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Servicemembers and civilians awarded scholarships. See story on page A-7



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#### Golf tournament

COMPACFLT is hosting a golf tournament Wednesday at the Klipper Golf Course, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay. Walk ins will be accepted if space is available. Officer, enlisted and civilian are welcome to play. For more information contact Chief Warrant Officer Bruce Sullivan at 473-9314 or email sullivanbl@phnsy.navy.mil.

#### PME for master chiefs

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in partnership with the Naval War College is executing a proof-of-concept program to allow select command master chiefs to participate in both resident and non-resident Professional Military Education programs. These programs include a Web-enabled program for session beginning October, 2005; a fleet seminar program that begins in August, 2005; and resident classes at the Naval War College that begin in November, 2005 and March, 2006. For more information, visit [www.bupers.navy.mil/navad-min/nav05/nav05094.txt](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/navad-min/nav05/nav05094.txt).

#### Training required by DoN

Information Assurance (IA) awareness training is now required of all users of Department of Defense information systems, as stated in a message released May 9 by the Department of the Navy's Chief Information Office and the Naval Network Warfare Command. IA training must be completed no later than Sept. 1 as a condition of being granted access to a computer system. The course is DOD Information Assurance Awareness (DOD-IAA-V2.0) and is available at Navy Knowledge Online at [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil). The course is required by all Department of the Navy personnel who have access to DoD computers, including active duty, Reserve, retired, Navy civilians and contractors. The entire course takes about half an hour to finish, depending on connection speed.

## USS Chafee sets sail for maiden deployment

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USS Chafee Public Affairs

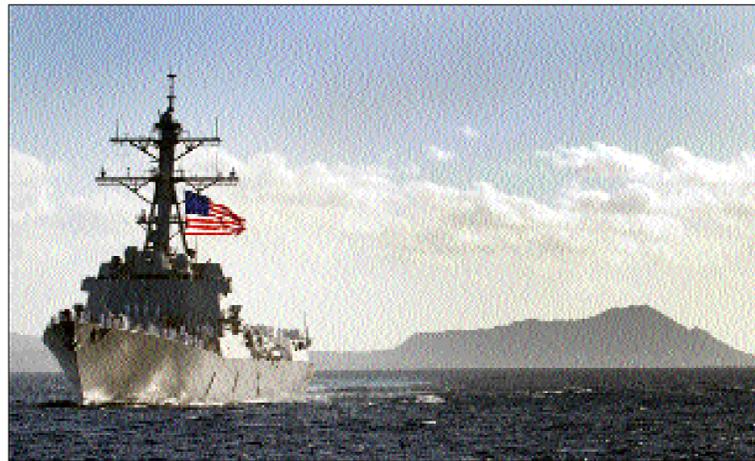
USS Chafee (DDG 90) leaves her homeport of Pearl Harbor today for her maiden deployment with the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group. Her keel was laid April 12th, 2001, she was christened on November 11, 2002, and commissioned in Newport, Rhode Island on October 18, 2003.

Chafee's crew had a successful transit to Pearl Harbor and endured an accelerated training cycle in order to be prepared to deploy. Chafee also made the trek to the cooler waters of Southern California to participate in exercises with Carrier Strike Group Eleven. Two of the milestones, Composite Training Unit Exercise and Joint Task Force Exercise, help build a cohesive and battle-ready team. According to Chafee leaders this training will help Chafee perform its various taskings while on

deployment, including operations to support the Global War on Terrorism, and maritime security in the region.

"Without question, deployment is the high ground of sea duty and the end game to the rigorous training the ship and her crew endures over the course of a readiness cycle," Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Simmons, Chafee's executive officer said. "The Sailors and Officers aboard Chafee understand it's their duty to forward deploy in support of national policy - and they are ready. To quote Theodore Roosevelt: 'A good Navy is not a provocation to war but the surest guaranty to peace.'"

More than 50 percent of Chafee's crew of 330 Sailors, including embarked HSL 37, Detachment One Easyriders, will mark this as their first deployment. However, the mission at hand to promote global stability and peace also means that the crew will bear the



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 William R. Goodwin

USS Chafee (DDG 90) sails past Diamond Head Crater as she arrives in her new homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. Chafee is the 40th Arleigh Burke class destroyer and was commissioned Oct. 18, 2003, in Newport, Rhode Island. The destroyer was named after Sen. John Chafee, who served in the Marine Corps during World War II and as the Secretary of the Navy from 1969-1972.

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## Nimitz arrives at Pearl Harbor

USS Nimitz (CVN 68) moors pier side at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i Wednesday for a scheduled port visit en route to deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The Nimitz is the flagship for Carrier Strike Group 11, which includes the Pearl Harbor based USS Chafee (DDG 90). Nimitz hosts the strike group commander, Rear Adm. Peter Daly, Commander, CSG 11. On deployment, Nimitz is also home to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23, commanded by Capt. Gordan Van Hook and Commander Carrier Air Wing 11, commanded by Capt. Tom Cropper.

U.S. Navy photo by Chief Journalist Joe Kane

## New shoplifting policy focuses on accountability

NEX Hawai'i Marketing

In an effort to combat shoplifting and its impact on the military community, the Navy Exchange Hawai'i at Pearl Harbor, in coalition with Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, implemented a stricter shoplifting policy at the NEX and the Commissary, which requires sponsor accountability.

"Many people are unaware that 25 percent of NEX profits (more than 4 million dollars this year) go to the local military community to support and enhance the mission of the Navy Region MWR," Michael Cottrell NEX Hawai'i at Pearl Harbor district manager said.

Shoplifting at NEX Hawai'i is not a loss felt by the company alone - It is theft from the local community as well. "It's like stealing from your own shipmates," Cottrell said. "The more merchandise shoplifters steal from the NEX, the less money the NEX can contribute to supporting the military community through MWR."

NEX Hawai'i wants to put a stop to shoplifting, which will result in more contributions to Morale Welfare and Recreation programs. The programs provide recreation arrangements, state-of-the-art facilities, shopping, dining, billeting and leisure accommodations for active duty, retired military, DoD civilians and their family members.

Shopping at the NEX and Commissary are two privileges that are also non-pay benefits for active duty personnel, reservists and retirees. Contrary to the belief of many, they are privileges, not a right, of the service members.

According to the 2003 National Retail Security Survey, the nation's retail industry suffered a loss of 10.7 billion dollars due to shoplifting alone.

In 2004, NEX Hawai'i lost 1.3 million dollars, of which a significant percent can be attributed to shoplifting. Out of approximately 100 shoplifting cases, nearly 70 percent involved military dependents while 16 percent involved guests of authorized patrons.

In order to alleviate the problem, NEX Hawai'i and Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i met and discussed the situation. After much consideration, the fact that military dependents and their guests make up the majority of the shoplifting cases last year, they developed an approach that will hold sponsors accountable for their dependents' and guests' actions.

In the past, shoplifters caught on the surveillance cameras were forwarded to base police for arrest. Rodd Wilson District NEX loss prevention manager said that with the new rule, not only will the shoplifters be arrested and asked to pay a civil penalty, shoplifters and their sponsor's NEX and Commissary privileges will be suspended for at least one year or revoked depending on severity.

Wilson and his team of 20 officers make up the Loss Prevention (LP) Department at NEX Hawai'i. There are 120 cameras throughout the store that digitally record 24 hours a day. Besides the closed circuit television (CCTV) monitors in the LP office, seven investi-

## Fed Fire battles west side blaze

JO1 Daniel J. Calderon  
Staff Writer

While city, county and state fire crews worked a defensive strategy to keep a blaze on Oahu's west side from spreading outside its brushy boundary into the local community, members of the Federal Fire Department were taking the fight to the fire in the brush.

As of May 13, one Federal firefighter had been treated for heat fatigue. Firefighters had entered the brush to fight the fire at its source instead of waiting for it to reach the streets. Federal firefighting units from across Oahu converged on Naval Magazine Luahalei with specialized units for fighting brush fires at their source and units for creating a defensive boundary around the blaze.

Fed Fire Assistant Chief Thomas Casserly, who was the incident commander for the federal section, said he was pleased with the efforts of his team and with the cooper-

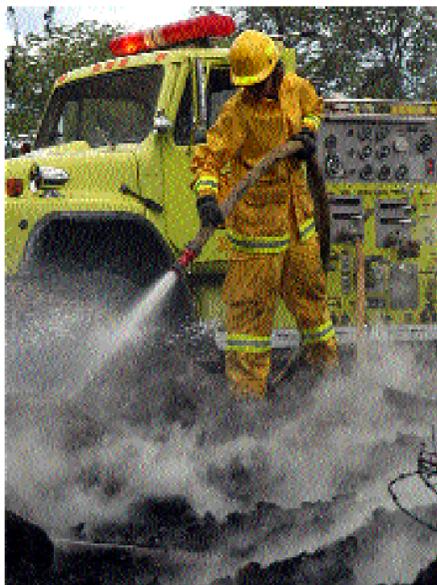
ation from the military.

"For a while, we were concerned the fire would encroach on the munitions area," Casserly said. "But our guys made a good stop. Our guys have the specialized training and all the proper protective and firefighting gear needed to fight brush fires."

Casserly said he was very appreciative to the Marines at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay for sending out two of the CH-53 helicopters to assist Fed Fire.

"They've been using their 440 to 500 gallon buckets to drop water for us," Casserly said. "They come in and hit the hot spots. Then, they create a saturation line along the area that is still green so if there is a flare up, it will give us time to respond."

Over the course of several days, more than 39 members of the Fed Fire Department brought in more than 14 fire-



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel Calderon

Robin Cooper of the Federal Fire Department advances as she attacks a portion of the brush fire on Oahu's west side May 13. The fire has burned more than 2,000 acres of brush.

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▼ See NEX, A-2



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel Calderon

Federal Fire Department Capt. Bobby Flores walks through a former hotspot May 13 as he inspects the area. Flores and other members of the Fed Fire Department have battled the blaze in the Nanakuli Valley and outside Naval Magazine Lualualei for several days.

## Fire: Federal Fire Department personnel assist city, county, state



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel Calderon

A Marine Corps CH-53 helicopter from Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay drops more than 400 gallons of water to help create a saturation line in the area outside Naval Magazine Lualualei. Marines assisted with two helicopters on scene to drop water as they assisted Federal firefighters with the west Oahu blaze.

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fighting apparatus to combat the conflagration that consumed hundreds of acres in the Nanakuli Valley and encroached on the Naval Magazine at Lualualei. Although not always visible, the Federal firefighters were there to contribute to the effort to contain the blaze.

"You might not see Fed Fire equipment on the street if you were to drive by," said Victor Flint a fire protection inspector for Fed Fire. "It's because we're attacking the fire."

Flint said Federal firefighters spent the hours between dusk and dawn wading into the brush and braving thorny Kiawe trees and uneven terrain as they attempted to halt the fire before it broke the cover of the brush. Another firefighter who was on scene attacking the inferno was also appreciative to island Marines for their help.

"The best thing we could have gotten out here was air support," said Lance Ahulau from the Federal Fire Department's Schofield Barracks contingent as he wiped soot from his face. "We really got that from the Marines."

Casserly said the local community also got into the effort by supporting Federal fire-

fighters.

"The community here has been very responsive, very supportive," he said. "The local McDonald's and Zippy's have donated food. The Red Cross has brought refreshments and the [Honolulu Police Department] and Federal Police have all been incredibly supportive. Additionally, the Naval Magazine command has been outstanding at providing whatever we need."

Two members of the Regional Dispatch Office, Tina Liwai and Noe Viera, were on hand May 13 with cold water and other refreshments for firefighters. Both ladies were at the command center area during their off time.

"We love these guys and girls," Liwai said, explaining their reasons for being at Lualualei. "We have to take care of these guys who take care of us."

"This was completely a community and command effort," Flint said. "It's important to the community and to the Region. Our common goal is to stop the fire."

Local fire officials believe the fire was set intentionally around May 10. As of now, the fire, which had already burned more than 2,000 acres, had not been completely put out.

# NEX: shoplifters beware

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gators serve as watchful eyes, often times, posing as undercover shoppers at the NEX.

"We are always watching," Wilson said. The stricter policy is an acknowledgement from NEX Hawai'i and Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i that shoplifting is a situation that needs to be addressed immediately to prevent future loss in the military community.

The military community sponsors, play

an important role in ensuring the effectiveness of the new policy. NEX Hawai'i asks that the community help preserve the benefits.

"Don't abuse privileges," Cottrell said. His plea to the community is focused on a basic moral lesson. "It is important, especially if they have children, for patrons to make their children aware that it is wrong to steal and that it has consequences that not only fall on them individually but on the entire family as well," Cottrell said.



US Navy photo

Undercover security investigators monitor the 120 cameras located throughout NEX Hawai'i via closed circuit television. The cameras are digitally recorded 24 hours each day.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## 'I'm OK to drive' – Stop the tomfoolery!

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Since the beginning of the year, too many Sailors in our Navy have made the choice to get behind the wheel of a vehicle or jump on a motorcycle while intoxicated.

Even though we know this is unacceptable, that choice is being made almost every night. What can we do to reverse this trend? You may be lucky once, or even twice, but eventually it will catch up to you. You have to ask yourself what you are willing to give up in life when you either get caught and charged with a DUI or when you hit and possibly kill an innocent bystander.

Are you ready to live with the consequences of jail, a ruined career and living with the knowledge that you killed someone?

A couple of years ago, I attended a memorial service for a young Sailor with a promising career, and he thought he was "OK" to operate a motorcycle while under the influence of alcohol. I can tell you it was a very humbling experience for me, and one that I will not soon forget, and, hopefully with your help, one I will never have to attend again.

We know that people die as a result of drinking and driving. We know that people lose their careers. We know that people's lives are ruined, and yet still we have large numbers of shipmates, ranging in all ranks and ages, drinking and driving.

These are not people ignorant of the consequences of their actions – we have all sat through yearly training on what can, and does, happen when people drink and drive. But yearly training is simply not enough.

We all have to ensure we push this topic as often as we can so that all Sailors in our command clearly knows

what is expected of them and what the consequences are when the rules are not followed.

As I left the USS Preble (DDG-88) en route to be Pacific Fleet Master Chief, a young Sailor yelled to me from the ship, "Nothing good ever happens after midnight Master Chief!" I smiled because I knew that Sailor had gotten the message. It will cross his mind before he goes out and will prompt him to have a plan prior to a night out.

Sailors know what is right and what is wrong and putting yourself in a position to lose all you've worked for is just plain being a "knucklehead." Don't do it! What is so difficult about arranging a designated driver or calling a cab when you plan on drinking? What is so hard about going back the next morning and picking your car up because you got a safe ride home when you didn't expect to be drinking? What is so painful about spending the night on a friend's couch instead of in your own bed? The answer is there is nothing difficult, hard or painful about making alternative plans, its smart!

I can promise you that if you ask any of our shipmates who have been arrested for DUI or manslaughter if they wish they would have just taken a cab that day, you'd better believe every one of them would say "yes." The price of a DUI arrest is so much higher than the cost of a cab fare. And I hope you remember that the next time you say, "I'm OK to drive."

Also, take accountability for your shipmates. If you throw a party, do not let individuals who have been drinking drive home – after all, you can be held responsible for allowing them to leave knowing they were intoxicated. If your group of friends is going out, take the initiative to set up a designated driver or get the group to pitch in for a cab.

Navy leadership continues to put programs in place such as the Safe Ride Home program that allows you to

go out, have a great time and get back to the command safely. Why would we put these programs in place? It's because you are part of the Navy team.

Leadership cares, and we need you back safely after your night out. Your shipmates or command leadership also have no problem with you contacting them to ensure your safe transit home. Have their phone numbers readily available.

It really doesn't get much more simple. If you make the choice to get behind the wheel of a car after you've been consuming alcohol, you're asking for trouble. You wouldn't fire a gun into a crowd of innocent people or at your children or toward yourself, yet you are risking the exact same results every time you consume alcohol and drive.

Some of our shipmates have learned their lesson the hard way, but they are lucky, because while they were arrested and lost rank and pay, they are still alive. It's a scary thought that the number of arrests is not indicative of the amount of Sailors drinking and driving – I know that number is very high. Too high.

And some of you doing it are also going to learn the hard way. Some will lose rank, some will be arrested for DUI, some will be arrested for manslaughter, and some will be laid to rest. And that is simply not acceptable.

If you have an idea that could help reduce the number of DUIs at your command, tell your Command Master Chief so we care share these "best practices" Navy-wide. Let's think creatively and together on this issue and come up with some better ways to combat this preventable problem and keep our Navy at the forefront – this does affect readiness. If you have a question or a topic you would like to see addressed let me know and I will provide them in future articles. Stay safe Warriors!

Commentary

## Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.



U.S. Navy Photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon

The spouse of a servicemember shows a home appliance which burned due to a short. Many of the fires the Federal Fire Department responds to are caused by misuse of or faulty electrical appliances.

## Electrical appliances Handle with care

**Victor M. Flint**  
Inspector  
Federal Fire Department

Your Federal Fire Department of Hawai'i has an advisory to our friends and neighbors. Many of the fires and injuries we have been responding to were caused by the misuse and abuse of electrical appliances.

Most of us would agree that life would be hard and laborious if not for the help of our various types of electrical appliances and devices. When used correctly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, our electrical appliances and devices could help us through our busy day. But when these same appliances are misused and or abused, they could turn around and bite with an electrical spark that could go through cloth, metal and flesh like a hot knife through butter.

To avoid these types of accidents and injuries, the Federal Fire Department recommends the following safety tips;

- If your electric appliance or device shows signs

of malfunction, that's a sign for you to have it fixed, repaired or replaced. You should stop using it or you'll run into some serious and dangerous problems.

- Unplug your electric appliance or device when not in use. When an appliance is plugged in, there's power to the on, off switch. If the on, off switch malfunctions there could be a fire, electric shock or worse. If the appliance is unplugged, then you're good to go.

- Use only UL (Underwriters Laboratory) or FM (Factory Mutual) electrical appliances and devices. With the UL or FM label on your appliance, you'll know that your appliance has been tested for safety.

- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions that come with your appliance.

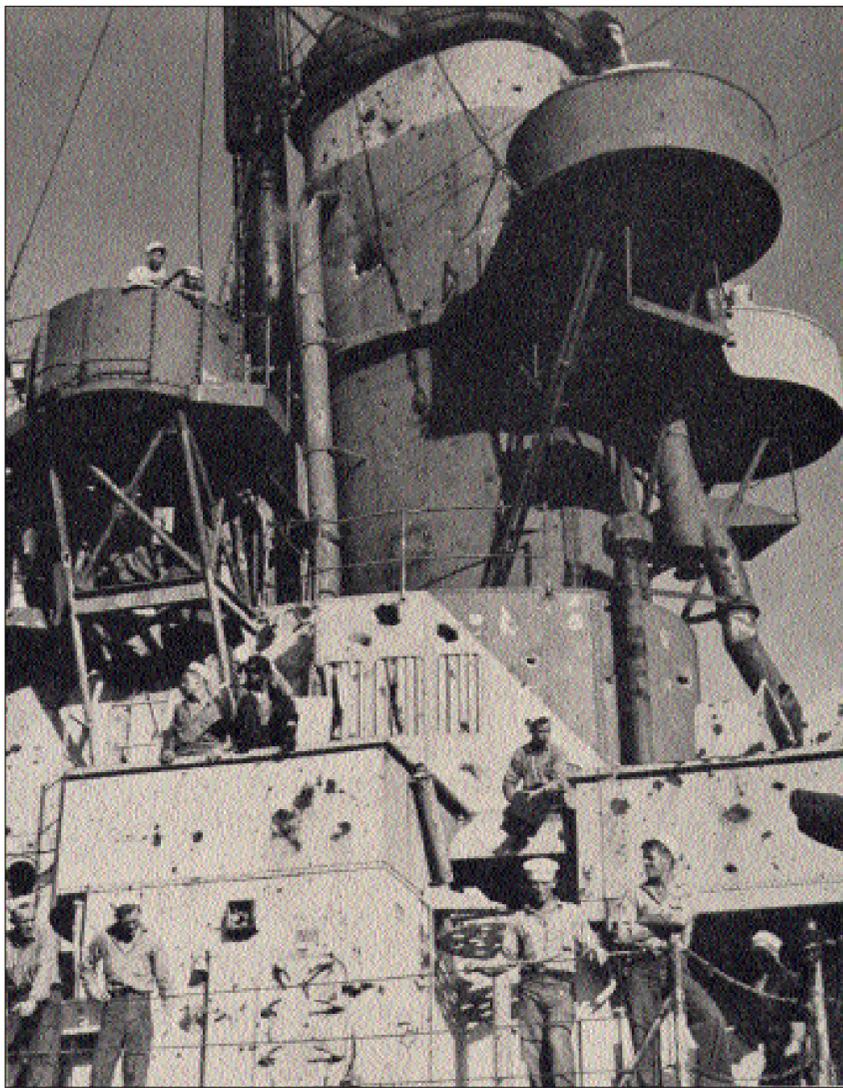
- Do not overload the electrical outlet by plugging in too many appliances and or devices into it.

For more information, call the Federal Fire Department's Prevention Division at 474-7785. Ask for Inspector Victor M. Flint.

## She kept fighting

USS Birmingham as she pulls into Pearl Harbor for repairs Sept. 10, 1945 after a skirmish with the Japanese. The ship was repaired by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in record time. The Cruiser was soon sent back into action.

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# Blue Angels host military demo team reunion



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F/A-18A Hornets, assigned to the U.S. Navy flight demonstration team, the "Blue Angels," taxi back to their flight line after performing before the crowd at the 2005 Coastal Carolina Air Show in Wilmington, N.C. The Blue Angels fly the F/A-18A Hornet, performing approximately 30 maneuvers during the aerial demonstration lasting over an hour.

**Lt. Garrett Kasper**  
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The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, Blue Angels, hosted their peers from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, as well as the U.S. Navy Leapfrogs and U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute demonstration teams for a series of practice exhibitions at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Fla., May 9-11.

It marked the first time in more than two seasons that the teams were able to meet and become familiar with each other's training regimens, briefing processes and overall team dynamics.

"This was a superb opportunity for each jet demonstration team to conduct an exchange of ideas and fortify relationships," said Cmdr. Steve Foley, the Blue Angels' flight leader and commanding officer. "We've all been afforded an amazing opportunity to witness each other's demonstrations, but more importantly, to continue to build great friendships with our counterparts in the military aerial demonstration community."

Department of Defense regulations prohibit the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds from performing within 150 miles of each other in order to prevent unwanted competition between air show crowds, which is why it's uncommon for the teams to watch each other perform. Additionally, coordinating a time and location when all three North American jet demonstration teams would be in the same geographic area has been particularly tough during the past two years.

"The exchange was a great experience for all involved," said Lt. Col. Mike Chandler, the Thunderbirds' flight leader and commanding officer. "The professionalism displayed by all teams was amaz-

ing. We will be able to learn from our experiences and take back some new ideas and possibly improve our processes and make great teams even better."

Since the reunion's focus was primarily for training purposes, the NAS Pensacola flight line was closed to the general public and media to avoid distractions. However, according to Nathaniel Robinson, marketing director for the National Museum of Naval Aviation, more than 5,500 people showed up between May 10 and 11 to watch the practices from the museum's viewing stands.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Daniel J. McLai

The lead and opposing solo F/A-18A Hornets, assigned to the U.S. Navy flight demonstration team, the "Blue Angels," perform the "mirror pass" at the 2005 Coastal Carolina Air Show in Wilmington, N.C.

"It's kind of hard to hide the fact that there were dozens of parachutists and someone else's jets flying through our skies," Robinson said. "Ordinarily, we expect the usual crowds of about 2,000 people each Tuesday and Wednesday to watch the Blues practice, but this week was a fantastic treat

for Pensacola and those vacationing here."

The reunion week wasn't for just the pilots, either. All three of the jet teams' maintenance crews spent valuable time working together, learning about each other's equipment, socializing and participating in the traditional Blues vs. Thunderbirds softball game, in which the losing team earns a not-so-coveted 60-pound, blue and red toilet as a "trophy."

As Thursday approached, all five teams said goodbye as they prepared for their standard routine of transiting to the next gig - the Frogs leapt to Baltimore, Md., the Knights galloped to Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB), Fla., while the Snowbirds and Thunderbirds flocked to Tyndall AFB, Fla. and Langley AFB, Va., respectively.

Meanwhile, the Angels soared to Barksdale AFB, La., looking forward to another opportunity to practice with their peers.

# USS Nimitz celebrates three decades of service

JO2 Kris Allen

USS Nimitz Public Affairs

During the first week of a Western Pacific deployment, crew members aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) celebrated the ship's 30th birthday May 12.

The aircraft carrier's commanding officer, Capt. Ted Branch, gave a short address to the crew and then cut a birthday cake with help from the ship's two "Old Salts," two Sailors from Fleet Adm. Nimitz' home state of Texas, and the Sailor who had served the longest time aboard the ship.

Branch discussed Adm. Nimitz, the ship's namesake, and talked about some of the highlights of the ship's history. He ended his remarks by focusing on the progress of the current deployment. "I'm happy to be out here with you guys, and I think we're going to do a great job," he commented.

Throughout the day, the movies "The Final Countdown," "Midway," and a short film entitled "The Nimitz Story," narrated by Walter Cronkite, was aired on the ship's television system.

During the past three decades, Nimitz has made more than 10 deployments, including a world cruise and cruises in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Desert Storm and Southern Watch.

Nimitz has also changed homeports three times, beginning with Norfolk, Va., then moving to Bremerton, Wash., in 1987, and finally moving to San Diego in June 2001 after a three-year mid-life refueling overhaul in Virginia.

The ship has earned numerous awards in her 30 years, including the 2004 Pacific Fleet Battle "E," the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, and the 2003 Admiral H. Flatley Memorial Award for excellence in aviation safety.

Nimitz is the flagship for Commander, Carrier Strike Group 11, led by Rear Adm. Peter Daly. The strike group and Carrier Air Wing 11 deployed May 7 in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Tiffini M. Jones

An F/A-18 Super Hornet assigned to the "Black Aces" of Strike Fighter Squadron Four One (VFA-41) prepares for an arrested landing on the flight deck of USS Nimitz (CVN 68). USS Nimitz turned thirty May 12. After a short port visit to Pearl Harbor the ship will deploy to the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

## BRAC decisions helps military effectiveness



U.S. Navy photo by JO Seaman Apprentice Woody Paschall

USS Connecticut (SSN 22), the Navy's newest fast attack, nuclear submarine, departs her homeport of Submarine Base New London on her first, scheduled deployment.

## Sea Warrior enhances joint warfighting

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Task Force Warrior's Command Master Chief, CMDCM (SW/AW) Ron Downs, visited the Chief Petty Officers' messes at Naval Surface Forces and Naval Air Forces on Naval Base Coronado May 10 to answer questions and update leadership on the progress of the Sea Warrior program from the Task Force Warrior perspective.

Downs emphasized the program's ambitious vision to integrate the Navy's active and reserve manpower and training organizations into a single, efficient, information-rich human resource management system.

"Sea Warrior gives Sailors the power of choice and more control of their own career," Downs said.

Capt. Charles R. Morgan, officer in charge of Task Force Warrior West, shared with the group that the program was like no other human resource project any other service or corporation has undertaken.

"Sea Warrior is a direct response to the type of Sailor needed to fight complex expeditionary missions in the war on terror," said Morgan.

The ultimate goal of Sea Warrior is to deliver the right skills, in the right place, at the right time, through a sustained investment in the growth and development of everyone in the total force.

According to Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark, recognizing the ultimate source of the Navy's competitive advantage lies in "unleashing the genius of our people," and the success of Sea Warrior is the key to the success of the Navy.

To this end, the Navy is revamping and integrating thousands of databases dealing with training and manpower. The Navy is also integrating systems such as the Five Vector Model, which captures and displays a Sailor's progress; the Career Management System, which will help match the right Sailors to the right jobs; and Navy Knowledge Online (Navy's Web Portal), which will provide Sailors with convenient online training they need to help prepare them for the jobs they want in the future.

Morgan explained that as Sailors continue to fight terrorism on a global level, it is more important than ever to train Sailors to be more flexible and agile, whether in direct combat, combat support or conducting humanitarian aid operations.

"Since Sept. 11, the Navy has realized the need to have a more agile and responsive fleet," Morgan said. "The Navy needs to continue to dominate the seas and also control the land-sea gap where terrorists operate. A 21st century Sailor will be a sea warrior."

Sea Warrior also focuses on the needs of Sailors by providing each Sailor with more skills and tools, more personal career choices, including career paths, and more information that is easily accessible.

Once fully implemented, Sea Warrior will enable Sailors to advance their careers with a clear picture of what development and training they need. It will also offer Sailors better career direction, and by using their five-vector model, Sailors can see how their skills fit jobs that might be available to them.

"Sea Warrior will empower Sailors and the Navy work force to compete for jobs and career opportunities within the Navy," Downs said. "Sea Warrior is a journey - a journey of lifelong learning and professional growth and development."



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# USS Chafee: Destroyer deploys as part of USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group



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The guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) underway off the coast of Southern California.

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burden of being away from home. "Deployment is especially difficult for those members of the crew with families back home," Lt.j.g. Patricia Palmer observed. "But I know that our crew is ready to deploy to protect the freedom of those loved ones. In the end, that can be all the difference in making the deployment feel worthwhile."

USS Chafee Command Master Chief Bennett Ray echoed the sentiment, stating, "Our families understand the importance of our mission and support us 100

percent. Exceptional Sailors and supportive family members equal a successful deployment. Chafee Sailors are excited about the opportunity to deploy and utilize their training and skills to accomplish our mission in defending freedom throughout the world."

It was not only Chafee's crew that had to say goodbye to their loved ones on the pier this morning. When Chafee deployed the crew took along with them two SH-60B helicopters and an air detachment, part of the Helo Squadron 37 based out of Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe

Bay. Chafee's capacity to have an air detachment embarked provides more flexibility and more support to the Carrier Strike Group. Other members of Carrier Strike Group Eleven are the guided missile cruiser USS Princeton (CG 59), the guided missile destroyer USS Higgins (DDG 76), Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11, the fast-attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724), and the fast-combat support ship USNS Bridge (T-AOE 10).

The Nimitz Strike Group is commanded by Rear Adm. Peter H. Daly, a Surface Warfare

Officer with 28 years of experience and a previous commander of Pearl Harbor's Destroyer Squadron 31 and precommissioning commanding officer of Pearl Harbor based USS Russell (DDG 59).

Chafee is under the authority of Cmdr. John M. Clausen who became the second commanding officer after relieving Cmdr. John W. Ailes in February. "This deployment represents the culmination of several years of hard work for the crew," Clausen said. Thanks to their determination, Chafee is ready. I am very excited to deploy with this crew."

## Officers association awards scholarships

### U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) Hawai'i "Aloha" Chapter presented two \$500 scholarships for the 2005 school year May 19 during a luncheon at the Officer's Club at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay.

Emily Marty and Danika Globokar, seniors from Castle High School and Moanalua High School, respectively, were selected from a pool of applicants for the scholarship presented to the two Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) participants who maintained a 3.0 grade point average and had applied to colleges.

Lt. Yolanda Mason, the scholarship chair and secretary for the approximately 30-member association, said the annual scholarships were given out for outstanding leadership and community service by the groups that support the sea services in recruiting, retaining and developing the careers of minority officers.

"We sent it out to all the schools on Oahu who had Junior Recruit Officer Training Corps (JROTC) programs, and it didn't matter if you were Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy," said Mason. "We got all these awesome packages in here. It was hard, and I'm so proud of them."

Mason said NNOA wanted to give out the scholarships because they wanted to give local students the same tools to succeed like naval officers get from their training which helps to develop and have meaningful careers.

"You need mentorship," said Mason, who has been involved with NNOA since she was a midshipman. "It's really valuable - it clues you in on where you need to go and what you need to do to get there to your end goal. It paved the way, and that's what we want to do for our awardees, here. We want to pave the way for them."

NNOA officials presented certificates to Globokar and Marty at awards programs at their schools May 19 and 25, while the scholarships were presented May 26 at the Officer's Club at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i.

NNOA is composed of active duty, reserve and retired officers, academics, midshipmen, cadets, and civilians of all ranks and ethnic groups and can be found at bases throughout the world.



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# USS La Jolla submariner selected as top COB

**JO2 Corwin Colbert**

*Commander, Submarine Force  
U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs*

The Chief of Naval Operations announced USS La Jolla (SSN 701) Command Master Chief CMDCM Rick Atkins as the Naval Submarine Frank A. Lister Award winner for Outstanding Chief of the Boat (COB) May 6.

The Master Chief Frank A. Lister Award recognizes a submarine COB who has displayed exceptional leadership and motivation to his crew. One award is presented annually to a submarine senior or master chief petty officer while serving as, or having recently served as, chief of the boat in a submarine during the nomination period.

"This award could have been any chief of the boat on the waterfront," said Atkins.

The Los Angeles, Calif. native is a 20-year veteran in the Navy and said despite his experience, his success is attributed to the crew members that he mentors, as well as oth-

ers who mentored him.

"If things went my way and there was a plaque, it would have every Sailor on La Jolla on it," he said. "They helped me become what I am today."

Atkins believes what makes a chief of the boat great is taking care of his people.

"Without the crew, the submarine is pipes and metal. Sailors are the heart and soul of a submarine," said Atkins. "If you take care of them, it boosts their efficiency to complete the mission."

Over the last two and a half years, Atkins has been a part of the driving force of many unit awards that La Jolla has won, including the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Golden Anchor award, Submarine Squadron 1's Naval Special Warfare Excellence Award and the Tactical "T" award.

Once again, Atkins attributed his successful tour to the crew.

"It is very rewarding to watch my crew do incredible things on an everyday basis," he said. "Nothing is better and more rewarding than being a COB."

# USS Bowfin Submarine Museum awards scholarships



can help ourselves and the Navy at the same time. We further our education and the Navy benefits from what we learn because we can apply that knowledge at the workplace. On top of that, the Bowfin is also help-

**JO2 Devin Wright**

*Editor*

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park awarded 26 scholarships to high school graduates, college students, Sailors and their spouses at an award ceremony May 14 at the museum.

The museum and park has had a scholarship program for the last 20 years to help civilians, military personnel and their families further their education.

"We are very proud of our record of accomplishment," said retired Navy Capt. Jerry Hofwolt, execu-

tive director of USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park. "We want to give back to the community and by doing that we contribute to the memory of this ship. By awarding these scholarships to servicemembers and young people, that is exactly what we are doing," he said.

For some of the awardees the scholarship is not only beneficial for them but to the Navy as well.

"The Navy really makes a push to have their people educated," said Chief Store Keeper (SS) Gerald Bolden officer in charge of Center for Service Support Ford Island. "With help from organizations like the Bowfin museum, we

## Sailor talks about Iraq experiences



U.S. Navy Photo by Chief Journalist Joe Kane

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Joe Santos talks with radio talk show host Mike Buck of AM 830 during an interview Monday. Santos, who earned a Purple Heart after sustaining shrapnel injuries to his arm spoke about his deployment to Iraq where he was stationed in Fallujah with the Marines. The 30-minute interview was hosted by Clear Channel Radio for Hawai'i Military Appreciation month.

# Navy couple recognized for assisting motorcyclist

JOC(SW/AW) David Rush  
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Capt. Mark Olson, Submarine Squadron One Deputy Commander, and his wife Linda, received the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Meritorious Public Service Award respectively on May 16, for their actions in saving a motorcyclist.

Rear Adm. Douglas L. McClain, U.S. Pacific Fleet Deputy and Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Policy presented the awards.

According to Olson, as they were driving on the busy thoroughfare of Nimitz Highway near the Halawa Gate of Naval Station Pearl Harbor in the evening of Oct. 21, 2004, they came upon a horrific sight. A motorcyclist had crashed and was on the ground, injured and engulfed in flames.

Olson said his Navy training kicked into high gear as he and his wife quickly came to the aid of the motorcyclist.

"As we approached we could see it was a man underneath a motorcycle, and he was on fire," said Olson.

Linda said she instinctively began to combat the flames. "I was wearing a sweater because it was cool that night. I took it off and used it to try and put out the flames."

"He was only wearing a T-shirt, shorts and flip-flops. I tried to grab him to pull him away from the bike, but his skin came off in my hand," said Olson.

"One of the guards from Makalapa Gate ran up and grabbed him by the shoulders and I grabbed him at the knees. We moved him away from the bike and another security guard showed up and put out the flames with a fire extinguisher," Olson added.

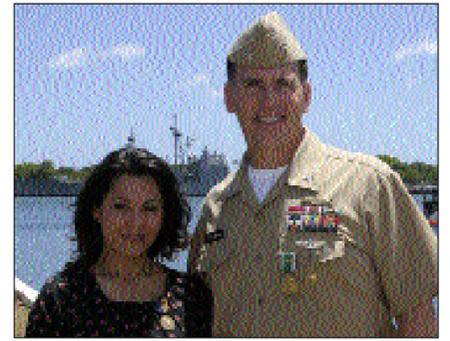


Photo by JOC(SW/AW) David Rush

Capt. Mark Olson, deputy commander, Submarine Squadron One, and his wife Linda came to the assistance of an injured motorcyclist who was on fire. The two fought the flames and with additional help, pulled the man to safety Oct. 21, 2004.

As the motorcyclist was moved to safety, emergency crews arrived on scene. "The police and emergency personnel soon arrived and asked us to move our car which was blocking the road, and that's when we left. We were there for a total of maybe about 15 minutes," concluded Olson.

McClain praised the two for their extraordinary efforts. "These folks came across a motorcycle accident and came to the rescue of another shipmate. We didn't know it at the time but he was one of our own," said McClain.

"Finally you got the recognition for what you guys did. This is a small token of our appreciation for what you did that night," McClain concluded.



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# Están listos for some fútbol?

Mexican Sailors from the Mexican training ship ARM Cuauhtemoc had the chance to take on Sailors from USS Russell (DDG 59) May 12 during the Mexican ship's port visit May 11 - 16. Russel was the host ship for Cuauhtemoc during its time in Hawai'i.

The game was held at Ward Field on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Russel Sailors put up a valiant fight, but were overwhelmed by the Mexicans' superior soccer skills. After the game, the Sailors exchanged tokens of friendship and appreciation.

While in port, the Mexican Sailors had the chance to enjoy Hawaiian sights and treated local Sailors to a reception aboard their ship. The training ship's cruise, called "Pacifico Norte 2005," or "North Pacific 2005," included visits to Alaska, Canada and ports in Mexico.

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