

Fleet Week at Seattle Seafair concludes

USS Chafee participates in parade of ships

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SEATTLE, Wash. (NNS) -- Fleet Week concluded at the 62nd annual Seattle Seafair on Aug. 8 when U.S. Navy ships USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Sampson (DDG 102) and USS Chafee (DDG 90), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, departed from the port of Seattle.

A parade of ships and an air show kicked off Fleet Week on Aug. 3 as local spectators observed U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Canadian ships and aircraft circling around downtown Seattle's Elliott Bay.

"We always look forward to the parade of ships and the air show," said Bonnie Willis of Tucson, Ariz., visiting family in Seattle. "Every time I see the Blue Angels air show, I get goose bumps."

The people of Seattle had the opportunity to see the ships up close. Throughout the week, U.S. and



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Joan E. Jennings

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Chafee (DDG 90) (front) and USS Sampson (DDG 102) participate in the parade of ships during the 62nd annual Seattle Seafair Fleet Week. Seafair activities allow U.S. sailors and Canadian sailors and Coast Guard personnel to experience the local community and to promote awareness of the maritime forces.

Canadian Navy ships offered public tours, hosting more than 20,000 visitors.

"We talked to some of the Sailors on the ship and got some insight on what it is that they do, and one of the first things I recognized was how respectful they are," Willis said. "They're all very knowledgeable about their

jobs and were all just very nice to talk to."

Ship tourists were able to handle some of the military gear and learned about Navy life at sea.

"It's pretty cool to know that people actually spend part of their lives on these ships and sacrifice to protect our freedom," said Sarah

Meyer, a Seattle resident.

Sailors and Marines experienced the local culture, participated in a community relations project at a children's hospital, and received discounts at the Seafair annual golf tournament and Seattle Mariners baseball game.

"It's been amazing," said

Midshipman 2nd Class Katherine Stone, attached to Bonhomme Richard. "It's really inspiring to see people that want to do things for others. The people here are very welcoming."

The Seattle Mariners' Navy appreciation night was extra special for Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class

(SW) Jared Thompson, a Bonhomme Richard Sailor who received a team-autographed baseball.

"My son is a huge Mariners fan because he was born here, but he was too little to remember ever coming to a game. So, since I was able to come, I got a baseball signed for him, and it's really awesome," said Thompson.

Fleet Week activities allow U.S. Sailors and Canadian sailors and Coast Guard personnel to experience the local community and to promote awareness of the maritime forces.

"I think events such as fleet week are very important so that locals of the communities across America are able to get a better idea of what it is that the Navy does for our country," said Willis.

"The Navy is a fantastic group of men and women and I appreciate and thank them," Willis added.

"I have a great admiration for the men and women serving in our military," said Toni Freeman of Seattle. "Seeing so many Sailors walking around in their clean and pressed white uniforms, all of them so respectful and knowledgeable, gives me great confidence in today's Navy," Freeman said.

15th Wing command chief receives Meritorious Service Medal



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Lauren Main

Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker, 15th Wing command chief master sergeant, accepts a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) in front of members of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Aug. 5. Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, presented the medal to Recker who completed his assignment at JBPHH and will be accepting the command chief master sergeant position at the 37th Training Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the largest training wing in the U.S. Air Force. Following the MSM presentation, Barrett said Recker was an amazing Airman who lives the Air Force Core Values daily.

USS John C. Stennis Strike Group conducts exercise near Hawaii



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Benjamin Crossley

Lt. Cmdr. (select) Dave Toline directs an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the Black Aces of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 41 aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). The John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group is on a scheduled western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf deployment.

MC1 Grant Ammon

USS John C. Stennis Public Affairs

USS JOHN C. STENNIS, At Sea (NNS) -- USS John C. Stennis Strike Group (JCSG) ships commenced an undersea warfare exercise (USWEX) in the Hawaii operating area Aug. 8, as part of the strike group's final test and evaluation before arriving in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR) and western Pacific Ocean.

Exercises like this are conducted several times throughout the year in the waters near Hawaii for maritime commanders to assess the undersea warfare capabilities of deploying strike groups.

"We're taking part in an undersea warfare exercise as directed by the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet," said Master Chief Sonar Technician (Surface)

Lucas Stiles, an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) analyst assigned to the Commander Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 21. "This is an assessed ASW scenario involving a multitude of oppositional submarines that is designed to test our ability to move the carrier strike group into a specific operating area and establish ASW dominance," Stiles said.

Conducting undersea warfare exercises in the Hawaiian operating area proves to be a beneficial training endeavor due to the readily available training ranges and the presence of ASW units and capabilities in the region, said Stiles.

"Training exercises like this one are invaluable to developing our core competencies within the strike group," Stiles noted. "Operating in the Hawaiian area of operations ensures numerous

ASW resources and training ranges are available for us to utilize. It really provides the strike group with a realistic training scenario."

Providing a critical piece to JCS' undersea warfare capabilities are the "Raptors" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 71.

"The air assets and capabilities provided by HSM-71 are our only airborne organic ASW measure in the strike group," said Lt. Sarah Sherrod, the air operations officer for DESRON 21. "If we're operating in blue water with no external support, they are all ASW capabilities we have in the air," she said.

Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Tonia Wilson, a watch stander in the DESRON 21 ASW cell aboard Stennis, uses her

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HIANG and JBPHH Sailors care for Hawaiian burial ground

Story and photo by
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) teamed up July 29 to provide much-needed ground maintenance to a lesser known Native Hawaiian burial ground on the Hickam side of the base.

The burial vault, located in the unoccupied Fort Kamehameha housing area near the entrance of the Pearl Harbor channel, is a replica of a traditional Hawaiian burial platform, and serves as a permanent repository for Native Hawaiian burials recovered on the base since 1997.

"The vault is comprised of eight interior compartments, one of which houses 98 sets of human remains," said Jeff Pantaleo, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii archaeologist. "One compartment is sealed and cannot be opened without consent of the Native Hawaiian organizations. The remaining seven vacant compartments are available for future burial finds," he explained.

Members of HIANG and other JBPHH volunteers



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Manny Bernardino of the 109th Air Operations Group mows the lawn surrounding the Native Hawaiian burial ground at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 29. The burial vault is a replica of a traditional Hawaiian burial platform and serves as a permanent repository of 98 sets of native Hawaiian human remains recovered at Hickam since 1997.

spent the day whacking weeds, trimming hedges and mowing lawns in the surrounding burial vault.

"As you can see, it's really overgrown," said Pantaleo. "We're going to clean it up and make it look nice. When people do come, then it'll be presentable. That's our responsibility, to make sure it's maintained. That's the agreement we

have with the Native Hawaiians."

Jessie Higa, a military wife and aspiring archeologist, solicited the help of the Hawaii National Guard as she and Pantaleo seek to preserve the burial vault.

"It's such a wonderful, solemn area to let people know that there is a Hawaiian burial site on

Hickam. Not many people know that," said Higa. "I try not to publicize it, but I want to, in a way, to educate military residents that it's not a place for young kids to run around and jump on. It's a very sacred site."

"I am of Native Hawaiian ancestry myself," Higa continued. "When you're in Hawaii, bones can be under

your house, bones can be at the beach. You just learn how to respect the land and what could be buried underneath it. I believe that everything has a spirit to it, and I feel we are giving our outmost respect to make sure that they know we will respect that they were here before we were," she said.

Command Chief Master

Sgt. Robert Lee, the senior enlisted leader of the Hawaii National Guard, brought in about 15 members of the Hawaii National Guard to help in the beautification effort.

"We would like to partner with our base partners, the active duty, bring them into our culture and teach them the areas around the base they should learn to respect," Lee said.

"That's why you see it is abused, but I don't think people do it purposely, like the rubbish in the bushes. I think kids just throw it there because it's a good place to hide it, but they have no idea what's on the other side of the hedge. So the more we educate these folks, I think it'll bring our community closer together and that's what we are all about," Lee added.

According to Pantaleo, in response to Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act consultation with the Native Hawaiian Organizations, the Air Force and now the Navy is responsible for maintaining and protecting the vault.

"As archaeologist, I have taken the lead in organizing the maintenance/protection of this site," said Pantaleo. "This effort has strengthened the relationship between DoD [Department of Defense] and Native Hawaiian community."

JBPHH Airmen receive Air Force Combat Action Medal

DC Smith

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Air Force Combat Action Medal (AFCAM) was presented to Staff Sgt. Gregory Seeley and Staff Sgt. Brandon Gallick by Lt. Col. Chad Raduege, 747 Communications Squadron commander, during squadron commander's call held on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on July 26.

Seeley and Gallick were assigned downrange to Afghanistan where both experienced direct hostile fire during their deployment.

Seeley served in combat while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Seeley's citation reads in part, "SSgt Seeley was directly targeted by enemy force's small arms fire within lethal range and observed multiple rounds striking the ground within five meters." He was a member of a convoy providing security for four Afghanistan national army trucks carrying NATO weapons. Before reaching their destination, they came



Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Gregory Seeley

Staff Sgt. Gregory Seeley, 747th Communications Squadron, JBPHH, loads a 40mm MK19 grenade launcher. It is one of many specialized weapons Seeley utilized while stationed in Afghanistan as a combat trucker.

under enemy fire. He was within 60 meters when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated ahead of the convoy, disabling the lead security vehicle."

"This particular attack was the first for my team and happened about 45 days into my deployment,"

Seeley said. During the attack, he assisted another vehicle gunner operator while anti-coalition forces employed a complex ambush against them.

"I still consider the serving of my country to be my life's calling as I did before, however now I am aware of

what it means to serve downrange and where all the training I've had fits in," Seeley explained.

While away from his home base in Hawaii, Seeley said he received great training from mentors. "The single largest resource I had for training

for this mission was my fellow combat truckers some of whom had been doing this mission before I came into the service."

Seeley said he was thankful to his team, who mentored him and watched his back every day. "I am proud to be an Airman serving in the world's greatest Air Force. I am extremely grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to serve outside my original career field," he said.

Gallick's experience within the war zone was with enemy opposition, resulting in an attack by 16 insurgents.

Gallick's active participation in combat while deployed to Combat Outpost (COP) Ware in support of Operation Enduring Freedom resulted in the award of the Air Force Combat Action Medal.

Part of the citation reads, "He identified six insurgents maneuvering toward battle position 5 from approximately 150 meters to the north. SRA Gallick began exchanging fire with the enemy. As tracer rounds flew directly above his position, he continued to engage the

enemy with small arms and two hand grenades while giving directions to U.S. Army Soldiers on the ground."

Gallick said the first night out with his convoy to his COP, they ran up to an IED which the accompanying explosive ordinance detachment crew took care of immediately.

He explained that his experience of deploying with the Army took some getting used to. "You adapt to your surroundings and even surprise yourself. It was by far one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It brought a whole new light of what deployment meant to me," Gallick said.

Training was a very intricate part for Gallick. "I went through combat skills training which certainly helped me gain the right mindset for what I encountered," he explained.

"I've always been proud to wear the uniform, but I think I hold my head a bit higher knowing I've actually fought for my country," he added.

Gallick sees the AFCAM as good recognition for deserving Airmen who served in combat.

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Security forces combat Airmen benefit from rodeo experience

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, WASH. -- Four Airmen from the 647th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam competed against international air forces during the 2011 Air Mobility Rodeo July 24 to 29.

Twenty-six countries and international agencies attended and competed in the rodeo, hosted by Air Mobility Command.

"We competed in the combat weapons event, combat tactics event, and combat endurance event," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Skonetski, the 647th SFS team leader. "(Senior Airman Chris) Menefee and I also competed in the advanced marksmanship competition."

Although the joint base security forces unit did not come home with any first-place awards, they competed very well in the events, Skonetski said.

"After each event we each felt pretty good. It was a



Senior Airman Jeffrey Kristek, 647th Security Forces Squadron, low-crawls under barbed wire during the 2011 Air Mobility Rodeo at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. on July 28. Kristek is stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

great course for us to go through to refresh our skills and become better for when we do get tasked," he said.

They will be able to implement those skills when they are deployed, and they learned some good tactics, techniques and procedures to bring back to the unit, according to the eight-year NCO.

"When we were doing our 'lessons learned' with

instructors and other teams, we learned from them and they learned from us, too," he said.

"I think what we did here is related to what the security forces role or job is to do, real world," said Tech. Sgt. Pablo Gonzalez, 647th SFS assistant Bravo flight chief.

"These were realistic missions that we might be tasked to do in the future,"

Gonzalez said. "It very well might make a difference. It might make the difference between surviving and not surviving."

In combat tactics, for instance, they did small convoys, during which their job was to protect the U.S. aid workers and bring everyone back in one piece, including their own team members.

"It was fantastic, very

realistic," said Gonzalez, who has been in the Air Force for 12 years. "We had a good time."

Menefee, a 647th SFS fire team member, said the hardest part of the rodeo was the anticipation of the events.

"Each event was timed, and you could only be at the event during a certain time frame," Menefee said. "You couldn't be there too early or too late."

They also didn't exactly know what each event would entail, because the operational orders were purposefully vague, and they didn't know what they were going to see or face in the scenario.

"This was the first time I've gone to an event where you don't have any training first, no instruction. You just go perform, then you get critiqued," Menefee said. "It's not about training. It's just, here's the benchmark, and then you see where you stand in your career field."

The scenarios were very realistic to what they would typically see in the Air Force, he said. For a typical deployment, they are put on a four-to-12-man team, and then deploy with other Airmen from other units.

Then they are expected to work together seamlessly for six months.

"That's what makes us different from other services," Menefee said. "It emulates deployment as closely as possible."

"Everybody throughout their career has different experiences and different ways of doing things," said Senior Airman Jeff Kristek, 647th SFS armorer. "Combining those and working with others, you learn better ways of doing things. Getting critiqued by the cadre was beneficial because they told us about scenarios they faced while deployed and the things they do. It was fun. I had a good time," said Kristek.

"It's crazy to see that people from within your unit - four rogue defenders you put together with different job titles, in for different amounts of time, with different training - can come together as a team, perform and still feel good about (them)selves after an event," Skonetski said. "If we went on a tasking right now as a team, we wouldn't have any issues completing the mission."

Diverse Views

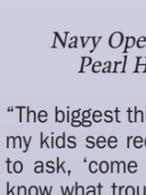


Now that school is back in session, what precautions can you take to ensure that children are safe as they travel between home and school?



Thuy Tauber
Barbershop, Navy Exchange Touch N Go, Kalaheo.

"I have one daughter. I tell her to be careful and to not talk to strangers."



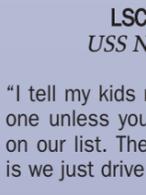
Richard Stewart
Navy Operational Support Center, Pearl Harbor (Reserve Center)

"The biggest thing for me is making sure my kids see red flags. If someone were to ask, 'come here for a minute,' they know what trouble looks like. Also safety awareness when they're going to and from school - don't take a detour and do something else. If they have an after school event or something is going on last minute, they call and make sure I know where they're at."



Mildred Medlin
Uniform Shop, Pearl Harbor

"My son takes the bus to school. When he walks to the bus stop, I usually stand back and watch, make sure everything is normal - that the cars are stopping for the children. They don't always stop. I keep an eye out for my child and other kids."



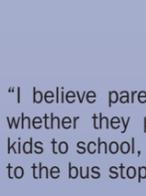
LSC (sel) James Weissman
USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

"I tell my kids not to go home with anyone unless you know them and they're on our list. The way we get around that is we just drive them ourselves."



James Elledge
613th Air and Space Operations Center

"Watch for children darting across the street. Kids like to go VFR direct. (visual flight rules- USAF/USN term meaning to take the most direct route)"



Capt. Jennifer McGee
HQ PACAF

"I believe parental involvement is key, whether they personally walk or drive kids to school, or ensure kids get safely to the bus stop."



Master Sgt. David Honeycutt
First Sergeant, 747th Communications Squadron

"Ensure your children walk their bikes across the crosswalks."

(Provided by MC2 Ernesto Bonilla and David D. Underwood Jr.)

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My Favorite Photo...

The photo was taken as lightning passed over Pearl Harbor. "It was actually very dark outside until the bolt lit up the sky," said the photographer, John Burns.

Photo by John Burns

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Exercise Sentry Aloha arrives at Hickam



U.S. Air Force file photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

Crew chiefs recover their F-16 Fighting Falcon after it returned to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii from an air to air mission Sept. 8, 2006 during Exercise Sentry Aloha. The crew chiefs are from the Texas Air National Guard 149th Fighter Wing. The exercise brings dissimilar combat assets to Hickam to train with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron.

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Pacific 'port dogs' take on 2011 Air Mobility Rodeo

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, WASH. -- Seven aerial porters from throughout the Pacific came together to represent the 515th Air Mobility Wing (AMOW) during the 2011 Air Mobility Rodeo here July 24 to 20.

The 515th AMOW is a geographically separated wing composed of six squadrons throughout the Pacific. These "port dogs" were hand-selected to compete in the rodeo, which is a biannual competition hosted by Air Mobility Command.

"Our team was composed of the best of the best from the six squadrons throughout the Pacific that make up the 515th AMOW," said Capt. Edmond Blanquera, 515th AMOW rodeo team manager. "The units across the Pacific fit into the en route structure. They provide maintenance, aerial port services and command and control to AMC airlift that transit to those locations."

Team members from Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Japan and Korea were hand-selected after a week of try-outs, Blanquera said.

"From 13 folks trying out, they picked the best seven. They went through a fitness challenge, cargo buildup and joint inspections, in-transit visibility scenarios, a driver's course with both 10k and Halvorsen 25k loader — everything they'd have to do during the rodeo," he said. "They tried to use a whole-person concept — Airmen who are smart in subject matter areas, not just athletes."

The team trained for seven weeks at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the 515th AMOW headquarters, to get used to working with each other on the various events, the captain said.

Although the unit didn't come away with any of the coveted rodeo trophies. They benefited from working together as a team, being with their peers, sharing information and



Senior Airman Jeremy Jweinat, a 734th Air Mobility Squadron aerial porter from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, guides a 25k Halvorsen loader through an obstacle course on the flight line at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. during Air Mobility Rodeo 2011. The 734th AMS is part of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, a geographically separated unit comprised of six squadrons throughout the Pacific. It is headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

best practices, and meeting new people.

"Competing in the rodeo pushes the individuals to try to get the most out of themselves, challenge themselves to be the best," he said.

"I think the biggest thing is that we took folks from across the wing and brought them together. They don't work together every day, but they're all from the same career field and trained on standard aerial port tasks. They gelled together as a team very, very well; they had a lot of pride; and they worked tremendously hard," said Col. Stephen Oliver Jr., the 515th AMOW commander, who watched his guys work hard throughout the week at rodeo. "The team chief, Master Sgt. Tito Bigornia, had never been to rodeo before, but somehow he managed to figure out what was really behind the textual description of each event. He trained the guys very realistically in Hawaii to succeed," Oliver said.

"I think they did very well," Oliver said. "They were in the top five or so in all the events out of 34 aerial port teams, which was the highest number of teams in any particular rodeo competition area. I think that's a huge accomplishment, particularly given that we pulled these guys from across our wing."

The teamwork and pride in what these folks do is what most impressed the colonel.

"I think on a day-to-day basis, moving missions through the system is not something that gets a lot of attention," Oliver said. "It does when you do something like Operation Tomodachi or when we evacuated that contractor from Antarctica to New Zealand — those things get a lot of attention, but day-to-day it doesn't. But when you come to this competition you realize how hard these guys work and how complicated it is to make these day-to-day missions work. And they make it look easy," Oliver noted.

He also expressed appreciation toward the 15th Wing.

"Our two wings are closely associated, and we partner together every day," he said. "The rodeo is a great example of that partnership."

The exposure the team's presence at rodeo brought to what the AMOW brings to AMC and the Air Force, especially as a new unit, is invaluable, according to Blanquera.

"It reinforces our presence in the Pacific theater," he said. "We're already talking about the next rodeo. We will definitely be ready for the next go-round in two years."

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) hosts 'tweeters', bloggers

Story and photo by DC Smith

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), hosted the Social Media Club of Hawaii on July 27. The visit was the second time the club had an opportunity to view first-hand operations within the command's central identification laboratory.

Approximately 15 local bloggers and media attended the presentation delivered by Robert Mann, director of the forensic science academy, who holds a doctorate degree in forensic anthropology. The bloggers were invited to the academy to assist in sharing the mission of JPAC and class opportunities/operation of the academy to the general public through the use of Twitter, Facebook and other social media.

Mann's presentation to the group focused on his field experience in more than 80 excavation missions around the world, including FBI, local police and military identification case experiences. A typical excavation mission for war-time remains lasts 30-45 days in jungles and in very harsh conditions around the world, explained Mann.

Using DNA sampling, JPAC was able to positively identify the remains of the "Unknown Soldier" that was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Mann explained.

He said the JPAC laboratory has identified remains of military casualties as far back as World War I, but added the laboratory is making progress on a set of remains dating back to the Civil War.

While some identification cases can take years to solve, Mann said, "Cases are never closed if positive ID is not found." They will work to identify all remains brought back to the lab until positively identified, regardless of how long it takes, he added.

Searches often require staff to work with survivors to find locations to start the search and recovery, Mann said.

During Mann's explana-



Robert Mann, director of the Forensic Science Academy, Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting and Finance (JPAC) at JBPHH, provides an in-depth mission brief of JPAC to members of the Social Media Club of Hawaii. The session was part of a "tweetup" where real time tweets and blogs were released during the tour.

tion about how bodies are identified, he said, "Highest levels of governments are involved," due to the extreme sensitive nature of the work.

"Before remains can be taken from some foreign countries, for example Vietnam and South Korea, scientists from both sides meet and analyze the remains and collectively conclude whether they will be brought back to JPAC for further analysis," he explained.

"If there is any uncertainty that the remains may be American, we seek to bring them back to JPAC for analysis," he said.

Once remains are transferred, a repatriation ceremony is conducted in the foreign nation to signify the unidentified remains' transfer to U.S. personnel. After the remains are received at the lab, forensic anthropologists work "in the blind" (without knowledge of the person or case background) to reconstruct the skeleton by piecing together the fragmented remains. However, Mann said they will be able to identify the age, race, stature and sex by examining the skull alone.

The attending bloggers were in real time, "Tweeting" what was going on during the presentation to the world and their approximate 2,000 followers of the social media club.

A tweet sent out by Roxanne Darling, member of the media club, read, "It is great to have the gold standard, world-class forensic lab right here in Hawaii."

JPAC identifies 70-100 sets of remains per year, according to Mann. Mandates issued by

Congress to increase identifications to 200 per year by 2015 were also shown.

During the "tweetup" visit of the bloggers to the laboratory, they were allowed to piece together parts of a skeleton which Mann uses as training aids when teaching forensic anthropologists. Mann explained the difficulty and practice his staff uses to positively identify each part of the skeleton and the intense training program employed at JPAC.

The attending bloggers and media were tweeting simultaneously to their followers about how the experience of the tour was progressing to more detailed forensic procedures as explained by Mann.

The academy trains the best students from around the world in forensic anthropology.

Mann explained that he often teaches students at universities across the globe as "a way of helping them to in turn help us" and to uniformly use the same excavation practices in search, recovery and identifying remains. He mentioned that this shared knowledge was valuable for both sides as they recover remains under what are often very harsh conditions.

If you are a direct family member of an American who has been identified as missing in action or presumed deceased during a war, you can contact a Department of Defense service casualty office for assistance. The work of the JPAC uses information received to assist in positive identifications of lost loved ones, regardless of which war they served in.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Barbara Southworth (center) and Lisa Bednar (right) talk with Sherilyn Carlson, wife of Col. Dann Carlson, commander of 647th Air Base Group and deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii (JBPHH), during the 1st Annual JBPHH Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony on Aug. 5. Southworth and Bednar are members of the Wet Hens Sailing Club which was selected for Volunteer Community Non-Profit Agency of the Year.

U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.



(Below) A native Hawaiian burial ground is located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam near the entrance to the Pearl Harbor channel. The burial vault is a replica of a traditional Hawaiian burial platform and serves as a permanent repository of 98 sets of Native Hawaiian human remains recovered at Hickam since 1997.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico



(Below) Robert Mann, director of the forensic science academy, Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting and Finance (JPAC) at JBPHH, explains how anthropologists can positively identify a deceased person once the excavated bones are reunited into a complete skeleton. The session was part of a "Tweetup" coordinated with the Social Media Club of Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo by DC Smith



Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Gallick

Staff Sgt. Brandon Gallick of 747 Communications Squadron, JBPHH, works with his team while firing 60mm mortars during his assignment in Afghanistan.

U.S. Navy photo by MCCA Joe Kane

The guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) gets underway for the parade of ships during the 62nd annual Seattle Seafair Fleet Week. Seafair activities allow U.S. and Canadian sailors and Coast Guard personnel to experience the local community and to promote awareness of the maritime forces.



Efficient refrigerators save more than energy

Krista Stehn

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Energy Team

Did you know that the biggest energy users in Hawaii are refrigerators, water heaters and air conditioners? Most appliances manufactured before 1980 are less efficient than their newer counterparts. For example, refrigerators today are nearly 60 percent more efficient than ones built in 1980. In addition, productivity improvements and competition between retailers and manufacturers has brought the cost of refrigerators down over time. This alone should be



and turn on and off less often.

- Since efficient units gain heat from their surroundings more slowly, they will not eject as much heat into your kitchen, making your home more comfortable.
- Since they have better insulation, new efficient units will warm up much more slowly during power outages than older units. This means less inconvenience and loss of valuable contents.

enough reason to consider replacing an old watt-hungry refrigerator with an efficient new model. But there are additional benefits for purchasing more efficient refrigerators:

- Efficient compressors and motors run quieter

When purchasing a new refrigerator, be sure you properly recycle the old refrigerator. The last thing you want to do is move an energy dinosaur to the garage to keep a few sodas cold.

Long-term visitor pass changes announced

In an ongoing effort to improve services and provide a more functional product, the Joint Base Security Department (JB2) is updating the long-term visitor pass, also referred to as the Gold Card.

Along with updating the pass, the location for issuance has changed. Personnel requesting a long-term visitor pass (generally used for visitors authorized to enter the base for more than 30 days) can apply for the JBPHH Gold Card at the Vickers Pass and ID office located in building 1113 on Vickers Avenue adja-

cent to the Hickam Fitness Center. The Nimitz Pass and ID office adjacent to the Nimitz Gate will continue to provide short-term and intermediate passes up to 30 days, along with vehicle decals.

Hours of operation at the Vickers Pass and ID office are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, JBPHH down days and federal holidays. For more information, call the Vickers Pass and ID office at 449-6563 or 449-9394.

My favorite photo...

Do you enjoy taking pictures and have a favorite photo? Would you like to see it featured in Ho'okele? Here is your opportunity. Submissions must be from people affiliated with the military services, including active duty, family members, Reserve, retired and Department of Defense civilians, etc.

Your favorite photo can be just about anything, but keep in mind that it should be in good taste. We aren't looking for posed family shots or group shots. But if you have a photo that you think is interesting and creative, here is your chance to see it published.

Photo submissions will be reviewed by Ho'okele editors who will determine if/when they will run in the newspaper. Along with your photo, please send a little bit of information about the

photo, such as where it was taken or any interesting details. Also include the name of the photographer and contact information.

Please send your photos to editor@hookelenews.com and "cc" Karen Spangler, managing editor, at karen.spangler@navy.mil and Don Robbins, assistant editor, at drob@hookelenews.com.

Brush up on your photography skills. Ready, set, shoot!

Federal Fire Department participates in National Night Out events

Story and photo by Fire Inspector Angela Sanders

Federal Fire Department Hawaii



Federal Fire Department Hawaii's prevention division actively participated in supporting the 28th Annual National Night Out at Schofield Barracks, Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 2.

The prevention division, along with firefighters from various fire stations, educated the children and the community about the importance of fire prevention and how to protect yourself from the potential dangers from fire.

Children learned how to stop, drop and roll. They also learned the sound of a smoke detector and what number to call in case of an emergency. Fire Inspector Kevan Miller demonstrated live hands-on fire extinguisher training and explained how to properly use a portable fire extinguisher. "Overall, the program went very well and we hope to be invited back next year," said Miller.

Sparky the Fire Dog made a guest appearance and extinguished the controlled fire for the children.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership. It sends a

Federal Fire Department Fire Inspector Kevan Miller teaches a child how to operate a fire extinguisher using a propane live-fire extinguisher trainer.

message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting worldwide.

Last year more than 37 million people participated in National Night Out throughout the United States, U.S. terri-

ories, Canadian cities and military bases back. For more information, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617 or angela.sanders1@navy.mil.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

- Aug. 18 – Pacific Aviation Museum Biggest Little Airshow
- Aug. 25 – JEMS Job Fair
- Sept. 1 – Naval Air Museum Barbers Point
- Sept. 8 – Navy League – American patriots
- Sept. 15 – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

(The segments currently air between 6:20 and 6:30 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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747 Communications Squadron connects JBPHH to other parts of the world

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The mission of the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS), USAF, Pacific Air Force, (PACAF) is to deliver communications and informational capabilities to enable Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, 13th Air Force, 15th Wing, 67 tenant organizations and 13 geographically separated units (GSUs) to project peace and power throughout the Pacific and beyond. The squadron is located on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The communications squadron workforce includes approximately 200 enlisted, officers, contractors and civil service employees with 18 percent deployed at any given time.

The responsibility of the

squadron goes beyond Internet and email, according to Capt. Mariko Boone, 747 CS, commander, operations flight. She indicated they are only two the responsibilities the squadron provides to their users and other components the unit supports.

Boone said that most individuals associate the communications squadron with computer connectivity and services only. "They maintain \$400,000 worth of antennas and satellites, provide technical support for over 500 Blackberrys, and manage a base network worth over \$16 million," Boone said.

The 374th Communications Squadron contributes communication support to the flying squadron responsible for the new F-22 Raptor for crypto to the jet's on-board computer. "The CS team holds an Air Force record

for the quickest time for re-keying the crypto," she said.

In addition to the various programs and support functions the communications squadron provides to the Air Force community, two Airmen are directly responsible for the Navy installation land mobile radio (LMR) requirements.

Boone emphasized that the communications squadron could not do what they do without the assistance of other units on base like the 561th Network Operations Squadron (NOS), Detachment 1. She said, "This is a tenant unit that sits one tier above the base level communication

squadrons and manages our AF communications network for the Pacific."

Boone said the squadron also has a computer exchange program, allowing an opportunity to get a free computer. For those who meet the criteria, she said, "The 747 CS will exchange old computers still in use with expired warranties for newer computers."

Interested parties can contact the base equipment custodian office at 448-2188.

Boone said, "They work together to secure, upgrade and maximize efficiency on the network to accommodate an ever-expanding mission."

Stennis Strike Group in exercise near Hawaii

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knowledge of science and oceanography to predict the location of oppositional forces under the water.

"We run ASW range predictions for oceanography from here, and all of us assist with the detection and counter detection of submarines," she said.

According to Wilson, the

training provided before deployment contributed to her overall watchstanding effectiveness during this scenario.

"We really learned a lot during the exercises leading up to deployment and this training scenario," noted Wilson. "We built a very good rapport and working relationship with all the units across the strike group."

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Hawaii Sailor wins Hope Award



U.S. Navy photo

Entertainer Bob Hope tees-off on the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga (CVA 14) during his visit to the carrier off the coast of Vietnam on Dec. 26, 1965. The Spirit of Hope Award is presented in honor of the famed entertainer, and is presented to individuals or organizations that embody Hope's commitment and service to the men and women of the military.

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) The Navy announced that Cryptologics Technician (Collection) 1st Class (IDW/SG/SW/AW) Jamar J. Salters, formerly of Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii, is the 2010 Spirit of Hope Award winner.

The award will be presented to Salters at a Pentagon ceremony honoring all five military service's awardees on Nov. 15.

Established in 1997, the Spirit of Hope Award is presented by the Wiegand Foundation in honor of the famed entertainer and supporter of military personnel, Bob Hope.

The award is presented to individuals or organizations that embody Hope's commitment and service to the men and

women of the military. A Navy Sailor or civilian has been honored with this award every year since 2005.

Salters was nominated by the commanding officer of Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii for his "selfless devotion, dedication, and commitment to helping over 3,300 Sailors reach their educational and professional goals."

The award citation also notes that Salters motivated fellow Sailors to get involved in community services. His involvement in nine separate volunteer fundraising, educational, and community projects demonstrated his support to the community.

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