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## Green energy powers humanitarian training

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Task Force Energy and Environment (TFEE), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, utilized green "energy" renewable to fuel the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) training held last week on Ford Island as part of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

Renewable energy sources were the sole source of power for the HA/DR Logistics Support Area (medical, galley, administration and berthing). Eleven different systems were deployed to generate 329 kilowatt hours per day, which offset diesel fuel use by 37 gallons a day. All power requirements for 400 Sailors were met.

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Franklin, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, said the TFEE's work on the HA/DR training provided the Navy with an opportunity to work with and learn from other organi-



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kyle J. Richardson  
Sgt. Roy Gano, a carpenter/masonry technician with the 871st Engineer Company, 9th Mission Support Command, along with other support elements, becket-lace the solar shade canopy together during the setup of a humanitarian aid and disaster relief event for Rim of the Pacific 2014 training exercise at Ford Island on July 7.

zations and commands. "We worked with new partners, including United States Army Pacific, 249th Engineer Battalion, 9th Mission Support Command and Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center," he said.

"We also had Destroyer Squadron 31 set up an experiment at sea to measure energy savings using fuel efficient platforms. This was truly a team effort," he added.

Franklin said that the exercise provided an opportunity for the Navy to explore possible maritime applications of new green technology. The Navy's RIMPAC partners have also expressed interest in TFEE's initiatives.

"Our international partners may have been more conservative than we have been. I think there's a lot we can learn and achieve together in the years ahead," said Capt. Chris Bushnell, commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31.

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## RIMPAC air commander: 'Relationships are key to interoperability'

**Maj. Ben Sakrisson**  
15th Wing Public Affairs

In any large-scale contingency, interoperability among participating multinational forces is essential.

The world's largest maritime exercise, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014, comprises 22 nations operating around the Hawaiian Islands and southern California to foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.

"When people talk interoperability, they often think immediately about the technical interoperability, but personally I think the technical interoperability is actually the easy part," said Air Commodore Chris Westwood of the Royal Australian Air Force. "It's the human side of interoperability which is the most important."

The human element is especially apparent in RIMPAC's command structure. Westwood, as the com-

mander (CFACC), is the first Australian in the exercise's history to command all of the participating aerial assets. Likewise, Rear Adm. Simon Cullen is RIMPAC's first Australian deputy commander.

"Perhaps the key is the enduring relationships that are formed as you exercise together. A great example of that is the relationship between Australia and the U.S.," Westwood said.

"The fact that Australia has a CFACC for RIMPAC '14 is a great indicator of how close that relationship is, how trusted it is, and how it has evolved, particularly in the command-and-control of the air component."

Both Australia and Canada have participated in all 24 iterations of RIMPAC since it began in 1971.

"The [current state of] interoperability has come out of many years of working together. I think it has put us in a pretty good position to get this right," Westwood said. "The main benefit of working with

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, sits parked to de-arm missiles during the Rim of the Pacific 2014 Exercise on July 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See related admiral's commentary on page A-3 and additional photo on page A-6.)



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman James Richardson

key partners and allies is the continual improvement in interoperability. It's about technology, it's about doctrine, but most of all, it is about relationships."

Other key leaders of the multinational force include Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Rear Adm. Yasuki Nakahata as vice commander of the combined task force, Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. Gilles Couturier as combined forces maritime component commander, Chilean Navy Capt. Luis Sanchez as deputy commander of the

maritime component, and Royal Canadian Air Force Col. Dave Lowthian as air component deputy commander.

"Every exercise that we do integrates new players and nations from around the Pacific Rim and helps us do the job when we need to do it," Westwood said. "That's the basic reason that we run these complex exercises."

Through the course of RIMPAC, participants are working to build upon past successes and bring new partners, such as China and Brunei, into the fold.

"One of the primary goals of the exercise is to work on integration and to exercise integration at sea and in the air," said Westwood. "We'd like to think that we will be integrated from the start, but no doubt we will be learning integration lessons as we progress."

About 4,000 of the approximately 25,000 total RIMPAC participants are involved in the aviation component. More than 200 multinational aircraft will take part in flying operations including about 100 fighters, a substantial

maritime patrol force, a sizeable helicopter force and numerous command-and-control airplanes. In total, exercise participants from 22 countries expect to fly roughly 4,000 sorties over a two-week period.

"The air component is a significant contributing factor to the RIMPAC activity, and there are significant learning opportunities for all of us in the air component and I wish to bring those forward. I want to put them on show," said Westwood. "We have some tremendous capabilities."

## RIMPAC tests HA/DR team against simulated category 3 hurricane

**Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal**

Defense Media Activity - Hawaii

Category 3 hurricanes can cause winds ranging from 111 to 130 mph, extensive inland flooding, and significant damage to infrastructure. Coalition, joint and civilian partners adapted and responded to a simulated hurricane scenario to test their combined humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) capability on July 11 as part of the 24th Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

The HA/DR exercise took place at 20 different hospitals on five different islands and included more than 200 simulated casualties. Participants were required to medically stabilize, triage and transport the mock casualties to locations where they could receive the most appropriate treatment for their injury or illness.

Ken Kelly, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) chief of emergency medicine, explained some of the benefits of training in a



Simulated casualties are transported by a U.S. Army CH-47F Chinook toward Tripler Army Medical Center during a humanitarian aid and disaster relief exercise (HA/DR) as part of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise. (See additional photos on page A-6.)

coalition environment. "What we gain in terms of our skills is the ability to provide care for people who may not speak English or who may have an altered mental status and may not be able to respond to questions and tell you about their injuries," he said. "This is

common to most disaster scenarios, where each point along the pathway of ill or injured patients, their status may change and your staff has to be prepared to respond to that."

Kelly said incorporating medical partners from the local community expanded the level of

scope and quality of the exercise.

"This exercise reaches beyond the walk lines of TAMC and out into the community," Kelly said. "The intent of the design of this disaster was to overwhelm primary and secondary and tertiary facilities so we would have to rely upon our colleagues in the Hawaii community, disaster medical assistance team [DMAT], and things that you don't normally bring into play under duress."

Edward Caballero, Hawaii DMAT paramedic, explained his role during the exercise and how DMAT contributed to HA/DR efforts in response to the aftermath of the simulated hurricane.

"After we have people triaged in a main collection area, those that need to be medically evacuated out to multiple hospitals will be brought to our facility where we reevaluate them, restabilize them, and then sort them with the help of the military and fly them to the facility that is the most appropriate for them," he said.

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Brandon Krahmer, assigned

to the 3rd Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, helped pilot a CH-47F Chinook that transported simulated casualties during the HA/DR exercise.

"We're trying to get ourselves ready to deploy in a joint maritime environment, operating with different forces from ships or land, which is something kind of unique to aviation," he said. "We're trying to work on our flexibility with the other branches of service so we can operate with anyone and in any environment, and we want to increase flexibility to perform any mission, whether it's humanitarian aid and disaster relief all the way up through combat operations in the Pacific Region."

The HA/DR exercise provided aviation units such as the 3-25 Combat Aviation Brigade with an opportunity to practice disaster response with a diverse team.

"What was unique about today was the transportation of simulated civilian injured personnel," Krahmer said.

"We got to pick up people who

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# Keeve relieves James at JBPHH change of command

Story and photo by  
MC2 Laurie Dexter

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Hawaii

Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr. relieved Capt. Jeffrey W. James as the commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) during a change of command July 11 on Ford Island.

Rear Adm. Rick L. Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was the guest speaker and reflected on James's service to those in attendance.

"Jeff, you set the standard for team building and support to families at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam," said Williams. "You will be remembered for your practical approach, your willingness to listen, and your problem-solving abilities, based on trust throughout the chain of command."

Williams presented James with the Legion of Merit Award and letters of appreciation for his service as commander of JBPHH.

James took command in June 2011 as the second commander of JBPHH. Prior to reporting, James served on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He is retiring after 30 years of naval service.

During James's speech, he reflected on his accomplishments as



Capt. Jeffrey W. James, departing commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, speaks during a change of command ceremony held July 11 on Ford Island. During the ceremony, Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr. relieved James.

commander, giving the credit to all the personnel attached to JBPHH.

"Anything that I talk about with respect to the base, any accolades Adm. Williams gave me, anything you heard in the awards citation, is really about them," said James.

James and Keeve took turns reading their orders to the audience, which represents the official

command turnover.

After the exchange of command, Keeve addressed the audience.

"To the men and women of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Capt. James' tour of duty was successful because of your dedication, professionalism and commitment to the mission," Keeve said.

His tours of duty have included

the frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), cruiser USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) and the staff of U.S. 6th Fleet in Gaeta, Italy. He has served as commanding officer of the mine countermeasure ship USS Guardian (MCM 5) and the destroyer USS Roosevelt (DDG 80). His most recent assignment was military assistant to the Defense

Business Board in the Pentagon.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is home to the Air Force's key strategic flight line in the Pacific and the Navy's most historically significant homeport, with 177 tenant commands and about 93,000 active duty personnel and their family members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

# Leadership changes hands at NAVFAC Hawaii

Story and photos by  
Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii held a change of command ceremony July 16, fronting its headquarters building at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Capt. Michael D. Williamson, a Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) officer, turned over responsibility for NAVFAC Hawaii and more than 1,200 highly-skilled civilians and 200 Navy and Air Force military personnel at the time-honored event to Capt. Dean A. Tufts.

"Leading extraordinary people at NAVFAC Hawaii has been a highlight of my career," said Williamson.

"We successfully dealt with many challenges these past two years together, including sequestration, funding reductions, hiring restrictions, executing many large complex construction projects on Oahu and Kauai, and moving forward with renewable energy initiatives and successes. All of this has ultimately positioned us for success in the future."

Over the past two years, Williamson's innovative leadership motivated the NAVFAC Hawaii workforce to deliver over a billion dollars in facilities engineering and environmental services to Navy Region Hawaii, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and numerous federal agencies. He was instrumental in the completion of the first advanced electronic guidance and instrumental system (AEGIS) ashore facility on Kauai for the Missile Defense Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Inouye Region Center on



Capt. Michael D. Williamson departing commanding officer, NAVFAC Hawaii, receives a Legion of Merit (Gold Star in lieu of the Fourth Award) from Rear Adm. Bret J. Muilenburg, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific, on July 16 at a change of command ceremony.

Ford Island, Oahu.

In addition to his duties as commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii, Williamson also provided his expertise as Navy Region Hawaii's regional engineer, helping to improve Navy facilities capabilities, enhancing quality of life for military and civilians, energy conservation, environmental stewardship, community relations and historic preservation.

An example of this was his engagement with the state of Hawaii, local and business leadership on the \$5.3 billion HART Rail Project, ensuring that the transfer of land, environmental assessments and section 106 historic consultation process proceeded effectively.

His efforts resulted in two high-capacity rail stops servicing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in the future, to reduce traffic condition at

base entrances and enhance overall quality of life for military and civilian personnel.

Williamson's dedication to partnering and innovation moved Navy Region Hawaii's energy program forward toward extensive alternative energy initiatives while instilling region-wide energy behavioral changes affecting in excess of 60,000 personnel.

He expanded the region's energy program from a traditional, energy conservation-focused program to one that also addresses energy security concerns, renewable energy initiatives and water conservation efforts to meet the Secretary of the Navy's (SECNAV) aggressive energy goals.

His efforts charted a course for the region to meet all renewable energy goals and directly resulted in Joint Base Pearl Harbor-



Capt. Dean A. Tufts, new commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and regional engineer, salutes as he departs his change of command ceremony July 16.

Hickam, Pacific Missile Range Facility Kauai, and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard receiving 2013 Gold Level of Achievement in the SECNAV Energy and Water Management Awards.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. He welcomed Capt. Tufts and offered thanks to Williamson and his team.

"NAVFAC Hawaii continues to set the standard for professionalism, and that is especially true under the strong leadership of Capt. Mike Williamson. Every time I turn around, we're dealing with a project, program or issue that involves NAVFAC Hawaii, and Mike and his team are right there," Williams said.

"Think about it for a mo-

ment — the impact of NAVFAC Hawaii in all our lives. Nearly every facility we work in, every road we travel on base, the electricity we use for our ships, offices and other buildings, the green areas, the plumbing, the clean water we drink — most of the things we touch and see every day on base are thanks in some way to NAVFAC. You keep us cool, safe, working, training, and moving forward — able to support fleet, force and family," Williams said.

Williamson is remaining in Hawaii and will become NAVFAC Pacific's vice commander. He will be responsible for facilities engineering and construction activities in the Pacific area of responsibility, including Hawaii, Guam and Far East.

"While we've accomplished much over the past

two years, we still have a long way to go to achieve our energy goals, upgrade our infrastructure and create a world class integrated training capability here in Hawaii," said Williamson. "I can think of no one more qualified than Capt. Tufts to lead NAVFAC Hawaii through the challenges that lie ahead."

Tufts is a native of Springfield, Mass. Prior to reporting to NAVFAC Hawaii, he was the commander of the 31st Seabee Readiness Group and in February 2013 took command of Naval Construction Group 1, Port Hueneme, Calif.

He had two previous tours of duty in Hawaii as aide to the commander, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, and facilities operations officer, Navy Region Hawaii.



Commentary

# Energy security supports SECNAV, CNO goals

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and RIMPAC Task Force Energy and Environment Commander



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Reliance on fossil fuels and foreign sources of energy puts our nation and Navy at risk. Task Force Energy and Environment during this Rim of the Pacific Exercise in and around Hawaii is demonstrating how we can move away from foreign/fossil fuels, minimize energy use, and reduce risk – including vulnerabilities to the maritime supply chain.

In doing so, we are building on the success from RIMPAC 2012's demonstration of the Great Green Fleet, and we are supporting Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations goals. This is a team effort in RIMPAC and includes not only stakeholders in other departments and branches of the military but also partners and friends from other nations.

**Warfighting first:** We need secure, stable and safe energy supply to support our mission — to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations, wherever, whenever.

History teaches us that wars – including World War II here in the Pacific – can be started over access to oil or other resources.

During this RIMPAC, we are aligning our efforts with other commands and other nations. We are using new technologies, including unmanned aerial vehicles, developing better predictors, and continuing to use incentives for saving fuel.

Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 is conducting an experiment at sea to measure energy savings using fuel-efficient platforms and innovative strategies.

**Operate forward:** Conserving energy and using renewable sources of energy creates sustainability. When



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kyle J. Richardson

During the setup of a humanitarian aid and disaster relief event for Rim of the Pacific training exercise, wind-turbines, solar panels and solar sticks were used as a source of clean energy at Ford Island on July 7-11. The renewable energy sources provided more than enough energy for 350 personnel for several days of continuous 24-hour use.

our deployed ships, aircraft and forces are self-sustained, they are able to go farther, stay on station longer, and be more flexible with more endurance. More power to 'em!

At last week's humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) portion of the RIMPAC 2014 exercise at Ford Island, the team used wind power, field tents with built-in solar and other alternative energy options, along with a lot of smart ways to conserve. The team deployed 11 different systems to generate 329 kilowatts per hour a day, which offset diesel fuel use by 37 gallons a day.

Renewable energy sources

were the sole source of power for the HA/DR Logistics Support Area (medical, galley, admin, berthing), and 100 percent of power requirements were met. Imagine what that means for HA/DR in the field.

**Be ready:** One reason we conserve energy is because it reduces costs, which continue to go up as the supply of non-renewables goes down. Most importantly, higher costs siphon resources away from training, equipping and otherwise taking care of our Sailors.

In other words, saving energy saves money and indirectly saves lives. We are less at risk, we are more ready —

when we save energy.

Energy security reduces greenhouse gases and is tied to environmental stewardship, and both are important in building cooperation with other nations, which supports the purpose of RIMPAC — to strengthen international maritime partnerships, enhance interoperability, and improve the readiness of participants.

Working together, we proved we can have a positive impact in improving our energy security. This was a team effort throughout Navy Region Hawaii and MID-PAC, with U.S. Army Pacific partners and Naval Facilities and Engineering Com-

mand, Hawaii, among others.

Our Task Force Energy and Environment, under Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet's command and control during RIMPAC 2014, is using new technologies, finding new techniques, and achieving a "new normal" to set the stage for the sailing of the Great Green Fleet in 2016. We are reducing reliance on fossil fuels and foreign sources of energy and making our Navy and nation stronger and more protected.

Thank you for doing your share when called upon to conserve energy and move forward in support of greater energy security.

## Diverse Views



### Why is RIMPAC important?



YN1 John Singleton  
ATG Middle Pacific

"Because we get diversity from different countries to see what's out there and support each other. If we get out there alone and don't see what they're doing we would fail. To support each other is a good idea."

Machelle Terrell  
JBPHH Sexual Assault Response Program



"RIMPAC allows military forces from other countries to see the capabilities. Our community and we (participating nations) all have something to gain from it."



YNSN Toni Watts  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"RIMPAC is important to get all different countries and everyone else together and have some bonding time."

2nd Lt. Molly Morrissey  
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program



"RIMPAC gives the United States military the opportunity to help strengthen partnerships with our international allies."



Lt. j.g. Malika Pettigrew  
ATG Middle Pacific

"It shows strength in numbers. It shows we're a dominant force as the United States Armed Forces."

Airman 1st Class Daniel Moore  
324th Intelligence Squadron



"RIMPAC gives us the unique opportunity to meet our counterparts from different militaries around the world and allows us to build rapport with them."



ET1 Jeremy Patin  
USS Asheville (SSN 758)

"It's going to strengthen our relationship with our allies and give us a deeper look into others we consider not our allies. It's a good exercise to deepen proficiency and see where we stand and test our nation's capabilities."

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

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## Berlin Airlift launches 'Operation Vittles'



Photo courtesy of The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

On June 26, 1948, United States Air Force aircraft launched "Operation Vittles," an Allied response to a Soviet blockade of rail and road lines into West Berlin. The Pacific Division of the Military Air Transport Service (MATS) deployed C-47 and C-54 aircraft and personnel from Hickam Air Force Base to Germany to support the operation, which delivered 2.3 million tons of cargo to West Berlin over the next year. This operation became the largest humanitarian airlift in history. In the photo, C-47 transport aircraft, each containing 190 sacks of flour, arrive at Tempelhof Airport on July 2, 1948, 66 years ago this month.

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# RIMPAC 2014

Staff Sgt. Jelco Brander of Royal Netherlands Navy Maritime Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company dons a bomb suit during a bomb-onboard plane takedown training scenario at Honolulu International Airport as part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Charles E. White



A Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) SH-60K Seahawk helicopter departs Ford Island after dropping off medical supplies during a mass casualty drill as part of a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) response training held during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham



Indonesian Mxarines conduct amphibious assault operations during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014 at Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain (MOUT) Facility 2 aboard Marine Corps Training Area Bellows on Oahu on July 12.

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Aaron S. Patterson

(Below) Indonesian Marine Lance Cpl. Dwi Budiono applies face paint to fellow Marine Sgt. Kiki Rezki in the hanger bay of the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Amanda Chavez



Royal Australian Navy explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) technicians operate a Talon remote positioning vehicle during vehicle-borne improvised explosive device cross-training among EOD technicians during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

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



Malaysian Marines prepare to engage "enemy" forces at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) during the air assault portion of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

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



Service members and staff from the disaster medical assistance team (DMAT) evaluate patients prior to a helo evacuation as part of a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) response training held during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tierra Fulgham



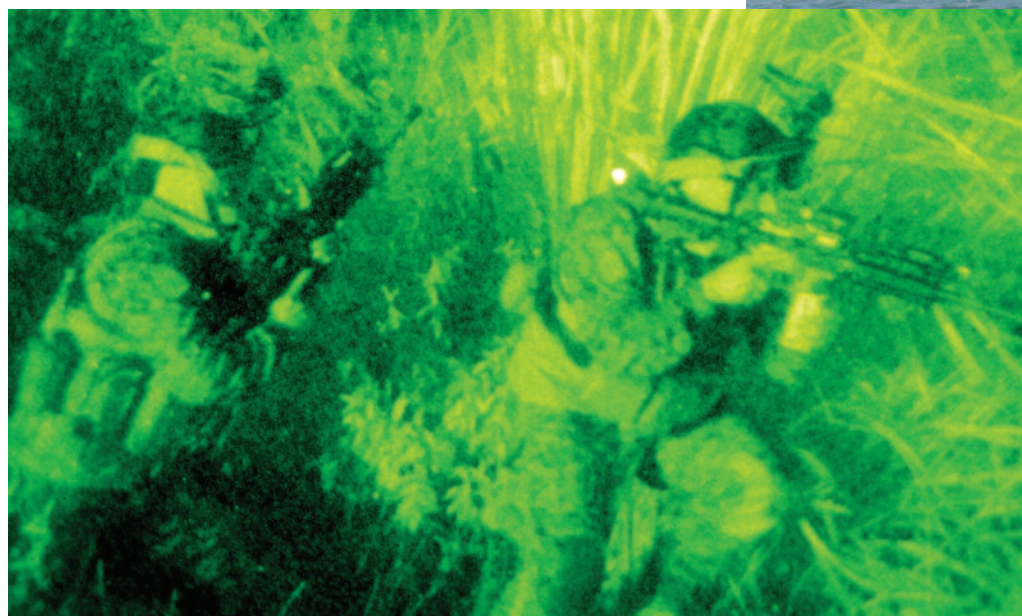
Sailors assigned to Coastal Riverine Squadron (CORIVON) 11 pilot maneuver patrol boats during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Charles E. White



Members of the Peruvian naval special forces move through the vegetation to a target area during a nighttime direct action raid scenario during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Daniel Gay



(Below) Members of a Marine Special Operations Team medically extract Naval Aircrewman 3rd Class Zachary Faltys, assigned to Helicopter Combat Squadron (HSC) 14, during a personnel evasion and recovery drill during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

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



Navy Reservists assigned to Navy Cargo Handling Battalion (NCHB) 14 and NCHB 5 and officers from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force receive supplies delivered during the humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) portion of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Edward Kessler

Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 11 transport a dolphin from USS Anchorage (LPD 23) to conduct marine mammal training during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Elena Pence



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Capt. Jeffrey W. James and his family pass through ceremonial sideboys at the conclusion of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam change of command ceremony July 11 on Ford Island. During the ceremony, Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr. relieved James.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

(Below) Capt. Jeffrey W. James (left) and Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr. cut a cake after the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam change of command ceremony on Ford Island.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



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

Col. Kathleen Weatherspoon (left), 18th Force Support Squadron commander, passes the Detachment 2 18th FSS guidon to Maj. Dawn Standridge, Det. 2, 18th FSS commander, during a change of command ceremony July 11 at Bellows Air Force Station. During the ceremony, Standridge took command of the detachment from Maj. Tony Cambron.



Midshipman Timothy McVicker shoots the .50-caliber machine gun during a live fire exercise while Chief Gunner's Mate Nole Coco ensures proper technique and safety procedures are followed aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77). O'Kane is deployed in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Megan Wilson

Members of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team board the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) on July 10 for a guided tour during the team's visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan



# Navy says *aloha* to Pearl Harbor survivor

Story and photos by  
MC2 Diana Quinlan

Navy Public Affairs  
Support Element West,  
Detachment Hawaii

The ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Navy Motor Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Wesley E. Ford were scattered over the waters of the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during a military funeral honors ceremony on July 9.

Among those in attendance were Ford's wife of more than 50 years, Ruth, his daughter Jennifer and grandsons.

Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, deputy commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, provided remarks as the guest speaker. Cmdr. George Mendes, a chaplain with Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, offered the benediction.

"I would like to specially thank the family, wife Ruth, daughter Jennifer and grandsons, Kevin and Alex. We are honored by your presence today," said Scruggs. "Today we return a shipmate back to his brothers in arms at this most hallowed spot."

Ford was born Nov. 8, 1919, in Danville, Ill. and joined the Navy in December 1939. He was serving aboard the destroyer minelayer USS Breese (DD 122), moored across the loch from USS Utah, on the day of the 1941 Japanese attack.

Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, described Ford's actions on that fateful day in history.

"On that day of infamy, Wes[ley] was a fireman second class. Although his normal duties had him below decks, his battle station was on a three-inch, 23-caliber gun as a loader," said Taylor.

"Thanks to outstanding



training, the ship had the gun firing within 10 minutes of the start of the attack. He [Ford] was slightly injured due to the gun's recoil but continued

on loading." From his ship's location, Ford witnessed the explosions and the smoke from USS Arizona, saw USS Curtiss being hit by a

fighter plane, and watched USS Utah sink. He also saw the periscope of a Japanese mini-sub rammed by the USS Monaghan and was on a gun

crew that destroyed a Japanese Aichi D3A val dive bomber.

"He would have a front seat to the Japanese attack that morning. I am sure he

felt that this may be his last day as he ran to perform his duties as trained," said Scruggs.

"He would witness his world forever change that day, and yet he would go on, go on to serve his country honorably, with passion and courage, and a deep commitment to his shipmates. Serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during the war would surely have tried even the best man's mettle. Petty Officer Ford was an exceptional Sailor," Scruggs said.

Ford often visited Hawaii after the war, sharing his experience and memories with others. He passed away in early July 2013.

"He was quite a character," said Ruth. "Very feisty and not like many others, but he loved to travel and was a good man."

Jennifer recalled growing up and playing games with her father.

"He liked to play games and taught me many of them. I remember laughing with him and he always told us that he loved us," said Jennifer.

"He loved to talk about his days at Pearl Harbor — that was his pride and glory, and it was his finest moments, I believe."

Military honors included a gun salute and the folding of the burial flag by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard followed by Scruggs personally presenting the flag to the family.

"I did not know there would be a gun salute and that the ceremony would be so elaborate," said Jennifer. "I just pictured there would be a boat, and we would just spread his ashes and a few words would be said. Instead, I was very amazed. I think dad would have loved it."

"It was beautiful," added Ruth. "It was his glory!"

## Navy participates in public meeting on response to Red Hill fuel release

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Representatives from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii and Fleet Logistics Center were on hand July 15 for a state Department of Health (DOH) public meeting on drinking water safety and responses

to a fuel release earlier in the year from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Approximately 75 people attended the evening meeting at the Radford High School cafeteria. The first hour of the meeting included posters on display with representatives from the Navy, DOH and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) explaining

the operation of the facility, response to the fuel release, and actions to ensure safe drinking water for consumers on Oahu.

Tests of city and Navy drinking water sources continue to meet federal regulatory safe drinking water and state of Hawaii standards, and the water is safe to drink - a point made by both state department of health

and Navy representatives at the meeting.

Most drinking water on Oahu is drawn from underground aquifers at sources that are regularly monitored and held to very strict standards.

The meeting also featured presentations by DOH, EPA and the Navy, followed by questions from those in attendance.

Navy fuel operators detected a fuel level discrepancy in tank 5 at the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility on Jan. 13. The tank held JP-8 aviation fuel, primarily consisting of kerosene. Manual measurements indicated a possible loss of fuel from the tank, and the Navy immediately began transferring fuel to another tank at the facility

in accordance with response procedures. A full inspection is underway to determine the cause of the fuel level discrepancy and subsequent release of fuel.

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



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Charles E. White

Ex-USS Tuscaloosa (LST 1187) is towed in preparation for a sinking exercise (SINKEX) as part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

## RIMPAC 2014 participants conduct sinking exercise

RIMPAC 2014 Combined Information Bureau

PACIFIC OCEAN — Live fire from ships, submarines and aircraft participating in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) 2014 sank the decommissioned USS Tuscaloosa (LST 1187) about 12:15 p.m. July 14, in waters 15,000 feet deep, 57 nautical miles northwest of Kauai.

Units from Brunei, Canada, Japan and the U.S. participated in the sinking exercise (SINKEX), which provided them the opportu-

nity to gain proficiency in tactics, targeting and live firing against a surface target at sea.

"This was an opportunity for the participating nations to take advantage of the excellent training infrastructure and ranges that are available in the Hawaiian Islands," said Royal Australian Navy Rear Adm. Simon Cullen, deputy commander of the RIMPAC Combined Task Force.

"It enabled individual units to conduct training that they could not otherwise have in their own waters, and allowed them improve

their interoperability by working with their partner nations to achieve the training objective."

Former Navy vessels used in SINKEXs are prepared in strict compliance with regulations prescribed and enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Strict environmental compliance is observed during all SINKEXs. Each SINKEX is required to sink the hulk in at least 1,000 fathoms (6,000 feet) and at least 50 nautical miles from land.

Surveys are conducted to ensure that humans and marine

mammals are not in an area where they could be harmed during the event.

USS Tuscaloosa (LST 1187) was a Newport-class tank landing ship commissioned in 1970, the second Navy ship named for the Alabama city. The ship deployed numerous times to the western Pacific. Tuscaloosa earned a meritorious unit commendation for Operation New Life when it escorted 26 Vietnamese navy vessels to the Philippines after Saigon fell in 1975. Tuscaloosa was decommissioned in 1994.

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were simulated casualties and fly them on our aircraft, which is something we would actually do real world. Today was the first time in a long time that a Chinook has landed at TAMC, so what that is going to do is it's going to enable the movement of a large amount of personnel to receive medical treatment quicker," Kraemer said.

Thomas Bookman, Pacific Regional Command emergency plans and operations director, explained the overall benefit of performing exercises of this scale.

"The goal is that we have synergy, that we have a means that we practice as we preach," he said. "If you do a tabletop exercise, you can't really see if you can move things and make things happen. Exercises like this are a multiplier for our community where the civilian and military population intermix."

"We're living on an island, we're joined at the hip, and we will always support each other, so this exercise should give the citizens of Hawaii a sense that if something does happen, the military and the civilian community will come together to treat the people who are injured or sick," Bookman said.



# Paul Hamilton Sailors welcome U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team

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Members of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team took a guided tour aboard Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) on July 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The second-ranked U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team was in Hawaii for the USA Volleyball Cup match between Team USA and Brazil. The Navy was slated to participate in the opening ceremonies at the games.

Upon the team's arrival at the pier, Sailors aboard the USS Paul Hamilton cheered in unanimous greeting: "USA!" Cmdr. Luke Frost, commanding officer of the ship, personally welcomed the members of the team pier-side, awarding each player with a commemorative ship's ball cap.

"We had a great visit from



Members of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team tour the bridge of the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) during the team's visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

the U.S. Women's Volleyball Team," said Frost. "It was a tremendous opportunity for Sailors and players to interact and share their pride in representing the United States."

Paul Hamilton is one of 10 surface combatants currently assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Destroyer

Squadron 31. Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare combatants that operate independently for the support of carriers and expeditionary and surface strike groups.

During the visit, Team USA toured the ship's bridge and later met with Sailors

and signed autographs on the ship's bow, from which they also observed Battleship Missouri and USS Arizona Memorials.

"The tour was amazing and something we did not expect," said Cassidy Lichtman, member of the volleyball team. "We didn't know what was going to happen and what we were here

for. We were just told that we were going to meet some members of the military and that they are excited to see us, and it was so great and got us very excited."

Lichtman spoke about similarities that she noticed between the service members and sports players.

"The more Sailors talked about ship's operations, the

more parallels I could see between what they do on the ship and what we do," she said. "Every person has their own job, and if one person is not doing his or her job it affects the whole team—it is all about working as a team efficiently."

The commander said the point of such visits not only as a morale booster for the ship's crew and athletes, but as a feeling of overall unity in doing something great for the nation.

"There are so many levels where we have things in common with these young athletes that are representing the United States, the same way as our Sailors representing this country," said Frost. "We have ties across home towns, across the love for sport and the love in representing our nation, which makes it a very exciting visit for our Sailors to enjoy and get excited about."

The games were played at the Stan Sheriff Center on the University of Hawaii campus July 11 and 12. USA swept the series 2-0.

# Air Force announces changes to headquarters organization

U.S. Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force will create efficiencies by deactivating and realigning organizations at headquarters Air Force, major commands (MAJCOMs), numbered air forces, and field operating agencies, resulting in savings of \$1.6 billion across the Air Force in the next five years.

"I will work to ensure the world's best Air Force is the most capable at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "Everyone knows our economy is still not where it should be. We have a responsibility to ensure that every dollar adds value to the taxpayers and our national defense."

The changes are a result of a comprehensive effort to reduce overhead costs, increase efficiencies, eliminate redundant activities, and improve effectiveness and business processes (also known as Air Force Management Headquarters Review).

The efficiencies created through the reorganization will also help meet the Department of Defense's (DoD) directive to re-

duce costs and staff levels by at least 20 percent, eliminating 3,459 positions at headquarters across the Air Force, both in country and at overseas locations. As part of ongoing cost savings initiatives, the Air Force will also continue to reduce contract spending, operating budgets and travel expenditures.

To minimize the effect on civilian personnel, the Air Force will initiate voluntary early retirement authority programs and voluntary separation incentive pay to foster voluntary reductions before pursuing involuntary measures. As part of ongoing efforts to responsibly shape the force, military members were offered a variety of voluntary incentive programs.

"We are aggressively pursuing reductions within the first year, rather than spread them out over five years as allowed by DoD," said James.

"It's better for Airmen because it provides them predictability and allows us to re-stabilize our workforce sooner. It also allows us to harvest the savings earlier, so that we can plow it back into

readiness and some of our key modernization programs."

The Air Force's goal is to go beyond the 20 percent reduction mandated by the DoD, so any additional savings can be achieved from staff functions above the wing level and set to provide additional combat capability to the combatant commanders.

"The Air Force has been making incremental changes in our business practices for the last several years, but we must change the way we are doing business if we are to meet the Air Force's goal to reduce staffing functions by more than 20 percent," explained Bill Booth, Air Force acting deputy chief management officer.

"Reducing higher headquarters' staffs means we can save money that can be re-invested in getting ready for combat missions at the wing level," Booth said.

The largest initiative will include centralizing policy and oversight of installation and mission support activities within a newly created Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (AFIMSC), which will report to Air Force Materiel Command. Execution will remain at the local level.

"The current and projected fis-

cal climate make it essential to centralize management and streamline support to the maximum extent possible in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness, as well as deliver more standardized levels of service across the Air Force," Booth said. Support functions currently spread across the MAJCOMs' staffs will be centralized at the AFIMSC.

The Air Force will also make changes to the headquarters Air Force staff organization by splitting operations, plans and requirements (A3/5) and strategic plans and programs (A8) and reorganizing them into the new operations (A3) organization which will stand alone and merge the planning staffs into the new A5/8 organization.

Also, the current programming functions from A8 will be merged into the service's financial management organization (FM).

"We will now have an organization, A5/8, that is responsible for developing, managing and constantly assessing an Air Force strategy that is bounded by long-range resource projections and another organization, FM, that deals primarily with the day-to-day budget activities involved in running the Air

Force," explained Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III.

"Keeping organizations aligned will ensure we keep moving toward our long-range strategic goals despite the short-term budget upheaval we face regularly."

The Air Force will also realign several functions that currently report to the headquarters in an effort to better support combatant commanders and realign some field operating agencies to operational MAJCOMs, merge FOAs with similar missions, and deactivate others.

The Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency is also being realigned from headquarters Air Force as a FOA to become part of a new operational numbered air force under Air Combat Command.

Realigning the Air Force ISR Agency into the new 25th Air Force within ACC ensures warfighting commands will have the best possible intelligence from integrated national and tactical ISR capabilities while appropriately realigning operational activities and "organize, train and equip" responsibilities of the AF ISR Agency from execution by Headquarters AF to a MAJCOM.





# Pearl Network Operations Center celebrates renovated quarterdeck

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Personnel from hangar 87, Pearl Network Operations Center (NOC) celebrated the renovation of its quarterdeck July 10 on Ford Island.

Pearl NOC first served as an aviation hangar before and during World War II and still wears the damage it received from the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The team out here decided a year ago this historic building didn't have the flair they wanted it to have," said retired Vice Adm. Denby Starling, vice president and acting account executive of



Retired Vice Adm. Denby Starling, vice president and acting account executive, Navy and Marine Corps Accounts Enterprise Services, U.S. Public Sector Hewlett-Packard Company (left) talks to the personnel of the Pearl Network Operations Center on Ford Island.

Navy and Marine Corps Accounts Enterprise Services, U.S. Public Sector (USPS), Hewlett-Packard (HP) Company.

The quarterdeck now displays a 10-foot-by-14.5-foot-wide mural of Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) 2010.

"The eight-month, self-help project displays the collaboration and partnership between our Navy Sailors, civilian Navy and HP on bringing hangar 87's rich history on display," said Bill Clemente, program director of Pacific and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Navy account, Navy and Marine Corps account, USPS, HP Company.

"We displayed the rich lineage of hangar 87 via pictures, serving first aviation

and then cyber with both network operations center and Pacific battle watch leading down the hallway and in the quarterdeck. The HP team members' after hours' self-help worked to create the lineage photos and artifacts of the history of hangar 87 serving our Navy for over 75 years," he explained.

The team celebrated the occasion, in honor of hangar 87's history, with cake and beverages.

"This great quarterdeck picture stands to remind us why we're really here, which is to support the Navy every single day with everything we do. We're real proud of what we do, and this sort of shows a little bit of HP pride in our service to this great Navy," said Starling.

## Fitness contracts to be resolicited at joint base

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

In FY14 a Navy contracting agent completed a request for proposal (RFP) to provide fitness services at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. A team at Commander, Navy Installations Command headquarters conducted a review, found errors in the solicitation and evaluation process, and recommended re-competing for services.

"We support, appreciate and promote health-and-fitness and quality-of-life programs here at the joint base, and we are dedicated to ensuring all programs are safe, legal and meet appropriate standards," said Capt. Stan Keeve, joint base commander.

"We are also committed to providing full and fair competition and getting the most value for service members and families," he said.

Several fitness companies who offered services under the original RFP - NAFPEA-14-R-0001 - are being given an opportunity to enter into a contract to provide short-term, no-fee concession fitness services at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam until re-solicitation, which is expected by the end of the year.

## COMSUBPAC Sailors give back to those in need

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Sailors from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), helped to give back to the community by providing dinner for military members and their families on July 9 at Fisher House, located at the Tripler Army Medical Center.

The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that provides shelter to America's military families in their time of need. Many of the guests suffer from life-threatening medical conditions, including cancer and other disorders, and cannot afford the high cost of housing living away from home.

Throughout the years, many organizations including COMSUBPAC and Pacific Fleet have come to Fisher House to lend a helping hand.

The dinner was organized by COMSUBPAC's First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA).

"It is neat to come up here and meet the families and put some names with the faces," said Electronics Technician 1st Class Nathan Varner, a member of the FCPOA and event organizer.

The Sailors brought food and prepared, served and ate dinner with the guests of the house. People laughed, talked and shared stories of past experiences over a dinner including rice, mashed potatoes, chicken and vegetables.

The Sailors took pictures with the guests and, after dinner, helped clean up and put away kitchen material. They then toured the house and watched a six-minute informational video on Fisher House and all that the company has done to help the military and their families.

For volunteer Sonar Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Marquis Perry,

the chance to serve military members and their families in need meant a chance to give back.

"It was really good. The people were nice, and it's a great experience to serve people food who haven't had a home cooked meal in a while," Perry said.

"The most rewarding part of it all is the chance to help people," said Anita Clingerman, Fisher House's manager, overseeing the two Pacific Hawaii locations.

Clingerman stressed appreciation for the volunteer help from the many organizations over the years.

Fisher House's 19 rooms are located conveniently close to Tripler Army Medical Center and serve all branches of the military. This location serves all of the Pacific, including Japan, Guam and the outer islands.

The non-profit organization was started by noted philanthropist and patriot Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth in 1990.



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## Pacific Partnership participates in Tacloban Hospital anniversary celebration

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TACLOBAN, Philippines — Members from Pacific Partnership 2014 participated in the 98th anniversary celebration of the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) in Tacloban on July 12.

“Every year on July 19 we have a nine-day festival for the founding of the hospital in 1916,” said Teresita Berenguer, the EVRMC chief nurse. “This is the sixth day of our activities and everything has been great so far.”

This year’s celebration was the hospital’s biggest and the first since Typhoon Yolanda. Included in the celebration was a performance by the Navy’s



The Pacific Fleet Band performs at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in Tacloban for its anniversary ceremony.

Pacific Fleet Band, a dance competition and special events for the staff involved.

“The hospital was very excited to be able to have the band play at the event,” said Capt. John Parrish. “We are all very honored to be involved in this special celebration. Several Sailors and Soldiers off of our mission participated in the early 12K run in the morning hosted by the hospital.”

Throughout the week before the anniversary celebration, the PP14 medical staff worked at the hospital, conducting symposiums on a variety of topics such as internal medicine, infectious diseases and cancer pain management and more.

“Our medical team has been here all week doing symposiums as well as subject matter ex-

changes,” said Parrish. “We have been mentoring and working side-by-side with the staff at this hospital, so they are very excited to have us at the celebration.”

The celebration ends July 16, and it will be the last until the EVRMC medical staff moves into its new location.

“The Navy has been here hands-on helping us all throughout this week,” said Fe Cuanton, the EVRMC assistant chief nurse. “We are very thankful for their presence. They are so eager to help us. Thank you so much.”

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

## Ball cap wear policy to expand starting this September

Chief of Naval Personnel  
Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) announced July 11 a change to uniform regulations, giving commanding officers discretion to authorize the wear of command ball caps with Navy Working Uniforms (NWU) Type I, II and III beginning Sept. 1.

Initiated by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, this change is a result of Sailor feedback received at all hands calls and is part of Navy’s efforts to further empower command triads.

Currently, ball caps can only be worn with the physical training uniform, coveralls and flight suits, with NWUs only when standing bridge watch and by command training teams during a training evolution.

The eight-point cover remains part of a Sailor’s sea bag.

The change in wear rules for the ball caps, which will include fleet leadership input, will be released in a NAVADMIN later this summer and will include occasion of wear rules.

Sailors can provide feedback on uniforms to [umo\\_cmc@navy.mil](mailto:umo_cmc@navy.mil) or [usnpeople@gmail.com](mailto:usnpeople@gmail.com).



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Torrian Neeman  
Senior Chief Quartermaster James Kuroski (center) from Bridgewater, Conn., supervises Sailors plotting navigational points on the bridge aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

## TFEE training

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Chilean Lt. j.g. Matias Fisher, serving on the ship CNS Blanco Encalada (FF 15), said, “For us, saving (fuel) is an important matter — we always have it in mind. While on shore we always use shore supply, and after 5 p.m. we shut off our non-essential electrical equipment.”

As part of RIMPAC 2014, TFEE also intends to advance the Secretary of the Navy’s energy conservation efforts contributing to sailing the Great Green Fleet in 2016, reinforce green energy practices and awareness, optimize energy for improved endurance and sustainability, and integrate international partners.

The world’s largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC is a multinational maritime exercise that takes place in and around the Hawaiian Islands and southern California. Twenty-two nations, 49 ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in the biennial exercise from June 26 to Aug. 1.