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STARBASE ATLANTIS GRADUATES ITS 100,000 STUDENT
*Pearl Harbor site celebrates with graduation of its 286th class from Pearl Harbor Kai
Elementary*

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – Starbase Atlantis, the Navy's wing of DOD Starbase, will be celebrating the graduation of its 100,000th student on Tuesday, Feb. 8 from its site in Pensacola, Fla. Here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Starbase Atlantis Pearl Harbor will celebrate the graduation of its 286th class in a ceremony and rocket launch on Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. on Ford Island near the Pacific Aviation Museum hangar. The Pearl Harbor-based learning site contributed more than 7,000 graduates to the 100,000 total. The Feb. 8 graduation class includes 28 students from Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School who will celebrate their graduation by launching their own model rocket that they built as part of the program.

Starbase-Atlantis is the U.S. Navy's portion of the Department of Defense-sponsored Starbase Program, an educational program focusing primarily on 5th grade students from local communities to motivate them in science, technology, engineering and math. The program helps develop positive self-esteem, teaches goal-setting skills and encourages teamwork through hands-on activities.

According to Starbase Atlantis Pearl Harbor director Joseph Barrett, the Pearl Harbor site opened in 2002 and is one of 13 Navy Starbase sites. Each site will have its own graduation event as part of the 100,000th student milestone celebration.

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NOTE: Media interested in covering the event should contact Chief Bart Bauer at 590-8363 by 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. Media will be met at the Visitor Pass & ID Office, located outside Nimitz Gate, by 12:15 p.m. to be escorted to Ford Island.