

## Joint Base service members honored



U.S. Navy photo by Chris Aguinaldo  
Master Sgt. Jeannie Washington, 15th Medical Operations Squadron, and Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW/AW) Nicholas Angelo Messina, U.S. Pacific Fleet, are presented certificates by Ray Ono, vice chairman and chief banking officer, First Hawaiian Bank, at the 26th annual Military Recognition Luncheon on May 19. They were among seven outstanding Hawaii service members who received Exceptional Contributions in Community Service certificates at the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii event at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

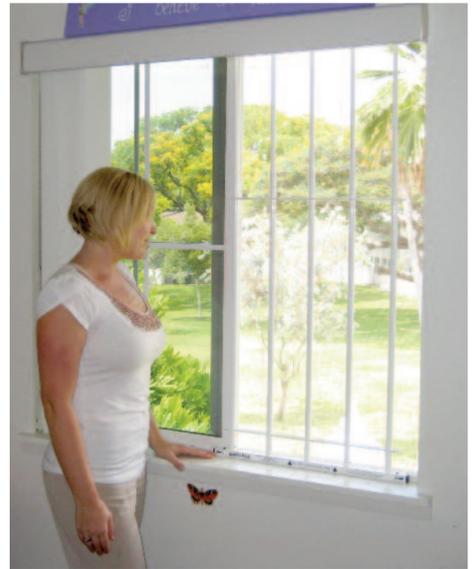


Photo courtesy of Forest City

Above is an example of the window safety devices which can be installed by Forest City if families request them to be provided.

## Safety tips offered to prevent window falls

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

One of the leading causes of injuries to children at home is falls. Falls from windows can be particularly dangerous, and open second story windows are a real safety concern for children.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) recently completed an investigation into falls by children from second story windows in military and public/private venture (PPV) housing in Hawaii. It noted that since November 2007, 18 children in Hawaii have fallen from windows, resulting in one fatality and numerous serious injuries, ranging from skull fractures to broken limbs.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 3,350 children, age five and under, are treated in emergency rooms each year for injuries sustained in window falls. Of those, it is estimated that one out of three require hospitalization and an average of eight children die from their injuries.

Tom Carter, vice president of military housing for Forest City, said “Our number one concern is children’s health and welfare, and we want to do what we can to prevent any future falls.”

He said residents need to be aware of actions they can take to make sure their children are safe, such as keeping furniture away from windows.

Carter advised that Forest City will install window safety devices if families request them to be provided. “These are available. We’re more than happy to put them in,” Carter said.

But he emphasized that proper supervision of children by their parents is most important. “Nothing overrides that,” he said.

Paris Cousin, relocation manager for Forest City, added, “With preventive measures, the majority of these accidents can be avoided.”

A forthcoming Navy message regarding window safety emphasizes, “Windows play a vital role in home safety, keeping our families secure from intruders and serving as an escape route in the event of a fire or other emergency. But they can also pose a significant risk to our children, which otherwise safety-conscious parents often overlook.”

Hickam Communities recently completed a window safety awareness campaign for its housing residents. Their website also offers window safety tips. Visit [www.hickamcommunities.com](http://www.hickamcommunities.com). Then click on “window safety” on the home page.

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## JROTC students pass gas over the Pacific



U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main  
Senior Airman Gregory Bush operates the boom to refuel an F-22 over the Pacific during a routine aerial refueling mission May 12. The flight carried thousands of pounds of fuel as well as more than 30 Junior ROTC students from various high schools around the state.

## Pacific Aviation Museum celebrates Centennial of Naval Aviation

Story and photo by Chris Aguinaldo

Contributing Writer

Commemorating a century of strength and leadership in the air, the Pacific Aviation Museum (PAM) hosted its

Centennial of Naval Aviation dinner May 12.

The celebration took place only four days after the official anniversary of the Navy committing to air power. On May 8, 1911, Navy Capt. Washington Irving Chambers, officer in

charge of aviation, prepared contract specifications to purchase the Navy’s first aircraft, marking the birth of naval aviation.

Hundreds of attendees and guests mustered at the historic site at PAM last week to show their

appreciation for naval aviators and their supporters.

U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Patrick Walsh took the opportunity to thank a crucial part of naval aviation’s continuing success: flight instructors.

“It begins, for all of us [new naval aviators], with an instructor, with someone who, by design, whether you like it or not, [is] gonna get [you] mentored and is going to see you through so that one day, you can be operating at a time and place that

someone else chooses [and] you’ll be on stage, ready on time,” Walsh said.

That kind of readiness isn’t just at wartime, reminded Rear Adm. Charles Ray, commander,

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## Harold Estes, World War II vet, dies

Harold Estes, 96, a World War II veteran and a retired Navy chief boatswain’s mate, died May 17. Estes was involved with bringing the USS Missouri and the USS Bowfin to Pearl Harbor. He was also enshrined in the Navy League Hall of Fame. Services are pending. Additional details will be published in Ho’okele as they become available.



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# Federal Fire Department Hawaii personnel honored for heroism

MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle and the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) honored two personnel from Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii during a ceremony May 11 at the HFD auditorium in Honolulu.

Fire Engineer Chris Wamberg and Firefighter Calvin Pascua, while off-duty, responded to a structure fire in Wahiawa, Hawaii and helped save the life of the occupant inside.

On Dec. 22, 2010, Wamberg and Pascua were driving on California Avenue when they noticed smoke coming from a single family dwelling and a crowd of people gathering by the property.

"When we first got to the property, the scene was very chaotic and you could see the fire and smoke starting to accumulate," Wamberg said. "I asked a lady if there was



Photo courtesy of Honolulu Fire Department

Firefighter Calvin Pascua (fourth from left) and Fire Engineer Chris Wamberg (fifth from left), personnel assigned to Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii, were honored at a ceremony May 11 for their heroic actions. They saved a man from a burning home in Wahiawa on Dec. 22, 2010. Left to right are: FFD Hawaii Deputy Chief of Operations Glenn Kaauwai, FFD Hawaii Deputy Fire Chief Gayland Enriques, Elizabeth Ho, chairperson of Honolulu Fire Commission, Pascua, Wamberg, Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, Michael Sakata from City Councilmember Ernest Martin's office, and Honolulu Fire Department Fire Chief Kenneth Silva.

anyone inside and she stated that there wasn't, but it turned out that there was an elderly gentleman inside the house showering and he wasn't aware that the house was on fire. Luckily, Calvin was on the side of the building where people were more

aware of the situation inside so that he could help get the guy out of there," he explained.

"Once we got the front door open, I proceeded inside with a garden hose and reached the living room where I saw the source of the fire," Pascua

said. "After we were able to put the fire out, HFD searched the house and found the man inside the bathroom and brought him to safety."

HFD arrived approximately three minutes after Wamberg and Pascua engaged the fire and eventu-

ally extinguished the flames completely.

FFD Hawaii Deputy Fire Chief Gayland Enriques noted the importance of Wamberg and Pascua's quick actions.

"With their experience and training to what they were

called to do, they both put their lives in harm's way to save a life, even while off-duty and without the proper personal protective equipment," Enriques said.

Wamberg and Pascua said that they felt honored to be recognized by the mayor and HFD.

"I didn't really expect to receive this much attention for this, but it felt great to be recognized for our actions," Wamberg said.

"Being recognized by the mayor and HFD felt good, but this was just a reactionary measure from what we are trained to do, and we were just in the right place at the right time to be able to help," Pascua said.

Wamberg is assigned to West Loch Fire Station 9 and Pascua is assigned to Pearl City Manana Station 5.

FFD Hawaii is one of only three Navy fire departments and one of 16 Department of Defense fire departments that have received accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

# AFROTC Detachment 175 at University of Hawaii keeps Asian-American heritage alive

Capt. Jamie Andrews

AFROTC Detachment 175

The University of Hawaii's Air Force ROTC Detachment 175 facility is home to a significant piece of history. Their computer and audio-visual laboratory honors Lt. Wah Kau Kong, a fallen hero of Hawaii.

Kong was a graduate of McKinley High School (1936) and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry with honors from the University of Hawaii. He found his love for aviation through flight lessons at what is today the Honolulu International Airport. Eventually he received his commission to be an officer and was quickly transitioned to military flight training.

Upon graduation, Kong was America's first Chinese-American



pilot. He was in many air battles over Europe until Feb. 22, 1944. He was fatally shot down over Germany by the enemy fighter he had just disabled.

Friends of Wah Kau Kong have ensured his legacy is kept alive through the University of Hawaii and the AFROTC Detachment. A fundraising initiative was launched in 1998 by the Peng Hui Fraternity and many others in the Chinese community to establish an endowment to honor the legacy of Kong and to benefit the cadets of AFROTC Det 175 by providing funds to establish a computer lab with Kong's personal effects.

The computer lab includes many historical artifacts, ranging from pictures and personal writings to his actual medals, including his Purple Heart and Air Medal.

The lab's endowment is administered through the University of Hawaii Foundation. During a recent review of documents by Capt. Thomas Wingard, Det 175 member, it was noted that one special item had been overlooked when the artifacts of the lab were assembled. Founders of the endowment specifically requested a replica of Kong's P51 Mustang fighter to be displayed in the lab.

Wingard started a research project to identify the exact plane model and markings in order to correct the omission. He received assistance from the American Fighter Aces Association and the Museum of Flight in Seattle, Wash. The gentlemen there were able to identify that Kong's fighter was in fact the P-51B model, with a squadron code of FT\*F, inscriptions of "No Tickee -

No Washee" on one side of the nose and "Chinaman's Chance" painted on the other, and a tail number of 43-12393.

"It was an effort to make right what was first requested by the endowment's founding supporters," Wingard said. But his efforts paid off after a few short weeks as the 1/48th scale replica of the fighter was delivered to the detachment after being carefully crafted and shipped from a model plane enthusiast, Len Roberto in Huntington, Conn.

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and a special time to remember those brave Asian Pacific Islander forerunners, including Lt. Wah Kau Kong, who have served or continue to serve in our armed forces around the world today.

## HM1 Bernhardt stays focused on Navy

Story and photo by  
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Benjamin Bernhardt is this week's Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Warrior of the Week.

"It's a rewarding rate to be a corpsman," said Bernhardt, who has been in the Navy for 12 years. Assigned to Makalapa Naval Health Clinic located at JBPHH, he is the leading petty officer, serving with about 100 Sailors and civilians working at the facility.

Before being stationed in Hawaii, Bernhardt was assigned to two Marine battalions and one Army company, two of them as an individual augmentee to Iraq and Afghanistan. While in Afghanistan, Bernhardt was assigned at forward-operating base Ripley in Tarin Kowt working with Army Soldiers as part of the forward surgical team for the Army Special Forces. At Ripley, he provided medical care to both Soldiers and local civilians in the area.

"If you save one person, even though you might lose some, you've made a difference," said Bernhardt. "I've had fatal accidents during a lot of our training. Being the person who steps up and being able to save that person's life—that always makes you feel good at the end of the day."

Bernhardt has also served at Naval Health Sewells Point in Norfolk, Va. and at Navy Cargo Handling Battalion (NCHB) 1 at Naval Weapons

Station Yorktown, Cheatham Annex. While assigned to NCHB 1, Bernhardt was able to travel to all seven continents.

"I think it was awesome," said Bernhardt who had the opportunity to go to Antarctica while deployed with NCHB 1.

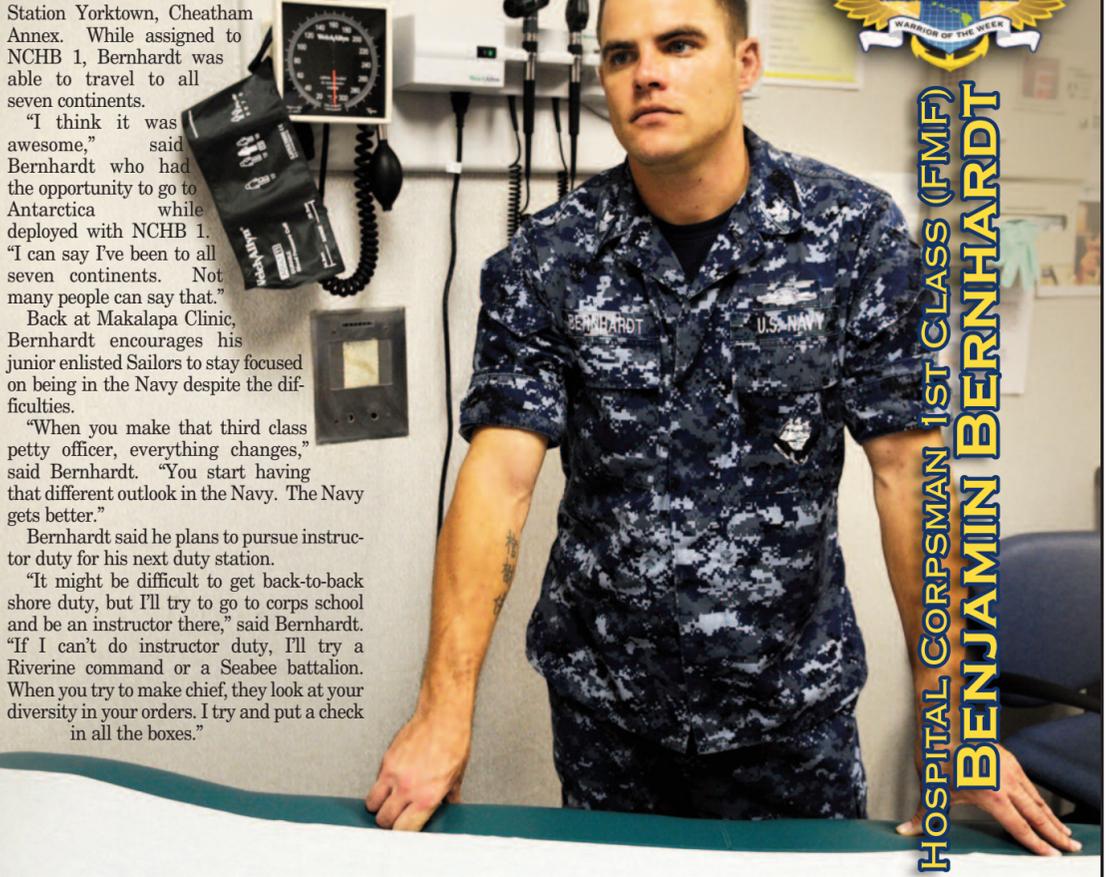
"I can say I've been to all seven continents. Not many people can say that." Back at Makalapa Clinic, Bernhardt encourages his junior enlisted Sailors to stay focused on being in the Navy despite the difficulties.

"When you make that third class petty officer, everything changes," said Bernhardt. "You start having that different outlook in the Navy. The Navy gets better."

Bernhardt said he plans to pursue instructor duty for his next duty station.

"It might be difficult to get back-to-back shore duty, but I'll try to go to corps school and be an instructor there," said Bernhardt.

"If I can't do instructor duty, I'll try a Riverine command or a Seabee battalion. When you try to make chief, they look at your diversity in your orders. I try and put a check in all the boxes."



# Annual HURREX to take place May 25 to June 2

Grace Hew Len

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office

In preparation for hurricane season in Hawaii, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, Navy Region Hawaii will conduct its annual hurricane readiness exercise, HURREX, from May 25 to June 2, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility.

This year, Navy Region Hawaii will conduct HURREX as a pre-landfall exercise from May 25 to 26, and in conjunction with the State Civil Defense post-landfall exercise, Makani Pahili, on May 31 and June 1.

HURREX is conducted

annually to provide Navy commands an opportunity to exercise emergency preparedness and restoration plans prior to hurricane season. Field training and command post exercises will take place at JBPHH and PMRF.

"The exercise is designed to prepare the Navy to respond to weather threats to the region and to maintain the ability to deploy forces even under the most adverse weather conditions," said Mike Smith, Navy Region Hawaii's director of training and readiness. Exercise objectives include improving awareness of actions the Navy is taking in responding to the threat of natural disaster, increasing awareness of its capabilities



U.S. Navy photo

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to protect personnel and family members, and supporting requests from civil authorities when responding to threats of a natural disaster.

The Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) will be activated from May 31 to June 2 for commands to ensure their personnel have updated contact information in NFAAS.

TCCOR (tropical cyclone condition of readiness) levels will be set for commands to execute their TCCOR checklists. The Navy uses TCCOR levels based on the arrival of destructive winds, which triggers specific actions.

TCCOR III, or 48 hours before destructive winds arrive, is equivalent to a hur-

ricane "watch." TCCOR II, or 24 hours before destructive winds arrive, is similar to a hurricane "warning."

During the exercise, personnel on JBPHH and PMRF will see exercise events and notifications taking place. All events will be annotated by "exercise-exercise-exercise."

"HURREX is an opportunity for the Navy to review and practice our emergency management plans, look for shortfalls, and fix them before disaster strikes," said Smith.

(Note: The May 27 edition of Ho'okele will feature a two-page pull-out section on disaster preparedness. There will be regular features throughout hurricane season.)

## Diverse Views



What is the best military band concert that you have ever attended?



Senior Airman Megan Coleman  
Imagery analyst, 8th Intelligence Squadron

"Tops in Blue, all performers are really talented and put on a good show."

Leslie Kellum  
Video teleconference operator  
PACAF 56 ACOMS



"All the performances I've seen throughout my career have been outstanding. All the military band members are top-notch performers."



Chief Musician Derek Werner  
U.S. Pacific Fleet Band

"The one we did last year in Ambon in the middle of Indonesia. Ambon, Indonesia is like our Nashville, Tenn. in the United States. They've never gotten a Navy band before. We got out there and played about two hours of rock music. We got national television coverage, thousands of fans. It's just one of those nights you never see coming. It turned out to be amazing."

Musician 3rd Class Colleen Cave  
U.S. Pacific Fleet Band

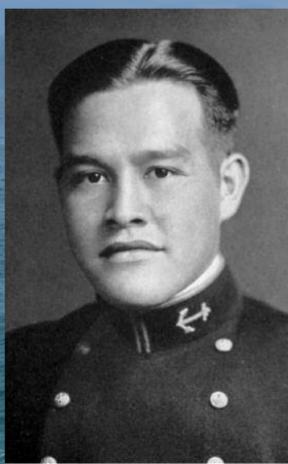


"My favorite one that I participated on was in Ambon, Indonesia. It was last summer. I was on deployment on the USNS Mercy. It was amazing because the crowd was so into it. I never had a crowd that was into it before. There were 10,000 people in attendance, and I think it was the biggest crowd I ever played for. It was the energy and the fact that our music was able to say something to them and we didn't speak the same language. That was the neatest part. We were all there, all gathered doing the same thing, even though we were two different cultures."

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

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share? Drop us a line at [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com) or [karen.spangler@navy.mil](mailto:karen.spangler@navy.mil)

## Chung-Hoon has strong ties to Hawaii



U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command photograph

The photo shows a halftone image of Midshipman Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon, USN, taken from the Naval Academy graduation publication, "The Lucky Bag," Chung-Hoon was the first Chinese-American graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934. During World War II, he commanded USS Sigsbee (DD-502). Chung-Hoon was also the first Chinese-American flag officer. He retired in 1959. USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93), which is homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is named in his honor.

## Ho'okele will publish hurricane preparedness pullout May 27

Check the May 27 edition of Ho'okele for a handy out pullout hurricane preparedness guide. The guide will feature a variety of information, including important phone numbers and websites, tropical cyclone conditions of readiness, what to put in your disaster kit and survival kit, a plan of action, evacuation information and shelters including pet-friendly shelters, and more.

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# Airmen graduate from air assault course with Soldiers

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn (Viss) Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Three Airmen graduated from the Army Air Assault course Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii (JBPHH) May 11, after 11 days of grueling training.

Of an original five Airmen from the 647th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) from JBPHH, and 309 Soldiers, many from the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, about half of those who began the course successfully finished.

"They're doing something highly regarded in the Army," said Staff Sgt. Brett Lafreniere, NCO in charge of training for the 647th SFS. "When we go down-range and do joint operations, whether it's in a deployed environment or a training environment, showing other services we're stepping out and con-



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jordan Miller rappels out of a UH-60 Blackhawk in Wahiawa, Hawaii on May 10. He and four other Pacific Air Forces 647th Security Forces Squadron Airmen were chosen to participate with 309 Soldiers in an 11-day Army Air Assault course April 30 to May 11.

ducting difficult training like this really sets us apart."

Air assault school is extremely tough, he said. There are a lot of challenges

set before the students, both physically and mentally. There are written tests

and field practicals, many of which are timed.

"When you combine all those in an 11-day period, it really gets difficult because you're constantly on the move, you're working 18-hour days in many cases, and you constantly have to adapt and overcome the challenges of the course," Lafreniere said.

In order to graduate, these Airmen and Soldiers had to learn about combat assault operations; complete two long road marches, a run, and an obstacle course; sling load cargo; and rappel out of UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters from 90 feet in the air, among other things, he said.

"In terms of real-world application for security forces, there have been Air Force units that have conducted air assault missions, and there's always that possibility of being attached to an Army unit," said the Lake Forest, Calif. native, who has completed sniper and air assault schools and is also a pathfinder.

Air assault is very significant in modern-day operations in Afghanistan, said Army Sfc. Daniel Wade, Bravo Company, air assault NCO in charge.

Wade is an Atlanta, Ga. native who has been in the Army since 1995 and deployed to perform convoy operations in Iraq in 2008.

He was impressed by how well the Airmen in attendance performed alongside their fellow Soldiers. The Air Force usually gets only two percent of the available class slots, but they come in shape and ready and are prepared prior to even attending the course, he said.

"This is not your average Soldier who completes the course," Wade said. "It's a Soldier who not only meets, but exceeds standards, has self motivation and wants to do more than the norm - and that's just to get into the course. To succeed, it's someone who's put in a lot of work and stayed physically fit and mentally tough on a day-to-day basis."

## USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57) TAKES PART IN

# CARAT 2011

The guided-missile destroyer USS Howard (DDG 83), the amphibious dock landing ship USS Tortuga (LSD 46), and the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) lead a formation of U.S. Navy and Royal Thai Navy ships during exercises on May 16, for Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Thailand 2011. CARAT 2011 is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. K. Madison Carter



U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Lily Daniels

Damage Controlman 1st Class Manuel Ford, right, instructs a Thai sailor how to relieve the nozzleman during an aircraft firefighting scenario May 13. Twelve Sailors from the amphibious transport dock ship USS Tortuga (LSD 46) and the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) are participating in firefighting training with Thai sailors in support of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Thailand 2011.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

The Makaha Sons perform at the third annual 'Taste of Waimea' event held in support of Military Appreciation Month on Kauai. The 'Taste of Waimea' is an event co-sponsored by the Kauai Chamber of Commerce and Waimea Plantation Cottages. More than 300 guests attended the event which highlighted local delicacies from the west side of Kauai and emphasized interaction of local business leaders and residents with personnel of the Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay C. Pugh



(Below) Christian Lambert, a Junior ROTC Kaiser High School student, watches as the KC-135 taxis through the flightline after landing May 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The flight was a routine aerial refueling training mission that not only transported fuel, but more than 30 high school students with aspirations to join the military.

U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main



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(Above) An F-22 pilot prepares to receive fuel from a KC-135 during a routine training mission over the Pacific May 12. A group of Junior ROTC students from various high schools in Hawaii participated in the mission with the 96th Air Refueling Squadron and were able to watch the action from the boom of the aircraft.

Capt. Justin Paulson and Capt. David Morales, C-17 pilots with the 535th Airlift Squadron, approach a KC-135 for air refueling training May 6. The flight included more than 40 Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from the University of Hawaii. During the flight, the cadets were able to witness the in-air refueling as well as the islands of Hawaii from the dropped ramp of a C-17.

U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main



Maj. Michael Willen, assigned to the Air Force Band of the Pacific, conducts the joint-service rehearsal at the Hawaii Army National Guard training center at Pearl City on May 18. The Army's 25th Infantry Division Band, 111th Hawaii National Army Band, Marine Forces Pacific Band, Air Force Band of the Pacific and the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band came together to prepare for the Military Appreciation Month's Combined Service Concert at the Hawaii Theatre May 21.

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



## Exercise Maple Fury concludes

Story and photo by  
MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine  
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Public Affairs

Anti-submarine warfare (ASW) units from the U.S. Navy as well as Canadian military forces had the opportunity to test ASW procedures and command and control during two phases of Exercise Maple Fury conducted in April in the eastern Pacific ocean.

As the Canadian Navy Victoria-class submarine HMCS Corner Brook (SSK 878) was conducting a coastal transfer of from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Esquimalt, British Columbia, U.S. and Canadian forces took advantage of the opportunity to test ASW procedures and command and control. Maple Fury provided unique training with a modern diesel submarine as she transited up the western coast of the United States.

"As the Navy works to hone perishable ASW skills, allied units like the Corner Brook become increasingly important to the warfighting readiness of our strike groups and ASW forces," said Capt. CJ Kalb, chief of staff, commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, U.S. 3rd Fleet (CTF-34).

"Corner Brook is a great asset for Canada and a welcome addition to the Pacific. We look forward to working with her and other maritime forces Pacific units in as many exercises as possible in



Chief Operations Specialist Brian Esquibel, U.S. Navy Reserve currently on active duty for training and assigned to Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, U.S. 3rd Fleet (CTF-34), and Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Jeremy Moore of CTF-34 review the contact reports received from U.S. and Canadian deployed forces in support of Exercise Maple Fury on April 27.

the future," Kalb said.

ASW units including submarines, surface combatants, patrol aircraft and command staffs from the U.S. Navy as well as Canadian military operating from bases at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe Bay, San Diego, Whidbey Island, Esquimalt and Comox, British Columbia participated in the exercise.

The U.S. Navy, Canadian Navy and Canadian Air Force tested capabilities, skills and expertise that can be applied to ASW operations anywhere in the world.

Maple Fury was conducted in two phases. Phase one of the exercise occurred off the coast of Mexico and southern California as Corner Brook encroached upon the fleet concentration areas of San Diego. Phase two occurred off the coast of California as Corner Brook departed San

Diego and approached the fleet concentration areas of the Pacific Northwest.

"The training conducted during this exercise gave me a better understanding on how our coalition forces operate," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Jeremy Moore of CTF-34. "I look forward to passing on this knowledge to my shipmates so they too can experience working with different military units during future exercises."

ASW and submarine surveillance is a highly technical skill required to detect extremely quiet diesel-electric submarines that could threaten the strategic waterways through which most of the world's commerce passes. Exercises such as Maple Fury provide an opportunity for militaries to work and train together to hone these important skills.

## JROTC accompanies 96th ARS



U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main

Senior Airman Gregory Bush, boom operator with the 96th Air Refueling Squadron, shows Michela Humphrey, Radford High School Junior ROTC student, the controls used to operate the boom while in flight. The students accompanied the crew on a routine aerial refueling training mission over the Hawaiian Islands.

## KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

**May 26** – Deterring designer drug abuse

**June 2** – Battle of Midway

**June 9** – NAMRU/NEPMU - Dengue prevention

**June 16** – ATG MIDPAC

(The segments currently air between 6:15 and 6:45 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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# Windows can be made safer with precautions

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"It's definitely something that is very important to us," said Ann Wharton, communications director with Hickam Communities.

"Providing our families with information on how they can help keep their loved ones safe has always been an important priority," said Steve Quinn, director of property management at Hickam Communities. "We share safety information with families when they move in, and make an effort to keep safety top-of-mind with monthly tips in our newsletters and on our website's Safety Net page,

and with campaigns like this," Quinn added.

According to Wharton, Hickam Communities provides information on window safety products that are available at local retailers. They are also currently reviewing various window safety devices.

To help prevent accidental falls from windows, which could result in serious (sometimes fatal) injuries, Forest City recommends the following:

- Do not depend on screens to keep children from falling. Window screens are not designed to support the weight of a child and can be pushed out of the window. Window screens are

designed to provide ventilation, not prevent falls.

- Keep windows closed when your child is unattended in an upstairs room.

- Position beds or any furniture away from upstairs windows. All window heights meet or exceed safety code. However, a child playing on their bed or furniture will be closer to the window opening, increasing the risk of fall. Furniture under windows may create opportunities for climbing on window sills or ledges.

- Teach children about the dangers of playing near an open window. Teach them never to stand

on toys or chairs or other things to look out the window. They could trip and fall. Ensure they understand that a screen will not stop them from falling.

- Routinely check your windows to ensure the locking mechanism is in proper working

order. If you find a lock that is not working properly, call the Forest City maintenance department at 839-HELP (4357)

- If you have children under age five, request that Forest City install the 'Guardian Angel' window guards on your windows.

There is a device that is provided by Forest City Residential Management,

called the 'Guardian Angel Window Guard,' that is intended to provide added protection against potential falls by children, especially keiki under age five. The 'Guardian Angel Window Guard' is mounted into the window frame and is available upon request.

For more information regarding the Forest City 'Guardian Angel' window guards, log on to [www.fcnavyhawaii.com](http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com).

For any maintenance issues or to place an order for 'Guardian Angel' window guard installation, contact the maintenance department at 839-HELP (4357).

## Aviation centennial

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14th District Coast Guard District, but also when naval aviators respond to cries of help.

"In an average year, Coast Guard air crews rescue over 3,000 people," Ray shared with the audience. "We wear these wings of gold to give people back their lives."

Hawaii's naval aviation units were honored as part of the program. Receiving applause were Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Patrol Squadron 9, Patrol Squadron 47, Patrol Squadron 2 Special Projects, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 51, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Barber's Point and Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, Kauai.

Also taking the stage were naval aviators and supporters spanning nearly a century. Aviators included 1st Lt. Kevin Roche, pilot, HMH-363, who was presented as Hawaii's youngest naval aviator, and Chip Gunther, a World War II veteran.

The Pacific Fleet Band provided music while special guest Jim Nabors ("Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.") ended the formal program, with a stirring rendition of "God Bless America."

For more information about the Centennial of Naval Aviation, see the official site at <http://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/centennial/pages/welcome.aspx>.



Under historic aircraft, guests dined at the Centennial of Naval Aviation dinner at the Pacific Aviation Museum on May 12. (Additional photo on A-5)