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USS O'Kane deploys



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

Family members wave goodbye to their loved ones aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) as she leaves Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i for a scheduled deployment. O'Kane deployed as part of the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Carrier Strike Group, which left San Diego, Calif. on Feb. 1, on an around-the-world deployment.

Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

Pearl Harbor Sailor dies after skydiving accident

A Pearl Harbor-based Sailor fell to his death while skydiving along Oahu's North Shore Feb. 6.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeremy M. Barrett of Winfield, Iowa died after his main parachute failed.

The 24-year-old was a hull technician and a diver assigned to the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One at Pearl Harbor.

A spokesperson from the skydiving school said after Barrett's main chute malfunctioned, he tried to open the reserve, but the reserve parachute didn't have time to open because of the low altitude. Police found Barrett's body at Mokualeia Beach, across from Dillingham Airfield.

Barrett was an experienced skydiver and had made about 170 jumps.

A memorial service will be held at the Submarine Memorial Chapel today at 9 a.m.

Flag Officer Announcements

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced Feb. 9 that the president has made the following nominations:

Navy Adm. John B. Nathman has been nominated for reappointment to the rank of admiral and assignment as commander, U. S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. Nathman is currently serving as vice chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Navy Vice Adm. Robert F. Willard has been nominated for appointment to the rank of admiral and assignment as vice chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, DC. Willard is currently serving as director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, J-8, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

J03 Ryan C. McGinley Staff Writer

The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) left Pearl Harbor on Monday for a six-month, around-the-world deployment as part of the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Carrier Strike Group.

More than 350 officers and Sailors said goodbye to family and friends, deploying to support the nation's cooperative security commitments to friends and allies overseas and promote peace

and stability wherever it is needed.

"I look forward to every deployment because it's fun and filled with experience," said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Arthur Saodna. "Our goal for the deployment is to do well and make sure everyone comes back safely."

This is Saodna's first deployment aboard O'Kane and he said this one is especially difficult because his wife just gave birth to a new baby girl.

"It's hard leaving your

family, but the best part is coming home to see them," he said.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Christopher Reinke agreed the deployment would be challenging because he is now married and experiencing being separated from his wife for the first time.

"I'm looking forward to this deployment, but I'm married now so this one is going to be harder than the first one," he said. "Leaving is definitely tough, but this is why I joined the Navy."

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Pearl Harbor realizes the difficulties associated with deployments and offers support to families who are separated.

"While the active duty member is deployed, the FFSC encourages family members to communicate regularly with the Sailor (letters, phone calls, pictures, tape recording, videotapes, etc), and attend family support group meetings and command functions," said Verdi Fujimori, work

and family life supervisor for FFSC. "As the ships approach the end of the deployment, the FFSC is also available to provide classes to the Sailors, such as anger management, building a loving relationship, new parents' baby shower, returning to children and stress management," said Fujimori.

Reinke said he hopes to take advantage of the opportunity by keeping busy with his job and earning

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Pacific Fleet Sailors tutor Hawai'i's children

J02 Jessica B. Davis U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Sailors on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) are

helping to improve the educational experience for some Kalihi Elementary School students in February as part of the Navy's Adopt-A-School program.

The program partners schools with Navy com-

mands to help with things such as tutoring, campus beautification projects or just offering the presence of a person in a military uniform to give an air of discipline.

Kevin McGee, Navy Region Hawai'i school liaison officer, organized the Navy's Hawai'i Adopt-A-School partnership program. "The volunteers have the opportunity to see how dedicating a small part of their life can make a tremendous difference in a child's life," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor (SW) John K. Wood, COMPACFLT staff career counselor. "Who knows - one of the children at Kalihi may be a senator, governor or even commander, Pacific Fleet some day."

According to the school's principal, Natalie Mun-Takata, the school has very specific needs. About 55 percent of the students are at poverty level and for one-third of the students, English is their second language.

"We knew that many of our students weren't able to complete their homework on time," Mun-Takata said. "Our reading scores for many of our students are very low. There's a lot of need at our school for a one-on-one relationship with a tutor

Lacy Lynn Staff Writer

In December 2004, Rear Adm. James Beebe was appointed Deputy Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, adding new responsibilities to his already varied Navy service.

According to Beebe, the move is an effort to align regional Navy reserve forces with Navy regional structure.

Beebe is also the Director, Submarine Reserve and the Deputy Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and he holds a full-time civil service position as Director of Ship Maintenance at Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT).

In his new position, Beebe provides reserve support to Rear Adm. Michael Vitale, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i, and fills in when the admiral is away.

"I'm the enabler for the reserve human capital to be applied to the Navy Region Hawai'i," said Beebe.

A native of Wahiawa and a graduate of Leilehua High School, Beebe received a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1975.

He began his naval career aboard the USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN 601) and served about five and a half years on active duty.

In 1981, Beebe became a Navy reservist, serving tours as department head for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Forces Central Command and



Rear Adm. James Beebe

Logistic Task Force Pacific staff reserve units.

Beebe said his reserve career has allowed him to better balance family and service.

As Director, Submarine Reserve and Deputy Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Beebe provides reserve capital support to the submarine force across the entire Navy.

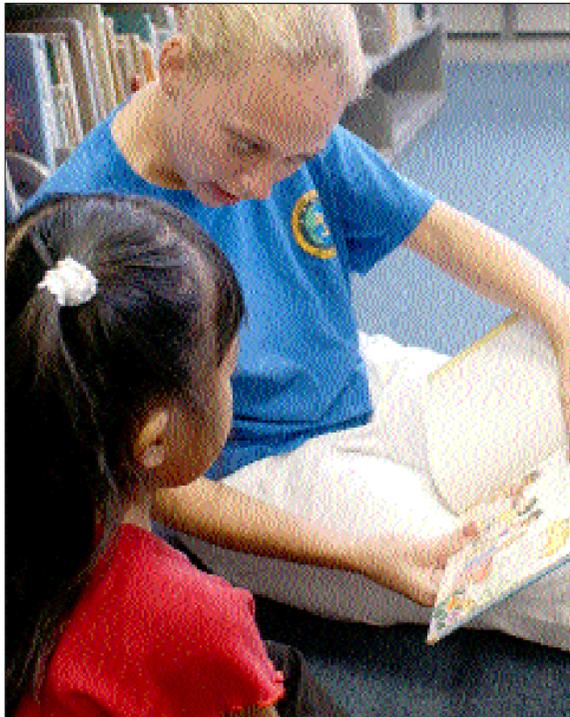
He is responsible for over 3,000 reservists in 98 reserve units.

In addition to his reservist duties, which he says take up about a third of his time, Beebe is also a career civil servant at COMPACFLT.

At COMPACFLT, Beebe manages surface ship, aircraft carrier and aviation programs for Pacific Fleet, including everything from resources and execution to policy and management.

"It's all part of a great institution called the Navy, whether I serve in uniform or civil services," said Beebe, whose civil service career includes several awards, such as the Federal Manager/Supervisor of the Year for the State of Hawai'i in 1993.

"The biggest thing I enjoy is the opportunity and the privilege to serve our Sailors both in the reservist and in the civilian capacities," said Beebe.



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Jessica B. Davis

YN2(AW) Karen Tower reads to a student during an afterschool homework club. Tower volunteers for the Navy's Adopt-A-School program on her free time.

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Navy Christens X-Craft

JO1 Daniel Sanford

Naval Station Everett

Public Affairs

The Navy unveiled its future as it officially christened its revolutionary new littoral surface craft - experimental, commonly referred to as "X-Craft," on Feb. 5.

Developed by the Office of Naval Research (ONR), this high-speed, aluminum catamaran is designed to test a variety of technologies that could allow the Navy to operate more effectively in littoral, or shallow, waters.

Officially, the ship has been named Sea Fighter and has been assigned hull number FSF 1, which stands for fast sea frame. X-Craft marks the first time a catamaran was designed and built specifically for the Navy.

"The United States Navy has been at the forefront of employing catamaran technology for advanced naval vehicles," said Sea Fighter's designer, Nigel Gee. "The difference here is that ONR came out with some very challenging new requirements which required some new technology in order to address that."

"We've been working with ONR and the Titan Corporation to produce something that would satisfy those demands," he said. "They include achieving speeds of more than 50 knots with a full payload; being able to travel 4,000 nautical miles across the ocean without being refueled; being able to land helicopters in sea

states four or five; being able to recover watercraft in sea state four at reasonable speeds over the stern ramp; and ensuring the vessel be habitable at sea states four and five for long periods," he explained.

Sea Fighter is powered by a combined diesel or gas turbine (CODOG) engine plant outfitted with two MTU 595 diesel engines and two General Electric LM2500 gas turbines. The diesels will primarily power the ship during long-range cruising speeds, while the gas turbines will enable the sea fighter to travel at least 50 knots in calm seas and more than 40 knots in sea state four.

"There is a tremendous capability in this vessel to move people, equipment, mission modules and can help with humanitarian assistance," said Capt. David Comis, initial X-craft project manager from February 2002 to July 2004. "I think this vessel would have been perfect for the recent Indonesian mission. It can get to its destination very quickly and has the capability to take part in a large variety of missions."

Thanks to its large mission bay, which can hold up to a dozen 20-foot mission modules, Sea Fighter remains mission flexible. It can take part in various undertakings, including battle force protection, mine countermeasures, anti-submarine warfare, amphibious assault support and assistance with humanitarian aid.

A multi-purpose stern

ramp, with direct access to the mission bay, allows Sea Fighter to launch and recover manned and unmanned surface and sub-surface vehicles while underway. Its flight deck has dual landing spots that can fit two H-60 helicopters or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV).

Perhaps most revolutionary is that this 262-foot catamaran is outfitted with a crew of 26, 16 of which are Navy while the other 10 are Coast Guard.

The plank-owning crew is made up of five officers and 21 enlisted. While all of them are male, that doesn't mean men will always man the ship.

"This vessel was designed with a mixed-gender crew in mind," said Comis. "There are a large number of restroom facilities on board, so there's the capability of having separate small bunkrooms for women."

Sea Fighter is designed with three-man staterooms for its crew, a decidedly more personal setting than the vast berthing compartments of most naval ships. But with minimal manning, each crew member will have to become very knowledgeable of his ship very quickly.

"The thing that's really unique about this crew is that since there's only 26 of us, the engineers can't concentrate just on engineering and the navigators can't just concentrate on navigation," said Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Bryan. "Everyone has to

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Tutor: Sailors help improve students' education

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and the students like the Sailors."

The Sailors have already repaired a fence for the school and tutor about a dozen kids four days a week.

"I really feel like every day we go, we make a difference in some child's life," said Yeoman 2nd Class (AW) Karen Tower, a volunteer. "Just to see how excited the kids get when we walk in gives me the assurance that this is something they want and look forward to."

Mun-Takata said it's too soon to tell if the Sailors have improved the students' grades, but they are preparing the children for the state's annual

standardized aptitude tests.

"One of the kids that I was helping in the beginning has gotten a lot better at his math," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Valarie Mason. "I don't have to have him change his answers that often."

While there are still many needs for Kalihi, like the need for homeroom moms, the goals of all involved are the same - helping to fill the children's educational needs.

"It provides a good interaction between adults who are interested in helping others," Mun-Takata said. "Perhaps [a student] will have a positive experience with another adult, giving them a better future."

But that positive experience is in high demand as there are about 50 more schools here still looking for partners.

"It gives the Sailors a chance to give back to the local community where they're stationed," McGee said. "But here in Hawai'i, it's very important, not only because of the large number of military children in schools, but also because there are a lot of other schools like Kalihi that need adopting."

For information about how to adopt a school, contact Kevin McGee at Fleet and Family Support Center at (808) 473-4222, ext. 277, or e-mail him at kevin.l.mcgee@navy.mil.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

Sailors aboard USS Olympia (SSN 717) prepare to get underway for a Western Pacific deployment. The nuclear-powered attack submarine will join the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Strike Group.

USS Olympia deploys with USS Carl Vinson Strike Group

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COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

USS Olympia (SSN 717) departed Feb. 7 for a six-month western Pacific deployment from its homeport of Pearl Harbor.

The nuclear-powered attack submarine will join the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Strike Group heading into the western Pacific.

According to Capt. David Marquet, Commander Submarine Squadron Three, USS Olympia spent more time at sea preparing for the deployment than normal.

"Olympia is associated with the Carl Vinson Strike Group so during the work-up, Olympia's crew was required to participate in exercises with the strike group in San Diego, including Composite Training Unit Exercise

(COMPTUEX) and Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX)," said Marquet.

"The submarine force will continue to play an important role in defense of the nation and the global war on terrorism," he said.

Family members watched and some cried as their loved ones went underway. Some spouses said they were well prepared for this day. They use a family tree to contact each other and to organize many events.

"The family tree helped out a lot," said Carolina, wife of Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Jose Enriquez. "We did many things like organizing picnics and shop to pick up things for our loved ones. The tree is great because everyone helps each other and I don't feel alone," she said.

For Hospital Corpsman 1st

Class Dale Lyons' daughter Moira, age five, the only thing that matters was what her father did before he left and what she plans to do for his return.

"We had fun and played before he left. When he comes home, I am going to buy him a teddy bear," she said.

USS Olympia was christened and commissioned on Nov. 17, 1984. In February 1986, Olympia set sail for her new homeport at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.

The Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group includes Carrier Air Wing 9, Destroyer Squadron 31, the guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG 54), the guided-missile destroyers USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Mustin (DDG 89), and the fast-combat support ship USS Camden (AOE 2).

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Commentary

Service to Sailors NMCRS holds volunteer luncheon

On Feb. 14, the Hawai'i Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) offices will celebrate our annual Volunteer of the Year luncheon at the Hale Koa. Retired Admiral Steve Abbot, president of the society, will be the keynote speaker. Other speakers will include Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, COMNAVREG Hawai'i, and Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, Commanding General Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe.

Karen Young, chairman of the society relief committee, will be on hand to thank Hawai'i volunteers for their efforts. We take great pride in the accomplishments of the Hawai'i NMCRS offices and even more pride in the volunteers who make it all possible.

With over 300 offices ashore and afloat, it would be an impossible feat without our wonderful volunteers.

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is a private, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to providing financial, educational and other assistance to members of the naval service and their eligible family members.

Founded in 1904 by volunteers, NMCRS was originally created to assist widows and orphans. Now, however, we offer assis-

tance with everything from car repairs to budget classes on how a new baby will affect your finances. We offer the visiting nurse program which gives new mothers a knowledgeable contact as well as an at home two-week check up for the new baby.

We run thrift shops, offer "junior sea bags" to new parents and can aid in emergency travel.

We also offer an exciting array of opportunities to volunteer.

If you want to help people in need, develop new skills, improve existing talents or just make friends, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is looking for you. You can work as few as two hours a week and still make a world of difference to the military community. We have opportunities in a variety of fields including budget counseling, interviewing, public speaking, data entry and publicity. You will receive training for the jobs you perform and get reimbursed for mileage and childcare expenses.

There is no doubt that volunteers are the backbone of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. If you need to make an appointment or would like to join our ohana, call 423-1314 for the Pearl Harbor office or 254-1327 for the Kaneohe office.

How to get debt out of your rear view mirror

Commentary
FLTCM(AW/SW) Jon Thompson
U.S. Fleet Forces Command Command Master Chief



The holiday season is behind us now, but many of you are just now starting to see the financial ramifications. If you spent money like there was no tomorrow, I hate to tell you, but tomorrow is here. Tomorrow comes in the form of large credit card bills, bigger monthly payments on existing debt and the potential abandonment of savings plans because you miscalculated to plan for the added bills.

I spend a sizeable amount of time advising you on financial health. One of my many professional aspirations is to improve the financial health of every Sailor in the fleet, E1 to E9. While you may think the holidays are in your rear-view mirror, keep in mind the fine print at the bottom of the mirror, "Things may appear farther away than they really are."

Here's what I urge you to ask yourself: If you didn't have enough money saved up for the holidays this year and have dug yourself further in debt because of it, what makes you think you'll be in better financial shape 10 months from now when the next holiday season is upon us?

Honestly, the odds are you'll be worse off than last year because statistics indi-

cate most of spend more than we make. Thus, the slippery slope to financial trouble gets steeper and steeper. Fortunately, there is potential hope...but it takes a plan and some discipline.

Let's start with a question. What is financial health? The question, while simple, is not easily answered. It's not just a measure of how much money you have in your wallet or your savings account. Moreover, it's a measure of your entire financial world, a financial world that began as soon as you entered the workforce (which could be as early as 16 years old for some of you).

Financial institutions gauge your financial health by consulting your credit report and then assigning you a score. Your credit report is like a lifetime record of your spending and payment history. It also determines your borrowing power. When lenders review your credit report, there are four areas of focus: credit, net worth, assets and economy. Obviously, your credit is the primary focal point. It represents your ability to keep your promise to make payments on time.

If you have not reviewed your credit report, you should. It is not just available to lenders; you have a

right to review it. There are companies that offer one or all three of the major reporting companies. Ask your financial advisor, bank or credit union for more information on obtaining your report.

Here are a few common sense credit tips that might help you pare down your debt this year and put you in a better position to enjoy this year's holiday season:

- Make bill payments as early as possible. Try to never make a late payment.
- Close any accounts that you do not use. Having too many revolving credit lines open actually hurts your credit score. Also, dormant accounts are susceptible to identity theft, particularly by someone using an account that you don't routinely monitor.
- Obtain more credit only if you spend less each month than your take home pay.
- Only borrow within your means.
- Try to pay more than just the interest on your credit accounts. Paying down the principal is the only way to get to the finish line.

The above is not an all-inclusive list. If you live payday to payday, without saving any of your money, I'm betting there are other ways you can help yourself. First, work up a budget and then live by it. Every budget analyst suggests you pay yourself first and then work

up the rest. Unfortunately, I think many of you think that means pay your bills and then spend all the rest. That's not the point. The goal of a budget is to illustrate your spending habits and then help you develop a plan to save, pay your bills and still have some money to enjoy life.

Shipmates, keep in mind that in all of your formal schooling and training, most of you have never had any formal schooling on financial health. For most of us, we learn as we go, making lots of mistakes. Let me tell you, the older you get, and the more senior you become, the penalties for not paying attention to your financial health become more painful. Now is the time for you to devote time and energy to making sure you are fully in control of your financial future.

The holiday season loses its luster if you can't afford to purchase nice gifts, go on leave or treat yourself or family to something special. Preparing for the holidays starts today, not in November. If you set a reasonable savings goal today, you just might smile a little more in the months to come. Good luck and if you have questions about your financial health, contact your chief, your command financial specialist and or the Navy Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). FFSC has trained professionals and the resources to help you get back on the road to financial success.

SECNAV thanks Sailors, Marines for work in OUA

Special message from the Secretary of the Navy

To the Sailors and Marines supporting Operation Unified Assistance and your fellow military and civilian counterparts.

The tsunami that struck Southeast Asia Dec. 26 was a horrific tragedy. American

Sailors and Marines, American warships and helicopters provided essential assistance to tsunami victims in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Your compassion, professionalism and dedicated efforts were awesome. Well done!

With more than 6,000 flight hours and more than 20 million pounds of medicine, food and water deliv-

ered to date, you saved thousands of lives and eased the suffering of thousands more. America's sea services once again brought great resources and flexibility to bear in the noble cause of helping others.

Your fellow Americans are proud of all of you and what you accomplished. Those whom you assisted are grateful for your help, for your

care and for your friendship. You showed the world American compassion and mercy. At sea, ashore and in the air, you brought honor to yourselves and to our nation.

Thank you for your continued service to our Navy and Marine Corps, to our nation and to the world. Thanks for all you've achieved and for continuing to help others in the future.

A message from the Governor of Montana, February 1945

Let this be a message of hearty greeting to the Montana workers in the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard and other activities on the island of Oahu.

But the marvels of aviation and of radio have wrought magic, so that we are now linked with Pearl Harbor almost as though we were next door, with only a picket fence between, across which friends could swap news. We can now reach Hawai'i in less time than it used to require to travel across the state of Montana, from Glendive to Heron. And the grim fortunes of war have called man of our neighbors to the fabulous island territory, so that I am pleased because the editors of the Pearl Harbor Banner have asked me to say a few words to our Montana home folks who are temporarily there.

The year that has just closed has in most respects been a good one for the State of Montana—and therefore for the nation—in its plans to support the fighting forces on the battlefields around the earth. It is not my purpose to weary you with statistics showing the production of grains and minerals and timber, but I can assure you that despite the desperate manpower shortage on our farms and in our industries we have met every quota that has been set for us. We have added materially to the breadbasket which is so vital at the stage of the battle, and we have done the same in mining the ore and processing the copper which plays so great a part in arming and



US Navy History photo
Hon. Sam C. Ford, Governor of Montana

equipping our forces overseas.

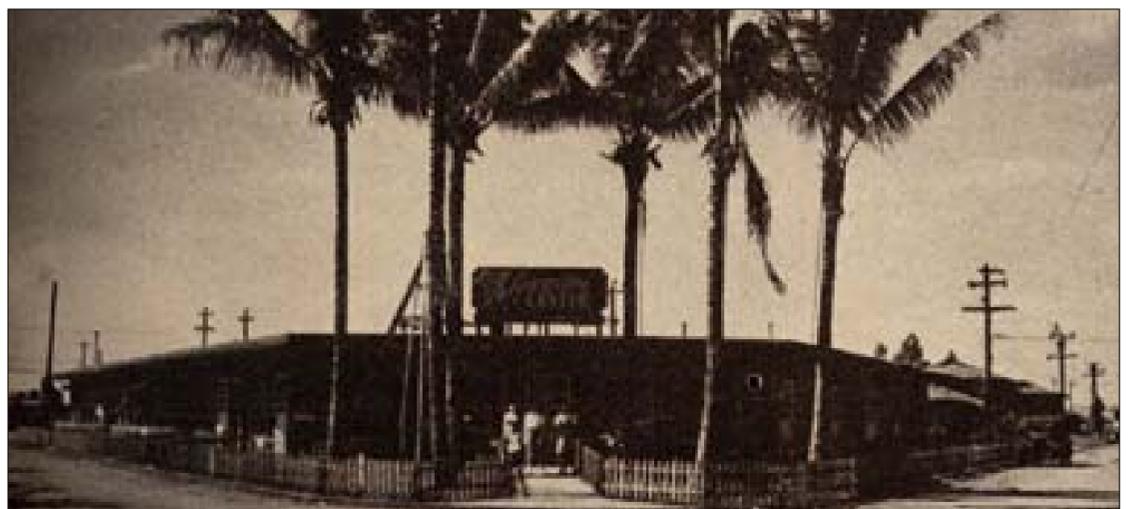
And it is with particular pride that we point to the fact that in all of our war bond drives the Montana folks have shown their faith in their country and the American way of life and their devotion to their men and women in the service by exceeding their quota of purchases. In some instances they have led the nation in percentage of purchases by individuals.

We are not boastful about these things, but we are proud of them, and justifiably so, and it is a pleasure to convey the information to our men and women in the far places who otherwise might not hear of them.

So, let me say to you, in the name of all our Montana people, be of good cheer! In time the end of the war must come, and we shall settle down to the task of regaining our equilibrium, of resuming our march to the destiny of our State, of building bigger and stronger in every department of life—in all of which we are going to need you.

Come back home, and help us to make Montana what you want it to be and what all of our right-thinking citizens determined it shall be!

The 'Shopping Center'



Pearl Harbor Sailors did their grocery shopping at this center adjacent to the shipyard in 1945. The center contains a grocery, bakery, barber shop and beauty parlor.

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know everyone else's business. So my engineers know how to drive the ship, my guys who drive the ship know how to go down and start the diesel. Everyone knows everybody else's job and that's just the way it has to be with a ship this large and complex."

Another intricacy to work out is the joint crew of both Navy and Coast Guard.

"I could be wrong, but I don't think it's ever happened before," said Coast Guard Lt.

Simon Maple, Sea Fighter executive officer.

But crew members say they look forward to working and learning from each other's chosen service.

"I think the Navy brings their vast experience of operating in a Department of Defense environment," said Coast Guard Chief Operations Specialist John Leary. "And the Coast Guard will bring its unique international boarding authority that we have for international

activities. Plus, we have more experience manning ships with smaller crews."

Following the christening, Sea Fighter, which only took 20 months to construct, was put into the water on Feb. 9. The ship will moor at the civilian port of Everett and April 30, Nichols Ship Builders will officially hand the ship over to the Navy.

In July, the ship intends to head south to its homeport of San Diego where it will begin its testing process.



U.S. Navy photo by John F. Williams

The littoral surface craft-experimental (X-Craft), christened Sea Fighter (FSF 1), at Nichols Bros. Boat Builders in Freeland, Whidbey Island, Wash., will be used to evaluate the hydrodynamic performance, structural behavior, mission flexibility, and propulsion system of high-speed vessels.

Bowfin Museum gets submarine warfare pin

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

A new addition was made to the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park on Feb. 7 - a seven-foot long, two foot high gold leaf dolphins submarine warfare insignia.

The insignia was donated to the park by Alexander Gaston.

Although Gaston was not a submariner during his Navy career, he said he has always had a fascination with submarines.

"I served on surface ships during the Vietnam War," Gaston said. "Growing up in Connecticut and spending my time just a few miles from a submarine base, I spent my

youth watching submarines coming in and going out to sea. I've always had the utmost respect for submariners and the men who serve in them and having these dolphins made is my way of saluting them," he said.

Gaston had the insignia at his home at Fishers Island, N.Y. He recently sold his home and moved to Hawai'i and donated the gold leaf dolphins to the park.

"At my home in New York, there were only a limited number of people who were able to see the insignia," said Gaston. "This museum gets an average of 300,000 guests a year. So a lot more people are going to get an opportunity to see them here than at my

house and I am really pleased about that."

Representatives at USS Bowfin Museum hope that the insignia will help attract even more attention to the museum.

"This is an outstanding visual reference that people relate with the submarine community," said Navy Capt.(Ret.), Jerry Hofwolt, executive director of USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park. "We believe that this visual will serve as a draw for people to visit and it shows our close association with the submarine force."

The new insignia is located on the museum near the entrance of the park.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

Workers at USS Bowfin Museum and Park mount a seven foot long, two foot tall gold leaf dolphins submarine warfare insignia donated by submarine enthusiast Alexander Gaston on Feb. 7.

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DISH network offers Pentagon Channel

From the Pentagon Channel

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) and its DISH Network satellite TV service announced in February it is now offering the Pentagon Channel, the Defense Department's news and information network for and about the military.

The Pentagon Channel, which was launched stateside on May 14, 2004, will now be distributed 24 hours a day, seven days a week to DISH Network satellite TV customers. The channel is provided to customers at no additional cost as part of DISH Network's public interest channels. A second satellite dish may be required.

"DISH Network serves consumers all across the country and many of our customers have a personal stake in the military," said Eric Sahl, vice president of programming at EchoStar. "The Pentagon Channel will be especially appreciated by military service members and their families who live on or near U.S.-based military

facilities across the U.S."

The Pentagon Channel will provide DISH Network customers with Department of Defense news with top-of-the-hour updates, broadcasts of the flagship television news magazine programs from each of the services, and Department of Defense news briefings from the Pentagon and around the world. Additionally, the network will include appointment viewing with "Around the Services," a look at what's going on at each branch of the military; "Studio Five," showcasing conversations with Department of Defense leaders; and "Focus on the Force," which highlights military missions such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We appreciate DISH Network's decision to carry the new Pentagon Channel on their satellite TV system," said Larry DiRita, Department of Defense spokesperson. "Their support helps us fulfill our mission of providing timely military news and information to the U.S. Armed Forces."

For more information on the Pentagon Channel, visit www.pentagonchannel.mil.

Commander speaks at San Diego's Institute for Continued Learning

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Adm. Walter F. Doran, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, addressed members of the Institute for Continued Learning (ICL) on Feb. 3 at the University of California, San Diego.

Doran discussed the U.S. Navy's role in the Pacific, fleet readiness and the Navy's ability to respond to the tsunami relief efforts.

Doran said one of the biggest changes made in the Pacific Fleet over the past year is how the Navy deploys its ships. He said that by deploying ships to different regions around the world, instead of concentrating on one area, the Navy is less predictable and better able to respond to world events.

The Pacific Fleet demonstrated this during the tsunami disaster when Expeditionary Strike Group 5 and the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Carrier Strike Group were able to begin providing assistance to affected areas within days after the disaster. Relief efforts were conducted off the coast of Banda Aceh, without setting foot on land, allowing the Navy to provide a faster response to the areas most affected by the tsunami.

"Our ships have been providing aid that has helped tens of thousands of lives since Jan. 1, but it is now time to hand over the relief effort to civilian volunteers from Project Health Opportunities for People Everywhere and let the military phase fade into the background," Doran said.

According to Doran, changing the way the Navy deploys is only one way the Pacific Fleet is preparing for the future. The Navy is also working with other countries to crack down on terrorism, maritime piracy, illegal trafficking and other criminal activities in the Pacific.

Working with other countries will help advance maritime situational awareness and give the Navy an accurate picture of what's traveling by sea, Doran said.

"This is an idea whose time has come. It will help us find out how to get better situational awareness of what is really going on in the waters around us," he explained.

Learning more about the Navy's role in the Pacific was the ICL's goal during the discussion. The ICL is a self-directed, self-supported adult education program presenting a broad range of learning opportunities for retired and semi-retired San Diegans. ICL boasts 400 community members and hosts more than 100 courses and events a year.

For Ruth Wilkie, an ICL member, the chance to hear Doran speak was educational.

"Myself and others in the group have always wanted to know more about what is going on in the Pacific," Wilkie explained. "It was amazing to be able to listen and learn from an expert like Adm. Doran."

Doran was in the San Diego area visiting Pacific Fleet commands.

For related news, visit the Fleet Public Affairs Center, San Diego Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/pace/nsandiego.

DoD seeks people with language skills

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American Forces Press Service

If you speak a foreign language or have the desire and aptitude to learn one, Uncle Sam wants you.

The Defense Department is on the lookout for people with language skills to support not only current operations, but future ones as well, according to Gail McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans.

And just as important as language skills, she said, is an understanding of other countries' geographies, cultures and people.

The military has the greatest language and cultural expertise in four primary languages: German, French, Spanish and Russian, McGinn said during an interview with the Pentagon Channel. But when the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, thrust the United States into the war on terrorism, the department simply didn't have enough linguists fluent in Arabic or in Dari and Pashtu, the languages of Afghanistan, she said. Similarly, she said, DoD has come up short on linguists for other areas of the world that have attracted increased U.S. interest during the war on terrorism.

McGinn said the revelation has been described as a "Sputnik moment." When the Soviets launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, in 1957, the United States quickly began promoting math, science and language in its schools so it could play catch-up.

Similarly, after 9/11, the United States recognized its language deficiencies for certain parts of the world.

"The global war on terror...made us realize that we need these capabilities and we need people to have these skills," she said.

Language and cultural skills help service members interact with the local people, McGinn said. Civil affairs specialists and interpreters deployed

throughout Iraq are demonstrating the value of those skills daily as they interact with local citizens and their leaders.

But if more service members had language skills, the operational payoff could be tremendous, she pointed out. For example, when coalition troops were headed north toward Baghdad at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, what if the local people had information they wanted to share? And what if the U.S. troops wanted to warn them about something, or to diffuse a situation?

"I think you can see, just from that set of activities, how important it is to have the ability to communicate in the language of the country that you're in," McGinn said.

To help boost language skills within the military, McGinn said, DoD has launched or plans to introduce several new initiatives:

- Increased the Defense Language Institute's budget by more than \$50 million to go toward curriculum development and improved foreign language testing, to develop more "crash courses" for deploying troops and to begin training students to higher levels of proficiency.

- Received legislative authority to increase foreign language proficiency pay for military linguists from the current high of \$300 a month to a top rate of \$1,000.

- Pays stipends to college students involved in regional studies and language studies who agree to seek jobs within the U.S. national security establishment, through the National Security Education Program.

- Established the National Flagship Language Initiative, in which colleges and universities offer advanced language training in Arabic, Korean, Chinese and Russian to students who agree to work for the national security establishment.

- Initiated a pilot program within the Army encouraging Iraqi Americans to join the Individual Ready Reserve, pro-

viding a pool of Arabic linguists, ready when needed. Of more than 200 people recruited through the program, 44 have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and another 19 are awaiting deployment.

- Will survey members of the current force, both military and civilian, to determine who has language skills that could prove useful in current or future operations.

- Issued a white paper encouraging the United States to promote the emphasis placed on language skills nationwide.

- Promoted the development of technology with language and translation software.

- Is considering establishing a database in which American citizens can register their language skills or sign up for a civilian linguist reserve corps that could contribute to national language requirements as needed.

McGinn said these and other initiatives under consideration will help the United States better position itself for future military operations, wherever in the world they occur.

"We're working on a lot of those initiatives to try to...anticipate the unanticipated," she said.

She sees the new initiatives as solid first steps in changing the importance DoD places on foreign language skills.

"This is really more than just finding linguists and people with the ability to speak languages," she said. "It's a transformation in the way language is viewed in the Department of Defense - how it is valued, how it is developed and how it is employed."

Integrating foreign language and regional expertise into the military mindset will have far-reaching implications, McGinn said, affecting "the way we conduct operations and the way we conduct ourselves in the world."

For more news from the Department of Defense, go to www.defenselink.mil.

For more news from around the fleet, visit www.navy.mil.

Former Ford Island resident recalls Pearl Harbor attack

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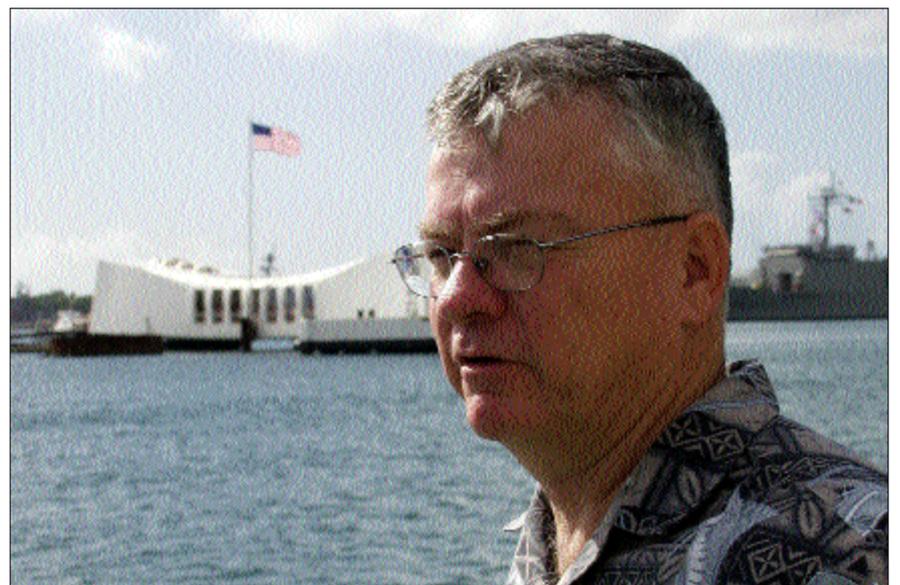
After more than 64 years, John Davey returned to the house where his family took shelter during the second wave of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the skies above Pearl Harbor were filled with billowing black smoke and thunderous explosions from the ships inundated by the Japanese torpedo bombers.

The house was the historic Quarters 'K' on Ford Island, where Rear Adm. Paul Sullivan, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet currently resides.

It was there that Sailors and Ford Island residents were forced to seek shelter to avoid the fierce gunfire and bombing. Davey recalled the

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U.S. Navy photo by J0C(SW/AW) David Rush
Air Force Major Gen. John Davey (Ret.) toured Quarters K and Quarters Q on Ford Island on Jan. 27. Davey was four years old and living at Quarters Q when Pearl Harbor was attacked on Dec. 7, 1941.

Ehime Maru mourned



U.S. Navy photo by J0C(SW/AW) David Rush
Flowers adorn the Ehime Maru memorial in Honolulu Feb. 9, 2005, the fourth anniversary of the collision between USS Greenville (SSN 772) and the Japanese fisheries training vessel Ehime Maru. U.S. Navy officials placed a wreath at the site, which honors the nine Japanese students and crew killed in the accident.

HT2 BARRETT MEMORIAL RIDE

A memorial motorcycle ride for Hull Technician 2nd Class Jeremy Barrett around the island will be held tomorrow beginning at 9:15 a.m. Riders will meet underneath H-1 at the Ice Palace parking lot. Barrett died in a skydiving accident Feb. 6. All motorcycle riders are invited to participate. The wearing of helmets during the ride is mandatory. The wearing of Navy diver apparel is highly encouraged. Any questions contact MDV Moser at 471-9292 ext. 255.

O'Kane: Gets underway for six-month deployment

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qualifications. "I hope to get surface warfare qualified while on deployment and take college courses to further my knowledge," he said.

O'Kane last deployed Jan. 17, 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and contingency operations. That deployment incorporated numerous taskings, including operations with coalition forces supporting the global war on terrorism, high value shipping escorts, Tomahawk

cruise missile tasking, ballistic missile defense duties and patrol of Iraqi territorial waters.

Carl Vinson left San Diego on Feb. 1 to begin an around-the-world deployment. The strike group is comprised of Carrier Air Wing 9, Destroyer Squadron 31, the guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG 54), the guided-missile destroyers USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Mustin (DDG 89), the fast-attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717), and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 11, Det. 9.



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

FC1 (SW) Lee Rysdam says goodbye to his daughter before he leaves for a six-month deployment aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77). O'Kane deployed as part of USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Carrier Strike Group, which left San Diego on Feb. 1 on an around-the-world deployment.

Ford Island: Day of Infamy remembered

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morning of "the day that will live in infamy."

"My father drove us here (to Quarters 'K') in a pickup truck after the first wave and we stayed down here until the all clear was given. We stayed in the 'dungeon' overnight. They were manning machine guns here during the second wave of attacks," said Davey.

Known as the dungeon, the basement of the large home is actually an underground bunker that housed two large gun turrets. The guns are long gone, but the turret mounts remain. Between the two turrets is a long hallway, divided by several large storage rooms

and a weapons magazine.

According to Davey, the dungeon became safe harbor for Ford Island residents and injured Sailors.

"I recall getting ready for church that Sunday morning. That's what is frozen in my mind at the beginning of all of the chaos. I was not outside, but my two brothers were in the backyard and they came running in. They saw the Japanese planes. My father put us under mattresses at Quarters 'Q' during the first attack," said Davey.

Davey's family, along with many others, lived just down the road from Quarters 'K.' Knowing that getting out of harm's way was crucial, many

residents and wounded Sailors soon filled the rooms of the dungeon.

"I don't really recall much from when we were down here (in the dungeon) because we were kept in a corner, but they were bringing injured Sailors from the ships," said Davey.

Davey's family, including his wife Barbara, accompanied the retired fighter pilot to the location where he took cover so many years ago. "It's been wonderful to tour the dungeon and to see the admiral's home and to get some idea of what my husband experienced in his youth," said Barbara Davey.

One of his six children, 34-year-old Dan Davey, was glad

to be with his father on this visit to Ford Island. "It was great to see the place that I had heard so much about over the years. We like to tell everyone that our father was there during the attack of Pearl Harbor. I'm sure this means a lot to him."

Having survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, Davey eventually came to serve in the Air Force as a pilot. As part of the USAF/Navy exchange program, Air Force Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Davey has the distinction of being an Air Force F-4 Phantom pilot with 300 carrier landings. Davey flew more than 100 combat sorties in Vietnam and logged more than 4,500 flight hours.

Accurate education, training data key to promotion opportunities

Ensign Myers Vasquez

Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

With the increasing emphasis on education and training for promotion in today's Navy, Sailors now have a more streamlined process for reviewing the accuracy of their records.

Instead of having to do extensive records searches for education and training accomplishments, Sailors can log into Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) to review their electronic training jacket (ETJ) and Sailor/Marine American

Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART) transcript. This information is available 24 hours a day from any computer with Internet access.

"It's evident from the changes going on in today's Navy, as we transform Sailors into Sea Warriors, that an enlisted Sailor will need to work smarter, not necessarily harder," said Senior Chief Electronics Technician William McKeithen, the Naval Education and Training Command's (NETC) enlisted information systems operations certificate program manag-

er. "An education is going to allow Sailors to take greater leadership and responsibility roles, and to move up the ranks. These 'Sea Warriors' will be better trained and educated than ever before."

Both the SMART and ETJ can be accessed through the NKO homepage. Sailors should follow the instructions for logging in, proceed to the homepage, click on the education link under the resources group, then choose between the ETJ or SMART links.

McKeithen, who has participated in

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Pay hike, expanded military benefits among budget proposals

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A 3.1 percent military basic pay hike, higher housing allowances and more healthcare and educational benefits for the National Guard and Reserve are all part of the president's proposed fiscal 2006 defense budget unveiled here Feb. 7.

The package of expanded benefits is part of what a senior defense official called a top priority in the president's \$419.3 billion budget request: "taking care of our forces."

"People are our most important asset. We can't do anything without our folks," the official told Pentagon reporters. "Our forces are the best-trained and best-organized on the globe and we maintain our commitment to them."

The proposed military pay raise reflects a continued trend in better compensation for service members. Incorporating the 3.1 percent military increase, basic pay will be up 25 percent since fiscal 2001.

In terms of actual money in troops' pockets, the official told reporters the 3.1 percent



DoD photo by R. D. Ward.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld (standing) makes opening remarks at a Pentagon luncheon to brief senior members of Congress on the proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Department of Defense Budget submission on Feb. 7, 2005. Under Secretary of Defense Comptroller Tina Jonas briefed members in general while a host of senior DoD officials were on hand to answer specific questions in detail. Congressional leaders pictured here are (left to right): Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawai'i, Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, Sen. John Warner of Virginia and Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi.

increase would raise basic pay for members in the lowest enlisted grade from \$12,000 in fiscal 2005 to \$15,000 next year, and that of a second lieutenant or

ensign from \$23,000 to \$28,000. Similarly, an E-5 who was earning \$30,000 in base pay in fiscal 2001 will be making \$39,000 under the new budget, she said.

Federal civilian workers would receive a 2.3 percent pay hike.

The proposed budget provides a four percent increase in the basic housing

allowance to reduce and, ideally, eliminate out-of-pocket costs for service members living in private housing. "In the past, there was as much as an 18 percent out-of-pocket cost for our military," the defense official said. "And this budget sustains our no-out-of-pocket cost commitment."

The budget also keeps DoD on track in its effort to eliminate all inadequate military family housing units in the United States by fiscal 2007 and worldwide by fiscal 2009. "We are on track" with that effort, the defense official told reporters.

The proposed budget continues to extend privatization to improve military housing and to maximize DoD housing budgets. By the end of fiscal 2006, the official said, this effort is expected to have produced nearly 172,000 new high-quality family housing units during the past 10 years.

In terms of health care, the proposed budget increases funding for the Defense Health Program, with \$20 billion in direct funding and \$7 billion for military personnel supporting the program. Officials said this funding level will ensure

continuing good health care for service members and their families.

Guard and Reserve members will receive additional benefits as well, including expanded Tricare eligibility that provides health coverage up to 90 days before activation and 180 days after mobilization for most members. "This is a significant new benefit," the defense official said.

The budget also includes the GI Bill for Reservists, passed by Congress last year, to provide educational benefits for Guard and Reserve members who have been mobilized. These troops would qualify for up to 36 months of payments, from \$400 to \$800 a month, depending on the length of active service in support of a contingency operation.

Provisions for quality facilities also are included in the budget package. The proposed budget funds 92 percent of maintenance requirements.

"So I think what we have here is a healthy benefit package," the official summarized. "We want to maintain our commitment to the forces of the United States."

NCP to hold NADAP summit

JO2 Devin Wright

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Navy Personnel Command is conducting a Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) summit at the Banyans during the week of Feb. 15. The summits are intended to provide attendees with hands-on workshops for the Navy's drug screening program (NDSP), Navy's alcohol and drug management information tracking system (ADMITS) and practices they can incorporate into prevention programs, ultimately enhancing operational readiness.

"The Navy has taken an aggressive, proactive approach to aid commands in responding to the challenges posed by substance abuse," said William Flannery, Head, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Branch, Navy Personnel Command. "One such initiative is taking substance abuse prevention programs to the fleet in the form of (NADAP) summits. These summits provide command leadership with information on initiatives to reduce drug use, current strategies to reduce DUI/DWI, underage drinking, and techniques Sailors are using to game urinalysis and the critical elements of an effective urinalysis program," Flannery added.

In addition to helping to reduce alcohol abuse and drug use and improve operational performance, the summits also provide insight into policy development and policy implementation throughout the fleet.

"NADAP initiatives is an investment in our most precious resource - people," said Flannery.

The summits will be held at The Banyans starting Feb. 15 at 7:30 a.m.

COMSUBPAC Sailors volunteer for Central Command duty

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COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Baghdad is an unlikely place to find Sailors wearing submarine 'dolphins' on their uniforms. As unusual as it may seem, submariners have answered the call to duty and are serving in areas throughout the Central Command.

Currently, there are 16 personnel from various COMSUBPAC commands serving in locations including Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain and several forward deployed units.

Yeoman Chief Richard English, COMSUBPAC staff member and Huntsville, Ala. native, has volunteered to go on temporary assigned duty (TAD) to Baghdad - specifically, the green zone in downtown Baghdad. The 15-year Navy veteran explained his reasons for leaving home to serve in Iraq.

"When the war started and people complained about having to go to Iraq, it frustrated me. If I had the opportunity [to go to Iraq], I wouldn't turn it down because it's your duty. When you volunteer [to serve in the Armed Forces], you don't get to pick what you volunteered for. You volunteered to serve your country," said English.

Before serving his six-months of TAD in Iraq, English, along with all other personnel who going to Iraq or Afghanistan, are required to attend training at Fort Hood, Texas. There they receive additional instruction about their destination and get essential small arms training. English is scheduled to leave at the end of this month.

English is no stranger to the Fifth Fleet. He served aboard USS Louisville dur-



U.S. Navy photo

COMSUBPAC staff member Operations Specialist 1st Class Gerald Williams is currently serving temporary duty in Afghanistan. He is working alongside various agencies to train local police departments.

ing Desert Storm in 1991. This time, however, he won't be in the relative safety of a submarine. He will be ashore in Iraq, where those who serve there know all too well they have to keep their head on a swivel.

"It's definitely a different kind of mental preparation, both for me and my family. You hear about all of the negatives every day [on the news] and yes, it is extremely dangerous, but the percentage of people being killed now is a lot less and I

think we're doing a great job over there," said English.

As for English, he does admit the task is daunting, but he is ready for the challenge. "Am I nervous? Well, yes. Am I willing to do it? Absolutely."

One of the primary motivators for English is he knows that he has support from his family. "After about 48 hours from when they got the news, they accepted it and said, 'Alright, you'll be fine, and we support you.'"

He said he is looking for-

ward to it and encourages others to answer the call of duty. "Jump at the opportunity, but make sure you know what you're getting into. Obviously this isn't for everybody. Don't go over there just because you will be getting extra money. If that's your mindset, you're going there for the wrong reason," concluded English.

Another COMSUBPAC Sailor, Operations Specialist 1st Class Gerald Williams, is currently serving in Kabul, Afghanistan. "I volunteered

to go overseas because it was a chance of a lifetime and to really make a difference in the global war on terrorism. Additionally, it fell right in line with my re-enlistment. I have to be honest, I take pleasure in what I do without the money," said Williams.

Williams' primary duty includes working with the police and establishing control in Kabul. "I work with the police sector reform. We are responsible for organizing and implementing the

Afghanistan National Police (ANP) and their duties range from border police, counter-narcotics and highway police. Additionally, we are also organizing educational programs to educate the ANP," said Williams.

Williams chose to report for six months of arduous duty in Kabul, currently experiencing its seventh straight year of drought. He urged others to know what they're getting into if they are interested in serving in the Central Command.

"Make sure you find out as much as possible about the job [you will be doing] and the facilities at hand. Keep in mind that you may not be doing your specific job that does not apply to your rating, but make the most out of the opportunity. TAD to CENTCOM is hard. The biggest thing is the uncertainty of not knowing what you are going to be doing or where you may end up," said Williams.

Although his assignment is often difficult, Williams attributes high morale to working with fellow Armed Service personnel.

"The best thing about my TAD assignment is working with other branches of the military and coalition forces. It makes you really appreciate the Navy and all its worth. We all have different standards, from uniform regulations to every day activities, base procedures and military bearing. It takes a lot to get used to. I can say honestly the Navy personnel carry themselves with higher standards than most. The Marine Corps also has very squared away individuals," concluded Williams.

Unified assistance: Fort McHenry surpasses one million pounds

Lt. j.g. Nathan T. Van Schaik
USS Fort McHenry
Public Affairs

Crew members aboard USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) marked delivery of more than one million pounds of relief supplies and equipment as part of Operation Unified Assistance on Jan. 31.

To date, Combined Support Force (CSF) 536 has delivered more than 21 million pounds of supplies and equipment. Fort McHenry alone has delivered over 450 pallets. Also included in the relief supplies delivery was more than 2,000 pounds of supplies donated by communities within Sasebo Fleet Activities on Jan. 30.

Coordination between the Navy and the Marine Corps woven with medical and den-

tal staff, Beach Master Unit 1, detached Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 262 and Assault Craft Unit 5 has become a logistical and operational masterpiece.

"What makes this operation logistically unique is that with military operations, we are usually given advance notice to start the logistics train required for sustained operations," said Lt. Tim Nicholls, Fort McHenry supply officer. "Unfortunately, our logistics train started cold with natural disasters."

Delivering supplies to the tsunami victims is not an easy task. Fort McHenry first receives humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) supplies from nearby U.S. supply ships via Navy helicopters. Pallets of HA/DR supplies are

then immediately forklifted from the flight deck to the boat deck, where they are positioned near the ship's 60-ton crane. From there, crane operators hoist the pallets down deep within the well deck where three landing craft, air cushion (LCAC) are docked.

"CLZ (craft landing zone) teams coordinate the offloading and onloading of equipment, supplies and personnel from the LCAC both to and from the ship," explained Lt.j.g. George Baldwin of Beach Master Unit 1, Det. Delta, officer in charge.

Many Fort McHenry Sailors have volunteered their time to go ashore and assist in offloading supplies for the Indonesian community.

"To actually get my hands dirty and help the people means a great deal for me,"

said Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Gene Carroll. "It's not that much, but I will do whatever I can and if it makes a difference, I'll do it."

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 262, embarked on Fort McHenry, also assisted by delivering key personnel ashore. Among the personnel delivered by the CH-46D helicopters are medical and dental staff of the Third Force Service Support Group, stationed at Okinawa, Japan. In all, medical care was provided to nearly 100 people and dental care was provided to more than 50.

Fort McHenry is a dock landing ship forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan and part of the forward deployed amphibious ready group, currently operating off the coast of Indonesia in support of Operation Unified Assistance.

Accurate Education: Records now can be accessed online

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numerous senior chief and master chief promotion boards, said that boards look at an individual's evaluations and fitness reports, noting supervisory, managerial and leadership skills, as well as various qualifications depending on the individual's rate, rank and job.

"Traditionally, education level has been a tiebreaker for enlisted ranks; in the officer ranks, it can make or break advancement chances since more billeted positions are currently tied to various degree levels," said McKeithen.

"In past years, most of the members' education and training records were kept only in their service record, but more and more of this documentation can be found online, as well as in their service records," said McKeithen. Individual Sailors must ensure their records are as up to date as possible.

"Not properly documenting training that is key to qualifications for the next higher paygrade could have an adverse affect on selection," said NETC Force Master Chief (FORCM) Michael J. McCalip. "That information needs to get into a Sailor's record in a timely manner. Sailors should regularly review their SMART and ETJ, not only for promotion reasons, but for academic standing and to ensure that credits earned through college or Navy training have been posted. This also makes that information readily available for submission to any packages or special programs that may come up."

The ETJ and SMART integrate many different official Navy training databases, and allow Sailors and Marines to access their complete training and education

records. Sailors can view and print all information on their individual training and education accomplishments, advancement status, and qualifications and certifications.

SMART provides American Council on Education (ACE) recommended college credit for military occupational experience and training. It replaces the DD295 form, the Application for Evaluation of Learning Experiences during military service, which was submitted to colleges by Sailors and Marines to verify college credit for military experience.

Currently, the ETJ is accessible to active-duty and Reserve Navy personnel. Future phases will allow accessibility to the Marine Corps, Department of the Navy (DoN) civilians and eventually, anyone with prior Navy or Marine Corps service.

All enlisted and officer, active-duty and Reserve Sailors and Marines are eligible to have access and have a SMART generated online. Sailors who separated or retired from active duty on or after Jan. 1, 1975, and Marines who separated or retired from active duty on or after Jan. 1, 1990, are also eligible to have a SMART generated online.

Once a SMART is generated, an individual can print an unofficial personal copy for degree planning purposes. An official copy can be sent directly to the college or university of choice by completing the online SMART request form, printing it, and mailing or faxing it to the address on the form. Sailors and Marines can also go to their local Navy College office or Marine Corps education center to complete the ordering process.



U.S. Air Force photo by Technical Sgt. Scott Reed
 A CH-46 helicopter from Helicopter Marine Medium 262 prepares to depart the USS Fort McHenry, Jan. The USS Fort McHenry LSD-43 is performing platform support to helicopter operations delivering disaster relief and humanitarian aid supplies to remote regions of Indonesia devastated by a tsunami in late December 2004.

Hawai'i Navy News Sports

NFL greats watch Super Bowl with Russell crew

PH1(AW)
William R. Goodwin
Staff Writer

Green Bay Packer fullback William Henderson and ESPN commentators, Mike Golic and Mark Schlereth, visited USS Russell (DDG 59) on Feb. 6 to watch the 2005 Super Bowl with the ship's crew in the galley.

Henderson, Golic and Schlereth are in Hawai'i for the Pro Bowl Feb. 13. Golic and Schlereth are former NFL players as well.

The visit began with a tour, where the celebrity visitors talked to Sailors about their jobs at various locations around the ship.

"It was especially great to watch Russell Sailors show off their ship while engaging these sports celebrities about what we do in the Navy," said Cmdr. Jim Kilby, Russell's commanding officer.

While watching the game on a big screen television on the mess decks, Russell's culinary specialists treated their honored guests to an exotic cuisine of specially prepared pupus. The NFL players ate from a selection of egg rolls, sausage dogs, nachos, shrimp, chicken wings, jalapeno poppers, chicken nuggets, steak and fruits and vegetable trays.

"I felt it is a privilege to meet and enjoy watching the Super Bowl with real NFL players," said Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Jacob B. Buzzell, who is temporarily assigned to the mess decks and helped serve the meal.

After eating and cheering for their favorite Super Bowl teams until halftime, the crew headed out to the flight deck where the sports celebrities demonstrated a few plays. The celebrities ran approximately five running and passing plays with the crew. Golic, who was a former lineman in the NFL, quarterbacked the offense while Schlereth and Henderson led the defensive team. The sports celebrities focused on teaching the crewmembers football strategy, while making wisecracks against each other. The Russell crew seemed very entertained.

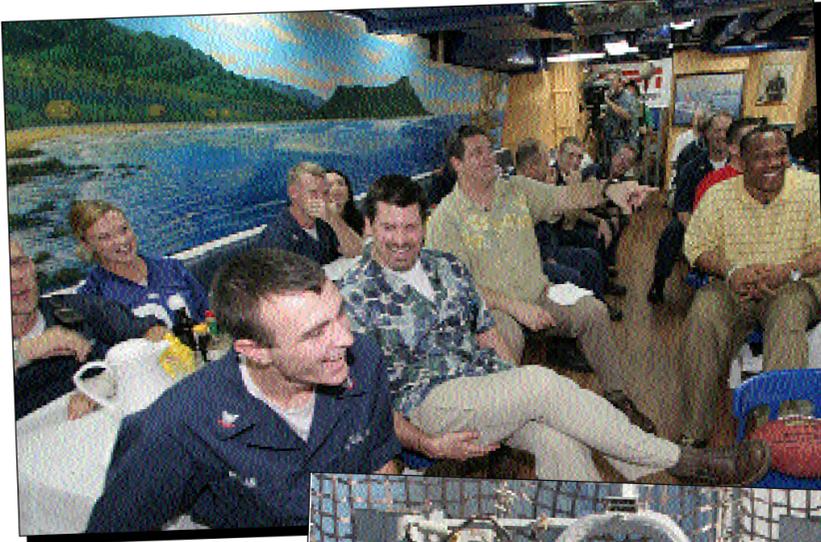
"It was very good for morale," said Ensign Ryan M. Winkler, Russell's disbursing and sales officer. "It's nice to know we're appreciated."

The sports celebrities and crew then returned to the mess decks and watched the second half of the game. Like a sports lounge, the mess decks came alive with laughter and cheer until the end of the game. The celebrities and crew then proceeded to the foc'sle for a group photo and farewell.

"We'd like to thank each and every one of you for the exciting day," said Golic. "We have a renewed appreciation for what you do, defending our freedom, and I'd like to thank you all."

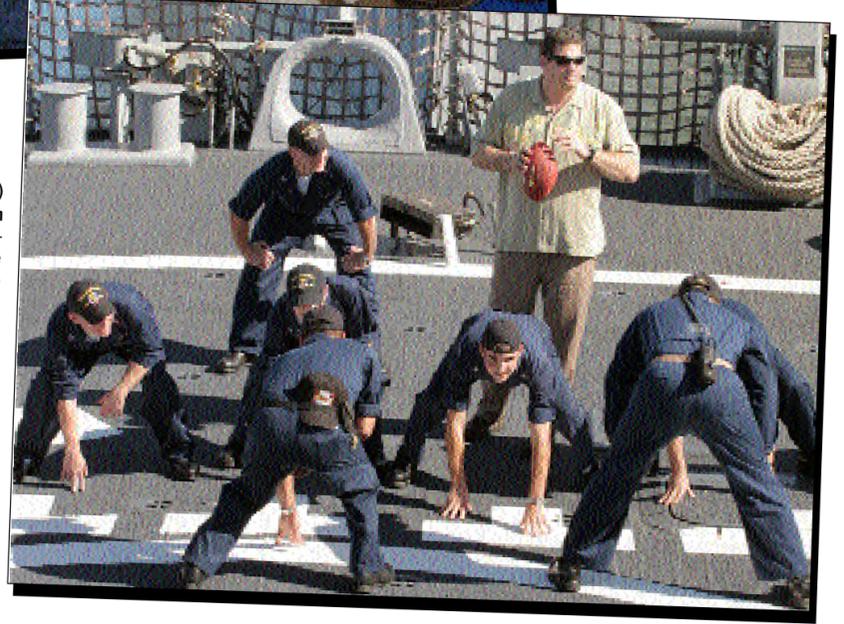
The Russell crew and captain thanked their visitors, who were honored with ceremonial side-boys and four bells each as they left the ship.

"I don't care which Super Bowl team the crew rooted for," said Kilby. "I'm sure we'll remember this game for a long time."



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ESPN commentators and former National Football League players Mike Golic and Mark Schlereth team up with Green Bay Packer fullback William Henderson and crew members aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) to watch the 2005 Super Bowl in the ship's galley. Golic, Schlereth and Henderson were invited for a visit aboard Russell to watch the Super Bowl with the ship's crew, have lunch and tour the ship.



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ESPN commentator and former National Football League player Mike Golic prepares to run a play with crew members aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59). ESPN commentator Mark Schlereth, also a former NFL player and Green Bay Packer fullback William Henderson joined Golic for a visit aboard Russell to watch the 2005 Super Bowl with the ship's crew, have lunch, and tour the ship.

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