

Gen. Robinson takes command of PACAF

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Gen. Lori Robinson took command of Pacific Air Forces from Gen. Hawk Carlisle Oct. 16 during a change of command ceremony held Oct. 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Presiding over the ceremony, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III praised Carlisle's past accomplishments and expressed confidence in Robinson as the new commander of PACAF.

"Gen. Lori Robinson is a phenomenal leader and a proven operator," Welsh said. "She fully understands what it takes to be successful in this business and has all the tools to take this command to even higher levels of performance."

During his command, Carlisle executed PACAF's



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James Stewart

Gen. Lori Robinson (right), Pacific Air Forces commander, receives the PACAF flag from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III during the PACAF change of command ceremony held Oct. 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

primary mission to provide U.S. Pacific Command integrated expeditionary Air Force capabilities to defend the homeland, promote stability in the region, dissuade and deter aggression, and swiftly defeat enemies.

In his parting remarks, Carlisle credited his command's success to the efforts of countless PACAF Airmen.

"Our mission happens and we are successful because of our Airmen," Carlisle said. "The security and stability of the Indo-Asia-Pacific rests squarely on their shoulders. And I can't think of better shoulders for them to rest on."

Carlisle was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his accomplishments as commander and then received his final salute from the men and women of PACAF as he relinquished command.

As he concluded his

speech, Carlisle offered one final encouragement to PACAF Airmen

"Folks, every Airman matters—from our most senior leaders to our civilian Airmen, to our most junior enlisted. What you do changes lives. What you do makes the world a better, safer place for our children and for our children's children. You are the best our nation has, and I know you are up to the challenge."

Upon leaving PACAF, Carlisle will assume command of Air Combat Command (ACC).

Robinson is now the first woman to lead a U.S. Air Force Component Major Command. She joins PACAF from her prior position as the vice commander of ACC at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. During her time there, Robinson

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Hurricane season is still here – here comes Ana

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It's nearing the end of hurricane season, but with the approach of yet another tropical storm/potential hurricane, now is not the time to be complacent.

Tropical Storm Ana is now bearing down on the islands and with its current trajectory, it is expected to strengthen and is on course to hit the island chain over the weekend. The storm could bring wind gusts of 55 mph and more than 15 inches of rain could occur on all islands. Rough ocean conditions with 20-foot waves are also possible.

Military residents are urged to closely monitor Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam social media for updates on storm conditions (see links on info box on page A-4.)

One of the storm's early victims

was the annual BayFest celebration, which was canceled on Tuesday afternoon. Officials at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, announced that the event would not be held and that they were making the safety of military and civilian personnel the highest priority.

By Thursday's Ho'okele presstime, Navy Region Hawaii placed the installation in Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) 4 which means gale force winds are expected to make landfall within 72 hours.

Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness, or TCCOR, is the system that is used by the military to explain the level of preparation that is recommended to be undertaken before a storm arrives.

TCCOR 5 means that gale force winds, or winds from 39 to 54 mph, are expected within 96 hours. Other TCCOR stages are: TCCOR

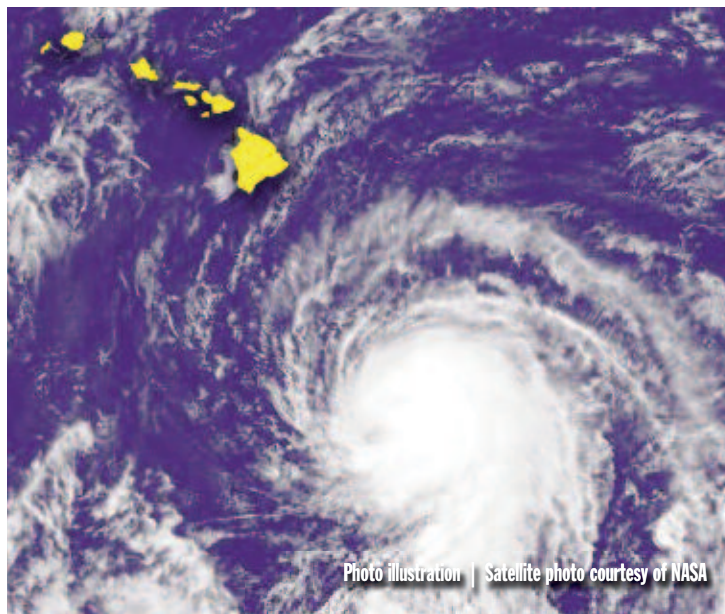


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3 – 48 hours before landfall, TCCOR 2 – 24 hours before landfall, TCCOR 1 – 12 hours before landfall, TCCOR 1E – landfall, TCCOR R – recovery. Weather forecasters and emer-

gency preparedness officials warn island residents about being complacent. They stress that it's not a matter of if the islands will be hit by one of the big storms, but when.

"Tropical cyclones (i.e., hurricanes, typhoons, etc.) are one of the most dangerous and destructive weather events every military family must face in the Pacific. While we hope such a storm misses us, to ensure safety it is critical that service members and their families are prepared," said John W. Whitehouse, regional emergency manager for Navy Region Hawaii.

"As Tropical Storm/Hurricane Ana bears down on the islands of Hawaii, we need to be prepared for the worst and hope for the best. While we have been fortunate that past storms have diminished, we cannot expect that to happen every time. Just look at Hurricane Iniki

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USS La Jolla Sailors bid farewell to Pearl Harbor

Story and photos by MC1 Steven Khor

Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

An audience of Sailors, submarine veterans, and friends and families of the crew of USS La Jolla (SSN 701) gathered Oct. 14 at Lockwood Hall lanai at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to bid farewell to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine, celebrating an active career spanning more than three decades.

La Jolla is scheduled to depart Pearl Harbor en route to Norfolk, Va., where it will be decommissioned and converted into a moored training ship (MTS), serving as a training platform for

nuclear power training at Naval Support Activity Charleston, S.C.

During its 33-year career serving the U.S. Submarine Force, La Jolla had many "firsts," including the first of the Los Angeles-class of submarines to be homeported in San Diego; the first to participate in the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Korean Maritime Self-Defense Force's first multi-national exercise, Pacific Reach 2004; the first to deploy overseas with the advanced AN/BQQ-5D sonar system on board; and the first to be fitted with the deep submergence rescue vehicle (DSRV).

Rear Adm. Phil Sawyer, the commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, who was guest



Jeff Fishbeck, retired captain and former commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701), presents a poster to Rear Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as a token of appreciation for Sawyer's service as the 10th commanding officer of La Jolla, during a farewell ceremony held Oct. 14 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

speaker, said it was an honor to have served aboard La Jolla as the ship's 10th commanding officer and, more importantly, thanked all the individuals who helped make La Jolla such a successful warship over the years.

"To the officers and crew of USS La Jolla, please accept my profound gratitude for all that you do, day in and day out, for our submarine force, our Navy and our nation," said Sawyer.

The commodore of Submarine Squadron 1, Capt. Harry Ganteaume, also highlighted some of La Jolla's significant achievements, including its role in the early stages of the highly successful Tomahawk missile program and the first submerged launch of a

missile in 1983.

He said that La Jolla was one of only three Los Angeles-class submarines certified for dry-deck shelter operations, contributing to the integration of submarine and naval special warfare operations.

"I am sure many of you who have served on board one of our first flight 688 (Los Angeles-class) classics will argue that there is no better submarine," said Ganteaume.

"My very best wishes for continued success during the upcoming conversion in support of the Navy's nuclear propulsion program, one that will certainly be vital to the future of our Navy and the submarine force."

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Navy Energy Conference planned for Oct. 30 at Ford Island

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Navy building managers, building energy monitors (BEM), and other interested military and civilian employees at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are invited

to attend an Energy and Water Awareness event scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Ford Island Conference Center (building 89).

This event is to educate Navy building managers and BEMs and includes a 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

one-hour session. In observance of Energy Awareness Month, there will also be educational booths in the lobby of the conference center from the Navy's energy and water partners.

Items of interest will include:

- Energy efficient materials

and tools that can be purchased for buildings.

- Examples of successful energy/water conservation projects and sustainable design.
- Energy impacts on state/local economy.
- Energy rebate programs.

- Energy and water reduction goals/legislation.
- Biofuels, alternative/renewable energy sources.

For more information, contact Amy Hanada, 474-5220, extension 3, or Katie Ramirez, 471-0440, extension 4.



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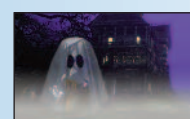
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JBP HH provides temporary home to Navy aircraft

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Navy and Marine Corps aircraft temporarily relocated to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) due to airfield construction at Marine Corps Air Station Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and commenced flying operations at JBPHH on Oct. 1.

The 18 aircraft from Kaneohe Bay, which include 12 Navy P-3 Orions, four C-20 Gulfstreams, two MK-58 Hawker Hunters and more than 175 maintainers and aircrew members, will perform their primary mission of anti-submarine, anti-surface warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance from Hickam for the next two months.

According to Glen Bailey, 15th Wing plans and pro-



A P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft sits next to a C-17 Globemaster III on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, flightline Oct. 2. Navy and Marine Corps aircraft have temporarily relocated to JBPHH due to airfield construction at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. The aircraft commenced flying operations here Oct. 1.

grams support agreements chief, this is the fourth time Kaneohe Bay has deployed its fixed-wing aircraft to JBPHH in the past six years due to an ongoing runway construction project. The units are expected to return in 2015 and 2016. While at Hickam, the unit will continue to execute 24-hour opera-

tions, providing maintenance and aircrew support as normal.

"We wouldn't have been able to do our mission if we had not relocated here," said Cmdr. Katrina Hill, VP-9 commanding officer. "With the runway work going on at K-Bay, we could not do what we do as an air wing without

the help of the JBPHH team."

Hill said the move required support for ground equipment and personnel and training on local security and safety procedures.

"The relocation has gone great because we are continuing to work on relationships we built last time we

were here," she said. "We could not have asked for more hospitality from the Air Force."

Navy Capt. Lance Scott, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two commander, said the temporary relocation has provided the two units with an opportunity to strengthen the working relationship

between services.

"We had no concerns coming into this based on the strong relationship we share with the wing," he said. "This is another opportunity for us to reinforce our joint relationship and interoperability, which is critical to how we fight as a military."

Scott attributes the unit's seamless transition from Kaneohe Bay to Hickam to the strong partnership between the units.

It took a combined effort between the 15th Wing, JBPHH and 735th Air Mobility Squadron personnel to make the bed-down a success.

"We're happy to help out our Navy counterparts during their airfield construction," said Col. Randy Huijs, 15th Wing commander. "This is what being a mission partner means, that we're all part of one big defense team."

Hawaii Sailors celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Story and photo by
MC2 Diana Quinlan

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Sailors of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month at the historic Sharkey Theatre and attended a Hispanic-themed lunch at the Silver Dolphin Bistro on Oct. 15.

During the ceremony, Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), spoke on the importance of recognizing diversity in the Navy, emphasizing the people in the service and their dedication to their jobs. He motivated current and future leaders to care about the people who work for them, their cultures, background and their heritage.

"One of the advantages of being in the Navy is travel: You get to go

to other countries and learn about other cultures, to experience them," said Keeve.

"And here today we have one of the largest cultures in the Navy, in the nation and it is growing. So I applaud you for being here today, for serving this nation, because this is all about one thing – people, about knowing people of different races, different backgrounds, and it is all about teamwork," he said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanic Americans make up more than 17 percent of the U.S. population, and that percentage is growing.

Lt. Cmdr. Alex Torres, assigned to JBPHH, served as a guest speaker at the event and shared his story of success in the Navy. A Puerto Rico native, Torres started his career as an E-1, advancing to the rank of chief petty officer while serving in the submarine community, and pushed forward to becoming an officer and dedi-



Dancers Greg "Salsaman" Henry and Ariel del Rosario perform to the musical accompaniment provided by Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Leszek Romero, assigned to commander, Navy Region Hawaii, during a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration held at Sharkey Theatre, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

cating 26 years to the service. Torres also spoke of the military legacy and the leaders who

inspired him to succeed.

"We can talk at length about our Spanish ancestry all the way

up to today, and I am very proud of the legacy we have played, the role we carried in the history of the United States and in our Navy," shared Torres as he spoke of the future of the Navy.

"It doesn't matter who you are, the future is you, sitting in this crowd, and the other Sailors who are working with you or are standing the watch. I am where I am because of my Sailors. I lead them and they execute. I put the plan together and they make it happen. I'm standing here because people have faith and hope in me," Torres said.

As part of the ceremony, dancers Greg "Salsaman" Henry and Ariel del Rosario of the Hot Salsa Hawaii, performed various Hispanic dances, from salsa to merengue, to the musical accompaniment provided by Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Leszek Romero, assigned to Navy

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Commentary

Energy Action Month: Moving from brown to green

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

This is one of several energy-themed commentaries for Energy Action Month in October. Later in the month, in part II, I'll discuss more specifics about energy goals: innovation, incentives and investment. Today's commentary is about embracing change.

The Navy prefers to call this Energy Action Month because we need our "energy warriors" to go from awareness to acceleration. We need to move out of the brown lane of dirty fossil

fuels and toward the green. And we need more use of renewables and better conservation.

When we do, we stay in

the fight longer, refuel less often and reduce risk across the board.

The Navy is going through an energy transformation – from a consumer of energy to a "prosumer" (producer/consumer) with the ability to generate our own ways to make electricity. This transformation will be defined by technology and cooperation, such as our energy partnership between the Navy, other agencies and industry here in Hawaii.

Hawaii is a perfect location to consider energy and the environment. Not only are we stationed in the most beautiful place in the world, but also – because of geography – we are in one of the most energy dependent

places on earth. Therefore, we want more resilience and independence while preserving the environment.

Change is being driven by new technologies in renewable energy. Solar power and battery storage are making first-order possibilities open up with new discoveries being made. The potential for new energy options is real.

Until recently, solar worked only when the sun was shining. It did not provide a reliable 24/7 power base. However, new opportunities in liquid metal batteries that can store solar energy like 30-kilowatt hours of energy for each home per day will soon be in our future.

Navy Region is partnering with NAVFAC and designing plans to leverage these opportunities with other agencies and industry partners. Our goal is to develop as much solar power and battery storage capacity so we can achieve grid parity – the point where solar becomes cheaper than fossil-sourced energy. From brown to green. I'm confident we can do this in the next few years.

Last summer, RIMPAC ships again demonstrated the Great Green Fleet concept in Hawaiian waters. We showed how renewable energy and new tactics could be part of our energy warriors' arsenal as the team aboard USS Michael

Murphy (DDG 112) proved. Winner of the 4th Quarter FY 2014 MIDPAC energy conservation award, Michael Murphy burned 20 percent below the average for guided-missile destroyers and saving \$726,000 in unconsumed fuel, thereby staying on station and in the fight longer.

In the days ahead, you'll be seeing more about the "Energy Warrior" in apps and videos and social media interaction.

This is a team effort, and everyone is on the team as an energy warrior. For more info, please consider going to energywarrior@navy.mil or check out our energy outreach page on the Navy Region Hawaii website.

Make a difference—vote

Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- With the Nov. 4 general election fast approaching, now is the time to register to vote. All 435 House of Representatives seats and 33 of 100 Senate seats, along with many important state and local offices, will be up for grabs, so your vote matters.

The Navy Voting Assistance Program (NVAP) is

available to help Sailors navigate through the absentee voting process.

"The process is easy if you know where to go," said Lt. Whitney Abraham, the Navy's voting action officer at Navy Installations Command. "Just a click of a button and you're there. I'd hate for an eligible voter to miss out because he or she thought it was too difficult."

For Sailors who have not requested an absentee ballot and would like to vote,

they may do so immediately by visiting www.fvap.gov/military-voter. Individuals just select their state from the drop-down menu and then choose what they are trying to do, whether it is to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or update his or her voter information.

"The Federal Voting Assistance Program website guides you through completing a Federal Postcard Application—that's your formal registration and a request for an absentee ballot," said Abraham.

If Sailors have already requested their state ballot but haven't received it, now

is the time to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as a back-up. The online assistant at FVAP.gov will pre-populate the FWAB with candidate lists, depending on the congressional district. If Sailors receive their state ballot after submitting the FWAB, individuals should

vote and return the state ballot regardless. Sailors are encouraged to pass this information on to spouses, voting-age dependents, other military voters, and overseas voters. For further assistance, contact your unit or installation voting assistance officer, or email at vote@navy.mil.



BayFest is canceled

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII—BayFest, scheduled for Oct. 17-19, has been canceled due to emergency preparations in advance of Tropical Storm Ana. Tropical Storm Ana is currently tracking a direct path to hit the Hawaiian Islands this weekend.

As Ana trends toward hurricane strength, the safety of military and civilian personnel is the first priority of Marine Corps Base Hawaii. As the state of Hawaii readies for its second large-scale storm this hurricane season, MCB Hawaii must prepare for emergency operations, as needed, on base and throughout the state.

For 22 years, the mission of BayFest has been

to foster and enhance relations between the military and civilian communities, and MCB Hawaii looks forward to hosting BayFest again in future years.

MCB Hawaii is now shifting focus from the planning and execution of a community relations event, to planning emergency support for on-base personnel and their families, as well as the neighboring community, should it become necessary.

Pre-purchased tickets will be refunded. For refund information, call Information, Tickets and Tours at 254-7563. Visit the BayFest website www.bayfesthawaii.com for updates and information.

Diverse Views



How would you like your life to be different 10 years from now?



STG3 Adrianna Dominguez
TPU

"I would say that I wish I wasn't so dependent on electronics or technology."

Tech. Sgt. David Litwin
17th Operational Weather Squadron



"Ideally, I'd be preparing for retirement and looking for a perfect place to settle down."



Lt. Albert Perry
USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705)

"I would like to have less paperwork to do so I can spend more time with family and friends."

Cheryl Feigenspan
15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron



"In 10 years, I hope I'm living somewhere on the mainland. I'm a local girl, but I'm ready for a change in my life. Having summer weather all year round is getting a bit boring for me."



ET2 Brian O'Neill
USS Cheyenne (SSN 773)

"I would see more of the world. I would probably be out of the Navy in all reality, but definitely traveling and setting foot on every continent."

Airman 1st Class Mauricio Rivera
735th Air Mobility Squadron



"In 10 years from now, I would like to be doing something I really love, like teaching or counseling. I have always had a need for helping others and to be settled down with a family. Basically all things money cannot buy."



Senior Airman Margret Noll
15th Medical Support Squadron

"In 10 years from now, I hope I will be able to say I have traveled all around the world, and that I will have had many great experiences with my family."

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

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Sailors stand watch aboard USS Ohio



U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command photograph

Two "old salts" stand on the forecastle of the USS Ohio circa the 1870s. Note the rating badges on their right sleeves. Also seen are a bell, winch, chain and gratings. The U.S. Navy has a long history dating back to October 1775, 239 years ago this month.

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Kimbrough assumes command of 37th IS

Lt. Col. Timothy D. Kimbrough (right), commander of 37th Intelligence Squadron, accepts the guidon from Col. Parker H. Wright (left), commander of 659th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, Ft. George G. Meade, Md., during the deactivation of the 7th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 3, and the activation of the 37th Intelligence Squadron. The ceremony was held Oct. 10 at the Pacific Aviation Museum, Ford Island.

U.S. Air Force photo by David D. Underwood Jr.



Gen. Carlisle heads to Air Combat Command

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oversaw approximately 83,000 active-duty and civilian personnel operating, maintaining and supporting approximately 1,300 aircraft at more than 50 locations worldwide.

Upon receiving the PACAF flag from Welsh, Robinson received her first salute as the new PACAF commander and expressed her thanks to the assembled crowd.

"Thank you for your trust and confidence in selecting

me to lead this critical command at a time when regional and global events pose increasingly serious challenges to the international community and to our own national security," Robinson said.

Robinson now leads Airmen throughout an area of responsibility that covers more than 100 million square miles that extends from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic.

During the ceremony,

Robinson addressed U.S. Pacific Command commander, Adm. Samuel Locklear, expressing her dedication to bring air power to PACOM's joint mission.

"As you well know, airpower brings a unique, asymmetric advantage, with speed, range and flexibility to this immense area of responsibility," she said.

"I pledge to be a full-up partner and component commander, providing my best military advice on how airpower and other PACAF capabilities can best serve

your priorities."

Lastly, Robinson affirmed her commitment to support PACAF Airmen as they continue to execute the command's mission.

"You are our front line warriors and diplomats. You and your families are the heart and soul of the command. And you are the reason why the Air Force is indisputably the best Air Force in the world," Robinson stated.

"I pledge to listen to you and to faithfully represent you," she said.

Hurricane Ana

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and the damage it caused to Kauai," he said.

"Prepare early by making a plan, building a kit, and staying informed," Whitehouse advised.

Daniel DuBois, emergency management officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, provided recommendations for island residents as they prepare for the coming storm.

"The key thing is having a family emergency plan in place and knowing where you're going to go," advised DuBois. He said that residents should be familiar with the location of evacuation shelters.

He also stressed the importance of having an emergency kit. "Having an emergency kit is very important—with enough food and water to last your family for three to seven days, medications, etc. and making sure that you have

at least \$250 in cash," he said. With widespread power outages, ATMs (automated teller machines) would not be operable and couldn't dispense money.

"Make sure that important documents, such as your homeowners' insurance papers and health paperwork, are in waterproof containers and take those with you to the evacuation shelter," he said.

DuBois stressed the importance of residents collecting the food, water, batteries and other supplies that they need ahead of time. Too often, people wait until the last minute to purchase plywood and board up their homes, purchase the necessary supplies, etc., he noted.

For more information about hurricane/emergency preparation, visit: <http://www.hookelenews.com/its-hurricane-season-prepare-and-be-aware-3/>

Hispanic heritage highlighted at joint base

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Region Hawaii. They invited everyone in attendance to join in and be a part of the celebration.

Romero, who was born in Honduras, also shared his personal story, starting his career with minimal knowledge of the English language and rising to the rank of petty officer first class as he continues to strive forward. With fulfilling career and the variety of experiences, Romero encouraged Sailors of all cultures and backgrounds to use

their heritage and diversity as an advantage and motivation to succeed.

After the ceremony, guests were invited to take part in a Hispanic-themed lunch at Silver Dolphin Bistro, which included such dishes as aguado de pollo, lechon asado, papas chorreadas, Brazilian collard, piononitos, caraotas and many other dishes.

The tradition of observing Hispanic Heritage began Sept. 17, 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson designated a week in mid-September as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

Twenty years later in 1988, President Ronald Reagan extended that week to a month-long observance beginning Sept. 15 and ending Oct. 15 to celebrate the contributions and culture of citizens of Latin American descent.

National Hispanic Heritage Month also celebrates the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries on Sept. 15: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico celebrates their day of independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18.

Satellite vehicle registration office at joint base closed temporarily

The City & County of Honolulu's Pearl Harbor Satellite Vehicle Registration Office is temporarily closed until further notice. Please visit one of the other nine Satellite City Hall locations on Oahu: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/csd/satellite/>.

Where to find emergency preparedness information

- Navy Region Hawaii – www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii
- JBPHH – www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam
- Navy Region Hawaii website: www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii
- JBPHH website: www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam TV (Channel 2): Hurricane information on Joint Base TV 2 will be on the text crawl 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Department of Emergency Management (DEM): Information is available on the DEM website at www.honolulu.gov/dem or by calling 723-8960. Residents can also call the DEM office and request a free packet of hurricane readiness information
- JBPHH Office of Emergency Management: Call 421-4000 or 448-2741 for emergency preparedness information.
- CNIC Ready Navy: <http://www.ready.navy.mil/>
- Air Force: <http://www.beready.af.mil/>
- FEMA: <http://www.ready.gov/>
- Hawaii: <http://www.honolulu.gov/dem.html>
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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MCCA Michael Lewis
Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, gives a presentation about the United States' rebalance to the Pacific to more than 50 Canadian officers at the Naval Officer's Training Center in Victoria Canada on Oct. 7.



(Above) Chief Boatswain's Mate Omar Navarro, assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, rings USS Arizona's original bell during the 239th Navy Birthday Bell Ringing Ceremony held Oct. 10 at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



U.S. Air Force Airmen tread water and move toward an objective during a survival, evasion, resistance and escape (SERE) water survival refresher course Oct. 6, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

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



U.S. Navy photo
A boy prepares to throw a spear in the *maka ihe* competition at the *makahiki* festival. *Maka ihe* tests the ancient Hawaiian battle skill of throwing a spear with strength and accuracy. The annual *makahiki* festival will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 8 at Hickam Harbor Beach in front of Sam Choy's Seafood Grille.



Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Michael M. Barksdale
Sailors man the rails and sails as the Mexican ship ARM Cuauhtémoc departs Honolulu Harbor on Oct. 10 as part of its America 2014 global training cruise. Throughout its history, the ship has sailed the seas of the world to transmit a global message of friendship and goodwill. It arrived in Honolulu on Oct. 6.



(Left to right): Lt. j.g. Veronica Guadarrama, a crewmember; Capt. Juan Verra, Cuauhtémoc commanding officer; Capt. Eric Weillenman, USS Port Royal (CG 73) CO; Consul Andres Roemer; and Cmdr. Ricardo Hernandez, a crewmember, attend a meet and greet aboard the ship after its arrival in Honolulu on Oct. 6.

Photo by Lt. j.g. Chase Gentilhomme

Base brings burner to beetle battle to help prevent spread

Story and photo by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The team working to eradicate the invasive coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) recently received a new air curtain burner to help assist efforts to prevent the spread of the beetle and eventually eliminate it entirely from the island.

The air curtain burner was purchased by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) but will be operated by personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The CRB was discovered on JBPHH in December 2013 and shortly thereafter a team was formed to eradicate the beetle. This team is comprised of members

of the USDA, Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA), NAVFAC Hawaii, JBPHH, University of Hawaii and other organizations.

The air curtain burner is an efficient incinerator that significantly reduces the amounts of ash and other particulates from being released into the environment. While the first one was purchased by the USDA, four more have been purchased by the Navy for use in the CRB removal effort.

The CRB uses mulch and other plant material to make nests for its eggs. To remove larvae and adults in the past, the nests were ground in a tub grinder, which would not efficiently destroy the eggs.

Composting has also been used to treat infested mulch by maintaining it at a high enough temperature to kill any beetles or eggs. The air curtain burner was acquired to



An air curtain burner is loaded with palm logs for incineration. Rotting palm trees can become material for coconut rhinoceros beetle nests.

completely exterminate nests and remove material that could potentially become a CRB nest.

The CRB has a hard black shell with a horn on its head. Adult beetles are nocturnal and can grow to more than 2 inches in length. The beetle feeds preferentially on coconut palm trees but will also feed on oil palms, other palm species, banana, sugar cane, papaya, sisal and pineapple. The CRB can often kill a palm tree when feeding on it, which makes it a very destructive species for Pacific islands.

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

Filmmaker, author speaks at Domestic Violence Awareness Month event

Story and photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Military and Family Support Center recently sponsored a guest speaker in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month which is observed in October. The Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of October.

Dr. Jackson Katz, American educator, filmmaker and author, spoke to audiences at Hickam Memorial Theater and Sharkey Theater at JBPHH, Kaneohe Bay Chapel and Schofield Chapel to bring awareness and provide information on gender violence prevention.

Katz is internationally recognized for his innovative work in gender violence prevention education and the co-founder of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, the leading prevention initiative in college and professional athletics.



Dr. Jackson Katz, American educator, filmmaker and author, speaks to service members at Hickam Memorial Theater at JBPHH. The event was held in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Everybody's talking about Ray Rice and the NFL, which is a good thing because it's a national conversation that's long overdue," said Katz.

"Many of us will be having this conversation for decades," said Katz. Katz also mentioned that because of the video and social media, more people are paying attention.

"Men of all ages, races, social and economic backgrounds are involved in gender and domestic violence. Mostly, the expectation is that it's a women's issue rather than a men's issue," said Katz.

"The issues of domestic and sexual violence have been understood for too long as women's issues that some good men help out with. My

work is to help shift the paradigm," he said.

Katz noted that women have been at the forefront in the movement against sexual violence, sexual abuse of children, and sexual harassment and will continue to lead on these issues. He said their efforts have helped transform the way we think about the subject matter as well as begin to change institutional practices in terms of addressing it.

According to Katz, men need to take a more aggressive role in getting involved in this paradigm shift. Men should not be bystanders but stand up whenever there is an issue. They should mentor young boys and be positive role models. Also, he advised they shouldn't be silent if they see or hear a friend, family member or co-worker behave badly toward women or express abusive attitudes. Silence may send a message of approval to other males, he said.

"Dr. Katz's message that domestic violence should not be looked at as a women's is-

sue, but instead as a men's issue, is so important," said Juli Robertson, family advocacy program prevention and education specialist, JBPHH Military and Family Support Center.

"Men have the voices that need to be heard by their peers that domestic violence is absolutely unacceptable. Dr. Katz really drove this point home when he showed the clip of Australian Army Lt. Gen. David Lindsay Morrison addressing his male troops about their disparaging remarks about females.

"Morrison showed how powerful it can be for a man, especially a man in a leadership position, to stand up and speak out against not only gender discrimination, but also about the importance of accountability," Robertson explained.

"The standard you walk by is the standard you accept," Morrison pointed out in his message.

"The thing I found most important is how Dr. Katz explained how males think

these issues don't apply to them and how friends not speaking up reinforces behavior," said Blandine Reid, student intern from the University of Hawaii, working with the JBPHH Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office. "The power of not speaking up, I never looked at it that way," she said.

"We're still in the process of making change, and it's amazing to see how much has changed as the result of women's efforts," Katz said.

"Not just women and girls have benefited, but also men and boys' lives have been affected in a positive way by women's leadership in addressing the issue," he added.

"We are committed to this cause," said Col. David A. Kirkendall, commander of 647th Air Base Group.

For more resources from Katz, visit www.jacksonkatz.com. The hotline for the JBPHH Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office is 449-7272 or 449-SARC.

Mechanical engineers bring 'cool' innovation to shipyard

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

For decades, all U.S. naval shipyards used the liquid nitrogen method to repair 4-inch elbow replacements on submarines. Over time, all four shipyards phased out use of the method because of lack of demand. Only Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility and Norfolk Naval Shipyard continued to have the capability to do this specific maintenance repair work.

The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard came up with a sustainable solution to replace the long-standing liquid nitrogen freeze method. Code 2320 mechanical engineers, assistance and tools from other codes, conceptualized and created a vortex-free sealing that isolates 4-inch diameter pipes for specific elbow repairs, using compressed air and vacuuming techniques.

"We hadn't had a sub that needed this sort of repair in decades," said Randall Imaoka, code 2320 mechanical engineer.

In the past, he explained, this type of maintenance would have to be contracted



(Left to right) Code 2370's mechanical engineers, Ryan Naka, Noeau Camarillo and Randall Imaoka, put together their innovative freeze seal jacket chamber that uses vacuum techniques to isolate and freeze repair pipes on submarines.

out to Puget and would involve more work time and outreach support.

"We didn't want to give up the work," said Ryan Naka, code 2320 mechanical engineer. "We wanted to prove that Pearl could do it."

By March, both engineers set out to prepare for a submarine project set for Au-

gust and November. Both submarines would need this specific type of maintenance. The shipyard needed to offer a new solution that would work quickly in-house.

The shipyard engineers visited the pre-made elbow replacement mockup at Puget in April to look at the

former liquid nitrogen process and re-assess how it could do the maintenance without the training and certification process that is essential to the liquid nitrogen method.

"At Puget, we demonstrated successful use of the horizontal vortex method on the mockup," Naka said.

"The next step was to be able to do it with vertical 4-inch elbow pipes."

Since the test results were better than expected, they moved forward. The horizontal freeze worked well, so it was time to figure out the vertical elbow replacement freeze. The engineers returned to the shipyard with a solution that replaced liquid nitrogen with gasses and pressure. Now they needed to prove it would work.

Their supervisor, Scott Liesmyer, supported their efforts in perfecting the new method.

"The main focus was to support 'big picture' work for Pearl Harbor," Liesmyer said.

If the shipyard method could fix this issue, it would save the Navy time, money and increase personal safety measures.

Noeau Camarillo of code 2320 successfully created mockup pipes precisely measured elbow replacement casts to match the exact measurements used to create the vacuuming system.

The two upcoming submarine projects were scheduled close to each other and both needed personalized replacement jackets to fit their needs. As the team worked,

they went through multiple troubleshooting procedures to make the invention better, such as casting lighter weights, creating additional spacing, and changing the flow characteristics. With each improvement, the freeze seal invention got better and better.

On the first submarine, use of the new method resulted in a lot of ice, so on the next project, the team used the vacuum system to stop all ice buildup and to release gases appropriately. The new system vacuum minimized the leakage from the freeze seal air pressure that goes through the pipes.

"It's easier to make the air go out in the direction you want it to. With this new method, there is no need to stop work to re-freeze or replace anything, which makes it a time saver," Imaoka said. "It requires less maintenance and is safer for our workers."

Speaking of the culture of innovation at the shipyard, Imaoka explained.

"If you want to try something new, it's possible. You can do things differently, and there are opportunities for that," he said. "This is how we can be the best—and continue to be the best—shipyard."

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Airmen hone skills during SERE water survival training

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Aircrew members in all branches of service are required to complete survival, evasion, resistance and escape (SERE) training to endure and survive in case their aircraft goes down. Air Force airmen operating in an aircrew role receive this training but the continued cultivation of skills learned is required throughout their career.

Eight C-17 Globemaster aircrew members, one KC-135 Stratotanker aircrew member and two flight surgeons attended a triennial course designed to refamiliarize and hone their SERE knowledge Oct. 6, beginning with the water survival course.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ray and Tech. Sgt. Michael Garcia, 15th Operations Support Squadron SERE instructors, provided the instruction to strengthen these aircrew members' water survival knowledge as part of a week-long course.

"Today was the kickoff," Garcia said. "Every 36 months, aircrew members go through a refresher requirement to get trained on all



Air Force Airmen participate in a survival, evasion, resistance and escape (SERE) water survival refresher course Oct. 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

water survival or code of conduct continuation training events that can include emergency parachute training, combat survival training, and conduct after capture."

The day of instruction began with classroom instruction followed by hands-on training in Pearl Harbor where aircrew members were tasked with demonstrating proper procedures of using survival

equipment in a water environment.

One task had aircrew members navigate their way out from under a parachute canopy.

"The canopy disentanglement is necessary when there is typically not a lot of wind and when the canopy comes down right on top of them and they have to separate from that canopy," Ray said. "We teach them the proper way of not overreact-

ing and how to get out by using the simplest and most direct method."

Another portion of the training tested the participants in properly disconnecting themselves with a parachute harness while being dragged in the water.

"The parachutes get caught by wind as they're in the water and will potentially drag them, so we have them go through the proper techniques on how to release

from that canopy safely and then get into the one man life raft after that," Ray said. "So if there are high winds pulling them, they have to release correctly from that."

According to the instructors, it's important for aircrews to retain the knowledge of survival equipment and survival techniques over the water.

"It's absolutely necessary for these individuals to accomplish this training

every 36 months because it's a perishable skill," Garcia said.

"They go through SERE training when they initially go through the pipeline training of their career field and if that was 13 years ago, there's no way they are going to remember how to work all that survival equipment. There are hundreds of items that we expect these aircrew members to remember. It's very important to revisit this training and that can be the difference between life and death," Garcia said.

Air Force Maj. Jamielyn Thompson, 204th Airlift Squadron assistant director of operations and SERE refresher course student, explained why the training is so important for her.

"Obviously we would never want to have to ditch the aircraft but in the rare chance that we would, having this refresher training every three years helps familiarize us with our emergency equipment as well as how we would respond in any situation," Thompson said.

SERE refresher training is conducted once a month, 12 months a year, to ensure that all aircrew members are able to fulfill their triennial training requirements at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

USS La Jolla heads for decommissioning, to become MTS

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Retired captain and former commanding officer of La Jolla, Jeff Fishbeck, was on hand to speak about his experiences in command of La Jolla as the ship's fourth commanding officer. He said he was truly honored to have commanded La Jolla, work with the Sailors, and meet their families.

"The officers and crew were just incredible," said Fishbeck, who is from San Diego, Calif. "I had a wardroom of real professionals

that passed on the legacy of La Jolla which is: we are a clean boat, we are the best in everything we do."

"We were first in a lot of things that are done here in the submarine force," said Fishbeck. "It is truly a ship that could do everything that it was asked to do and it was asked to do quite a bit."

The former CO spoke of the sub's sponsor, the late Shirley Wilson, who was a driving force behind La Jolla. Wilson embodied the spirit of the ship, took great

care and pride over the ship, he said.

The ship's bell will soon be donated by the Navy in honor of Shirley Wilson. It will be displayed at the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

Fishbeck presented Sawyer with a poster of the submarine as well as a copy of the publication, "Mains'l Haul: A Century of Submarines in San Diego" as a token of appreciation for Sawyer's service as the 10th commanding officer on La Jolla.

Many Sailors of La Jolla expressed their memorable experiences while serving on board the submarine. Sonar Technician Seaman Joseph Morgan has been on the La Jolla for nine months and said it is an experience he will never forget.

"The La Jolla experience is very memorable for me," said Morgan, who is from Santa Ana, Calif. "The thing I will remember most about the La Jolla is her crew, how lively and enjoyable they made it. Even during the long days, I knew I had

someone there with me that was pulling their weight and keeping me going."

Named for La Jolla, Calif., it is the first warship named after the township. Commissioned Oct. 24, 1981, La Jolla is the 14th ship of the Los Angeles-class of nuclear-powered, fast attack submarines, is 360-foot long and displaces 6,900 tons. The submarine can be armed with sophisticated Mark-48 ADCAP anti-submarine torpedoes and Tomahawk-guided cruise missiles.