



Tsunami Toys

The kind hearts of toy drive donors and volunteers. See story on page A-5.



Stroller Stride

MWR brings fitness, fun, to Pearl Harbor moms. See story on page B-1.

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W2s now available

Electronic W2s for 2004 are now available on myPay's Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx?flps=W2S~DJMSA>. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) implemented the myPay Web-based system in March 2000. If anyone has any questions concerning myPay, please call the contact center toll free at 1-800-390-2348. If the information posted to your W2 is incorrect, please contact your servicing pay office or your customer service representative for assistance.

Pro Bowl tickets

Pro Bowl tickets are now on sale at Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT) offices around the island. There are two locations on Pearl Harbor: on base at Bloch Arena (473-0792) and at the NEX Mall at Pearl Harbor (422-2757). The Pro Bowl will be held Feb. 13 at Aloha Stadium.

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 at Schofield Barracks will be open during this time. For more information, contact Teresa DeMello at 448-8937.

Ship Tours

Ship tours of the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan, will be offered to DoD ID card holders on Jan. 23. Tour times are 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Each ID card holder can request up to four invites. Limited invitations are issued on a first come, first served basis. Visitors must bring invitation and a picture ID. The tour lasts about 90 minutes. There will be no wheelchair access. Visitors must be eight years of age or older and able to walk up and down several flights of stairs. To reserve invites or for more information, call 471-3769.

BAH, PPV rates going up

Sailors must adjust their allotments

Karen S. Spangler
Assistant Editor

Approximately 530 of the 1,700 residents who live in Navy privatized homes in the Pearl Harbor area will receive a temporary reprieve on the requirement to make an advance payment on the rent increase that became effective Jan. 1. The announcement was made by Hawaii Military Communities, LLC (HMC) and Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, who are partners in the privatization project.

The reprieve affects only residents who moved into their homes after May 1, 2004 and is only for the January 2005 rent. Tom Carter, vice-president for residential management for Forest City Residential Management, Inc., explained that the current issue with the BAH (basic allowance for housing) for 2005 created confusion among some Navy housing

residents. He noted that the leave and earnings statement they receive at the end of January will show that their February rent was paid through a rent allotment at the new rental rate and that they were paid the increased BAH.

Under the current Navy policy, families who moved into PPV (public-private venture) housing after May 1, 2004 are required to pay their rent in advance, at the beginning of the month, just as if they were renting in the private sector. (Residents who lived in PPV housing prior to May 1, 2004 continue paying rent at the end of each month.)

Under the terms of their rental agreements with Forest City, Navy residents have been asked to pay the increase at the first of the month, but they don't receive their BAH until the end of the month. That situation would create a need for significant



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

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out-of-pocket outlay at the beginning of the month that is not reimbursable until the end of the month.

Carter said that because the increase in rent and allowances is more significant than in past years, the amount that some families are having to pay up front, from their own pockets, is creating a hardship that led to temporarily putting the policy on hold.

He said that both the Navy and Forest City are committed to making every attempt

to equitably resolve the matter and pledged that residents will be quickly informed of all decisions about how the situation will be handled in the future.

"We decided to take this action because it is clear that the advance payment requirement resulting from the basic allowance for housing (BAH) increase is creating a financial burden that neither the Navy nor Forest City had envisioned," said Carter. "In an effort to assure fairness, the partners have agreed to

thoroughly explore other payment alternatives before full implementation," he continued.

Carter emphasized the resolve of HMC/Forest City and the Navy, the PPV partners, to find ways to mitigate the hardship caused by the advance payment requirement. "With their loved ones defending our country overseas, we are going to do everything we can to make it easy for Navy families to meet their rent obligations with as little worry as possible," Carter said.

Capt. Norman Ho, assistant chief of staff for housing for Navy Region Hawaii, re-emphasized his commitment to Navy families. He assured residents that Navy leadership is dedicated to alleviating any hardships that could be caused for Navy families.

"We are working on these issues together with our partners and we want to make certain that our Navy families don't experience any hardships," explained Ho.

(Families who need assistance or have questions should call Forest City at 423-7711 or the Navy Family Housing military liaison office at 474-1804.)

Welcome: Sergeant Major of Philippines Armed Forces visits Oahu

J01 Daniel J. Calderón
Editor

Sgt. Major Mario Gabriel, the senior enlisted member of the Philippine armed forces, visited and toured Oahu area military facilities from Jan. 13 - 20.

Gabriel, who was hosted by U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), visited senior enlisted members of each armed service as part of the Allied Nation Enlisted Development Program. The program, according to Marine Sgt. Major William T. Kinney, PACOM's senior enlisted leader, is the realization of a goal for PACOM's commander, Adm. Thomas Fargo.

"Adm. Fargo had the vision to back the development of the enlisted force," explained Kinney. "It says a lot about Adm. Fargo and his faith in enlisted people."

The program is designed to assist allied nations in learning to empower their enlisted communities.

"Their force is so much like ours, it's like talking with brothers," said Kinney. "It's great to talk with them at the enlisted level."

During his visit, Gabriel visited enlisted members at Hickam Air Force Base, Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and other military facilities. While on the naval station, Gabriel toured the high speed vessel Swift. At the Coast Guard base on Sand Island, 14th Coast Guard District Command Master Chief Kevin Isherwood gave Gabriel a tour of the facilities. Gabriel even had the chance to head out in a Coast Guard vessel.

"I think this was a great opportunity to showcase the capabilities of the Coast Guard to another nation," said Isherwood.



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

Sgt. Major Mario Gabriel, the senior enlisted member of the Philippine armed forces walks by high speed vessel Swift (HSV 2) during his Tuesday tour of Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Gabriel toured military facilities and spoke with enlisted military members across Oahu during his seven-day visit to the island.

Gabriel said his nation is moving toward transforming its naval forces

into something similar to the U.S. Coast Guard because of the nature of the coastal makeup. There are 7,000 islands in the Philippines, according to Kinney. Kinney said the Coast Guard

is a great example for the Philippine military.

"It really shows empowerment at

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Panel of top master chiefs discuss human capital strategy

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
Public Affairs

A panel of force and Chief of Naval Operations (CNO)-directed master chiefs spoke to members of the Surface Navy Association about human capital strategy (HCS) from an enlisted perspective at the 17th Annual National Symposium in Crystal City, Va. on Jan. 13.

Topics ranged from senior enlisted education programs and computer-based training, to compensation of Sailors

who hold advanced degrees, to manning structure aboard future platforms.

Force Master Chief (SW/AW) Karen O'Connor, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke about what may be one of the most common HCS programs in the Navy and how the success of the Perform to Serve program has allowed the Navy to completely fill needs in the master-at-arms rating, and fill significant gaps in the hospital corpsman and information systems technician ratings.

"As we look at future rating

mergers and manpower changes, it will continue to be a valuable force-shaping tool," said O'Connor.

She said feedback from the fleet has been a strong contributor to many of the HCS programs and was one of the most important motivations for creating the basic engineering common core program that was recently instituted in Great Lakes for all engineering ratings.

"One of the most common things we were hearing from Sailors in the fleet was by the time they got out to the ships, they weren't working on the

systems they trained on, or the technology had changed," said O'Connor.

The program resulted in the elimination of new recruits coming to the fleet as undesignated fireman, but has given more technical ratings the flexibility of requiring additional training if necessary.

The panel also discussed changes in future training opportunities for senior enlisted members by expanding the Senior Enlisted Academy to accommodate more students, as well as expanding its distance-learn-

ing program.

"There are some revolutionary steps we've taken recently on the personal and professional development of our senior enlisted force," said CNO-directed Command Master Chief (CMC) (SS/AW/SW) Sean McGurk, executive assistant to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

McGurk spoke about the recent NAVADMIN outlining the advanced education voucher program which will select 25 chief petty officers,

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Swift supports Operation Keiki Aloha



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

The High Speed Vessel Two (HSV-2) "Swift" is moored in Pearl Harbor for a brief port visit before deploying to support Operation Unified Assistance, the humanitarian operation effort in the wake of the tsunami that struck Southern Asia. Swift is homeported at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas. The ship responded on short notice to meet the needs of the humanitarian and disaster relief efforts.

PH2 John Looney
Staff Writer

The High Speed Vessel Two (HSV-2) "Swift" pulled into Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i Jan. 15 to load donated toys to support Operation Keiki Aloha. The toy donation drive will provide children affected by the tsunami in the southern Asia region with stuffed animals and toys that were donated by military personnel and civilians at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

During its port visit at Pearl Harbor, the ship made a crew swap. Its "gold crew" relieved the "blue crew" and will man the ship during the unloading of much needed aid supplies in the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility vicinity of Singapore for the victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami.

"I am proud to represent my country and to have the ability to provide support to those in need," said StoreKeeper 1st Class (SW) Eugene K. Gillespie, a member of the "gold crew."

After turning over the ship to the "gold crew," the "blue crew" flew home to their families at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.

The Swift's "blue crew" responded to the tasking on short notice Jan. 3 in order to meet the United States' commitment to the humanitarian effort.

"It's bittersweet; I would have rather stayed onboard for the

whole ride," said Mineman 2nd Class Brad E. Branum, a member of the "blue crew."

Swift will provide a high-speed connectivity capability to the disaster relief coordinator and much needed fast heavy lift to shallow water areas impacted by the tsunami.

The high speed vessel, homeported at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas, is a wave-piercing, aluminum-hulled, catamaran with military enhancements such as a helicopter flight deck, small boat and unmanned vehicle launch and recovery capability and an enhanced communications suite. It can travel up to 48 knots and features a modular design, which allows the ship to be refitted to support any mission without requiring long shipyard periods.

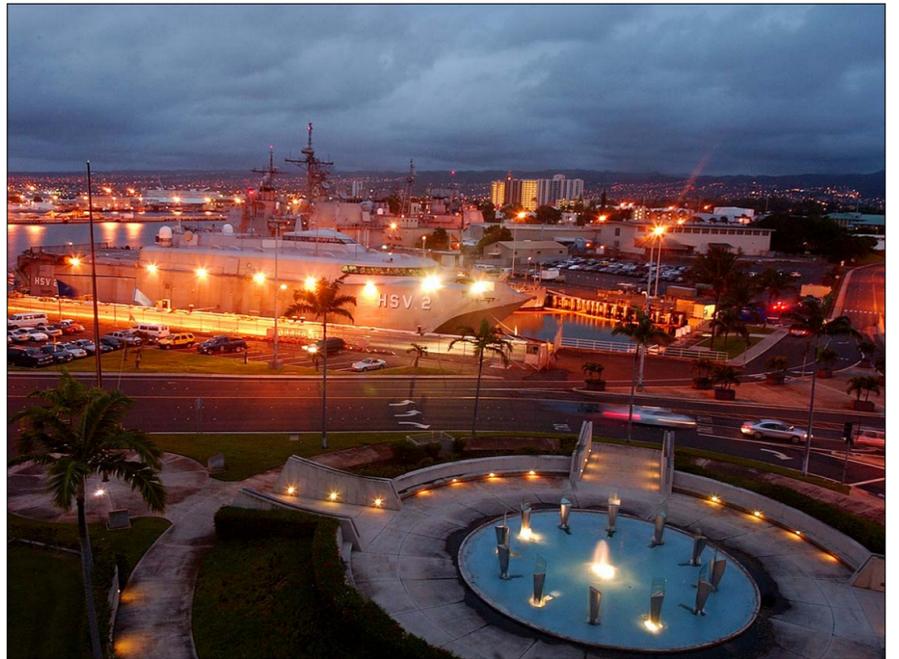
Swift has participated in numerous bi-lateral operations throughout the world, including a West Africa Training Course (WATC) which required numerous river-side operations with multiple countries in Africa, a combined Army/Marine Joint Logistic Over the Shore (JLOTS) exercise in Honduras, and a mine warfare operation with Norwegian forces in support of exercise Blue Game, to list a few.

For more information on the high speed vessel, visit <http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/factfile/ships/ship-hsv.html>



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A crewmember stationed aboard the High Speed Vessel Two (HSV-2) "Swift" loads donated goods onto the ship during its brief port visit at Pearl Harbor. The "Swift" is currently on deployment to support Operation Unified Assistance, the humanitarian operation effort in the wake of the tsunami that struck Southern Asia.



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

Swift High Speed Vessel 2 (HSV-2) sits moored in Pearl Harbor before deploying to support Operation Unified Assistance, the humanitarian operation effort in the wake of the tsunami that struck Southern Asia.



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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

President George W. Bush's 2005 inaugural address

(Excerpts from President George W. Bush's 2005 inaugural address Jan. 20.)



DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald, U.S. Air Force
President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush receives a standing ovation as they make their way on stage at the MCI Center Washington, D.C., during a ceremony Celebrating Freedom and Honoring Service Jan 18, 2005.

On this day, prescribed by law and marked by ceremony, we celebrate the durable wisdom of our Constitution and recall the deep commitments that unite our country. I am grateful for the honor of this hour, mindful of the consequential times in which we live and determined to fulfill the oath that I have sworn and you have witnessed.

At this second gathering, our duties are defined not by the words I use, but by the history we have seen together. For a half-century, America defended our own freedom by standing watch on distant borders. After the shipwreck of communism came years of relative quiet, years of repose, years of sabbatical -- and then there came a day of fire.

We have seen our vulnerability, and we have seen its deepest source. For as long as whole regions of the world simmer in resentment and tyranny -- prone to ideologies that feed hatred and excuse murder -- violence will gather, and multiply in destructive power, and cross the most defended borders and raise a mortal threat.

There is only one force of history that can break the reign of hatred and resentment and expose the pretensions of tyrants and reward the hopes of the decent and tolerant. And that is the force of human freedom.

We are led, by events and common sense, to one conclusion: The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world.

America's vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one. From the day of our founding, we have proclaimed that every man and woman on this Earth has rights, and dignity and matchless value because they bear the image of the maker of heaven and Earth.

Across the generations, we have proclaimed the imperative of self-government, because no one is fit to be a master, and no one deserves to be a slave. Advancing these ideals is the mission that created our nation. It is the honorable achievement of our fathers. Now it is the urgent requirement of our nation's security and the calling of our time.

So it is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.

This is not primarily the task of arms, though we will defend ourselves and our friends by force of arms when necessary. Freedom, by its nature, must be chosen and defended by citizens and sustained by the rule of law and the protection of minorities. And when the soul of a nation finally speaks, the institutions that arise may reflect customs and traditions very different from our own.

America will not impose our own style of government on the unwilling. Our goal instead is to help others find their own voice, attain their own freedom and make their own way.

My most solemn duty is to protect this nation and its people from further attacks and emerging threats. Some have unwisely chosen to test America's resolve and have found it firm.

We will persistently clarify the choice before every ruler and every nation -- the moral choice between oppression, which is always wrong, and freedom, which is eternally right. America will not pretend that jailed dissidents prefer their chains, or that women welcome humiliation and

servitude or that any human being aspires to live at the mercy of bullies.

We will encourage reform in other governments by making clear that success in our relations will require the decent treatment of their own people. America's belief in human dignity will guide our policies. Yet, rights must be more than the grudging concessions of dictators; they are secured by free dissent and the participation of the governed. In the long run, there is no justice without freedom, and there can be no human rights without human liberty.

Today, America speaks anew to the peoples of the world:

All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know: The United States will not ignore your oppression, or excuse your oppressors. When you stand for your liberty, we will stand with you.

Democratic reformers facing repression, prison or exile can know: America sees you for who you are -- the future leaders of your free country.

The rulers of outlaw regimes can know that we still believe as Abraham Lincoln did: "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves; and, under the rule of a just God, cannot long retain it."

The leaders of governments with long habits of control need to know: To serve your people you must learn to trust them. Start on this journey of progress and justice, and America will walk at your side.

And all the allies of the United States can know: We honor your friendship, we rely on your counsel, and we depend on your help. Division among free nations is a primary goal of freedom's enemies. The

concerted effort of free nations to promote democracy is a prelude to our enemies' defeat.

Today, I also speak anew to my fellow citizens:

From all of you, I have asked patience in the hard task of securing America, which you have granted in good measure. Our country has

accepted obligations that are difficult to fulfill and would be dishonorable to abandon. Yet because we have acted in the great liberating tradition of this nation, tens of millions have achieved their freedom.

And as hope kindles hope, millions more will find it. By our efforts, we have lit a fire as well -- a fire in the minds of men. It warms those who feel its power, it burns those who fight its progress, and one day this untamed fire of freedom will reach the darkest corners of our world.

A few Americans have accepted the hardest duties in this cause -- in the quiet work of intelligence and diplomacy ... the idealistic work of helping raise up free governments ... the dangerous and necessary work of fighting our enemies. Some have shown their devotion to our country

in deaths that honored their whole lives, and we will always honor their names and their sacrifice.

America has need of idealism and courage because we have essential work at home -- the unfinished work of American freedom. In a world moving toward liberty, we are determined to show the meaning and promise of liberty.

In America's ideal of freedom, citizens find the dignity and security of economic independence, instead of laboring on the edge of subsistence.

This is the broader definition of liberty that motivated the Homestead Act, the Social Security Act and the GI Bill of Rights. And now we will extend this vision by reforming great institutions to serve the needs of our time.

To give every American a stake in the promise and future of our country, we will bring the highest standards to our schools and build an ownership society. We will widen the ownership of homes and businesses, retirement savings and health insurance -- preparing our people for the challenges of life in a free society.

In America's ideal of freedom, the public interest depends on private character -- on integrity and tolerance toward others and the rule of conscience in our own lives. Self-government relies, in the end, on the governing of the self.

Americans, at our best, value the life we see in one another and must always remember that even the unwanted have worth. And our country must abandon all the habits of racism because we cannot carry the message of freedom and the baggage of bigotry at the same time.

From the perspective of a single day, including this day of dedication, the issues and questions before our country are many. From the viewpoint of centuries, the questions that come to us are narrowed and few. Did our generation advance the cause of freedom? And did our character bring credit to that cause?

We go forward with complete confidence in the eventual triumph of freedom. Not because history runs on the wheels of inevitability; it is human choices that move events. Not because we consider ourselves a chosen nation; God moves and chooses as he wills.

We have confidence because freedom is the permanent hope of mankind, the hunger in dark places, the longing of the soul.

When our Founders declared a new order of the ages, when soldiers died in wave upon wave for a union based on liberty, when citizens marched in peaceful outrage under the banner "Freedom Now" -- they were acting on an ancient hope that is meant to be fulfilled.

History has an ebb and flow of justice, but history also has a visible direction set by liberty and the author of liberty.

When the Declaration of Independence was first read in public and the Liberty Bell was sounded in celebration, a witness said, "It rang as if it meant something." In our time it means something still.

America, in this young century, proclaims liberty throughout all the world and to all the inhabitants thereof. Renewed in our strength -- tested, but not weary -- we are ready for the greatest achievements in the history of freedom.

May God bless you, and may he watch over the United States of America.

For Your Security and Safety

Defensive driving... drive to survive

Hardly a day goes by that Hawai'i's highways aren't littered with fender benders and minor traffic mishaps. Frequently, drivers and their passengers are seriously injured or killed in motor vehicle accidents.

In order to drive to survive, defensive driving is vital.

The cardinal rule for all drivers is: "Don't drink and drive." But despite the cautions that have been issued and the grim statistics, this important rule is frequently ignored. To protect yourself from such drivers, you need to practice defensive driving.

Drivers who drive defensively can greatly increase their potential for avoiding accidents. As drivers navigate the roads and highways, defensive driving offers some protection against drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or drivers who are operating their vehicles recklessly or carelessly.

The Naval Safety Center offers the following guidelines for defensive driving:

- Know how to get where you're going. This will help you avoid being distracted by having to look for street names or hard-to-see landmarks.
- Don't tailgate, and if someone is tailgating you, stay calm and let them pass.
- Under good conditions, the two-second rule provides enough distance between cars. Increase this distance to three or four seconds when it is raining, snowing or foggy.
- Many things can distract you while you drive. Pull over if you

have to eat, talk on a cell phone, or write notes.

- Watch out for other drivers who are weaving, going too fast or too slow, and ignoring signals. If someone like this is behind you, turn off as soon as you can and let them move on.

- If you have to turn, get in the correct lane well in advance; don't wait until the last minute.

- Always use your turn signals in traffic and when getting on or off a highway.

- When passing, check your mirrors but don't trust them entirely - look over your shoulder, too.

- Be patient. Leave a little early so you aren't in a hurry.

- Don't get emotional. Driving somewhere is a neutral task like anything else. The goal is to arrive safely. Idiot drivers are a hazard, but don't take them personally.

Honolulu Police Department officials stress the important of "driving with aloha" for motor vehicle operators in Hawai'i. They advise drivers to "cage the rage" and show the "aloha spirit" when driving by being courteous and kind and obeying all traffic laws.

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Operational: PWC deep water outfall now pumping

Denise Emsley

PWC Pearl Public Affairs Office

The Navy at Pearl Harbor brought their new, deep ocean outfall for its Wastewater Treatment Facility at Fort Kamehameha (WWTF) online Jan. 7. Capt. Richard Roth, commanding officer, Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor (PWC), opened the outfall following receipt of the facility's national pollution discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit from the state of Hawai'i.

The \$22.7 million deep ocean outfall project, completed Dec. 10, 2003, was built to replace the WWTF's 30-year old, 30-inch shallow effluent discharge pipe located near the Pearl Harbor entrance channel within the Pearl Harbor estuary. The project was necessary to ensure continued compliance with the facility's discharge permit. The permit had become very restrictive, stipulating the WWTF must meet stringent state water quality standards for the Pearl Harbor estuary and that "no new industrial or sewage discharges will be permitted within estuaries."

Once the restrictions were known, the Navy took proactive steps to replace the outfall as part of an agreement with statewide water quality objectives.

"Without the new deep ocean outfall, the WWTF at Fort Kamehameha would not have been able to meet the effluent nutrient limits in the recently issued NPDES permit, leading to permit violations and potential fines," said Julie Muraoka, regional environmental specialist. "The new pipeline will relocate the effluent to deep ocean waters that are more suited to assimilate it and will eliminate the discharge of wastewater into Pearl Harbor. This will have a positive impact on improving the water quality in the Pearl Harbor estuary."

The outfall was constructed of high-density polyethylene pipe and reinforced concrete pipe using environmentally sensitive construction practices. Healy Tibbitts Builders, Inc., awardees of this military construction (MILCON) project, broke ground on Feb. 7, 2002 following three years of site investigation, design/redesign and construction permit approval. They and their subcontractors proceeded to construct the outfall using traditional and new technology - shallow open trenching, micro-tunneling, deep water open trenching and open ocean pile driving.

"Building a pipeline in the open ocean at depths of 150 feet with concerns for UXO, endangered sea life, and airport and port operations was challenging, to say the least," said Bert Hikichi, Navy construction management engineer. "This was a total team effort with the contractor, environmental experts, design and construction engineers, contract specialist and program managers all working together to complete one of the most difficult and complex projects."

The new deep water outfall allows the Navy's WWTF to discharge effluent into a 42-inch diameter pipeline that is 12,000-foot (2.4 miles) long. Effluent from the Navy's facility now flows through a 650-foot long, multi-port diffuser at a water depth of approximately 150 feet. With greater diffusion and in deeper waters, the new outfall dramatically reduces the facility's impact on the environment.



Photo courtesy of Healy Tibbitts Builders

On Jan. 7, Capt. Richard Roth, commanding officer, Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor opened Wastewater Treatment Facility at Fort Kamehameha's new deep water outfall by the turn of a wheel. The outfall meets all permitting requirements and reduces the facility's impact on the environment.



Photo courtesy of Healy Tibbitts Builders

The Navy's 42-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipeline is transported into deep ocean waters before being sunk in the underwater trench.

Stennis' cook-off to air on Food Network

Lt. Corey Barker

USS John C. Stennis
Public Affairs

The first Navy Chef Challenge cooking competition will be broadcast on the Food Network at 10 p.m. EST Jan. 23. The television show was taped aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) during a tiger cruise from Pearl Harbor to San Diego the last week in October 2004.

The one-hour show matches up three teams of culinary specialists from Stennis who go head-to-head in a heated "food for all" contest. The challenge is divided into two categories, fine dining and a steel beach barbecue on the flight deck of the massive ship during a sea-power demonstration for all hands.

Chef Andrew Selz, an award-winning chef and honorary member of the Stennis crew, hosted the challenge. He joined the ship in Perth, Australia and traveled aboard for two weeks to meet the crew and get the show ready to shoot.

"My journey from Perth, producing the Navy Chef Challenge, and the time spent in the galleys with the culinary specialists was very rewarding," Selz said. "I am impressed with the level of professionalism and good nature of the culinary specialists and the

entire crew."

The Navy is focusing on better training for culinary specialists and that training is paying off.

"The morale among the 150 culinary specialists was absolutely amazing," said Selz. "The food served on board tasted great and that is no easy feat when preparing food for thousands of hungry Sailors every day."

Camera crews embarked Stennis in Hawai'i and began shooting the competition the first day at sea. Shooting the television show during tiger cruise allowed the crew's friends and family to watch and participate in the show. More than 1,000 guests of the crew traveled with the ship to San Diego for the five-day family cruise.

"My experience shooting on the Stennis was unlike any other field production I have encountered," said Food Network executive Christianna Reinhardt. "I have shot on locations all over the country, including on board ships, but nothing compared to the experience of shooting a show on an aircraft carrier."

"I cannot help but admire the proficiency and capability of the culinary specialists as they prepared and served delicious food for a crew of almost 6,000 people," Selz said. "It was truly amazing to witness."

Gabriel: Senior enlisted Philippine serviceman impressed by local military

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the lowest level," Kinney explained. "We went out on a boat with a second class petty officer who has five years in the Coast Guard and he is completely in charge. That's empowerment at its best."

Gabriel said he has been impressed by the level of professionalism and empowerment present in NCOs here.

"Right now, we are reorganizing our NCO to come closer to what is being practiced here in the U.S.," Gabriel said. "You practice NCO empowerment. Here, you have the resources and the ability to take care of what you need. In the Philippines, we sometimes have to fend for ourselves."

In order to help transform the Philippine armed forces, the military sent 15 NCOs to participate in the NCO academy at Schofield Barracks. Gabriel attended their graduation ceremony Jan. 15. Those members will remain here to complete the instructor course, then return to the Philippines to begin a similar academy there.

"Training and dedication are both key to making a good NCO," Gabriel said.

In order to implement the training into the armed forces, Gabriel lobbied his government to include a measure of enlisted empowerment



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Philippine Sgt. Major Mario Gabriel rides a Coast Guard vessel out of Honolulu Harbor Tuesday.

and the necessity for training NCOs into the Philippine Defense Reform (PDR) program. According to government sources, PDR "provides the framework for introducing a comprehensive reform package at the strategic level for the defense and military establishment."

Gabriel occupies a position in the Philippine military that has no real equivalent in the U.S. military. As the senior enlisted member, Gabriel is senior to each service's senior member. Here, he would occupy a position

similar to an enlisted version of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and would be over the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy and other senior service members.

Gabriel has served with the Philippine armed forces for more than three decades. He entered the military service on Aug. 31, 1971 with the 11th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Philippine Army. Gabriel's baptism of fire was in Lanao, a known rebel stronghold. It was in Jolo where he experienced the most bloody encounters, numerous ambushes and hand-to-hand combat with the enemy. In an ambush in Taglibi, he sustained 13 major wounds inflicted by the infamous barong (Muslim machete) and gunshot wounds. Left for dead, he survived that ordeal.

During his career, Gabriel rose to become the youngest command sergeant major of the Armed Forces Philippines Medical Center. He also holds the distinction of being the longest serving sergeant major in the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He is now in his 20th year as a sergeant major. With the soon to be enacted Philippine law, Gabriel will be the first recipient and the first senior NCO to be promoted to the rank of first chief master sergeant (E-10), a rank reserved for the Armed Forces Philippines sergeant major.

HSL-37 Det-5 returns home

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Hardman

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On Dec. 18, 2004, the Violators of HSL-37 Detachment Five returned from a four-month deployment to Seventh Fleet aboard USS Lake Erie (CG-70), the nation's primary ballistic missile defense test platform. The primary purpose of this deployment was to participate with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) in exercises TASWEX 2004 and ANNUALEX 16G. In addition to these exercises, USS Lake Erie was assigned the task of conducting diplomatic port visits in Palau and Philippines to participate in 60th anniversaries of World War II battles.

During TASWEX and ANNUALEX exercises Oct. 28-Nov. 19, the Violators flew over 50 sorties and 150 hours in support of ASW, SUW and MIO exercises. TASWEX, the largest ASW demonstration of its kind to be conducted in the Seventh Fleet, provided the opportunity to fly coordinated operations with JMSDF as well as HSL-51 and HS-14. ANNUALEX, an annual bilateral exercise involving the U.S. and the Japan, focused on enhancing coordinated capabilities of both nation's forces. The Violators flew over 40 hours in support of MIO and SUW missions during this exercise as the only data link capable FLIR asset in the group.

During TASWEX, the Violators were called on to provide short notice, life-saving MEDEVAC support to a USS John S. McCain (DDG-56) appendicitis patient.

Lt. Scott McKinney, Lt. j.g. Jennifer Hardman and AW2 Brian



Photo courtesy of HSL-37 Public Affairs
Members of HSL-37 cut a cake in celebration of the homecoming.

Hartwick launched EasyRider 61 and flew over 100 miles to Okinawa to complete the mission.

In addition to these exercises, USS Lake Erie and the Violators were tasked with participating in 60th anniversary ceremonies of the Battles of Peleliu and Leyte Gulf. On Sept. 15, at the request of the State Department, the Violators conducted a "fly-by" of the Battle of Peleliu ceremony. The "fly-by" of Easy Rider 61, conducted by Lt. Cmdr. Chris Pfister, Lt. Scott McKinney, AW1 Buck Wharton and AW3 Esmelin Villar, was the highlight of the ceremony intended to honor veterans and create interest in the United States Navy. During the Leyte port visit, the Violators participated in a parade and ceremony commemorating the General McArthur landing and the liberation of the Philippines.

The Violators concluded their deployment by conducting a COMREL project during the last port visit in Hong Kong. The detachment volunteered and provided over 50 man-hours to the local Ronald McDonald House - washing carpets, gardening, cleaning and pick-up of the grounds. The COMREL project marked the end of a deployment in which the detachment represented themselves and the Navy in exemplary fashion, receiving praise from Seventh Fleet for conduct ashore.

HSL-37 Detachment Five concluded after spending over six months underway in support of multi-national and bilateral exercises as well as many public relations port visits.



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An SH-60B Seahawk helicopter and a UH-3H "Sea King" helicopter assigned to HSL-37 arrive at Marine Corps Air Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe.

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NEX collects toys for tsunami victims

Laarni Gedo

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Despite looming storm clouds behind a windy, overcast Saturday afternoon sky, there was sunshine in the kind hearts of toy drive donors and volunteers at the B-Pier in Pearl Harbor.

About 20,000 stuffed animals and other assorted gift donations boxed in two ship containers were loaded aboard the Navy's high-speed vessel HSV 2 Swift. The vessel, headed to the tsunami region, will deliver the stuffed animals which will eventually find new homes in the arms of sick and wounded children, many of them orphaned by the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster and now homeless.

The toy drive is an extension of an idea by crewmembers aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, the aircraft carrier that leads the U.S. military's tsunami relief effort. Crewmembers witnessed the children's fear of medics and later gave their own stuffed animals to help ease their fears. The thoughtful idea worked and the stuffed animals helped ease the fear and slowly closed the gap between the medics and scared children in need of medical attention.

Just like a smile, kindness is as infectious. Thousands of miles later, the crewmembers' idea reached Pearl Harbor and in two and a half days the Navy was able to collect enough stuffed animals and toys, including 7,000 Matchbox cars donated by Harry and Diane Vantrees of Honolulu, to fit into two large trailers.

All Pictures Plus locations throughout the Oahu and Navy Exchange Hawai'i at Pearl Harbor were designated as drop off points for the donations.

The success of the toy drive was due to the outpouring of donors and volunteers who not only parted with their childhood furry "friends," but also gave their time and money in preparing the toys for packaging and drop off.

"It was funny - on Friday night, we would think we were done (packing) and then someone else in a van or truck would pull up and unload 25 more bags of animals," said Janeane Robinson, NEX Hawai'i customer service manager.

Robinson credited NEX managers and associates for their relentless work.

"There was a large group of volun-



Photo courtesy of Navy Exchange Hawai'i Marketing
Navy Exchange Hawai'i volunteers spent all day Jan. 14 and evening packaging boxes of donated toys and gifts for Jan. 15 drop off at Pearl Harbor's B-Pier.



Photo courtesy of Navy Exchange Hawai'i Marketing
Navy Exchange Hawai'i volunteers spent all day Jan. 14 packaging boxes of donated toys and gifts which will be loaded onto Navy HSV-2 Swift.

teers who came together and sorted animals and assisted in packing them for their trip," she said.

Though it doesn't take as simple as a little teddy bear to make things 'all bet-

ter' for the surviving children of the tsunami region, it does help a little by easing their fears and having someone or something to hold on to when there is nothing else," explained Robinson.

HCS: Symposium covers range of topics from enlisted perspective

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E-7 to E-9, to obtain their bachelor's degrees on a voluntary education basis.

"As we demand more for our leaders, we need to make sure the infrastructure is in place to make that possible," said McGurk.

He said advanced education is not limited to the senior enlisted force and there are Sailors currently receiving certificates from the Naval Postgraduate School in ratings such as information systems technician.

CNO-directed Command Master Chief (SW) Ashley Smith, U.S. 7th Fleet CMC, said that traditional schoolhouse training might not always be the right method that the Navy will look to train Sailors.

Smith said that when the Navy looks at the future platforms, such as LCS and DD(X) and how to deliver the necessary education, the focus is on more computer-based training and distance learning, which will allow Sailors to get the training right when they need it and not when it's most convenient for the Navy to send them to the necessary schools.

The training can then be tailored to the Sailors' needs, as well as their current knowledge base, which also saves training hours and allows them to utilize their new skills more quickly.

"We're looking at how we develop the skill set that best matches the needs of the individual platform that's going to deliver the capability," said McGurk. "So we have to develop the processes that will allow the individual to obtain - whether it's through formal schooling, distance learning or in a school - to develop the necessary skill sets, while also understanding that a lot of our leadership requirements and leadership experience is only gained by putting individuals aboard ship in working condi-

tions on a daily basis."

The type of leadership that will be provided on some platforms is something the Navy is currently working on, on ships such as USS Decatur (DDG 73), which may provide a model for leadership roles on future platforms, according to O'Connor. The program on Decatur involves "blurring the lines" between traditional roles of officers and senior enlisted leadership.

"If we have a master chief with 22 years of experience and a college degree and compare him to an ensign who doesn't have that same experience, I think we need to take a step back and take a look at that and figure out how we can leverage the advantage of the senior enlisted," she said.

On the topic of advanced education, the panel was asked how the Navy plans on retaining Sailors who are recruited with advanced degrees and fill highly technical billets during their first tours, when they can move over to a civilian job and make considerably more money.

The panel agreed that the subject of paying Sailors based on skills rather than pay grade or time in service is something that needs to be considered.

"We're not competing against the Army and Marine Corps, we're competing with corporate technology," said O'Connor.

After speaking about the continued growth and development of the enlisted force, Smith and McGurk concluded by emphasizing the importance of individual Sailors to recognize they are Sailors first. No matter their rating, much of the training Sailors receive as recruits is still important throughout their career.

"As Sailors, we know that so much of the training we receive takes place out on our ships - on the deckplates," said McGurk. "We as leaders have to make sure to emphasize what's most important to our Sailors."

Hawai'i Navy News Sports

Military teams excel

Lt. Col. John O'Malley
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A surge of adrenaline, teamwork, a swift rappel, not to mention the breathtaking terrain of Hawai'i; what more could any athlete or warrior ask for? Three USPACOM Soldiers experienced this and plenty more during Adventure Race Hawai'i's Race 2 on Dec. 19, 2004 on the island of Oahu.

Despite the heavy toll that recent deployments have taken on Hawai'i's military population, U.S. service members had a strong turnout and solid performances. The 11 military teams competing clinched two top-three finishes in two different divisions, including first place overall.

Billed as a four-six hour sprint event, the race was staged at Oahu's Kualoa Ranch. Race disciplines included mountain biking, trail running, kayaking, land navigation, ropes and various team building events. Additionally, teams competed entirely self-supported, with the exception of one sole aid station. The race concept was fairly simple: teams of either two or four moved by various means to find 15 different checkpoints where they performed various tasks. However, diverse terrain, stifling elevation gains and race director creativity made this event anything but simple.

The race kicked off with a "mystery" team builder event where teams had to negotiate a complex wire obstacle with all of their equipment intact. After this twist, racers immediately transitioned to mountain bikes and moved to the first few checkpoints at the Kualoa Beach Park. There, the 24 teams entered the warm Pacific Ocean waters in either ocean kayaks or outrigger canoes, paddling to checkpoint three on "Chinaman's Hat" (Mokolii Island). The open water leg of the race culminated underwater, where



Photo by Twain Newhart

Adventurers compete in the kayaking event during Adventure Race Hawai'i's Race 2 Dec. 19 on Oahu. Events included mountain biking, trail running, kayaking, land navigation, ropes, and various team building events.

one team member had to snorkel and dive to a submerged checkpoint.

After 2.3 miles of paddling, competitors began an extremely challenging mountain bike journey deep into the Koolau Mountains. In addition to technical single track and lung busting climbs, racers faced elevation gains from sea level to 650 feet in a matter of minutes.

Teams with enough energy in reserve sprinted back to the transition area, re-supplied and headed back into the mountains on foot. The trail running portion of the race took teams from the foothills deep into the belly and rainforests of the mighty Koolaus.

The final checkpoint and crown jewel of the race was the rope course where racers had to ascend, traverse and then rappel down a series of fixed ropes anchored between 150 foot ancient monkey pod trees. The imposing "fixed rope monster" proved to be the most challenging aspect of the race for some.

One of the most interesting aspects of adventure racing is that any team can do well, possibly even win,

despite weaknesses in certain disciplines. According to Mike Lwin, "If you don't know how to read a map, forget key equipment or cannot function as a team, fitness is irrelevant - there is also a big mental aspect to this sport."

Training for and competing in adventure racing is also a great way to achieve superb physical condition. Aside from aerobic fitness, muscular endurance and speed are pre-requisites for the sport as well. Norman Ayotte noted, "Our physical preparation for the race was key and biking 12 miles or running four-six miles per day still left me with muscle cramping. Training for the mountain biking, trail running and ocean kayaking was tough, but put all three together in a four-six hour race and you have an extreme challenge that will push you to your limits."

"This new type of race has always been something I have wanted to challenge myself with, and now that I have, I'm begging for a rematch. If you like to be pushed to the edge then this is the kind of race for you," said Ayotte.



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The Adventure Race Hawai'i series continues in 2005 with at least three more races in the planning phase. Race one, scheduled for April 9, will feature an urban format in Honolulu's famous Waikiki, while race two, a 24 hour off-road adventure race on Oahu's famous north shore, is scheduled for June 25-26. The third race in the series will revis-

it Kualoa Ranch in late August with a four-six hour sprint format.

To foster military participation in the sport, Adventure Race Hawai'i is offering to sponsor one team from each of the respective military services for upcoming races. Sponsorship includes waiving all race fees and any costs associated with required certifications and clinics.