

Submarine Squadron 3 disestablishes as Squadron 1 changes command

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Commander Submarine
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The Pearl Harbor-based submarine unit Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 3 disestablished as COMSUBRON 1 changed command during an official ceremony aboard USS Greenville (SSN 772) at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 2.

The disestablishment reassigns all COMSUBRON 3 attack submarines to COMSUBRON 1 and COMSUBRON 7. Under the deactivation, USS Jacksonville (SSN 699), USS Key West (SSN 722) and USS North Carolina (SSN 777) are assigned to COMSUBRON 1, and USS Louisville (SSN 724) and USS Olympia (SSN 717) are assigned to COMSUBRON 7.

USS Chicago (SSN 721) will be assigned to COMSUBRON 15 in Apra Harbor, Guam. COMSUBRON 1 will support the unit and act as its host until she conducts a change of homeport to Guam.

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and guest speaker at the event, remarked on the history of the squadron.

"The demands of our national security evolve, as do the fiscal demands on the country. But the hallmark of our force is that we have always adapted. We are driven by the strategic imperative that we must be combat ready," Caldwell said.

"So as Squadron 3 decommissions, one thing that we can absolutely count on is



(Top) Capt. Stanley Robertson, Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 1, is piped ashore, having been relieved as commodore by Capt. James Childs at a change of command ceremony held at the submarine piers on board Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 12. (Above) Capt. James Childs, the outgoing commodore of the Pearl Harbor-based submarine unit, Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 3, speaks at the disestablishment of COMSUBRON 3 during an official ceremony aboard USS Greenville (SSN 772) at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 2.

that our people will deal with this change, lead through it and deliver a better, more capable submarine force in the end. Our measure of success on a day-to-day basis is the ability to send submarines on deployment, have them operate for months away from homeport, com-

plete the mission and return safely home."

Capt. James Childs, the outgoing commodore of COMSUBRON 3, also noted the rich history of the squadron. "Throughout the years, the complexion, the submarines, the assigned missions and the location of

Submarine Squadron 3 have changed," Childs said.

"What has not changed is the dedication that the squadron has had to the crews and submarines that have belonged to and thrive under its care. Decommissioning Submarine Squadron 3 will certainly add

to the challenges our submarines, squadrons and supporting commands face."

Following the disestablishment, a change of command took place as Childs relieved Capt. Stanley Robertson as commodore of COMSUBRON 1.

Rear Adm. Caldwell spoke

about Robertson's exceptional performance. "I have had the privilege of watching Commodore Robertson in action since becoming commander of the Pacific Submarine Force, and I can tell you that his reputation and the reputation of his submarines is one of excellence," Caldwell said. "Thank you for your leadership, your tenacity and your hard work. You have positioned your team for success."

During his remarks, Caldwell presented Robertson with the Legion of Merit.

Robertson expressed his gratification and appreciation for his squadron staff as well as the crews of the submarines that fell under his leadership.

"Ultimately, modern submarines take an incredible team. The challenges they are conquering, and the talent and effort they pour into their jobs, has been a gratifying education," Robertson said. "When we get one of our submarines underway, there is a great satisfaction in this job during those times, and it is coupled with a deep appreciation for my staff and my men on the front lines."

As Childs stepped down from command of COMSUBRON 3 and assumed command of COMSUBRON 1, he praised Robertson for the squadron's outstanding reputation on the waterfront and described how honored he is to be selected for this position of trust.

"Submarine Squadron 1, it is an honor, a pleasure and a chance of a lifetime to be able to continue my command here in Pearl Harbor, to serve

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Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Gary North speaks to an audience during an event celebrating the legacy of the U.S.-China friendship, held at the Pacific Aviation Museum, Ford Island on Hawaii, Jan. 30. During the event, the president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Madame Li Xiaolin, presented her film documentary, "Touching the Tigers," which tells the story of the late "Flying Tigers" pilot Lt. Glen Beneda.

Honoring Flying Tiger Lt. Glen Beneda

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Jerome
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Pacific Air Forces Public
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FORD ISLAND, Hawaii - Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Gary North delivered a keynote speech during an event celebrating the legacy of the U.S.-China friendship held at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor on Jan. 30.

North addressed the audience, which included Gov. Neil Abercrombie, after viewing a 40-minute documentary titled "Touching the Tigers," a story about an American "Flying Tigers" pilot in

World War II. According to North, the "Flying Tigers" represent a unique era in military history. They began a proud history of American air power in the Pacific theater, protecting friends, defending allies and always willing to come to the support of other nations in need.

Madame Li Xiaolin, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and daughter of former Chinese President Li Xiannian, produced the documentary. She also presented the documentary at the event.

"Touching the Tigers" is the story of Lt. Glen Beneda, a World War II pilot who was shot down in

his fighter jet over Jianli in Hubei province while defending China from Japanese forces. He was on his 81st mission with the 14th Air Force. According to the documentary, Chinese farmers and soldiers rescued Beneda after his aircraft went down, and for 60 days, the Chinese hid Beneda from capture, tended to his wounds and fed him. The documentary outlines how this began a life-long relationship between Beneda and the Chinese. In the years following the war, Beneda visited China three times.

The Pacific Aviation Museum event also hosted the China Children's Choir of Beijing and a lion dance as part of the festivities.

CNIC welcomes new commander

Patrick Foughty

Navy Installations
Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) - Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) held a change of command ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard on Feb. 3.

Vice Adm. William D. French relieved Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale.

Vitale has served as the chief officer leading the Navy's entire shore infrastructure for nearly three years and was the third commander in the history of CNIC. The CNIC enterprise, includes 11 Navy

regions, 70 installations and 127 Naval Operations Support Centers, and is responsible for 31 business lines and 122 critical shore capabilities across three major categories; operations, quality of life and facilities management.

Throughout his tenure, Vitale led efforts to standardize, align, synchronize and innovate new methods and processes that furthered CNIC's mission to deliver effective and efficient readiness from the shore that sustains the fleet, enables the fighter, and supports families.

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Vitale praised the

numerous accomplishments of the personnel under his command and of the entire CNIC enterprise, from molding the Navy family accountability and assessment system (NFAAS) into the model personnel accountability system used across the services, to the development of new shore integration methods and a total workforce, capable of continuously supporting operations and services.

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U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Monique Hilley
Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert speaks at the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) change of command ceremony. Vice Adm. Bill French (right) relieved Vice Adm. Michael Vitale during the event. CNIC is a global enterprise tasked with managing the Navy's entire shore infrastructure and oversees a \$12 billion budget, more than 83,000 facilities and 58,000 personnel.



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Pacific Air Forces boss visits Columbus

Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – The commander of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, visited Airmen and local community members here Jan. 25 to Jan. 29.

During his stay, Gen. Gary North, PACAF commander, spoke in a variety of venues, flew in the T-38 Talon and T-6 Texan, and spoke at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-04, launching them toward the next stage of their training and their Air Force careers.

"It happens 15 times a year, and it's a phenomenal event, not only for the family members and individuals but for the whole Columbus team who can now high-five each other for producing another group of ready pilots for our Air Force," North said.

North, who has held his



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens
Capt. Adam Schubert, 1st Lt. Kent North and Capt. Benjamin Staats, instructor pilots in the 41st Flying Training Squadron, pause with Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, for a photo in front of a T-6 Texan on Jan. 26 at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. North flew a formation sortie in the T-6 with his son, North during his visit to Columbus.

position since August 2009, said that his major command has been very proud of the Airmen entering the PACAF area of responsibility.

"The gateway to our Air Force is through Air Education and Training Command. Think of the number of enlisted Airmen we bring through Lackland Air Force Base every year, think of the thousands of pilots that we produce, and every other specialty," North said. "Columbus's primary mission is to produce pilots, but in advancing Airmen to do that, the whole team is focused on a common mission: to send out 300 plus pilots a year to our Air Force."

As for the men and women of the 14th Flying Training Wing who produce those pilots, North said he thinks they are fantastic and should be very proud of the work they do.

"It's what we expect of a leadership team; it's what we hope for out of a community team," he said. "They're fantastic. This base is ablaze."

Muckian takes command of USS Greeneville

Carullo praised for exceptional performance

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Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office

Cmdr. Martin Muckian relieved Cmdr. Anthony Carullo as commanding officer of USS Greeneville (SSN 772) during a time-honored change of command ceremony held aboard the Los Angeles-class submarine at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 3.

Capt. Stanley Robertson, guest speaker, praised Carullo for his exceptional performance while commanding Greeneville, as well as the crew on their accomplishments under Carullo's leadership.



Cmdr. Anthony Carullo is piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) by Cmdr. Martin Muckian at a change of command ceremony held at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 3.

"Cmdr. Carullo, congratulations on the exceptional performance throughout your tour as commanding officer of USS Greeneville. You and your crew consistently completed all tasking with outstanding results," Robertson said. "These accomplishments are a testament to the leadership, initiative and professionalism of both you and your crew."

Carullo acknowledged that the majority of the submarine's success during his time as commanding officer could be attributed to the crew and their hard work. "Being a Greeneville Sailor takes special drive and determination," he said. "Submarining is a team sport, and it takes a well-trained and proficient team to conduct many of the complex and highly technical evolutions on board."

Following his remarks, Carullo was awarded the

Meritorious Service Medal for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from November 2009 to February 2012.

As Muckian assumed command of Greeneville, he addressed the crew about the future.

"To the men of the Greeneville, you have impressed me with not only your performance but in the way you take care of each other as true shipmates," Muckian said. "I am honored to join this crew as your captain and look forward to sailing with you."

Carullo's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards).

He will report for duty to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations N87 submarine warfare Division.

Indian, U.S. Navy divers participate in SALVEX 12

U.S. 3rd Fleet Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO – U.S. Navy dive teams and the Indian navy will conduct a bilateral salvage exchange (SALVEX) off the coast of Hawaii, Feb.

7 to 13. Participating in the exercise are Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One, based in Hawaii, and USNS Sioux (T-ATF-171). The purpose of SALVEX 12 is to enhance U.S. and Indian bilateral

diving and salvage capability in the littoral environment to improve maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response capability.

Sioux is one of Military Sealift Command's four

fleet ocean tugs providing towing, diving platform and other services to the Navy's numbered fleets and is part of the 14 ships in the service support program.

The SALVEXs with the Indian navy began in

2005. The exercise is held periodically with each nation taking turns hosting. SALVEX 2009 was at Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One in Hawaii, while SALVEX 2011 was hosted by the Indian navy in

Port Blair, India.

Joint interagency and international relationships strengthen U.S. 3rd Fleet's ability to respond to crises and protect the collective maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners.



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JOINT BASE SPEAKERS CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

(Above left) 1st Lt. Nikita Martin, 96th Air Refueling Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, is the guest speaker at the 2012 African American History Month Lunch at the Hickam Officer's Club on Feb. 3. Martin shared her experiences as one of 10 African American female pilots in the U.S. Air Force and the only one on the island. (Below) Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, Chief Staff Officer, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, makes opening remarks during the 2012 African American History Month Luncheon at the Hickam Officer's Club on Feb. 3.

Photo illustration | Photos by David D. Underwood, Jr.

U.S., Japan forces enhance partnership during Keen Edge 2012

13th Air Force Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Airmen from Hawaii, Japan and other locations around the world joined with joint and Japanese partners Jan. 22-26.

The command post exercise, known as Keen Edge '12, featured participation by approxi-



mately 600 U.S. and 1,300 Japanese Self Defense Force representatives. During the Keen Edge exercise, U.S. and Japanese forces practiced and tested their mutual ability to work and communicate together during simulated scenarios.

Keen Edge 12 kicked off less than one year

after the U.S. and Japan partnered together in a massive humanitarian and disaster relief mission, Operation Tomodachi, in response to a massive earthquake, tsunami and damage to a nuclear reactor in the country's north-east region.

In addition to the positive impacts during times of emergency, a strong security relationship between the two Pacific nations is vital to protecting strategic interests and promoting security and stability in the region.

During Keen Edge 12, Japanese and U.S. staffs employed computer simulations to practice the steps they might take in the event of a crisis or contingency situation. Command post exercises like Keen Edge are a cost-effective manner of providing military participants with realistic, unobtrusive training in a simulated crisis. Combined with periodic field training exercises, these bilateral drills greatly enhance the readiness and capability of military forces.

Keen Edge 12 concluded Jan. 26.

Diverse Views



Feb. 14 is Valentines Day. What are your plans for Valentine's Day and why?



Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Showman
USTRANSCOM Defense Courier Service, Honolulu

"Take my wife out for a nice dinner."

Fire Controlman 3rd Class (SW) Christian Kilpatrick
JBPHH Transit Personnel Unit



"We're going to the Cheesecake Factory. I'll get her some flowers, some edible arrangements ... have to be healthy."



Tech. Sgt. Jeannette Rosario
NCOIC Financial Management

"Someone special deserves something very special: out for dinner, walk on the beach, and a surprise gift...a nice one."

Gunner's Mate 3rd class Elicia Guillory
JBPHH Maintenance



"I'm going to Skype my fiancée and have dinner. He's in San Diego. We're both having steak and potatoes. It's our first Valentine's Day together and apart."



Operations Specialist 2nd class Miluska Torres
JBPHH Maintenance

"My husband and I are going to go out to a romantic dinner. We want to go to the Top of Waikiki because you get the best view of the island. I'm thinking of getting him a small gift but I haven't decided yet."

Lt. Col. Samuel Washington
Chief, Medical Information Services PACAF



"I have plans that cannot be released to the public at this time, as my wife may read the paper and discover the surprise."



Information Systems Technician 3rd class Bryant Powell
JBPHH

"Dinner at the Hale Koa, then a walk on the beach."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and Jazzmin Williams)

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Register today for IA recognition luncheon

Navy Region Hawaii

The Honolulu Navy League is hosting an individual augmentee (IA) recognition luncheon for all returned "boots on the ground IA/overseas contingency operation support assignment (GSA) Sailors and their spouses or guests" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Ala Moana Hotel. Sign-in for IA/GSA Sailors begins at 10:30 a.m.

Registration forms will

be distributed through the command master chief network and must be completed to obtain a ticket. Take the completed form to the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) to pick up tickets is Friday last day, at \$40 per person.

All commanding officers, executive officers and command master chiefs are invited to attend. This is a premier opportunity to recognize and appreciate IA Sailors' honorable and faithful service. Spouses

will also be recognized for their loyalty and steadfast support of the IA Sailor.

The luncheon will be paid for by the Navy League for the IA Sailors and their spouse or one guest. Forms and tickets should be available at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MFSC (formerly FFSC), Moanalua Navy Services Center. Checks are made payable to Navy League of Honolulu.

The uniform for Navy personnel attending the

luncheon is the service uniform; for other services it is the class equivalent and aloha attire for civilians.

IA Sailors who will be attending are asked to send electronic pictures of themselves (while deployed) to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Command Master Chief Gary Smedley at gary.smedley@navy.mil, or call 474-4291.

For more information, call MFSC at 474-1999.

Tuskegee Airmen leave strong legacy



U.S. Air Force photo

Maj. James A. Ellison returns the salute of Mac Ross as he passes down the line during review of the first class of Tuskegee cadets in Alabama in this undated photo.

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VP-9's CSADD participates in trail hike and clean-up day at Maunawili Falls

Lt. j.g. Ryan Jones

Patrol Squadron Nine
Public Affairs Officer

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay, HI – Patrol Squadron Nine's (VP-9) Sailors continued to strengthen their greater civilian-military ohana on Oahu by offering their time and labor. On Jan. 28, VP-9's Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) coordinated a cleanup of Maunawili Falls.

Established in 2008, the Navy created CSADD to provide military members and spouses of all branches with the best prevention and intervention tools possible to deal with issues of drinking, reckless driving and other destructive decisions. Since then they have grown Navy-wide into many chapters directed at Sailors between 18 and 25 years old.

"During my first tour, Sailors tended to drink a little more than they should. For those that didn't drink, they had nothing to do. Today CSADD helps provide that outlet. Seeing these types of programs being integrated into the military life really encourages members to make life



VP-9's Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions enjoy the Maunawili Falls. The Sailors participated in a trail hike and cleanup project.

U.S. Navy photo by LCI Rocky Esquivel

changing decision that will help maintain a positive lifestyle in keeping with military personal values," said VP-9's Naval Air Crewman Avionics Chief Daniel Cox.

The organization also uses social media such as Facebook and YouTube to educate their Sailors in a manner in which they can

relate. Topics range from responsible drinking to suicide prevention.

Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Orlando Soto, VP-9's CSADD activities coordinator, said, "The hike is a fun get together. It motivates them to do greater things, to teach them what is in the community,

and help out." The coordinator mentioned that VP-9's next outing will be a snorkeling trip to Hanauma Bay.

While hiking the trail to the waterfall, Sailors and spouses contributed by cleaning up trash and other articles left behind by previous visitors. Throughout the hike,

passersby joined in to help preserve one of Hawaii's most visited hiking attractions.

Once at the falls, a brave and cautious traveler can jump into the pool at the base of the fall. "The water is colder than you think in the spring time," said Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class

Nicholas Schier, VP-9 CSADD president.

Anyone who desires to experience this local gem can find directions to the trail head by asking around or searching online. The trail is located just outside of Kailua, Hawaii on Maunawili Road. After exiting Kalaniana'ole Highway, simply follow the signs to Maunawili Falls. It is a beginner's trail, and trekkers may want to consider bringing their own sunscreen and bug repellent.

Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) is located at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The squadron is better known as the Golden Eagles and flies the P-3C Orion.

The P-3C is land-based and the Navy's premier long-range maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, operating from locations throughout the world. Her missions range from submarine tracking to search and rescue, as well as overland missions, working alongside Navy, Army or Marine ground units. More information can be found at the website at: <http://www.vp9.navy.mil/> or on Facebook.

Vitale thanks CNIC team

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and challenges," Vitale said. "I've had the pleasure of witnessing this enterprise solve complex and dynamic problems, some self-imposed, some caused by outside forces, and forge a way ahead toward a model of shore integration that has forever changed how we do business and provide service the fleet, fighter and family."

Vitale also thanked the many Navy communities throughout the world that support and allow the Navy to operate in close proximity to their homes and livelihoods, acknowledging the importance of maintaining close ties from the smallest installation to the headquarters level.

"It's the communities, both in the U.S. and abroad, that invite us to live and operate in their backyard, and it's the communities, both within the Navy and outside, that are the anchor of our ability to maintain and operate the best naval force in the world, and I want to thank each one for their support, patience, and welcoming spirit," Vitale said.

French thanked Vitale for his wisdom and guidance and spoke briefly about his optimism and vision for the future of CNIC.

"During the last six

years I have been with the CNIC enterprise, I have learned that we have some of the best, brightest and most talented professionals in the Navy," French said. "Under Vice Adm. Vitale's leadership, the CNIC team has set the example for how an enterprise should function and have established immense credibility on how you are meeting customer needs. I'm honored to be taking command at this point in the history of the command."

French was promoted shortly before the event after having a successful tour at Navy Region Southwest in San Diego, Calif. where he accomplished major milestones toward energy and water conservation and numerous other green initiatives.

A career submarine officer, French has served on a number of submarines and commanded USS Salt Lake City (SSN 716) and Submarine Squadron 3 in Pearl Harbor.

"I am proud to be part of such a superb organization, and I look forward to working with you over the next few years," French said.

CNIC oversees a \$10 billion budget, more than 83,000 facilities and 58,000 personnel, all managed from a single unified enterprise.

USS Port Royal returning from deployment

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

Guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) is scheduled to return Feb. 13 from an independent deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility (AOR).

Port Royal is commanded by Capt. Eric Weilenman with a crew of more than 300 officers and enlisted personnel.



Port Royal was the final ship to assume command of Commander,

Task Force-Iraqi Maritime (CTF-IM) supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command AOR and transitioning the task of defense of Iraqi territorial waters and the Al Basrah and Khawr Al Amaya oil terminals to the Iraqi navy and Iraqi Marines.

Guided-missile cruis-

ers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, long-range strike and anti-surface warfare combatants capable of supporting carrier and expeditionary strike groups, amphibious forces or operating independently.

For more information, visit the ship's website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/cg73/Pages/default.aspx>.

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(Left) Operations Specialist 3rd Class Aleksandar Miladinovic, one of the ship's chart petty officers, plots the ship's inboard coordinates to Hawaii aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). John C. Stennis is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility while on a seven-month deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Will Tyndall



A barge crane lifts a Navy A3 to the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) at Naval Base San Diego. The aircraft will be transported to the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MCCA (SW) Joe Kane

(Right) Ensign Christopher Veenhuis (left), Cmdr. Justin Kubu, Lt. j.g. Georges Banks and Lt. Rick Zabawa render honors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) to the Republic of Korea Navy destroyer (ROKS) Munmu the Great (DDH 976) after completing a passing exercise Feb. 3.

U.S. Navy photo



(Left) Quartermaster 3rd Class Amanda Shykes (right), and Quartermaster Seamen Elora Presseau and Neisha Kirklings participate in a flag-hoisting exercise aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) on Feb 3.

U.S. Navy photo

Elinor Beneda, spouse of the late Lt. Glen Beneda, a "Flying Tigers" fighter pilot with the 14th Air Force, speaks to an audience during an event celebrating the legacy of the U.S.-China friendship, held at the Pacific Aviation Museum, Ford Island on Jan. 30.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn



Air Force leaders chart service changes

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) -- Making changes to the Air Force is "hard, but manageable," Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley said here Feb. 3.

Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz detailed force structure changes that will be made in the service over the next year. The men spoke during a Pentagon news conference.

The Air Force will cut 286 aircraft over the future year's defense plan including 123 fighters, 133 mobility aircraft and 30 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms, the secretary said. Among the fighter aircraft that will be retired are 102 A-10 close-air support aircraft. This has led to questions about whether there will be enough close-air assets left to support ground forces.

"There's still going to be 246 A-10s left in the inventory," Schwartz said. "We are doing close-air support with B-52s, with B-1s, certainly with F-16s and F-15Es and AC-130 gunships."

The bottom line, he said, is there are plenty of assets that can deliver pinpoint close-air support. "The



U.S. Air Force photo by Scott M. Ash

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz explain the Air Force's Force Structure overview during a Pentagon press briefing on Feb. 3.

United States Army and the United States Marine Corps and our own battlefield Airmen can rely on having plenty of close-air support provided by the United States Air Force from above," the general said.

These force structure changes mean a reduction of 9,900 airmen—3,900 active duty, 5,100 Air Guardsmen and 900 Air Force Reservists. Officials expect all these reductions can be made voluntarily.

All this is being done in accordance with new doctrine derived from the strategy review President Barack Obama announced last

month. "Our decision for the Air Force was that the best course of action for us is to become smaller in order to protect a high quality and ready force that will continue to modernize and grow more capable in the future," Donley said.

Service leaders balanced the needs of force structure, readiness, modernization and support for Airmen as they searched for the correct mix.

The service will protect crucial Air Force capabilities including air and space control, global intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, global mobility and

global strike enabled by effective global command and control, Donley said.

Leaders also protected the bomber force, cyber capabilities and the nuclear force.

The service resized mobility forces to meet the needs of a smaller Army and Marine Corps and kept enough remotely piloted aircraft to field 65 combat air patrols with the ability to surge to 85.

The service also has worked to lessen risk in case the strategy is wrong and more capabilities are needed. "We're going to get smaller across all three components," Donley said. "We need to get more closely integrated and to be more ready for the contingencies out in front of us."

The secretary pointed to operations over Libya as an example of the readiness he would like to see throughout the service.

"We did not have months to prepare for that," he said. "We really didn't have weeks to prepare for that; it was more like days and hours."

"We were able to bring the total force together quickly to produce combat capability over Libya within hours and then to generate that capability with our NATO partners, as well, and sustain that for nine months," Donley added. "You can't do that if you're not ready."

USS Cheyenne enjoys Super Bowl at sea

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USS CHEYENNE, At Sea--Submariners aboard the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) enjoyed a Super Bowl party hosted by the ship's crew Feb. 5.

Super Bowl XLVI, featuring the New England Patriots and the New York Giants, was shown on televisions throughout the submarine.

Normally, the crew of the Cheyenne is a tight-knit team working in one of the most technologically advanced submarines our country owns. However, during the game, the Cheyenne was a house divided. The Patriot fans cheered for Tom Brady while the Giant fans cheered for Eli Manning.

For Fire Control Technician 2nd Class (SS) John Cavazos, being able to watch the game was a nice break from Cheyenne's busy schedule and made being underway more bearable.

"Everyone was having a good time, and there were

several fans for both teams," Cavazos said. "This event brought a little piece of home here on the boat, when you're actually away from home."

In addition to the festivities, the culinary specialists came up with a plan to make the game more enjoyable by preparing a special meal to resemble an actual Super Bowl party and to enjoy while watching the most popular football game of the season. They prepared a smorgasbord of hot wings, nachos, chilli and cheese and jalapeno poppers.

"What I did was sat down and basically came up with a plan on what we could serve that would resemble an actual 'game-time' get together with the food supplies we have on board," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SS) Cody Jung. "This was a special meal due to the fact that we do not serve these types of food combinations in one sitting."

After the game, the crew congratulated each other on the Giants' win and then went back to work and returned their attention to their normal duties.

Submarine Squadron Three faces end of era

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you, and to serve with you," Childs said. "I will give you the best I have to offer, and I look forward to great things from all of you as we sail into the challenging waters ahead."

Submarine Squadron 3 was formed on Nov. 25, 1930 at Coco Solo in the Panama Canal Zone. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, most of the squadron's submarines moved to the Pacific side of the Canal Zone to protect the canal from potential attacks by enemy surface forces.

By August 1943, Submarine Squadron 3 retained only four submarines; all others had transferred to more forward areas in support of the global war effort. By May 1945, there were no submarines left in the squadron, only the

rescue vessel USS Mallard (AM 44) and three destroyers remained.

The United States built a large, modern fleet of diesel-electric submarines during the war and near its end, commissioned a new submarine tender, USS Sperry (AS 12). To support these ships, the Navy reorganized its submarine squadrons, re-establishing Submarine Squadron 3 on Guam on Oct. 1, 1945. Shortly there-

after, in February 1946, Submarine Squadron 3 moved to San Diego until it was deactivated in 1995.

Submarine Squadron 3 was re-activated in June 1997 at Pearl Harbor. In 2003, five submarines from COMSUBRON 3 were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and three of these submarines, USS Columbia (SSN 771), USS Louisville (SSN 724) and USS Key

West (SSN 722), conducted Tomahawk strike operations against targets in Iraq.

For 82 years, Submarine Squadron 3 has served with distinction, from the R-1 built in 1917 to the USS North Carolina (SSN 777) of today. Submarine Squadron 3 submarines have ensured our nation's ability to control the seas throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

- Feb. 16: Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard – Green Initiatives
- Feb. 23: Rear Adm. Ponds - First 100 Days
- March 1: TBD
- March 8: TAMC Trauma Center

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Pearl Harbor Shipyard workers donate record-breaking \$715,000 to charity

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers surpassed expectations by pledging \$715,451 to charities during the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). "It's a new record for the shipyard," said Brendan Cravalho, project officer for the command's CFC, during a live interview Jan. 26 on local Fox-affiliate KHON2 TV.

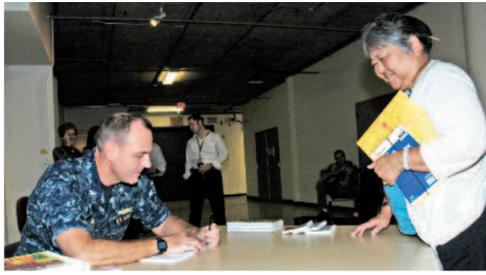
"All together, federal employees in the Hawaii-Pacific area donated \$6.4 million (to CFC.) I'm proud to say that what (the shipyard) raised was 11 percent of that total."

The shipyard was recognized earlier as a silver-level awardee at the Hawaii-Pacific area CFC ceremony Jan. 13 at Camp Smith. The shipyard received the award after 51 percent of its 4,860 civilian and military workforce pledged an average of \$286 per donor.

The CFC is an annual fund-raiser throughout the federal government that, in 2011, supported more than 2,700 approved charities. Donations are made through many local campaigns like the shipyard effort that took place last October and November.

"If not for the caring heart of the shipyard donors, we would never be able to achieve this milestone," Cravalho said. "I really want to thank all of the donors for their generosity."

He also acknowledged his team of assistants. "Mahalo plenty to the unit project officers and keypersons," he said. Unit project officers, such as Financial Technician Mildred Harrison, Secretary Kimberlee Peterson, and Shipfitter Charlotte Fernandez led and coordinat-



Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Commander Capt. Brian Osgood autographs cookbooks for supervisory chemist Charlotte Mukai during a cookbook sale to raise funds for the Combined Federal Campaign.

ed the campaign within their respective work areas, he explained. The keypersons, among them Electronics Mechanic Apprentice Anastasia Kritikos, Shipfitter Ricky Ray Saribay and Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Ashley Stevens, did the actual outreach to their fellow employees.

"Keypersons are the heart and soul of the fund-raising effort," he said. "It's a hard thing to do to ask someone to give money." However, the one-on-one contact is essential to the campaign. "That personal touch is key to success," Cravalho said.

Donating to CFC through the Internet became possible for the first time during the 2011 campaign. Sixty-four donors chose that option to pledge an average of \$430 per person. "On-line giving has great potential as on-line donations are all made via payroll deduction," Cravalho noted. "We didn't push it (in 2011) but we intend to in 2012."

Cravalho has coordinated the shipyard's CFC since 2001. For eight straight years, donations broke previous in-house records for giving, culminating with an all-time high of \$712,000 in 2008. The new record amount raised in 2011 came from 2,500 contributors, 400

less than in the 2008 campaign. In other words, "fewer gave more," he said.

According to Cravalho, the big difference between how the CFC was run before he took over and how it runs now is "the shops and codes manage the campaign in their own area. ... If we've been successful, it's not because of me," he said. "I'm just the cheerleader, trainer and motivator."

With few exceptions, the civilians and Sailors who assist him in the CFC change every year. When Cravalho conducts the pre-campaign training sessions, "I try to convey what giving (to CFC) means," he said. "It's educating people about how important it is to give, not how much they give, and ... with payroll deduction, it's an affordable and easy way to give."

Sharing his personal perspective, Cravalho said, "I'm thankful for the blessings I have. I look at the homeless on the streets and I think, that could've been me. I see (on TV) all of the disasters happening in our own community as well as around the country, and I am thankful for my good fortune.

"The majority of employees here care about people. They see the same things I see and want to make a difference too."

Do you have too much life insurance?

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Life insurance is an important part of financial planning. It also provides peace of mind knowing that family members will be financially secure after one's death. However, service members are often convinced to purchase too much life insurance to cover family needs.

The purpose of life insurance is not to make your survivor rich. It is to replace income that was lost due to an unexpected death. So, a service member with no dependents and no mortgage may not need a large policy.

On the other hand, a husband and wife who have children and own real estate may consider purchasing life insurance policies covering each income-earning spouse. Because children generally do not earn income to support the family, you should think twice before purchasing a policy on a child's life.

Insurance agents are paid based on the amount of coverage they sell you. Thus, they often recommend that you purchase a policy with a

death benefit between 10 to 20 times your annual income. Basing a policy solely on current income commonly results in the service member purchasing too much insurance. Instead, purchase a policy to cover the amount of money you believe will be necessary for your survivors to provide for. In most cases, this amount is based upon (1) the anticipated financial obligations at death, (2) the income needed to support surviving beneficiaries and (3) the amount of assets at death. There is a calculator on the Department of Veterans Affairs website to help you with this determination.

There are various different types of life insurance. First, every service member is entitled to receive up to \$400,000 in Service Members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage. SGLI premiums are typically lower than private life insurance premiums, and the policies include coverage for deaths caused by acts of war.

If more than \$400,000 in coverage is needed, service members may purchase supplemental life insurance through private insurers. There are two basic cate-

gories of private life insurance: term life and whole life.

Term life policies are for a specific duration of time. If you die during that term, your beneficiary receives the benefits of your policy. In contrast, whole life insurance covers you for your entire life. The premiums on whole life are higher than term life policies.

Be aware that many private life insurance policies have clauses that do not cover death caused by military actions or during an act of war. Service members must read their policy carefully to ensure that they are covered at all times, including during an act of war.

When purchasing life insurance, look for a financially strong insurer with an A++ or an A+ rating. Also, avoid buying more than one policy for any person because every insurance policy has fees hidden in it. Two \$50,000 policies typically cost more than one \$100,000 policy.

An attorney at the Naval Legal Service Office Pacific can assist you for free. Call (808) 473-4717 or DSN (315) 473-4717 for information or to schedule an appointment.

Spouses workshop will focus on operational security

The Commanding Officer/Executive Officer (CO/XO), Junior Officer (JO), and Master Chief Petty Officer/Senior Chief Petty Officer (MCPO/SCPO) Spouses Workshop Committee will host an event titled "Keeping Sailors and Families Safe Through Operational Security" (OPSEC) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Kaneohe Bay Officers Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. RSVP by Feb. 17.

All spouses of Navy and Coast Guard officers who have been selected for or served in an executive officer (XO) or commanding officer (CO) position, pay grade O-1 to O-4 and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO 1-5), and E-8/E-9 and above are welcome to attend.

The workshop will cover the increasingly connected world with social media, the rules and tips to keep you and your family safe on

the Internet while still having fun with Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Foursquare and more. Food, door prizes and real-life scenarios to walk through will be featured.

These workshops are sponsored by Continuum of Resource Education (CORE) and provide information and resources that will empower the leadership spouses of Navy and Coast Guard members and enhance their Navy/Coast Guard experience. The workshops also encourage interaction and networking with other spouses while building friendships and support systems vital to the Navy/Coast Guard lifestyle.

To RSVP, call Fleet and Family Support center at 474-1999 or email leadership4U@hotmail.com. Interested attendees can also obtain additional information by visiting the JO Spouse Ohana - Hawaii Facebook page.