

## Drug shipment stopped

### Crommelin Sailors help nab \$932 million worth of illegal drugs at sea

**Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Public Affairs**

The Pearl Harbor-based frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) was one of two U.S. Navy ships, with their embarked helicopters and two maritime patrol aircraft to support the two largest drug seizures in history last week while deployed to the Southern Command area of responsibility (AOR).

More than 75,000 pounds of cocaine were seized in this interagency effort coordinated through Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) South and led by U.S. Coast Guard teams

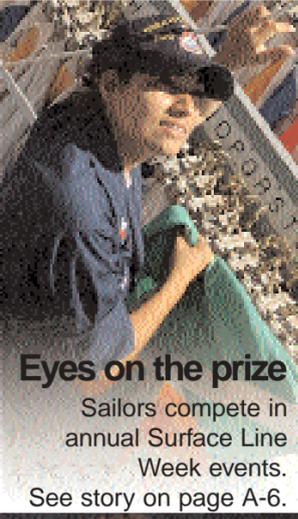
embarked on the frigates USS Curtiss (FFG 38) and Crommelin. The operations were supported by embarked helicopter squadrons from Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37 and 45 in addition to U.S. Navy P-3 maritime patrol aircraft patrolling the area.

"The success of these operations can only be credited to the synergy developed between the U.S. Navy, the Coast Guard and other agencies in the AOR," said Rear Adm. Vinson E. Smith, the commander of all naval assets operating in the Southern Command area of responsibility. "Our ships and aircraft know the mis-

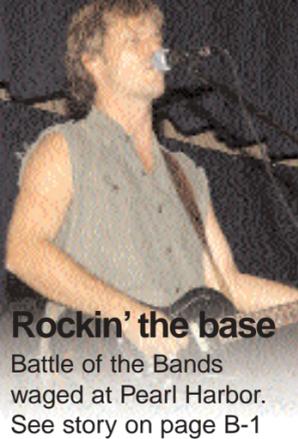
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U.S. Navy photo by OS2 Eric Weber  
USS Crommelin (FFG 37) Sailors stack 525 bales of cocaine seized this week during an interdiction in the Eastern Pacific. Crommelin working with U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 105 and its embarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HSL) 37 conducted what was the third largest drug interdiction in history, totalling 25,000 pounds of narcotics.



**Eyes on the prize**  
Sailors compete in annual Surface Line Week events. See story on page A-6.



**Rockin' the base**  
Battle of the Bands waged at Pearl Harbor. See story on page B-1

## Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

**Borchers Gate closure**  
Borchers Gate, outside Commander, U.S. Pacific Command's compound, will be closed from 7:30 a.m. Oct. 8 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11. The gate will only be open to traffic for Joint Intelligence Command Pacific.

All other traffic will have to go around to Luapele gate on Salt Lake Blvd.

**Naval Station Multicultural Committee meeting**

The Naval Station Pearl Harbor Multicultural Committee will meet today at the Federal Fire Department conference room in building 150 at 11 a.m. The committee is planning the Native American Heritage celebration for November.

Anyone interested in being a part of the celebration or helping with future cultural and ethnic observations should come by or e-mail JO1 Calderon at daniel.j.calderon@navy.mil or OS2 Wilson at kristie.wilson@navy.mil for more information.

**Uniform Change**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CNOCM Lou Cruz, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i Command Master Chief has authorized the wear of the purple ribbon handed out by the Fleet and Family Support Center for wear by Region Sailors to participate in the national observation.

The ribbon should be placed on the pocket flap beneath the Sailor's ribbons towards the centerline of the shirt. The ribbon to be worn will come from FFSC. The authorized dates of wear for the ribbon are from Oct. 1 to Oct 31.

**Physical Assessment**

The next PFA will be conducted from Nov. 15 to Nov. 30. Individuals should complete a risk assessment questionnaire as soon as possible for this cycle.

**Fitness**

## Aloha Navy Federal Credit Union



U.S. Navy photo by PH2(AW) John F. Looney  
Captain Michael Vitale, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, cuts the ribbon Monday at the official grand opening of the new NFCU across from the Mall At Pearl Harbor.

## Sailors honored

### Chung-Hoon Sailors meet local Chinese community

**JO1 Daniel J. Calderon**  
Editor

Sailors from USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) were at the New Empress Restaurant Sunday for a reception hosted by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

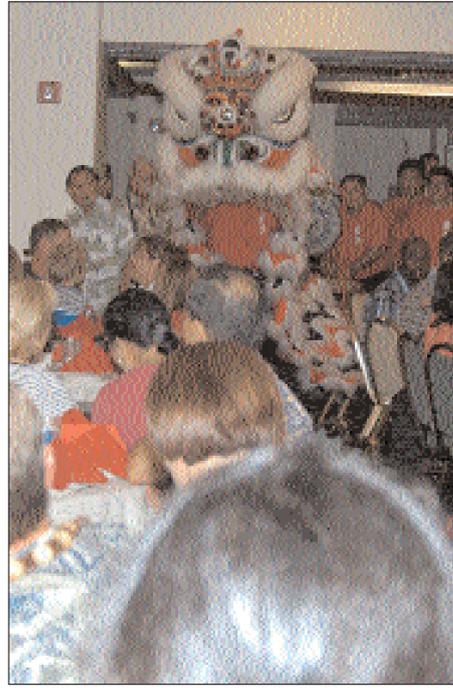
"I thought it was wonderful," said Chung-Hoon Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Angelina Lamb. "I really enjoyed the lion dance," recounted the Conroe, Texas native. "The Chamber of Commerce's event made us all feel very welcome. For me, it's an honor and a privilege serving aboard a ship named after such a great man."

The ship's namesake, Rear Adm. Gordon Pa'eia Chung-Hoon, was a Hawaiian native of mixed Chinese and Hawaiian ancestry.

"Admiral Chung-Hoon was a very distinguished man," said Hin Chiu Lau, a lifetime member of the Chinatown Merchant Association, part of the Chamber of Commerce that put together the celebration. "He is a great example of Chinese and Hawaiian leadership in the world."

Lau met Chung-Hoon in the late 1940s when the latter was a commander in the Navy. The self-described "old man of Chinatown" said he is pleased to see the admiral remem-

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U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon  
Lion Dancers entertain USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Sailors and their families at Sunday's reception hosted by the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce at the New Empress Restaurant.



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon  
Captain Michael C. Vitale, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific signs the proclamation officially declaring October Domestic Violence awareness Month for Navy Region Hawai'i

## Region observes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**DM1(SW/AW) Kurt Lacy**  
Staff Writer

Captain Michael C. Vitale, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific signed the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation at a ceremony yesterday.

In October, Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) worldwide will conduct an awareness campaign to educate service and family members on the impact of domestic violence and the assistance available to help families. The FAP urges family service members to help stop family violence.

"Domestic violence affects the whole Navy, and goes against Navy core values," said Chet Adessa, family advocacy prevention education specialist. "Somebody aboard ship having a personal problem with their family, are not going to concentrate on their job."

Adessa said many of today's Navy families suffer from various types of abuse, but with family involvement, many of these issues can be resolved before they cause serious damage to the family.

Adessa noted the goals of the FAP and FFSC.

"The goal is to let people know about the services available, and how they can help," said Adessa.

When asked about the success of the program thus far, Adessa said, "Usually after successfully completing the program, you will see improvement, you will see less cases where the case will reoccur, and normally there are no more reports or very few reports or minor reports of domestic violence."

FAP is the military-wide program created in 1981 by the Department of Defense to treat and prevent child abuse/neglect and domestic violence. FAP is one of the many Fleet Family Support Center programs designed to enhance Navy family life and improve operational readiness.

By training commands and others in leadership positions, FAP also helps fight family violence by recognizing and responding to abuse and abusers.

"In some cases, there's a 5.0 Sailor and he goes home, and there is a domestic violence in the home, and he goes back to work, and he is still a 5.0 Sailor, and eventually this kind of thing gets mixed up with

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# Region observes Hispanic Heritage Month



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Dancers enjoy the music at the Hispanic Heritage celebration on Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Ward Field.

## MM3 Greg Bookout

Staff Writer

Naval Station Pearl Harbor paid tribute to the rich history of Hispanic Americans, through celebration of Hispanic heritage at Ward Field Sept. 24.

The festival included a look into the history, achievements and culture of these storied people. Featured speakers included the region Command Master Chief Lou R. Cruz, Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician James Harris, Chief Navy Counselor Rueben Hillerio, Naval Station Chaplain (Cmdr.) Patrick McCormick with the invocation and Naval Station Executive Officer, Cmdr. Richard Verbeke.

Verbeke noted the impact that Sailors of all backgrounds have on bettering the U.S. as a whole.

"We, in the United States, benefit from a very strong nation, a very rich nation, but very young nation," said Verbeke. "We are a melting pot where people have come from all around the world to enjoy a free country which we

defend every day. Hispanics have a rich heritage, which includes a Secretary of the Army, Navy and many admirals and generals," he explained.

One such famous Hispanic admiral is David Farragut, credited with one of the most famous quotes in naval history during the battle of Mobile Bay, saying, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."

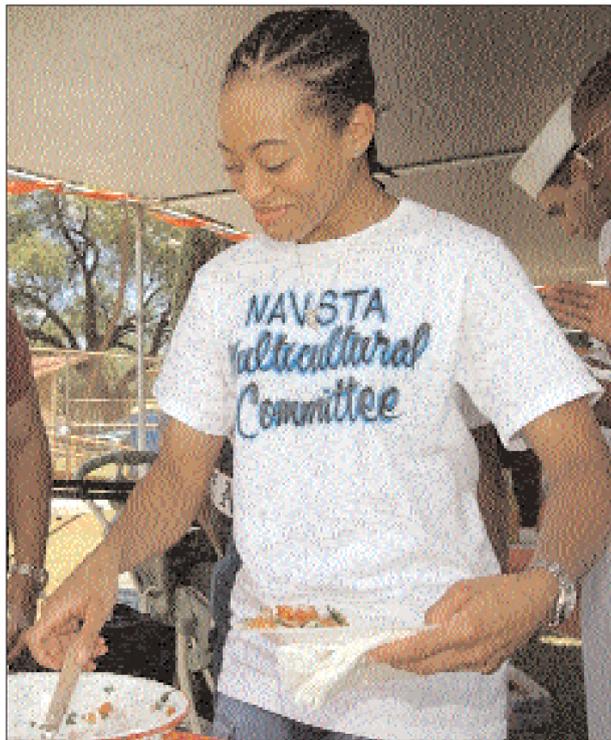
Other important Hispanics discussed included Hispanic astronauts, those in government, the 41 Medal of Honor winners, scientists, inventors and those who attained fame in arts and literature.

A Spanish poem was delivered by Hilerio and translated by Storekeeper 3rd Class Maria Vasquez.

Following the formal ceremony, Mexican food from La Familia Restaraunte and members of the Naval Station multi-cultural committee was provided.

Sailors attending the ceremony noted the importance of holding ceremonies celebrating the many cultures that make up today's Navy.

"You have to be proud of



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 John Looney

OS2 (SW/AW) Kristie Wilson heaps some pico de gallo onto her plate at the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Hispanic Heritage celebration held Sept. 24 on Ward Field.

where you come from," said Boatswains Mate 1st Class Ramon Garcia of Naval Station port operations. "We were born in the United States and are all Americans, but you have to keep your roots and remember where you came from. These celebrations are important so we can learn about people's cultures around us and enrich our knowledge over their backgrounds," he remarked.

Cruz delivered a message stating the importance of strengthening the Navy family through its diverse structure.

"Family is not limited to

just the people you grew up with," said Cruz. "Family doesn't just mean your mother, father, brothers, sisters or even cousins, but all the people around you in your life. This means the people on your ship, in your squadron, on your submarine or wherever you work," Cruz explained. "The armed forces contain almost 200,000 people of Latino decent. Diversity makes for a stronger Navy and a stronger unity as we stand together shoulder to shoulder to defend freedom and democracy around the world."



U.S. Navy photo by OS2 Eric Weber

USS Crommelin (FFG 37) departs Pearl Harbor on her latest deployment. To date, the ship and her crew have helped seize nearly \$1 billion in illegal drugs.

## Drugs: Crommelin, Curts work together to stop illegal trafficking

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sion and bring their crucial assets to the theater in support of the Coast's Guard law enforcement role."

The first seizure happened Sept. 17 when Curts intercepted a suspected fishing vessel approximately 300 miles west of the Galapagos Islands.

After boarding the vessel, Curts' embarked Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 108 discovered more than 30,000 pounds of cocaine hidden in a ship's compartment. The drugs were seized to be used as evidence against the 10 suspects detained during this operation.

Following in the wake of Curts, Crommelin set her sights on the second fishing vessel. Assisted by Coast Guard and Navy maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) scouring the ocean in an area several hundred miles west of the Galapagos Islands, Crommelin set a course to intercept.

Once in range, Crommelin sent its SH-60B

to relocate and monitor the vessel as Crommelin moved into a position to strike.

At the appropriate time, embarked LEDET 105 conducted a swift take down of the suspect vessel supported by Crommelin's rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB).

By sundown on Sept. 24, LEDET and Crommelin crew had recovered a total of 525 bales of cocaine and taken eight suspects into custody.

Curts, homeported at San Diego, and Crommelin, homeported at Pearl Harbor, are conducting a six-month deployment to the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command area of responsibility.

Since reporting on station in the Eastern Pacific on 20 May, Crommelin has disrupted four narcotics smuggling operations, interdicted nearly \$1 billion dollars worth of cocaine, and detained 32 suspected narcotics smugglers.

This is Curts' second interdiction since it deployed to the AOR at the beginning of August.

# Chung-Hoon: Event honored Chinese heritage

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bered with a ship and knows the Sailors aboard USS Chung-Hoon will honor the admiral's memory.

"We all wish them the best of luck," he said, speaking for the assembled Chamber of Commerce members. "Serving aboard a ship named for Chung-Hoon, they're all part of the family."

"It was very enjoyable," said FC1(SW) Justin Shaffer, a Chung-Hoon Sailor who now calls Hawai'i his home after living here since 1997. "The food was great and it was a really good time. I think all of us feel very welcome here."

The celebration welcoming the Sailors into the local family included music by Guang Zhong Chinese Music Club, traditional Chinese lion dancers and Chinese dancers. The music club also performed Anchors Aweigh

both in Chinese and in English.

"The celebration the Chinese Chamber of Commerce hosted for us was beyond anybody's expectations. We didn't expect the community to embrace us so warmly," said Cmdr. Kenneth Williams, Chung-Hoon's commanding officer. "I mean, we're all just Sailors on a ship doing our duty. We're just privileged to be assigned to USS Chung-Hoon."

Williams said he and his crew are mindful of the naval heritage they are upholding and the new traditions they are building aboard the Navy's newest ship.

"Everything you hear, everyone you talk to kind of reinforces the fact that Chung-Hoon was an officer and a gentleman, a true sea warrior," he said. "Those are big shoes to fill. We understand we're Hawai'i's destroyer so our goal is not to disap-



U.S. Navy photo by J01 Daniel J. Calderon

A dancer prepares to perform at Sunday's reception for Chung-Hoon Sailors at the New Empress restaurant. The event celebrated the legacy of rear Adm. Gordon Pa'iea Chung-Hoon, the namesake of the Navy's newest Arleigh Burke-class destroyer.

point anyone. We're doing our best every day."

Williams expressed his appreciation to the members of the committee who put together Sunday's celebration.

"The leadership and coordination of Stanford Yuen, Melvyn Yap, Gayle Lau,

Gerald Chang and the many people who donated time, money and energies to make the celebration such a successful and memorable event for the crew, saying 'thank you is not enough,' Williams began, "but unfortunately, that's all we can do. So, 'thank you.'"

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# Hawaii Navy News

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## President speaks to the United Nations General Assembly

Below is an excerpt

of the speech

President Bush

gave to the U.N.

General Assembly

Sept. 21.

The full text can be found at

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Mr. Secretary General, Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen: Thank you for the honor of addressing this General Assembly. The American people respect the idealism that gave life to this organization. And we respect the men and women of the U.N., who stand for peace and human rights in every part of the world. Welcome to New York City, and welcome to the United States of America.

During the past three years, I've addressed this General Assembly in a time of tragedy for my country, and in times of decision for all of us. Now we gather at a time of tremendous opportunity for the U.N. and for all peaceful nations. For decades, the circle of liberty and security and development has been expanding in our world. This progress has brought unity to Europe, self-government to Latin America and Asia, and new hope to Africa. Now we have the historic chance to widen the circle even further, to fight radicalism and terror with justice and dignity, to achieve a true peace, founded on human freedom.

The United Nations and my country share the deepest commitments. Both the American Declaration of Independence and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaim the equal value and dignity of every human

life. That dignity is honored by the rule of law, limits on the power of the state, respect for women, protection of private property, free speech, equal justice, and religious tolerance. That dignity is dishonored by oppression, corruption, tyranny, bigotry, terrorism and all violence against the innocent. And both of our founding documents affirm that this bright line between justice and injustice — between right and wrong — is the same in every age, and every culture, and every nation.

Wise governments also stand for these principles for very practical and realistic reasons. We know that dictators are quick to choose aggression, while free nations strive to resolve differences in peace. We know that oppressive governments support terror, while free governments fight the terrorists in their midst. We know that free peoples embrace progress and life, instead of becoming the recruits for murderous ideologies.

Every nation that wants peace will share the benefits of a freer world. And every nation that seeks peace has an obligation to help build that world. Eventually, there is no safe isolation from terror networks, or failed states that shelter them, or outlaw regimes, or weapons of mass destruction. Eventually, there is no safety in looking away, seeking the quiet life by ignoring the struggles and oppression of others.

In this young century, our world needs a new definition of security. Our security is not merely found in spheres of influence, or some balance of power. The security of our world is found in the advancing rights of mankind.

These rights are advancing across the world — and across the world, the enemies of human rights are responding with violence. Terrorists and their allies believe

the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the American Bill of Rights, and every charter of liberty ever written, are lies, to be burned and destroyed and forgotten. They believe that dictators should control every mind and tongue in the Middle East and beyond. They believe that suicide and torture and murder are fully justified to serve any goal they declare. And they act on their beliefs.

In the last year alone, terrorists have attacked police stations, and banks, and commuter trains, and synagogues — and a school filled with children. This month in Beslan we saw, once again, how the terrorists measure their success — in the death of the innocent, and in the pain of grieving families. Svetlana Dzebisov was held hostage, along with her son and her nephew — her nephew did not survive. She recently visited the cemetery, and saw what she called the "little graves." She said, "I understand that there is evil in the world. But what have these little creatures done?"

Members of the United Nations, the Russian children did nothing to deserve such awful suffering, and fright, and death. The people of Madrid and Jerusalem and Istanbul and Baghdad have done nothing to deserve sudden and random murder. These acts violate the standards of justice in all cultures, and the principles of all religions. All civilized nations are in this struggle together, and all must fight the murderers.

We're determined to destroy terror networks wherever they operate, and the United States is grateful to every nation that is helping to seize terrorist assets, track down their operatives, and disrupt their plans. We're determined to end the state sponsorship of terror — and my nation is grateful to all that

participated in the liberation of Afghanistan. We're determined to prevent proliferation, and to enforce the demands of the world — and my nation is grateful to the soldiers of many nations who have helped to deliver the Iraqi people from an outlaw dictator.

The advance of freedom always carries a cost, paid by the bravest among us. America mourns the losses to our nation, and to many others. And today, I assure every friend of Afghanistan and Iraq, and every enemy of liberty: We will stand with the people of Afghanistan and Iraq until their hopes of freedom and security are fulfilled.

These two nations will be a model for the broader Middle East, a region where millions have been denied basic human rights and simple justice. For too long, many nations, including my own, tolerated, even excused, oppression in the Middle East in the name of stability. Oppression became common, but stability never arrived. We must take a different approach. We must help the reformers of the Middle East as they work for freedom, and strive to build a community of peaceful, democratic nations.

This commitment to democratic reform is essential to resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict. Peace will not be achieved by Palestinian rulers who intimidate opposition, tolerate corruption, and maintain ties to terrorist groups. The long-suffering Palestinian people deserve better. They deserve true leaders capable of creating and governing a free and peaceful Palestinian state.

Even after the setbacks and frustrations of recent months, goodwill and hard effort can achieve the promise of the road map to peace. Those who would lead a new Palestinian state should adopt peaceful means to achieve the rights of their people, and create

the reformed institutions of a stable democracy. Arab states should end incitement in their own media, cut off public and private funding for terrorism, and establish normal relations with Israel. Israel should impose a settlement freeze, dismantle unauthorized outposts, end the daily humiliation of the Palestinian people, and avoid any actions that prejudice final negotiations. And world leaders should withdraw all favor and support from any Palestinian ruler who fails his people and betrays their cause.

The democratic hopes we see growing in the Middle East are growing everywhere. In the words of the Burmese democracy advocate, Aung San Suu Kyi: "We do not accept the notion that democracy is a Western value. To the contrary, democracy simply means good government rooted in responsibility, transparency, and accountability." Here at the United Nations, you know this to be true. In recent years, this organization has helped create a new democracy in East Timor, and the U.N. has aided other nations in making the transition to self-rule.

Because I believe the advance of liberty is the path to both a safer and better world, today I propose establishing a Democracy Fund within the United Nations. This is a great calling for this great organization. The fund would help countries lay the foundations of democracy by instituting the rule of law and independent courts, a free press, political parties and trade unions. Money from the fund would also help set up voter precincts and polling places, and support the work of election monitors. To show our commitment to the new Democracy Fund, the United States will make an initial contribution. I urge other nations to contribute, as well.

Commentary

### Chapel Pennant

## Guess what?

# Titles don't count in heaven

Chaplain (Lt.)

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What if the criteria for getting into heaven were that we all had to have a prestigious name of title? If that were the only criteria, a lot of us would not make the cut.

Some of us would not even be on the list. If God had a measuring stick like this, we would all be in trouble.

Just imagine if God was calling the role to enter into heaven, "Dr. Hornthall Wigglesworth, your name is a prestigious name, come on in!" "James Johnson, your name is too ordinary for heaven, depart from me and this place."

What would James Johnson do? Would there be any hope for him? It is good that God is not like that, for he has no respect of persons.

The sad part to this whole thing is that we, a people who say we love God, do not share in the same concept with him when it comes to others. We look at titles and names and not the person.

We as people even skip over what is in a person's heart. Because of this, we all have possibly missed out on some wonderful people and wonderful blessings.

Question: How many people have you hurt

because of your own personal narrow-mindedness?

It is amazing to think of what we have done or have not done, all because we didn't think that person was worth our time. I imagine that a lot of people are hurting because we didn't lay our names or titles down to help them. I imagine that we all are guilty and need God's help in this area.

It is a good feeling to know that God can help anyone who recognizes this as an issue for them. God is so merciful that his mercy becomes new every morning, if we don't misuse it.

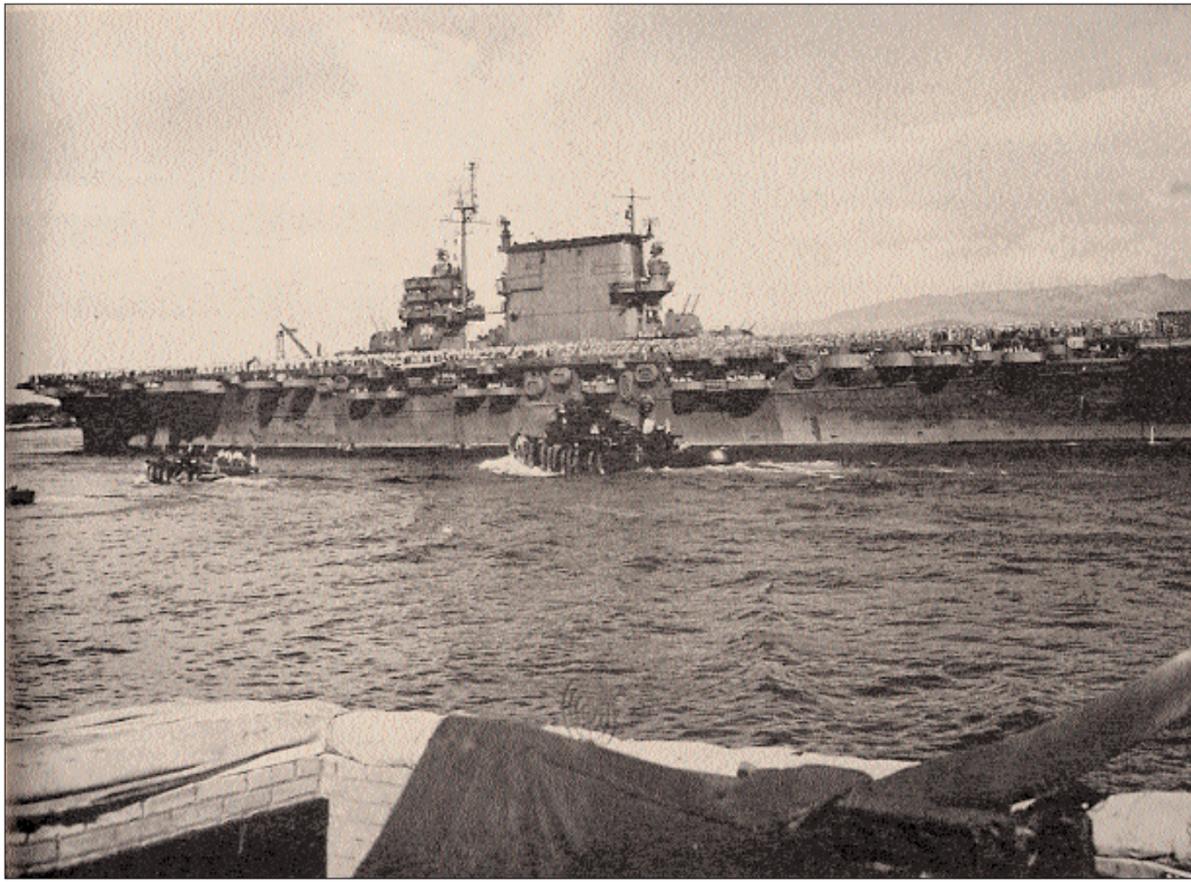
God didn't count us out. What makes us think we have the right to do that to others?

So, the next time we have to make a choice as to whether that other person is worthy of our attention, please don't let it be because of their name, title, race, sex, creed, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

After all, God didn't make that stipulation with us. God loves us all unconditionally. We all should mimic God's actions and govern ourselves accordingly.

I am truly happy that my getting into Heaven is not based on my name "Tiffany." But if it was, I probably would need to have some stock in the store called Tiffany's and also in Tiffany Lamps, so I would be covered just in case.

## Saratoga visits Pearl Harbor



USS Saratoga prepares to take home Sailors and civilians in 1945. "Old Sarah," as she was known then, had survived numerous Japanese kamikaze attacks at Iwo Jima. At the time of this photo, the ship had been converted into a troop transport with hundreds of cot-type bunks in areas formerly used to house planes and store ammunition.

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# Submarine Chapel celebrates 60 years of service

J03 Corwin Colbert

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On Sept. 26, families, World War II veterans and fellow submariners filled the Submarine Memorial Chapel on Naval Station Pearl Harbor to honor its 60th anniversary.

The festivities included a wreath laying by the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, as well as posting of the colors and music by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band.

Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the honorary speaker.

"It's an honor to be at the 60th birthday of this wonderful chapel," Sullivan began. "This chapel means so much to us. We come here to reflect on life, and I would like to send a special warm aloha to all the submarine veterans that could make it," said Sullivan. "I do not think there is a Navy building that symbolizes the spirit of our World War II veterans more than this one. This chapel was built because submariners decided it was time to build one, so they built it on their own," he said.



U.S. Navy photo by J03 Corwin Colbert  
Members of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II place a wreath during a ceremony Sept. 26. The ceremony was to honor the Submarine Memorial Chapel's 60th year of service.

What Sullivan was referring to started when Chaplain (Lt Cmdr.) Thomas H. Reilly arrived in Pearl Harbor November in 1943. He conducted daily mass at the base library and Sunday mass at Sharkey Theater.

Because the base library space was too small, Reilly requested a bigger building for worship. What Reilly wanted was a quonset hut. The base commander took Reilly's request for a quonset hut to the War Logistics

Board, where it was disapproved.

However, Reilly was determined to support his fellow servicemembers. When he received word of the disapproval, he started his own plans to construct a chapel for the Submarine Base. After finding the present site, Reilly quickly drew up a sketch of the chapel's floor plan.

He needed someone to draw blueprints to build it and a capable Sailor to take charge of the construction. Reilly discovered a chief carpenter and then he began to recruit volunteers to build and search the island for building materials.

Reilly borrowed his building supplies since there was no government funding involved. The majority of supplies that Reilly acquired came from the Naval Supply Yards nearby and from numerous construction sites around the island.

After months of hard work, the foundation was finished and the walls and roof began to take shape. The original pews were made at the base carpentry shop and the altar was constructed from highly polished native wood by a first class pattern maker. The stained glass windows now in place were donated by

the president of the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Conn. in 1959.

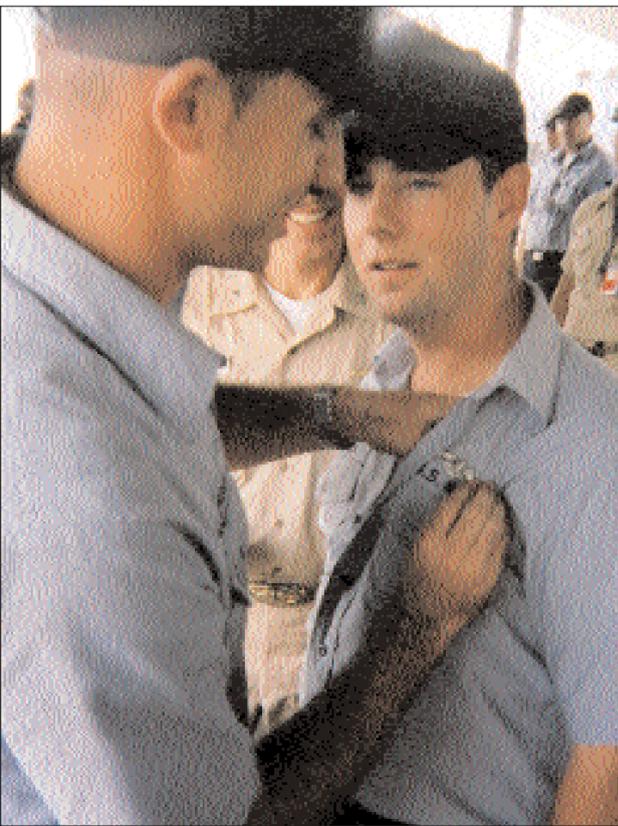
The chapel's bell was the ship's bell of USS Argonaut (SS 166) donated from the crew, right before their last wartime patrol when the boat was sunk by Japanese destroyers. Argonaut's bell still hangs in the chapel and is a tribute and a memorial to all submariners who gave their lives in World War II.

The Submarine Memorial Chapel was completed in September 1944 after eight months. It was the first structure in the entire Naval District built exclusively for worship.

After Sullivan's speech, four sets of bell tolls were struck.

Following the memorial service, Stan Nicholls, a retired lieutenant commander and a member of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, was pleased.

"The ceremony was great. I was married here, as well as my children. All my children and grandchildren have been baptized here also. We are very familiar with the chapel. Today is a great day to remember the chapel's history. This church was built with volunteers who wanted to a place to worship and they did a great job," Nicholls concluded.



U.S. Navy photo by STC Mark Williams

Cmdr. Duane R. Ashton, commanding officer of USS Columbia (SSN 771), presented Culinary Specialist Seaman Kyle S. Anderson his dolphins. Anderson's older brother, Machinist Mate (Nuclear) 2nd Class Dustin S. Anderson, pinned them on him.

## Older brother pins younger brother

Ensign Eric Coomes

USS Columbia Public Affairs

On Sept. 10, Cmdr. Duane R. Ashton, commanding officer USS Columbia (SSN 771), presented Culinary Specialist Seaman Kyle S. Anderson his dolphins.

What made this event special was that Anderson's older brother, Machinist Mate (nuclear) 2nd Class Dustin S. Anderson, pinned them on him.

The Anderson brothers, both Columbia, S.C. natives, are attached to USS Columbia, homeported at Pearl Harbor. Dustin has been on active duty for more than three and a half years, while Kyle has been on active duty for more than two years.

"At first, I was surprised to find out that my brother was joining me in the Navy," Dustin said. "I was even more surprised when I found out that he would be a part of our crew on board USS Columbia. As proud as I was to see him receive his dolphins, I was even more proud to pin them on myself.

"I know how hard he had to work to get through submarine qualifications and being able to be a part of his experiences on the path of becoming a submariner is and will always be one of my most satisfying and honorable memories ever," Dustin added.

As for Kyle, he was delighted to have his brother pin on his submariner dolphins.

"It was exciting having my brother pin on my dolphins. It was one of the greatest moments in my life. The only thing that could have made it better would have been having my father there along side of me and my brother," said Kyle.

Ashton said the chance to

train submariners is one of the best benefits of command.

"One of the things I cherish most about my role of captain is the opportunity to walk each Sailor through the submarine to certify their readiness to receive their dolphins," Ashton said. "This gives me an opportunity to spend some quality one-on-one time with each crewmember as we walk throughout the boat."

According to Ashton, the process is long and difficult, but well worth it. "This certification completes the qualification process that takes each crewmember normally 12 months of hard work to complete. I had the privilege to certify both Anderson brothers during my command tour," said Ashton.

The Anderson brothers are also unique in that they are second-generation submariners following in their dad's footsteps, retired Master Chief Fire Control Technician Jeffrey Anderson.

"In addition to earning their dolphins, both Anderson brothers have distinguished themselves on board Columbia, with Dustin being command advanced to second class petty officer this year, and Kyle recognized as Culinary Specialist of the Quarter in the spring of 2004," added Ashton.

Homeported at Pearl Harbor, Columbia was christened by now Sen. Hilary Clinton in 1995. The attack submarine is one of the most versatile weapons platforms ever placed in the world's oceans. It is capable of long-range Tomahawk strike operations, anti-submarine and surface shipping operations, surveillance and intelligence gathering, and special forces insertions.

## Baby baptized in Russell's bell

**Ensign Katie Hulse**

*USS Russell Public Affairs*

Andrew Bruen Koy, Jr. (Buck), son of Lt. j.g. Andrew and Elizabeth Koy, was baptized on board USS Russell (DDG 59) Sept. 17.

The ship's bell was moved from where it hangs on the forecastle to the flight deck, then inverted to serve as a baptismal alter.

Rev. William Martin from St. John's Episcopal Chapel in Monterey, Calif. conducted the ceremony. Baby Buck's ceremony was an Episcopal Baptism from the 1928 Prayer Book, held in the company of shipmates, friends and family.

Lucy Koy of Houston, Texas, took the vows as his godmother and Peggy Carriker of Stigler, Okla. stood in for her husband, Chris Carriker, as his god-

father. To commemorate the occasion, baby Buck's name will be engraved inside Russell's bell, taking its place beside the names of seven other Russell babies.

Baby Buck was born at Tripler Army Medical Center on Aug. 4 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. Koy was in the Philippines, deployed with Russell to Southeast Asia, while wife Izzy gave birth supported by her mother, Pam Wellborn, and good friend April Thompson.

"I am so proud to be Buck's father," beamed Koy, "Izzy and I are extremely blessed to have such a wonderful addition to our life and family. It was extremely special for us to baptize him in front of our families, friends and shipmates."



U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Katie Hulse

Lt. j.g. Andrew Koy watches as his baby is baptized over bell aboard USS Russell (DDG 59) Sept. 17. Koy's son's name will be engraved inside the bell with the names of seven other children's names who have been baptized there.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin

Army National Guard Cpt. William Flynn, nuclear medical science officer for the 93rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Unit demonstrates the use of the Polymerase Chain Reaction Unit. The PCR unit amplifies and replicates DNA and is one of many instruments on the Incident Response Vehicle.

## NEPMU-6 assists Army command

**NEPMU6 Public Affairs**

Navy industrial hygiene Officers at Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 (NEPMU6) have provided expert chemical warfare agent identification and risk assessment for the U.S. Army Pacific Weapons of Mass Destruction Division.

Construction contractors excavating on an old inactive Schofield Barracks live-fire range in early June stumbled upon an unexploded artillery shell (UXO). The contractors immediately halted work and notified the Army chain of command, which sent in an explosive ordnance detachment (EOD) to further investigate.

EOD prepared to destroy the UXO by placing C4 explosives around the shell and detonating it; this is where an unexpected event occurred. After the initial detonation, EOD heard the sound of pressurized gas release and then noticed a "chlorine-like" odor emanating from the UXO location. EOD retreated and called the U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) Weapons of Mass Destruction-Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Division.

"The EOD crew were correct in backing away and were obviously very well trained on what to do in an unusual situation like this," said Lt. Cmdr. Doug Putthoff, industrial hygiene officer at NEPMU-6.

USARPAC personnel donned protective gear and proceeded down-range to investigate the UXO. By investigating the shell's fuse and other telltale markings, they determined that the shell was of pre-WWII vintage and had been designed to carry either mustard agent or phosgene ordnance in other words, chemical weapons. The team did not observe visible signs of mustard agent, but utilized detection techniques to verify its absence.

"Mustard agent is an oily liquid and would have left visible puddles if it had been stored in the shell," said Putthoff.

Phosgene, a chemical warfare gas also commonly used in industry, was likewise not detected by USARPAC detection techniques. Needing more advanced analytical capabilities, USARPAC then called on NEPMU-6.

"We have many advanced chemical detection and analysis gear that other field teams do not have," Putthoff said. "Our capabilities are much better than you can get with M8 paper and Draeger

tubes."

Soil and wipe samples from inside and around the exploded shell were brought to NEPMU-6 where the unit's industrial hygienist officers all delved into the task of analyzing the samples for toxic industrial chemicals and chemical warfare agents. The samples were analyzed using an Inficon HAPSITE, the unit's portable gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer.

"The HAPSITE is a great piece of gear that allows us to detect toxic chemicals, including chemical warfare agents, even at levels far below where they cause harmful effects to human health," Putthoff explained. "This is a powerful tool for health protection."

The analysis further ruled out the presence of mustard or phosgene agents, but did, in fact, detect traces of another chemical warfare agent chloropicrin, an early riot control agent similar to tear gas. In the past, chloropicrin had caused deadly pulmonary edema to personnel exposed to high concentrations, a fact that had led to its replacement as other, safer and more effective tearing agents became available. Another chemical, hexachloroethane, commonly used in smoke obscurants, was also detected in the samples. The NEPMU-6 industrial hygiene officers were able to provide a health exposure risk assessment and to recommend the proper protective gear and work practices for EOD personnel tasked with completing the destruction of the UXO.

The laboratory equipment and capabilities at NEPMU6 are available to field commanders in a deployable package called the Forward Deployed Preventive Medicine Unit, or FDPMU. Several components, including the chemical and biological agent analysis, make up the FDPMU and can provide great capabilities to deployed units.

"We currently have two FDPMUs conducting medical surveillance for marines and soldiers in Iraq, with two more units preparing for deployment in early 2005," said Putthoff.

The FDPMUs are comprised of scientists who document and control personnel exposures to traditional environmental stressors in air, water and soil in operational environments. They also have the capability to provide detection and health risk assessments for chemical, biological and chemical agents both at home and in operation theatres.

# On your mark, get set... GO!

## Surface Line Week tests Sailors' skills

**JO3 Michaela Kekedy**  
Staff Writer

Sailors from five ships in port competed in 14 professional skill events during the 20th Annual Middle Pacific Surface Line Week held at Naval Station, Pearl Harbor.

The week's activities were co-sponsored by Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) and the Pearl Harbor Chapter of the Surface Navy Association and were coordinated by Lt. Foster Righter from ATG MIDPAC.

The participating ships were: USS Chafee (DDG 90), USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Reuben James (FFG 57), USS Russell (DDG 59) and the newly commissioned USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

Last year's winners were not in port to defend their championships. In 2003, USS Crommelin (FFG 37), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Hopper (DDG 70) placed first, second and third, respectively.

"The benefit to the ships participating is a chance to see how you stack up against the other commands on the waterfront," said Capt. Dave Armitage, Commodore of ATG MIDPAC. "We train and certify ships to an objective, not relative, standard, so other than this competition, there's not much opportunity to compare among them."

Armitage said the main obstacle has never been the desire of Sailors to participate. Instead, operational commitments sometimes keep crews from competing.

"It's always a challenge to find a week when ships are in port and they're not busy doing other things," said Armitage.

Surface Line Week had, in previous years, run for two weeks. This made scheduling and participation more difficult for the ships. The schedule was reduced by eliminating sporting events, which Armitage felt were already being handled well by MWR.

The ships sent personnel with the best skills for each specific event. However, the best always look for a way to become better.

"We can learn something new from other Sailors," said Seaman Jordan Colkos from Reuben James.

Other Sailors also enjoyed the chance to display the skills they had learned.

"Professional skills competitions need to be more often," said Boatswains Mate 2nd Class Richard Murdock of the first place knot tying team from Reuben James. "We have to remember that a boatswains mate's job is more than just chipping and grinding. There's a lot of tradition and much of it is almost a lost art."

Armitage encouraged Sailors with specific ideas for new events that test skills not already on the schedule to submit a suggestion through their chain of command for next year's Surface Line Week.

"If someone has a good idea on other things we could do, I'm all ears," Armitage said.

"The benefit [of Surface Line Week] is to understand our rates and ratings and the opportunity to have fun – safely have fun," said Capt. Michael Vitale, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific.

Safety was the overriding theme in the competitions. The ATG instructors repeatedly instructed participants not to sacrifice safety to win.

For example, although the pistol competition tested speed, accuracy and marksmanship, the instructors disqualified participants for safety violations. Their concern even during the competitions was to prevent bad habits from forming that



U.S. Navy photo by PH2(AW) John F. Looney QM1(SW) Stephanie Kotatis hoists flags aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) during this year's Surface Line Week event.

could later injure or kill a Sailor or shipmate.

Participants enjoyed testing their skills against other Sailors in the multi-faceted competition.

"It's a very mental competition, not physical," said Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Samuel Beall of Chafee, who is rated at expert on the pistol. "You have to remember lots of details."

"The most challenging part was keeping a cool head and don't try to do the course too fast," said Gunner's Mate



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Michaela Kekedy

Runners begin the 5-mile run during this year's Surface Line Week competition. The annual contest is designed to test Sailors' mental and physical strengths in addition to helping maintain professional proficiency.

2nd Class Joe Valentine of Russell.

Jet lag was the challenge for Damage Controlman 2nd Class Luke Warner, a member of Chung-Hoon's Damage Control Marathon eight-member team.

He had just reported to the ship the morning of the competition after arriving in Hawaii only two days earlier from USS Iwo Jima (LPH 2) in Norfolk.

"I met DC1, had my orders signed, went down to berthing to change from my whites to coveralls, was given

a [ship's] ballcap and brought here, all in 25 minutes," he said.

"It's cool," he said about his unexpected first assignment, "a great way to meet the guys plus there's the camaraderie."

"Camaraderie" was the most often mentioned benefit of Surface Line Week by those participating or observing.

The Sailors are already looking forward to challenging each other in next year's competitions.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Michaela Kekedy

A competitor at the DC Olympics contest tries to don his fire-fighting ensemble.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2(AW) John F. Looney QM1(SW) Stephanie Kotatis from USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) works a flashing light as part of the Signaller Olympics during this year's annual Surface Line Week competition.

## Surface Line Week results

### Navigation Quiz Bowl

- 1st USS Reuben James
- 2nd USS Chung-Hoon
- 3rd USS Paul Hamilton

### Open Ocean Swim

#### (Overall)

- 1st USS Reuben James
- 2nd USS Paul Hamilton
- 3rd USS Russell

### 5-mile Run (Overall)

- 1st USS Reuben James
- 2nd USS Chung-Hoon
- 3rd USS Paul Hamilton

### Tug of War

- 1st USS Russell
- 2nd USS Chafee
- 3rd USS Paul Hamilton

### DCI Marathon

- 1st USS Chung-Hoon
- 2nd USS Paul Hamilton
- 3rd USS Chafee

### Mauvering Board

- 1st USS Chung-Hoon
- 2nd USS Reuben James
- 3rd USS Paul Hamilton

### RHIB Regatta

- 1st USS Paul Hamilton
- 2nd USS Chung-Hoon
- 3rd USS Russell

### Heaving Line Toss

- 1st USS Paul Hamilton
- 2nd USS Chafee
- 3rd USS Reuben James

### Signaller Olympics

- 1st USS Russell
- 2nd USS Paul Hamilton
- 3rd USS Chung-Hoon

### Knot Tying

- 1st USS Reuben James
- 2nd USS Paul Hamilton
- 3rd USS Chafee

### Pistol Competition

- 1st USS Chung-Hoon
- 2nd USS Reuben James
- 3rd USS Paul Hamilton

### Surface Rescue Swimmer

- 1st USS Chung-Hoon
- 2nd USS Paul Hamilton
- 3rd USS Chafee

### Chili Cook-off

- 1st USS Reuben James
- 2nd USS Paul Hamilton
- 3rd USS Russell

### Cake Decorating

- 1st USS Chafee
- 2nd USS Reuben James
- 3rd USS Paul Hamilton

## Overall Winners

- 1st USS Paul Hamilton
- 2nd USS Reuben James
- 3rd USS Chung-Hoon



U.S. Navy photo by JO3N Ryan C. McGinley

BM2 Glenn Eglin and Lt. j.g. Anthony Ohi from the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) paddle toward the finish line in a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat Regatta and Race at Rainbow Bay Marina. The RHIB Regatta and Race was part of the 20th annual Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific Surface Line Week held at Naval Station, Pearl Harbor. Surface Line Week activities consisted of 14 professional skill event competitions among Middle Pacific Navy and Coast Guard afloat commands.

# Hawai'i Navy News Sports

## Cadets face competition

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Students from Junior  
 Reserve Officer Training



An Army JROTC cadet walks gingerly after completing a two-mile run on Ford Island as part of the annual triathlon hosted by Campbell High School.

Course schools all over Oahu came together Sept. 25 for an annual triathlon hosted by Campbell High School at Ford Island.

Events have been held at Ford Island for the past four years. This year, the events were an 800-meter swim, a two-mile run and a kneeling basketball toss.

Winners were broken down into top schools and top individual female and top male athlete.

The top female athlete was Luana Mayfield, a senior at Campbell High School.

The top male athlete was Timothy Roten, a senior at Kalaheo High School.

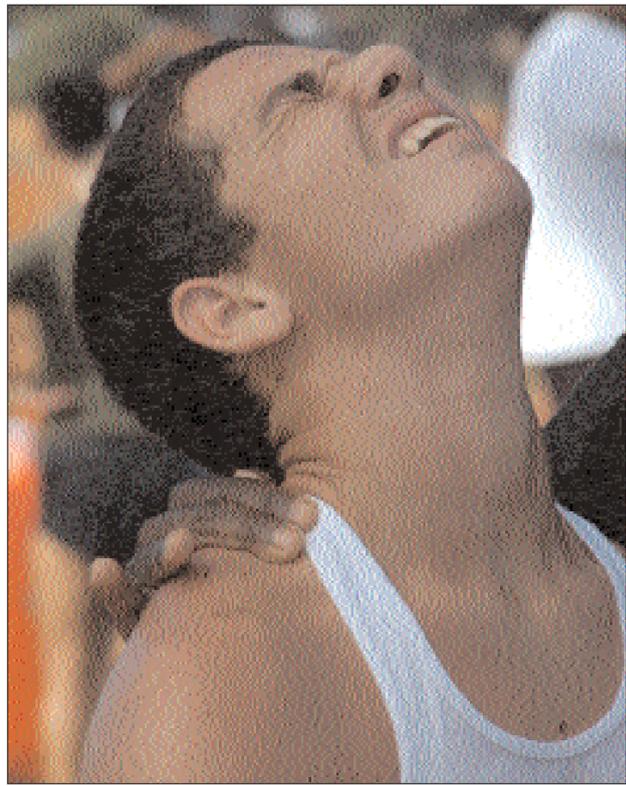
- Top schools were:
- 1st place-Kalaheo High School with 106 total points
  - 2nd place-Aiea High School with 101 total points
  - 3rd place-Radford High School with 100 total points



A Campbell High School JROTC student competes in the basketball toss portion of the Sept. 25 triathlon.



Swimmers from Campbell High School's NJROTC program prepare for their 800-meter swim at the pool on Ford Island. The swim was part of the annual triathlon held Sept. 24.

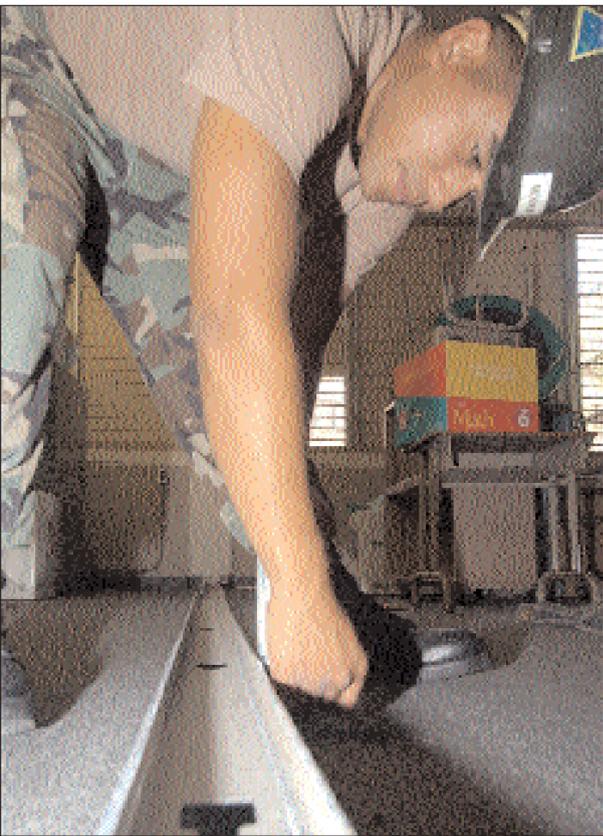


A JROTC student gasps for air after completing a two-mile run as part of the annual triathlon on Ford Island. As part of their competition, the high school students ran half a mile more than the Navy's Physical Fitness Assessment run, which is 1.5 miles.



Campbell High School students stretch in preparation for the fourth annual triathlon at Ford Island. This year's event was held Sept. 24 and drew JROTC cadets from across Oahu to compete in the physical contest.

# Seabees work to help local school



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley

BU2(SCW) Gabriel Morris assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Unit Four One Three (CBU-413) installs framework for a new wall at Hawai'i's Lehua Elementary School. Five Sailors from CBU-413 volunteered to install two new classroom walls to accommodate special needs children who need a contained classroom environment.

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Staff Writer

Construction Battalion Unit Four One Three (CBU-413) completed a community service project at Lehua Elementary School creating a contained classroom environment for special needs children.

"I think this is important because it's not that often that you get an opportunity to give back to the community," said Ensign Jeffery Turner, officer in charge of CBU-413. "Everyone has a need but not always the resources to accomplish what they need to do."

A team of five Seabees constructed two walls at the school to create contained classrooms for the students. The project consisted of putting up dry wall, painting and electrical work, something the school had needed for the services they provide.

"If you can provide an adequate learning environment for students, then that affords them a better opportunity to learn their lessons," said Turner.

Seventy percent of the children at Lehua Elementary School are military family members, yet principal Fay Toyama said they were all inquisitive of



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley  
EA2 Richard Vilar assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Unit Four One Three (CBU-413) cuts electrical piping for a new wall at Hawai'i's Lehua Elementary School.

their new guests.

"I just tell them they are helping us on a project to make the school better," said Toyama. "[The students] know [Seabees] are here doing something very positive."

For Construction Electrician 2nd Class (SCW) Robert Pail Santiago, whose daughter attends the school, it's a chance for him to build camaraderie with fellow shipmates.

"It enhances our morale, working together like this," he said. "Different rates interacting gives us learning points as far as what other guys do."

Toyama was most impressed by the speed in which the Seabees accomplished the job, installing one wall in just three days.

"I didn't realize it could happen so fast," she said. "We're just so thankful to the Seabees, the Navy and the whole military. Working with the military is a great experience."

Turner added community projects like this help Sailors visualize the impact of their work.

"I think it's great when the troops can actually see the benefits of their labor with these children," said Turner. "They can actually see the smiles on the kid's faces. It goes a long way. It helps them to refocus in on what it is they are actually doing for the Navy, and to see who actually benefits from their labor."



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CE2(SCW) Robert Paul Santiago assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Unit Four One Three (CBU-413) installs electrical piping for a new wall at Hawai'i's Lehua Elementary School. Five Sailors from CBU-413 volunteered to install two new classroom walls to accommodate special needs children who need a contained classroom environment.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Corwin Colbert

HM2 Danile Gilbert, Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor, fills a syringe with the flu vaccine. Gilbert gave flu shots to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sept. 21.

## COMSUBPAC Sailors receive annual flu shots

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COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailors received their influenza vaccine shots Sept. 21 in preparation for this year's flu season.

The shots were administered by Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Danile Gilbert was one of the NMCPH corpsman giving the shots to SUBPAC's Sailors and civil service employees.

"We are providing this service at the command to make it easier for service members to get their shots," said Gilbert. "This allows the command to continue their daily operations without interruption. This is the first command that we are giving the shots to this flu season. There are 309 people on COMSUBPAC's staff and so far, everyone has been cooperating and enthusiastic about getting the shot," Gilbert explained.

Yeoman 1st Class Rudy Ortiz, COMSUBPAC administrative department leading petty officer, thought this was an accommodating program.

"I think it is good and convenient. When your department has only a few people, this program setup shortens the time personnel are away from work," Ortiz said.

Gilbert explained what each servicemember received with their shot.

"The vaccine is an inactive influenza virus cultivated out of chicken eggs. People need this shot because the flu may become a serious health problem," said Gilbert.

"Some think having a runny nose or cough means they have the flu. In fact, a runny nose and cough may or may not be signs of the flu. The flu usually causes fatigue, fever, dry cough and headaches," she said.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the flu spreads from respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. Washing the hands frequently throughout the day can help reduce the risk of contracting the flu.

In the United States, five to 20 percent of the population gets the flu each year.

"The best way to try to prevent catching the flu is getting the shot," said Gilbert. "So far, COMSUBPAC staff has been great. We had no whiners," Gilbert joked.

## Region: Domestic violence goes against Navy core values

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the job," said Adessa.

FAP services are available to assist both victims and offenders,

"They have a 20 plus week treatment program for the offender, as well as a victim program for the person that's a victim of domestic violence," said Adessa. "In over half of the cases, the children are in the house witnessing domestic violence between the couples, so they are affected by it as well, so FAP has a program to help the children victims of domestic violence, too," added Adessa.

Some of these programs include: prevention education classes, support groups and individual counseling. According to Adessa, these benefits and more have been apart of the Navy's core values for years, and although member participation is on a steady rise, the FAP and FFSC are taking necessary steps to encourage more family and community involvement.

When asked about Navy Region involvement, Adessa said participation from the command is important.

"Because the Navy Region supports the fleet, and all of our Navy support programs here is one of the reasons I want the Navy Region commander to sign the proclamation," Adessa said. "This helps show his commitment to the region and all of the Sailors here and that he is committed to stopping domestic violence if it happens, to helping everybody that's involved with treatment and intervention. Families should face their problems and not run from them" said Adessa.

Adessa placed special emphasis on community involvement by saying, "This kind of thing effects the whole community, just help your shipmate," he said. "If you witness something that looks suspicious, give someone the power and the help that they may not have by going to FFSC and reporting the incident, because these things will normally escalate to bigger things."