

535th Airlift Squadron supports Japan relief effort

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A C-17 Globemaster III and aircrew from the 15th Wing's 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for Japan on March 12 to deliver electricity generators and personnel to Japan in support of humanitarian relief efforts in the wake of an earthquake and tsunami striking the country March 11.

The seven-person aircrew consisted of three pilots, two loadmasters and two crew chiefs. The team transported 25 JBPHH Airmen from a variety of Air Force specialties to Yokota Air Base, Japan where they will provide support to efforts underway to support the government of Japan.

The aircraft was also loaded with four generators which will be used in the support efforts. After



Maintainers and fuel technicians fuel a C-17 in preparation for its departure on a humanitarian mission to Japan on March 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The plane will visit various Air Force bases in Japan during its mission to provide support for Japan relief efforts in the wake of tsunami and earthquake damage there.

unloading the generators in Japan, the crew will follow on to Guam to pick up contingency response group personnel before heading back to Japan. The aircrew

is expected to be gone approximately 10 days.

Capt. Nate Amidon, a pilot with the 535th AS, was the aircraft commander for the mission.

"It's what we train to do, so it's nice to be able to put that training to use in helping the people of Japan," he said. "If we can help out and do our part,

then that's what we'll do."

Lt. Col. Andrew Leshikar, 535th AS commander, said the aircrew is both trained and eager to help the Japanese people

recover from the natural disaster.

"These are the missions that we train for every day, not only combat and contingency missions, but humanitarian and disaster assistance is one of the things we train for," he said.

"Everyone is always excited to go out and help other people."

Amidon agreed that the 535th AS is well postured to provide airlift in the Pacific theater.

"That's why we're here in (Pacific Air Forces)," Amidon said. "It's our area of responsibility. Anytime things need to get moved, we're ready to go."

Brig. Gen. Scott West, 13th Air Force vice commander, departed with the 25-person team to Japan.

"First and foremost, our prayers are with Japan," West said. "They are resilient and capable. (But) we'll be there so long as our allies ask us to."

(Staff Sgt. Lucelia Ball contributed to this story.)

Abraham Lincoln makes port visit at Pearl Harbor

Navy Region Hawaii
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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled port visit March 10.

Lincoln departed March 14 en route to her homeport

of Everett, Wash., following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility supporting operations in U.S. 7th and U.S. 5th Fleets.

Lincoln serves as the flagship of the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group (CSG), which worked alongside coalition partners in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

During the deployment, Abraham Lincoln CSG conducted exercises with coalition countries and other nations, including France, Bahrain, Malaysia, Singapore, Saudi Arabia and Oman; and made port visits and conducted community relations and community service projects in Malaysia, Bahrain, UAE, Singapore, Saipan, Philippines, Seychelles, Japan, Israel, Thailand, Australia, Oman, Maldives, Hong Kong and

Saudi Arabia.

The carrier strike group also hosted U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead and more than 30 international dignitaries and military officials.

The strike group and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2 successfully flew more than 8,300 sorties and completed more than 23,500 flying hours, of which, more than 3,600 sorties and almost 11,000

hours were flown in support of U.S. and coalition ground forces.

Abraham Lincoln CSG played a key part of supporting the Navy's maritime strategy, which calls for credible combat power to be continuously postured to protect America's vital interests, assuring friends and allies of the United States' continued commitment to regional security

and to deter and dissuade potential adversaries.

Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group comprises Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 9, Carrier Air Wing 2, flagship Abraham Lincoln, guided-missile cruiser USS Cape St. George (CG 71), and guided-missile destroyers USS Momsen (DDG 92), USS Sterett (DDG 104), USS Halsey (DDG 97) and USS Shoup (DDG 86).



Prepared Hawaii joint base feels no effect of tsunami

Staff Sgt. Carolyn (Viss) Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

No damages occurred to the installation, its facilities, or any of the service members stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) after an early-morning tsunami struck the island of Oahu on March 12.

Still, the base prepared for the worst by standing up a joint emergency operations center (EOC) late in the evening March 11.

"We have an emergency

action plan, and in that plan we have an annex for tsunamis," said Capt. Richard Kitchens, the joint base commander. "We go down the list of procedures that we've pre-thought out and established for this situation."

After the EOC was activated and all the essential personnel and staff were recalled, the installation was postured to be able to respond by not only making appropriate preparations prior to the arrival of the tsunami but also by making sure EOC operations were sustainable in case there was significant damage and recovery action had to be

continued for an extended period of time, Kitchens said.

"I think things went well," he said. "We worked closely with Navy Region Hawaii, who is also the commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, as well as with submarine force leadership and other major commands on the installation."

That also involved significant contributions from the Air Force tenant units and commands at JBPHH, he said.

"There was a significant number of aircraft and air-

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Hawaii governor assesses tsunami damage in islands

Staff Sgt. Carolyn (Viss) Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Hawaii State Gov. Neil Abercrombie flew over the Hawaiian Islands on March 15 to assess damage caused by the March 11 tsunami.

Accompanied by the adjutant general, U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong; William Aila, the director of land and natural resources; and Army Col. Joe Logan, the Hawaii National Guard's joint chief of staff, Abercrombie said that, overall, the sheer force of a body of water moving like that was what struck him the most.

"(The damage) was extensive, but we can handle it," Abercrombie said in a media interview after the Hawaii Army National Guard aircraft flew in landed on the 15th Wing flight line at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Air Force photo by ALC Lauren Main

Col. Sam Barrett (left), 15th Wing commander at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), greets Hawaii State Gov. Neil Abercrombie at JBPHH on March 15. Abercrombie flew over the Hawaiian Islands with the adjutant general, U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong; William Aila, the director of land and natural resources; and Army Col. Joe Logan, the Hawaii National Guard's joint chief of staff, to conduct damage assessment after a tsunami hit the islands March 11. They flew in a Hawaii Army National Guard aircraft and landed on the U.S. Air Force flight line.

County workers on the Big Island are already hard at work making repairs, he said.

"When you see the force of the wave we got, which

of course is nothing compared to what happened in Japan, when you get out to (the bay) and realize

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Participate in joint base cleanup, picnic March 24

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will host an installation-wide base cleanup from 8 to 11 a.m. March 24.

All tenant and homeported commands are encouraged to participate by conducting general cleanup and maintenance of their respective areas. Commands should concen-

trate on high visibility areas such as installation entrances, parking areas, roadway borders, sidewalks and areas around the facilities that improve the appearance of the installation.

The JBPHH first lieutenant will accept requests for the use of landscaping equipment, personal pro-

tective equipment, debris removal and painting or cleaning supplies.

After the cleanup, a base picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 24 at Ward Field.

Join Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) for a picnic with hamburgers and hot dogs. The event is free for all patrons.



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U.S., Thailand, Singapore begin Cope Tiger 2011



Courtesy photo

Air chiefs and exercise Cope Tiger directors from the United States, Singapore and Thailand participate in a parade during the exercise Cope Tiger 2011 opening ceremony at Paya Lebar Air Base, Singapore. Cope Tiger is an annual, multilateral aerial large force exercise conducted in the Asia-Pacific region.

13th Air Force

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii -- Aviation and ground units from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, the Royal Thai Air Force and Army, and the Republic of Singapore Air Force will participate in Cope Tiger 2011, a field training exercise, in Thailand from March 14 through 25.

Cope Tiger is an annual, multi-lateral, aerial, large-force exercise conducted in the Asia-Pacific region. It takes place at Korat and

Udon Thani Royal Thai Air Force Bases in Thailand.

More than 2,200 people will participate in the exercise, including approximately 700 U.S. service members and 1,500 service members from Thailand and Singapore. The field training exercise includes a combined total of 134 aircraft and air defense units, 38 of which will be U.S. aircraft.

U.S. aircraft scheduled to participate in Cope Tiger 2011 include the C-

130 Hercules, the A-10 Thunderbolt II, the C-17 Globemaster III, the KC-135 Stratotanker, the F/A-18 Hornet and the F-15 Eagle.

Cope Tiger 2011 is a multi-lateral joint and combined field training exercise. The exercise enhances combined readiness and interoperability, reinforces the U.S. commitment to the Asia-Pacific region, and demonstrates U.S. capability to project combined and joint forces strategically in a multi-lateral environment.

Commander, Naval Surface Forces visits USS Hopper to observe FST-J Exercise

USS Hopper (DDG 70)

Vice Adm. D.C. Curtis, commander of Naval Surface Forces, visited Sailors aboard USS Hopper (DDG 70) on March 2.

He was welcomed aboard by Cmdr. Kevin Melody, Hopper commanding officer, and soon headed down to the command information center (CIC) to observe the joint fleet synthetic trainer (FST-J) scenario.

The admiral also spoke to the tactical action officer (TAO) and combat systems coordinator (CSC) about the ship's involvement in the exercise and how they thought Hopper was performing.

"We've been very solid, sir. We've been able to achieve all of our tasking and the systems are working great," said



Cmdr. Kevin Melody (right), USS Hopper's commanding officer, welcomes aboard Vice Adm. D.C. Curtis (left), commander of Naval Surface Forces on March 2.

Ensign Tyler Kelley, the systems test officer.

The exercise lasted four days, with each day presenting different tasking and responsibilities for Hopper. The tasking included ballistic missile defense and air, surface and strike warfare.

Curtis also spent time touring the main engine

rooms and talked with engineering Sailors. He made a point to speak to each Sailor and emphasize the importance of the work they do. When told of Hopper's 13 engineering efficiency awards, known as Red "E's," he praised their work and added, "You just don't see that very often."

Hawaii Department of Health says no elevated levels of radiation detected

Information compiled by Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Hawaii residents should not be fearful about elevated radiation levels from the nuclear reactor facility in Japan reaching the aloha state.

In an advisory released by the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) on March 14, it explained, "The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has not detected any elevated radiation readings, and air samples remain at ambient or normal background levels following a

small release of radiation Saturday at a nuclear reactor facility in Japan."

The release of radiation occurred from two nuclear reactors in Japan that were damaged in the earthquake and tsunami on March 11.

"With the current size of the release and the distance from Hawaii, no public health risk to the state is expected," the release noted.

Cmdr. Daniel J. Hohman, Navy Region Hawaii public health emergency officer, reiterated the DOH information and provided some additional guidance to Hawaii residents. "As stated in the Hawaii State

Department of Health news release, Hawaii is not expected to experience any harmful levels of radioactivity. There is no anticipated threat of any increase in radiation levels for the Hawaiian Islands, nor is there a need to take potassium iodide," Hohman said.

DOH explained that their Indoor and Radiological Health Branch (IRHB) is closely monitoring information on the radiation release. The agency, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has a system in place for ambient monitoring for radioactive dust.

The Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC) released a statement on March 13 stating, "All the available information indicates weather conditions have taken the small releases from the Fukushima reactors out to sea away from the population. Given the thousands of miles between the two countries, Hawaii, Alaska, the U.S. Territories and the U.S. West Coast are not expected to experience any harmful levels of radioactivity."

U.S. Ambassador to Japan John Roos addressed the concerns of American citizens, especially those who remain in Japan.

"We understand that many of you are anxious and have questions in the shadow of the Fukushima emergency, since we are in the midst of a complex, constantly changing, and unpredictable situation. In this fluid situation, our commitment to our citizens is to accumulate accurate information and assess it sufficiently in order to make important judgments," Roos said.

"Let me also address reports of very low levels of radiation outside the evacuation area detected by U.S. and Japanese sensitive instrumentation. This bears very careful monitoring, which we

are doing," Roos explained.

For more information, visit the DOH website at www.hawaii.gov/doh or the following sites:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation/> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:

<http://www.epa.gov/radiation/ert/monitoring.html> <http://epa.gov/nare/radnet/> (Information provided by Hawaii Department of Health, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a statement from U.S. Ambassador to Japan John Roos, and Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.)

Tech. Sgt. Randall Sole is avid outdoorsman

Story and photos by
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15th Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Randall Sole, an aircrew flight equipment technician with the 535th Airlift Squadron, is this week's Warrior of the Week.

Some would call Sole a daredevil, others may just call him crazy, but as an avid outdoorsman, Sole feels he is a perfect fit for the Hawaiian isles.

"I try to get outside as much as possible," Sole said. "I like to do everything from hiking and surfing to sky diving."

In 2009, Sole even went as far as to re-enlist while sky diving. He re-enlisted with a group of co-workers who accompanied him as they took off from the

U.S. Air Force Academy. Sole recited the oath of enlistment as he free fell nearly 13,000 feet. Once he completed the oath, he saluted the presiding officer, who performed his unorthodox re-enlistment and deployed his parachute.

Sole's last duty station was a special duty assignment where he was assigned to the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) as an instructor on the USAFA parachute team, "Wings of Blue."

"I think the best thing about my job in the Air Force is the people," he said. "Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of having some amazing jobs in great locations, but it's the people I have worked with who made those jobs memorable and worthwhile."

Currently, Sole is responsible for scheduling and prioritizing workloads for 14 personnel and conducting quality assurance checks on aircrew flight equipment including parachutes, masks, night vision goggles, and any other aircrew equipment that is assigned to the 535th AS C-17s.

According to his supervisor, Capt. Sharon Tweedy, AFE flight commander, Sole ensures the 15th Operations Group aircrew knows what to expect and has supreme confidence that they will succeed in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear environments.

"Sergeant Sole is the ultimate example of dedication and professionalism," Tweedy said. "He has taken the challenging roles of the squadron unit deployment manager and AFE aircrew contamination control area noncommissioned officer in charge to the next level."



USS Greeneville returns from western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by
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Commander Submarine
Force U.S. Pacific Fleet
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The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 11 after a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

"This deployment provided an outstanding opportunity for our young Sailors to learn and experience life on a submarine in a real-world environment," said Cmdr. Anthony Carullo, Greeneville commanding officer. "They saw firsthand the importance of their many hours of hard



Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Bobby Gibbs is greeted with a kiss by his wife as he is the first to disembark when the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 11. The submarine completed a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region. Greeneville departed Pearl Harbor on Sept. 10, 2010 on her western Pacific deployment, the first in more than three years.

work and training leading up to this deployment."

Greeneville departed Pearl Harbor on Sept. 10, 2010 on her western Pacific deployment, the first in more than three years. The crew experienced the dynamic operational environment of the western Pacific and returned with a wealth of submarine experience and advanced qualifications.

Twenty-five Sailors became submarine-qualified and are now authorized to wear the submarine warfare insignia or "dolphins."

"I could not be more proud of my crew. They used this opportunity to further their training and become professional submariners," Carullo said.

Over the course of the

deployment, Greeneville completed multiple missions in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Greeneville is the 61st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 22nd improved Los Angeles-class attack submarine. Commissioned in 1996, Greeneville is the first ship of the United States Navy to be named after a small town in eastern Tennessee.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

Diverse Views



What do you think has been the most significant accomplishment(s) for women over the past decades?



Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class (SW) Michael Campos

"Kathryn D. Sullivan was the first American woman to walk in space during an extra-vehicular activity on the Space Shuttle Challenger."

Engineman 2nd Class (SW) Daniel Nieves

"Having women on submarines was a great accomplishment."



Tech. Sgt. Celeste Perry 15th MDSS

"Women are able to serve in the military without discrimination. Women like Oprah have paved the way for many people, and Laura Bush promoting education for women and children around the world."

Master Sgt. Wanatoshia Everage 15th MOS

"Women are now holding high political offices like Secretary of State and on the U. S. Supreme Court."



(Provided by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico and David D. Underwood Jr.)

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Scott holds title of first American woman pilot

Photo courtesy Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Office of History

The first American woman pilot, Blanche Stuart "Betty" Scott, soloed in a Curtiss Pusher over the Lake Keuka Field of the Curtiss Company at Hammondsport, N. Y. on Sept. 2, 1911. Always up for a challenge, Scott took an interest in flying when she saw the Wright aircraft in flight as she drove through Dayton, Ohio. She retired from active flying in 1916. After a career in print and broadcast media, Scott returned to the headlines on Sept. 6, 1948, when she became the first American woman to ride in a jet. Then Capt. Charles "Chuck" Yeager took her up in a TF-80C (later designated the P-80 Shooting Star).



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Local commands are winners of 2010 CNO Environmental Award

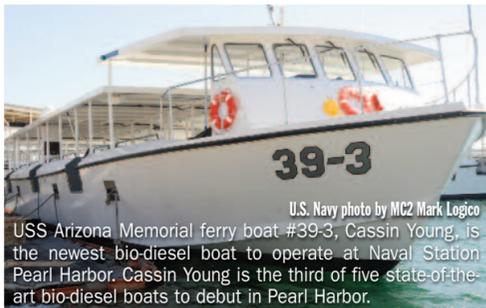
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The former Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NSPH) was among three Hawaii commands recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for exceptional environmental stewardship. NSPH, now called Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) after the Navy and Air Force installation functions combined in 2010, won the 2010 CNO Environmental Award for sustainability (non-industrial installation).

Other Hawaii commands recognized were Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor for sustainability (individual or team award), and Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet for environmental planning teamwork.

The CNO environmental



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico
USS Arizona Memorial ferry boat #39-3, Cassin Young, is the newest bio-diesel boat to operate at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Cassin Young is the third of five state-of-the-art bio-diesel boats to debut in Pearl Harbor.

awards program recognizes Navy ships, installations, individuals or teams for their commitment to protecting and sustaining the natural environment. Twenty-seven winners were selected in 10 award categories.

The categories include natural resources conservation, cultural resources management, environmental quality, sustainability, environmental restoration and environmental planning. The CNO award winners will be honored June

7 in a ceremony at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has implemented several key sustainability initiatives. One project is the implementation of several photovoltaic (PV) energy generation projects throughout the base. A \$15 million project to install 2.5MW of solar PV generation panels on the roofs of five buildings will produce 3.4GW hours of energy annually, which is equal to

the annual energy needs of approximately 440 homes.

Another unique renewable energy effort is a partnership with the joint Department of Defense (DoD) community on Oahu to develop a large-scale solar PV multiple-award contract. A site for solar PV development is the historic Ford Island runway.

Other accomplishments include air conditioning re-engineering projects, facility energy audits, energy and water conservation retrofits, and xeriscaping at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. An energy savings performance contract awarded in 2009 will allow for lighting retrofits in 36 facilities and air conditioning upgrades in four facilities, all contributing to energy savings of \$8.4 million over the next 15 years.

In 2009, new USS Arizona Memorial biodiesel ferry boats were put into service. The five environmentally friendly boats are equipped

with clean fuel technology innovations and are optimized for operation with biodiesel fuel.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is actively involved in various working groups with a focus on implementing sustainability practices, such as the Honolulu Clean Cities working group and joint DOD partnerships seeking to identify Hawaii clean energy and military energy security initiatives.

Joint base has a successful energy conservation awareness and outreach program. The building energy monitor program provides grassroots assistance in improving energy consumption and conservation in JBPHH facilities, and a school outreach program brings energy conservation training to schools with a high percentage of Navy family members.

FISC initiatives included a combination of facility upgrades and personnel

training in energy conservation which resulted in a 32 percent drop in energy consumption at FISC Pearl Harbor.

The environmental sustainability team at FISC also initiated a proposal to replace command vehicles with alternatively-fueled vehicles when feasible. The first vehicle, a hydrogen-powered hybrid SUV, was obtained in July.

Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet was awarded the environmental planning team award for its work in the Hawaii-Southern California Range Complex.

Vice Adm. William R. Burke, deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics, said, "Bravo zulu to all the winners and to the many other nominees. You exemplify the Navy's steadfast commitment to protecting and sustaining the environment as a global force for good."

FISC Pearl Harbor earns CNO Sustainability Team Award

Story and photo by
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Fleet and Industrial Supply
Center, Pearl Harbor

In recognition of its unflinching commitment to environmental stewardship, the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor was selected as the winner of the 2010 Chief of Naval Operation Sustainability Team Award.

"I was almost speechless when I heard of the award," said Capt. John Polowczyk, commanding officer of FISC Pearl Harbor. "It's an honor and a privilege to be associated with FISC's environmental sustainability team."

The team referred to by Polowczyk included Scott Hedrick, deputy fuel director; Lt. John Casilio, public works officer; Lt. Jason



Logistics Specialist 2nd Class George Baltazar stencils an environmental message onto a storm drain that leads into Pearl Harbor. In 2010, Baltazar and other FISC military and civilian personnel stenciled 159 storm drains with messages reminding passersby that waste or pollutants dumped into the drains will eventually reach the ocean.

Jackson, petroleum intern; Daniel Muranaka, fuel laboratory director; and Alan Sughara, environmental coordinator.

"This command cares very much for environmental stewardship," Casilio said. "It's something extremely important and paramount to what we do."

The team's successes in 2010 substantiated the lieutenant's remarks. Among its most significant accomplishments were:

- A combination of facility upgrades and personnel training in energy conservation resulted in a 32 percent drop in energy consumption at FISC Pearl Harbor. The 32 percent decrease was far below the Department of Defense's (DoD) target level. (In this case, being below the target is a good thing.)
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- It began operation of an industrial wastewater treatment plant at the fuel oil reclamation facility.

- The project reclaimed nearly 800,000 gallons of "not ready for issue" fuel during 2009 and 2010. There was a time when the fuel would have been disposed of as oily waste, but its reclamation enabled it to be sold, which also reduced the nation's dependence on foreign fuel.

- The team conducted an earth day fair that addressed a wide variety of environmental matters. Coinciding with the fair was a storm drain stenciling project in which 159 drains were stenciled with environmental messages.

In 2011, the team has already been working hard to ensure that environmental resources will be available for future generations. It is currently planning an even more ambitious earth day than the one it organized in 2010. In late February, Polowczyk signed the first policy statement in FISC's history to address environmental and natural resources protection.

The team emphasized that it could not have achieved its success without the support of the entire FISC Pearl community. Team members are hopeful that FISC personnel will continue to support the environmental protection program throughout 2011 and beyond.

An awards ceremony will be held June 7 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen
Staff Sgt. Eric Jordan, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, removes pitot covers during a pre-flight maintenance inspection on a C-17 before departing on a humanitarian mission to Japan on March 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The plane will visit various Air Force bases in Japan during its mission to provide support for Japan relief efforts in the wake of tsunami and earthquake damage there.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Cohen A. Young
Tech Sgt. Timothy Connor of the Pacific Air Force F-16 Demonstration Team answers questions from the children of the Australian Air League, sunbury Squadron on March 5 while attending the Australia International Airshow outside Geelong, Australia. The event is one of the largest airshows in the world. The U.S. and Australian alliance spans more than 60 years and provides an opportunity for U.S and senior military officials to engage with their Australian counterparts, and ultimately contribute toward interoperability between our forces.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Cutridge
The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 11 after a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region. Greenville departed Pearl Harbor on Sept. 10, 2010 on her western Pacific deployment, the first in more than three years.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Devon Dow
Lt. Ben Cordle from Rome, Ga., assigned to Patrol Squadron 4, disembarks a P-3 aircraft at Naval Air Facility Misawa. The squadron has temporarily repositioned in Misawa so it can better expedite relief efforts in Japan, following a 9.0 magnitude earthquake that triggered a massive tsunami off the eastern coast of Japan. The squadron will provide search and rescue, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley
Utilities personnel relocate important electrical and compressed air lines out of warehouse buildings 146 and 147 in September 2010, prior to demolition. Special trenches were dug to redirect power lines away from the two warehouses so that surrounding buildings would retain power after their demolition.



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley
(Above) Working in the Hokolani housing area, NAVFAC Hawaii personnel annually check each wastewater manhole, looking for potential problems in the lines prior to pressure washing them. By pressure washing them, they move debris down the pipeline to a location where it can be physically removed to prevent future sanitary sewer overflow from occurring.



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.
Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, meets with members of Friends of Hickam on March 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, during a 15th Wing orientation tour and social. The Friends of Hickam are local community representatives who serve as facilitators between the 15th Wing and the Hawaii community and seek to support, promote and foster strong relations with 15th Wing leaders.

Pacific Partnership 2011 to test disaster response capabilities

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) is preparing to launch an interagency, international mission March 21, aimed at providing a fast, coordinated response should disaster strike the Pacific Ocean region.

Pacific Partnership 2011 will kick off when the amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland leaves its San Diego port to become the lead U.S. vessel during a five-month mission through Oceania, said Navy Capt. Jesse A. Wilson Jr., the mission commander and commander, Destroyer Squadron 23.

The participants, a mix of about 600 military, interagency and non-governmental organizational medical professionals and engineers hailing from several nations, will visit Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua-New Guinea, Timor-Leste and the Federated States of Micronesia, Wilson said. PACOM, working through U.S. Pacific Fleet, launched the Pacific Partnership initiative in 2005 after a devastating December 2004 tsunami struck the region. The annual mission focuses on reinforcing relationships formed through the tsunami response and laying groundwork to ensure



The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) maneuvers into its pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a two-day port visit. On May 8, 2010 Mercy is en route for a humanitarian mission to the western Pacific and Southeast Asia supporting Pacific Partnership 2010. Pacific Partnership 2010 is the fifth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian civic assistance endeavors aimed at strengthening regional relationships with host and partner nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania.

future preparedness, Wilson said.

Through a variety of humanitarian and civic assistance projects, Pacific Partnership provides a framework for the United States to work collaboratively with its international, interagency and non-governmental partners to conduct an effective humanitarian assistance and disaster relief response, he said.

Militarily, Pacific Partnership 2011 will be heavily Navy, but it also will include a Marine Corps contingent to oper-

ate vehicles and equipment, and Army and Air Force representatives.

The interagency participation will include a State Department representative to join Wilson aboard USS Cleveland for the entire mission, and U.S. Agency for International Development officials, as well as their international counterparts, to operate primarily ashore.

More than a dozen non-governmental organizations also will contribute manpower and expertise.

"This is more than a whole-of-government

approach," Wilson said. "It's the whole of several governments (and their NGOs) to make sure we are all working in sync to leverage all the efforts we are doing."

The U.S. Coast Guard also will participate in the exercise for the first time, with two cutters supporting various phases of the overall mission. USCGC Jarvis will join the operations in Tonga and USCGC Sequoia in Micronesia.

In addition, Australia will contribute two landing craft ships; Japan, a maritime self-defense force ves-

sel, and New Zealand, the amphibious sealift ship HMNZS Canterbury, that is currently supporting the hurricane response in Christchurch.

A French helicopter crew will be embarked on board Canterbury, and Canada, Singapore and Spain will deploy teams to support Pacific Partnership 2011.

As they join together this year for the first time for Pacific Partnership, the three U.S. maritime services - the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard - will promote three of the six core competencies

embodied in their collective maritime strategy, Wilson said.

"One of them is humanitarian assistance and disaster response," Wilson said. "And that is not a buzzword. It is not something we do when we feel like it. It is part of our mission."

The mission also provides forward presence and engagement.

"We are a global force for good," Wilson said. "That is our motto. And to do that, you need to be out and about and available and engaging with your partners and host nations."

Sixth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force visits Hawaii ROTC detachment

Cadet Tony Huang

ROTC Det. 175

HONOLULU, Hawaii -- Cadets from Air Force ROTC Detachment 175 hosted the sixth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James M. McCoy at the University of Hawaii at Manoa recently. McCoy served more than 50 years of combined service to the Air Force as an Airman and civilian.

The day looked like any other ROTC leadership laboratory with a three-hour block of Air Force leadership instruction. However, when word spread of a special guest speaker and the title he once held, his visit caught many cadets

off guard.

"Are you sure it's chief master sergeant of the Air Force?" asked one cadet. "Wow, that's crazy," another replied.

Shortly after conversing with Lt. Col. Joe White, Detachment 175 commander, and the rest of the cadre, McCoy had his picture taken along with Bravo Flight, the honor and warrior flight at the time.

This was the first time many of the cadre and cadets had ever seen or met a chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

"It was a very humbling experience. I learned from him, to avoid tunnel vision and have an open minded approach to the Air Force," said

Cadet Holly Hewitt.

Another cadet, Otto Teson, added, "It was a real honor to listen to Chief McCoy. [Learn] to value advice from people with experience."

Throughout the entire morning, the cadets listened to the chief's vast number of life experiences accumulated over a long and distinguished career.

"I enjoyed that he came over because he was so knowledgeable, met so many people and had so many experiences," said Cadet Jodie Hasebe.

"I liked hearing his stories. Even though times have changed, I still learned so much from them," Hasebe said.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. McCoy visits ROTC cadets from Detachment 175 at the University of Hawaii on Feb. 17.

Marines tour Lake Erie to get taste of Navy life at sea



U.S. Navy photo by ET3 Matthew Rodriguez

Lt. Jay Stucki explains to Marines from Company I, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion what to expect on any given day onboard a Navy ship.

Ensign Kelly Waller

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

Marines from Company I, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion toured the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) recently in an effort to expand their knowledge of Navy life at sea.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Kritenbrink explained that most Marines who stay in the

service will deploy with an MEU at some point in their careers and spend time on a ship. The tour of the Lake Erie was an introduction to what they may see and experience at some point in their careers.

"Many of the Marines at Company I are first-term Marines and have never been on a ship or interacted with any kind of tactical, theater or strategic asset," he said. "We wanted to pro-

vide them an opportunity to gain an appreciation and understanding for our Navy counterparts, what they do, how they do it, and the life they lead while doing their jobs," Kritenbrink said.

While on the Lake Erie, the Marines had an opportunity to tour the ship's bridge, learn about the Lake Erie's capabilities, and visit the berthing and mess areas.

New Friends of Hickam take tour of 15th Wing



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

Jessie Higa, a volunteer historian for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, gives a tour of the Atterbury Circle flagpole area during an orientation tour and social for Friends of Hickam members March 10.

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SPAWAR NST FAT brings IT security training to Pearl Harbor



U.S. Navy photo by ITC Sydney McCoy

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jeffery Cleveland and Electronics Technician 3rd Class Antonio Munoz (both from SPAWAR) make a class at Pearl Harbor interesting by having participants play a game of Jeopardy, based on questions from the security+ curriculum being taught. The SPAWAR team provided security training to personnel from various Navy Region Hawaii local commands from Feb. 22 through March 4.

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command NetOps Support Team

The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) NetOps Support Team (NST) Fly-Away Team (FAT) provided IT security training to personnel from various Navy Region Hawaii local commands from Feb. 22 through March 4 during two week-long classes.

The SPAWAR NST program is made up of Navy Reservists who are attached to the SPAWAR Reserve Program (SRP) at multiple units located around the nation.

"When we deploy to the fleet as a team on behalf of SPAWAR, we do not go to receive training, but instead, we bring IT skill-sets from our civilian IT jobs to give training to active duty personnel. This allows active duty commands to benefit from the knowledge and experience of people who have been working in civilian IT jobs and with current technology for many years," explained Chief Personnel Specialist Eugene Tai.

Personnel from USS Chafee (DDG-90), USS Russell (DDG-59), USS Crommelin (FFG-37), Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific and

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet were among those who attended the training.

According to Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 8570.01-M, all DoD civilian employees, military personnel, legalmen and support contractors performing information assurance (IA) functions are mandated to obtain professional IT certifications as approved by the DoD CIO that correspond to the highest level of IA for which the individual is responsible.

At the conclusion of the training, the NST FAT had delivered approximately 700 student-hours of training to 25 students.

Future aviators appreciate F-16



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Cohen A. Young

Tech Sgt. Timothy Connor of the Pacific Air Force F-16 Demonstration Team answers questions from the children of the Australian Air League, Sunbury Squadron on March 5 while attending the Australia International Airshow outside Geelong, Australia. The U.S. and Australian alliance spans more than 60 years and provides an opportunity for U.S. and senior military officials to engage with their Australian counterparts, and ultimately contribute toward interoperability between our forces.

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Cohen A. Young

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GEELONG, Australia – More than 30 future aviators gathered around a Misawa Air Base, Japan F-16 that was used to participate in the 2011 Australia International Airshow from Match 1-6 just outside of Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

The students were members of the Australian Air League, which is a volunteer organization designed to foster children in the field of aviation between 8-18 years old. "Our organization gives the children a better appreciation of how aviation affects Australia," said Michael Diamond, second officer and acting commander of the Sunbury Squadron.

The Pacific Air Force F-16 Demonstration Team, which is based at Misawa Air Base, Japan, was gave the

children a tour of the main U.S. performer at the bi-annual airshow, which drew a crowd of more than 180,000 people over a six-day period.

The main public didn't have the opportunity to reach out and touch the jets like the young aviators did.

"This is an absolute buzz for the children today," Diamond said. "The general public got to see the jets fly, but through your program, the children were able to get closer and speak with the people that handle it and this will be something that they remember for an awful long time."

Many of the children admitted they were excited at the thought of flying an F-16.

"The F-16 is just awesome and the performance we really cool," said 13-year old Emaon Connor, the acting leading cadet.

The students met two of the pilots and many of the maintenance personnel who work on the

F-16 "Wild Weasel."

"It was wonderful having the kids with us and showing them what our whole mission as the PACAF demo team is all about," said Tech Sgt. Timothy Connor, a Salt Lake City, Utah native.

Connor, an egress systems craftsman, showed the children around the plane, introduced them to the other team members, and answered many of their questions.

"The ability for the children to be able to come out here and put their hands on the aircraft allowed them to see the bigger picture of what we and their pilots do and was pretty awesome," Connor said.

The airshow is one of the biggest in the world and is another of many events that occur between the U.S. and Australia, who have been partners for more than 60 years. AIA 2011 ultimately contributes toward interoperability between the two forces.

Parents: provide a local point of contact

Liz Gocong

School liaison for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Parents, perhaps when you moved to the islands, your emergency point of contact when you registered your child was an off-island relative or friend. That is

understandable as at the time you were in temporary lodging.

Now that you are established, it is very important for you, the school, and your child, to update and provide schools with a local point of contact in case of emergency. As the school year starts up next year, ensure you have a local point of contact listed on your child information card at school.

Corpsman named MARFORPAC Sailor of the Year

Story and photo by Cpl. Reece E. Lodder

Hawaii Marine

Cramped in a small room within the stark, gray halls of the 3rd Marines' Regimental Aid Station, a quiet hospital corpsman diligently attends to his duties. Though the uncomfortable mid-day mugginess plagues his office, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Andrew Jenkins works comfortably, his brow remaining untouched by sweat.

While the environment is modest, it is the classroom where the White Cloud, Mich. native has labored and grown. In recognition of his leadership and success, Jenkins, the leading petty officer of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Battalion Aid Station, was selected as the 2010 Sailor of the Year for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific on Feb. 25.

Prior to this selection, Jenkins was recognized as Sailor of the Year for 1/3, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division and III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"Whether in garrison or in combat, Jenkins' positive can-do attitude has set him apart," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Bradley Weiss, leading chief petty officer, 3rd Marine Regiment Aid Station.

"His maturity and pro-



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Andrew Jenkins, leading petty officer of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Battalion Aid Station, was selected as the 2010 Sailor of the Year for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. On March 26, Jenkins will compete against his peers to earn honors as Sailor of the Year for U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Professionalism have helped him progress faster than most Sailors, and made his presence apparent across the whole fleet Marine force in Kaneohe Bay. Jenkins will do the right thing for every Sailor, whether people are watching or not," Weiss said.

Drawing on the experience of his father and the leadership he has served under, Jenkins said he has

tried to emulate them and seek their guidance by "closing my mouth and opening my ears."

"My approach to leadership is not to focus on what I've done myself, but on what I've been able to do for the people who work around me," Jenkins said.

"In raising other leaders, I strive to set the standard for them to follow, which allows them to mentor and

enrich the lives of their juniors and peers. From here, you take one great leader and multiply him by many."

While spending time with his Sailors and working to provide them tools for success, like educational resources online, Jenkins has helped his Sailors learn to lead and be led — matching mentors with protégés and vice versa.

"I can learn everything in this world, but someday the Navy will sail on without me," Jenkins said. "Everything I know and learn, I want to pass on to someone who can carry it further."

While Jenkins' thirst to better his Sailors has benefited them in everyday garrison life, these benefits have manifested far beyond the confines of the base.

During Jenkins' deployment to Nawa district, Helmand province, Afghanistan, with 1/3 from November 2009 to June 2010, Weiss said he "integrated with his Marines and became a vital part of their team even when it came to setting up a combat outpost."

In country, Jenkins labored to perform his duties as a corpsman, but rose over and above simply completing his regular tasks. On duty, he worked to move medical assets closer to the front lines, worked with higher commands to streamline the ordering and reception of

combat medical equipment, and identified and mended deficiencies of medical logistics within his area of operation.

"Although Jenkins has never been trained to be a Marine, his leadership ability and pride to get things done helped him excel on the deployment," Weiss said. "He used every opportunity he had to make a positive impact and do the right thing, even in remote locations in Afghanistan."

Jenkins also worked to equip Marines, Sailors and members of the Afghan National Army with emergency life-saving classes, and provided dental treatment classes to children and adults from within the local population of Nawa district. When his tasks were completed, he volunteered his time to help his fellow Marines and Sailors, dedicating his time to patrols, assisting the chaplain, and distributing care packages.

"Jenkins is exceptional at balancing the operational requirements and the needs of his Sailors," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Ryan Noyes of the 1/3.

"He displays both a depth of knowledge about the Navy and Marine Corps, and a genuine concern for his men that has been vital to our success," Noyes said. "It's clear to me that his own success as a leader was drawn from his concise and

readily accessible knowledge, which I've been aspiring to since we met."

Even amidst his success, Jenkins bears a quiet, calculated confidence built on his experiences in garrison and combat, and resolute in the importance of his mission.

"I love what I do because I'm following a long and proud tradition of Navy warriors that have set a high standard for us to follow," Jenkins said. "It has increased my motivation to understand that every little thing we do back here supports the effort of our deployed troops, and ensures the freedom of the United States and our allies."

On March 26, Jenkins will compete against his peers to earn honors as Sailor of the Year for U.S. Pacific Fleet. Nonetheless, Weiss said that the impact of Jenkins' determination and leadership will long be felt within and outside the halls of the 3rd Marine Regiment RAS, regardless of how he places.

"Leadership is dynamic, between listening and putting things into action," Weiss said. "Being able to combine the two is an important part of being a leader, and Jenkins does this extremely well. No matter what the outcome is with his Pacific Fleet board, everyone who serves around him will continue to benefit from his career."



Help prevent sanitary sewer overflows

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The "can," or more commonly referred to as the "toilet," is a plumbing fixture used to dispose of human waste.

It should not be confused with trash cans. "What gets flushed down the toilet doesn't magically disappear," said Preston Iha, wastewater branch utilities manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii. "Rather it is moved through many pipelines, large and small, with the intent of ending up at the Navy's wastewater treatment plant for processing."

If toilets are used as trash cans, products that should not be flushed into the wastewater collection system (sewer system) can cause a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO). A SSO is the release of raw sewage into the environment, our streets and even into your home through your sinks, showers,



U.S. Navy photo by Thomas Obungen
A NAVFAC Hawaii wastewater treatment plant operator removes rags and debris from the plant's headworks. Should these items not be sifted out and collected prior to the start of sewage treatment, they would cause damage to the plant's many treatment tanks.

toilets and roadway manhole covers.

The primary function of the wastewater collection system is to convey human waste to a treatment plant or facility where it is correctly processed for environmentally friendly reuse and disposal. When products that should not be flushed get into our pipelines, it can clog them up and lead to a SSO.

"If you're not sure a product can be flushed, then don't flush it," Iha said. "Unfortunately, common sense is not always used and people do not realize the consequences of their actions and its impacts downstream."

The items that cause the biggest problem and the most SSOs are disposable wipes and rags and other cleaning items, such as paper towels, rags and sponges. These items and other non-human waste rubbish do not dissolve in the wastewater pipeline and

cause clogs.

Other undesirable materials that get flushed include feminine hygiene products, condoms, moist towelettes, disposable diapers, baby wipes, cloth bandages, dental floss, cotton balls, Q-tips, etc. All of these items contribute to and cause clogs and SSOs that can endanger us and our environment.

And, don't forget fats, oils and grease (FOG). These items can also do a lot of damage to our wastewater collection system. FOGs, which are usually byproducts of cooking such as food scraps, lard, shortening, butter, margarine, etc., usually enter the wastewater collection system through the act of cleaning up after a meal, such as washing dishes, pots and pans.

It is important to note that hot water and dish soap will not take care of this issue. Even detergents that claim to dissolve grease pass the problem down the pipe, allowing grease to build up and clog sewer lines. The proper way to dispose of these items is to let them cool, congeal, and then empty them into the trash can.

Basically, if it's not human waste, water or toilet paper, it should not be flushed down the toilet. Non-organic and biodegradable products don't necessarily mean they will break down in water and shouldn't be placed into the wastewater collection system.

"Everyone's cooperation in preventing all non-flushable items from being discarded into the sewer system and correctly disposing of them into trash cans will make a huge difference in protecting our environment and property," Iha said. "SSOs not only affect the responders who have to deal with the raw sewage mess, but can also hurt those you love by exposing them to unnecessary wastewater line breaks and overflows and cost the Navy dollars that can be put to better use."

For more information or questions on SSOs and what you can do to help stop them, call the NAVFAC Hawaii wastewater branch utilities manager at 471-0076. If you spot an SSO on Navy property, report it to the NAVFAC Hawaii emergency service desk at 471-8481.

USS Chicago namesake artist remembered

**Story and photo by
MC2 Ronald Guttridge**

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Chief submariners from the USS Chicago (USS 721) paid tribute to a former namesake artist, Jim Alt, by displaying one of his watercolor paintings of the city of Chicago at a remembrance viewing ceremony held in the dive tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 9.

Anita Alt, guest speaker and wife of the deceased artist, spoke about her husband and what this ceremony means to her and her family who attended.



Master Chief Fire Control Technician (SS) John Butcher, chief of the boat; Cmdr. Nicholas Tilbrook, USS Chicago (USS 721) commanding officer; Sharon Alt, Anita Alt and Chief Yeoman (SS) Travis Stokes pay tribute to a former namesake artist, Jim Alt, by displaying one of his watercolor paintings of the city of Chicago at a remembrance viewing ceremony held in the dive tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 9.

"I am grateful to the United States Navy and the crew of Chicago for allowing my family to be here today to fulfill a wish that Jim had envisioned," Anita said. "I know he is with us now as we view his painting of Chicago on this anniversary of his passing."

In the mid-1980s, Jim Alt worked for the American Academy of Art in Chicago, Ill. He was employed as an aspiring artist, recruiter and assistant to the owner of the academy. At the time, the U.S. Navy was building a brand new submarine named after Chicago and Jim was asked to

paint a watercolor conveying the spirit of Chicago.

This painting went on to be displayed in the chief's mess on board the new Los Angeles-class submarine for many years. Following the artist's death on March 9, 2010, the chiefs of USS Chicago wanted to pay tribute. Jim Alt's painting was an inspiration to many chiefs who served on Chicago and after time, it began to show wear.

As Chicago resides in the shipyard undergoing maintenance repairs, the painting also received some repairs by the chiefs. It was cleaned and refurbished with a new frame, one that will last many more deployments.

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Renovation and demolition efforts save history at Pearl Harbor

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii completed demolition of two derelict warehouses along Pearl Harbor's Mike Piers on Feb. 25 as part of an extensive, multi-year historic preservation initiative that included the restoration and reuse of a third historically significant building.

"The broad scope of this project involved many steps before becoming the final product you see today," said Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, NAVFAC Hawaii assistant regional engineer. "Identifying unnecessary buildings six years ago, to remodeling building 148 in 2010, and the subsequent demolition of buildings 146 and 147 last month, this initiative benefits the Navy by consolidating facility requirements and eliminating excess infrastructure so we can best leverage our limited



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

In January, building 147, a warehouse, was taken down by NAVFAC Hawaii transportation operations personnel in less than one day. However, the separation of recyclable materials and cleanup of the demolition site took weeks to complete.

Referencing an assessment conducted in 2005, the Navy identified warehouse buildings 146, 147 and 148 as suitable for demolition under the Department of Defense (DoD) Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement (PMOA), which authorizes the demolition of World War II (1939-1946) temporary structures that are eligible

for the National Register of Historic Places.

NAVFAC Hawaii's environmental team consulted with members of the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division about the project and reached an agreement to demolish buildings 146 and 147 after building 148 was restored to its original character, in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's

Standards for Rehabilitation.

In September 2008, NAVFAC Hawaii awarded a design-build contract to Niking Corp. to restore building 148 using new and salvaged materials from buildings 146 and 147, such as wood windows, lighting fixtures, structural support members, and industrial sliding doors. Renovations and upgrades brought the total cost of the contract work to \$3.3 million.

"The design process initially began with an on-site pre-design meeting between the contractor and Navy architects," said Jeff Dodge, NAVFAC Hawaii architect. "Discussion covered the scope of the project and selected different historical cues, such as divided light windows and corrugated sidings, that were important to retain."

After identifying unsalvageable portions of building 148, Niking installed new corrugated metal roofing and siding and painted the panels in a style that mimics the

original look of the building, circa 1941.

The interior also received an overhaul, starting with its electrical and lighting system that was brought up to code, ultimately earning the building a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification when renovations were complete in April 2010.

This allowed NAVFAC Hawaii to begin remediation, abatement and finally demolition of the remaining buildings, reducing the Navy's inventory of underutilized buildings and their costs, while building 148 began serving as secured storage and office space for the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF).

Remediation crews suited up in late April 2010 to begin abatement on floor tiles laden with asbestos in buildings 146 and 147. After a short delay in June due to the 2010 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercises, work continued

until August. Approximately 90 cubic yards of material was removed from the two buildings.

In September 2010, an extensive process of detaching and rerouting utility and air compressor lines to nearby buildings got underway. Later in the fall, transportation equipment operators and truck drivers began planning how they would execute the building's demolition work.

Each of the two warehouse structures took one day to demolish, buildings 147 in January and building 146 in February. Once the warehouses were down, the crew spent two weeks segregating and hauling construction debris off-site to clear the footprint area for each building.

Approximately 60 loads of recyclable metals were transported to Schnitzer Steel Hawaii and Lennox Metals at Campbell Industrial Park. There were 125 loads of other construction debris taken to PVT Land Co. in Nanakuli.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard hosts DoD maintenance workshop

Story and photo by Liane Nakahara

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard hosted more than 50 Department of Defense (DoD) employees at the 3rd Annual Depot Maintenance Continuous Performance Improvement Workshop on March 2. and 3.

The shipyard won the 2010 Department of Defense Award for Excellence in Depot Maintenance, called the Robert T. Mason Award.

"I have a passion for process improvement and enhancing efficiency," said Capt. Brian Osgood, shipyard commander. "This conference is a terrific forum to share ideas and experiences among all maintenance activities in the Department of Defense."

Workshop attendees came to Hawaii from various commands across multiple military services, stretching from the East Coast to Japan.

The workshop kicked off in traditional Hawaiian fashion with the ceremonial blowing of a conch shell and a hula performance with Hawaiian chanting.

During opening remarks, JD Sicilia, the director of strategic management and performance in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, thanked everyone for attending and the shipyard



Capt. Brian Osgood, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard commander, addresses attendees at the 3rd Annual DoD Depot Maintenance Continuous Performance Improvement Workshop. Attendees included more than 50 Department of Defense (DoD) employees from various commands across multiple services, stretching from the east coast to Japan.

for "hosting this wonderful conference."

A retired Army officer, Sicilia has experience being both a warfighter and a maintainer in the DoD. He said he was excited to hear attendees sharing ideas that will help break down the barriers that prevent organizations from solving their problems.

Sicilia explained that the DoD could be considered the largest organization in the world in terms of personnel size and budget.

Quoting actor Clint Eastwood from the movie *Heartbreak Ridge*, Sicilia said, "Adapt, adjust and overcome. I feel that's what we do. We work to overcome obstacles and adapt what

may not have worked in the past to meet today's needs."

"Every depot is different, yet they are the same in some respects," said workshop speaker Gregg Fogarty, deputy to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Maintenance Policy and Programs. "General process improvements can be applied anywhere."

"Maintenance is approximately 15 percent of the Department of Defense budget," Fogarty said. "Because of that, we are a big opportunity for savings and improvement."

In addition to plenary and breakout sessions at the Hale Koa Hotel, attendees also toured the 148-acre shipyard to see first-

hand the performance improvements that have been implemented in recent years. These improvements, such as initiating the development of "Communities of Practice," were instrumental in PHNSY and IMF winning the Robert T. Mason Award.

"The shipyard has a lot to share with the rest of the maintenance community, but we also have a lot we can learn from other commands," Osgood said. "Participation in these conferences are important because we are not only sharing ideas, but we are also building good working relationships with other attendees."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard supervisor is honored for patriotism

Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Roland Desilva, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY and IMF) operations and planning department chief scheduler, was presented with the Patriot Award on March 2 for his encouragement of employee participation in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) force.

ESGR is a Department of Defense (DoD) National Committee that promotes cooperation and understanding between reserve component members and their civilian employers and assists in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.

"When I was standing up there on stage with the award, I represented every shipyard manager and supervisor," Desilva said. "Our whole shipyard was recognized for its participation, and that's what I'm proud of. It can be challenging to work around reservists' and guardsmen's schedules, but we understand and fully support the government mission."

The award was presented at PHNSY and IMF by Robert Borek, new ESGR chair, who is a retired U.S. Marine Corps artillery officer, owner of Pacific Wealth Management LLC and an independent financial consultant. He was joined by



U.S. Navy photo by CS3 Daniel Bradshaw

Roland Desilva, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY and IMF) Operations and Planning Department chief scheduler, receives the Patriot Award from Army Reserve "ambassador" P. Pasha Baker and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) chair Robert Borek. The ESGR award honored Desilva's encouragement and cooperation of reserviced personnel and guardsmen in the PHNSY and IMF workplace.

U.S. Army Reserves "Ambassador" P. Pasha Baker, who represents the state of Hawaii. Baker is the senior advisor and state chair emeritus with the Hawaii committee for ESGR and serves as the National Director of the Navy League of the United States.

Capt. Brian Osgood, PHNSY and IMF commander, signed a statement of support during the ESGR representatives' visit to symbolically indicate PHNSY and IMF's official support of ESGR efforts.

As PHNSY and IMF continues to keep the U.S.

Pacific Fleet "fit to fight" and win national level awards for its maintenance and repair leadership, hundreds of individual shipyard workers have deployed over the past 10 years to support the overseas contingency operation as National Guardsmen and Reservists. In the past two years, a total of 36 PHNSY and IMF civilian workers deployed as military reservists and members of the Hawaii National Guard.

"Many of our shipyard employees currently serve as members of the reserve component of our military forces or as members of the

Hawaii National Guard," Osgood said. "Their military requirements often mean that they must train and deploy with their reserve or guard unit, and we strongly support these reservists and guardsmen. We take very seriously the responsibilities we have as their employer."

Samuel K. P. Wong, ESGR Program support manager, also represented ESGR at the PHNSY and IMF presentation. ESGR was established in 1972 and operates through a network of thousands of volunteers throughout the nation, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Service member receives HPD certificate of merit

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Lt. Kenneth W. Taipin Jr., a police officer at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was recently awarded a Civilian Certificate of Merit by Louis M. Kealoha, chief of police for Honolulu Police Department (HPD), for assisting with the arrest of a suspect involved in an alleged theft and assault.

According to the citation, Taipin was at Shark's Cove on Nov. 16, 2010 when he observed a man arguing with a woman about stealing his bicycle. When the lieutenant attempted to intervene, the female punched the male and fled.

Then Taipin called 9-1-1 and he and the male followed the female to Ehukai Beach Park. The citation explained that when HPD officers

arrived on the scene and tried to arrest the suspect, she became combative as an officer tried several times to arrest her.

When Taipin observed that the officer needed help, he assisted HPD in subduing the woman until additional HPD officers arrived.

"Your experience as a Department of Defense police officer certainly helped in this incident," the citation said.

"Your actions during this highly stressful situation speak highly of your strength of character and leadership. In recognition of your actions, I am proud to present to you the Honolulu Police Department's certificate of merit," Kealoha said.



Photo courtesy of the Honolulu Police Department

Louis M. Kealoha, chief of police for Honolulu Police Department (HPD), presents a civilian certificate of merit to Lt. Kenneth W. Taipin Jr., a police officer at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Taipin assisted HPD officers with the arrest of a suspect involved in an alleged theft and assault.

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a house was literally taken off its foundation and sailed across the bay before finally sinking ... it gives you an idea of the kind of power that you're dealing with and the good fortune we had," Abercrombie said.

Abercrombie was thankful that only property damage occurred in Hawaii and there was no catastrophe involving loss of life or injury. "Nobody got killed or hurt, because everybody paid attention," the governor said.

Had there been massive damage, extending beyond the county's capability, the Hawaii National Guard would have been called in to help, according to Logan.

"There would have been a joint effort run by either Joint Task Force Homeland Defense, (the U.S. Pacific Command), or (U.S. Army Pacific), and the adjutant general would have formed a team so that, together, we could support the neighborhood as we did during Hurricane Iniki in 1992," Logan said.

The Hawaii National Guard was standing by starting Thursday afternoon, once they were warned that the tsunami was coming, he said.

"We would have used helicopters to save people from rooftops, like you see in Japan, had the water come up that far," Logan said. "We would have had teams out doing hazardous materials inspections and teams to do search and rescue and search and extraction from collapsed buildings and structures."

The recovery period could still take months, Abercrombie said, but people are already back in business and volunteers are helping to clean up debris.

"My biggest impression is how fast we're coming back from the damage that was done," the governor said.

Prepared Hawaii joint base feels no effect of tsunami

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craft support equipment moved around on the flight line to get (it) out of low-lying areas," Kitchens said. "We braced our ships by removing brows in the event there was a change in height of the ship next to the pier due to the tsunami wave. We didn't want brows to fall into the water, and we certainly didn't want anyone on the brows when that kind of activity was occurring," he said.

One family on the installation chose to leave their home and went to a community center as an optional measure, he said. Four families from the north shore went to the Wahiawa annex base gym, but returned home quickly as soon as the all-clear was given.

He gave credit for the base's overall preparedness to the "lessons learned" from last year's Hawaii tsunami experience, saying all the staff this year had a level of confidence and were able to understand potential impacts much more clearly than when he was a commanding officer here a year ago.

In the end, there were no reports of any damage or injuries of any kind although throughout the islands of Hawaii, there was some damage in a number of locations, the commander said.

"Our hearts certainly go out to the families and the people of the nation of Japan," Kitchens said. "What a tragic, devastating thing to occur. It's stunning, (and) it's hard to understand what it would be like here if we were to have something like that occur. We stand ready as a joint base to support in any way our nation's efforts to support the nation and people of Japan."

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