



Big Brother

Diver recognized as outstanding volunteer. See story on page A-6.



Aloha New Year

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Flu shots available

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii will be offering flu shots for all qualifying retirees and family members at the NEX Mall. The vaccinations will be given on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 14-15 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Flu shots are now available to a wider range of people:

- People over the age of 50.
- People with long-term health problems (heart disease, kidney disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS).
- People with weakened immune system (steroid therapy, cancer treatment).
- Pregnant Women.
- Children ages six months to 23 months.
- Children ages 6 months to 18 years on long-term aspirin therapy.
- In home daycare providers of children up to two years of age.
- All household members of persons in the risk groups mentioned above.

No appointment is necessary, but a valid military ID card will be required.

GSA conducts inventory

The Hickam GSA Customer Supply Center will be closed for inventory Jan. 31 through Feb. 4, and will reopen Feb. 7.

The GSA store located in Schofield Barracks will be open for your supply needs during this time. For more information, contact Teresa DeMello at 448-8937.

Stuffed animals wanted

Commander Pacific Fleet is organizing a stuffed animal drive for children left homeless or parentless in Indonesia in the wake of the tsumanis there.

Anyone who would like to donate new or gently used stuffed animals that are still clean and in good condition can drop them off at 33 Makalapa. There will be a box in the garage area.

The donations need to be collected today since they will be airlifted out tomorrow.

Nevada Hall dedicated



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

Woody Derby, a former Sailor who was aboard USS Nevada during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack, speaks at yesterday's dedication of Nevada Hall, Naval Station Pearl Harbor's newest BEQ.

Newest bachelor quarters ready for local Sailors

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

Naval Region Hawai'i held a dedication ceremony yesterday at the new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) Nevada Hall.

Nevada Hall replaces Smedley Hall. Smedley was constructed in 1984 and is not equipped with fire protection and does not meet current Department of Defense anti-terrorism and force protection building standards.

During the ceremony, Capt. Ronald R. Cox, commander Navy Region Hawai'i, said Nevada Hall is another example of the Navy's commitment to con-

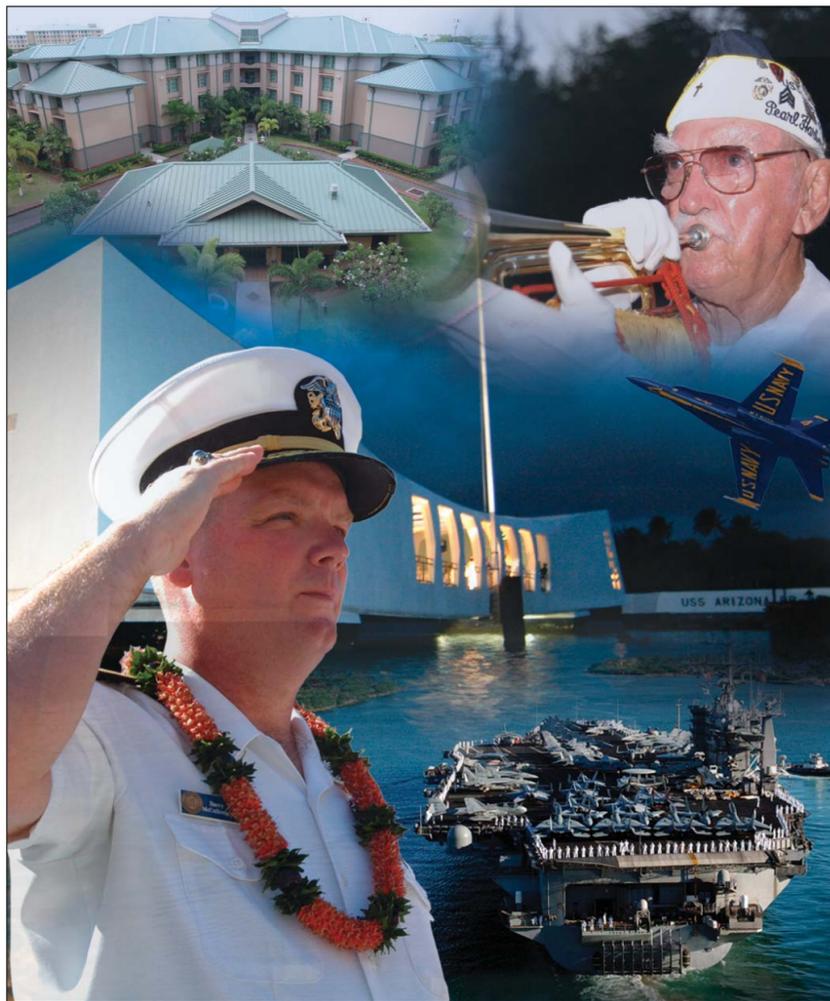
tinuing the quality of life for its Sailors.

"When a citizen volunteers to serve their country it is our duty to provide them a quality working environment and a quality living environment," said Cox. "That's what we've shown here today. A quality living environment for those Sailors who have volunteered to serve their country," he said. "This is also an example of the Chief of Naval Operations covenant leadership plan to house 100 percent of its shipboard Sailors."

On hand at the dedication was Chief Disbursing Clerk (SW) (Ret.) Woody Derby, a

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Pearl Harbor remembers 2004



U.S. Navy photo montage by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley

Hawai'i Navy News takes a look back at the news and events of the past year. See the two page spread on pages 4 and 5.



Photo by JO2 Devin Wright

Military Sealift Command (MSC) hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) pulls into Pearl Harbor Tuesday. Mercy will head to Southeast Asia to provide assistance to victims of the devastating Tsunamis that hit the region Dec. 26, 2004. Mercy contains 12 fully equipped operating rooms, a 1,000-bed hospital facility, digital radiological services, a diagnostic and a clinical laboratory.

Navy Region Hawai'i commands involved in tsunami relief efforts

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One of the most powerful earthquakes in history set off a series of tsunamis Dec. 26 that swept across thousands of miles of shoreline in southern Asia.

The tsunamis destroyed villages in India and Sri Lanka as well as tourist resorts in Thailand and the Maldives, killing more than 155,000 people.

The earthquake was initially reported as 6.8 on the Richter, but after further review was later reported to be 9.0 on the Richter Scale.

Since the 19th century, there have only been six earthquakes with a greater magnitude.

Adm. Thomas Fargo, com-

mander U.S. Pacific Command, told reporters at a Pentagon news conference Jan. 4 the military would significantly increase its relief efforts.

Navy commands throughout the Hawai'i region are helping with relief efforts in many different areas.

Navy Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4), based at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe Bay, is supporting the humanitarian relief efforts for tsunami victims in Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Squadron support for this effort is based at Diego Garcia, a U.S. Navy outpost in the Indian Ocean, where Sailors are working with a detachment from Navy

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New look: Task Force Uniform brings new concepts to local Sailors

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The Navy distributed new working and service uniform concepts to approximately 120 Sailors assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) at Pearl Harbor this week.

According to Task Force Uniform (TFU) representatives, they will deliver concept uniforms to nearly 1,700 male and female Sailors at commands around the globe specially selected for the wear test, according to CNO-directed Command Master Chief (SS) Robert Carroll.

"I've talked to a number of Sailors here in the Hawai'i region and they are pretty excited about

this," said U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Manuel Rodriguez. "Now that we are unveiling things and now that the uniforms are actually available to touch, feel and wear, there's a lot of excitement."

In conjunction with the wear test, TFU said it will administer a fleetwide survey to gather points of view across the Navy on the service and working uniform designs.

"I think the six-month trial period is important to us because it's going to give us the opportunity to look at this and be able to be sure we are doing the right thing," said Rodriguez. "Before we jump off and say 'lets do this,' we need to see exactly if we like the look, if the Sailors like the look and is this the right thing to do."



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley

YN2(AW) Coleen Theodore, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, gets fitted for her new service uniform at the Paradise Lounge. More than 120 Sailors at Pearl Harbor will test the new uniforms over a six-month period.

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Uniform: Sailors will be testing, reporting on variety of new uniforms for the fleet

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The Sailors will follow a daily calendar describing which uniform to wear and participate in focus groups during the six-month period to voice their opinions on a variety of topics.

"I never had been given the opportunity when I came in [to the Navy] to have a say in the uniforms. To have this opportunity to have some kind of input before it actually came out for the whole Navy is exciting so I jumped aboard," said Cryptological Technician Administration 1st Class Kiffanie Walker, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "I think it's very important that the Navy is not just making decisions at the top, but they are also including our input."

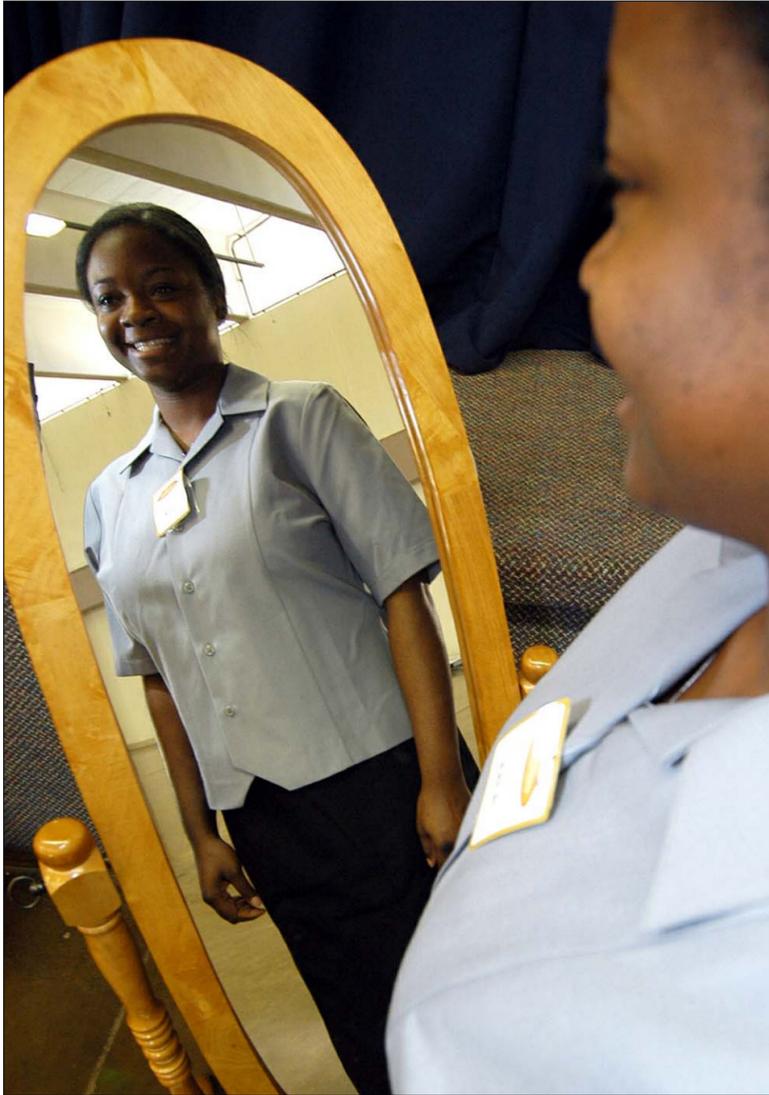
According to TFU, in response to the fleet's feedback on current uniforms, the service uniform concepts will offer a choice between two different color and fabric shirts (khaki or gray and poly/wool blends) with Navy blue trousers.

The service uniform concept is designed to replace summer white, winter blue and tropical white, consolidating them into one year-round service uniform for E-6 and below Sailors. The working uniform concept offers a BDU style with either a woodland or digital camouflage pattern, and a choice between blue or grey as a dominant color. This concept is intended to replace the current Navy working uniforms.

"No one person is shaped the same," said Walker. "To have a test period you get an overall view of different Sailors, different shapes, sizes and dimension."

Rodriguez said it is important that Sailors recognize the Navy's efforts in helping to provide a uniform, which will take them through the 21st Century.

"This is a huge investment and we really need to thank our leadership, our CNO, our fleet commanders and particularly the MCPON for keeping the eye on the target to keep this moving in a direction that will bring Sailors in line with today's fashion," he said.



OS2(SW) Johnnetta Foster, assigned to Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet, examines her concept service uniform, which she and more than 120 Sailors at Pearl Harbor will evaluate for a six-month period. The Navy will use four different concept uniforms and feedback from the fleet will be used to determine the final Navy working uniform.

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Reuben James Sailor honored

Lacy Lynn
Staff Writer

The University of Hawai'i athletics department honored Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW/FMF) Robert Bentley of the USS Reuben James (FFG 57), along with four other service members, as part of "Military Night" during the men's basketball home opener Jan. 8.

The athletics department held a half-time ceremony to honor military personnel from each service branch.

During the ceremony, David McClain, interim University of Hawai'i (UH) president, and Peter Englert, chancellor of UH at Manoa, presented Bentley and the other service members with plaques. Honorees were selected for their outstanding military and community service.

"We all appreciate the hard work and dedication of our service men and women and this is a wonderful opportunity in which to honor them," said John McNamara, University of Hawai'i athletics director.

Bentley leads many projects and programs on his ship and in his community.

"This is a well-deserved opportunity for recognition," said Cmdr. Logan Jones, Reuben James' commanding officer.

As master of ceremonies for the Reuben James bone marrow drive, Bentley led the crew to a U.S. Navy shipboard record of a 97 percent contribution rate to the Navy Bone Marrow Program.

Bentley also has served as a crew day coordinator, "Adopt a Sailor for the Holidays" coordinator, holiday food drive coordinator,



U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Jon Derges Peter Englert, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM) chancellor, presents HM1 Robert Bentley with a plaque for outstanding military and community service at UHM's first "Military Night."

and retirement ceremony planner.

In the community, Bentley heads a group of volunteers from his ship for projects at Aiea Elementary School.

Last year, he coordinated the donation of 20 computer workstations for the school, and designed, built and dedicated a bench for the school's playground. In addition, the volunteer group reads to the children and leads recess activities.

Bentley also volunteers teaching first aid classes to a local girl scout troop.

This year was the first "Military Night" event.

"The standing ovation that the military representatives received certainly showed how well it was received by UH fans," added McNamara, who said his department would like to make the event an annual one.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

CNO sets guidance for 2005

Adm. Vern Clark

Chief of Naval Operations



As we begin a new year, the leadership team of the Department of the Navy is pleased to share with you the priority objectives for the department. The following objectives are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all that needs to be accomplished this year. They do, however, reflect our joint consensus on areas we personally intend to manage and track to assure that the objectives are met.

The 2005 objectives include several from 2004 that continue to require constant attention and high energy, such as prosecuting the global war on terrorism (GWOT). Note that we've added taking care of our wounded Marines, Sailors and their families as a priority GWOT objective. Safety also remains a high priority objective for 2005. There are several significant new objectives this year, such as the quadrennial defense review (QDR) and base realignment and closure (BRAC). Objectives like these will impact not only the Department of the Navy, but also the entire defense department.

DON objectives for 2005:

A. Global war on terrorism: Continue to aggressively prosecute the global war on terrorism.

(1) Take care of wounded Marines/Sailors and their families.
(2) Incorporate financial and program processes to rapidly respond to operational needs and to provide for reconstitution of OEF/OIF assets.

(3) Shape PR-07 to meet short and long-term GWOT requirements.

(4) Establish a naval innovation laboratory environment to enable rapid acquisition and development processes for evaluating, testing and deploying of GWOT solutions. Countering IEDs, RPGs and mortars is the principal focus of this effort in 2005.

B. Homeland security: Use the memorandum of agreement negotiated with the Coast Guard in 2004 as the foundation for broadened relationships with international navies to develop an integrated intelligence and command and control system to assist in GWOT.

C. Safety:

(1) Improve all safety results across DON.
(2) Improve safety results across DON to meet secretary of defense challenge to reduce mishaps by 50 percent across the two-year period, 2004 and 2005.

(3) Initiate prioritized actions of the Navy and Marine Corps safety council.

D. Human capital strategy:

(1) National security personnel system (NSPS) — accomplish all orientation, training and other activities to start spiral one in July.
(2) Continue to pursue strategies to decrease overall manpower costs within DON while improving effectiveness and personnel satisfaction.

(3) Strategically focus naval education and training.
(a) Formulate vision and goals including lessons learned from GWOT like foreign language and cultural skills.

(b) Establish an implementing organizational approach integrated into career progression and advancement.

(c) Establish actionable metrics.

E. Shipbuilding: Formulate, articulate and incorporate into PR-07 a comprehensive shipbuilding program to encompass all aspects of sea basing and quick reaction to trouble spots.

(1) Develop a comprehensive plan to include affordability, industrial base, operational needs, supply chain optimization and mutually supportive joint activities.

(2) Define the requirements for MPF and proceed with ship design efforts.

F. BRAC:

(1) Complete analysis and prepare recommendations for submission to DoD to achieve the goals for BRAC.

(2) Provide data and analytical support to sustain DoD recommendations during consolidation by the BRAC commission, the president and the Congress.

(3) Organize, prepare, and coordinate BRAC 2005 expeditiously and efficiently; complete implementation of recommendations from past rounds of BRAC.

G. Quadrennial defense review (QDR): Leverage the quadrennial defense review to effectively influence DoD and DON strategic direction.

(1) Maximize joint warfighting interoperability while emphasizing unique maritime capabilities and DON operational considerations.

(2) Use QDR analyses to better understand and reconcile capability-based force posture requirements.

(3) Drive the QDR process to facilitate near and long-term force-shaping and strategic response capability.

H. Analytical tools and modeling: Develop analytic tools to model and determine future warfighting requirements and capabilities to counter conventional, asymmetric, catastrophic, etc. Risk areas.

I. Information technology (IT): Transform the enterprise business IT functions of the Navy.

(1) Achieve 100 percent cut over to NMCI.

(2) Begin to turn off legacy networks and consolidate legacy servers.

(3) Reduce the number of applications through the functional area manager's application rationalization and migration processes.

(4) Develop methods for enhanced life-cycle management and visibility of IT assets to reduce total cost of ownership.

J. Alignment: Align organizations and processes to ensure service collaboration on key joint concepts and capabilities.

(1) Develop Navy architectural plans for kill chains supporting Sea Shield and Sea Strike mission capability pillars.

(2) Develop an integrated fire control (IFC) air and missile defense capability across services.

(3) Ensure Navy interoperability (ForceNet) is clearly integrated and aligned to joint battle management command and control (jbmcc2) plans and roadmaps.

(4) Continue transformation of the naval combat and weapon systems through the aggressive implementation of open architecture precepts across the enterprise.

Your support of these objectives for 2005 is necessary and appreciated. Thanks for what you do every day to preserve our nation's liberties and freedoms.

Service to Sailors

Try volunteering in the new year

Kathy Kinneman

Armed Services YMCA

By now, Christmas is a distant memory and, if you are like most of us, the New Year's resolutions are beginning to fade.

Our well-intentioned annual resolutions tend to fall into some basic categories- health and fitness, career, time management, personal growth, personal finance, and family relationships.

We generally make resolutions or set goals because we are seeking self-improvement, better relationships, or a more comfortable life.

Did you know that as a volunteer, you can accomplish all that and more? When you give your time to a proven non-profit organization you will:

- Learn or develop new skills
- Gain work experience.
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Improve health.
- Meet new people.
- Feel needed and valued.

• Make a difference in someone's life.

• Express gratitude for help you may have received in the past from an organization.

• Make important networking contacts.

Paul Revere earned his living as a silversmith. But what do we remember him for? His volunteer work! When you commit to becoming a volunteer, you take the first steps toward making a difference in the lives of others.

Sure, volunteering sounds good, but where do you start? You could start by checking out the three organizations who contribute to this column.

The USO, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and the Armed Services YMCA all contribute articles to the Hawai'i Navy News Service to Sailors column. Each agency provides important services to active duty military and their families in Hawai'i.

If you think you'd like to help in the civilian community, you can begin by checking out www.volunteerhawaii.org or by calling the Aloha United Way volunteer hotline at 211.

The Armed Services YMCA has a wide range of volunteer opportunities at family program centers located at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i-Kaneohe, Iroquois Point, Tripler Army Medical Center, Wheeler Army Air Field, and Aliamanu Military Reservation.

We are currently recruiting program volunteers to work at the

Children's Waiting Room at Tripler, or to assist playmoring staff. Creative, well-organized volunteers are needed to plan and support special events like Spookfest, the Father Daughter Dance, and the Easter Bunny Bash. The Operation Hero program needs mentors and tutors for elementary school children.

Those who are limited to evening and weekend hours may find the Single Sailor Drop-In Center at Pearl Harbor a good match because the center is open evenings and weekends. Volunteers help run the center on weekends, organize activities, and act as a sounding board to young Sailors.

As a prospective volunteer, you are likely to have lots of questions. Don't be afraid to ask them. The answers will help you decide if you and the organization are a good fit.

• What volunteer work will I be doing?

• How much time does this position require?

• What kind of training will I receive?

• What skills will I be able to use and develop?

• Do I have a trial period? How long is it?

• Who is my supervisor?

• What kind of environment will I be working in?

• Does your organization provide me with a written evaluation and reference?

• Will you need to run any background checks on me?

• Can I bring my child with me? Will the organization pay for my child care?

The Armed Services YMCA has been blessed with many wonderful volunteers- ranging in age from teens to septuagenarians.

When asked why he volunteered, Bert Turner, a 70-something ASYMCA Board member said, "From the time I was young, my parents taught me that it is important to give back to my community. As a result, I've volunteered for many causes over the years and had fantastic experiences."

At the other end of the spectrum, after completing a volunteer project in Pennsylvania, a young Girl Scout named Caitlin Rohrer summed it all up by saying, "There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you don't do them."

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the Armed Services YMCA, please call executive director, Dave Gomez, at 473-1427.

Opinion

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"Tomorrow's Navy will, in many ways, be strikingly dissimilar to our Navy today."

That observation by Admiral Vern Clark in his recently published 'CNO's Guidance for 2005' should enlighten us to a reality that the Navy we serve in is changing. How the Navy does business and operates as an organization is evolving, sometimes at a pace that could be described as far-reaching and rapid.

One change you've probably read about over the summer is the establishment of Navy Diversity, a directorate dedicated to supporting the CNO's vision of expanding the Navy's diversity initiatives.

When you think about the word 'diversity' as used in that title. I'm sure many of you may intuitively conclude it involves issues of race and gender. In a sense, you're right, but it's actually much broader. While the CNO does desire more highly qualified minorities and females in the officer and enlisted ranks, his vision has more to do with the diversity of skills and talents than it does simple demographics.

Diversity is not just about looking like America; it's about capitalizing on the strengths of our people, the very best America has to offer.

By the Navy's definition, 'Diversity is the creativity, culture, ethnicity, gender,

race, religion, skills and talents of Sailors and civilians that enhance the mission readiness of the Navy.'

I believe this expanded definition means our Navy is more than the visual of someone's race and sex. It actually calls for us all to foster an environment where everyone has a chance to make a difference. You know what they say, there is no "I" in team!

Unfortunately, diversity sometimes makes it difficult for all people to get along and see eye to eye on a wide range of topics.

Have you ever hesitated to sit at a table with one of your shipmates? If so, did you ever ask yourself "Why?" More to the point, can you think of anyone in your organization that you'd be reluctant or unwilling to assist?

If so, what is the reason? I think it stems from our unfamiliarity with a person's culture.

Throughout my Navy career, my philosophy was to know every Sailor I came into contact with because one day they may save my life. I believe it's incumbent upon every Sailor to learn about the culture and background of others. The more you know about person's values and background, the stronger our team becomes.

Martin Luther King, Jr., the civil rights leader whose birthday we celebrate this month, basically asked Americans to focus on overcoming diversity and coming together as a single people.

In his "I Have A Dream" speech delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963, King spoke of his hope that one day his children will "live in a nation where they

will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." His vision was that people, regardless of their differences, could work together for a common goal.

As members of the Navy team, regardless of our numerous differences (education, background, personal experiences, etc.) we all share a common culture and goal.

One of my favorite sayings that reflect this view is, "One Team, One Fight, One Family."

One Team - because no requirement will ever be satisfied without us working together as one cohesive team; One Fight - because we are all committed to defending our nation; One Family - because we must take care of our families all along our active duty journey.

Shipmates, I'm sure you have heard the phrase, "In the Navy, we take care of our own."

In this sea of change leading toward tomorrow's Navy, I believe taking care of our own means more than just looking out for each other on the job or enjoying liberty in a foreign port. I think it means ensuring those who work with and for us can count on our support and training, regardless of race, creed or culture, so every Sailor honestly feels they are part of the team and contributing to our mission.

The only way we can achieve the CNO's vision of true diversity is to cultivate an environment that encourages and enables all our teammates (Sailors and civilians) to reach their personal and professional potential. Take a chance, break down the barriers and try to look at every Sailor as a professional.

"The Winds are blowing at Pearl Harbor's Submarine Memorial Chapel!"



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LOOKING BACK at

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"The supreme purpose of history is a better world," said Herbert Hoover, 31st president of the United States. The 12 months that made up 2004 left Hawai'i and the world with achievements, accolades and failures.

A notable story of the year surrounded the region's largest international maritime exercise, Rim of the Pacific 2004 (RIMPAC 04). Seven nations and more than 18,000 Sailors participated in the exercise, which took place from June 29 through July 27 around the Hawaiian Islands.

More than 40 ships, seven submarines and 90 aircraft participated in the event, which is intended to enhance the tactical proficiency of participating units in a wide array of combined operations at sea.

Another significant event was the welcoming and commissioning of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), to Pearl Harbor Sept. 18. The ship honors Rear Adm. Gordon Paie'a Chung-Hoon, who was born and raised in Hawai'i and awarded the Navy Cross and Silver Star for gallantry as commanding officer of USS Sigsbee during the Battle of Okinawa. Chung-Hoon was the 43rd ship of 62 Arleigh Burke-class destroyers currently authorized by Congress.

Many ships and submarines completed successful deployments during the year. Notable achievements include USS Crommelin's record-setting drug busts and USS Reuben James (FFG 57) rescue of 149 migrants March 30.

The year also brought awards and recognition to the region as a whole and various commands on Pearl Harbor.

The Navy Times named Naval Station Pearl Harbor as "Best Base for Quality of Life" for 2003. Among the quality of life improvements are Pearl Harbor's ability to house 100 percent of its single shipboard Sailors in bachelor quarters, the renovation of more than 2,000 family

housing homes, beautification projects and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities and offerings.

Navy Region Hawai'i received the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Award for Cultural Resource Management-Installations on May 4. The region was selected for the award based on the implementation of the Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, which balances the Navy's operational mission with the management of cultural and historical resources.

Navy Region Hawai'i also received the Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt for excellence in Bachelor Housing Management May 4 and six galleys in Navy Region Hawai'i received the Commander Naval Installations five-star accreditation.

Among local commands, Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor was the winner of the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Safety Award in the small non-industrial CONUS category for fiscal year 2003 and rated best for quality patient care by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. It was also awarded the Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Safety Ashore - Fiscal Year 2003 (small non-industrial CONUS) and, for the third consecutive year, received the prestigious Gold Star Award for command excellence in health promotion from the Navy Environmental Health Center.

Other awards for local commands include, but are not limited to, seven Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet submarines and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) winning Battle Efficiency, or Battle "E" awards, USS Russell (DDG 59) winning the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Excellence Award and Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific winning the 2003 Ashore Safety award.

The Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor earned its fourth Bingham Award in the superstore category. The award is the highest honor in the NEX system.

Pearl Harbor also saw visits from various celebrities including comedian and actor Jay Mohr, Ozzy and

Sharon Osbourne, NFL quarterback Terry Bradshaw, Ross Valory, bassist for the rock band Journey as well as cheerleaders and Pro Bowl players.

With a new year came renovations and rebuilding and rebirth for Naval Station, Pearl Harbor. The Navy displayed the newest homes in its housing inventory in Hawai'i when 140 homes were dedicated on Ford Island. Ford Island also had a groundbreaking ceremony to commence work that will ultimately provide the Navy with the necessary infrastructure foundation to further utilize the island as the centerpiece of Pearl Harbor Naval Base operations. The historical island also saw the grand opening of the new Navy Lodge Hawaii. The \$22 million renovated lodge comes equipped with 55 two-room suites.

Naval Medical Clinic also opened the Welcoming and Wellness Centers Jan. 5, providing a one-stop-shop for health and wellness. Tripler Army Medical Center opened a second Fisher House, which provides comfort for service members, their families and veterans while their loved ones receive healthcare at the center.

Not only was the Navy working diligently on Oahu, but efforts could also be seen on other Hawaiian islands in 2004. The Navy completed its operations on the island of Kaho'olawe on April 9. Through a contract, unexploded ordnance was cleared and removed from areas of the island according to a priority list.

On the island of Kauai, the Navy worked with the state of Hawaii to preserve land adjacent to the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, to be used for agriculture and adopted new fishing access hours at Major's Bay to accommodate the community.

Sailors and family members also said goodbye to Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, who departed as Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific for his new assignment as commander of USS Enterprise strike group. On Aug. 13, region Sailors welcomed their new commander, Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale who had served since Aug.

2003 as director, Navy Senate Liaison Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C.

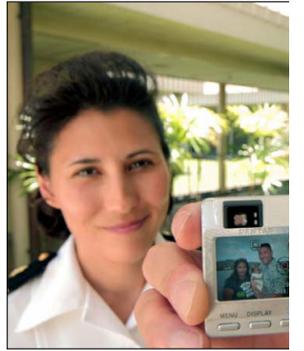
Pearl Harbor Sailors and family members also paid their respects to those who passed away in 2004. Former President Ronald Reagan died June 5 at the age of 93. He was the 40th president of the United States from 1981 to 1989. Former Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze died Oct. 20 at his home in Washington, D.C. He served as SEC-NAV from 1963 to 1967. Dick Fiske, an 82-year-old war veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, died in his sleep at his home on Oahu April 2.

The year also claimed the life of the five-year-old daughter of a Pearl Harbor Sailor Feb. 28 in a rainwater run off basin near her home at Navy housing on Pearl City Peninsula. Community members and Sailors mourned and came together to provide support for each other and the grieving family.

The year 2004 also saw the 60th commemoration of the West Loch Disaster and the 63rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Both events gave Sailors, family members and survivors an opportunity to gather and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on each respective day.

Other notable events during the year included environmental projects such as the celebration of earth day, successful Navy Marine Corps Relief Society and Combined Federal Campaign drives, the celebration of the Navy's 229th birthday, another win for team Navy at the Hawaiian Electric Electron Marathon, the USS Missouri Memorial's two millionth visitor, the implementation of the Pentagon Channel at Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, successful efforts to curb driving accidents and a winning Navy football team to cheer for.

"There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination and wonder," said Ronald Reagan. With all of the events that occurred in 2004, it's now time to welcome 2005 with all of its upcoming interesting stories, people and events.



Lt. Cmdr. Harry Ko and his wife, family physicians at Naval Medical Center, delivered a digital image of a baby they delivered in Los Angeles to Honolulu June 7.



Pacific Fleet Band guitarist Mus performs at a tribute ceremony for Harold B. Estes on the pier next to the USS Chung-Hoon.



Sailors man the rails aboard the Navy's newest and most advanced Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), while transiting the channel into her new homeport of Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin. Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Eliot Fiaschi dresses "Arpi", a German Shepherd military working dog (MWD), in body armor prior to a demonstration at a local Boys and Girls Club.

Timeline of events in 2004:

- Feb 28 - 5-year-old drowns in rainwater run off basin near her home at Navy housing on Pearl City Peninsula.
- March 25 - Navy dedicates homes.
- April 9 - Navy completes ordnance removal on Kaho'olawe.
- May 4 - Region wins environmental award for Cultural Resource Management-Installations.
- May 4 - Bachelor housing renovation.
- May 19 - Pearl Harbor galleys renovation.
- June 29 - Rim of the Pacific 2004 (RIMPAC 04) maritime exercise.

a busy 2004



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin
Lt. Cmdr. Patricia A. Ko, both fam-
Clinic, Pearl Harbor, display a dig-
ered aboard an airline flight from
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U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley
A Sailor assigned to the Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) restrains Fireman Ezra Johnson, playing an out of control protester, during a mock civil disturbance scenario as part of the ship's three-month anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) training evolution.



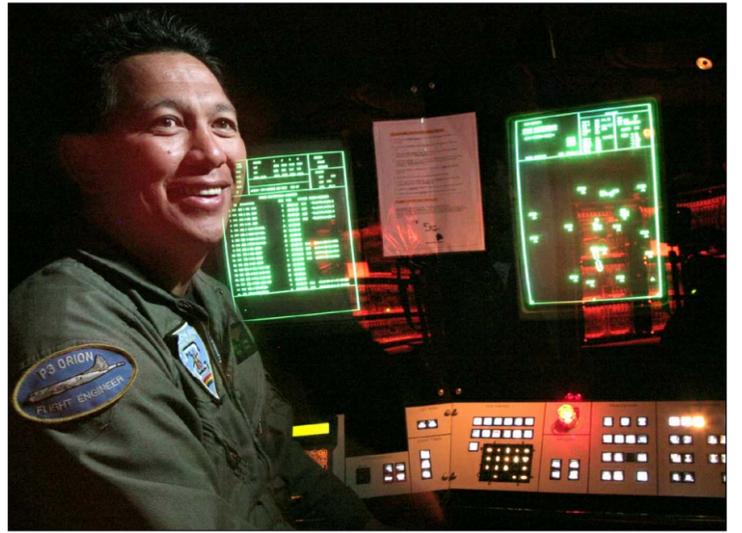
U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin
Commander, Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Lawrence King salutes during the National Anthem at the 60th Commemoration of the West Loch Disaster at Pearl Harbor. The West Loch Disaster occurred May 21, 1944.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin
Saxophonist 2nd Class Rufus Spearman for retired Chief Boatswain's Mate t to the Battleship Missouri.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin
The Spruance-class destroyer, USS Fletcher (DD 992), transits the channel to Pearl Harbor from deployment en route to San Diego, where it will be decommissioned in October (2004).



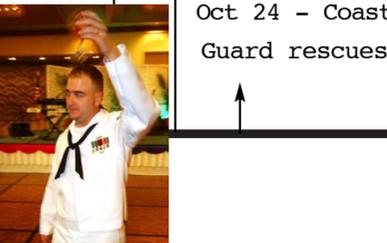
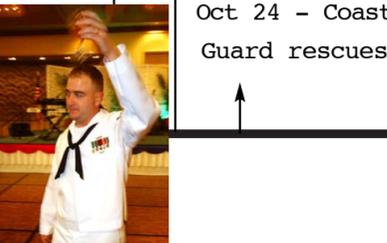
U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin
Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (AW/NAC) Perry Long, a flight engineer instructor at the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 Training Facility, watches aircrew respond to a scenario he programmed at the operator station in the 2F-87 operational flight trainer, a full motion P-3C Orion aircraft flight simulator.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley
A tourist at USS Arizona Memorial Visitor's Center watches the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) arrive in Pearl Harbor for a brief port visit.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin
Naval Station Pearl Harbor race team members discuss their strategy for winning the 10-lap inter-service race at the 9th Annual Hawaiian Electric Electron Marathon on Ford Island. The Navy team took first and third place against the Hawai'i-based U. S. Army, Air Force and Marine teams in the competition.

July 23 - NEX wins Bingham Award	Sept 18 - Chung-Hoon com-	Oct 2 - Navy celebrates 229th	Dec 7 - 63rd com-
RIMPAC	Aug 13 - Adm. Vitale assumes command of Navy	Sept 24 - USS	Oct 20 - Ford Island
			
		Oct 24 - Coast Guard rescues	
			

Red Hill boulder plan in place

Rick M. Saltzman

NAVFAC Pacific Public Affairs Office

Volcanic activity formed the Hawaiian Islands thousands of years ago and the eruptions primarily belched a type of rock known as basalt.

Boulders derived from these basalt lava formations rested on Oahu's mountainsides for eons. Some are immense and may threaten the people driving and living in their shadows.

In October 2003, NAVFAC Pacific engineers and contractors conducted a geological investigation of the Navy Red Hill property above Ala Lani Street. The examination identified boulders on both Navy and private land, including a boulder located on the border between Navy and private property.

A subsequent survey revealed that an 11-foot wide, 14-foot tall, seven and a half-foot thick rock (Boulder 12), was located on Navy property. It weighed approximately 60 tons.

"We estimated the bulk weight using the dimensions and the estimated density of the basalt material," explained Keith Hayashi, civil engineer with the NAVFAC Pacific Hawaii Integrated Product Team.

A team of Navy Region Hawai'i, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center and NAVFAC Pacific personnel was formed to begin the task of securing the rock.

Navy engineers and geologists saw signs of past movement of Boulder 12, as evidenced by the opening of its back joint, which was one to four feet wide and partly filled with soil.

This justified an emergency Navy remediation action to safeguard public life and property down slope.

Before starting the fieldwork to secure Boulder 12, however, the Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, sent letters to 40 residents living in the vicinity of the site.

During the initial fieldwork, a second group of "smaller" boulders was discovered in the thick underbrush, about 12 feet up slope from Boulder 12.

One rock measured six-feet long, four-feet wide, four and a half-feet high and weighs seven and a half tons, while the other measured five-feet long, four and a half-feet wide, nine-feet high and weighs 12 tons.

Their proximity to Boulder 12 created a rockfall potential during the Red Hill boulder construction project planned for Boulder 12's stabilization. Demolition was one alternative considered to prevent the huge boulders from moving, but this process posed inherent risks to nearby residents.

A different alternative for securing the rocks was chosen for the just-completed project. It required draping cable safety netting and strapping over the basalt rocks on the hillsides as part of rockfall mitigation.

The netting was attached to anchors embedded in the ground. The smaller pair of boulders was also secured using strapping. Cable straps were also attached to anchors to restrain the trio.

The prime contractor for the project was Environmental Chemical Corporation (ECC). Earth Tech, Inc. was the government rockfall technical consultant, and the subcontractor was Prometheus Construction, which performed the work.

Access to the work site was provided through Navy property from the ridge at the top of Red Hill near the water tank.

The contractor cleared a pathway from their primary lay-down area at the top of Red Hill to their secondary lay-down area located on a flat area next to the rock site. The distance is about four-tenths of a mile.

"Every measure was employed to ensure



Photos by Environmental Chemical Corporation (ECC)

A civilian worker surveys the rock designated Boulder 12 to ensure it is safely moored in place.

that we were worked safely," said Dennis Makabe, ROICC Pearl Harbor Construction Management Engineer. "Specifically, we ensured robust over-communication on safety requirements."

Fall protection while working in a near-vertical position while installing the cable-netting system was a must.

"Walking to and from the site was a chore, which equates to walking up and down the hillside on a slippery trail several times a day," added Makabe.

Construction equipment was lifted to the hillside by helicopter. The materials consisted of an air compressor, air hoses, drilling equipment, and all construction materials such as cable netting, cables, and anchor bolts.

This operation took about an hour. White fabric supersack bags were used to store, transport, and organize smaller items such as hand tools, grout material, and air hoses.

Workers used the air compressor for drilling and grouting operations, as well as for other pneumatic tools such as impact wrenches, drills and grinders.

Boulder 12 was not touched until after strong anchors were put in place and it was time to strap it. The likelihood of destabilizing the boulder was low, as there was no direct drilling on Boulder 12 itself.

Temporary supports of steel straps and driven pipe posts were used to stabilize Boulder 13 during construction work.

A spool of polyvinyl chloride-coated stainless steel cable was used to secure the boulders to the hillside. The cables were connected to stainless steel threaded bars anchored into the hillside.

Eight 10-foot-deep anchor holes were drilled in the bedrock surrounding Boulder 12, and eight rock anchor bars around it were installed. Fifteen-ton pull tests on four of the bars were successful. Four anchor holes were drilled for the second boulder group. The anchors were grouted, and after curing, pull-out capacity was tested.

Boulder 12 was strapped to the anchors using three cable straps, each with a turnbuckle for tightening.

Wire rope clips were torqued to specifications and screwed connections at the shackles and top nuts at the anchors were permanently welded.

A supporting cable was installed through the anchors, and Boulder 12 was covered using two cable nets, 12 by 24 feet each. Sewing cables were used to fasten the nets to the supporting cable.

Total cost, including the modification to add cable straps to the trio was approximately \$311,000. The service life of the system is expected to be more than 40 years. Periodic inspection is required to check if the boulder dislodges and exerts large stress on the cable system.

MDSU-1 diver named Big Brother of the Year

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Editor

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Honolulu named Hull Technician 3rd Class (DV) Teague Mangiaracina, of Mobile Diving Salvage Unit One, as its 2004 Big Brother of the Year for community-based mentoring programs.

This past year is the first year Mangiaracina has been involved with the program. The Long Island, N.Y. native said he enjoys spending time with his "little brother."

"I see him every Sunday for three to four hours," Mangiaracina said. "Unless I have job commitments, I'm there every week."

Mangiaracina said he likes taking his little brother fishing and hanging out. Alex, Mangiaracina's little brother is eight years old and lives with his adoptive mother. Mangiaracina said he has brought his little brother to MDSU to show him around and appreciates the support he receives.

Since becoming involved with BBBS has organized an information brief by the organization, introducing every Sailor to the opportunity to become a BBBS. HT1(DV) Jeff Pitts, Mangiaracina's leading petty officer, said Big Brother of Honolulu's presentation was informative and appreciates Mangiaracina's initiative.

"He's an outstanding worker," said Pitts. "Once he had command approval, he set up the whole program on his own initiative. He brought people out here to talk to the crew since he's



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón

HT3(DV) Teague Mangiaracina vents the recompression chamber at MDSU-1.

kind of the director of it for the command."

"We had a lot of people express interest," Mangiaracina said. "The command has been very supportive of the program."

"I'm pretty impressed that he had the will and the foresight to head up a program like that," Pitts said. "It's definitely worthwhile. I'm most impressed that he's gone out of his way to set it up, coordinate it and ensure this is a vital program and not just an eval bullet."

According to their official statement, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Honolulu is a non-profit organization focused on helping children grow into responsible adults by matching them one-to-one with volunteer mentors. Since 1963, the organization has impacted the lives

of thousands of Hawaiian's children and their big brothers or sisters.

Mangiaracina said he would be on the island for another year and a half. He plans to continue as Alex's big brother and will correspond when he is transferred off Oahu.

"I've developed a genuine relationship with Alex that will probably continue after I leave here," Mangiaracina said.

Mangiaracina believes the program is important for youth here because of the positive role models it provides.

"I think it's an excellent way to become a mentor for someone," said Mangiaracina. "I had some very positive role models when I was growing up and they showed me the kind of person I wanted to become."

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Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Aquatics

A Pearl Harbor swimmer competes in the 100-yard butterfly during the state championships.

Pearl Harbor Aquatics swimmers make a splash on the Big Island

Pearl Harbor Aquatics Public Affairs

Fifteen swimmers from the Pearl Harbor Aquatics Swim Team traveled to Kona in December to participate in the Hawai'i Short Course Age Group Championships.

The meet concluded a challenging six-month short course season.

Led by a strong 10 and under squad, the Tsunamis placed eighth in their first state championships in the large team division.

"We're competing against teams with as many as two or three times as many swimmers," said Billy Brown, head coach for the team. "I couldn't be more proud of how these athletes performed."

Ten swimmers qualified for finals with personal best times. Kurt Wohlrab grabbed top honors by winning first place in the boys' 10 and under 100-yard breaststroke while Miranda Estrella medaled in six events, capturing second place in the 10 and under girls' 50 and 100-yard backstroke events.

In their first state championship, Meredith Murphy swam in three finals, placing 6th in the 100 yard backstroke and Bryan Pfirrmann was fifth in the 10 and under boys' 100 yard backstroke.

In the 11 and 12 age group, Shannon "Coach" O'Connor placed eighth in the girls' 500-yard freestyle. Bruce Pfirrmann finaled in seven events in the 13 and 14 boys' age group, including third in a very fast 50-yard freestyle race.

Sam Maitland and newcomer Sunny Blount both conquered the 13 and 14 girls' events, with Sunny placing fifth in the 200-yard back-



Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Aquatics

A swimmer "takes his mark" at the start of an event.

stroke and Sam placing seventh in the 50-yard freestyle.

Leading the older ladies, Emily King was second in the 17 and 18 women's 1,650-yard freestyle and third in the 1,000 yard freestyle.

Delilah Bista medaled in the women's 15 and 16 age group 200-yard breaststroke and the 50-yard freestyle. In an exciting and very close race, Christian Berner took fifth place among the 15 and 16 year old boys in the 50-yard freestyle.

Also posting personal best times at the championships were Morgan O'Connor, Meagan Wohlrab, Micah Hirayama and Michelle Maitland.

Other Pearl Harbor state championship qualifiers included Derek Simon, Shelly James and Sasha Higgins. The Pearl Harbor Aquatics swimmers are now setting their sights on the long course season and the state age group championships to be held in June.

The Pearl Harbor swim team practices daily at the Navy Region Hawaii's MWR Richardson Pool complex. The team is a USA swimming affiliate open to military and civilian children ages 5-18.

For more information, visit the team's Web site www.tsunamis.homestead.com or call 471-9181, or email: phsc@inix.com.

Kicking it at Bloch Arena



U.S. Navy photo by PH2(AW) John F. Looney

Tina Marxen leads Wednesdays Turbo Kickboxing class at the Bloch Arena Annex. Marxen has been teaching the class for three-and-a-half years. The Turbo Kickboxing classes are held at the annex twice a week in the morning and in the evening. For more information, call 473-0793.

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A wreck vehicle displayed on Ford Island in December 2004.

Traffic education increases safety

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Staff Writer

Military and private organizations around Pearl Harbor teamed up over the holidays to make personnel aware of the hazards of drinking alcoholic beverages and driving, and also the need for using seat belts. Region safety officials said the Navy region-wide effort resulted in no reportable motor vehicle or motorcycle mishaps during the holiday season.

"The report of zero vehicle mishaps for the holiday season demonstrates that the messages presented at the safety stand-downs [in November and December] and the active participation by command leadership in distributing positive messages prior to the Christmas and New Year's holidays reached personnel and had a very positive impact in mentally preparing them to utilize Operational Risk Management (ORM) in their planned activities," said Ralph Deal, safety manager for Training Support Department (TSD) Hawai'i, Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific (NSTCP) and Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC). "This sense of 'Team' is critical to our mission. It is the off-duty activities that present unique challenges to our personnel, so to have them carry this sense of 'Team' off-duty is quite an accomplishment and we are proud of their contribution."

From Dec. 8 through 22, NSTCP and ATG MIDPAC, in cooperation with Navy Region Safety and Navy Region Facilities coordinated with T & T Towing to provide a wrecked vehicle for display on Ford Island.

"The main purpose for the wrecked vehicle display is to provide visual evidence that in a motor vehicle mishap, forces come into play that destroy property and may cause a fatality or serious personal injury that may have a devastating impact on our personal and professional lives," said Deal. "With the utilization of ORM principles, we can minimize or eliminate potential hazards that will assure our ability to continue to perform our mission while at the same time enjoying quality time with our family and friends."

BEQ: Nevada Hall to house 112 Sailors

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former USS Nevada crewmember. Derby said he felt honored to have a BEQ of Nevada Hall's quality named after USS Nevada.

"This makes my heart flutter," said Derby. "I was on the Nevada for seven years and two months.

"It was my home away from home. It started me out in my life as a man, this dedication is very important," Derby said.

"I made chief on that ship Sept. 1 1943. Back in those days we were given one bucket of water to bathe with and wash our clothes. Now Sailors have this apartment to come home to and they deserve it. I know my shipmates from the Nevada would certainly want one of them to live in," he added.

During the attack on Dec. 7, 1941, USS Nevada was the only battleship able to get underway. Many of her crew were later cited for their heroic attempts to get their ship to the open sea.

In 2002 Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific (NAVFAC Pacific) awarded the \$13.5 million

contract to Dick Pacific Construction Company for the design and construction of the BEQ.

The work included the five-story structure and site improvements.

Nevada Hall is located just outside the Hale Moku neighborhood on the west side of Center Drive.

The five-story bachelor enlisted housing will have 56 units to house 112 Pearl Harbor-based junior enlisted personnel.

Each unit comes equipped with cooking facilities, including a two-burner stove, full-size refrigerator, a microwave, garbage disposal and cupboard space, as well as temperature control, and stackable washer and dryers. This is the first time that barracks floor plans have included the laundry area.

Exterior features include an outdoor lanai area with a barbecue grill, two covered picnic tables, new lighted sand volleyball court, and a covered structure for bicycle and motorcycles and an additional 24 parking stalls have been added.

Aid: Pacific assets surging to help

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Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8).

The crews are visually surveying damage in remote areas to help planners determine what areas can be used as temporary relief headquarters. Missions involve use of electro-optic and infrared cameras to determine condition of utilities, roads, bridges, and possible landing zones for helicopter support. Crews also survey for signs of survivors, conditions of port facilities, and provide a communication relay between remote areas and relief coordinators.

Eighteen members from the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 are deployed to Sumatra to support humanitarian and disaster relief efforts in the area by providing high level and preventive medicine support to the Indonesian population and the non-governmental agencies supporting the efforts. This includes providing preventive medicine officers, who are also trained in epidemiology, environmental health officers, industrial hygiene officers, and entomology officers as well as

bringing a laboratory for rapid diagnostics.

"Because we are in this region, we have familiarity with diseases in the area," said Capt. Gail Hathaway, officer in charge at NEPMU-6. "We're bringing knowledge to the area. This is a robust team of experts and we can help. That's the most important thing."

For one NEPMU-6 member, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Kati Ivey, who has been deployed to Iraq, the opportunity to help victims and prevent future illnesses and death is more than enough reason to be deployed to the area.

"I've braced myself for the amount of destruction I'm going to see," said Ivey. "You can't really ever get use to seeing casualties but once you've seen it, you're a little more prepared for the next time. That's the job though. If you can't stomach that kind of thing, you're probably in the wrong job field. It's important to me to be able to help others in need and learn from this experience to hopefully pass on to others," she added.

The Military Sealift Command (MSC) hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), home ported in San Diego,

stopped in Pearl Harbor to gather food and medical supplies Tuesday before heading to Singapore to pick up the rest of her crew and more supplies.

Mercy is headed to Southeast Asia to provide assistance to victims of the tsunamis.

USNS Mercy has an emergency room, 12 operating rooms, and a CAT scan machine.

There are nearly 1,000 doctors, nurses and medical support personnel.

The crew will treat patients suffering from illness and infections as well as provide medical check-ups as a preventive medicine measure.

Information on making donations towards the tsunami relief efforts can be found at the following Web sites:

USAID: www.usaid.gov, keyword: Donations

• The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914

InterAction: www.interaction.org "Guide to Appropriate Giving"

• Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.