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Seminar to Spotlight Opportunities for Women in Military and Civil Service

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PEARL HARBOR -- Highlighting programs for women in the military and government service, representatives from Commander, U.S. Pacific Command and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet's (CPF) Diversity group will host a seminar at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapel (Fellowship Hall) July 28.

The session, scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., will feature opening remarks by Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, who assumed command of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific on July 9.

Gregory made history June 1 as the first female Civil Engineer Corps officer in the Navy to attain the rank of rear admiral.

“This forum is intended to provide a platform for issues concerning Sailors, Airmen and women who are increasingly holding some of the top positions in the military,” said Kay Wakabayashi, head of CPF’s Diversity team.

“It will also give attendees the opportunity to learn about organizations and programs, which offer women career development programs and ways to network with one another,” she added.

Speakers will also share key takeaways from recent diversity conferences organized by Sea Service Leadership Association and Federally Employed Women. Sea Services Leadership Association supports professional development and provides a forum for information to women in the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.

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Throughout the session, speakers will discuss emerging policies affecting female service members, such as the inclusion of women on submarines, work-life balance concerns and raising children in the military.

A brief from the Navy's Office of Women Policy and a discussion of the NavyWomen eMentor program are also planned, providing statistics regarding women in the Navy and ways to network professionally with each other.

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No reservations are required, but for more information please call Lt. Theresa Donnelly (808)-477-9611.

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