

## Fleet engagement team visits JBPHH Sailors

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Representatives from Bureau of Naval Personnel Millington/Navy Personnel Command (BPM/NPC) fleet engagement team met with Sailors and leadership at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Sept. 22-23 to discuss personnel policies and force management measures impacting the fleet.

The two-day visit to JBPHH was intended to update Sailors on Navy force-shaping initiatives. These discussions included topics such as advancement and how important that is to Career Waypoint (C-WAY).

The C-WAY system (formerly Fleet RIDE) is the IT system that supports key Sailor decisions about their next career choice. Areas where C-WAY applies include: Reenlistment (formerly PTS/Perform to Serve), PACT Designation (formerly REGA/rating entry for general apprentice), conversion, transition between active component (AC) and Reserve component (RC), and reclassification.

“The main purpose of this visit



Master Chief Electrician's Mate Ted Hillebrand, fleet engagement team member from Navy Personnel Command, speaks to Sailors at Sharkey Theater.

is to speak to the fleet,” said Master Chief Electrician's Mate Ted Hillebrand, a fleet engagement team member.

“In this case, we're talking to Sailors in Pearl Harbor and others throughout the island of Oahu about things that we feel

and think are important to the Sailor's career and help them make the right decisions in regard to their career,” he said.

To demonstrate the Navy's willingness to ensure Sailors find themselves in their desired field, Capt. Bruce Deshotel, the

head enlisted community manager of BPM/NPC Millington, is assuring all actions are being taken to ensure PACT Sailors are forwarded opportunities for gaining a career path within ratings which best aligns the Sailors skills/desires to the

needs of the Navy.

Deshotel also said there is good news.

“For our fiscal year 13 and more recently recruited FY-14 PACT Sailors, relief is coming,” said Deshotel. “We are committed to offering each Sailor the opportunity to get on the viable career path that is in sync with both our Navy's as well as their requirements and desires.”

“We primarily utilize the “RED” method, or rating entry designation. This basically allows a Sailor to fill a valid, vacant billet onboard the ship they're assigned. This is a win for the ship, the Sailor and Navy,” Deshotel explained.

The BUPERS Millington/NPC team is committed to providing Sailors opportunities for a career in the Navy.

According to Chief Navy Counselor Athena Allen, Navy Region Hawaii career counselor, one of the new improvements under C-WAY will allow Sailors the opportunity to view important actions regarding their career pathway.

Sailors should also contact their command career counselor for more information on C-WAY.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/npc/](http://www.navy.mil/local/npc/).



Shad Kane, cultural practitioner, conducts a blessing ceremony for the Loko Pa'ai fishpond project at McGrew Point on Sept. 29 while representatives of the Navy and Native Hawaiian civic clubs join hands. Mangrove removal at the ancient site began after the ceremony.

## Fishpond restoration effort begins

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Affairs

Members of local Hawaiian civic clubs and Aiea community members and representatives from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii gathered at McGrew Point on Sept. 29 for a ceremony to begin work on restoring the historic Pa'ai fishpond.

Jeff Pantaleo, Navy cultural resources manager, spoke before the ceremony to describe the fishpond restoration project and its significance for the Navy.

“The main focus is to educate keiki on how Hawaiians built these ponds and why, basically, to see integration between the Navy and the community,” Pantaleo explained.

Shad Kane, Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner, officiated the blessing and provided dozens of attendees with a lesson in the history of the Native Hawaiians from the area of Aiea and McGrew Point. Several members of Hawaiian civic clubs presented traditional Hawaiian offerings called *ho'okupu* as part of the ceremony.

Cmdr. Tom Lyons, assistant regional engineer for Navy Region Hawaii, emphasized the Navy's interest in restoring the fishpond.

“This reinforces to me the importance this has, not only to the Navy, but to Hawaii. This is big for the military and our families. They get the chance to learn about Hawaii and pass that on,” Lyons said.

Pono Pacific, Local Hawaii contractor, will clear mangrove and other plant material from the area

around the fishpond.

“It's going to take about three months to clear the area. Once the pond is exposed, we can assess the feasibility and level of work needed to restore it,” Pantaleo said.

During the clearing process, archeological and cultural monitors will be present to ensure that the pond walls are not impacted. Following clearing, the pond will be documented and a preservation plan will be prepared to ensure the pond will be preserved.

There were once 22 fishponds in Pearl Harbor, only three of which are still relatively intact. Of these three, the fishpond at McGrew Point is the most accessible. Fishponds were used to farm fish by the ancient Hawaiians using areas around the shoreline to enclose a feeding area for fish.

## Alternate port to enhance state's readiness

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The state of Hawaii, the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy will hold a signing ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 6 at Kilo 8 Pier, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and bless a new mobile crane that significantly adds to the state's readiness in the event of a natural disaster.

The acquisition of the \$3 million crane has been a collaborative effort among the state of Hawaii, industry, port partners, and the U.S. military to establish an alternate port to enable

cargo off-loading at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam if Honolulu Harbor is rendered inoperable.

Cargo off-loading at Honolulu Harbor provides more than 80 percent of all commodity goods necessary to the survival of those who live in Hawaii. During hurricanes and other catastrophic events, Honolulu Harbor is vulnerable to the tidal effects of the Pacific Ocean due to lack of physical land barriers to protect the harbor.

Recognizing this vulnerability, the state of Hawaii, industry and port partners secured

funding through a Port Security Grant Program to acquire a mobile crane to be used at Pearl Harbor in time of need.

The mobile crane is the key for enabling immediate off-loading operations. The signing of this “memorandum of understanding,” in recognition of the acquisition of this mobile crane and the hard work on the alternate port concept, serves as the tangible result of the outstanding joint effort undertaken to protect and serve Hawaii's citizens and increase port reconstruction and resiliency throughout the state of Hawaii.



## Events scheduled to celebrate Navy's 239th birthday

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A series of events has been scheduled for this month in honor of the Navy's 239th birthday. They include:

- A Navy birthday bell ringing ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 as a CPO/365 history and heritage event. The bell of the USS Arizona will be rung as part of the ceremony.

- The Pacific Missile Range Facility birthday ball will be held on Oct. 10 at the Grand Hyatt Poipu.

- The birthday ball will be held from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Sheraton-Waikiki. U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard will be the guest speaker.

In addition, in celebration of the Navy's birthday, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) will hold a worldwide all-hands call Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight time.

The call will be televised on Direct-

to-Sailor (DTS), the Pentagon channel, and online without the chat function at [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil) or with the chat function at [www.livestream.com/usnavy](http://www.livestream.com/usnavy).

Questions may be submitted in advance for the CNO and MCPON to answer live. Submissions should be emailed to [socialmedia@navy.mil](mailto:socialmedia@navy.mil) prior to and during the all-hands call.

Questions can also be posted during the all-hands call via [www.livestream.com/usnavy](http://www.livestream.com/usnavy).

Personnel submitting questions should include their name, rank and command.

October is the month of the Navy's birthday and an appropriate time to reflect on the integral role the Navy plays in the country's warfighting mission. It also is a time to remember the vital contribution that families, friends and community partners provide to the Navy in keeping with this year's theme, “Thanking Those Who Support Us.”

## Lane closures announced for Kuntz Gate

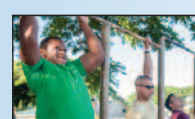
The outbound lane of Kuntz Gate will be closed from Oct. 20 through Dec. 3 for repaving. Motorists should obey all lane closure signage and traffic cones which will be posted throughout the repair work. Large trucks exiting base should use O'Malley Gate.



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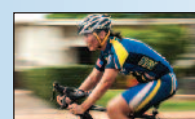
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# USS Paul Hamilton holds change of command

Ensign Ashleigh Share

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Public Affairs

Cmdr. John S. Barsano relieved Cmdr. Luke A. Frost as commanding officer of USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) during a change of command ceremony held Sept. 26 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The degree of dedication demonstrated by you all and your families to pour your time, talent and treasure into this call to service is absolutely incredible and humbling and demanded my best effort every single day, because that's what you gave. I know without a doubt that over the last 40 months, I took much more from Paul Hamilton than I could ever give, and I thank each and every one of you for that," Frost told the crew.

Frost assumed command in May 2013 in the midst of Paul Hamilton's extended ballistic missile defense deployment to the U.S. Cen-



U.S. Navy photo by IS1(SW/IDW) Jarrod Fowler

Cmdr. Luke A. Frost is piped ashore at a change of command ceremony held for USS Paul Hamilton at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

tral Command area of responsibility. During his command tour, Paul Hamilton completed its nine-month ballistic missile defense deployment, executing simultaneous and coordinated air, surface and undersea warfare opera-

tions across three geographic theaters supporting three fleet commanders, three combined task forces and four carrier strike groups.

Additionally, Paul Hamilton completed a comprehensive six-month maintenance

overhaul and a rigorous compressed training cycle, certifying 19 mission areas and completing the 26-week BMD basic phase in 19 weeks.

Frost is scheduled for transfer to Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces

Pacific to serve as force operations officer. Barsano assumed the position of executive officer of USS Paul Hamilton on April 9, 2013.

"I am excited to take command of a ship from somebody I truly admire," Barsano said.

"To the crew of this great warship, and it truly is you that makes the ship great. Nothing in my life prepared me for the feeling I have today or the feeling of pride I have in you. I look forward to building on all that you have achieved here under Cmdr. Frost's leadership. It is the honor of a lifetime to serve as your commanding officer," he said.

Barsano is a native of Chicago and enlisted in the Navy in 1988. He received his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1997 through the Seaman to Admiral Program. He holds a bachelor in business administration with an emphasis in finance and marketing from the University of San Diego.

Barsano's sea tours include serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. His operational division officer assignments include duty as ordnance/gunnery officer aboard USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and main propulsion assistant aboard USS Port Royal (CG 73).

As a department head, he served as engineer officer aboard USS Russell (DDG 59). Barsano commanded USS Hurricane (PC 3), USS Firebolt (PC 10), and USS Whirlwind (PC 11) home ported in Little Creek, Va. and Manama, Bahrain with Patrol Coastal Crew HONOLULU.

In addition to the shift of command from Frost to Barsano, USS Paul Hamilton changed its immediate superior in command from the Sea Warriors of Destroyer Squadron 31 to the Rampant Lions of Destroyer Squadron 21.

USS Paul Hamilton was named for the nation's third secretary of the Navy, serving under President James Madison from 1809 to 1813.

## Halsey CSADD members help shipmates achieve professional goals

Lt. j.g. Rochelle Perry

USS Halsey (DDG 97) Public Affairs

MARIANAS, PACIFIC OCEAN —When not engaged in divisional training, daily maintenance, and standing watches in support of U.S. 7th Fleet operations, the Sailors of USS Halsey (DDG 97) decompress through a variety of entertaining activities, thanks to the efforts of Halsey's Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) chapter.

CSADD is a Navy-wide organization founded on helping combat some major destructive issues that face Sailors today: alcohol abuse, reckless behavior, and other poor decisions that generally affect one's ability to represent the Navy's core

values. For Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Olyen Scott, Halsey's CSADD president, CSADD is more than an organization, it's a lifestyle.

"I don't look at CSADD as a collateral duty. I look at it as more of a family that does everything together and looks out for each other's best interest," Scott said.

"I am my shipmate's keeper and our goal as a member is to keep them out of trouble, prevent liberty incidents, and encourage right decision-making. You don't have to drink to have fun."

Halsey's CSADD chapter has provided activities for the crew underway and has sponsored a variety of activities in port to facilitate and foster positive conditions for safe liberty and non-destructive decision making. These include dinner outings, bowling

and movie nights, group gatherings and a wide range of volunteer COMREL (community relations) projects.

"We plan activities during our port visits and make sure we go out as a group. That way Sailors are guaranteed liberty buddies to make sure they make it back to the ship safely with no liberty incidents," said Operations Specialist Seaman Ashlyn Millsparke. "Our group keeps people out of trouble and being a part of CSADD contributes a lot in ways they never thought."

In an effort to break up the routine and monotony of long underway days and weeks, CSADD's "go hard week" alone boosted morale and raised spirits through events like "team jersey days" and *karaoke* night. Fridays and provided funding for hair down and no shave

chits to the crew for an entire week. "Anything to keep people smiling," Scott said. "It's like spirit week in high school. Every day there's a new and exciting event or happening to look forward to."

In preparation for the Navy-wide advancement exams, CSADD members also facilitated basic military requirements (BMR) studies weekly to help junior Sailors learn and focus professionally. Now they are focusing their professional studies more on ship-specific professionalism: the enlisted surface warfare specialist (ESWS) qualification.

"We hold a game called 'Who Wants to be an ESWS Warrior' where we ask everyone general questions about the Navy in the game show format," said Culinary Specialist Seaman

Frederick Morris.

"Three times a week we also have study groups on the mess-decks for anyone who wants help or needs a study buddy. Studying with a group definitely makes learning easier and makes preparing for the exam less stressful."

That's what CSADD members say being a shipmate is all about: helping to ease stress and have each other's backs, personally and professionally, on-duty and off-ship.

USS Halsey is currently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

For more updates on USS Halsey, visit [www.destroyermen.blog.blogspot.com](http://www.destroyermen.blog.blogspot.com), [www.halsey.navy.mil/](http://www.halsey.navy.mil/) and Halsey's Facebook Page at <https://m.facebook.com/USSHalsey>.

Commentary

# 'Take care of our people' is priority one

By Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Recently the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps announced goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2015, which began this past Wednesday.

Their top goal: "Take care of our people."

Among the objectives under that goal are "support health and quality of life for military and civilians" and provide support for veterans and wounded warrior reintegration.

Other FY15 goals are related to readiness, sustainable energy, and innovation. All are important to those of us in the center of the rebalance here in Hawaii, but it's clear—as the top goal with the most objectives for FY15, "people" is still the top priority for our leaders.

Our military depends on the support of good citizens

in and out of uniform—parents willing to entrust us with the lives and futures of their sons and daughters, men and women in uniform willing to face hardships to serve their country, and military families who sacrifice during moves, deployments and times of uncertainty.

We are successful in large part because of the support of our families.

Last week and this week, I joined our public-private venture partners Forest City for a series of open

town hall meetings in residential housing areas on Oahu. We provided information about security, energy, maintenance and support services. Most of all, we listened to residents.

There was a relatively low turnout, so I assume most people are satisfied; however, I intend to continue to hold these community meetings with Forest City and ensure we're responding to any issues and questions our service members and families raise. We can always improve communication. We can always clarify perception.

A few topics that came up over the past two weeks include: landscaping around homes, move-in inspections, communication through ombudsmen, and energy conservation. We see a lot of interest in our "Know Loads" (know your energy loads) team, who are poised to assist and offer suggestions to residents who want to reduce their electricity consumption and lower their bills.

We'll be providing more

information about the specifics raised in the open house meetings and, with regard to energy, we will continue to provide more details about energy conservation at our Energy Outreach page on our website: <https://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh.htm>. By the way, the theme for the Navy's Energy Month in October is "Energy Action = Mission Success."

I think we have a strong partnership with Forest City, and I'm pleased to see the willingness to continuously improve to meet the customers' needs, whether it's energy consumption or other issues. I encourage everyone in our residential housing to continue to communicate and provide feedback, and I thank everyone who is working to improve life for our military workforce and their families.

When we take care of our people, it reduces stress and increases efficiency and effectiveness. Quality of life equates to quality of service, which makes us stronger, happier and more fulfilled.

## Navy celebrates Energy Action Month in October

### Navy Office of Information

October is Energy Action Month. The Department of Defense theme is Energy Action=Mission Success.

In 2012, President Obama issued a presidential proclamation declaring October National Energy Action Month. In the proclamation, he called upon Americans to work together "to achieve greater energy security, a more robust economy, and a healthier environment for our children."

The Navy values energy as a strategic resource and we understand how energy security is fundamental to our mission. The Navy is committed to managing its energy consumption afloat and ashore and continues working hard to influence Navy-wide culture regarding energy consumption and the need for increased efficiency.

Navy commands around the world participate in Energy Action Month by hosting events throughout October to share information on energy efficiency and promote an energy conservation culture Navy-wide.

Energy saving actions, such as swapping out old incandescent light bulbs for high-efficiency LED lighting, shutting off unneeded lights, and adding insulation around doors and windows are practical ideas that promote energy efficiency, make us more sustainable, and ultimately support the mission.

During Energy Action Month, the Navy will commission the USS America (LHD-6) in San Francisco. USS America is equipped with a hybrid electric propulsion system that will make it one of the most energy efficient amphibious ships in the fleet.

For more information, visit the Energy Action Month website: <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/energy/energy-action-month/>.

Commentary

## Theme of Hispanic Heritage Month emphasizes, past, present, future

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The 2014 Theme for the National Hispanic Heritage Month is, "Hispanics: A Legacy of History, a Present of Action and a Future of Success." This week-long observance, enacted by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, was expanded to a month-long event by President Ronald Reagan on Aug. 17, 1988 by the approval of Public Law 100-402 and now runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 each year.

During this time, Americans celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of current citizens of Hispanic and Latino American ancestry. The term Hispanic

or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, Caribbean, Mexican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

The peculiar start date of the observance, since it does not coincide with a calendar month, is based on significant events in Hispanic history.

Sept. 15 marks the anniversary of independence of the Latin American countries, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Sept. 16 is the Mexican anniversary date, and Sept. 18 is the day Chile celebrates their independence. Columbus Day or Dia de la Raza, falls on Oct. 12, which closes out the 30 day period.

Throughout history, there have been numerous examples of notable His-

panic achievements. Possibly the most visible of U.S. Navy Hispanic achievements are those of David G. Farragut, who was the first U.S. naval officer to be promoted to the rank of rear admiral in 1862. He was also the first to be promoted to vice admiral and admiral. He is credited with shouting the famous order, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

A prominent Air Force general officer was Elwood R. "Pete" Quesada, who was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in 1940. Through his achievements and success in command, he eventually achieved the rank of lieutenant general in 1947.

Hispanics have also held prominent positions in American government and

culture including U.S. Senate and U.S. Representative seats, U.S. Treasurer, U.S. attorney general, secretaries of transportation, housing and urban development, surgeon general and U.S. Supreme Court Justice. There have been astronauts, Nobel Prize winners in physics and in medicine, Pulitzer Prize and Oscar winners. American athletics has also benefited from Hispanic contributions, most notably, baseball Hall of Fame player Roberto Clemente.

Through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service, Hispanics have contributed in immeasurable ways to creating and maintaining the positive fabric that makes the United States of America so great.

## Diverse Views



### What do you like best about being stationed at or working at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam?



IT1 Karl Smith  
ATG MIDPAC

"I guess it would be the diversity, the different people. Especially having events like RIMPAC, you get to learn about different people. And you can't beat living in Hawaii."

Senior Airman Andrew Ortega  
647th Logistics Readiness Squadron



"The best part of being stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is that it is here in beautiful Hawaii where I can soak up the sun and the culture with my family."



IC1 Emily Johnson  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"The aloha attitude, because it's more laidback than Norfolk, Va."

Tech. Sgt. Precious Mitchell  
Air Force ROTC, Det. 175



"I love working with cadets and cadre members here at the University of Hawaii Detachment 175. I'm also enjoying the nice Hawaii weather."



Tonya Hutchison  
Air Force military spouse

"I definitely love the weather here. I'm a southern girl and I have missed the warm weather over our last two assignments. Along with the warm weather is the chance to be so active. Right now I am learning to surf, which is a lot of fun, and I am also looking forward to learning to paddleboard."

Capt. Chris Larson  
25th Air Support Operations Squadron

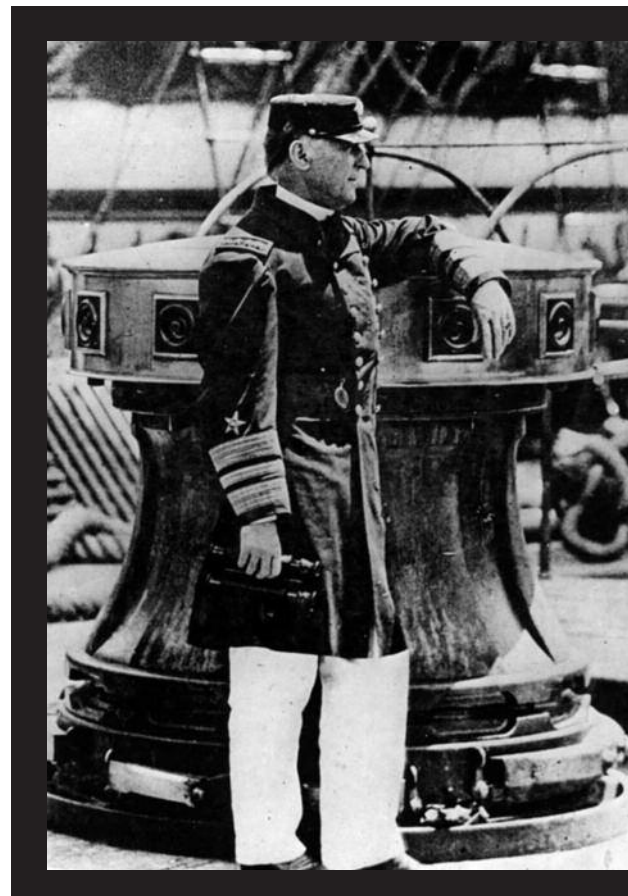


"Being at the center of the Pacific AOR is a great honor. There are many large exercises to participate in and many challenges to supporting all of them. Also, Hawaii has the best weather in the world. The ocean is clear and a perfect 78 degrees. Golfing is also nice with over 100 golf courses to choose from. Whether it is training or enjoying outdoor activities, Hawaii will keep you busy."

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

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## Farragut became Navy's first full admiral

U.S. Navy Adm. David G. Farragut is shown aboard his flagship USS Franklin during his European cruise. Hispanic Americans have served in the U.S. Navy since the foundation of the United States. Adm. David G. Farragut's father, Jorge Anthony Magin Farragut, was from Spain and fought against the British during the American Revolution. Following his father into the Navy, David G. Farragut became a national hero and was the Navy's first full admiral. National Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15 and ends on Oct. 15.

U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command photograph

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# Blue Angels illustrate precision during Wings Over the Pacific

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Spectators gazed up to the sky when the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels performed during the Wings Over the Pacific air show Sept. 27 and 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Blue Angels, stationed at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., perform at approximately 35 to 36 shows a year, demonstrating choreographed aerobatic maneuvers that showcase skills possessed by all naval aviators.

During last weekend's air show, the team illustrated precision piloting through aerobatics such as the four-plane diamond formation, six-jet delta formation and fast-paced, two solo pilot maneuvers.

Steve Young, an Oahu resi-

dent and airplane enthusiast, said he is always entertained when watching the Blue Angels in action.

"I enjoyed it. I thought it was great," Young said. "I don't think I came to a Blue Angels show where I was ever disappointed and this was awesome. If you ever hear about the Blue Angels coming to town, you have to make it to the airfield. There's no excuse not to get down there."

Cmdr. Tom Frosch, U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels flight leader, hopes that the performances have a positive impact on their younger audience.

"It starts with hard work, discipline and having a goal," Frosch said. "We're hoping to spark that interest to set some goals. We want them to work hard at whatever they do like school and team sports."

Frosch said that representing the military by serving as part of the Blue Angels team

provides a unique experience for the team members.

"It's a good opportunity for people from the team to represent the 500,000 men and women serving around the world and we take a lot of pride in doing that," Frosch said.

Those in attendance were also able to view static displays of vintage and historical aircraft, tour U.S. Army armored vehicles like the Stryker, and watch aerial performances conducted by the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor demonstration team and the U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III demonstration team.

The Blue Angels are set to perform during the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show in Miramar, Calif. from Oct. 4 to 5 followed by a performance at the San Francisco Fleet Week from Oct. 11 to 12.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal  
The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, perform in F/A-18 Hornets during the Wings Over the Pacific air show.



(Right) Blue Angels pilots make their way toward their assigned F/A-18 Hornets.

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



(Left and above) The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels F/A-18 Hornet pilots prepare for launch during the Wings Over the Pacific air show.

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



(Right) Lt. Mark Tedrow, a pilot with the Blue Angels, stops for a photo with a fan following a performance in his F/A-18 Hornet.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

(Left) Spectators watch as the Blue Angels perform overhead.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

# PACAF hosts Pacific Rim Air Power Symposium

## Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces hosted military leaders from 20 countries throughout the Pacific region during the annual Pacific Rim Air Power Symposium held on Oahu from Sept. 22-25.

The PACRIM Airpower Symposium, previously known as the PACAF Director of Operations Conference, builds and improves multi-lateral relationships among air forces in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

This year's theme, "International Cooperation, a Capacity and Capability Multiplier," focused discussions on improving cooperation and coordination during humanitarian assistance and disaster relief crises, as well as enhancing the coordination of air assets during con-



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Matthew McGovern

Maj. Gen. Paul H. McGillicuddy, Pacific Air Forces vice commander, discusses the role airpower plays in supporting peace and stability in the Pacific region.

tingencies.

"PACRIM Airpower Symposium provides a platform that fosters international cooperation, strengthens partnerships, and builds

understanding of our combined interests in the Pacific," said Maj. Gen. Paul McGillicuddy, the vice commander of Pacific Air Forces, and host of this year's Pacific

Rim Airpower Symposium. "The symposium focuses on increasing interoperability and efficiency in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief response.

"In a disaster response or humanitarian aid scenario, time saved means lives saved. Having connections in place with our partners throughout the region enables us to respond more rapidly and effectively when crises strike," McGillicuddy said.

"Events like these lay the foundation for participation of our allies and partners in other events such as exercises, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, and subject matter expert exchanges."

The Senior Enlisted Leadership Conference, the largest multi-national air force enlisted conference in

the Pacific, was held in conjunction with the PACRIM Airpower Symposium. First held in 2008, the conference complements the PACRIM Airpower Symposium, offering a forum for regional air force senior noncommissioned officers to assemble and discuss common topics of interest.

"In this forum we are able to discuss common issues that affect proper force development and force management of enlisted forces, with the goal of promoting interoperability and relationship building," said Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces.

In addition to the discussions focused on this year's theme, leaders also discussed the UN Security Council's "Women, Peace,

and Security" initiative, which promotes women's participation in conflict prevention, management and resolution, as well as post conflict relief and recovery, advances peace, national security, economic and social development, and international cooperation.

The partnerships fostered through participation in the PACRIM Airpower Symposium have proven vital to the continuing peace and stability of the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. These symposiums aid in establishing and enhancing cultural understanding, information sharing and interoperability. They set the stage for participation by Indo-Asia-Pacific nations in other events such as exercises, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, subject matter exchanges, and conferences.

# Joint conference at MCBH benefits military spouses

## Story and photo by Kristen Wong

Hawaii Marine

More than 270 military spouses from various Hawaii military installations attended the Joint Spouses' Conference 2014: "Operation Aloha" held Sept. 27 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH).

The annual conference, coordinated by a nonprofit of the same name, provides military spouses with information, resources and activities to support them as they live in Hawaii during their active-duty spouse's tour.

"It (gets) the spouse out of the comfort zone," said Missy Rubino, the director of this year's conference. "(The conference) gives them a chance to try something they wouldn't normally try."

Rubino mentioned that there were also representa-

tives from III Marine Expeditionary Force who attended the conference to get ideas to host their own conference in the future in Okinawa, Japan.

There were 26 workshops to choose from, covering topics from creative writing to cooking.

"This is an amazing experience for spouses to come together," said Kim Gonzales, Army spouse.

Gonzales spent the morning learning different cake-decorating techniques and how to string flower lei. She said she heard about the conference through friends and looked forward to making new friendships.

Several of the workshops were physical activities, including a Zumba class at the Semper Fit Center, hula dancing at the officers' club and stand-up paddleboarding at the base marina.

The conference was an opportunity for Air Force



Military spouses learn to dance hula during the Joint Spouses' Conference 2014: "Operation Aloha," at the officers' club, Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Sept. 27.

spouse Lauren Hamblin to learn new skills.

"I've had so much fun," Hamblin said.

Jill Rutan Hoffman, a pilot, writer and 25-year Air Force spouse, was a featured guest speaker at the conference. Rutan Hoffman's father is Dick Rutan, a famous pilot, and her uncle is well-known aeronautical de-

signer Burt Rutan.

"Once we read her bio, we knew she was a perfect fit," Rubino said. "I think she did a great job today."

Rutan Hoffman encouraged the spouses to try activities that made them "uncomfortable." For instance, she said if they saw an activity they thought they would like, but weren't

sure they would be able to do it well, they should still try it.

"This morning felt uncomfortable surfing in the rain," Rutan Hoffman said. "But I did it and it felt good."

Rutan Hoffman said she was "thrilled and honored" to speak at the conference and enjoyed her stay in Hawaii.

Lt. Gen. John A. Toolan, commanding general of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific said that the spouses put together such an elaborate and incredible conference "without missing a beat."

"They've done a great job," Toolan said. "It was great to be able to be here today and say 'hi' to all of the spouses get to know them a little bit and have fun."

The conference included an information expo and recognition ceremony. Representatives from various organizations, including the Tripler Army Medical Cen-

ter Department of Pediatrics, the Semper Fi Fund and Military OneSource were on hand.

Rear Adm. Cari B. Thomas, rear admiral of the 14th Coast Guard District, was among the distinguished guests at the conference. Thomas has experienced being both a service member and military spouse. While she was deployed, her husband took care of their daughter, who came down with pneumonia.

"I would not be in my job were it not for my spouse," Thomas said. "He was the rock during my deployment."

Thomas said the conference benefited the spouses in various ways from being able to make friends to learning about a new culture.

For more information on how to register for next year's conference, visit [jshawaii.com](http://jshawaii.com).

# Entomology Airmen combat pests at JBP HH

Story and photo by  
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Pest management is the name of the game for Airmen in the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) entomology section. Whether it's hunting down economic pests, such as termites or cockroaches, or educating base personnel on pest prevention, the entomology flight is a one-stop shop.

Currently, the entomology section is hard at work trying to rid the base of the coconut rhinoceros beetle, an invasive insect which feeds on coconut palm trees and poses a threat to Hawaii's ecosystem if left unrestrained.

In the nearly 10 months since the first beetle was discovered on base, the flight has helped to trap and remove nearly 800 beetles, working closely with the U.S. Department of Agricul-



Senior Airman Joy Cooper, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron entomology section journeyman, sprays a bush with a mixture of soap and water to combat pests on the golf course at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 23.

ture to set and check the traps and dispose of the beetles.

However, according to Se-

nior Airman Joy Cooper, 647th CES entomology section journeyman, the coconut rhinoceros beetle is

far from the only pest she spends her days pursuing.

"We control the pests on base through integrated

pest management," she said. "We try to do preventative maintenance like setting traps or bait stations and educating personnel on sanitary practices that prevent pests or infestations."

In addition to the coconut rhinoceros beetle, Cooper said rats, roaches and ants are the primary pests she spends her days hunting.

"It's a dirty job but someone has to do it, and I'm trained so I'll do it," she said.

Cooper said though she has never been afraid of any particular pest, working as a full-time exterminator did take some getting used to.

"I don't think I've ever had a fear of pests," she said. "I used to be creeped out but now once I get a call about a job, I get excited and I spring into action."

In fact, Cooper said her favorite thing about her job is discovering and learning about different species of insects.

In addition to ridding the

world of pesky critters, Airman 1st Class Ryan Shea, 647th CES entomology section apprentice, said the entomology section also saves the base countless amounts of dollars.

"By eliminating pests on base, we save money that would be used to repair damage to the infrastructure caused by things like termites," he said.

Shea said he also enjoys the helping aspect of his job.

"I like helping other people the most. No one wants to deal with pests but I do it because I like making people's work environment a better place to be," he said.

Cooper said the dirty work definitely has tangible results that make the work worth it.

"A lot of the buildings on this base are historically significant and they can't be replaced," said Cooper. "To know that we aren't allowing pests to destroy them is very rewarding."

## Cyber Café helps military service members ship household goods

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A new café has opened in the Moanalua Shopping Center and although it doesn't offer coffee or sandwiches, it is already attracting a steady stream of customers.

Known as the "Cyber Café," the new establishment is located inside the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO), and it offers only one product: a fast and convenient method for service members to ship their household goods.

At first glance, there is little about the Cyber Café that appears noteworthy. A peek inside the door reveals a

large room with six computer stations, most of which are occupied by military personnel or family members intent on completing shipment applications. Hovering over them and moving from workstation to workstation are two JPPSO outbound counselors who are engaged in helping all of the customers.

The fact that the two counselors are able to simultaneously help six customers with their shipments is the reason behind the Cyber Café's creation. In a nutshell, it saves a lot of money.

"The Cyber Café enables JPPSO to be prepared for future budget cuts," said Rick Rohr, JPPSO director. "Now we can have one outbound counselor take care of three to four customers in



Lt. Keith Anderson, who is bound for Japan, completes documents to ship his household goods and privately owned vehicle. Helping him is Faata Leafa, outbound counselor.

the same time as he or she could help one customer using our traditional one-on-one counseling. We have

increased throughput without an increase in personnel."

The Cyber Café was estab-

lished on Sept. 1 and to ensure people knew of its existence, Ben Delacruz, outbound supervisor, went on an ambitious "road tour" to publicize it. Delacruz spoke to all command master chiefs in their monthly meeting at Lockwood Hall. He addressed Air Force chiefs at the Historic Hickam Officers Club and briefed an audience of transferring personnel at the Military Fleet Support Service Center. In addition, he spoke to Navy Submarine Support Center Sailors as well as command PASS coordinators for all Pearl Harbor Hawaii Navy commands.

A retired master chief, Delacruz said he is the ideal person to work with the Cyber Café's customers. "I've been in their situation, and I

know how stressful transferring can be. I tell each of my counselors to "put yourself in their shoes," Delacruz said.

Helping Delacruz in the Cyber Café is Faata Leafa, who retired in 2005 after 20 years in the Navy.

"The customers have a lot of questions, so it comes in handy when you have someone who understands the situation," said Leafa.

"The Cyber Café is good for customers, and it's good for us. On some days, we have people waiting to use the kiosks. This will be real helpful during next year's peak moving season."

JPPSO is located off the base in Moanalua's Aloha Center, 4825 Bougainville Drive. It shares the building with the Navy Housing Services Center.

## USS Chafee holds pinning



(From left) Chief Boatswain's Mate Ryan Flores, Chief Damage Controlman Mark Kryger, Chief Gas Turbine Systems Mechanical Technician Charles Tweedy, and Chief Gas Turbine Systems Electrical Technician Jame Souriyavongsa look on as Cmdr. Anthony Littmann, commanding officer of USS Chafee (DDG-90), speaks at Chafee's recent pinning ceremony at USS Utah Memorial.



Chief Damage Controlman Mark Kryger bends down as his daughter Addison pins on one of his anchors at USS Chafee's pinning ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial.

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## Federal Fire Department Hawaii reminds residents: Working smoke alarms save lives

Angela Sanders

Fire Inspector, Federal Fire Department Hawaii

Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, Federal Fire Department Hawaii is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

"In a fire, seconds count. Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep," said Jeffrey Fernaays, Federal Fire Department Hawaii prevention chief.

He said that according to NFPA statistics, home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom,

outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

The Federal Fire Department will be at the following locations during Fire Prevention Week:

- Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hickam Base Exchange (BX).
- Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Mokapu Mall.
- Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Schofield Barracks PX.
- Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX.)
- Oct. 10, 4-6:30 p.m., National Night Out at Aliamanu Military Reservation Community Center, building 1788.

Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of working smoke alarms and testing them monthly.

For more information about the Federal Fire Department, contact Angela Sanders, fire inspector at 471-3303, ext. 617 or [angela.sanders1@navy.mil](mailto:angela.sanders1@navy.mil). For more information about smoke alarms and "Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives," visit NFPA's Web site at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

### O'Malley, Atterbury lane closures announced

Turn lanes into the parking lot next to the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) headquarters building are closed off daily from O'Malley Boulevard and Atterbury Circle now through Oct. 22 to access communication manholes. The work schedule is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic control will be provided during the lane closures by the contractor, including signs, cones and flag personnel.

Motorists should seek alternate routes during this time and plan for delays.

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