



**Thar she blows!**  
Navy, Air Force combine for joint military exercise. See story on page A-5.



**Date to remember**  
Dec. 7 commemoration ceremonies to be held Tuesday. See story on page B-1.

## Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

**Bridge to close**  
The Ford Island Bridge will close to vehicle traffic Monday from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. to conduct tests on the motor system. On Dec. 7, the bridge will be closed from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. for events commemorating the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Residents, guests and Ford Island workers will be unable to leave or return to Ford Island while the bridge is closed.

**Free concert coming up**  
There will be a free Boston Pops-style concert given by the Pacific Fleet Band at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the USS Bowfin Memorial. The event is open to all military and DoD personnel, their family members and sponsored guests. Dress is aloha attire. Free parking is available at the USS Arizona Memorial. For more information, call 474-2194 ext 128.

**War memorials event Saturday**  
In honor of the 63rd anniversary of the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor, the Hawai'i State Library will host "World War II Memorials: USS Arizona and USS Missouri," at 11 a.m. Saturday in its Hawai'i and Pacific Reading Room. The free program is sponsored by the library's Language, Literature and History Sections, and is suitable for all ages. Guest speakers at the one-hour program include USS Arizona Memorial volunteer John Newton and Battleship Missouri education manager Steve Koolman. For more information call 586-3499.

**Reuben James tops in bone marrow registry**  
The Pearl Harbor-based USS Reuben James (FFG 57) was recognized for having the highest percentage of Sailors registered as bone marrow donors. In a message from 3rd Fleet commander Vice Adm. Michael J. McCabe, the frigate was lauded for having 80 percent of its crew registered. An estimated 30,000 children and adults are diagnosed each year with fatal blood diseases curable only with marrow transplant.

## VP-9 aids in multinational rescue

**JO2 Jason Trevett**  
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander U.S. Fifth Fleet Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron 9 (VP 9), homeported at Marine Corps Base, Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay aided in a multinational rescue of eight United Arab Emirates fishermen whose dhow sunk off the coast of Bahrain Nov. 27. One of the squadron's P-3C Orion aircraft received a distress call from Bahrain Air Traffic Control that a fishing dhow with eight fishermen aboard had sunk approximately one hour previously, and air traffic control requested search and rescue assistance. The P-3C immediately responded to the call and began a search for the fishermen along with two Bahrain police helicopters. "We started a ladder search of the general area where the dhow was believed to have sunk," said Lt. j.g. Brian Hirte, P-3C Orion tactical coordinator.



A video frame from a P-3C Orion assigned to Patrol Squadron 9 shows the Iranian dhow Najdi, during a rescue operation. VP-9 aided in a multinational rescue Nov. 27 of another dhow similar to this one sunk off the coast of Bahrain.

"Together we searched about 60 to 70 square miles of water. About a half-hour into the search, we found some floating debris in the water, a cooler, and some life vests," said Hirte. Moments later, a Bahrain search and rescue helicopter spotted the eight fishermen in a small raft. The helicopter dispatched rescue swimmers to

the raft and four fishermen were retrieved from the water. The crew of the P3 coordinated the on-station search and rescue efforts between Bahrain traffic control and two Bahrain helicopters and one Qatar helicopter. "We remained fixed on the raft and didn't lose sight of it," said Hirte. "One of our crew aboard the P-3C, Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Carlos Paguaga, dropped a white flare to mark the location where the remaining four fishermen were floating in the raft." A Qatari helicopter picked up the remaining four fishermen. "The coordination of this multinational rescue was excellent and we were happy to be instrumental in saving eight peoples' lives," said Lt. Damon Hildebrand, P-3C mission commander. "Our crew did an excellent job of keeping the aircraft in position, and maintaining a visual on the raft." Maritime patrol and reconnaissance is the mission of VP-9. The squadron is operating in the Arabian Gulf under Commander, Task Force 57.

## Former Greeneville CO honored with award

**JOC(SW/AW) David Rush**  
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Cmdr. Lee Hankins, former commanding officer of USS Greeneville (SSN 772), was announced as the Pacific Fleet recipient of the Vice Admiral James Stockdale Leadership Award Nov. 24. The annual award, named in honor of the naval officer some consider to be legendary, recognizes two commanding officers who demonstrate superior leadership and conspicuous contributions to the improvement of Navy leadership while in command of a single ship, submarine or aircraft squadron. One each is selected from the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. Hankins said he is honored to receive the award and gives credit to his crew for their hard work. "First of all, it's a huge honor," Hankins began. "I am very grateful to my fellow commanding officers for their confidence and recognition of our ship's performance. On behalf of my entire crew, I am very grateful," said Hankins. "To receive the award named for Vice Adm. Stockdale is truly special. I hope in some small way I was able to live up to his high standards," Hankins added. Hankins said leadership is extremely important to submarine operations. "It's probably the most important thing we can give to our crew," he explained. "It's not just something we give and teach to them, but something that can transcend through the whole command. "Everybody has a vested interest in the performance of the ship and



Former commanding officer of Los Angeles-class submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772), Cmdr. Lee Hankins (left) is greeted by the boat's current commanding officer, Cmdr. Lorin Selby. Hankins was selected as the Pacific Fleet recipient of the Vice Adm. James Stockdale Leadership Award. The annual award, named in honor of this legendary naval officer, recognizes two commanding officers who demonstrate superior leadership and conspicuous contributions to the improvement of Navy leadership while in command of a single ship, submarine or aircraft squadron.

leaders inspire people to do their best everyday," said Hankins. "Hopefully, what we left behind on Greeneville was a group of individuals who are ready and motivated to go on and work for their next

commanding officer." Hankins said his style of leadership incorporates communication as the key to success. "One of the most important leadership traits to perform on a daily basis

is to communicate and talk to your troops," he said. "Understand them and where they're coming from, and make sure they understand the mission."

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## Sailors honor past shipmates

**JO1 Daniel J. Calderón**  
Editor

Former crewmembers from ex-USS Minneapolis (CA 36) came to Oahu to dedicate a plaque at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, or Punchbowl, Tuesday. The plaque honors Sailors and an Army captain who were killed during World War II aboard the ship. "May all who come to this place in [the] future read this plaque and be reminded of the bravery and patriotism of all Minneapolis crewmen, especially [those] who gave their lives in combat," said Chaplain (Capt) Gene Theriot of Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Memorial Chapel during the ceremony's invocation. The ship was on maneuvers outside Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 during the time of the attack. Immediately afterwards, the captain received orders to join the carriers in pursuit of the Japanese fleet. During the war, the ship's crew earned 17 battle stars from the first battle of the Solomon Islands on Feb. 20, 1942 to the last one off the coast of Okinawa on April 12, 1945.

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Chaplain (Capt.) Gene Theriot of Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Memorial Chapel speaks at Tuesday's dedication ceremony of a plaque honoring the Sailors and an Army captain who were killed aboard ex-USS Minneapolis (CA 36) during World War II.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley  
AW2(AW) Darrin Elledge, assigned to the "Skinny Dragons" of Patrol Squadron Four, hugs his wife before boarding a Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 59 C-40A Clipper for a six-month deployment in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

## VP-4 Sailors deploy

**JO3 Ryan C. McGinley**  
Staff Writer

Seventy-five Sailors from Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) deployed from Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay Nov. 27 in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. In total, a crew of approximately 390 Sailors from VP-4 will deploy over the next week to support 5th and 7th Fleet operations in a variety of locations, something new to the squadron. "Nobody in the squadron

has ever done a deployment like this," said Cmdr. Steve Bethke, executive officer of VP-4. "We went through a very specific regimen for training." Previously, the squadron would deploy as a whole to a specific region. However, with reconfigurations in how the squadron community operates, they will now have six autonomous detachments in different areas. "We have had to blaze some new ground here and

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U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Angela Asemota

YNSN Lisa Crosby plays checkers with the daughter of IT3 Bruce McCaffrey during USS O'Kane's (DDG 77) Family Information Night Nov. 19. O'Kane Sailors provided free childcare during the evening, allowing parents to attend.

## O'Kane holds family information night

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USS O'Kane Public Affairs

USS O'Kane (DDG 77) held its second Family Information Night at the Banyans Nov. 19, in preparation for the approaching deployment.

According to Senior Chief Quartermaster (SW) Herbert Kelton, the first Family Information Night held six months ago, was positively received by the 150 attendees.

"It is an effective way for the commanding officer to keep the families informed about O'Kane operations," said Kelton. "Family Night encourages direct interaction between the upper chain of command and family members, which is not a chance afforded to many on a regular basis. Going over the ship's schedule and services available for deployment provided an open forum to address any questions or concerns."

Upon arrival at the Banyans Friday night, each family received a copy of the ship's operation schedule and a magnet with frequently used O'Kane and Naval Station, Pearl Harbor phone numbers. Various informa-

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Angela Asemota  
FC2(SW) Shvonna Harper entertains the children during USS O'Kane's (DDG 77) Family Information Night Nov. 19.

tion tables lined The Banyan walls with representatives standing by to answer questions. Additionally, the Navy Exchange and Edward Jones Financial Group provided prizes for raffle drawings held throughout the evening.

Cmdr. William Nault, O'Kane's commanding officer, discussed the ship's schedule

with regard to the upcoming Joint Task Force Exercise and subsequent deployment, and resources available to family members and single Sailors. The Navy Legal Service Office provided information on attaining a power of attorney and will, which are services that should be addressed during the initial preparation stages for deployment.

"As part of the tradition of 'taking care of our own', it was our intent to establish a strong foundation of communication between the Pearl Harbor support services, command, and O'Kane ohana to assist in our responsibility of ensuring the safety, health and well-being of each Sailor's family member," said Master Chief Operations Specialist (SW) William Reed. "Our primary communication link to our families during deployment is through our family support group and ombudsman. They are an integral part of the O'Kane support system that can offer a wide variety of information and referral to the family members. This evening is another vehicle for ensuring everyone is informed."

# Sailors share aloha

**Lt. Lynne Halley**  
NCTAMS PAC Public Affairs

More than 300 North Shore residents participated in Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) 15th Annual Operation Aloha Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 25 at the Waialua Community Center in Hale'iwa.

Operation Aloha is a project in which volunteers provide and serve a holiday meal and present a program of entertainment to the North Shore community. In addition, throughout October and November, volunteers from NCTAMS PAC collected more than 3,000 pounds of canned goods, which were donated to a local food bank to benefit the community.

This year's event included entertainment featuring hula dancers, a karate exhibition, guitar playing and singing. For the children, Santa Claus paid a visit to the North Shore to spread some early Christmas cheer.

Special guests included Hawai'i State



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Lynne Halley

North Shore residents enjoy a Thanksgiving meal provided by NCTAMS Sailors.

Representative Michael Magaaoay. The meal consisted of traditional favorites such as roast turkey, baked ham, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy, dinner rolls, and a variety of pies donated from Anna Marie's and Ted's Bakery.

Guests and volunteers alike said this was an enjoyable Thanksgiving Day. Organizers said events such as this Thanksgiving meal are an integral part of our responsibilities as neighbors.

## USS Honolulu hosts Sea Cadets

**J02 Corwin Colbert**  
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

The crew of USS Honolulu (SSN 718) hosted a tour for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Hawai'i Battleship Missouri Division on Nov. 20.

Lt. j.g. Janet Rowell, U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, said the organization is dedicated to helping its participants.

"We are a youth group for young men and women. We offer the experience to learn sea skills, self-confidence and patriotism," she said. "Most of our training is Coast Guard-based. When they leave the Sea Cadets as seamen apprentices or seamen, if they decide to join the Navy or Coast Guard, they keep their rank," she said.

"As for our tour, we participated as the color guard for the Aloha Tower Harbor Day, then we came to USS Honolulu," Rowell explained. "We have also been on a couple of Navy ships and were present at the USS Chung-Hoon commissioning."



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Corwin Colbert

A USS Honolulu (SSN 718) Sailor explains the submarine's operations to members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Hawai'i Battleship Missouri Division during their Nov. 20 tour.

The cadets toured various spaces aboard the submarine, were shown how the submarine is navigated and learned how fresh water is produced. Sea Cadet Chaz Pierick thought the tour was interesting.

"I have been with the cadets for about two years," he said. "I toured a boomer in Bangor, Wash. The tour was pretty cool. The best part was the torpedo tubes and learning how the submarine

shoots missiles," said Pierick.

The Sea Cadet organizations are in most of the maritime nations of the world. Educating youth in maritime matters, the Department of the Navy requested the Navy League of the United States establish a similar program for American youth. The Navy League agreed to do so and formally established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) in 1958.

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



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

Army Sgt. David Locke of the 21st Engineers at Fort Shafter tries on a Santa Claus hat at the Navy Exchange. The holiday rush has begun in full force at the Mall at Pearl Harbor. Throughout the holiday season, the NEX will be open on the following schedule: through Dec 9 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Dec. 10 - 23 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., Dec. 24 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Closed on Christmas, Dec. 26 - 30 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Dec. 31 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The NEX will resume its regular 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. schedule beginning Jan 1.

## DoD announces troop extensions for Iraq

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph P. Collins Jr. Two Army brigades and a Marine Expeditionary Unit have been extended to operate in Iraq by the Secretary of Defense.

The Secretary of Defense approved a request Dec. 1 by the Commander of Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF(I)) to extend two Army brigades and a Marine Expeditionary Unit operating in Iraq.

The Secretary also approved the Commander's request for two additional infantry battalions to deploy to Iraq.

General George Casey, Commander, MNF-I, requested the extension of the units, as they are the most experienced and best-qualified forces to sustain the momentum of post-Fallujah operations and to provide for additional security for the upcoming elections, in conjunction with the Iraqi security forces.

The U.S. Army's 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the 2nd Brigade 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and the U.S. Marine Corps' 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Okinawa, Japan, will be extended beyond their current rotation dates.

This extension also includes the 66th Transportation Company, Kleber Kasern,

Germany. The length of extension varies between the units. Two battalions from the 82nd Airborne Division will deploy to Iraq for an anticipated duration of approximately 120 days to support security efforts during the election period.

This approved request adds an additional 1,500 active-duty Soldiers, and extends approximately 10,400 active-duty combat forces, which includes 2,300 Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit from the USS Essex (LHD 2) Expeditionary Strike Group.

This extension is in conjunction with the current force rotation, and will increase the U.S. forces in theater from 17 to 20 brigades, increasing the force size in Iraq to approximately 150,000 personnel during the election period.

## Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

### Pay attention to the image you reflect

#### For Your Security and Safety

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#### 'Tis the season to shop safely

**Karen Spangler**  
Assistant Editor

'Tis the season to be merry and indulge in the joys of the holidays. But the holiday season is also a time when thieves are more likely to victimize shoppers - making it a time to be especially alert to the possibility of crime. Taking some extra safety precautions could make your holidays safer and happier. Vigilance can be the key to thwarting criminal activity.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) offers some precautions for holiday shoppers:

- When arriving at the mall, attempt to park in busy well-lit areas. Always close your car windows and lock your doors.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use checks or credit cards when possible.
- Be careful when carrying purses and wallets. Carry your purse under your arm. If possible, keep wallets in an inside pocket or use a fanny pack. If your purse is grabbed by a thief, do not risk being hurt holding on to it. Let it go!
- Do not carry too many packages - which would limit your vision and mobility.
- Be extremely careful using ATMs. Use those in populated areas and pay attention to what's going on around you.
- In your vehicle, store all gifts and packages so they cannot be seen by persons passing by. This applies to car phones, purses, briefcases and other valuables.
- Be aware that when you place gifts and packages in your car that a thief may be watching. It may be wiser to move your car at that time.

Many victims have been caught by surprise - leaving their car doors unlocked only for a few brief minutes and returning to find they have been burglarized.

HPD advises shoppers to

exercise the following precautions constantly, but especially during the holidays:

- Always lock your car doors.
- Roll up your windows and secure your car as much as possible.
- Secure your vehicle, even if you're only going to be away for a few seconds.

After you have finished your shopping and arrived home with your packages, there are some additional safety guidelines to follow:

- Remember to lock all doors and windows.
- Don't display gifts or gifts boxes that can be seen through an open window.
- Write down the serial numbers of expensive items such as televisions and stereo equipment.
- Take photographs of jewelry. This allows the police to identify items as yours if they are stolen and recovered.
- Never leave expensive toys, bicycles, tools, gifts, etc. unsecured in an open garage.
- Ensure exterior lights or motion lights, etc. in your garage or parking area are working.

The first step is to protect and safeguard yourself and your belongings. At the same time, be sure to take note of suspicious individuals and vehicles in your neighborhood. Write down the license plate numbers and descriptions and report them to police. Base security police can be reached at 471-7114. HPD can be reached by calling the 911 dispatcher.

If you have a security or safety question or concern, please send us an email or a fax and we'll obtain an answer.

(You can email your questions or comments to: [hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com](mailto:hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com) Or fax us at 473-2876.

Please put the words "security column" in your subject line and that will help us to more quickly route it to the appropriate point of contact.)

#### Opinion FLTCM(AW/SW) Jon Thompson

U.S. Fleet Forces  
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When you put on your uniform and look in the mirror, do you like what you see? By virtue of that uniform you wear, what do others see? Do you think they have a favorable opinion of the Navy? I think you'll agree the answer all depends on how we conduct ourselves.

Shortly after a series of hurricanes blew through Florida this year, a team of Navy personnel assisted in recovery efforts. My suspicions are that residents in those devastated areas think rather highly of the Navy and our people.

That same standard often applies when we read about wrongdoing. Depending on the circumstances, some people may come to conclusion that the Navy isn't doing enough to address the issue or is simply willing to ignore it.

Recently, the National Basketball Association learned that lesson. I'm sure you've all heard about the five-

minute brawl between players and fans that broke out during a recent Indiana Pacers / Detroit Pistons game. Though there were many factors that contributed to the violence, ultimately it was the players who kept the ball in motion.

One of the players being held most accountable had this to say about his role in the tragic events that day: "I think I'm pretty disciplined. I think it was just a bad day. Everybody has bad days. I was frustrated. It was just a human reaction. I hope that if that was to happen to any other(s)...that they won't react the way I reacted."

While most, including myself, would agree he had every right to be upset, physically attacking another person was not justified. Shipmates, in nearly every personal conflict I've encountered or heard about, there were other means to resolve the dispute without resorting to violence.

In a nutshell, the NBA recognized they have a responsibility to act the right way all the time. Though only a few players attacked the fans, that misbehavior has reflected on the entire NBA organization.

Shipmates, does any of this sound familiar? It should. You should know that you are all ambassadors of the Navy. When we get a few bad characters in our

ranks, it not only reflects on them - it reflects on us and when that happens, it's the U.S. Navy that takes the black eye. Your actions, both on and off duty, are a reflection of the Navy.

Acting rightly, obeying the rules of good conduct, and being morally accountable for our actions is the bedrock of our creed. It's the preventive medicine for any personal misconduct issue confronting us today - physical altercations, spousal and child abuse, hazing, sexual assault, DUI, alcohol or illegal substance abuse - you name it.

In periods of emotional confrontation or reckless behavior, you have to be the one to make the hard choices because ultimately you're responsible for your actions. As Sailors you're held to a higher standard; you're accountable to the UCMJ and the laws of our local area. We're accountable not only to ourselves, but to our family, our friends and our fellow co-workers.

Shipmates, occasionally you need to take a good long look in the mirror and ask yourself, "What reflection do I cast?" because the image might surprise you.

Bottom line is we (independently and collectively) represent our service 24/7 in or out of uniform. You owe it to yourself and your shipmates to act and behave accordingly.

## Letter to the editor

Editor's Note: HNN received this letter which was written Nov. 20.

I am a civilian employee of the Navy. I was TDY to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor last week, preparing for an equipment installation on a cruiser next month. One of the things I needed to do was demonstrate that the cabinet

containing our equipment would fit through the hatch into the computer room and around all the existing equipment.

I decided to build a PVC frame the size of the cabinet to do a test-fit. I went to Home Depot in Pearl City and bought the pipes and fittings. I'm standing in the parking lot with 10-foot

lengths of pipe, staring into the trunk of my rental car, discovering that the back seat doesn't fold down when a Navy chief asks, "Where are you trying to take that?" I explain. He puts the pipes in the back of his pickup, and follows me back to Pearl Harbor.

I asked if I could buy him lunch. He said he'd already

eaten and went on his way. He left before I could ask his name or what command he's with.

I just thought I should share how much I appreciate the help I got that day.

Lee Painter

P.S. My PVC mockup did make it through the hatch, much to my relief.

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# HPC building a multidisciplined fleet workforce

Human Performance Center Public Affairs

The Navy's Human Performance Center (HPC) is developing a new "community of practice" to improve warfighting performance at all levels and locations throughout the fleet.

The Human Performance Technologists (HPT) workforce will deliver measurable results to improve individual, team, unit and/or organizational performance.

This HPT workforce will be comprised of a wide spectrum of different disciplines, including industrial/organizational psychologists, operations analysts, instructional systems specialists, manpower program analysts, military officers from the human resources and medical communities, and various enlisted communities.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Teri Talbert, HPC career development manager, HPTs are unique to the Navy because they will "challenge the performance assumptions" people have had throughout the years and help to transform the naval training culture.

"Often times, when leadership or supervisors identify a performance problem," explained Talbert, "the assumption is that the Sailor needs more training or that there is a skills and training deficiency. HPTs will look at the overall situation comparing the actual versus desired performance, directly linking that performance to the overall strategic and unit objectives, and then determine how to eliminate that performance shortfall."

To do this, HPTs will work in partnership with their "Navy clients" to articulate their business goals and then link those goals to human performance.

HPTs will diagnose the current state of performance within the organization, identify the barriers and root causes of the performance deficiencies, and develop and recommend cost-effective solutions. They will then assist their Navy clients during the implementation and evaluation phases of the effort to ensure the desired performance is achieved.

Talbert explained the economic effect the internal Navy HPTs will create is two-fold.

First, better and enhanced breakthroughs in perform-

ance will save money and man-hours in the correct execution of tasks – the first time.

Second, the Navy will save money by employing their own, in-house HPTs, instead of repetitively going to outside, civilian organizations and paying for external consultants to work on specific, isolated problems.

Along with obvious cost savings, this also allows HPTs to act as unbiased, trusted advisors who have no other agenda other than helping organizations improve.

"There are no competing obligations," explained Talbert. "They are ensuring that the performance supports the strategic objectives. Lessons learned and best practices from one sector of the Navy will be applied to similar situations rather than lost."

The HPC is working closely with civilian industry experts to identify the essential knowledge, skills, abilities, tools and resources required for the entire HPT career continuum, or HPT Five Vector Model (5VM). This effort is in consonance with the Navy's Revolution in Training focus of aligning with civilian certifications and current industry standards.

Additionally, HPC personnel will complete the American Society for Training and Development's five-course HPT training curriculum. This training will provide them with the fundamental knowledge and tools to recognize opportunities for improving performance.

To further promote professional development, HPTs will participate closely with professional "communities of practice" via annual conferences, local chapter meetings, Web sites, and Navy Knowledge Online. These efforts will promote collaboration among industry leaders and HPT professionals by exposing them to common problems and solutions.

"As a new workforce, the HPC is committed to growing HPTs and ensuring they possess the highly unique skills it takes to help organizations achieve breakthrough improvements in performance," said Capt. Matt Peters, HPC commanding officer. "We're providing them with the fundamental, foundational knowledge and tools for success."

Tom Clements

PMRF Public Affairs

Prior to July 20, local dive instructor Matthew Isham said, "I had never been on a cruise ship and had never flown in a helicopter." But on that fateful day, he would check both items off his "to-do" list in a dramatic way.

The 26-year-old visited the men and women of the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands Nov. 18 to receive his "honorary crewmember" plaque for a flight with the Navy that saved his life.

While instructing a dive near Kaua'i's Na Pali coast, he and a student diver were struck by another boat's propeller. The blades cut deep into the student's arm and almost completely severed Matthew's leg.

While doing his best to stop the bleeding, the crew thought fast and realized his best bet was to make it to a nearby cruise liner where a professional medical staff could render aid.

Although the ship's crew was able to help, time was of the essence and Matthew needed to get to a hospital quickly. The Navy responded to a request for assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard, and immediately flew an H-3 Sea King helicopter with two rescue swimmers out to the Pride of Aloha, now underway five miles off the western coast of Kaua'i.

"The ship continued on its course while we hovered above," said Lt. Adam Schultz who, along with Lt. Bill Reilein, piloted the H-3 that day.

Crewmember Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Christopher Szabo was lowered onto the cruise ship, and while working with the ship's medical crew, prepared the injured for hoisting. Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Damon Baggs operated the hoist and secured the injured onboard the helicopter.

Both Szabo and Baggs are qualified rescue swimmers. At approximately 5:45 p.m., the injured divers were on their way to Lihue Airport where an

ambulance was waiting to transport them to Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

Isham said he was told he lost "about half" of his blood during the accident. His leg could not be saved, but he accepts that fate knowing that he is "truly blessed" to be alive.

"Typically when visitors fly with us, we provide an honorary crewmember status and some memorabilia," said Capt. Jeff Connelly, PMRF commanding officer to Isham. "Although we wish the circumstances were far less critical, we'd like you to accept these items for having flown with our crew."

Isham quickly donned his new PMRF ball cap and spoke to the gathering of Sailors in PMRF's hangar. "I want to tell each one of you how thankful I am that you are here. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for you. Thank you."

The Sikorsky Corporation also supplied rescue pins for the crew that flew the mission, and Isham presented the pins to Schultz, Szabo and Baggs. Reilein has left the Navy to pursue a career in law enforcement.

# VP-4: Squadron ready for tasks

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we'll learn some more things once we get there," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Janke, operations officer. "But this is what we trained over a year for."

The squadron, commanded by Cmdr. David Smith, will participate in anti-submarine warfare, reconnaissance, intelligence and surveillance over the six-month period. Bethke said the key to a successful deployment was applying foundations to the mission.

"We're executing basics by the book and fundamentals is the most important part," he said. "Do the basics well and everything else takes care of itself."

For some Sailors in the squadron, it's their first deployment. Airman Joseph Kusi-Davis from Jamaica said he was excited for the opportunity to travel and experience real-life situations.

"I'm really looking forward to it, since this is my first deployment," he said. "My goal for the deployment is to stay focused and come back safe."

For other Sailors who have been on previous deployments, they will be helping out the first-time Sailors on adjusting to the new environment.

"You want to make sure you always keep a high morale because the people around you are going to be watching you," said Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (AW) Qunita Triplett. "If



U.S. Navy photo by J03 Ryan C. McGinley

A family member of a Sailor assigned to the "Skinny Dragons" of Patrol Squadron Four (VP4) waves goodbye to her father as he departs aboard a Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Five Nine (VR59) C-40A Clipper for a six-month deployment in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

your morale is up, their morale is up. It's important for everyone to have a good outlook on the deployment."

Bethke said he feels the mission will be a success because of the Sailors in his command.

"Our strength is our people," he said. "This is the best squadron I have been in, as far as having all the right people work well together."

For both Bethke and Janke, the number one priority when going on deployment is safety.

"If we deploy and come home with the same number of people and aircraft, that is 100 percent success to me," said Janke.

Now in their thirteenth year of mishap-free flying with more than 200,000 flight hours behind them, the "Skinny Dragons" of

Patrol Squadron Four deployed in late November 2001 to the Middle East, flying around-the-clock missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the war on terror. During this campaign, VP-4 successfully completed more than 500 combat missions over Afghanistan, resulting in the awarding of 85 Air Medals.

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# With a bang: Exercise Resultant Fury wraps up with sinking of Navy ship

## U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The two-day Navy and Air Force anti-surface warfare exercise Resultant Fury 05-01 concluded in the Central Pacific Nov. 23 with the targeting and destruction of a decommissioned Navy ship.

Personnel from both services worked together to destroy multiple mobile seaborne targets and attack ex-USS Schenectady, a decommissioned tank landing ship, in a unique training opportunity to sharpen at-sea warfighting skills.

Prior to the exercise, ex-USS Schenectady was stripped of equipment and material and cleaned to remove hazardous materials in preparation for being sunk.

"The Navy takes great care in preparing ships such as the ex-Schenectady for targeting and sinking, removing environmental contaminants and conducting the operations greater than 50 nautical miles from shore and in at least 6,000 feet of water in accordance with EPA guidelines," said Cmdr. Dean Leech, fleet environmental counsel. "Through these remediation efforts as well as

range procedures that prohibit the exercise to occur if marine mammals are near the vessel, we ensure protection of the environment while accomplishing necessary testing and training."

"It is essential that our forces train the way we fight," said Capt. Matt Brown, Pacific Fleet public affairs officer. "The great benefit of this exercise is that the Navy and the Air Force were able to practice joint operational procedures using state-of-the-art joint weapon systems, like joint stand off weapons and joint direct attack munitions in the middle of the Pacific Ocean."

The exercise also served to integrate aircraft operations with other Pacific Command and Air National Guard forces, allowing joint forces to continue to demonstrate the ability to respond quickly to a crisis and project air power anywhere in the Pacific region.

While the Navy routinely exercises anti-surface ship operations, Air Force B-52s have historically shared this mission area as well, and Resultant Fury proved the perfect opportunity to train Navy and Air Force flight crews together in the execution of a joint mission.



Photo courtesy of Air Force

On Nov. 23 at 12:34 p.m. Hawai'i Standard Time, airmen participating in Resultant Fury, flying a B-52 from Andersen AFB, Guam struck the former U.S.S. Schenectady with seven 2,000 pound satellite guided joint direct attack munitions. A short time thereafter, airmen flying a B-52 from Barksdale AFB, La., struck the Schenectady with four 2,000 pound laser guided bombs. The Schenectady sunk at 1:45 p.m. HST. Resultant Fury marks the first time ever aircraft targeted and sunk multiple moving sea targets. Resultant Fury is a demonstration to allies and adversaries in the Pacific the U.S. Air Force has the ability to rapidly respond to and sink multiple moving sea targets in any weather environment, day or night.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Dennis C. Cantrell

Seabees and other Sailors gathered for the annual Earth Day cleanup on Naval Station Pearl Harbor in April. The Navy is working to reengineer all Naval Construction Force "C" schools to maximize efficiency for training.

## CSFE to reengineer Seabee 'C' schools

### Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Public Affairs

The Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering (CSFE) concluded a Construction Electrician (CE) "C" School pilot in September that saw commercial off the shelf (COTS) training materials incorporated into the CE C-1 advanced curriculum at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport, Miss.

The pilot was the result of an effort to re-engineer all Naval Construction Force (NCF) "C" school courses to optimize training efficiency and effectiveness.

The learning objectives for the "C" (advanced) school were consolidated from the course training task list of every course taught to CEs at NCTC Gulfport.

A comparison was then conducted to align current objectives to those identified by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) as relevant to construction electricians, with more than 60 percent of the objectives aligned with those already being taught.

"With the help of Seabees throughout the Naval

Construction Force, new occupational standards are being developed that better reflect what our people do," said Capt. Jim Hollrith, CSFE commanding officer. "This re-engineering will allow us to further align these standards to NCF learning objectives, NMETLS [Navy Mission Essential Task List] and the 5 Vector Models being developed for all Seabee ratings."

In October, CSFE completed a two-year process of mapping every NCF "C" school to "F" (functional) schools to allow for greater flexibility in attending courses and increased opportunities to earn NECs (Navy enlisted classifications).

In conjunction with this effort, all Seabee technical training is being revised to reflect changes in the construction trades and the way the Navy's construction force operates.

"This is about giving our Seabees the best training possible to ensure they excel," said Hollrith. "But this is only one of the many innovative training solutions CSFE is working to catapult our construction force well into the 21st century as the most efficient and effective combat construction force in the world."

## 'Brown water' Sailors remember Vietnam vets

### JOC(SW/FMF) S.A. Thornbloom Public Affairs Center San Diego

At the age of 24, John Howell was involved in a war within a war. In 1967, Howell, a Navy lieutenant junior grade, was at the helm of his Navy patrol craft, Fast (PCF 32), or Navy "swift boat," battling the rough seas off the coast of Vietnam. He was waging a war against Mother Nature while the American Navy waged war against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese.

"We almost lost the boat," Howell, the officer in charge of a five-man crew on the boat, said. "We were hit by this rouge wave on the starboard quarter and it nearly dumped us. It was doubly quite the fight and something that has stayed with me over the years."

Nearly 40 years later, Howell, now 62, was again at the helm of a "Swift Boat" recalling the stories of his youth and remembering the Sailors that didn't return from Vietnam. The boat is PCF 104, one of the last surviving intact "swift boats," now on display as part of a new monument on Naval Amphibious Base Coronado to the "brown water," or shallow coastal Navy of Vietnam. It's a memorial that will be dedicated on Armed Forces Day (May 21) 2005 to the more than 2,500 Sailors and Coast Guardsmen that lost their lives in the Vietnam conflict from 1960 to 1975.

"We have had about 15 'old' guys building this (monument) here at the amphib base," said Howell, who joined the Drug Enforcement Agency as an agent after his discharge from the Navy in the early '70s.

"It would have been nice to have built this in a place like Balboa Park so the general public would have better access to the memorial. But then we'd have to worry more about upkeep and possible graffiti. Having this monument means a lot to me personally, obviously, and having it here on the amphib base is a good place because most of us trained here," he said.

According to the Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument Fund (VUMMF) president, retired Navy Capt. Ken McGhee, three groups of veterans have worked since 1999 to build and prepare the monument for dedication next year.

"Presently, VUMMF has a couple of dozen members that live in the area and support and work on the monument routinely," said McGhee, 71, a former division commander of one of the Patrol Craft Force (PCF), or "swift boat," squadrons. "There are more than 100 'swift boat' veterans that are aware and involved in the monument. More than 5,000 (mostly Army) personnel belong to the Mobile Riverine Force Association (MRFA). And there are about 200 patrol boat river (PBR) veterans working for the monument. These three organizations have joined together to work on the monument and provide a monument that remembers all military members that participated in the 'brown water Navy'."

McGhee said the Vietnam Unit Memorial concept provides for the placement of the names of all U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard personnel who died in the Vietnam theatre of operations from 1960 to 1975. This includes those who died from hostile and non-hostile actions on the ground, in the air and at sea. Name, rank, unit, hometowns and date of death for each



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Daniel Woods

Visitors to the Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument at CISM Field on Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, look at patrol crafts and coastal patrol boats on display. These boats represent three types that were used by the Navy to patrol rivers and waterways in Vietnam throughout the duration of the war.

### I AM YOUR WALL

*The Rods and Wire of Steel  
at my Core are  
For those who gave their Lives  
Never to return in Body.  
They are the strength of our Wall.  
The Mass of Mortar of my Body  
Is for the Mass of Men and Women  
Who left their Families and  
Dedicated their Courage and Time  
to a Cause.  
The Medal of Honors and Navy  
Crosses on my Face  
Are for the strength and Resolve  
For which we stood.  
I am your Wall and  
I stand before three Boats  
That represent all the Units of our  
Conflict - all Conflicts.  
I am your Wall,  
Conceived and Nurtured and  
Built with Loving Care and  
Thought by a few for all.  
I am your Wall,  
Standing in Respectful Memory,  
Hoping to have no others  
built like Me  
But ready to Serve,  
If ever called upon again.  
I am your Wall,  
Respect Me, Hold Me, Caress Me,  
Love Me,  
As I Love You.*

Poem conceived, composed and written by Lt Thomas Mason USN, who served "In Country Vietnam" with CTF-115 OIC PCF-49 2/67-7/67, CTF-117 Riv Ron-13 operations officer 2/68-3/69, CTF-116 OIC MST-2 8/69-1/70 4/70-7/70

Vietnam Sailor is etched on 26 stainless steel plates and secured across the front of the slightly curved 66-foot-long and eight-foot-tall wall. There were thoughts and several discussions about the inclusion of the Marines that had died in Vietnam and the names of the hundreds of Soldiers that had died while assigned to the Riverine Force. McGhee said this would have produced a wall 10 times longer and would have inflated the cost of building and maintenance to levels that would have been hard to meet.

"We hope that the representation of the Marine and Army Service flags, the names of the hundreds of Navy

hospital corpsmen that gave their lives while assigned to Marine units and the placement of Command Communication Boat (CCB) C-18 with a plaque saluting the 9th Army Infantry Division, or the 'Old Reliables,' that worked the Mekong Delta on CCBs will give all units and all military branches the recognition they deserve," McGhee said.

There are also three plates that recognize the Navy Medal of Honor and Navy Cross recipients included on the wall.

The memorial also displays three boats from the "brown water Navy", which typify the Naval operations during the Vietnam War. There is also a 12-foot obelisk on the center of the display between the boats and wall. Etched on the obelisk are the names of the Sailors who were killed while operating in "Operation Gamewarden" on board the PBRs.

"This whole area is a chance to honor all those who didn't return from 'Nam," said retired Master Chief Lou Hahn, 63, of San Diego, who served as an Electronics Technician 1st Class from April 1968 to April 1969 near the Cambodian border with PCF squadrons. "This monument will be able to show visitors that there were huge efforts and sacrifices given by a lot of people for our freedom. And for all the publicity recently received in the media, this is how the 'brown water Navy' should be remembered."

"This gives us an idea of where we came from and what some of the people in our line of work went through and had to do in combat," said Airman Robert Seekamp, 26, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a student at basic crewman training at SWCC.

Boatswain's Mate Chief Jim Gordon course manager and senior instructor, said warriors have been fighting from small boats for centuries, but the '60s and Vietnam is where small boat combat really became modernized.

"Those guys from Vietnam are still around and the benefits of meeting them and hearing their stories are priceless for our students."

For more information on the Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument, log onto VUMMF's web site at [www.vummf.org](http://www.vummf.org).

# Authorization Act funds 3.5 percent pay raise

Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

Money contained within the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act will fund a 3.5 percent troop pay raise and eliminate servicemembers' out-of-pocket costs for family housing. DoD's top military personnel official noted.

The January troop pay raise will be applied across the board to all servicemembers and won't feature pay hikes targeted to specific ranks as in past years, David S. C. Chu, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said during a recent Pentagon interview.

The targeted raises issued to mid-level officers and noncommissioned officers over the past two years, Chu explained, "have fixed," for now, most pay-disparity issues involving those ranks.

And, he noted, money is contained in the 2005 act to boost allowances that now eliminate servicemembers' out-of-pocket expenses used for on- or off-post family housing. Stateside and overseas family housing allowances are calculated according to regional markets.

Another provision in the 2005 NDAA removes a previously established ceiling limiting how much military family-housing inventory could be privatized, Chu said.

Privatization enables DoD to modernize its military family housing more quickly and efficiently, Chu said. About one-third of military families live in on-post housing.

If DoD funded all of its existing family-housing needs by itself, Chu explained, it would take the department "forever" to make needed repairs or to replace aging housing units largely built in the 1950s.

Chu pointed to privatization success stories, such as contractor-provided housing for soldiers and their families at Fort Carson, Colo. Such private sector-provided housing offers contemporary quality and "design flair" for servicemembers while providing more bang for the buck for taxpayers.

The act also contains three special pay and bonus authorities, Chu noted. For example, the bill makes permanent the increase to military family separation pay to \$250 a month and likewise hostile fire/imminent danger pay at \$225

a month.

The bill also provides "a much stronger set" of re-enlistment bonuses for Guard and Reserve members.

Chu said the '05 NDAA ensures that troops in the field receive the equipment and other material they require to successfully prosecute the global war against terrorism.

The bill also provides extended health coverage for some reservists, Chu noted, as well as better Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits.

Another change contained in the '05 NDAA enables reservists to be called up for training before possible overseas deployment. This, Chu pointed out, is a more efficient means of force management.

A major highlight of military personnel management during his tenure, Chu observed, involves successive increases in troop compensation.

"The president has been willing to carry the torch for us to argue for significant pay increases," Chu noted, "as well as to reduce and eventually eliminate servicemembers' out-of-pocket costs for military housing."



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin  
Sailors Aboard USS Chafee (DDG 90) bring down the flag during evening colors. The 2005 National Defense Authorization Act will provide them and all other members of the armed services a 3.5 percent pay increase and assist with out-of-pocket expenses for housing.

## NAVAIRES Sailor runs race for Leukemia

JO2 Auburn Hutton  
Naval Air Reserve Point  
Mugu Public Affairs

Yeoman 2nd Class Nancy Aguirre, a Sailor from the Naval Air Reserve (NAVAIRES) Point Mugu, participated in the Santa Barbara News-Press Half Marathon Nov. 6 at Leadbetter Beach in Santa Barbara.

Aguirre, an avid runner, said she participated in the event to help raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"I found out one of my co-worker's nephew was dying from leukemia, and I thought I could do something to help," she said. "So I decided to run the race in his honor."

Aguirre began training for the run in June, which is also when she started raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She helped out by getting people to send in monetary donations for the cause. In all, she raised around \$1,000, which will go toward research for leukemia and lymphoma.

"I'm really satisfied with the contributions and glad I was able to help out," said



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Auburn Hutton  
YN2 Nancy Aguirre stands with her family after running in the Nov. 6 Santa Barbara News-Press Half Marathon.

Aguirre.

The inspiration for Aguirre's run was Chief Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AW) Jill Stack's 14-year-old nephew, Jerod Johnson, who died of leukemia Sept. 25.

Stack was honored when Aguirre approached her with the idea to run in Johnson's honor.

"When my nephew passed away, she said she wanted to run for him," said Stack. "I thought it was such a great idea. It takes someone with a big

heart to put their body through something like that in order to help others."

Aguirre finished the race in the top 10 percent with a finishing time of one hour and 43 minutes. Although she was a bit sore the following day, she truly felt the cause was worth the pain.

"I feel relieved that it's over and very surprised that I did so well," said Aguirre. "But most of all, I'm just glad I could support such an important cause. It felt great."

## CO: Hankins' tour 'remarkable'

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sion of the ship. And also to listen to them and know what the problems are on the deck-plate level. Set the standard and be the person out front," Hankins concluded.

Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, said he was not surprised Hankins was chosen for the award.

"The Admiral Stockdale Leadership Award is a very special recognition for a commanding officer because to qualify you must be nominated by your fellow commanding officers. As peers, the other skippers arguably are the toughest group to impress since they too are successful leaders," said Sullivan.

Sullivan noted it was his high standard for excellence and commitment to the crew that earned Hankins the award.

"Hankins' performance as commanding officer of Greenville is a credit to Vice Adm. Stockdale's own amazing performance as a leader while being held prisoner in the POW camps of North Vietnam. Hankins excelled as a leader in the most challenging of circumstances. Showing tremendous enthusiasm, boundless determina-

tion, grace under pressure, impeccable integrity and superb professional acumen, Hankins led the return of Greenville as one of the best performing boats in the (Pacific) fleet," said Sullivan.

"Lee and his crew blazed new trails as the first submarine to deploy in an Expeditionary Strike Group last year and were principally responsible for the fleet introduction of the advance seal delivery system (ASDS), a truly revolutionary capability, critically needed in the fight on the Global War on Terrorism," Sullivan concluded.

Capt. Cecil Haney, former Commodore, Submarine Squadron One, was the principal speaker at Cmdr. Hankins' recent change of command ceremony.

"The performance of USS Greenville during Commander Hankins' tour has been nothing but remarkable. It has been marked by top grades in both tactical and engineering readiness. Lee Hankins was handpicked by our leadership for the job as CO of Greenville. They got it right. Lee's endless energy and exacting standards were keys to success in this demanding seagoing business," said Haney.

"Command itself is a

sacred opportunity that few will experience," said retired Vice Adm. Phil Quast, an inaugural winner of the award in 1981. "Being recognized in that role by the Stockdale Award speaks well for the recipient, especially since the award is determined by their fellow commanders. The Stockdale Award not only recognizes leaders, it expects that the recipients will set the bar for leadership standards for command," he concluded.

Shot down on his second combat tour over North Vietnam, Stockdale became the highest-ranking U.S. prisoner of war in North Vietnam during the war. He was held in the infamous Hanoi Hilton prison for eight years. For his leadership and extraordinary bravery while in captivity, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Stockdale had the distinction upon retirement of being the only three star flag officer in the Navy's history to wear both aviator wings and the Medal of Honor. "In order to do something," he once said, "you must be something."

Hankins is currently working on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet as Director for Intelligence and Special Operations.

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# New protection for sunken military vessels, aircraft enacted

## Naval Historical Center Public Affairs

On Oct. 28, President George W. Bush signed the fiscal year 2005 National Defense Authorization Act. Title XIV of the Act (Public Law Number 108-375), preserves the sovereign status of sunken U.S. military vessels and aircraft by codifying both their protected sovereign status and permanent U.S. ownership regardless of the passage of time.

The purpose of Title XIV, generally referred to as the Sunken Military Craft act (SMCA), is to protect sunken military vessels and aircraft and the remains of their crews from unauthorized disturbance.

"Thousands of U.S. government warships and military aircraft lie in waters around the world," said Dr. Robert Neyland, underwater archaeology branch, Naval Historical Center. "Recent advances in technology have made these wrecks accessible to looters, treasure-hunters and others who may cause damage. With this legal protection, the potential for irreversible harm to important historical

resources is significantly reduced."

"This issue is a growing concern both nationally and internationally because in addition to war graves, many sunken warships and aircraft contain objects of a sensitive archaeological or historical nature," said Neyland.

The new law codifies commonly understood principles of international law and existing case law confirming that sunken U.S. military vessels and aircraft are sovereign property. The Department of the Navy will issue implementing regulations authorized under this law consistent with present permitting procedures.

This law does not affect salvage of commercial merchant shipwrecks. It does not impact the traditional uses of the sea, including commercial fishing, recreational diving, laying of submarine cables and pipelines and the routine operation of ships.

Information regarding Department of the Navy policy and procedures with regard to sunken Navy ship and aircraft wrecks is available online at [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil) under the underwater archaeology branch section.



U.S. Navy photo  
A remotely operated vehicle (ROV) pilot from Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCDD) located in Bethesda, Maryland, took this photograph of a 3"/50-caliber gun mounted on the starboard bow side of the USS Susan B. Anthony (AP 72). The Susan B. Anthony, a troop transport, struck a sea-mine and sank on June 7, 1944.

## Bush thanks military, families

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

President Bush in his Nov. 27 weekly radio address thanked servicemembers "who are serving with courage and skill, and making our entire nation proud."

"We give thanks to the men and women of our military," the president said.

As in past conflicts, Bush said, today's U.S. armed forces have freed formerly captive peoples in places like Afghanistan and Iraq. And U.S. servicemembers, the president observed, have "fought the terrorists abroad so that we do not have to face those enemies here at home."

U.S. military prowess has made America safer, Bush said, noting, "it has also brought new burdens to our

military families." Many servicemen and women, he pointed out, have endured separations from loved ones.

Many American families, Bush noted, "have faced the challenge of raising children while praying for a loved one's safe return." America, he said, "is grateful to all our military families."

"Families mourning a terrible loss this Thanksgiving," Bush said, "can know that America will honor their sacrifices forever."

As commander in chief, Bush said he has thanked "our troops at bases around the world." The president noted he has also been "inspired by the efforts of private citizens to express their own gratitude" for the efforts of U.S. military members.

"This month, I met Shauna Fleming, a 15-year-old from

California who coordinated the mailing of a million thank you letters to military personnel," Bush said.

In October, Bush said he'd met with Ken Porwoll, a World War II veteran "who has devoted years of his retirement to volunteering at a Veterans Affairs medical center in Minneapolis."

The president also praised the generosity of organizations like Give2theTroops, "a group started in a basement by a mother and son that has sent thousands of care packages to troops in the field."

Thanksgiving, Bush noted, "reminds us that America's true strength is the compassion and decency of our people." He thanked "all those who volunteer this season, and Laura and I wish every American a happy and safe Thanksgiving weekend."

## Memorial: Former Sailors remember battles, shipmates during plaque dedication ceremony

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One former Sailor present at the dedication ceremony was aboard Minneapolis when the ship was attacked during the battle of Tassafaronga on Nov. 30, 1942. The ship was hit with two torpedoes. Thirty-six Sailors died during the attack and many more were injured.

"We got damage control crews in and bilge pumps working so we could stay afloat," said Norman Kolbusz who was a Water Tender 2nd Class aboard Minneapolis the day of the attack. Kolbusz had been in the one fire room not damaged by the torpedoes. "Afterwards, we managed to make a few knots and keep moving. That was key. We had to keep moving."

"Through the courage, skill and perseverance of the crew, they kept the ship afloat and were able to beach her on a beach on Tulagi so repairs could be made to keep her afloat and get her power restored," said former Minneapolis Sailor Manuel Filreis.

Kolbusz reported aboard Minneapolis just

before the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and remained aboard during each of the battles the ship was involved in throughout World War II. The retired chief said he appreciated being present for the dedication of the memorial 62 years after to the day after the attack.

"I think this is the most wonderful thing anyone could do for our guys," he said. "I feel so relaxed and at peace now that this has happened. This is a great way to remember our shipmates."

Marshall Hatfield, another former Minneapolis Sailor, made the arrangements for the plaque to be placed at Punchbowl. He said it was important to honor the accomplishments of the Sailors who served aboard during each battle and to remember the Sailors and Army captain who died.

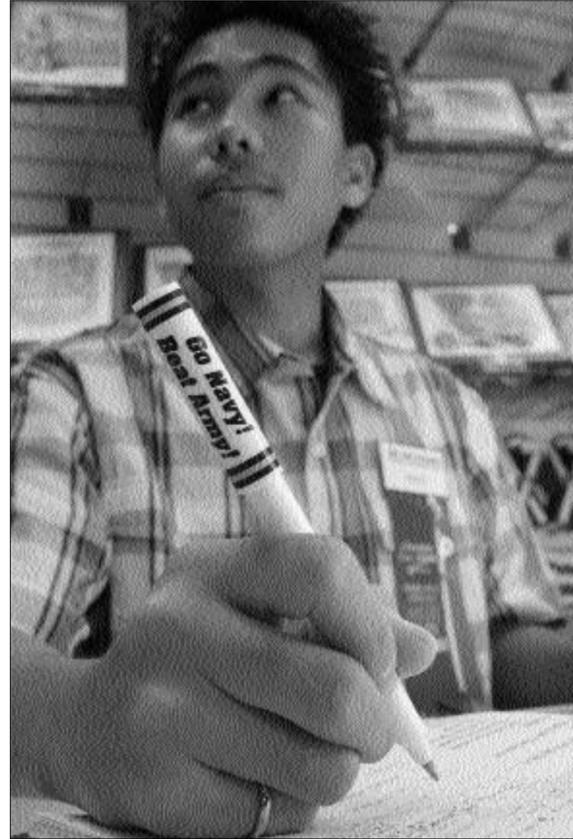
"I felt this was a way to recognize that great ship and the men who served aboard," he said. "We didn't get much recognition during or after the war so this seemed to be the most appropriate way to remember the ship and all the guys."

*Friendly rivalries alive and well on Naval Station Pearl Harbor*



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout

(Above) With the annual Army-Navy game scheduled for Saturday, a message of encouragement for West Point's team adorns the home of Maj. Gen. Karl Eikenberry, the U.S. Pacific Command's director of Strategic Plans and Policy. Eikenberry is the lone Army resident at Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Hale Ali'i housing area.



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

(Right) Sales associate Mike Matias at the Navy Pride store shows his "Navy pride" with a pen sold in his store at the Mall at Pearl Harbor. The annual Army-Navy football game will be held tomorrow in Philadelphia. CBS will televise the event. Check listings for game time.