 7 for a deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

Halsey is a multi-mission ship with anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatant capabilities, designed to operate independently or with an associated strike group. While deployed, Halsey will conduct theatre security cooperation and maritime presence operations with partner nations.

The mission of Halsey is to conduct sustained combat operations at sea, providing primary protection for the Navy's aircraft carriers and battle groups, as well as essential escort

to Navy and Marine Corps amphibious forces and auxiliary ships, and independent operations as necessary.

"After an exceptionally challenging training cycle and rigorous training exercises in southern California with the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Strike Group, the 300 strong, proud Sailors of Halsey are ready to be deployed to the waters that our famous namesake sailed in the past," said Cmdr. Linda Seymour, commanding officer of Halsey.

U.S. Navy photo by JMSDF photographer P01 Makoto Maeda
The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.



RIMPAC ships head out for exercise at sea



(Above) The crew of Republic of Korea navy destroyer Seoae Ryu Seong-ryong (DDG 993) wave to shore as the ship departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the sea phase of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Martin Wright

(Right) The Indian navy frigate Sahyadri (F 49) passes the USS Arizona Memorial while departing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See additional photos on page A-4.)

U.S. Navy photo by C1 Martin Wright



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Navy Surgeon General visits Peace Ark, Mercy

MC2 Amanda R. Gray

RIMPAC Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy Surgeon General and Chief of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan, embarked the People's Republic of China medical ship Peace Ark (T-AH 866) for a tour July 2 while it is in port for the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014 in Pearl Harbor. Nathan also visited the hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19).

Not only is this the People's Republic of China's first time participating in RIMPAC, this also marks the first year that the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) is participating.

The Peace Ark was commissioned in 2008. The ship's mission is to provide a more rapid humanitarian response to disasters around the world.

"This is very exciting for our Sailors, for our staff on the Mercy and for our Navy," said Nathan. "I am hopeful that this is just the first of many opportunities we have to partner up and learn from each other. The sea can bring tremendous damage to a country and its people, but it can also bring

amazing ships like the Peace Ark and the Mercy to people to help make a difference."

This tour was the final portion of the International Military Medical Symposium, held July 1-2, which allowed members throughout the international military medical community to better enhance their knowledge and experience.

Rear Adm. Colin Chinn, command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command, also emphasized the significance of the visit with the hospital ships.

"As a U.S. Pacific Command surgeon, one of my priorities is to develop health engagements with all of our world's nations, and we are working very hard to develop engagements with the People's Republic of China," said Chinn.

"This year RIMPAC is significant. The fact that China is participating, the medical community is having a symposium and the fact that we have Peace Ark and Mercy together, actually meets one of my long-term goals," he said.

"I am grateful that the crew of the Peace Ark took the time and the effort to bring this amazing ship with its amazing capabilities to RIMPAC," said Nathan. "I think that this is a very wonderful learn-



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Justin W. Galvin
Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan, Navy surgeon general and chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery, speaks to Sailors aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19).

ing opportunity for everyone, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to see the Peace Ark firsthand."

The Peace Ark crew showcased a variety of areas and systems to distinguished guests during their visit of the ship, touring surgical facilities, computerized tomogra-

phy (CT) scan areas, the surgical surveillance system, the flight deck and the wardroom.

"I am encouraged by the beginnings of actually doing things together," said Nathan. "The significance of this exercise is that in the past we have flown to each other's countries and talked about doing

things together, but here we are actually doing things here together, and that can be the start of a more robust relationship and an understanding of each other's desires and capabilities."

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15th OSS airfield management team kicks into overdrive for RIMPAC

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The JBPHH flightline is a hub of flight activity for RIMPAC 2014 and with more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel slated to participate in the exercise, the 15th Operations Support (15 OSS) Squadron Airfield Management Flight have their hands full playing host to the array of aircraft and people transiting the airfield.

Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2014, which is a biennial, multinational maritime exercise designed to foster and sustain international cooperation on the security of the world's oceans, kicked off at JBPHH on June 26 and runs through Aug. 1.

"For RIMPAC, it's our job in airfield management to accommodate aircraft parking for joint and multinational forces aircraft, as well as our own," said Tech. Sgt. Bryan Masters, 15th OSS airfield management operations NCO in charge.

"We've had to get creative with our aircraft parking plan due to the limited amount of real estate that we have here, but we made it work."

Masters said it has taken



(Above) Navy F-18 Hornets sit on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam waiting to participate in the Rim of the Pacific 2014 exercise.



Tech. Sgt. Bryan Masters, 15th Operations Support Squadron Airfield Management Operations NCO in charge, uses a measuring wheel to measure the distance between two Navy F-18 Hornets parked on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

a staff of 10 airfield management Airmen and more than four months to set up a parking plan to accommodate all the aircraft.

During the exercise, the airfield management flight expects the ramp to see the most aircraft to participate in RIMPAC in 24 years, including F-15C Eagles, F-16 Fighting Falcons, F-22 Raptors, HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters, C-130J Super Hercules and a host of aircraft from visiting nations

and sister services.

Masters said that due to the continuation of real-world missions, the biggest challenge for his staff has been finding space for the visiting RIMPAC aircraft while ensuring zero delay of non-exercise related missions.

"The Air Force criteria for parking and staging aircraft and equipment differ from those of our joint partners, so we have to try to work within their confines while

sticking to Air Force criteria as well, and it only gets more complicated when you consider the needs of the multinational aircraft," he said.

Additionally, to ensure more efficient helicopter operations during RIMPAC, Masters' team designed and constructed a temporary helipad on the flightline.

"We don't usually do this, but we wanted to streamline helicopter landing and parking operations which will also allow for better traffic

flow throughout other areas of the airfield," said Masters.

In addition to parking and placement of aircraft, the airfield management flight also oversees the airfield driving program and expects an additional 100 vehicles to be present on the airfield during RIMPAC.

More than 400 personnel have already been trained on the rules of driving on the JBPHH flightline and, in an effort to be even more engaging and proactive, members

of the team visited the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) ahead of the exercise to provide flightline drivers training to Sailors before they arrived at joint base.

"Being the RIMPAC POC for the airfield is by far the busiest I've ever been in my 13-year career," Masters said of the increased work load.

And the extra hard work hasn't gone unnoticed by the airfield's visiting units.

"The airfield management team did an excellent job on the parking plan," said Navy Lt. j.g. Matthew Agee, a pilot assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Four.

"The helicopter pad that was made for RIMPAC works very well. The parking spots are well spaced with plenty of room between helicopters and equipment. The glint tape is especially helpful for taxiing and definitely helped to avoid confusion about where to taxi on the ramp and how to get to the departure point and back to the parking area after landing."

"The large 'H' made it easy to spot the landing zone from a distance which is very helpful when operating in such a busy and unfamiliar airport. Overall, it was well planned and well executed," Agee said.



Military service members based in Hawaii receive recognition during a citizenship naturalization ceremony held on the historic Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Battleship Missouri Memorial hosts naturalization ceremony

Story and photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

Military service members, civilians and their families attended a citizenship naturalization ceremony held July 3 on the fantail of the historic Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

More than 70 people representing approximately 20 countries took the oath of allegiance to officially become American citizens and be a part of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' annual celebration of Independence Day.

Susan Oki Mollway, chief United States district judge, district of Hawaii, presided over the ceremony and introduced the guest speakers, Rear Adm. Alma Grocki, director of Fleet Maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Sen. Mike Gabbard, Hawaii State Senate District 20.

"The service was great today," said Grocki.

"I came really not knowing what to expect, but you can just see the pride in people's faces and they are so excited. Different ages, men and women, are equally excited and honored to be citizens. They really get it; they know what it is to be an American."

The admiral also spoke on the importance of diversity in today's world and military.

"Diversity is everything. That is our whole country," said Grocki.

"We are such a melting pot of different people who bring their individual skills and talents, which other countries may not have or may not be as versatile in different skill sets. And that is why diversity in the United States and in our Navy is so important," she added.

During the ceremony, future citizens and their families viewed an official video address from President Barack Obama, congratulating them on becoming a part of this nation.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard presented the colors accompanied by musical performances provided by the Pacific Fleet

Band Brass Quintet.

Military service members, representing the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps, had the honor to receive their citizenship as well as congratulations and support of their respective commands. Builder 1st Class Marco Wood from Germany, assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, became an American citizen along with many others.

"Today I was able to take my oath and become a citizen. This is a beautiful and historic place to have the ceremony, and I really enjoyed it, as I was waiting for this moment for a long time," said Wood.

"I have been in the military for 18 years and I already felt like I am an American, but it is nice to be recognized officially, to have all the rights and responsibilities as other citizens do. And I do plan on voting for the first time," he said.

The ceremony concluded with each newly naturalized citizen receiving a certificate of citizenship and celebrating with a families and loved ones.

Joint base CoC

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(CG 58), USS Guardian (MCM 5) and USS Roosevelt (DDG 80). Some of his other assignments have included flag aide to the commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, commander of NATO Strike Forces Southern Europe, and director of professional development at the U.S. Naval Academy.

"Having served on a frigate homeported in Pearl Harbor 20 years ago, I've always had fond memories of my time on Oahu. Getting the opportunity to serve again on the island and to command such an important and historic joint installation is a great honor," Keeve said.

"I will endeavor to do my very best to lead and serve the men and women of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and to be a good partner with our neighboring towns and communities," he said.

Williams offered welcoming remarks to the new commander.

"Today, we welcome Capt. Stanley Keeve to beautiful Hawaii. Capt. Keeve brings a wealth of experience and skills to the base and to the waterfront. He has already hit the ground running—getting involved, showing his concern for Sailors and their families, and ready and willing to make a difference."

"He is the right leader at the right time with the right skill set, and I'm looking forward to seeing what he will accomplish in the months ahead," Williams said.

(See page A-3 for Capt. James' aloha commentary and photos highlighting his command at JBPHH.)

Commentary

Departing joint base commander says *aloha* to our *ohana*

Capt. Jeffrey James

Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam

I turn over command of JBPHH this morning and close out a naval career that has spanned 30 years. As I reflect back over the past three years as your joint base commander, my mind is filled with the rich imagery of the people and the events that have defined this tour.

I can see clearly the quiet stoicism and pride etched into the faces of Pearl Harbor survivors at the 70th anniversary remembrance of the attack, a ceremony which served as the last formal gathering of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

I recall the feelings of awe and immense respect for the late Sen. Daniel Inouye as I stood alongside him at the groundbreaking for the new Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command facility and a year and a half later as I introduced him as the keynote speaker at the blessing ceremony for the Ford Island Child Development Center, a project he championed.

I mostly recall a six-hour luncheon on board a Russian warship during RIMPAC 2012 – and the irony of it given my entry into the Navy at the height of the Cold War. I can see vividly the numerous foreign state



U.S. Navy file photo

(Left) Capt. Jeffrey James, incoming commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), departs from his change of command ceremony at Kilo Pier. James relieved outgoing commander, Capt. Richard Kitchens, on June 3, 2011.

(Below) Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, former commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), play a stone rolling game at the annual *makahiki* festival on JBPHH on Oct. 22, 2011.

(Right) The late U.S. Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye; Navy Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Navy Adm. Frank Ponds, former commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, participate in a traditional Hawaiian blessing from Kahu, Kordell Kekoa during a Oct. 24, 2012 grand opening ceremony for the new Ford Island Child Development Center (CDC), a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, sustainable facility.



U.S. Navy file photo



Department of Defense file photo

aircraft parked on the Hickam ramp – as I sat alongside the 15th Wing commander in base ops, working together to do our respective parts to receive and protect 20 heads-of-

state for the 2011 Asia Pacific Economic Conference.

I was privileged to listen to Senior Airman Brian Kolfage, a triple amputee as a result of a mortar attack while serving in Iraq,

as he spoke at the 2011 Air Force Ball about looking forward and not dwelling on the past. I can hear the “tap code” being hammered out by former Vietnam POW and Navy Capt. (re-

tired) Jerry Coffee at the 2013 Navy Ball.

I am eternally indebted for the incredible generosity of numerous organizations such as the USO, the Navy League, Friends of Hickam

and many others who have given so much for the betterment of our Airmen, Sailors and their families.

I am humbled to have worked among some truly great Americans – like the young Sailors who transport nearly two million visitors a year to the Arizona Memorial, or the Navy, Air Force and civilian security forces who stand guard 24 hours a day, seven days a week to safeguard this base and the people who live and work here, or the incredible Morale, Welfare, and Recreation staff who serve daily at the numerous operations across the base and still find the time and energy to put on spectacular events like the Fourth of July concert/fireworks, or the other incredible folks in housing, Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, public works, port ops and on and on.

I fondly remember meaningful engagement with elected officials, business partners, Native Hawaiian civic organizations and community partners. I do not, however, remember much of the bureaucracy.

I guess I feel very blessed and lucky that I remember what I think is important – the people, the relationships and the outcomes. It is my sincerest wish that my efforts as the joint base commander have left a positive mark on JBPHH, Hawaii and the United States Navy.

With *aloha*, Capt. Jeff James

JBPHH to broadcast morning and evening colors over giant voice on July 14

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Beginning July 14, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will commence the playing of

colors in the morning and evening over the base-wide giant voice mass notification system sirens. The broadcast of colors—a patriotic song or national anthem—played when the flag is raised and

lowered on military bases, will take place every morning at 8 a.m. and again in the evening at sunset.

Colors will sound on the entire Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, including its annexes in Wahiawa, Lualualei, and West Loch. Colors may also be heard in neighborhoods surrounding the base where giant voice sirens are nearby.

For morning colors, a pre-programmed bugle will sound at 7:55 a.m. to alert that colors will commence in five minutes. At exactly 8 a.m., a pre-recorded song of the national anthem will be played, followed by a “carry-on” bugle to indicate that the playing of the anthem is complete and personnel may resume their activities. In the event there are visiting

foreign ships in port, their nation’s national anthems will also be played (maximum of three anthems).

For evening colors, a bugle warning will sound about five minutes before sunset, followed by the playing of “retreat” at sunset.

During colors, it is required that you stop what you are doing. Personnel should stop, face the direc-

tion of the flagpole or music, and stand until the music stops. This also applies when other foreign national anthems are played. Military personnel shall render a salute if in uniform. If wearing a hat, it is customary to remove it. Drivers are required to stop their vehicles and wait for colors to end before resuming driving.

Diverse Views



Who is your favorite movie villain?



STS2 Eric Crow
USS Buffalo (SSN 715)

“Loki, because he’s very much like a real person. His character is developing as he’s changing through the movies.”

Barbara Webster
647th Air Base Group



“I would say the movie villain I liked the most was Hannibal Lecter. I wouldn’t necessarily say I ‘liked him’ but I liked how well Anthony Hopkins portrayed him. He made the character come alive. He made him very believable.”



EM2 Peter Williams
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

“The Avengers’ Loki. You never know if he’s going to be good or bad. He’s kind of an unpredictable character.”

Staff Sgt. Michael Marquez
647th Air Base Group



“My favorite movie villain would have to be Tommy Lee Jones in ‘Under Siege.’ That role was much different than most of the roles he has played. In it, he is cold, calculating and always in control of the situation.”



MR2 Ana Vazquez
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

“Hannibal Lecter. My favorite movie of all time.”

1st Lt. Cordell Crawford
647th Air Base Group



“My favorite movie villain would have to be the Grinch, mainly because my favorite holiday is Christmas, and it shows that all villains have the potential to change for the better. A close second is John Travolta in ‘The Taking of Pelham 123.’”

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

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USS Missouri gets ‘fired up’ at RIMPAC 1990



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

The battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) fires a Mark 7 16-inch/50-caliber gun from each of its three main gun turrets on April 10, 1990, during exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 1990 near Hawaii.

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(Above) The Royal Canadian navy submarine HMCS Victoria (SSK 876) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the at-sea phase of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

JMSDF photo by P01 Makoto Maeda

(Right) U.S. Navy patrol boats assigned to Coastal Riverine Squadron (CORIVRON) 11 return to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after escorting the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Hyuga-class helicopter destroyer JS Ise (DDH 182) through Pearl Harbor for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Christopher D. Blachly



(Left) Part of RIMPAC is happening in San Diego. Divers from New Zealand, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan and Chile prepare for a familiarization dive from the amphibious transport dock ship USS Anchorage (LPD 23) which is moored pier-side at Naval Base San Diego for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Joshua Scott

(Below and right) An MH-60S Sea Hawk assigned to the Black Knights of Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HSC) 4 participates in a helicopter training exercise off the coast of the Hawaiian island of Molokai. HSC 4 is attached to Carrier Air Wing (CAG) 2 embarked on the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan is currently in Hawaii for Rim of the Pacific 2014.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Jacob Estes





Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, ceremoniously pounds rice flour with a mallet during a reception aboard the Republic of Korea Navy's ROKS Soeae Ryu Seong-ryong (DDG 993) as part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Molly A. Evans



Lt. j.g. Amanda Cousart, the assistant weapons officer and shipboard aviation officer aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Woesche (WMSL 751), facilitates a helicopter cross-deck brief with aviators from the Japanese navy ship, JS Ise (DDH 182) on July 3 on the flight deck of the cutter Woesche. The helicopter cross-deck brief covered the appropriate landing procedures for the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Manda M. Emery

(Right) Sailors aboard the Colombian navy frigate ARC Almirante Padilla (FM 51) conduct a ship tour for service members, families and friends. Almirante Padilla is in Hawaii to participate in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



(Left) Sailors from the USS Ronald Reagan, currently in Hawaii to participate in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2014, volunteer their time for a community service project at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. The Sailors did weeding, trimming and picked up litter around the memorial.

Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

(Right) Fireworks light up the sky behind JS Kirishima (DDG-174) as part of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fourth of July celebrations.

JMSDF photo by PO1 Makoto Maeda



Mass reenlistment aboard Battleship Missouri



Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, serves as reenlisting officer for military service members aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. More than 20 service members took the oath of enlistment on Independence Day, commemorating their past and future service.



Military service members prepare to reenlist beneath the 16-inch guns of Battleship Missouri Memorial.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Diana Quinlan



Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, salutes during the national anthem.

Pacific Partnership medical specialists make an impact in Tacloban Hospital

Story and photo by MC2 Karolina A. Oseguera

Medical specialists from Pacific Partnership 2014 fixed ventilators for infants in the neonatal intensive care unit at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in Tacloban, Philippines on July 9.

"We are working on getting their ventilators set up so they can use them on the pediatric patients," said Lt. Cmdr. Luke Zabrocki.

Family members were ventilating a two-and-a-half month old patient suffering from meningitis in the NICU with a hand pump. Once a family member needed to take a break, they switched over to another family member who took over pumping. This cycle



Lt. Cmdr. Luke Zabrocki assigns a ventilator to an infant in the neonatal intensive care unit at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in Tacloban, Philippines.

continued 24 hours a day.

"We are trying to get the ventilators working and hooked up to the patients so it will save the family from having to hand pump them and it more effectively ventilates the babies," said Zabrocki.

After an hour of troubleshooting, Zabrocki and his counterpart Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Nicholas Beck were able to fix a ventilator and hooked it up to the patient in the NICU, beginning constant ventilation and allowing the family a rest from hand pumping.

"It is amazing to see the

host nation's ability to be able to adapt to what they have," said Zabrocki. "Watching the family members take over and work with what little they have is pretty amazing. This is definitely a great experience to see what an impact we have made here."

Pacific Partnership is in its ninth iteration and is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Asia-Pacific region.

For more news from Pacific Partnership, visit <http://www.cpf.navy.mil/pacific-partnership/2014/>.

Pearl Harbor survivor receives final honors at USS Utah Memorial

Story and photos by
MC2 Diana Quinlan

Navy Public Affairs
Support Element West,
Detachment Hawaii

The ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Chief Warrant Officer John W. Welton (Navy ret.) were placed in the waters during a ceremony July 2 near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Among those in attendance were Welton's children Robert Welton and Sharon Chamberlin and other family members. Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, provided remarks as the guest speaker, and Lt. Richard Tiff, a chaplain with Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, offered the benediction.

"It is another beautiful day in paradise," said Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, who spoke at the ceremony. "Perfect for honoring an American hero. Today [Welton] would have been 96 — happy birthday, John!"

Welton was born in Roseville, Calif. and joined the Navy in September 1936. His career began in the Asiatic Fleet, now known as the U.S. 7th Fleet, and later he was stationed at Pearl Harbor aboard the destroyer USS Sicard (DM 21) on the day of the 1941 Japanese attack.

Welton served throughout World War II and par-



ticipated in numerous battles and campaigns in the Pacific theater, advancing his military career from enlisted ranks of metal-

smith chief petty officer to

chief warrant officer.

He retired in December 1953 with multiple awards including World War II Victory, China Service, American Area Campaign,

Asiatic-Pacific and Area Campaign Medal with two stars and others.

"John never wavered in faith or spirit, not on that dreadful day in infamy, nor

in the remaining years to come," said Scruggs.

"His work ethic and a great attention to detail would serve John well and would separate his Navy

career from most in his rate — an officer highly respected by his peers, the enlisted men and the senior officers he served with."

Military honors included a gun salute and the presentation of the flag to the family by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard. During the presentation of the flag, Robert and his sister Sharon joined hands and held them for the duration of the ceremony.

"I understood it was a fantastic ceremony, but there is no way to put in words — it was so much more than I have imagined," said Robert. "Today would have been my dad's birthday, and I cannot think of a better way to honor him."

"Everybody wants to know how they will be remembered, and it is truly an honor to see someone in my family recognized in this way — our dad. It was overwhelming — an unbelievable experience, far more special than I would have imagined," Robert added.

Welton is one of the many Pearl Harbor survivors who joined his shipmates at USS Utah Memorial as their final resting place.

"Chief Warrant Officer John Welton, you have permission to come aboard," said Scruggs.

"God bless you and your shipmates who rest here and those who have gone before us to secure the freedoms we so dearly enjoy today."

USS Halsey hosts friends and family day cruise

Lt. j.g. Rochelle A. Perry
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More than 150 friends and family members recently joined USS Halsey (DDG-97) for a day underway to catch a glimpse of Navy life.

Guests explored the facets of a naval warship's purpose and functionality, including the multiple watch stations, equipment, technical skills and tactical capabilities.

While getting underway and transiting through the harbor, guests were treated to a historical tour of the waterfront, guided by Lt. j.g. Bryan Lay over the

ship's general announcing system.

Cmdr. Linda Seymour, commanding officer, opened the day's events with a warm welcome speech to the friends and family members of Halsey.

"It's a pleasure to have all our loved ones and friends aboard. There are so many remarkable things in the surface community and today you all get to see what it's like to be destroyermen in today's Navy," Seymour said.

Halsey Sailors and their families sailed off the coast of Oahu, spending an afternoon that included high speed maneuvers, live fire demonstrations, a variety of static displays from both



weapons and engineering departments, and a barbecue picnic on the flight deck.

"This was an awesome experience for them and the turnout was amazing," said Ensign Jessica Kreuger, Halsey family and friends cruise coordinator.

"Everyone got to spend time with their Sailors to really get a first-hand look at the types of things they will be doing and experiencing throughout deployment," Kreuger said.

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Samantha Trump shows family and friend cruise day participants the various weapons on the ship.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Erica Bauer

RIMPAC participants team with students in robotics competition

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

U.S. Navy Sailors and Coast Guardsmen from ships participating in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014 joined nine Hawaii high school robotics teams in the first RIMPAC 2014 VEX Robotics competition held July 3 and 5 at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Industrial Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF). The event was organized and sponsored by PHNSY & IMF with support from U.S. Pacific Fleet and the Office of Naval Research.

More than 20 Sailors and Coast Guardsmen from ships based in mainland ports took part in the competition and were randomly assigned to join the robotics teams. Under the students' instruction and encouragement, the service members operated remotely-controlled machines that were designed and built by the robotics teams specifically to stack building blocks into a tower.

No robotics experience was



Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

U.S. Navy RIMPAC Sailors and U.S. Coast Guard representatives joined Hawaii high school robotics teams at the RIMPAC 2014 VEX Robotics Competition.

required to be a volunteer, said James Ibanez, the shipyard's science, technology, engineering and math and workforce development liaison.

"We were looking for RIM-

PAC participants with an interest in teaming with local Hawaii students to exchange knowledge in a fun way," he said.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Thomson Butcher of

USCG Cutter Woesche (WMSL 751) was one of three Coast Guard volunteers and said the event was a valuable opportunity for students to learn about real world applications of robotics concepts.

"This was a great interaction," he said. "I deal with servos and motors in my daily job, so this is good for them to interact with someone who handles it in a real world situation and compare it to what they do in these competitions."

"They have been asking us what we do in the military, and I feel like they're curious about our jobs just as we are interested in their knowledge of robotics," said Gunner's Mate 1st Class Jennifer Dickson of USS Rushmore (LSD 47).

The robotics teams of seven public high schools

(Mililani, Waialua, Farrington, Kalani, Pearl City, McKinley and Maui's Baldwin High School) and two private schools (Sacred Heart Academy and Punahou School) welcomed the opportunity to put their newly built robots to the test and learn about the Navy and the RIMPAC exercise.

Yoshio Yoshizumi, a member of the winning team representing Waialua High School, said the competition was a "fun experience for me, because usually my coach teaches me and now I'm coaching the Navy. The Sailors taught me some things about mechanical and electrical systems. They shared their knowledge with me, and I shared what I know about robotics."

While this event was the first robotics competition to

be held at PHNSY & IMF and the first of its kind associated with the RIMPAC exercise, the shipyard has been working with Hawaii robotics since 2008, said Ibanez.

"We have a strong tradition of fostering interest and skills in STEM and robotics because, as Hawaii's largest industrial employer, it's in the interest of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard to help build a future work force by encouraging local students to become involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics," Ibanez said.

In addition to the robotics competition, the students and their team chaperones received a shipyard brief and tours of the shipyard's controlled industrial area and USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).