

## Operation 'Hele On' holds mock deployment for children

Story and photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Children at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) had the chance to go on deployment Aug. 19 and experience what their military sponsors go through.

Operation "Hele On," which means "ready go" in Hawaiian, is a mock deployment event for children of active duty personnel, retirees and Department of Defense civilians of all branches of service. It is open to 200 children between the ages of 9 and 14.

This is the eighth year of Operation "Hele On," and it featured more joint service participation than in previous years. Volunteer training instructors and children from all branches of service participated in the event.

Christina Labra of Military and Family Support Center at JBPHH said it was a significant joint effort. More than 200 volunteers and 155 children attended the mock deployment, which began at Makai Recreation Center.

"I think it's awesome," said Tech. Sgt. Chantell Bowser, a volunteer training instructor with the "Mighty Seals." "It gives



Children enlist in Operation "Hele On" mock deployment at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 19.

them a first-hand account of what deploying is like," Bowser said. This is Bowser's second year participating in Operation "Hele On," and her daughter's first year participating as a deploying member. Kaytie Thompson, a sixth grader at Hickam Elementary School, said, "It's awesome to give kids the opportunity to see what parents do in the military." Kaytie is the daughter of Maj. Harley and Sara Thompson.

"I think it's really cool and something not to miss out on because you get to see what our parents do," said Anna Ford, another Hickam Elementary School sixth grader and daughter of Col. (sel) Peter and Jenn Ford.

Maisie Smith, daughter of Lt. Col. Mike and Kristie Smith, said it was a great chance to see what getting deployed is like, and she felt like she was actually getting deployed. "Hele On" changed my

opinion about the Air Force," she said.

Senior Master Sgt. Linda Guesno, PACAF A/2 and volunteer training instructor, said it was great for kids to see what their parents go through when they deploy and that Operation "Hele On" brings it home.

Children registered for the mock deployment at Makai Recreation Center were issued their dog tags and mobility gear and met their training instructors.

Col. Dann Carlson, deputy joint base commander and commander of 647th Air Base Group, welcomed the children and wished them a safe deployment.

The children gathered outside the Makai Recreation Center and marched to building 2115, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron to go through the mobility processing line. Here, they went through mission-oriented protective posture (MOPP) training, received a mis-

sion briefing and were transported to the flight line to board a military aircraft.

They toured a KC-135 aerial refueling military aircraft of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Maintenance Operations Flight, saw the refueling boom and sat in the cockpit.

After visiting the aircraft, the young troops returned to building 2115 and marched to their simulated deployed location, Kumulani Air Base, the pavilion area between the Tradewinds Enlisted Club and the base chapel.

They took a lunch break and then began their field exercises. They taste-tested meals, ready-to-eat (MREs), participated in a bomb squadron demo, medical moulage, a joint Navy and Air Force canine unit demo, and a newly added event with Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 (MDSU-1), which is a diving team that specializes in underwater repairs, clearance and salvage operations.

After participating in field competitions, the children finished with a march back to the Makai Recreation Center for an awards ceremony.

For more information on other events in the community, go to [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## USS Hopper, Naval Station Pearl Harbor earn energy and water awards

Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

The former Naval Station Pearl Harbor and USS Hopper (DDG 70) have been honored with 2011 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Energy and Water Management Awards. The awards are based on fiscal year 2010 accomplishments.

According to Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, the USS Hopper (DDG 70) "executed comprehensive efficiency programs with senior-level command involvement, well staffed and trained energy teams, aggressive awareness campaigns, innovative energy efficiency measures, and consistent reduction in energy consumption."

Hopper will receive a monetary award of \$20,000 to be used to improve quality of life, encourage further energy improvements, or for other purposes. Hopper is authorized to fly the SECNAV energy flag for a year and will be recognized at an award ceremony Oct. 12 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The former Naval Station Pearl Harbor will "receive a certificate of achievement for reaching the Gold Level of achievement. This level indicates a very good to outstanding energy program." The command will receive a certificate of achievement and recognition at the awards ceremony program.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said to winners in a statement, "Congratulations on your efforts. Energy and water management are critical to the accomplishment of the Navy's mission. Energy specifically is one of my top priorities, and your performance has significantly advanced progress toward achievement of our goals.

"Your excellence in energy and water efficiency efforts are an example for all other commands to



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dashbach

Guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70).

follow. We must all continue to be good stewards of our resources and treat them as the strategic asset they increasingly are. In the process, we will reduce consumption, waste less and free up funding to better support our warfighters," Mabus said.



A chief petty officer selectee helps set up a bocce ball court while volunteering at the Special Olympics at Waiau District Park in Pearl City, Hawaii. The selectees volunteer every year as part of their chief induction process to show the Navy's support and to give back to the community.

## Chief selectees help with Special Olympics

Story and photo by MCSN Dustin W. Sisco

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii

Chief petty officer selectees from various commands in the Hawaii region volunteered at the Special Olympics at Waiau District Park in Pearl City on Aug. 20.

The selectees, who volunteered as bocce ball referees and line judges,

learned about the importance of volunteering, as it is a large part of the responsibility held by chief petty officers.

"I've volunteered for the Special Olympics before, and I think it's awesome because you're helping out the community, meeting new people and learning about their disabilities and how hard they have it," said Chief Machinist's Mate (select) Maya Art, a

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'Biggest Little Airshow' provides high-flying entertainment **See page B-1**



Fast-breaking Chosin rolls past NIOC **See page B-3**

## State will receive \$2.5 million grant for Kolekole Pass Road repairs

**Don Robbins**  
Assistant Editor

The state Department of Transportation has been awarded a \$2.5 million federal grant to repair and re-open Kolekole Pass Road located within the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Lualualei annex.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation repairs to Kolekole Pass Road provide for the installing of a bridge over the area as engineers work to fix the road.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, Inouye explained, "The Kolekole Pass road is a critical alternative evacuation

route from the Waianae coast of Oahu, with a residential population of 43,420 (based on 2010 Census). Since December 2008, multiple heavy rains have caused a major landslide to occur on the Kolekole Pass road."

Inouye stated, "In March 2011, the Kolekole Pass road was closed as a result of these storms, resultant erosions and landslides."

Commenting on the announcement, Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific said, "We are thankful for the strong leadership of Senator Dan Inouye and for the support and commitment of Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. A safer, stronger Kolekole Pass benefits our

entire community," said "We are committed to being good neighbors and good stewards and are ready to partner with other government agencies and the community along the Waianae Coast to restore this important emergency evacuation route for civil emergencies," said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"It's a positive movement forward to re-open Kolekole to provide access to the community, especially in times of emergency," said Cynthia Rezentes, a member of the Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board. "The community will be pleased to see Kolekole opened again."

### 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 drobbs@hookelenews.com.

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

## USS Port Royal welcomes newest chief selectees while at sea

**Ensign Emma Mattson**  
USS Port Royal (CG 73)  
Public Affairs Officer

USS PORT ROYAL, At Sea - Five first class petty officers aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) were selected for advancement to the rank of chief petty officer on Aug. 1.

Chief Fire Controlman (select) Jesse Hyde, Chief Information Systems Technician (select) John Pagulayan, Chief Machinery Repairman (select) Kevin Heil, Chief Engineman (select) Nephi Ludwig and Chief Personnel Specialist (select) Dushane Richards will be presented their hard-earned anchors and coveted khaki uniforms aboard ship in a ceremony scheduled for Sept. 16.

"This is not only a change in uniform, it's a change in responsibility," said Command Master Chief Michael Fasano. "They have led Sailors with their technical expertise in the past, but from now on, they will be expected to be the technical



U.S. Navy photo by ISC John Bristow

FCC (select) Jesse Hyde, PSC (select) Dushane Richards, MRC (select) Kevin Heil, ENC (select) Nephi Ludwig and ITC (select) John Pagulayan respond to a question asked by members of the chief's mess while participating in physical training as part of chief petty officer induction Aug. 9 aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73).

experts, while also managing the administrative side of their division and helping other Sailors develop their careers."

The selectees, who represent several departments on the ship, began the six-week induction process immediately following the commanding officer's announcement. "Being selected for chief this year is a great honor, and with it

comes a sense of pride," said Heil. "It is such a great feeling knowing how proud my family is in this selection process. It's as much me making chief as it is them."

Port Royal is deployed conducting maritime security operations and missions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

## Ford Island Sailors keep an eye on Hawaii operating area

**Lt. Byron T. Walls**

On the historic grounds of Ford Island operates one of this region's little known commands, Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) Detachment San Diego, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

According to Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) James Delisle, FACSFAC's primary mission is to function as the controlling agency for the Hawaii operating area (Hawaiian OPAREA).

This entails coordinating and de-conflicting airborne and surface assets in this special use airspace, said Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW) Glenn Timmons.

Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller Kenneth Thompson said, "We do a lot of choreography, meaning from a communications and safety of flight standpoint and not a plug for the facilities call sign "hula dancer." Thompson added, "FACSFAC is comprised of just over 50 personnel, mostly seasoned fleet returnees sprinkled with dash junior personnel."

In a year's time, this



Photo by DC Smith, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Air Traffic Controller 2 Nicolaus Brooks, Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, San Diego, Detachment (FACSFAC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, provides radar advisory information for aircraft over the southern airspace of Oahu. Brooks can observe and monitor up to eight aircraft simultaneously.

shore duty command has handled approximately 2,000 exercises and roughly 30,000 flight hours with a significant ramp-up during RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific Exercise), Delisle said.

Besides their primary mission, FACSFAC provides the following services: LINK 11/16, air

defense system integrator and automated identification system, according to Operations Specialist 2nd class (SW) Travis Dobbins. Dobbins said, "These systems connect the operators to FACSFAC and other users who utilize these data points to fill in the gaps in real-time, therefore completing

the tactical picture."

Additional responsibilities are briefing and supporting foreign forces operating in the Hawaii OPAREA as well as acting as the single point of contact between the carrier strike group's/expeditionary strike group's air assets and the Federal Aviation

Administration local controllers.

According to Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Ryan Osborne, "FACSFAC relies on its numerous remote feed sites on Mount Ka'ala here on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii." He said, "These remote sites provide radar and communication coverage for the Hawaiian OPAREA."

Osborne's shipmate, Air Traffic Controller 1st Class (AW) Cameron Collier, said, "These two critical components assist in painting a picture which the team at FACSFAC can quickly analyze and provide active management for air and surface assets in the warning areas."

These assets come from every military service as well as commercial air traffic, which on occasion transits these areas when not in use, Collier said.

Thompson made it clear that although this detachment is from San Diego, it is a full command which can self sustain since there are administrative, supply and IT support embedded within the command.

He added, "Although the

air traffic controllers and operations specialists are directly interfacing with the customers, their jobs wouldn't be possible without the efforts of the electronic technicians, fire controlmen, information systems technicians, yeomans and supply personnel since they keep us going."

These personnel perform the maintenance, disseminate message traffic, order parts and process administrative correspondence for the command, Thompson said.

The officer in charge, Cmdr. Charles Loiseau, said, "While this unit is not well-known, it handles so many aspects of what we do out here."

He added, "We play a major role in RIMPAC and are already beginning to place a lot of emphasis on preparing for RIMPAC 2012."

This semi-annual exercise conducted here in the Hawaii OPAREA already has the attention of everyone, Collier said.

He added, "We are in the initial stages of preparation by scripting the FACSFAC simulators as their training cycle begins."

## Golden Eagles host author and VP-9 aircrew

**Lt. j.g. Jacob Clark**

Patrol Squadron 9

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay - Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) Golden Eagles hosted Capt. Andrew C.A. Jampoler, USN (ret.), author of "Adak: The Rescue of Alfa Foxtrot 586," and guests whose story is depicted in the book.

The group met with VP-9 personnel, as well as other Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two squadrons and Marine Corps Base Hawaii officers as part of a professional development symposium. The book and discussion were based on the successful 1978 P-3C Orion aircraft ditch in the Bering Sea, off the coast of the Soviet Union.

Accompanying the author were Ed Caylor, former VP-9 patrol plane pilot aboard the doomed mission aircraft, and Bill Porter, former U.S. Coast Guard C-130 Hercules rescue pilot who flew



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Nathan Laird

Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Andrew Jampoler, author of "Adak: The Rescue of Alfa Foxtrot 586," shakes hands with Aviation Electronics Technician 2 Akoli Jones of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Jampoler and other visitors briefed various Navy and Marine Corps personnel on the 1978 VP-9 P-3C Orion aircraft in the Bering Sea.

more than 17 hours during the rescue effort, a flight credited with saving the lives of those who survived the crash.

"It was an absolutely

phenomenal experience to welcome Capt. Jampoler, Mr. Caylor, and Mr. Porter, and to hear their harrowing tale," said Cmdr. Rich Prest, VP-9

commanding officer. "Their story had a tremendous impact on our officers and Sailors, and it's an experience that I won't soon forget."

The book tells the story of VP-9 Aircrew-Six, tasked to execute a typical reconnaissance mission along the Kamchatka Peninsula coast. A propeller malfunction required the crew to end the mission early and return to their origination point of Adak, Alaska. During the transit, the emergency gave rise to multiple fires in the engine compartment, and after exhausting all methods to extinguish the recurring fires, the crew was forced to ditch the aircraft.

Shortly after landing in 50-foot seas with winds upwards of 50 knots, the aircrew abandoned the rapidly sinking P-3C. Surviving aircrew spent the next 11 hours in life rafts, battling hypothermia with survival gear deemed unsatisfactory. Nearing death, they were eventually rescued by a Soviet fishing trawler after Bill Porter, local Oahu resident, escorted the vessel with his C-130 to life rafts containing the survivors.

"We really didn't think

we would survive, but the (emergency procedures) training we received took over, and we ditched the aircraft pretty successfully," explained Caylor.

During the lecture, Jampoler and Caylor took turns recounting the events from their different points of view. Although the crew suffered four casualties, the number would surely have been much higher if not for the unheard-of coordination between the United States and USSR governments at the apex of the Cold War, he said.

Although Jampoler was not part of the AF586 crew, he is a former P-3 pilot who has flown missions from Adak. He also commanded the Big Red of VP-19, based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field, Calif., and later commanded NAS Moffett Field, Calif. For his book, Jampoler relied heavily upon Caylor's personal account as well as the official U.S. Navy mishap report.

# Fernanda was no threat to islands ... but hurricane season is still here

**Karen S. Spangler**

Managing Editor

Weather forecasters and emergency preparedness officials didn't expect much threat to the islands from fizzling tropical storm Fernanda last week – and luckily, they were right.

But they warn island residents about being complacent. It's not a matter of if the islands will be hit by one of the big storms, but when.

As Hurricane Irene moves toward the east coast of the United States and in the aftermath of the unexpected 5.9 earthquake that jolted citizens and shook the east coast on Aug. 23, the message is clear: You never know when a disaster is going to hit, so be prepared.

The three most important things for island residents to remember are: be informed, have a plan and make a kit.

"The key thing is having a family emergency plan in place and knowing where you're going to go," advised Daniel DuBois, emergency management officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. He said that residents should be familiar with the location of evacuation shelters.

He also stressed the



importance of having an emergency kit. "Having an emergency kit is very important – with enough food and water to last your family for three to seven days, medications, etc. – and making sure that you have at least \$250 in cash," he advised. With widespread power outages, ATMs (automated teller machines) would not be operable and couldn't dispense money.

"Make sure that important documents, such as your homeowners' insurance papers and health paperwork, are in waterproof containers and take

those with you to the evacuation shelter," he said.

DuBois stressed the importance of residents collecting the food, water, batteries and other supplies that they need ahead of time. Too often, people wait until the last minute to purchase plywood and board up their homes, purchase the necessary supplies, etc., he noted.

He cautioned that residents should not wait until the 24-hour hurricane warning advisory has been issued to begin to prepare. "That's too late – preparations should be made long before that," he said.

By waiting too long to prepare, you may find that it is impossible to find the essentials that you need to ride out the storm. Remember the long lines in March when Hawaii was under the threat of a tsunami after the massive earthquake in Japan.

Lines at grocery stores were lengthy as shelves were emptied of basic supplies such as bottled water, batteries and food staples. Cars lined the streets and wrapped around the block as motorists nervously waited to fill up at the gas pumps.

Hawaii is the most geo-

graphically isolated state, more than 2,500 miles from the continental United States. Ninety-five percent of all the goods coming into Hawaii arrive by container ships at the Sand Island container port. Due to just-in-time marketing strategies, there would be only seven days' worth of food and perhaps 10 days of gasoline on Oahu. A major hurricane or other disaster could potentially disrupt the arrival of essential goods for weeks, if not months.

While JBPHH and State Civil Defense have joint contingency plans to restore operations, it may be seven to 10 days before those plans would be effective. That is why you and your family need to be prepared.

Precautions and preparations need to be in place for hurricane season which began June 1 and lasts until November here in Hawaii. DuBois said that residents also need to be aware and prepare for other natural disasters that can occur, such as tsunamis, fire hazards, flash flooding and high winds.

No one knows when a hurricane or tropical storm will hit the islands, but it's important to be hurricane-ready and not complacent. The safety and well-being

of you and your family will strongly – and possibly totally – depend on your knowledge, your awareness and how well you have prepared.

JBPHH Emergency Management encourages everyone to take steps to ensure their families, homes and businesses are prepared for a possible emergency. As a reminder, the month of September is designated as National Preparedness Month (NPM), an opportunity to encourage Americans to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

A special hurricane pull-out featuring a variety of helpful information for preparing for a hurricane or other emergency was published in the May 27 edition of Ho'okele, page A-6 and A-7. To access the information, visit the Ho'okele archives at [http://www.cnic.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/hawaii/phh/documents/document/cnic\\_a230848.pdf](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/hawaii/phh/documents/document/cnic_a230848.pdf)/JointBasePearlHarborHickam.

Those who need emergency information should call the Joint Base Straight Talk Line at (808) 421-4000 or visit the Joint Base Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com>.

## Diverse Views



Who is your favorite musical artist or group and why?



**Master Sgt. Galen Ho**  
203rd Air Refueling Squadron

"James Ingram - just because he sings so beautifully."

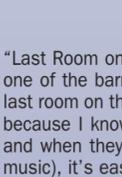
**SrAirman Brandon Alterio**  
647th Security Forces Squadron

"Blink 182 – their music was funny and different and always enjoyable."



**Maj. Lee Owens**  
13th Air Force

"Michael Jackson and the Jackson 5 – their music is timeless. Everyone knows the guitar bass line from 'ABC.'"



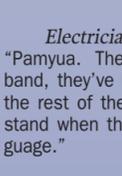
**Elicia Guillory,**  
Gunners' Mate Seaman

"Last Room on the Left. They started at one of the barracks on this base in the last room on the left. They're my favorite because I know where they come from, and when they talk about their lives (in music), it's easier to relate."



**Chana Nicole Ramirez**  
Engineman 3rd Class

"Monica. Her lyrics are really deep."



**Nastasia Andreatoff,**  
Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (SW)

"Pamyua. They're an Alaskan native band, they've brought Yup'ik culture to the rest of the world, and I can understand when they sing in my native language."



**Judy Ancheta**

"Matchbox 20. They are feel good music. Even when the lyrics are sad, you still feel good. They also appeal to a wide variety of ages, from teens to older folks."

(Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and Jazzmin Williams)

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## My Favorite Photo...

Brian M. Kane took this photo recently at the Pearl Harbor Marina area just after sunset after having dinner at Schooners.

Photo by Brian M. Kane

See submission guidelines on page A-2.



## 'Texan' aircraft does its 'THANG'



Photo courtesy of T. Merrill, retired 154th Wing historian

A North American T-6 "Texan" training aircraft assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii National Guard, shown flying over the Pacific ocean near Hawaii. From 1946 until the jet age, the 199th FS used several of these aircraft to train new pilots. The "TH ANG" markings denote "Territory Of Hawaii Air National Guard."

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## First enlisted retention board convenes

MCC (SW) Maria Yager

Navy Personnel Command  
Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Phase I of the Navy's first-ever enlisted retention board (ERB) will convene Aug. 22.

"In response to record-high retention and low attrition among active-duty Sailors and to meet current and future planned end-strength controls, Navy will conduct an ERB for 31 specific ratings that are more than 103-percent manned," said Rear Adm. Don Quinn, acting chief of naval personnel.

While programs like Perform to Serve and the selective re-enlistment bonus have been effective tools at optimizing and stabilizing force strength, the impact of national economic trends on retention behavior, coupled with billet shifts in the force, necessitate the execution of the ERB to meet Congressionally-mandated end-strength and to rebalance the force, according to Quinn.

"We simply have more people who want to stay Navy than we have billets for," Quinn said.

The quota-based board will review approximately 16,000 records of Sailors who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Navy administrative message (NAVADMIN) 129/11, and will identify approximately 13,000 Sailors for retention based on available quotas. An estimated 3,000 Sailors will not be retained on active duty.

The board will be conducted in two phases: Phase I for eligible E-4 and E-5 Sailors, and phase II



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jennifer A. Villalovos

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West answers questions during an all hands call aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS Green Bay (LPD 20) during his visit to Naval Station San Diego.

convenes in September for eligible E-6 through E-8 Sailors.

"Each record reviewed by the ERB represents years of service by the individual candidates facing the board," Quinn said. "The board affords each eligible candidate fair and equitable consideration for the opportunity to stay Navy."

Also according to the NAVADMIN, the board will examine the records of all eligible Sailors for declining performance, such as documented misconduct and substandard performance indicators. The board will retain the most fully qualified Sailors with potential for further service.

NAVADMIN 129/11 can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/oSFTGS>.

"We value every Sailor and family, so the decision to establish this board was made after careful consideration," Quinn said. "We simply had to face the reality of the situation. Unlike the drawdown nearly 10 years ago, we are providing the opportunity this time, on a level-playing field, for all to compete to stay."

Once the board results are approved by the chief of naval personnel this fall, Navy Personnel Command will notify commanding officers so they may personally contact and provide counseling to each Sailor not being retained. Phase I results are expected in October and phase II results in November.

Commands will have seven days from the time they are notified of the results by NPC to inform and counsel their Sailors. Bupers Online will then show results.

After being notified, Sailors not selected for retention but qualified by their ASVAB scores to convert may compete for a Selected Reserve PTS quota. Sailors will have access to the Navy's Transition Assistance Program and post-separation benefits allowed by law.

For more information, visit the Navy Personnel Command ERB Web page at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/ERB/Pages/default2.aspx>.

## Online feedback tool asks Sailors ERB questions

Navy Personnel  
Command Public  
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MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy Personnel Command launched an enlisted retention board online feedback poll on its web site Aug. 19 that allows Sailors to learn more about the board.

The short, non-scientific, online poll features links to enlisted retention board (ERB) information.

Participation is voluntary and confidential, and Navy Personnel Command (NPC) does not track or identify participants. The online feedback tool will run for two weeks and can be completed by any visitor to the website at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

The ERB convened at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) on Aug. 22. The quota-based board will review the records of approximately 16,000 Sailors from 31 overmanned rates who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in NAVADMIN 129/11. The ERB will identify about 13,000 Sailors for retention based on available quotas. An estimated 3,000 Sailors will not be retained on active duty.

The Navy is overmanned and must reduce the number of Sailors on active duty to meet the number required by law.

"We value every Sailor and family, so the decision to establish this board was made after careful consideration," said Rear Adm. Don



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 LaTunya Howard

Chief Hospital Corpsman Daryhl Tolley gives Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Ramon Eusebio permission to process a set of permanent change of station (PCS) orders. Tolley and Eusebio are Hospital Corpsman detailers at Navy Personnel Command (NPC). In fiscal year 2009, NPC issued approximately 72,600 funded PCS orders with an average cost of \$8,556 per move.

Quinn, acting chief of naval personnel. "We simply had to face the reality of the situation. Unlike the drawdown nearly 10 years ago, we are providing the opportunity this time, on a level-playing field, for all to compete to stay."

Sailors who are not selected for retention can apply for the

Selected Reserves or Individual Ready Reserves and will have access to the Navy's Transition Assistance Program for benefits and employment counseling.

NPC first implemented its online feedback service in 2008 and has had nearly 400,000 participants in more than 80 topics.

## Registration for Joint Spouses Conference to open Sept. 1

Staff Sgt. Carolyn  
Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-  
Hickam Public Affairs

Registration for the 2011 Joint Spouses Conference at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will begin online Sept. 1 at 8 a.m.

This year's conference, which will be held Oct. 22 at the Hickam Tradewinds Enlisted Club, will feature Associated Press correspondent Kimberly Dozier. There will be numerous workshops and opportunities for spouses to socialize and network.

"We have made a concerted effort this year to make

sure 90 percent of the workshops are hands-on and interactive," said Jane West, this year's conference director. "We've also made an effort to go green as much as possible, to save resources and money."

To that end, workshops will center around topics such as healthy and organic living, furniture refinishing, and personal development-focused classes such as publishing your written works, how to market yourself as military spouse if you are getting into the job world again, and preparing for retirement and financial success, according to West, who attended last year.

"I was impressed and

pleased by the level of energy of both participants and committee members, and how enthused everyone was to be participating and meeting each other," she said. "It's a great networking opportunity, especially if you're new to the island, and a great way to share your experiences in interactive workshops while learning from great instructors."

As a military spouse for seven years, West said she and her husband, Brig. Gen. Scott West, deputy director of operations, plans, requirements and programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, have experienced six overseas moves. She said she has

seen many different places and experienced the challenges and the joys of such a fast-paced lifestyle.

"I'm fortunate to have lived in so many different places," she said. "Each base has a different mission and different people. I've seen unique challenges spouses have at bases around the country and around the world, especially with multiple deployments. I see this conference as an opportunity, in a sense, to reward spouses for all their hard work and give them the opportunity to have fun and interact with others for a day," West said.

A major drawing factor this year, according to West,

will be the guest speaker.

"She's awesome," said West. "I heard her speak a few years ago in Washington, D.C. She's had such a unique experience, having been a reporter embedded in Iraq. She's also a huge supporter of the military."

Dozier was hit by a car bomb and nearly killed while in Baghdad in 2006, according to her website, [www.kimberlydozier.com](http://www.kimberlydozier.com).

"My eardrums were blown out, I had shrapnel in my brain, and I lost more than half my blood," she recounts online. "But my legs had the most damage; both femurs were fractured."

"It's a powerful story,"

said West, who is looking forward to participating in the conference as much as she is enjoying directing it.

Free child care will be available for those with spouses who are deployed, with first priority given to those in combat zones. A free, optional wine and cheese reception will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Prize drawings and a silent auction will also be held.

Three-tiered fees, based on rank, are as follows: E1-E5, \$19; E6-O3, \$29; O4 and above, \$39. Registration online can be accessed through [www.jschawaii.com](http://www.jschawaii.com), and will remain open until all 360 slots are filled.

## JPAC to 'break ground' on new multi-million dollar facility

Joint POW/MIA

Accounting Command  
Public Affairs Office

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will ceremoniously begin work on a multi-million dollar facility during a ground breaking and blessing cere-

mony at 10 a.m. Aug. 30 near the Kuntz Gate at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Sen. Daniel Inouye will be among several other dignitaries invited to ceremoniously break ground on the site for the new facility that will further enhance the Department of Defense's

mission to account for its missing U.S. personnel.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, JPAC is a jointly manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists that has, with its predecessor organizations, investigated and recovered missing

Americans since the 1970s.

The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation's past conflicts.

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

(Below) In support of Engineering Civic Action Program (ENCAP) Operation Pacific Unity 11-4, U.S. Navy Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, Gulfport, Miss. and U.S. Air Force Reserve Prime BEEF Airmen from the 624th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, make improvements to three Vietnamese medical clinics in Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam on Aug. 17. The operation includes more than 60 U.S. and Vietnamese service members, local contractors and support personnel, and showcases the potential of total force integration and multinational interoperability.

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Herrick



(Below) Sergeant Rolf Karlstad (right), F Co. 3rd Battalion, 25th General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th Aviation Brigade, and Spc. Richard Rivard (left), D Co. 3-25 GSAB, 25th CAB, secures a sling-load to a 12,000 pound buoy prior to transporting it from a sandbar in Ulupau Crater weapon's range to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, July 15.

Photo by Sgt. Karl Williams



(Right) Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Jesse Battaglia, Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, San Diego, Detachment (FACSFAC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, operates the flight data input/output system, receiving and relaying aircraft movement data and controlling aircraft movement for up to eight aircraft.

U.S. Navy photo by DC Smith



Photo by David D. Underwood, Jr.

(Above) Senior Airman Sally Morales, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Management, assists Donovan Castillo with his gas mask in the mobility processing line during Operation Hele On at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug 19.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Herrick

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Navy Region Hawaii chief petty officer selectees volunteer as bocce ball referees and line judges at the Special Olympics at Waiau District Park in Pearl City, Hawaii Aug. 20. The selectees volunteer every year as part of their chief induction process to show the Navy's support and to give back to the community.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Dustin W. Sisco

# 'Hammerheads' join with sister services to relocate 6-ton buoy

Story and photo by  
Sgt. Karl Williams

25th Combat Aviation  
Brigade Public Affairs, 25th  
Infantry Division

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe— The Soldiers didn't come here to enjoy the sea views; they came to conduct a joint sling-load operation.

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 25th General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, helped the Coast Guard with an eight-foot-by-26-foot, steel, lighted buoy.

The buoy, located in the Ulupau Crater Weapons Range Danger Zone here and valued at approximately \$30,000, had parted from its mooring and needed to be relocated.

Ralph Little, commander, Cutter Kukui, Coast Guard, said he began asking other military services for assistance with recovering the buoy, after exhausting options within the Coast Guard.

"The (25th CAB) offered to assist us, due to the inaccessibility of the buoy in the shallow water," Little said. "This relatively small operation integrated capabilities, personnel, platforms and communications from the Army, Coast Guard and Navy."



B Co. 3rd Battalion, 25th General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th Aviation Brigade, transports a 12,000 pound buoy with a CH-47 Chinook helicopter from a sandbar in Ulupau Crater weapon's range to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to allow the U.S. Coast Guard to recover the buoy.

Little received support from the Navy's waterfront operations as well as outstanding support from MCBH, he said.

"Interagency operations like this one go a very long way towards improving interoperability among the services," he added.

Weeks of coordination and planning significantly

contributed to the overall efficiency of the operation, according to Sgt. Rolf Karlstad, air traffic services operator, Company F, 3rd Bn., 25th GSAB.

"Prior to transport, we rigged and pre-inspected the sling set and vertical pendant on dry land, and (we) only needed to connect four chains to the lifting

eye of the buoy when we were in the water," Karlstad said.

Capt. Sean Merrit, commander, Co. B, 3rd Bn., 25th GSAB, and his Chinook crew also reconnoitered the buoy, the route to the landing zone and the landing zone itself to ensure they all were safe. The crew then

returned to the pickup zone to sling-load the buoy. The Navy provided a jet ski, a zodiac, an inflatable rubber boat and a coxswain, a small watercraft, to transport the rigging equipment and the Soldiers to the buoy.

"Due to our earlier prep work, the greatest difficulty we encountered was

simply getting the slings out to the buoy. It was grounded on a coral reef, in three to six feet of water, depending on the tide," Karlstad said.

To increase the stability of the buoy during rigging operations, the five-man Army team conducted the mission during low tide, making work on the grounded buoy safer.

Having never conducted sling-load operations for a buoy, Soldiers used the same technique as one used to sling-load a 10,000 pound cargo net.

"Since a Coast Guard sea buoy is not a certified load, I had to use my best judgment and the procedures detailed in the field manuals to determine how to rig it safely," Karlstad said.

Merrit and his crew maneuvered the CH-47 Chinook and the buoy safely into a predetermined landing zone on MCBH, according to Capt. David Rodriguez, assistant operations officer, 3rd Bn., 25th GSAB.

Throughout the mission, Rodriguez, at the buoy location, was in constant contact with Merrit, piloting the helicopter.

"We accomplished all of our objectives on the water and in the air, and did it safely," said Rodriguez. "It was very exciting to see all the pieces come together for a successful mission."

## Sen. Inouye is keynote speaker for 10th annual JVEF meeting

Joint Base Pearl  
Harbor-Hickam Public  
Affairs

The 10th annual Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) annual meeting was held Thursday at the Hawaii Okinawa Center in Waipahu.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye was the keynote speaker. Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie was among the distinguished guests.

The event recognized and celebrated the accomplishments of JVEF, which is a partnership among the military, Hawaii Department of

Education and community stakeholders who are working to enhance educational opportunities for Hawaii's children.

About 15,000 military dependents, representing about eight percent of the total student enrollment, attend Hawaii public schools.

With the support of Inouye, the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) was established in 1999 as a venue to address mutual concerns through meaningful discussion and relationships to promote educational opportunities for Hawaii's children. The HDOE and military partner-

ships have a positive impact on public schools, support for military families and children, and increased community for both cultures.

"JVEF's goal is to focus on the commonality, which is the successful education of Hawaii's children, whether military or civilian," Inouye said.

For more information about JVEF, visit <http://militaryfamily.k12.hi.us/>.

(Complete coverage of the 10th annual JVEF meeting will be published in the Sept. 2 edition.)

## JEMS Job Fair will take place Sept. 21

Job applicants will have an opportunity to meet with more than 100 prospective employers when the 24th annual JEMS (Joint Employment Management System) Job Fair convenes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at Club Pearl at Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Hawaii, mainland and international companies will be represented at the fair which is open to any job seeker with base access.

Those who plan to attend the job fair should be

dressed for potential interviews, bring resumes, have business cards available, be prepared to collect business cards and bring a pen.

For more information about JEMS, visit [www.jemsjobs.com](http://www.jemsjobs.com) or call 474-1999.

## POW/MIA commemoration scheduled Sept. 15-16

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Baton Run and Ceremony are scheduled for 6 a.m. Sept. 15 to 6 a.m. Sept. 16. The event will be held rain or shine.

The baton will be run from the track to Atterbury Circle flag pole for

a joint formation and ceremony at 7:15 a.m. Sept. 16.

All are encouraged to attend the flag ceremony, which will be hosted by Col. Sam C. Barrett, Commander of 15th Wing.

For information, call Staff Sgt. Terrell Mickens at 449-1737.

## Blood drive locations

Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) drives will be held as follows:

Aug. 29, UH ROTC Army (6:30-9:30 a.m.) 1311 Lower Campus Road.

Aug. 30, Tropics Schofield (10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Aug. 31, Kaneohe Bay Chapel (9 a.m.-1 p.m.).

Sept. 12, UH ROTC Air Force (6:30-

9:30 a.m.), 1311 Lower Campus Road.

Sept. 13, Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (11 a.m.-3 p.m.).

To learn more about the Armed Services Blood Program, to make an appointment or to organize a blood drive, call 433-6148, or visit online: [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil) or [www.facebook.com/militaryblood](http://www.facebook.com/militaryblood).



## How to submit stories and photos to Ho'okele

The staff of Ho'okele welcomes submissions of stories and photos from the Navy and Air Force community and commands. Help us to tell the story about our Navy and our Air Force and Sailors, Airmen and their families.

Here are some guidelines to help you:

Ho'okele is published every Friday. The deadline for submissions is no later than close of business on Friday, a week prior to publication. Articles/photos should be submitted earlier than deadline when possible. It is also helpful if you let us know that you plan to submit a story and/or photo in advance of submission.

Timeliness is important. Submissions should be sent as soon as possible after the event, but no later than two weeks after the event in order to be considered for publication.

Submissions should be sent to editor@hookelenews.com and also "cc" the managing edi-

tor, Karen Spangler, at Karen.spangler@navy.mil and the assistant editor, Don Robbins, at drobbins@hookelenews.com.

Submissions must contain the following elements:

- Byline of author of article and his/her title and command.
- Photo credit (who took the photo).
- Caption information which explains what is happening in the photo. (We prefer that caption information, photo credit, etc. be inserted in the "file info" in the photo.)
- Who, what, when, where and why.
- Both first and last names, rates (Navy), ranks and warfare designations (Navy) must be supplied for all of those who are mentioned in the story, quoted, and/or in outline information. Positions and commands should also be provided for those who are quoted in the story.

Photos should be action

photos, not shots of groups "posing" for the camera. If you need some additional guidance, please call us.

Photos should be at least 200 dpi if five-by-seven inches or slightly larger. If smaller, the dpi should be at least 300. This is necessary in order to ensure that the photo resolution is of high enough quality for newspaper printing. However, don't send huge photo files - resize large files before sending.

Ensure that stories/photos have been approved per the guidelines of your command prior to submission.

If any of the above information is missing, it must be supplied no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday (the week of publication) or the story/photo will not be published.

Adherence to guidelines in meeting deadlines is critical in order for Ho'okele to meet its publication deadlines. Regardless of the situation, our publication

deadlines don't change.

Community calendar items should contain the who, what, where, when and why, be as concise as possible, and include a phone number that can be published with the item. Sending a flyer, power point, etc. with the information is not acceptable. The basic information should be compiled and provided in a Word document. Please refer to page B5 of Ho'okele for format for community calendar items. The same deadlines apply.

Make sure that you provide your contact information - phone number as well as email - with your submission. We need to be able to reach you quickly if we have questions.

We look forward to receiving and publishing your stories and photos. If you have additional questions or need more information, please call Ho'okele at 473-2890.

## Selectees volunteer for Special Olympics

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Special Olympics volunteer. "It makes you more understanding about their situation."

The selectees made up a large portion of the more than 500 volunteers.

"We get fantastic support from the military every year," said Dan Epstein, manager of Special Olympics Hawaii. "We use over 6,000 volunteers a year and probably 70 percent

of them are military."

The effort put forth from the selectees, military and other volunteers is greatly appreciated by those who run the Special Olympics.

"The volunteers are the best," said Nancy Bottelo, the chief executive officer of Special Olympics Hawaii. "We couldn't do this without them. We only have a full time staff of seven people and we could not do anything that we do without the volunteers."

## 'Giant Voice' test will take place Sept. 1 on joint base

On Sept. 1 at 11:45 a.m., the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" will be tested in conjunction with the state outdoor warning siren system.

Monthly siren test information is as follows:

- All sirens statewide are

tested the first working day of every month at 11:45 a.m.

- During the test, the sirens sound for 45 seconds.

- During a real event, the sirens will sound for three minutes.

## USS Reagan strike group's Rear Adm. Girrier joins speaker lineup at end of WWII ceremony

### USS Missouri Memorial Association

The Battleship Missouri Memorial will commemorate the 66th anniversary of the end of World War II with a free ceremony from 8 to 9 a.m. Sept. 2 on the "Mighty Mo's" forward main deck.

Rear Adm. Robert P. Girrier, commander of Carrier Strike Group Seven, USS Ronald Reagan Strike Group, will join keynote speaker Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, WWII veteran and national spokesman for The Greatest Generations Foundation, in offering remarks.

Ruth Ann Becker, board member of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., will welcome guests on behalf of the nonprofit organization that today is entrusted with the care and operation of America's last battleship.

In the shadow of the Mighty Mo's main guns, the program will feature patriotic music, a rifle salute and echo Taps from atop turret one and superstructure, and a special "Old Glory detail" by the Navy Region Hawaii chief petty officers.

The ceremony will be followed by the opportunity



Rear Adm. Robert P. Girrier, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Seven, USS Ronald Reagan Strike Group

for guests to tour the ship's decks, including the site where Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Douglas MacArthur and representatives from 10 nations assembled on Sept. 2, 1945 to accept Imperial Japan's formal, unconditional surrender.

The formal surrender occurred months following V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day), May 8, 1945, when German troops laid down their arms after Germany surrendered to allied nations.

Japan announced its surrender on Aug. 15 (Japan time) but formalized the agreement on Sept. 2 aboard the USS Missouri, thereby signifying the Allies' victory over Axis powers and restoring peace to the world.

During WWII, Heilman joined the U.S. Marine Corps and completed boot camp as the highest scorer on the rifle range in his platoon and one of the top three out of 600 Marines.

He was deployed to Okinawa, arriving during kamikaze bombing raids on the fleet. Heilman's outfit took over Chimu Field, an airstrip vital to sustaining the bombing of Japan. He later served on occupation duty in Japan, flying as a radio operator on staff of the commander of the U.S. 5th Fleet, taking intelligence personnel to Hiroshima, Nagasaki and other sites in the Pacific, and even surviving an airplane crash on Iwo Jima. Heilman was honorably discharged on Dec. 10, 1947.

Today, Dr. Heilman is chancellor of the University of Richmond and serves as the national spokesman for The Greatest Generations Foundation, a Denver-based, non-profit organization sponsoring the return of 20 WWII veterans to Pearl

Harbor this month.

Girrier assumed duties as Commander, Carrier Strike Group Seven, USS Ronald Reagan Strike Group in February 2011. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a surface warfare officer, Girrier most recently served as commander of Carrier Strike Group 11, USS Nimitz Strike Group, from March 2010 to February 2011.

From 2008 to 2010, he served as vice commander of Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, with operational commander duties in U.S. 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th Fleets. In both these tours, his commands pioneered innovative tactics, improving naval force war fighting effectiveness.

In additional sea tours, Girrier commanded Destroyer Squadron 15, from 2005 to 2007, forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. The squadron developed new tactics, techniques and procedures for anti-submarine warfare and maritime ballistic missile defense while exercising extensively with navies throughout the U.S. 7th Fleet area.

Girrier is co-author of the professional naval books, "Command at Sea," "Watch

Officers Guide" and "Division Officer's Guide."

The Missouri's ceremony is free, but reservations are encouraged, as space is limited. RSVPs are being accepted online at USSMissouri.org. Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45 a.m. For individuals without base access, complimentary roundtrip shuttle bus service from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will be available beginning at 7 a.m.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a mere ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience that begins with

the "day of infamy" that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan's unconditional surrender aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Following a career that spans five decades and three wars, from World War II to the Korean conflict to the Liberation of Kuwait, the "Mighty Mo" was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization, which operates the battleship as a historic attraction and memorial.

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

- Sept. 1 - Naval Air Museum Barbers Point
- Sept. 8 - Navy League - American patriots
- Sept. 15 - Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
- Sept. 22 - To be determined
- Oct. 13 - Navy Birthday

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

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Email editor@hookelenews.com or call Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs at 473-2875. Stories must have a Navy tie and be of interest to the general public.