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Mercy makes port stop at Pearl Harbor

(Right) Soldiers and Sailors aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) man the rails while Mercy prepares to pull into Pearl Harbor. Mercy visited Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sept. 2-7 to drop off several partner nations and other crew on its way back to San Diego after the completion of Pacific Partnership 2012. Now in its seventh year, Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic assistance mission U.S. military, host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations and international agencies designed to build stronger relationships and disaster response capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Michael Feddersen

(Left) Chief Personnel Specialist Kevin Sun, assigned to the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), reunites with his family at Pearl Harbor after completing Pacific Partnership 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Michael Feddersen

JBPHH earns 2012 SECNAV Energy Award

Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was recently named a winner of the 2012 SECNAV Energy and Water Management Award.

The SECNAV Energy awards recognize outstanding commitment to energy and water conservation by Navy and Marine Corps activities and ships. Each year, the awards are presented to those ships and activities that have made notable progress toward achievement of Department of the Navy and federal goals for the reduction of energy and water consumption.

JBPHH achieved Platinum status and was named Secretary of the Navy's "Large Shore Winner for Fiscal Year 2011." As SECNAV Platinum Command Award winner, JBPHH will be recognized at an award ceremony Oct. 3, 2012 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. and is authorized to fly the SECNAV Energy Flag for one year. There is also a cash award of $45,000.

The USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) was honored with Platinum level status for afloat and will receive a $5,000 award.

Photo by Mark I. Brown

Col. Karl Bosworth, director, installations and mission support, Pacific Air Forces/A7, assists SolarCity with the installation of a photovoltaic panel at Hickam Communities' Earhart Village.

Also earning recognition were the Pacific Missile Range Facility, receiving Gold level of achievement, and the USS Hopper (DDG 70), awarded Blue level of achievement.

"Congratulations to everyone — past and present, ashore and afloat — who earned this tremendous recognition," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. Pearl Harbor-Hickam, USS Paul Hamilton, PMRF and USS Hopper are commended for strong leadership, commitment and advocacy for energy and water management. I am extremely proud that the honors we received recognize our 'one team' — both the installations and the waterfront."

Among the accomplishments leading to JBPHH winning the 2012 SECNAV Energy and Water Management Award include reducing energy consumption by 18 percent in the first year of FOC [full operational capability], constructing photovoltaic systems at five JBPHH facilities and at the Pacific Missile Range, and conducting more than $6.5M in energy and water efficiency projects in fiscal year 2011.

The JBPHH energy team is comprised of Katie Ramirez and Amy Nishijima, installation energy managers, who are also part of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, as well as building energy monitors who conduct weekly audits of energy usage.

"This is a truly a team award, and represents the collective efforts of every command and individual across the entire joint base," said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The sheer size and diversity of this base — ranging from SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One on the Pearl City Peninsula to the Hawaii Air National Guard on Hickam to the Naval Communications/Telecommunications Area Master Station at Wahiawa Annex, and everything in-between—make this recognition all the more meaningful," he said.

"I couldn't be prouder to be associated with the outstanding military service members, DoD civilians and families residing onboard JBPHH. It is their commitment and willingness to go the extra mile that make achievements like this possible. As you drive by the flagpole at the JBPHH HQ building and see the SECNAV Energy Award flag proudly waving in the warm trade winds, you can rightly feel a sense of satisfaction knowing that you helped put it there," James said.

Earning this award doesn't mean Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is resting on its laurels.

"To me, the real significance here is that our afloat and ashore leaders are changing behavior now and into the future," Ponds said.

"People are thinking about energy security and water conservation. We're moving away from being excessive users to becoming conscientious caretakers of our precious resources, and it is recognized at the highest levels," he noted.

Papa Lou's legacy lives on at Hickam Harbor

Anna Marie General

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Lewis P. "Papa Lou" Foster, a retired Air Force master sergeant and harbormaster, was honored with a scattering of ashes ceremony Sept. 1 at Hickam Harbor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Foster, for whom Foster Point Peninsula at Hickam Harbor is named, passed away July 16 at his hometown in Eagle Point, Ore. at the age of 90.

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks by Lisa Bednar, Wet Hens skipper, followed by a memorial message presented by Brandon Lavin, director of outdoor recreation. A prayer was also recited by Chaplain Haltom while guests bowed their heads in a moment of silence.

Soon after, a three-volley rifle salute was provided by the base honor guard and a bugler was also on hand to sound "Taps" as the American flag and urn were presented to Foster's daughter, Connie Guthrie. One great-granddaughter, her husband and one great-great-grandson were in attendance.

More than 40 guests were also in attendance, including Col. Dann S. Carlson, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The ceremony was amazing and beautiful and I felt like it honored him the way he was. It was Hawaii and it's just amazing to be here," said Guthrie.

Refreshments and a mai tai toast were provided in his honor with a big "aloha" before the scattering of his ashes on the waters of Hickam Harbor.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Friends and family of Lewis "Papa Lou" Foster scatter his ashes at Hickam Harbor during a ceremony Sept. 1.

As the Wet Hens women's sailing group and Foster's family sailed out the harbor one boat at a time, a total of five boats sailed downwind following each other as they sailed around the harbor. Guthrie peacefully scattered her father's ashes out in the water of Hickam Harbor on a beautiful sunny day. "This is what he would have wanted and how he would plan it," said Guthrie.

Friends and co-workers also spread flower petals and lei in the calm water as they remembered their "Papa Lou."

"I remember Papa Lou always smiling, had a good spirit and was a great family man. It was nice, good memories," said Belinda Nakata

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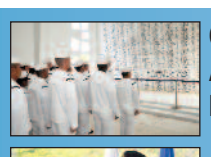

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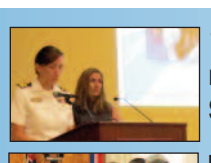

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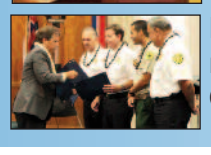

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Mark Wills to perform at Ward Field **See page B-4**

Class 007 completes CPO Legacy Academy on Battleship Missouri Memorial

MC2 Daniel Barker

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Paula M. Ludwick

Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees stand at attention honoring all of the Sailors who lost their life aboard the USS Arizona as part of the USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy.

Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees from around the Pacific Fleet graduated from the Missouri CPO Legacy Academy in a ceremony held Aug. 31 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The graduation ceremony marked the end of five days aboard Missouri for the group of selectees chosen to participate in this year's legacy academy.

Class 007 lived, worked and trained aboard the historic ship, made famous as the site of the signing of the documents signaling the end of WWII and the War in the Pacific.

A group of chief petty officer mentors provided leadership and lessons on Navy history and the heritage of the CPO community throughout the program.

"The aspect of bringing this ship to life again, to have Sailors living, sleeping, working on board that's really what it comes down to for us as the Battleship Missouri Memorial," said Daniel Parsons, education director for the Missouri Memorial. "Our visitors enjoyed that interaction with the CPOs, seeing them onboard, as well as our staff. They've become a part of this program as well."

Throughout the week, the members of class 007 participated in tours to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

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Navy announces September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and the Navy is using the month as a launch pad to focus on Navy's ongoing suicide prevention efforts, officials announced in NAVADMIN 259/12 released Aug. 27.

During each week of the month, resources will be available to guide discussion on stress navigation and suicide prevention concepts. The weekly concepts to be explored are: building resilience, navigating stress, encouraging bystander intervention to A-C-T (Ask Care Treat), and reducing barriers for seeking support through counseling.

The tools and resources are available on www.suicide.navy.mil and www.navynavstress.com. These tools emphasize the themes of dedication, optimism, determination and humor.

Additionally, the winner of the Suicide Prevention Public Service Announcement Contest will be announced Sept. 28. The winning video will be available year-round online and will be broadcast regularly on Direct-to-Sailor television, the American Forces Network and Pentagon channel.

"Our people are our greatest asset," said Capt. Kurt Scott, behavioral health programs director, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

"We're promoting a lifestyle of total fitness - physically, mentally, socially and spiritually - to ensure our Sailors are best able to meet the challenges they will face in today's Navy. These efforts reinforce the Secretary of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, as well as support the Chief of Naval Operation's directions. Most importantly, focusing on total fitness puts us on a path to prevent suicides," Scott said.

For more information about suicide prevention, visit www.suicide.navy.mil and www.navynavstress.com.

USS La Jolla departs for western Pacific deployment

MC2 Steven Khor

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

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Ronald Gutridge

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor

The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) departed Aug. 30 from Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cmdr. Jeff Bernard, La Jolla's commanding officer, said that the crew is extremely excited and well prepared to get underway.

"It's a new team. We are very excited about our tasking, and I'm very excited about the potential for professional growth with all our crew members," Bernard said.

This deployment will be the first for the majority of the crew where, according to Bernard, they will be conducting many training exercises and qualifications as well as being available for any tasking which comes their way.

"Our goals are to safely navigate the ship throughout the western Pacific, conduct ourselves as ambassadors ashore with pride, and return the ship safely back to Pearl Harbor," Bernard said.

(Top) Electronics Technician 1st Class Matthew Fires, assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701), spends time with his family before La Jolla departs Aug. 30 from Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Left) The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) departs Aug. 30 from Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

Ceremony on 'Mighty Mo' marks 67th anniversary of end of World War II

Story and photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii

A Sailor from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii presents the flag to retired Gunners's Mate 1st Class Daniel Charles Poling during the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II. Poling was attached to the number one turret aboard the USS Missouri (BB-63) during the Korean War.

Service members from the island of Oahu, veterans and government employees attended the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II ceremony, held Sept. 2 on the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

On Sept. 2, 1945, the world watched as Imperial Japan surrendered to the United States, ending World War II.

"On this day 67 years ago in Tokyo Bay, history's most devastating war came to an end as Imperial Japan formally and unconditionally surrendered to allied forces on this very ship," said Michael A. Carr, president and chief operating officer, USS Missouri Memorial Association.

More than 2,000 Sailors and Marines attended the original surrender ceremony, which lasted less than 30 minutes and brought one of the bloodiest and most devastating wars in human history to an end.

"We must never forget the sacrifices of the past generations, which allowed us to have the freedoms that we do today. The USS Missouri is a constant reminder of those sacrifices," stated Mark Polivka, board of directors, USS Missouri Memorial Association.

During the ceremony, Sailors from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii performed an Old Glory flag presentation and presented the flag to retired Gunner's Mate 1st Class Daniel Charles Poling.

"It's just like old times. Glad to be back aboard," said Poling. "There are things I will never forget."

Poling enlisted in 1942 and became a crew member of USS Missouri (BB-63) where he was assigned to the number one turret during the Korean War. Poling retired in 1962 with the rare accomplishment of having served in all of World War II's major theaters or operations and the Korean War.

The ceremony came to an end with a U.S Navy ceremonial gun salute, "Amazing Grace" performed by Celtic Pipes and Drummers of Hawaii, and echo Taps played by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band.

Navy joins nation in honoring 2012 Hispanic American Heritage Month

Ensign Amber Lynn Daniel

Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The Navy joins the nation Sept. 15 in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, which will be observed through Oct. 15.

With a national theme of "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today," the observance celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

According to 2010 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics comprise 16.3 percent of the total United States population, or 50.5 million people, forming our county's largest racial or ethnic minority. Additionally, it is projected that by 2050, a quarter of the nation's workforce will be Hispanic.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Timothy Walter

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Edwin C. Flores staffs a booth showcasing Hispanic culture during a diversity celebration aboard the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77).

The Navy's workforce reflects this diversity. Today, more than 58,000 Hispanic active duty and Reserve Sailors and officers and nearly 15,000 Hispanic civilians serve in the Navy total force, including four Hispanic flag officers and 172 Hispanic master chiefs.

In his 2011 National Hispanic Heritage Month presidential proclamation, President Barack Obama noted, "The future of America is inextricably linked to the future of our Hispanic community. Our country thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all our people, and our ability to out innovate, out-educate and out-build the rest of the world will depend greatly on the success of Hispanics."

All commands are encouraged to expand their awareness of Hispanic American Heritage Month through programs, exhibits, publications and participation in military and community events. Resources for use in planning command heritage events, including a video presentation about Hispanic American Heritage Month can be found online at the Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion observances web page, http://bit.ly/ShP8fY.

Commands are also encouraged to support the sea services affinity group, the Association of Naval Service Officers (ANSO). ANSO aims to foster personal growth and professional development through mentorships and networking for officers, enlisted members and civilians. More information on ANSO can be found online at http://www.ansomil.org/.

For more information about the history of Hispanics in the Navy, visit http:// 1.usa.gov/ N1Nyve.

For more information and resources on Hispanics in the military and Hispanic American Heritage Month, visit http:// bit.ly/ t7rO27.

JBPHH to hold Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will hold a 2012 Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Missing Man Formation.

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, JBPHH, and Col. Dann S. Carlson, deputy commander, will participate in the ceremony.

Lt. Col. Joseph Deichert will deliver the invocation.

Troops are to be in formation. Military and civilians are welcome to attend. Dress is uniform of the day/business aloha.

For more information, call 448-3865.

September is National Preparedness Month

Dan DuBois

Emergency Management Officer, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

September is National Preparedness Month, and this year's theme is "Pledge to Prepare." As part of this effort, the Air Force's "Be Ready" and Navy's "Ready Navy" are closely modeled from resources developed by FEMA as part of the National Preparedness Strategy in an effort to build a more resilient community on installations around the world.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Navy Region Hawaii will continue public outreach at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Hickam Air Force Exchange in September as well as other events on JBPHH.

These efforts will fold into ongoing community outreach efforts that JBPHH emergency management has already undertaken over the last year with town hall meetings, training for ombudsmen, key spouses and family readiness groups.

These efforts have already resulted in JBPHH being recognized by NOAA as a storm ready and tsunami ready community. This designation is recognized by many insurance companies to give residents a discount in their disaster insurance premium.

Three things that you can do to help your family be better prepared for an emergency include:

Make a family emergency plan.

This may be the single most important action you can take, and it won't cost you a cent. Discuss with your family what you will do in an emergency and how you will get in touch with each other. Write down your plan, and share it with family and friends. Get a free emergency plan worksheet at www.ready.gov.

Choose an out-of-town emergency contact.

Identify an out-of-town relative or friend for your family to call when there is an emergency. Often it's easier to make a long distance call than a local call when phone networks are jammed, and families may not be together when an emergency happens.

Make sure each person in your family has the phone number of your out-of-town relative or friend. When an emergency happens, no matter where your family members are, they each should call the out-of-town contact and say they are okay. Then the out-of-town contact can in turn call the other family members to relay messages.

Set aside emergency supplies.

Have enough on hand to last at least seven days for each family member. You need food that won't spoil, such as canned goods and packaged foods, and one gallon of water per person per day. A battery-powered or hand-crank radio is important for hearing information when the power is out. When you are gathering supplies, remember your family members with special needs and your pets, too.

Now is a good time to take these simple steps. If you want to take a pledge that during September you will prepare your family or organization for emergencies, visit www.Ready.gov and click on the "Pledge to Prepare" banner.

Diverse Views

What is your favorite place to eat on the island?

(Sailors from USS Russell)

Lt. Suneal Chandran
USS Russell

"Genius Lounge in Waikiki. The salmon there is awesome!"

Operation Specialist 2nd Class Forrest Honeycutt
USS Russell

"Buca di Beppo in the Ward Center. You can get dinner and a movie without walking more than 100 yards."

Chief Fire Controlman Jesse Hyde
USS Russell

"Hy's Steak House in Waikiki. All the streaks are broiled over Hawaiian kiawe wood in an open pit."

Fire Controlman 2nd Class James Petty
USS Russell

"Doraku Sushi in Waikiki. They have a really good Happy Hour."

CW03 Jared Thibou
USS Russell

"Jawaiian Irie Jerk in Honolulu, because I'm Jamaican."

Fire Controlman 1st Class Galon Olson
USS Russell

"Formaggio Grill in Kailua. That place is awesome!"

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Keavon Pinder
USS Russell

"The Ala Moana Mall food court. There is a lot of variety."

Operation Specialist 1st Class Joseph Carbaat
USS Russell

"Aiea Bowl, I don't even go there to bowl – I just love the food. They have an island famous chicken that my wife loves and, I really like the short ribs!"

(Provided by Lt. j.g. Mary Witowski)

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share?

Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com or karen.spangler@navy.mil

Sabre aircraft 'ramps up' at Hickam

Photo courtesy T. Merrill

A North American F-86L "Sabre" aircraft belonging to the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron is shown parked on a ramp at the former Hickam Air Force Base during the late 1950s.

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LEED Platinum plaque unveiled at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Story and photo by Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Public Affairs

Navy and contractor officials marked the first Leadership in Environmental & Energy Design (LEED) Platinum facility on a Navy base in Hawaii and the second in the Navy with a short unveiling ceremony Aug. 27. It was held at the Center Drive Child Development Center (CDC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"It's great to have a CDC like this that services over 300 kids which does a lot for our families," said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of JBPHH. "But the other part of this equation is that what we don't spend on power here can go to the operational forces."

Bill Wilson, president of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company (HDCC), joined James in discussing the $18.9 million facility and its many energy and environmental efficiencies.

These include advanced metering, conversion to gas appliances, rooftop integrated thin film photovoltaic panels on the roof of the building, and new carport structures. All of these create a functioning facility that operates as a "net zero" energy use building.

"We are really happy to have been able to make the adjustments needed in this project in order to incorporate the certification that has been achieved at the higher level," said Wilson. "It took everyone's' effort to do that, the commitment by the Navy to make it happen, the design team working with us and also the construction team and our subcontractors and vendors."

Capt. Jeffrey James (left), commander of JBPHH, and Bill Wilson, president of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company (HDCC), remove a fabric covering to reveal the new granite LEED Platinum plaque on the outside wall to the left of the CDC's entry door. The unveiling was held Aug. 27. Navy and contractor officials marked the first Leadership in Environmental & Energy Design (LEED) Platinum facility on a military base in Hawaii and the second in the Navy.

Others attending the unveiling included Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, members of his command who assisted with the execution of the contract, key personnel from HDCC, and staff members currently employed at the CDC.

The contract was awarded by NAVFAC Pacific in September 2009. Design and construction took more than two years with a grand opening held June 20 by JBPHH.

The new facility is the largest CDC on the island of Oahu, measuring more than 30,000 square feet. It is the first military CDC to receive the LEED Platinum certificate, which is a national certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

11th Joint Venture Education Forum welcomes educators, military, government leaders

Story and photo by Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie was the featured speaker at the 2012 Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) annual meeting held Aug. 30 at the Ford Island Conference Center.

JVEF is comprised of public school educators and leaders from military commands, business, government and community who have come together to promote educational opportunities for Hawaii's children. About 200 people attended JVEF's 11th annual meeting.

Kathryn Matayoshi, Hawaii Department of Education superintendent, welcomed the guests and spoke about JVEF's mission. "It is a true forum. It keeps going and is always working," she said.

Pointing out that about 14,000 of the children in Hawaii's school system are from military families, Matayoshi stressed the importance of supporting military families. "To our military *ohana*," she said, "our administration and staff will do our best to serve your children while you do your vital work."

Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Vernon, Navy Personal Support Detachment, addresses the 11th annual Joint Venture Education Forum annual meeting.

After the opening ceremonies, there were short presentations by a variety of military-school partnerships. All service branches took part, including the Coast Guard.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was represented on the Navy side by USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and Personnel Support Detachment (PSD), partnered with Pearl Harbor Elementary School, and on the Air Force side by PACAF/A6 and the Hawaii Air National Guard, partnered with Waimalu Elementary School.

The presentations highlighted the contributions made by the military to local schools, ranging from building playgrounds and benches to leading fitness programs to holding book fairs.

Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Vernon, Navy PSD, spoke about how eager service members are to volunteer to help kids. "As soon as a volunteer sheet goes up, it's filled right away," she said.

Vernon was one of many recognized for their efforts in a special ceremony honoring military volunteers led by Gen. Herbert J. "Hawk" Carlisle, commander of Pacific Air Forces.

Abercrombie was the keynote speaker and discussed what he called his life-long passion for education, noting his time as both a teacher as well a as an administrator in the state Department of Education. He also talked about Hawaii's unique relationship with the U.S. military.

"In other school systems, there is tension between local schools and the military, but that isn't the case here," he said. "In Hawaii, every child is God's child and will be treated accordingly. Military children and their families should know that they are part of our ohana [family] and that the *aloha* spirit is real."

The 2012 Joint Venture Education Forum annual meeting concluded with special recognitions being given to about 80 military volunteers. Tamsin Keone, director, school support services, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, was named JVEF Outstanding Military Contributor, and Patricia Park, complex area superintendent (Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua Complexes), Hawaii State Department of Education, was named JVEF Outstanding Civilian Contributor. The JVEF "Norbert" Award was given to Hale Kula Elementary School where more than 90 percent of the students are from military families.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Sailors perform a rifle salute during the 67th Anniversary of the End of World War II aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The ceremony marked 67 years since Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, along with other U.S. and Allied officers, accepted the unconditional surrender of the Imperial Japan, ending World War II on the deck of the battleship.

Pearl Harbor survivors bow their heads during the invocation at the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach

(Left) The newest member of USS Chung-Hoon's (DDG 93) *ohana*, Blaise Orlich, and sister Rose wave goodbye to their father, Cmdr. Justin Orlich, commanding officer of USS Chung-Hoon, on the ship's recent departure from Pearl Harbor.

Photo by Potly Orlich

(Below) Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, Commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Navy Surface Group Middle Pacific, presents Federal Fire Department Incident Commander District Chief Warren Ferguson with a certificate of appreciation for FFD's support in battling the largest Leeward Oahu wildfire of the year. *(See story and related photo on page A-5)*

U.S. Navy photo by Angela Sanders Federal Fire Department

(Left) Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees in the CPO Academy participate in a graduation ceremony for class 007 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

(Below) Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees listen to Senior Chief Yeoman (retired) Brooks Outland speak about his service aboard the USS Missouri (BB-63) during the Korean War as part of the USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Paula M. Ludwick

Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marcos F. Sibal gives a speech to chief petty officer (CPO) Selects in the CPO Academy during a graduation ceremony for class 007 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

Foster honored with ceremony

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who worked for "Papa Lou" in 1974 as a lifeguard at Hickam Harbor.

"Papa Lou and his wife Annie only had one child and that's Connie and when we would go out to dinner, Annie would introduce me to whomever and would say that I was the son they never had," said Chuck Robinson. "We became very close over the years. I took care of his boat and we did a lot of things together."

Gary Cable, who was active duty Air Force in the 1960s, remembered how Papa Lou enjoyed working with people.

"Papa Lou was always bubbly and would sing Hickam Harbor in the Tiny Bubble song as he sang Hickam Harbor in the sun makes you feel happy, makes you feel fine. He instilled great values in his employees," said Cable.

With numerous contributions to Hickam while on active duty and in civil service, through his love for the ocean he helped teach military spouses the art of sailing, which established the women's sailing group known as the Wet Hens.

Based on history provided by the Wet Hens women's sailing group, Foster was selected to design a recreational waterfront at Hickam in 1957 during his active duty Air Force career. He served 20 years of service from 1942 to 1962 and later worked for civil service. With hundreds of volunteer hours and joint help from Air Force, Navy and Marine personnel, Hickam Harbor emerged.

As the harbor began to take shape, a small group of military spouses were among the first to take sailing lessons from Foster until he retired from civil service in 1992. Today, the Wet Hens carries on his legacy by teaching military spouses how to sail and are forever

Lou Foster

grateful for their "Papa Lou" for empowering and supporting women in sailing.

"As Wet Hen instructors and as women sailors, we feel a connection to him because he empowered us. He started women sailing here when at the time was a male-dominated sport, so we are grateful that we can carry on his legacy by teaching other military spouses," said Lisa Bednar, Wet Hens skipper.

According to the Pacific Yacht Club, "Papa Lou" is one of the most important people in their history, and it was through his many efforts that Hickam Harbor is beautiful today. He was the leader in sailing and promoting the sport of sailing for Hickam Harbor for years. He was a big supporter of the Wet Hens Sailing Program when it began, and he worked at the harbor as harbormaster and director of outdoor recreation.

Foster also has a list of accomplishments and an extensive love for other water sports such as competitive water skiing and competitive yacht racing where he won 15 championships in the 1950s and 1960s. He was the first American to ever sail with the Japanese National Championship Team, whom he helped coach while stationed in Japan.

While stationed in Japan, he found time to design three yachts. His first, the Haruzake, won the 1956 Japan National Ocean Racing Championship. When he transferred to Hawaii in 1957, he brought the three boats with him, and the Haruzake holds the record for sailing time around Oahu.

After his arrival in Hawaii in 1957, he won the Maritime Yacht race twice from Waikiki to Pearl Harbor in his own International 210 "Shark the 8th." Other major victories include the 1960 Hawaiian Ocean Racing Championship Class "B" title and the 1961 Hawaii Race Week cup.

Of all the victories over the years, Foster said that beating the Navy in the Hickam-Pearl Harbor yachting series was the most enjoyable.

"He was certainly Hickam's outdoor recreational master planner of his days," said Jessie Higa, Hickam historian volunteer.

Foster's legacy will live on for many years to come at Hickam Harbor through his extraordinary Wet Hens women's sailing group, family and friends.

"It's kind of an honor knowing that my great-grandfather's legacy and name lives on here at Foster Point Peninsula at Hickam Harbor. My husband and I live in Schofield and every time someone visits, we take them out here to show the harbor he helped design and the podium dedicated to him," said Jasmin Turner, Foster's great-granddaughter.

"He has never seen the podium, but we were able to show him some photos that we took. He loved having a piece of him here, and I think he loved having us here because he felt more in touch," she added.

To learn more about Lou Foster's history, visit Hickam Harbor or call 449-5215 for more information.

Immunizations available Sept. 18 to 20

Navy Region Hawaii will conduct a mass vaccination exercise from Sept. 18 to 20.

The exercise name is Citadel SHOTEX 2012 (CS12). The purpose of CS12 is to exercise and assess the Navy's ability to immunize large populations of shore-based active duty and Navy civilian employees against a pandemic virus and to track the vaccination efforts.

The goal of CS12 is to vaccinate 70 percent of all shore-based Navy active duty and 70 percent of Category 1 and 5 personnel registered in the Pacific Fleet "Electronic Base Entry Security Tool" (a.k.a. eBest) database. Category 1 personnel are individuals identified as "critical operation personnel" supporting a mission essential facility/function.

Category 5 personnel are individuals identified by the command as first/emergency responders (such as fire and emergency services, HAZMAT response teams, naval security forces, emergency medical services, explosive ordnance disposal teams, emergency response teams, oil and hazardous substance spill response and fire brigades.

If you are not sure of your designated category, it is recommended that you contact your command eBest coordinator or CS12 command representative.

Personnel who do not fall within these categories (such as dependents/retirees) will be provided opportunities for their flu shot after Oct. 1. The command influenza schedule will be disseminated and posted no later than Sept. 7.

The point of distribution sites are as follows:

- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) at Bloch Arena and Makai Recreation Center.
- Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific at Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center.
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2.
- United States Pacific Command Pollock Theater.
- Kunia Tunnel Rocherfort building.
- Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) building 278.
- Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay base immunization clinic.

For more information, contact your CS12 command representative listed below:

- Navy Region Hawaii, Carlos Mercado at carlos.mercado1.ctr@navy.mil or 473-1897.
- JBPHH, Dan DuBois at daniel.t.dubois@navy.mil or 448-2742.
- PMRF, Adrian Bouche at adrian.bouche@navy.mil or 335-4535.
- Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, Lt. Evelyn Palm at evelyn.palm@med.navy.mil or 471-2212, ext. 552.
- 15th Medical Group, 1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey at kathleen.eisenbrey.1@us.af.mil or 448-6141.

CPO Legacy Academy

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(Punchbowl), historical civil defense battery sites at Diamond Head, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum, the USS Arizona Memorial and the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island in addition to behind the scenes tours of the Missouri Memorial.

"Coming on board here really helped me as I prepared to join the ranks of chief petty officer," said Chief (select) Information Systems Technician Kareen Campbell. "It really helped prepare me for the next step in preserving the heritage. I think the sense of heritage that we learned and we forged here will help me take that back to the deck plates."

The Legacy Academy aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial is a specialized program that began in 2007 with 22 selectees in class 001 that has progressed to the current 52 selectees in class 007.

While aboard, the selectees participated in simulated drills which included real world scenarios on casualty care, weapons and ammo handling as well as an end of World War II document signing re-enactment ceremony. All of these activities helped emphasize the importance of coming together as a team to accomplish missions or tasks.

Participants also conducted service projects, assisting with the preservation of the ship's infrastructure, helping to ensure that the "Mighty Mo" is around for future generations to experience the history and heritage of the Navy and the Pacific Fleet.

The guest speaker, Command Master Chief Marcos F. Sibal, spoke about the importance of the lessons learned in the training program and their implications for the future.

"Each and every one of you by making chief has been given a charter, and that is to lead your Sailors with all your might, with all that you have and with the very best of your ability," said Sibal.

"The things that you've learned here this week will carry you throughout your time in the Navy and through the rest of your lives. Values such as teamwork, respect for one another, virtues of hard work, patience, sacrifice and integrity will make you a better leader to your Sailors but most of all, a better person in this world."

Weather squadron makes grade, wins shaving wager

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Derrick Smit, 17th Operational Weather Squadron (OWS) weather technician, monitors two typhoons south of Japan on Aug 23. The 17th OWS recently completed a standardization and evaluation program for weather operations, or SEPWO, inspection where they scored 214 out of a possible 215 points, for a 99.53 percent passing score. Smit is from Jacksonville, Fla.

Hard work, long hours and a grueling inspection made a few people lose some hair.

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It took the highest score among six active operational weather squadrons in the Air Force to force several members to make good on a wager, where more than 75 years of mustache growth came to a sharp end.

Even the commander lost his hair.

"If you have ownership, you want it to succeed," said Lt. Col. Jason Patla, 17th OWS commander. "It's not just, 'I'm going to do my J.O.B. and then go home.' It's, 'I'm going to do my J.O.B. because I want to succeed and I want our unit to succeed.' That is what I really saw and what I'm most proud of."

The 17th OWS prides themselves in providing highly accurate, timely and relevant environmental situational awareness as well as mission tailored, operational and tactical level meteorological, oceanographic, volcanic ash and space environment products to Air Force, Navy and Army commanders operating in U.S. Pacific Command.

They are responsible for producing and disseminating mission planning and execution weather analyses, terminal aerodrome forecasts and briefings for Department of Defense forces operating at 121 installations and sites encompassing more than 113 million square miles within the Pacific theater of operations.

As one of only six operational weather squadrons in the Air Force, they are most concerned with their customers, covering the entire Pacific and Indian Ocean regions from the east coast of Africa to the west coast of the Americas and the poles stretching from the far north to the deep south.

They also work with the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, located at Pearl Harbor, to monitor, analyze and forecast tropical cyclone formation, development and movement year round. Their area of responsibility covers more than 88 percent of the world's tropical cyclone activity.

"The bottom line is quality of product to the warfighter," said Keith Headland, a retired master sergeant in charge of the squadron's standardization and evaluation flight. "We truly far exceed quality that is going out to the warfighter every day."

Professional meteorologist and weather technicians forecast weather around the clock ensuring continuous monitoring of any terrestrial and space weather activity. A minor shift in the weather can create a bad day for someone in a remote outpost.

"It's absolutely amazing," Patla said. "Sometimes all it takes is a 10-degree shift in winds to funnel hurricane force winds down a mountain, whereas they would otherwise be getting 10 to 15 knot winds. You've constantly got to be on the ball."

For their inspection, they were graded on 94 total areas, 35 performance tasks and 59 areas of compliance based on updated Air Force instructions. Even during 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operations, members of the joint Air Force and Navy weather squadron spent more than 1,000 hours in preparation for the inspection and performed more than 600 performance evaluations.

The SEPWO took a close look at the weather team's processes, procedures and mission support effectiveness. With a new set of AFIs, Air Force manuals and new inspection processes, the squadron needed to define how they were going to do business in a short amount of time.

"When this happened, it gave us a chance to really say, 'You know, meeting standards is one thing, but exceeding them is really what our (Pacific Command) supported units deserve,'" said Patla.

And it wasn't easy for them.

"When you're working a lot of overtime and in everybody's face, morale is going to go down," Headland said. "The squadron really pulled together as a team. When you're talking about 150 folks, it's a pretty tall order and tough to do."

It was such a tall order that Patla, Headland and several others placed a wager with the squadron. If they were to obtain a score of 97 or higher, the squadron barbershop would be open for business. More than 75 years of continuous mustache growth that would make Sam Elliott, Burt Reynolds or Tom Selleck jealous was on the line. The commander's full head of hair was also in the mix.

"I think my mustache was older than three-quarters of the squadron," said Headland, who last shaved his upper lip in April 1981. "We were trying hard, prepping hard and working hard. I'm really happy that we got the 99.5 score, but I wasn't very happy about letting them shave off my mustache."

The last time he shaved, the term "Internet" was first mentioned as a possibility and a gallon of gasoline was $1.25. They made the "unobtainable" bet thinking it was a safe one, and a low 90s score was more realistic.

"The barbershop was open," Patla said, who had his head shaved by the lowest ranking Airmen. "It was difficult because I'm not a short hair guy, but it'll grow back."

As the squadron looks back on a successful inspection, they begin to look forward to their new goal of repeating as the Air Force operation weather squadron of the Year.

Domestic violence survivor to speak, raise awareness

Navy Region Hawaii Plan of the Week

Domestic violence survivor Mildred Muhammad will speak from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 25 and 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater at Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Main Chapel.

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Military and Family Support Center will welcome Muhammad, domestic violence survivor, advocate, consultant, inspirational speaker and author of the book, "Scared Silent."

Muhammad is the ex-wife of the convicted Washington, D.C. sniper, John Allen Muhammad, and will share her story of domestic violence and how she was the target of her now executed ex-husband.

Road closures announced for Sept. 8 Tunnel to Towers run

In support of this year's Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Pearl Harbor 5K run, the following roadways on Ford Island will be temporarily closed from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. Sept. 8.

- Ford Island Bridge, both inbound and outbound lane.
- Ford Island Bridge Road and Saratoga, both sides.
- Chafee at the Ford Island roundabout.
- O'Kane at the Ford Island roundabout.

Expect delays and follow traffic control directions during this event.
Road closures will take effect for 45 minutes.
For more information, call 474-6735 or email david.a.dwyer@navy.mil.

Federal Fire Department personnel graduate from OPM leadership program

Story and photo by Fire Inspector Angela Sanders

Four individuals from the Federal Fire Department Hawaii recently graduated from the Senior and Emerging Leadership Program sponsored by the Honolulu Federal Executive Board-Pacific Leadership Academy.

The focus was on leading people, leading organizations and leading for results. The classes had 36 individuals from various organizations within the Department of Defense (DOD) as well as other federal and state agencies.

Several leadership self assessments such as the OPM 360-degree assessment and the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator were included in the programs.

District Chief Warren Ferguson attended the senior leader program which consisted of three separate seminars spread over a nine-month period. Kevin Otto, supervisory management analyst, Battalion Chief Neil Fujioka and Battalion Chief Ryan Yoshimoto attended the emerging leader program which consisted of two separate seminars, each a week long.

(Left to right): Kevin Otto, Federal Fire Department supervisory management analyst; District Chief Warren Ferguson; and Battalion Chief Neil Fujioka graduate from the Senior and Emerging Leadership Program.

As part of the program requirements, students were required to complete several individual action plans (IAP) and a research paper. The IAPs were four-to-six-week long projects that were tied into the strategic goals of their organizations with documented results. At the end of the senior leadership program, all completed research papers became a chapter in a book on leadership. The book was printed and distributed to all students and their supervisors.

During each seminar, students were able to view and interpret their own self-assessments. This gave students an opportunity to not only better understand themselves, but understand leadership styles to better lead their organization.

"This was an excellent opportunity to work with other leaders and help each other develop solutions to issues we all face in our own organizations," said Ferguson. All Federal Fire Department personnel attending the class agreed that the program was by far the best leadership program they have personally attended.

Federal Fire Department receives recognition for helping battle leeward Oahu wildfire

Story and photo by Fire Inspector Angela Sanders

Federal Fire Department Hawaii

Federal Fire Department Hawaii, along with the City and County of Honolulu Fire Department and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, received a certificate of appreciation Aug. 15 for their help in battling a leeward Oahu wildfire.

The award, presented by City Councilman Tom Berg of Honolulu City Council, recognized the firefighting units for their courageous service in battling the largest wildfire of the year despite operating in the most unfavorable conditions.

The wildfire, which began June 4 and lasted for more than a week, burned at least 1,200 acres in the Waianae and Lualualei Valleys. The wildfire was difficult to control due to 25-mile-per-hour wind gusts occurring almost every day. The blaze not only threatened residents and farmland, but threatened the Federal Waianae Kai Forest Reserve where several species of native plants and the native tree snail reside.

U.S. Navy photo by Angela Sanders Federal Fire Department

On Wednesday, August 15th, City Councilmen Tom Berg presents the Federal Fire Department, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Honolulu Fire Department with a certificate of appreciation for battling the largest wildfire of the year. *(See additional photo on page A-5)*

Federal, city and state personnel joined efforts to extinguish the fast-moving fire by utilizing firefighters both on the ground and in the air with additional helicopter support from U.S. Marine Corps from Kaneohe Bay.

According to the certificate presented to the firefighters, "The origin of this day's long blaze was not identified, but there is no doubt as to who saved the region from imminent danger in the Waianae and Lualualei Valley areas." The certificate was presented as a result of a request from both Nanakuli and Waianae districts. Both neighborhood districts sought to honor the federal, city and state fire departments for a job well done.

The certificate honored the 125 men and women firefighters for their commitment to duty, their indisputable professionalism, skill, courage and heroism."We presently live in a time where, if not for the cooperation and interoperability between federal, state and county agencies, fire losses would run out of control," said Federal Fire Chief Glenn DeLaura.

"The men and women of these agencies continuously put their lives on the line to protect life, property and environment without seeking reward or acknowledgment but only ask for an understanding that we are doing everything possible to mitigate the situation quickly and safely."

FFD Hawaii personnel received additional recognition at a ceremony Aug. 29 at Federal Fire Department headquarters. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, expressed his appreciation to the firefighters for their bravery and commitment.

"I have witnessed the power of an out-of-control fire firsthand. It can start with a little spark and become uncontrolled and uncontained very quickly, and you never know which way the flames are going to go," Ponds said.

"So it takes a very special kind of person to fight that fire, to build a fire break around it, cut the grass, till the soil, stay with it until the job is complete and everyone is safe."

"I commend you for a job well done. I thank all of you here at Fed Fire for the good work you do as our first responders, ready to go into harm's way at a moment's notice," Ponds continued.

"There is something about first responders that we should be duly reminded of as we near the 11th anniversary of the terrorist attack of 9/11. It was those first responders and others that, without hesitation, put themselves into harm's way to save thousands of their fellow Americans.

"That was bravery and heroism on a large scale. However, that same bravery is exhibited here on Hawaii day in and day out to protect our neighborhoods, our environment and our *ohana*. So thank you for all that you do to keep us safe. You make us proud," Ponds said.