

CNO, Pearl Harbor Sailors host Japanese Training Squadron

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The Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Training Squadron (TS) made its 54th annual visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam June 8-10, as part of the 50th anniversary of the U.S.-Japan Alliance.

More than 180 newly-commissioned officers from the Japanese ships JS Kashima (TV 3508), JS Yamagiri (TV 3515) and JS Sawayuki (DD 125) arrived in Hawaii to participate in various professional exchanges and social events. The JMSDF-U.S. Navy junior officer symposium was one of the highlights of the visit.

"One of the most important obligations we have as leaders is to train the next generation of young officers and enlisted," said Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "We're responsible for their development and education. We take this opportunity to join with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force to host this symposium here," he added.



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead; left, Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Adm. Keiji Akahoshi, chief of maritime staff for the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, greet during the 2010 U.S.-Japan Junior Officers Symposium. The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Training Squadron arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to participate in various professional exchanges and social events with U.S. counterparts. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the U.S. and Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation of Security that in 1960 established the alliance between the two countries.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead delivered the keynote address at the symposium to more than 300 junior officers from the two countries.

"I believe that this impressive gathering of young leaders represents the future of our navies, the future of such an important alliance and the future of the prosperity in

this important region of the world," said Roughead. "For those of you who are here today, you will chart the course for the next 50 years. You will chart that course so you can be more

successful than all of those who came before."

The purpose of the JMSDF-USN junior officer symposium is to infuse junior officers with a deeper sense of importance of

the relationship between JMSDF and the U.S. Navy and how the relationship contributes to maritime security in northwest Asia.

"Both Japan and the United States are maritime nations," said Adm. Keiji Akahoshi, the JMSDF chief of maritime staff. "I am sure that the trust and cooperation between the JMSDF and the U.S. Navy over the past 50 years have been cemented and greatly contributed, not only to sustain and develop the solid Japan-U.S. arrangements, but also to the stability of the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

JMSDF sent Oosumi-class amphibious ship (LST) Kunisaki with medical teams to participate in Pacific Partnership 2010, which is currently underway in Southeast Asia, as part of the bilateral cooperation between Japan and the U.S.

Japan is a regular participant in the U.S.-led biennial Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) that seeks to enhance interoperability between Pacific Rim armed forces as a means of promoting stability in the region. RIMPAC begins at the end of this month and concludes at the end of July.



Capt. David Belcher (center), a general care physician from the 3rd Medical Group at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, examines a young Bangladeshi boy while a translator from the Bangladesh Air Force speaks with the patient in Jessore, Bangladesh, as part of Operation Pacific Angel on June 13. Operation Pacific Angel is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation conducted in the Pacific area of responsibility to support U.S. Pacific Command's capacity-building efforts. This humanitarian and civic assistance program is aimed at improving military civic cooperation between the United States and countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region. More than 55 U.S. military personnel are participating in civil and medical assistance programs with the help of the Bangladesh Air Force and local nongovernmental organizations.

Patient care is top priority during Pacific Angel in Bangladesh

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JESSORE, Bangladesh – A total force of U.S. military doctors, dentists and optometrists participating in Operation Pacific Angel have provided medical care for more than 1,000 patients over the first three days of medical operations at the Monirampur Regional Training Center here.

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to support U.S. Pacific Command's capacity-building efforts. This humanitarian and civic assistance program is aimed at improving military civic cooperation between the United States and countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Bangladeshi, Indonesian and Nepalese military medics are providing care here alongside medical personnel from the U.S. Air Force, Army and Navy.

According to Lt. Col. Paul Conner, the medical mission commander, providing medical care in Bangladesh offers a unique training experience for his medics - training that cannot be matched in a simulated

environment.

"Our providers will see degrees of care they are just not going to see in the U.S.," Conner said. "Our dentists are going to see levels of tooth decay that you just will not find anywhere in the developed world. Our optometrists are going to see advanced stages of cataracts and other types of ocular problems, ones that we [in the United States] catch early because of nutrition or because of health care, but here there's a large part of the population that lives with those issues every day."

Conner added, "For our

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Japanese naval trainees visit Punchbowl

U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

(Above) Junior officers from the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force depart after conducting a wreath ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 9. (Below) Members of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force depart after a wreath ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii on June. The Japanese Training Squadron is on a training cruise in which they will visit 16 ports in 12 countries in a span of 156 days, and Hawaii was their first stop on this trip.

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792nd Intelligence Support Squadron is activated

Story and photo by
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792d Intelligence Support Squadron

June 4 marked a historic day for Detachment 1, 692d Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (Det 1, 692d ISR Group) as it was inactivated and its missions transferred to a newly-activated squadron, the 792d Intelligence Support Squadron (792 ISS).

As part of the Air Force's ongoing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) transformation, the activation of the 792d ISS marks a culminating achievement for the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing (480th ISR Wing), located at Langley Air Force Base, Va. The 792d ISS is now among four similar squadrons that support their parent group's critical mission as part of the global distributed common ground



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system (DCGS) enterprise.

A ceremony to commemorate this activation was presided

over by Col. Aldon E. Purdham Jr., commander of the 692d ISR Group, and, at the same cere-

mony, Lt. Col. Ramona Fulkerson assumed command of the newly-activated 792d ISS.

The 792d ISS provides critical communications, computer, maintenance and personnel support to the two other squadrons in the 692d ISR Group – the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324th IS) and the 8th Intelligence Squadron (8th IS). The 324th IS conducts national-level ISR missions for the National Security Agency/Central Security Service-Hawaii. The squadron also provides the 13th Air Force and PACAF commanders with exercise and real-world ISR ingest through its Air Force National Tactical Integration and Pacific Tactics and Adversary Studies Element missions.

The 8th IS operates Distributed Ground Station-Five, a part of the larger DCGS weapon system, in support of the 13th Air Force and PACAF commanders and decision mak-

ers in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 8th IS conducts missions involving the processing, exploitation and dissemination of ISR data collected by U-2, Predator and Global Hawk aircraft.

"The evolution of detachment one to the 792d Intelligence Support Squadron is reflective of the 692d ISR Group's increasing support to 13th Air Force, PACAF and PACOM. The 792d ISS will play an important role in enhancing the support our ISR capabilities provide to Air Force and joint operations in the Pacific," noted Purdham.

Fulkerson closed the ceremony by telling the new 792d ISS members about the bright future ahead of them. "Today is a very monumental and exciting day because together we have built this squadron and we should be very proud of our achievement. As we grow in size over the next two years, the 792d ISS will continue to expand our outstanding support of Pacific Theater missions."

March of Dimes recognizes Paul Hamilton Sailors

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Sailors assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) received the 2010 Top Military Team award from the health charity organization, March of Dimes' on June 14.

Led by Electrician's Mate 1st Class (SW) Ernesto Derosas, Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW) George Steen and Lt. j.g. Makana Young, a team of more than 40 Sailors from Paul Hamilton raised more than \$3,000 to support the March of Dimes March for Babies event.

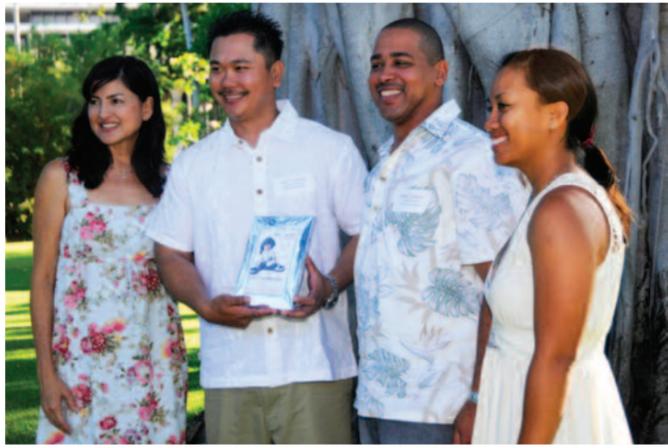
"March of Dimes raises money through the March for Babies event for research to find the causes of premature birth and birth defects, interventions and treatments," said Carmella Hernandez, state director for the March of

Dimes Hawaii chapter. "We also provide money to local programs to help families right in our own communities."

The March of Dimes has been organizing fundraising walks in Hawaii since 2007. This year, the organization raised more than \$570,000 in donations in Hawaii alone and \$103 million nationwide.

For the March for Babies event, the Paul Hamilton team joined more than a thousand participants as they walked five miles from Kapiolani Park to Ala Moana Park and back.

"It feels really good," said Young. "For everyone to come together and raise a lot of money for this cause, it just feels really good in the end. By the time we got to the walk, it was a big accomplishment for us. Being from Hawaii and being a premature baby myself, this was especially heartfelt for me to be able to participate in this cause. A lot of my



(From left) Kathy Muneno, the co-chairperson of the March of Dimes awards, Electrician's Mate 1st Class (SW) Ernesto Derosas, Culinary Specialist 1st Class George Steen and Lt. j.g. Makana Young the 2010 Top Military Team award for raising more than \$3,000 in donations.

friends did not know that. So sharing that bit about me really opened their eyes that there are a lot of us out there, and this event is

something that makes a difference in people's lives," Young explained.

The cause hit close to home for Steen as well when one of his

friends asked him to godfather her daughter who was born premature.

"That's how it got me started on this," said Steen. "I read about it. I've been doing this since 2006. Volunteer is something you do. You want to make sure the Navy is out there in the community and make sure that they have support."

Both Derosas and Steen have participated in several March of Dimes events in past years, but this is the first time they have received an award.

Derosas said that even though the process seems fairly easy, the participation part was particularly difficult.

"Everybody was really busy," said Derosas. "The economy was really down, but I think we still pulled through. I wasn't even expecting this as far as getting our award. We're just doing this for the babies."

USS Lake Erie hosts Japanese Training Squadron

Ensign Kelly E. Waller

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

Sailors of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) led by Capt. William Johnson, commanding officer, welcomed JS Kashima and its sailors to Pearl Harbor on June 9.

More than 1,000 Japanese sailors assigned to JS Kashima (TV 3508), JS Yamagiri (JS 3515), and JS Sawayuki (DD 125) were in Pearl Harbor as part of the Japanese Training Squadron (JTS) visit and participated in various professional exchanges and social events with U.S. counterparts.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

(From left) Seaman Colton Sears and Operations Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Boyer, both assigned to USS Lake Erie (CG 70), work alongside Petty Officer 3rd Class M. Ueno and Leading Seaman Kaho Nishimura, both assigned to JS Kashima (TV 3508), as they set the brow in place during the ship's arrival.

To jump start the events, more than 400 United States and Japanese junior officers gathered at Sharkey Theater to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the alliance between the two countries.

The event included keynote addresses by Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, and Adm. Keiji Akahoshi, chief of staff, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force.

In addition, a series of panels were held that featured current and past senior naval leaders from Japan and the United States, as well as academic experts on the U.S.-Japanese alliance. The symposium

concluded with presentations by a junior officer from both the U.S. and Japanese navies.

During his address at the symposium, Takei expressed a shared concern that "when it comes to the Japan-U.S. alliance in these difficult times, common strategic objectives should be reviewed at every opportunity."

Following the symposium, the attendees were invited to a reception aboard the JS Kashima (the JTS flag ship) which consisted of music performed by the Japanese Navy Band, sushi, and conversations among the young sailors and senior officials.



U.S. Navy photo by BMI Maricel M. Julian

Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), addresses Sailors of the USS Hopper (DDG 70) on June 9 during a visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor. The CNO took time to thank the crew for their hard work and reminded them to thank families and friends back home who "allow you to have the energy and give you the motivation to do what you do for our Navy and for our country."

Chief of Naval Operations visits USS Hopper, frocks 19 Sailors

Ensign Jessica L. Fitzgerald

USS Hopper (DDG 70)
Public Affairs Officer

Sailors on USS Hopper (DDG 70) were honored June 9 with a visit from the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. Gary Roughead.

The CNO promoted 19 Sailors and presented them with the insignia of

their new rates as well as his command coin.

"It made the day even more special to be frocked by the CNO," said Logistics Specialist 1st Class Nenad Mazic. "Having my wife and daughter there really topped it off."

The CNO brought the crew in for a school circle on the forecandle and answered questions from Sailors. Key concerns

included manning and training. He also took time to remind the crew to thank their friends and families back home. "I thank you for what you are doing. I'd also like you to do something for me: thank those who stand behind you," he said.

"This validates how hard I worked and how much my family has supported me over the years," said Hull Technician 3rd Class Heather L. Fleming after being promoted by the CNO.

Pearl Harbor was a welcoming homecoming for the CNO, who served three tours on the island including command of the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73), commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet and deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

Commentary

Happy Birthday 'Doc': The Hospital Corps turns 112

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For 112 years, a very special group of men and women in the Navy have served in "every clime and place" rendering aid to the sick and wounded. We've had many nicknames in that service - some of them that are flattering, some that can't be printed. But the one we are most proud to earn and wear is "doc."

On June 17, 1898, President William McKinley signed into law a bill establishing the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps with three ratings: hospital apprentice, hospital apprentice first class (petty officer 3rd class), and hospital steward, equivalent to today's chief petty officer. But while that was the "official" beginning of the Hospital Corps, our roots run much deeper.

It began in the Continental Navy with the

organization of the Navy Medical Department in 1775. Article 16 stated: "A convenient place shall be set apart for sick or hurt men, to be removed with their hammocks and bedding when the surgeon shall advise the same as necessary; and some of the crew shall be appointed to attend and serve them and keep the place clean..."

From that humble beginning, men were appointed to assist in the care of the sick and injured. The titles changed through history from "loblolly boy," to surgeons' steward, "baymen," "nurses," "apothecary," and "pharmacist's mate," to name a few. In World War II, women joined the ranks of the Hospital Corps, serving in hospitals and on hospital ships in both theaters.

Hospital corpsmen have served with distinction through every war and conflict with the Navy or fleet Marine forces. When a cry

of "corpsman up" goes across the battlefield, it is a Navy corpsman who answers, often shielding the body of a wounded Marine with his own - rendering life-saving care and dragging him to cover.

That is probably why the Hospital Corps is the most decorated of any corps in the military. Its members have been awarded 22 Medals of Honor, 174 Navy Crosses, 31 Distinguished Service Cross (U.S. Army), 946 Silver Stars and 1,582 Bronze Stars. The Navy has recognized this valor by naming 20 ships after hospital corpsmen.

Today's hospital corpsmen serve around the world in hospitals, clinics, ships, submarines and aircraft; on friendly and hostile shores; with Navy divers and SEAL teams; and side-by-side with Marines in the fleet Marine force. So as you go about your day, take a moment and wish your "doc" a happy birthday.

Another good reason not to do drugs

SSgt Robert M. Mauro

15th Military Justice
paralegal

A senior airman at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was recently tried before a panel of officer members during a special court-martial May 20 at the Woodring Law Center courtroom at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

He was charged with one specification under Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice, of wrongful use of cocaine. He pled guilty to the charge and specification.

Like several other airmen this year, he "popped" positive on a urinalysis test for using drugs. It is common knowledge that this drug is all over the island, but that does not make it right or legal to use it.

For his crime, the airman was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, six months confinement, forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for six months and reduction to the grade of E-1 (airman basic). His actions affected his family, he no longer has a career in the Air Force, and he will have the permanent stigma of a bad conduct

discharge because of the wrong choices he has made.

The UCMJ provides for one of the most fair justice systems in existence. We all know crime does not pay, and now this airman is living proof. Special courts-martial convictions are often equated to felony convictions in the civilian community.

For more information on military courts-martial or courts-martial procedures, visit the legal office's website at www.hickam.af.mil/ja, or contact the military justice section at 448-0992.

Diverse Views

What does volunteering mean to you?

(From Sailors aboard USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60))



Electrician's Mate 1st Class (SW) Ernesto Derosas

Volunteerism for me is actually teamwork. For the Navy, it shows us that we're not just the military. We are America's Navy. It shows that we can communicate with the community.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW) George Steen

Volunteering is something you do. You want to make sure the Navy is out there in the community and make sure that they have support.



Lt. J.g. Makana Young

Volunteering is important for the Navy because it shows our presence in the community. It shows that we can support our community no matter where we are. We are a global presence. It's also important for us to help people at home as well.

(Provided by MC2 Mark Logico)

D-Day launches with help from Army Air Corps



Photo by U.S. Air Force Archive Collections

A B-26 Marauder flies with invasion stripes for D-Day. On June 6, 1944, Army Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the approval to launch. His decision was an agonizing one. Weather was treacherous, but circumstances dictated a high tide and a short time span. Further delays would have given away the plan, known as Operation Overlord - 'D-Day' to everyone else.

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U.S. Air Force medics work with counties in Asia-Pacific region

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general medicine folks, they'll see things like leprosy, some more exotic jungle diseases like malaria or dengue fever - those types of issues that don't exist anywhere in the first-world outside of a textbook."

Conner has experience leading the medical mission on a Pacific Angel, as he led the team in Timor Leste during the summer of 2009. While he admitted there were differences in the culture of each nation that changed the way certain operations were carried out, he said the general lessons learned are the same. "One thing that was very similar

is that you learn to work with what you have," said Conner. "You work out agreements many weeks ahead of time, then you get on the ground and significant components of it change. So, as Airmen, we learn to be flexible; that's what we did in Timor and that's what we are doing here."

The goal of this mission is to see nearly 1,000 patients a day combined for the three general areas: dentistry, optometry and primary care. According to Capt. Teri Smith, a medical mission planner from 13th Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, the estimate is

based on results from previous missions and the number of doctors in each area. "We're establishing a system flow for patients, so hopefully the number of patients will grow each day," Smith said.

Conner said since U.S. medics are working side-by-side with their counterparts from Bangladesh, Indonesia and Nepal, the experience provides those nations an opportunity to learn how the U.S. handles certain medical situations, noting that U.S. medics tend to have a more advanced level of training than many of their counterparts. That creates a situation where the sides have to

come to an agreement on how to handle an issue for which they have separate plans of attack. The lessons the U.S. personnel learn are just as important and vital for them to put in to practice after the mission is over.

"A key difference when dealing with medical personnel from other nations is culture and scope of practice. So, for example, we have very set procedures as military medics. Infection control is A, B, C - you never deviate from A, B or C because that's the way we've been trained. We follow the checklist. It's our version of flight safety, infection control; we have procedures

that we follow. They have different training when it comes to infection control and it's a good thing for our medics to see how they operate," he explained.

Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) officers are also on site, providing translation for U.S. medics during the patient screening and care processes.

For Capt. David Belcher, a general care physician with the 3rd Medical Group at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, the opportunity to work with his BAF counterpart has been as important as any of the medical aspects.

"It's easy to click with these people because they

care; they want to get to know you," Belcher said. "We make a great team and having him here is a great benefit to help care for these people, not only for the communication, but because they know what these people have been exposed to. That personalized experience makes the whole visit invaluable for the patient, too."

Medical care continued through June 16 in the region.

Operation Pacific Angel missions were previously conducted in the Philippines in February and Vietnam in May. The final iteration will take place in Sri Lanka in August.



Lt. Col Walters takes command of 647th Engineer Squadron

Lt. Col. Bradley D. Waters assumes command of the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron on June 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Col. Charles R. Baumgardner, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam presides over the ceremony as Lt. Col. Dwayne E. Thomas relinquishes command.

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

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

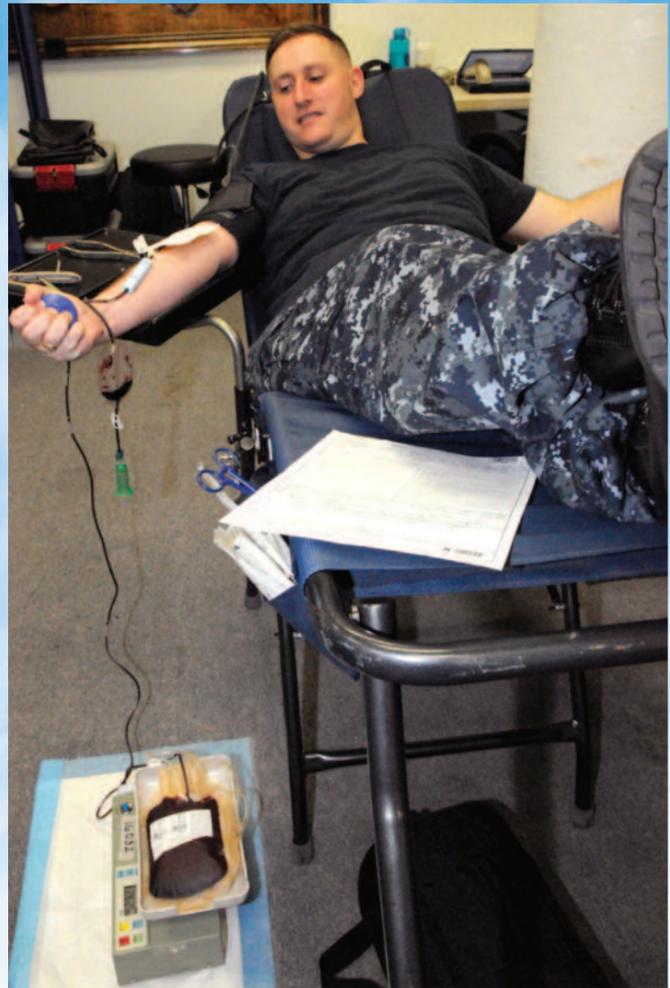


(Left) Lt. John Redford, systems test officer on USS Lake Erie (CG 70), and his wife, Gina, celebrate the christening of their son, Jude, on the bridge of the ship. The special Memorial Day weekend service was performed by Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. (sel.) John Carter.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Kelly Waller

(Below) Yeoman 2nd Class (SS) Stephen Dubich of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet donates blood during the Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) blood drive, hosted by the Tripler Army Medical Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 9. "It is a good feeling knowing that my donation may help save the life of a fellow service member deployed down range," said Dubich. The donations will be used in support of the Pacific region for blood work and blood product needs.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Cutridge



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Dustan Longhini

As his children watch, Chief Electronics Technician Michael Sanguinet of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard signs his name to a 'welcome home' banner. Shipyard Sailors joined Sanguinet's family at Honolulu International Airport on June 4 to greet him upon his return from a seven-month assignment in Cuba as an individual augmentee.



U.S. Navy photo by Katie Vane

(Above) Gas Turbine System Mechanical Technician 1st Class Michael Schrupp dribbles down the court at Bloch Arena during the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's Cup Games. After a week-long intense six-event athletic competition for shipyard military personnel, the Navy divers in Code 760 were awarded the coveted Captain's Cup. Rear Adm. (sel) Gregory Thomas, shipyard commander, presented the event trophies and the Captain's Cup trophy at the military command picnic June 11.

(Left) Members of the 715th Air Mobility Operations Group stand in formation during the relocation ceremony of the 715th AMOG at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 14. The 715th AMOG is relocating to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

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

(Below) Lt. Col. Bradley D. Waters assumes command of the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron on June 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as Lt. Col. Dwayne E. Thomas relinquishes command.

U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt. Bobby Duncan



Tour boat coxswain enjoys perks of historical shore command

Story and photos by
Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

It is easy to see why Damage Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Timothy Myers thinks he is one lucky Sailor. Just two years ago, he was a damage controlman, mostly confined to a hot engine room during most of his sea duty with USS Decatur (DDG 73), a San Diego-based vessel.

But today, the Phoenix native finds himself out of the engine room behind a pair of sunglasses and on full display to millions of tourists as a tour boat coxswain assigned to his first shore command, USS Arizona Detachment at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

On an average day, Myers and his crew give up to 25 boat tours on the two biodiesel vessels used to shuttle tourists from the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor's Center and to the ship's memorial as well as other historic landmarks around Ford Island and Pearl Harbor. He is also on call for requested harbor tours and part of the crew for the commanding officer's "gig run" designated for special groups who request Pearl

Harbor access. Despite the high visitor traffic at the memorial, Myers said he has enjoyed being assigned to one of the top tourist attractions in Hawaii.

"I love this job," he said. "For a Sailor, the hours are great, you get to learn something new like driving boats in Hawaii, and I love meeting people from all over the world."

In fact, Myers joked that he and his crew have encountered so many people while giving boat tours, they occasionally come across pictures of themselves on the Internet taken during family vacations to Pearl Harbor.

"It is kind of a running joke with all the guys on the boats, how many pictures are we in on [sites] like Google, Facebook and My Space," he laughed. "I remember I was online once looking for pictures of the [USS Arizona] memorial and instead, found pictures of me with tourists. Some people have never seen a Sailor or been around the military. So for them to ask you if they can take your picture, it is pretty wild."

In addition to his duties as a tour boat coxswain, Myers also serves as a career counselor and assistant leading petty officer at USS

Arizona Detachment, making him an essential asset to his leadership.

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Lavar Guyton described Myers as an outstanding Sailor dedicated to his command.

"He is complete, thorough and extremely professional," Guyton said. "I have no greater need in the Navy than a strong shipmate. DC2 Myers is that Sailor."

For Myers, who joined the Navy in 2003, seeing historical landmarks every day is not only a constant reminder why he chose to enlist, but has also given him a greater appreciation for the service members who have served before him.

"You do have a deeper connection to this place, especially after meeting Pearl Harbor survivors and WWII heroes and hearing their stories firsthand," he said. "Not many people get a WWII or history lesson, especially one firsthand from the people who lived it, so this opportunity has been amazing."

Myers was also one of the lucky Sailors chosen to accompany then-Senator Barack Obama and his family when they visited the USS Arizona Memorial during a presidential campaign trip to

Hawaii in 2008.

"He was really nice," he recalled. "He gave us a little talk on the boat on our way to the memorial and thanked us for our service. It was really neat."

Although he has enjoyed the notable perks of his shore command, Myers understands that one day, sea duty will come calling again.

"I do look forward to going back to a ship because I love my rate," he said.

"As a damage controlman, you do work long hours, but it is more hands-on, maintenance-type work like fixing things and working with equipment. Sure, you

are on a ship and underway for months on end. But that is not necessarily a bad thing if you love what you do."



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Upcoming change of command events

June 29 - The Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Pacific Region will conduct a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club, building 1073, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Cmdr. Matthew N. Ott III, Supply Corps, outgoing; Cmdr. Jason A. Bridges, Supply Corps, incoming. Brig. Gen. Scott Chambers, USAF, Commander Defense Supply Center Philadelphia will officiate. Event is open to the community.

USS Chung-Hoon commemorates Battle of Midway

Story and photo by
USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)
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The officers and crew of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, commemorated the 68th anniversary of the Battle of Midway while in sight of historic Wake Island on June 5. Chung-Hoon had the honor of being the closest U.S. Navy warship to the vast battleground near the Midway Atoll. Midway marked possibly the greatest victory in U.S. naval history and was the turning point for the war in the Pacific during World War II.

From the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor until the Battle of Midway, the Japanese Imperial Navy had rampaged across the Pacific and East Indies nearly unchecked. Fortunately, Navy cryptologists broke the Japanese military code and



USS Chung-Hoon rifle squad fires volley to commemorate Battle of Midway

learned of a plan to lure and sink the remaining three U.S. aircraft carriers in the Pacific off the remote island of Midway.

Unknown to the Japanese, a U.S. Navy battle group under the tactical command of Adm. Raymond Spruance lay in wait. The Japanese force included the four carriers that had attacked Pearl Harbor seven months prior.

Early in the day, the Japanese launched a devastating attack on outgunned Midway Island and successfully repelled the first U.S. attack by carrier launched aircraft. The Japanese were preparing a second attack when their scout planes located the American carriers. The Japanese commander Adm. Nagumo ordered his planes rearmed with tor-

pedoes instead of land attack bombs. It was this decision that doomed the Japanese.

A second American flight of dive bombers and torpedo planes caught the Japanese with their planes on deck surrounded by bombs, torpedoes and fuel. In a matter of minutes, the cream of Japan's Imperial Fleet was engulfed in flames. However, American forces did not come

away unscathed. The carrier Yorktown, which was sent to Midway after suffering catastrophic damage at the Battle of the Coral Sea, and her escort Hammond were sunk during the ensuing battle.

Cmdr. Scott Erb, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon, offered remarks during the commemoration ceremony. "These are the men we reference when we say we represent the fighting spirit of those who have gone before us when reciting the Sailor's Creed. Fewer and fewer of the heroes of this battle survive to see each passing anniversary. As their time winds down and they sail one by one into history, it is up to us to remember their sacrifice and strive every day to live up to their heroic example," Erb said.

"So today, find time to look out over the Pacific here, where these men fought so ferociously to keep the dream

of freedom alive. Remember them, and realize there may come a day when our countrymen expect the same outstanding heroism from each of us," he advised.

Throughout the day, the Chung-Hoon Sailors took time to pause and mark the significance of the battle. The morning began with a general quarters drill which was started and concluded with heroic stories from the battle. The afternoon was dedicated to a commemoration ceremony on the ship's flight deck complete with a seven-man rifle squad firing three volleys in memory of the Americans who fought in the Battle of Midway.

Finally, the day was capped off by a cake-cutting ceremony on the mess decks, enjoyed by the entire crew. It was a busy day designed to tie the events of that fateful battle, fought 68 years ago, to those who serve in today's Navy.

Operation Pacific Angel: Neonatal care takes center stage in Bangladesh

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JESSORE, Bangladesh – More than 15 health care providers from the Republic of Bangladesh gathered at the Smiling Sun Clinic on June 12 and 13 to attend a subject matter expert exchange on the topic of neonatology as part of Operation Pacific Angel currently underway here through June 16.

The exchange, led by Lt. Col. Lindy Winter, chief of neonatology from the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lester in Okinawa, Japan, also included participation from a pediatrician from the Bangladesh Army, Maj. Mofazzol Hossain. "We're here to talk about infant

mortality, the ways to reduce it and different strategies the Bangladesh people can use," Winter said. "Specifically, we're talking about neonatal resuscitation, what to do in the first minutes after birth as a way to reduce infant mortality and maybe have more babies survive."

Operation Pacific Angel is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation conducted in the Pacific area of responsibility to support U.S. Pacific Command's capacity-building efforts. This humanitarian and civic assistance program is aimed at improving military civic cooperation between the United States and countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Topics for the exchange included principles of resuscitation, initial steps in



Maj. Mofazzol Hossain, (left), Bangladesh Army pediatrician, and Lt. Col. Lindy Winter, chief of neonatology at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lester in Okinawa, Japan, discuss neonatal care with Bangladeshi health care providers during a subject matter expert exchange at the Smiling Sun Clinic in Jessore, Bangladesh on June 12.

resuscitation, resuscitation devices, blood sugar management and temperature regulation. There were also hands-on demonstrations

for chest compressions and other scenarios, all of which were conducted using interactive infant models and instruments.

Winter said that she appreciated the opportunity to discuss different techniques and experiences with her counterparts from Bangladesh.

"There are many different topics we can look at for reducing infant mortality and ones we can have good back and forth conversation about," said Winter. "Babies that are asphyxiated, deprived of oxygen at birth, we can do a lot for them in the first few minutes. Babies that have low blood sugar levels, there's a lot of interventions that we can do for those babies. We have a lot of opportunities to improve and enhance," she explained.

Hossain said he was excited to put to use the information he gathered and shared during the exchange. "If an infant can survive with good

supportive care, it is a benefit for all nations," he said. "The child might be a scientist, or a genius, so a healthy baby is a good asset for the next generation."

Operation Pacific Angel missions were previously conducted in the Philippines in February and in Vietnam in May. The final iteration will take place in Sri Lanka in August.

The U.S. and Bangladesh militaries have a long history of working in partnership for humanitarian assistance and medical training and have also conducted air, land and sea exercises.

Operation Pacific Angel is a Pacific Air Forces operation led by 13th Air Force officials.

(Editor's note: 13th Air Force is headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.)