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## Navy and industry partners launch Pacific's largest renewable energy project

Catherine Cruz Norton

Naval Facilities Engineering Pacific Public Affairs Office

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus, Navy and Marine Corps senior leaders, and industry partners untied a traditional *maile* lei signifying the launch of the Navy's largest solar power generation system project in the Pacific during a ceremony July 24 at the USS Nevada Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"This is a large project with 10 roof top photovoltaic systems and four ground-based or elevated systems, built on three different bases," said Mabus.

"In the first year alone, we expect that these systems will save the taxpayers \$1.6 million. That's the equivalent of the electricity that can be generated from 54,000 barrels of oil here in Hawaii.

It's the amount of electricity needed to power more than 5,000 average homes here, and that's just in the first year. This program will be generating those savings for decades. The work we are doing here will serve as a model for other projects



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Kelekona Bishaw, pastor of Kamehameha Schools, delivers a traditional Hawaiian blessing during a groundbreaking and blessing ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The ceremony signifies the launch of the Navy's largest solar power generation system project in Hawaii.

around the world," Mabus said.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific awarded a \$334 million task order July 11 to Pacific Energy Solutions LLC, a small business from Boca Raton, Fla., for the procurement of electricity produced from renewable energy generation systems.

The work to be performed provides for purchase of reliable, locally-generated, alternating-current power from solar power generation systems that are designed, constructed, owned, operated and maintained by the contractor on government property. Sites included in this task order are located on Oahu at Waipio Peninsula,

Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Camp Smith.

"Today marks a significant milestone in our collective pursuit of new ways to use renewable energy initiatives and investments — to reach sustainability. These efforts will save lives for our warfighters and enhance the quality of life here on the home front, in our aloha

state," said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"Here in beautiful Hawaii, we are committed to meeting not only SECNAV goals but also the goals of the governor and the state of Hawaii," Williams said.

Once constructed, the PV systems will deliver renewable energy for a term of 25 years. The construction of the PV systems is expected to take 12 months, and the total amount of power generated is anticipated to be about 17 megawatts of alternating current that will be shared between the Navy and Marine Corps.

Williams said at JBPHH and at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai the Navy is reducing energy and water consumption, increasing use of renewable energy sources, and constructing sustainable facilities such as this — meeting the mission and protecting the environment.

Williams thanked the NAVFAC engineers, the SEABEEs and all of team NAVFAC for its technical, business and acquisition acumen to get this project done. "Allow me to say a few words

about a person whose hard work and dedication brought us here today — Rear Adm. Bret Muilenberg," said Williams.

"Bret is a former NAVFAC Hawaii commander and now NAVFAC Pacific commander on Adm. [Harry] Harris' staff. He worked a long time on this project — often behind the scenes, always coaching us — showing that legendary *cando spirit*," he said. "Your persistence has paid off."

The Navy is taking its commitment to renewable energy to a whole new level by generating about 14 percent of the region's electricity with this project.

"This project signals the Navy's largest photovoltaic array in the Pacific and a significant step toward achieving our renewable energy goals," said Muilenberg, NAVFAC Pacific commander.

"Renewable energy initiatives are paramount to enabling the Navy and Marine Corps to improve energy security and efficiency ashore and operational reach afloat. In addition, we are very proud to be partnering with Pacific Energy Solutions as we work to execute this substantial investment," Muilenberg said.

## Miller assumes command of 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Kristine Hojnicky

515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Col. Douglas K. Lamberth relinquished command of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing to Col. Albert G. Miller during a change of command ceremony July 22 at the Hickam Officers' Club, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"I am extremely thankful and honored to have commanded this phenomenal wing over the past two years, and I am tremendously proud of what you have accomplished as a team," said Lamberth.

"There is no doubt that you are the best in the business at what you do. The privilege of serving the great Airmen, civilian Airmen and families of the 515th has been the highlight of my career," he said.

During his tenure, Lamberth pioneered the command's only virtual community action information board, developed a



U.S. Air Force photo by SrAirman Christopher Stoltz

Maj. Gen. Frederick Martin (left), commander, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, passes the guidon to Col. Albert Miller, commander, 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, during the 515th's change of command ceremony, held July 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

commander's inspection program, and led the wing to an "excellent" rating during the 2013 Air Mobility

Command Inspector General Mission Capability and Compliance Inspection and a 2013 Air Force Outstand-

ing Unit Award.

Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Martin, commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., presided over the ceremony. He presented Lamberth with the Legion of Merit for accomplishments during his command from June 2012 to July 2014. "The EC's mission is to train, enable and shape expeditionary Airmen for global response," said Martin.

"The 515th, under the leadership of Col. Lamberth, has been a vital link to ensure global mobility throughout the Pacific enterprise. Col. Miller, we welcome you and look forward to building upon the success of the 515 AMOW and the tremendous partnerships within PACAF and across the PACOM AOR."

Miller comes to JBPHH from Joint Base Charleston, S.C. where he most recently served as the vice commander of the 437th Airlift Wing.

As commander of the 515th AMOW, a tenant unit headquartered at JBPHH, he is responsible for 1,800 geographically separated personnel across 26 operating locations and nine Pacific time-zones from Alaska to Diego Garcia, with an annual budget of more than \$50 million.

"I am extremely humbled by this opportunity to serve the great Airmen of the 515th and their families," said Miller. "They have a tremendous reputa-

tion of excellence and mission success. I look forward to working with them and our mission partners throughout the Pacific."

The 515th AMOW serves as the Pacific arm of the USAFEC and AMC. The wing's mission is to provide agile enroute capability to accelerate global air mobility for war fighters throughout the Pacific, utilizing command and control, aerial port operations and aircraft maintenance.



## Blue Angels to perform here Sept. 27-28

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) "Wings Over the Pacific" air show will feature the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's world-famous flight demonstration squadron.

The airshow will take place Sept. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the Hickam side of JBPHH.

The Blue Angels flight demonstration will use the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft to exhibit the choreographed refinement of skills possessed by all naval aviators.

The Leap Frogs, the United States Navy Parachute Team, will also perform, and there will be demonstrations by the Blue Angels C-130 Hercules support aircraft affectionately known as "Fat

Albert" and a C-17.

"Wings Over the Pacific" will also offer displays of vintage and modern aircraft, food booths and an Xtreme Fun Zone for children that will feature rides, games and more. The show is free and open to the general public. Security restrictions will be in place.

"On behalf of our Navy and Air Force community, I invite you to join our *ohana* for this great event," said Capt. Stan Keeve, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"We think you will be entertained by the Blue Angels and other air show performers, and you will have an opportunity to see static displays of a variety of aircraft."

For more information, visit [www.wingsoverthepacific.com](http://www.wingsoverthepacific.com).

## AF units showcase airpower during RIMPAC



(Above) A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Joint Base Fort Worth refuels from a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 96th Air Refueling Wing during the Rim of the Pacific 2014 July 18.

(Right) A U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor from the 199th Fighter Wing turns after refueling from a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 96th Air Refueling Wing.

U.S. Air Force photos by SrAirman James Richardson



## Bridge to close temporarily Aug. 6

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 6 for quarterly maintenance.

All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.

The small craft gate under the bridge will be closed to boat traffic.



Commentary

# Supporting children's education has impact on performance

**Col. David Kirkendall**

*Deputy Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam*



Col. David Kirkendall

As summer draws to an end, our children are preparing to go back to the classroom. If your experience is anything like mine, this is met with some elation (from parents and caregivers) as well as trepidation (from students).

Today marks the first day of instruction in Hawaii's public schools. As a parent, I, like all parents, want my child to succeed in school. Parents can help children achieve

their best in school by being actively engaged in their children's learning.

Decades of research show that parent involvement has incredible impact on student performance. Students earn higher grades, better test scores, and graduation rates increase. When parents show interest in our children's education, we reinforce the message that education is a top priority.

As parents, it is our mission to partner with our schools and students to provide the support, environment and resources needed for our children to succeed in school.

The U.S. Department of

Education provides some basic tips that parents can use on the "home front:"

- Encourage children to read, as it is the single most important thing that we can do to help them succeed in school.
- Engage children in conversation as speaking and listening skills are major components of children's school success.
- Monitor children's homework and amount of time spent watching television, playing video games, and using the Internet.
- Help children get organized, and provide a quiet place in the home to study.

•Encourage children to be responsible and work independently. Make it clear that they have to take responsibility for actions, both at home and at school.

•Encourage active learning by listening to children's ideas and responding to them.

As we strive for great communication with our students, establishing a close working partnership with our children's school staff and teacher is important as well. I urge you to volunteer your time and talent in the schools and find ways to be included and integrated with the

various extracurricular programs offered.

As a son-in-law to a grade school teacher of more than 25 years, I can assure you that our support of the school is as important to our children's success as our support to our students.

Our military children are truly resilient and self-sacrificing. With every PCS move, they must leave their friends, adjust to a new location, and transition to a new school. With direct involvement in our children's education, we can set the conditions for their continued success.

## Diverse Views



**What tip do you have for a military member or military family who is going to PCS (permanent change of station)?**



**Senior Airman Shannon Ross**  
*15th Medical Group*

"Make sure to have good communication with your sponsor. It really is all right to ask questions even if they seem silly."

**MMC Jason McDonald**  
*USS Houston (SSN 713)*



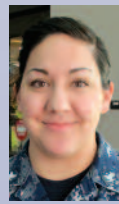
"Plan ahead, make sure you have all the documents for schools for kids or medical, and start early."



**Tech. Sgt. Jeff Camacho**  
*613 Air and Space Operations Center*

"Keep copies of all documents and hand carry them. You never know when they might come [in] handy."

**HM3 Miranda Hayden**  
*Naval Health Clinic Hawaii*



"For military members, make sure you contact the command you're going to and see if they can set up a sponsor or have a sponsorship program. That worked for me."



**SrAirman Dofonso Fernando**  
*15th Medical Operations Squadron*

"Take your time settling in at your new base, duty section and housing. Starting on the right foot is very important to have a stress-free time at your new base. Relax and enjoy."

**IT1 Lorenzo Nichols**  
*USS Lake Erie (CG 70)*



"Start early. There's a lot of stuff you have to do."



**Chief Master Sgt. Kurt Mason**  
*PACAF*

"Be prepared. Start your prep as soon as possible. It will make the transition much smoother for you and your family."

**HMCS Eugene Johnson**  
*ATG Middle Pacific*



"Make sure dependent information is updated into your transfer orders, especially when going overseas for no-fee passports. And start the process early."



**Staff Sgt. Megan Flores**  
*Air Force Office of Special Investigations*

"Send your PCS orders to your gaining base housing office as soon as you receive them. Waiting lists are usually extensive, so the sooner the better."

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

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## School starts back in session today

*Students, drivers advised to exercise caution*

**Darren Dean**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam School Liaison Officer*

Today is the first day for students attending public schools in Hawaii. With schools back in session, large numbers of students will be walking and riding bicycles. Drivers should exercise caution.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is reminding drivers to use extreme caution and be aware of young children going to school in the morning and walking home in the afternoon. There is always an adjustment period when classes resume for both drivers and students.

Student traffic can be expected to begin just before 7 a.m. and continue through 8 a.m. After-school traffic normally begins at 2 p.m. and winds down after 3 p.m.

There are many students new to JBPHH, and there are many new families in the surrounding military housing community who are not familiar with the local traffic patterns.



Photo courtesy of Aliamanu Elementary School

Aliamanu Elementary School's Falcon Safety Patrol assist students in crossing the street, helping to ensure students are safe from traffic.

"The best advice we can give is for drivers to slow down and give yourselves more time to get to your destination. The extra time is certainly worth avoiding accidents," said David Tom, Navy Region Hawaii School Liaison Officer.

Likewise, parents and students should map out the safest route to school together, including any alternate routes. Parents should also discuss proper safety practices with

their children including the use of crosswalks and proper bicycle safety and have their children wear bright clothing to increase visibility for drivers.

Children should not walk to school wearing headphones or playing portable video games because this makes it difficult for them to hear the traffic around them. Let's all do our part to ensure a safe and accident-free school year for all.

## Liberators sit in Hickam hangar

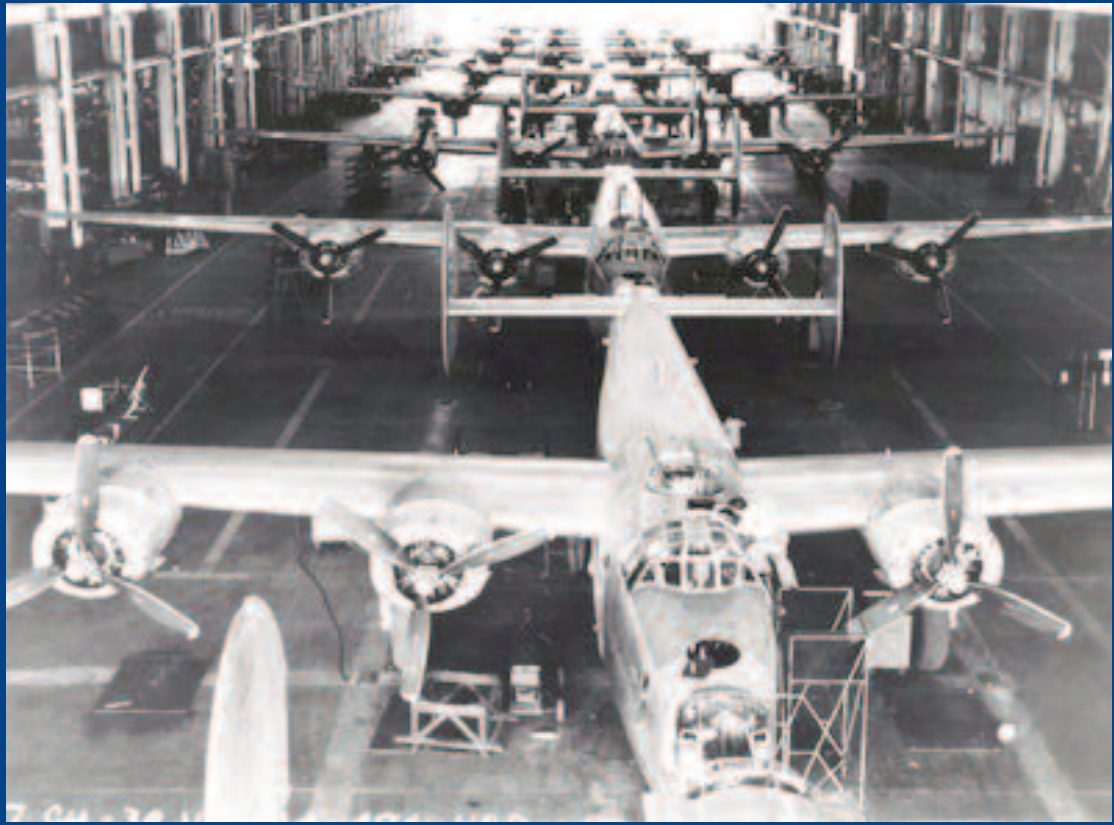


Photo courtesy of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Airports Division

B-24J Liberators sit inside a maintenance hangar at Hickam Field Hawaiian Air Depot on July 30, 1944, 70 years ago this week.

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## RIMPAC's maritime component commander thanks Hawaii

### Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Ron Mizutani, veteran newscaster in Hawaii and anchor of KHON(FOX)2's Wake Up 2day show, gave Rear Adm. Gilles Couturier an honorary title during an interview July 24 about Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2014.

Couturier, who has participated in five RIMPAC exercises over the years, was named by Mizutani as an "honorary *kamaaina*" — a local resident of Hawaii. Couturier is commander of the maritime component for RIMPAC, the world's biggest maritime exercise, which is about to enter its final week in and around Hawaii.

On behalf of all RIMPAC participants, Couturier thanked the people of Hawaii for their support and *aloha*, noting how RIMPAC helps the local economy.

"Without a doubt, the 25,000 Sailors, plus the ships ... they need all sorts of things, so we buy local Hawaiian, and I want to take the opportunity to thank the [people of Hawaii] for their hospitality," Couturier said.

"This is my fifth time at RIMPAC, so I'm very familiar with your beautiful islands and every time looking forward to come back here and visit and enjoy," he said.

During his interview, Couturier explained two of the primary goals of RIMPAC.

"First of all, it's to be able to learn to work together as professional mariners. So this year we have 22 countries, 47 ships, 200-plus aircraft, six submarines and over 25,000 people here. What we are trying to do is work together in order to be able to be ready to operate at sea anywhere in the world," Couturier said.

"The second goal of RIMPAC is to create those relationships, amongst all of us the leaders of the exercise, but also amongst some of the ships' captains, the key staff — so whenever we are called to work together we can grab that phone and say, 'Hey, remember me? You and I worked together at RIMPAC.' That makes it a lot easier to operate at sea."

Mizutani asked, "Are you learning from each other as well? Different techniques, different MOs, if you will?"

Couturier responded, "Absolutely! We call it tactics training and procedures. So each country comes from their own slightly different approach, but what we do realize at the end is that we are pretty well all the same. We know what to do. One of the key events we do at sea is maritime interdiction operations, so anti-piracy roles off the Gulf of Aden, we have to do some things to prevent the pirates from doing the bad stuff at sea, so we share how we operate, how we do it, some of the tactics we use, and it proves to be very useful to all of us."

Mizutani thanked "honorary *kamaaina*" Couturier for another successful Rim of the Pacific exercise in and around Hawaii.

"I'm glad you folks are learning and absorbing and at the same time, sir, you are helping our economy. You folks pump back a ton of money into Hawaii's economy," Mizutani said.

(KHON(FOX)2's Hawaii Navy News segment that began in early 2009, in partnership with Navy Region Hawaii. It is a biweekly, sometimes weekly, interview to inform the public about items of interest at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oahu and Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.)

## Stay safe during outdoor activities

Don Robbins

Editor, Ho'okele

Here are some questions and tips to keep us safe while participating in outdoor activities.

### Driving

- Are you careful at intersections? It may not be safe to assume that others are going to do the right thing.
- Are you focused when operating a vehicle? Staying focused (not distracted), and keeping your eyes on the road can help prevent accidents.
- Are you aware of the drivers around you? If you see an erratic driver, it is better to get away from them than to get angry.
- Do you ever drink and drive? It is wise to plan your transportation in advance, if you drink.
- Do you drive if you are tired? It is advisable to drive when you are well-rested instead.
- Do you keep your car running well? It is advisable to make sure your tires, brakes, headlights and taillights, and turn signals are all working perfectly.
- Do you obey the speed limit? In rain, fog and darkness, it is safer to slow down.
- Do you drive defensively and obey the rules?

- Do you keep your children in car safety seats, and know how to install the seats?
- Do you use your turn signals and avoid making any sudden moves?

### Boating

- Have you learned to swim?
  - Do you make sure you are not drinking while boating?
  - Do you wear an approved life jacket, and make sure your passengers do, too?
- ### Grilling food
- Do you keep your grill at least three feet away from your house, porch, shed, trees or bushes?
  - Do you use starter fluid that is made especially for barbecue grills? Do you follow the instructions about how to apply and light it?
  - Do you make sure you never squirt starter fluid on a fire after you've already tried to start it?
  - Do you avoid using gasoline to try to start or restart charcoal?
  - If you have a gas grill, do you make sure you read and follow the instructions about how to use and store it?
  - Do you store gas cylinders outside and keep them away from buildings?
  - Do you keep children away from the grill both while you are cooking, and after you finish while the grill is still

hot and when hot coals remain?

- Do you make sure to never leave lit grills unattended?
- ### Beach safety
- Do you protect your skin? Do you limit the amount of direct sunlight you receive between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and, wear a sunscreen with a sun protection factor containing a high rating such as 15?
  - Do you drink plenty of water regularly and often even if you do not feel thirsty? Your body needs water to keep cool.
  - Do you watch for signs of heat stroke? Heat stroke is life-threatening. Signs include hot, red, and dry skin; changes in consciousness, rapid, weak pulse, and rapid, shallow breathing.
- ### Swimming pools and kids
- If you're at a pool with children who are either very young or who can't swim, do you make sure they are never left alone, even if they aren't in the water?
  - If you are taking care of an infant or toddler, do you make sure to keep them within arm's reach?
  - Have you learned about rescue swimming and taken a CPR course? You never know when you might have to rescue someone.
  - Do you make sure you have life preservers handy?

## RIMPAC sports events to be held today

Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation RIMPAC sporting events beginning at 9 a.m. today include:

- Soccer at Ward Field.
- Basketball at JPBHHGym.
- Softball at Millican Field.
- 5K run.



U.S. Navy Hull Maintenance Technician 2nd Class Eli Garcia brazes a pipe aboard the dock landing ship USS Rushmore (LSD 47) in the Pacific Ocean on July 23, during the Rim of the Pacific 2014 exercise.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Amanda R. Gray



(Above) Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Eric Bruce from Charlottesville, Va. and Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Michael Bloodworth from Lorena, Texas launch a landing craft air cushion, assigned to Amphibious Craft Unit (ACU) 5, in the well deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) during Rim of the Pacific 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Viramontes

(Right) Sailors walk the flight deck during a foreign object damage (FOD) walk down aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Torrian Neeman





# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

A U.S. Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom helicopter, (right), participates in nighttime flight operations on July 24 aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) in the Pacific Ocean on July 24, during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Viramontes



Pilots and weapon systems officers from 391st Fighter Squadron F-15E Strike Eagle step to their aircraft during a mission July 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The 391st FS is currently on a two-month deployment here from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. While here, the squadron's F-15Es have participated in Rim of the Pacific 2014 exercise missions.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

Flightline and aircraft crews prepare 391st Fighter Squadron F-15E Strike Eagles for a mission July 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez



Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Jennifer Brinkman, (right), from San Francisco and Ensign Joseph Pfaff from Detroit film the passing of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) from an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the Black Knights of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 4. Ronald Reagan is participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jacob Estes

(Below) Naval Aircrewman (Operator) 2nd Class Joshua Eichhorn (seated), shows Adm. Harry Harris Jr. (left), the commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, how to monitor signals from a sonar buoy during an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance flight aboard a P-8A Poseidon aircraft July 21. The flight over the Pacific Ocean was part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Kolmel





# Reserve Sailors bring support during RIMPAC

MC1 Steven Khor

Submarine Force Pacific Public Affairs

Reservist Sailors from around the nation have been at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to support Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, U.S. 3rd Fleet (CTF-34), participating in the world's largest international maritime exercise, the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC), with activities situated in and around the Hawaiian islands.

Capt. Rod Urbano, chief of staff for CTF-34, noted that Reservists are a critical component to the success of exercises like RIMPAC.

"I view the Reserve component as a powerful force multiplier for CTF-34 staff," said Urbano. "They are fully integrated into our theater anti-submarine warfare watch team and without their support, it would be impossible for us to execute all of our assigned missions. For RIMPAC specifically, our Reserve personnel have been involved in every phase, from planning to execution, and are a critical component to the successes we've been able to achieve," he said.

Capt. Timothy Wolters, commanding officer of Undersea Warfare Operations Detachment I and the Submarine Force Reserve Component/RIMPAC coordinator, said Reservists come from a multitude of backgrounds.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jason Swink

Capt. Timothy Wolters, commanding officer of Undersea Warfare Operations Detachment I and Submarine Force Reserve Component coordinator for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014, talks with Republic of Korea Navy Lt. Seo Jung Hoon outside of Anti-Submarine Warfare Force 3rd Fleet (CTF-34) offices on July 22.

"There are a wide variety of military and civilian experiences that the Reservists bring to the table," said Wolters.

"More than half of the Reservists supporting RIMPAC have performed an individual augmentee deployment, and civilian occupations range from stay-at-home parents, to university professors, to biomedical engineers, to indepen-

dent business owners."

Reservist Electronics Technician 2nd Class Sarah Bostick and other enlisted Reservists support CTF-34 by compiling and tracking units to provide the battle watch captains with a picture of the battle space during RIMPAC and other exercises.

"I spent three years training and learning with my Reserve unit,"

said Bostick, who drills at Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth, Texas.

Enjoying the opportunity to put her training to practical use, Bostick added, "It's nice to be able to put two and two together to understand the dynamics and relationships we have with the different component commands."

Wolters said Reservists continue to help in the overall mission by providing critical skills at a moment's notice. "Since many Reservists already have extensive active-duty experience, they already have the knowledge of how undersea warfare works and help save time and money for the Navy who would otherwise have to train new active duty personnel," he said.

"RIMPAC is a rewarding experience for both the Reservists and the Navy," said Wolters. "It provides excellent training for the Reservists and provides the Navy with quality, experienced individuals who fit the needs of the many positions required. The Reserve force helps man the needed positions to complete any number of critical jobs to support a task force."

Lt. Cmdr. Joshua Hepola, a Reservist and RIMPAC participant, is commanding officer of Naval Reserve Expeditionary Unit, Detachment I in Louisville, Ky. He has spent more than seven years on active duty including duty in Iraq.

Hepola said that it is beneficial

for Reservists to participate in exercises like RIMPAC because it gives exposure to what is going on in today's Navy, allowing Reservists the ability to keep their skills at optimal levels needed to be of support at a moment's notice.

Electronics Technician 1st Class Long Han, a Reservist and RIMPAC participant from Houston, Texas, said he enjoys the opportunity to bring family to the places he himself enjoys when not working. Han said he enjoys Hawaii and would like to bring his family to Hawaii to enjoy the fun in the sun.

"Hawaii is always awesome," said Han. "When I'm not busy doing RIMPAC stuff, I can spend time at the beach, so that's kind of cool."

Han's involvement with RIMPAC as a database manager helps build the "digital picture" from which others can make decisions based on this picture.

For RIMPAC, Navy Reserve Sailors have filled or are filling billets in support of Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) as well as CTF-34. The functions range from planning to watch-standing to naval liaisons at sea with their international counterparts.

"With approximately 130 members serving during RIMPAC for at least 16 days each, Reservists have been an integral part of this exercise," added Wolters.

## 747th Communication Squadron ensures RIMPAC communication security

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Maintaining communication security in and around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is a big job for the 747th Communications Squadron. In fact, they have the largest COMSEC footprint in Pacific Air Forces, supporting all the tenant units of the base including the Hawaii Air National Guard and several other locations such as Maui, Wheeler

Army Airfield and Wake Island.

The members of the 747th will be the first to admit that many of their fellow Airmen don't know what they do. In simple terms, they provide the material needed so that the units they support can utilize secure communications, both in the air and on the ground.

Tech. Sgt. Shari Epley, JBPHH COMSEC [communications security] manager, said she and four additional Airmen

support more than 80 COMSEC accounts across a large geographical area. That number increase dramatically with onset of the planning phase of RIMPAC, a multinational maritime exercise that takes place in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

"RIMPAC definitely ups the tempo," said Epley. "We start working with the organizations we support when the exercise planning starts to ensure we can provide them with their secure commu-

nity materials. We also support units from the United Kingdom, Canada, the Navy and Marines."

Epley's team was also responsible for providing the resources necessary so that the highest levels of RIMPAC leadership could communicate securely. The team's efforts helped enable secure satellite communication links between the combined forces Air component commander, combined forces maritime

and the combined forces land component commander.

Not surprisingly with an exercise as large as RIMPAC, they also received last minute requests, especially from transient units attending the exercise.

"It takes a lot of extra time and coordination on the last minute requests, but we always drop what we are doing to make sure the mission is accomplished," Epley said.

RIMPAC is one of the

biggest exercises the team supports, and they provide more secure communication materials for the exercise than at any other time of the year. However, since a large part of their efforts were concentrated during the planning phase, they have been able to get back to somewhat normal day-to-day operations as the exercise entered its final days, said Epley. "And of course get ready for the next exercise," she added.



# JBPHH Fuels Division pumps life into RIMPAC

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The air component is a significant part of RIMPAC 2014, the world's largest maritime exercise; but there's a saying in the petroleum, oils and lubricants community: "Pilots are pedestrians without fuel."

"Aircraft can't fly without fuel—no fuel, no flights," said Alphonso Parks, fuels division chief at Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Parks said the amount of aircraft deployed here and participating in RIMPAC increased the demand for fuel, and they issued an average of 1.5 million gallons per week in support of the exercise.

An average of 611 aircraft are refueled at JBPHH per month, but Parks said that amount was on track to more than triple by the end of RIMPAC.

"RIMPAC doesn't change what we do or how we do it, but it does increase the workload," he said.

In addition to providing JP8 fuel to aircraft, the fuels division also supported the ground and sea missions by supplying diesel fuel for the two tent city locations on JBPHH and Ford Island, and, for the first time in RIMPAC history, refueled small Navy patrol boats.

"We're like a gas station in the middle of the ocean," said Parks.

The fuels division prepared for more than six months to ensure there was proper planning for the division to successfully meet the demands of the exercise.

"Every time there is an exercise, we learn," said Parks. "We know what to expect during RIMPAC now and how to adjust to make sure the mission gets accomplished."

SrAirman Trevor Kuhns, who is deployed here in support of RIMPAC from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron at



SrAirman Trevor Kuhns, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels specialist, prepares to refuel an aircraft on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Kadena Air Base, Japan, said he also learned from the joint and multinational aspect of RIMPAC.

"This is my first time supporting RIMPAC, and I've been surprised at how similar our refueling processes are to our joint and international counterparts," he said.

With this year's RIMPAC hosting 22 nations, 49 surface ships, six submarines and more than 200 aircraft, Kuhns said he is proud to be an integral part of such a big mission.

"I'm happy to do my small part to put planes in the air," he said. "Planes don't fly on hopes and dreams. They fly on jet fuel, and that's what we provide."

## Safety office offers bicycle safety tips

As the school year begins, children, their parents and drivers should be more cautious and practice bicycle safety.

According to Adventure Sports online, statistics indicate that each year more than 500,000 bicyclists are injured, more than 1 million bicyclists are treated by their doctors for injuries, and bicyclists suffer approximately 70,000 serious head injuries each year. Head injuries account for more than 62 percent of bicycle fatalities. Each year hundreds of bicyclists die as a result of cycling accidents.

The Joint Base Traffic Instruction (JBPHHINST 5100.1) lists these 11 tips for bicycle safety:

- All persons, including minors, riding bicycles on JBPHH will observe the same traffic rules as are required of a motor vehicle operator.

- All persons operating bicycles through any JBPHH installation gate should avoid the normal flow of vehicle traffic whenever possible and utilize available bike paths and side streets.

- Sidewalks may be used by bicyclists when bicycle riders do not pose a hazard to pedestrians.

All bicyclists under the age of 18 will dismount their bicycles at intersections and walk the bicycles across the street, whether or not a crosswalk is present.

- All riders will wear approved ANSI or SNELL Memorial Foundation certified bicycle helmets.

- Every bicycle when in use at night (from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise) shall be equipped with a white light on the front which shall be visible for at least 500 feet ahead and a red reflector or red light on the rear which shall be visible for a distance of at least 600 feet.

- Bicyclists are highly encouraged to equip their bicycle with a bell or other device capable of being heard for a distance of at least 100 feet. Sirens and whistles are prohibited.

- All bicyclists shall wear light colored clothing. During restricted visibility conditions, reflective clothing or vests will be worn by all bicyclists.

- Bicycles will be properly parked and secured by use of a chain and padlock or bicycle cable lock to an approved bike rack.

- No bicycle will be ridden on any sidewalk within business

areas (i.e. base exchanges, commissary, bank, credit union, etc.) or on the Mokulele pedestrian overpass.

- Bicycle operators are prohibited from using any crosswalk, sidewalk, driveway, or any other area not designated as a traffic lane for the purpose of by passing a traffic control device, to circumvent the flow of traffic, or to cross over lanes of traffic unless already legally operating on a sidewalk.

- Bicycles are prohibited on any portion of the Kuntz Avenue overpass or on O'Malley Boulevard from the Air Mobility Command 9AMC Terminal Road to the Kuntz Avenue exit.

Children traveling to Hickam Elementary should avoid the busy roads of Fox Boulevard, Signer Boulevard, and 11th Street. If children are using Porter Avenue, they should stop for traffic at Porter Gate before proceeding to Hickam Elementary. Children traveling to all other base elementary schools should consult with school officials as to the best routes to take.

(Information provided by Wayne Siu and Austen Cook, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Safety Office.)

