PMRF Celebrates Earth Day with local charter school

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Commanding Officer’s Hot Line: Ext. 4435

You can call the Captain with your question/concern. Dial 335-4435 any time, seven days a week! The purpose of the hot line (record-a-phone) is to provide all PMRF military members, families, civil service and contractor employees the opportunity to communicate directly with the CO. Some suggestions are:

- Safety suggestions/violations/unsafe practices, ideas to improve safety and promote safety awareness.
- Ways to improve morale, working or living conditions.
- Suggestions on how to save taxpayer dollars, cut costs, save energy, reduce labor man hours, etc.
- Security violations and/or recommendations for strengthening physical security and safeguarding classified information.
- Any positive things (events, programs, policies, benefits, etc.) that you feel are particularly good.
- Any negative things you feel should have the CO’s attention.
- Suggestions for improving disaster preparedness (tsunamis, hurricanes, fires, etc.)

You need not identify yourself to leave a message, but if you would like a staffed response, please do so. If reporting a problem, please try to recommend a workable solution. Some of the questions or problems reported will be answered in the Within Range.

A good point of contact for issues involving Navy families is the PMRF Ombudsman, Victoria Diendorf who can be reached at: Cell 635-5364 or email at pmrfombudsman@yahoo.com.

And, remember the chain of command. Your first step with a suggestion should be to try it out on those you work with or the personal responsible for the department.
Twenty-three nations, 47 ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise scheduled June 26 to Aug. 1, in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2014 is the 24th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

Hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2014 will be led by U.S. Vice Adm. Kenneth Floyd, commander of the U.S. Third Fleet (C3F), who will serve as the Combined Task Force (CTF) Commander. Royal Australian Navy Rear Adm. Simon Cullen will serve as deputy commander of the CTF, and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Adm. Yasuki Nakahata as the vice commander. Other key leaders of the multinational force will include Rear Adm. Gilles Couturier of the Royal Canadian Navy, who will command the maritime component, Air Commodore Chris Westwood of the Royal Australian Air Force, who will command the air component, and Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Richard Simcock, who will command the land component. RIMPAC 2014 will also include a special operations component for the first time, to be led by U.S. Navy Capt. William Stevens.

Two nations, Brunei and the People's Republic of China, will participate in RIMPAC for the first time in 2014. Also new at RIMPAC this year are two hospital ships, USNS Mercy and PLA (N) Peace Ark which will participate in the exercise.

The theme of RIMPAC 2014 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners." The participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting. The relevant, realistic training syllabus includes amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises as well as counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

This year's exercise includes forces from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Details of RIMPAC activities and imagery are available at http://www.cpf.navy.mil/rimpac/2014. Media interested in covering the exercise should contact the C3F Public Affairs officer at (619) 767-4387. Contact information for the RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau will be made available prior to the beginning of the exercise.


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Twitter: @RIMPAC_2014

Instagram: RIMPAC_2014
Hawaiian PCS walks beach with PMRF Sailors

Photos by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf

Approximately 40 PMRF Sailors and 20 students from Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha public charter school conducted a joint beach clean-up for PMRF’s Earth Day activities. Capt. Bruce Hay welcomed the students and kicked off the day’s events, which included a sea bird briefing, tour of the base’s protected shearwater colony, a Ti-leaf planting, an albatross presentation and Sailor sponsored lunch. In addition to PMRF environmental specialists talking to the students, members with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provided a lunchtime brief regarding fishing conservation and an albatross presentation. (TOP LEFT) A student from Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha throws a coconut found on the beach to Master-at-Arms Seaman Nicholai Daviddiaz during the beach clean-up at PMRF. (TOP RIGHT) PMRF Sailors walk down the beach during the Earth Day beach clean-up. (BOTTOM LEFT) PMRF Sailors and Ke Kula Niihau students receive a brief on albatross during PMRF’s Earth Day activities. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Taiyou Kaile (left) helps Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Ray Prevatt during a beach clean-up at PMRF’s Earth Day activities.
The Pacific Missile Range Facility was recently selected as the winner of the Secretary of the Navy’s Environmental Award for Natural Resources Conservation in the small installation category for 2013.

It’s the second time in three years that PMRF has garnered the SECNAV honor for its emphasis on environmental programs, having been previously recognized in 2011.

For the most recent award, the small team of two contracted range complex sustainability coordinators, two U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife services technicians, and a Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Natural Resources biologist and environmental specialist continued to promote big gains in areas such as protection of nocturnal-fledging seabirds, the Laysan Albatross (LAAL) surrogate parenting program, the seabird tissue archival and monitoring project (STAMP), and the eradication of long thorn kiawe.

In addition, the award recognizes the base’s new initiatives in cooperative conservation, such as state of the art marine mammal studies, a shoreline survey, Wedge-tailed Shearwater population assessments, and restoration of Hawaiian intertidal shores.

“Forging successful relationships through cooperative conservation with organizations and programs outside the installation boundary are necessary for successful stewardship,” said John Burger, PMRF range complex sustainability coordinator. Burger was recognized in March by the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) for his work with avian conservation programs with the NMFWA’s Natural Resource Conservation Management Award for Model Programs/Projects.

Community outreach integrates natural resource stewardship with federal and state agencies, the local Community College, local conservation organizations, the public, and Native Hawaiians, explained Burger.

Major Accomplishments during the Award Period include:

-- Finalization of high-intensity, outdoor lighting management and fixture/lamp replacements that resulted for the first time in zero fallout of nocturnal fledgling migratory seabirds during the 2013 fallout season.

-- Refinement of the Laysan Albatross Surrogate Parenting Program through coordination with responsible officials to allow expansion onto protected private lands at elevations well above potential inundation due to sea level rise.

-- Supporting the STAMP component of the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s (NIST) Marine Environmental Specimen Bank (ESB) for analysis of potential anthropogenic contamination in the shells of non-viable Laysan albatross eggs.

-- Supporting marine mammal monitoring on the PMRF underwater ranges. This work is on the cutting-edge...
Awards Photos by MC2 Mathew Diendorf

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Clinton Reese is awarded the Navy Achievement Medal, second award. MA2 Reese transferred to San Diego. Master-at-Arms Brad Outhet is awarded the Navy achievement Medal, fourth award. MA2 Outhet transferred to San Diego. Fire Controlman 1st Class Angela LaVante is awarded her fifth good conduct medal.

Gunner’s Mate 1st Class Matthew Buck is awarded his third good conduct medal, also pictured is his wife Kasi. Fire Controlman 1st Class Mathieu McIntosh is awarded his third good conduct medal. Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 2nd Class Alexander Allen is awarded his second good conduct medal.

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Duane Kaile is awarded his third good conduct medal. Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Raymond Prevatt is awarded his third good conduct medal. Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Gregory Ballard is awarded his second good conduct medal.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jason Lafayette is awarded his second good conduct medal. Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Kristopher Reynolds is awarded his second good conduct medal. Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Henry Seeger is awarded his second good conduct medal.

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KCC student gets lab experience at PMRF

Kayla Zimmerman, a second-year Kauai Community College student, works on developing gross motor skills for a preschool-age child from the Pacific Missile Range Facility’s Child Development Center. Kayla is completing the second required lab experience in the Early Childhood Education Program, in which students are placed in an early childhood education setting in the community. The school’s ECEP has had a long-term partnership with PMRF’s Child Development Center, which has provided students with opportunity to gain valuable experience working with infants, toddlers, and preschool age children under the guidance and mentorship of the center’s director, teachers, staff, and KCC faculty.

After completing the Associate in Science Degree in Early Childhood Education, Kayla looks forward to becoming a teacher of young children on Kauai, with a long-term goal of opening her own preschool.

Photo by Stefan Alford.

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of Navy research efforts involving sound-in-water assessment capability.
-- Initiating a shoreline survey with academic and subject matter experts to study erosion and accretion along Barking Sands coastline. This has gained State-wide interest and potential for island-wide expansion in context of sea level rise, and brought out Woods Hole Research Center scientists for additional research and networking.
-- Supporting independent research focused on restoration of Hawaiian intertidal shores’ limpet fishery for the culturally and economically important opīhi through assessment and study of both this population as well as the macro invertebrates along selected reaches of Barking Sands coastline.

“This award was a complete team effort,” added Burger, highlighting the efforts of fellow sustainment coordinator Dennis Rowley, natural resources biologist Tom Savre, environmental specialist Neil Rojas, and USDA technicians Jason Shimauchi and Peter Silva, among others.

He also cited the close coordination to help make PMRF’s programs successful with NAVFAC HI Wildlife Biologist Dr. Cory Campora on Oahu and program-specific support provided by NAVFAC-Pacific (PAC) Marine Resources Specialist Morgan Richie for marine mammal monitoring research on the PMRF ocean range under the direction of CPF Natural and Marine Resources Program Manager Julie Rivers. In addition, NAVFAC PAC Fish and Wildlife Biologist Justin Fujimoto maintained the destruction program for invasive Long Thorn Kiawe while CNRH Environmental Counsel Becky Hommon provided guidance from the legal perspective throughout the period.
PMRF MWR hosts Easter festivities

PMRF Moral Welfare and Recreation department hosted an Easter Egg hunt for the military families and PMRF employees. More than 180 children and adults attended the event that included a visit from the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg hunt and numerous games and activities. (TOP) Children run to collect as many eggs as they can in their respective age groups. (LEFT) A family attempts to get the attention of a small child while sitting on the Easter Bunny’s lap for photo opportunities. (BOTTOM LEFT) Ruby Milos tries on her new sunglasses. (BOTTOM CENTER) A father watches as his daughter flies a kite before the Easter events kick off. (BOTTOM RIGHT) A mother takes a photo of her daughter collecting eggs during the Easter Egg Hunt. Photos by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf.
Local students receive NASA internships at PMRF

**Story by Stefan Alford**

NASA has selected three local Hawaiian college students to participate as interns in the planned Low Density Supersonic Decelerators (LDSD) project here this summer:
- Kyle McDonald, University of Florida, Junior, Aerospace Engineering, Kalaheo, Kauai, Hawaii;
- Kolby Javinar, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Junior, Electrical Engineering, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii;
- Jacob Matutino, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Junior, Electrical Engineering, Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii.

The selected interns will be at PMRF from mid-May through Mid-July in support of the program designed to test deceleration capability of landing craft simulating a Mars-type environment.

In a message from NASA’s Range Services Management Office at the Wallops Flight Facility, Va., the program was hoping to attract college sophomores or juniors from STEM-degree tracks (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) for the launch operations internship at PMRF.

The selected college interns will support day-to-day mission operations as part of the launch operations group and will also become familiar with scientific ballooning, supersonic decelerator technology, solid-fueled rocket motors, range operations, and countdown operations. Each intern will be assigned to a mentor who will be responsible for their detailed duty assignments.

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**PMRF and the Community**

**Capt. Bruce W. Hay** speaks to guests about PMRF’s current and future events taking place at the base during a Wide Area Gathering held at Shenanigan’s All Hands Club, May 1. The reception was held in honor of Kauai’s local government, business, education and community leaders. **Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf**

John Burger, left, PMRF range complex sustainment coordinator and Roland Sagogum, PMRF Community Planning and Liaison Officer, right, show Vice President of the Hawaii State Senate Ron Kouchi a historical board about Nohili Dunes during an informational tour of PMRF, April 18. **Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf**
Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Michael Cassano is named PMRF’s Junior Sailor of the Quarter for 2nd Quarter 2014. MA2 Cassano is also awarded with his second good conduct medal. Master-at-Arms 1st Class Sigfredo Callazo is named PMRF’s Sailor of the Quarter for 2nd Quarter 2014. Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Ashley Burton-Goode is awarded a 96 hour liberty pass.

Fire dancers light up the night at PMRF luau

(LEFT) PMRF Sailors and children get on stage to learn how to hula during a luau at PMRF on April 12. (BOTTOM RIGHT) A Kane Hula Dancer performs during luau at PMRF. (BOTTOM RIGHT) A dancer from Soul Fire Productions performs during at luau at PMRF. Photos by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf
Be Hurricane prepared  Courtesy of PMRF Emergency Operations Center

Hurricane season runs June 1 - November 30

Be Informed: Know likely emergencies. Learn local emergency warnings.

Have A Plan: What to do, where to go, whom to call. Share the plan with all family members.

Make A Kit: Essential supplies for survival. Maintain your plan and your kit: Practice and update your plan; check your kit every 6 months.

Muster: Once TCCOR #3 is issued, muster via NFAAS. Contact your superior, and/or chain-of-command for information and guidance. If unable to communicate, contact PMRF: Emergency Mgt Office 335-4976 Security Dispatch Office 335-4523

Emergency Kit [for 5 days]

□ Water – MINIMUM 1 gal/person per day
□ Food – nonperishable, can opener
□ Clothing – shoes, hat, raincoat, jacket
□ First aid kit – dust masks, hand sanitizer, sun lotion, insect repellent
□ Flashlight (batteries and bulbs)
□ Medications – OTC & prescription
□ Important documents – waterproof container or on CD
□ Infant/child needs – food, medicine, toys, books, games, clothes
□ Personal hygiene – soap, toilet paper
□ Money – small bills, change
□ Shelter – tent, tarps, rope, chair
□ Cell phone – charger
□ Tools – knife, shovel, work gloves, duct tape, screwdrivers, pliers/cutters, adjustable wrenches, folding saw, insecticide, plastic bags

□ Personal items – sunglasses, eye glasses, contacts, hearing aid, umbrella
□ Eating/cooking utensils, matches
□ Spare keys – house, vehicle
□ Pet supplies – water, food, medicine, cage, collar, leash, ID / photo
□ AM/FM Radio – spare batteries

Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) (Winds in excess of 50 knots)

• TCCOR 5: Within 96 hours. Perform general house cleaning.
• TCCOR 4: Within 72 hours. Identify outside items to be secured.
• TCCOR 3: Within 48 hours. Secure outside equipment. Activate Emerg Mgt plan.
• TCCOR 2: Within 24 hours. Safe Havens open. Relocate offices that are at risk. Back up computer hard drives. Fuel vehicles and generators.
• TCCOR 1: Within 12 hours. Release non-essential personnel. Final preparations/actions by departments.

NOAA Hurricane Watch: ETA less than 36 hours.

NOAA Hurricane Warning: ETA less than 24 hours.

PMRF Hurricane Safe Havens Mandatory registration for all personnel residing on base (housing, cottages, NGIS) once TCCOR 3 issued. Register at MWR Office, BLDG 1267, across the street from the Auto Hobby Shop. You will be assigned to a Safe Haven listed below:

• Bldg 384 (Hangar)
• Bldg 300 (Fire Station) – Fire crew and dependants. Contractor Ride-Out crew and dependants.
• Bldg 1318 (Youth Center)
• Bldgs 1261 and 801 (NGIS) – VQ/TQ guests
• Bldg 1264 (Fitness Cntr) – Alt site as req.

If ordered, hurricane evacuation is MANDATORY.

Bring your Emergency Kit. Pets/animals accommodated in designated/ separate area of your Safe Haven. Pet must be secured in an owner provided carrier/cage. Pet ID required; owner provided food and water; medications. Owners will clean up after their pet.

Kauai County Shelters (West Side): Waimea High School; Waimea Elementary/ Middle School.

Hurricane Information Websites
http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu_before.shtm
http://www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC
http://www.prh.noaa.gov/pr/hnl/
http://www.fema.gov/
http://www.scd.state.hi.us/
www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshs.html
NORTH LAUDERDALE, Fla. (May 1, 2014) Logistics Specialist 1st Class Michael Johnson, assigned to the amphibious transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21), distributes ship’s brochures during a school visitation as part of Fleet Week Port Everglades. This is the 24th annual Fleet Week in Port Everglades, South Florida’s annual celebration of the maritime services. (U.S. Navy photo by: Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Cyrus Roson/Released)

U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (May 2, 2014) The amphibious dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) approaches the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Pecos (T-AO 197) during a replenishment-at-sea. Bataan is the flagship for the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group and, with the embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, is deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Mark Hays/Released)

EAST CHINA SEA (April 21, 2014) An MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft, assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (31st MEU), conducts search and rescue operations with the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) near the site of the sunken Korean ferry Sewol. Sailors and Marines aboard Bonhomme Richard are conducting search and rescue operations as requested by the Republic of Korea navy near the scene of the sunken ferry Sewol in the vicinity of the island of Jindo. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Christian Senyk/Released)