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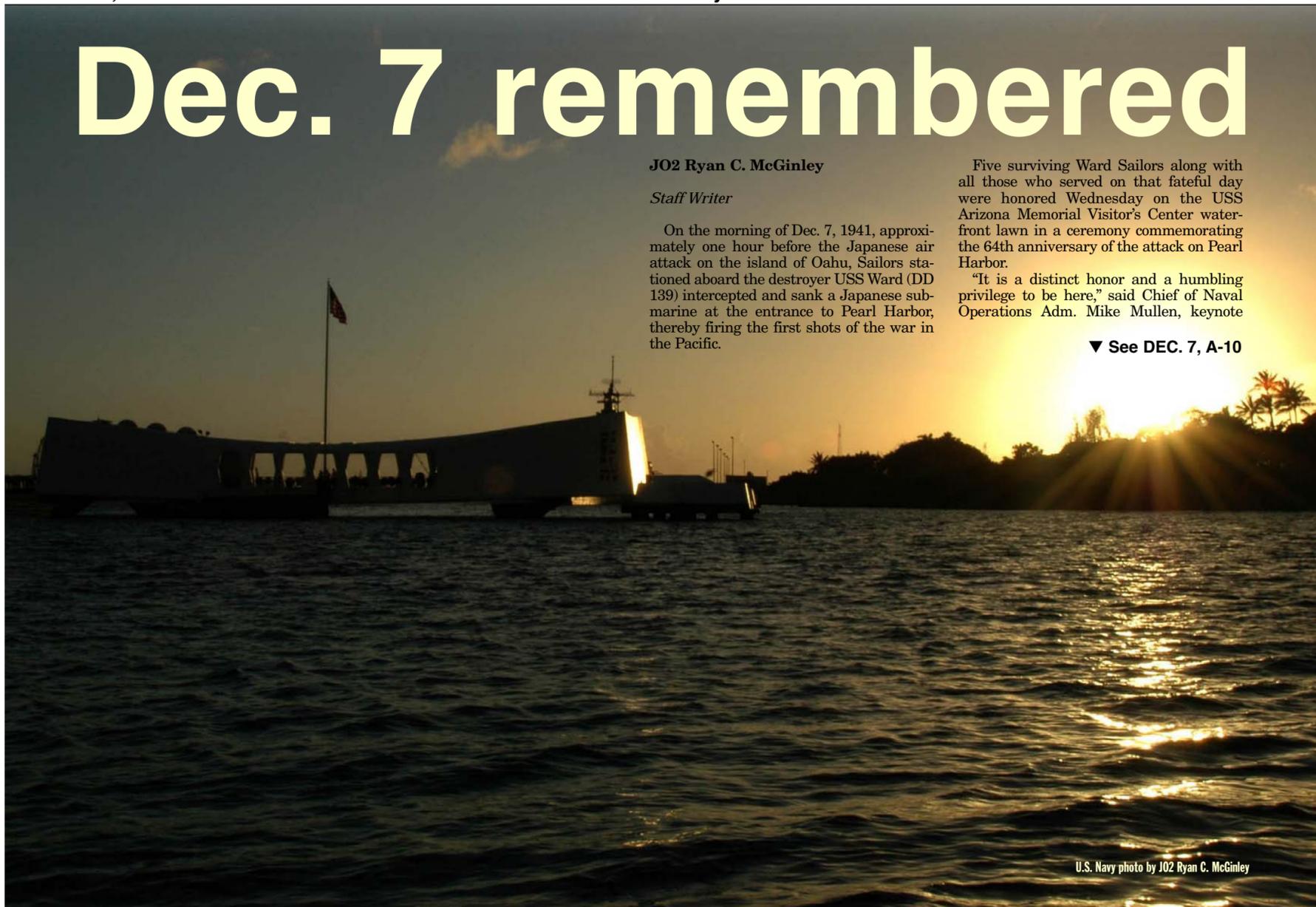
Staff Writer

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, approximately one hour before the Japanese air attack on the island of Oahu, Sailors stationed aboard the destroyer USS Ward (DD 139) intercepted and sank a Japanese submarine at the entrance to Pearl Harbor, thereby firing the first shots of the war in the Pacific.

Five surviving Ward Sailors along with all those who served on that fateful day were honored Wednesday on the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor's Center waterfront lawn in a ceremony commemorating the 64th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"It is a distinct honor and a humbling privilege to be here," said Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen, keynote

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### Hawaii Navy News Briefs

#### Funeral service for Federal Fire Department firefighter

A funeral service and celebration of life for Paul Schrader, a Federal Fire Department firefighter who drowned Nov. 29 at Pyramid Rock, North Beach, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) - Kaneohe, will be held from 2-4 p.m. today at Kaneohe Yacht Club.

Schrader, a driver operator assigned to fire station 8 at MCBH, was surfing when the accident occurred. A 22-year veteran of the firefighting service, he was also in the Air Force Reserve and was recently selected for promotion to deputy fire chief. He joined Federal Fire Department in 1991.

The ceremony will be a multi-jurisdictional service including Federal Fire Department, Air Force Reserve and Honolulu City and County Fire Department. The public is invited to attend the service.

For more information, call 590-7735.

#### Flag officer announcement

Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael C. Bachmann is being assigned as commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Bachmann is currently serving as vice commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

## Navy League holds awards ceremony

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Editor

The Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council held its 45th Annual Sea Service Awards luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel Fort DeRussy Ballroom Wednesday. The luncheon was held in order to recognize junior officer and enlisted sea service military members nominated by their commands as people deserving recognition. Forty-seven Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen received awards for exemplary service during 2005.

"Often military members in the sea services are recognized

by their respective branches," said Craig Kennedy, president of the Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council. "The military can't do all the recognizing so this is a fine opportunity to show Sailors Marines and Coast Guardsmen. We appreciate their outstanding service and it also gives us a chance to bring their accomplishments to the attention of the public."

The Navy League has a long lasting history with the sea services. It was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt and has been directly involved in educating the public about the sea services.

"Our Sailors work hard," said Pacific Fleet Master Chief

Rick West. "So it's important that recognition come with that hard work and it comes on a day that is marked by history. We recognized this morning (at a day of remembrance ceremony for the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor held at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center) the sacrifices made by service members this day 64 years ago. At the same time we are able to recognize the hard work and sacrifice of service members today."

Keynote speaker for the event was Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael G. Mullen, who commented that Sailors of today embodied the

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U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW/SW) James E. Foehtl  
World War II veteran Ken Swedberg listens to keynote speaker Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Mullen, during the Navy League Sea Service Awards luncheon.

## Twelve-hour power outage scheduled in Kauhua, Pearl Harbor complex

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Naval Facilities Hawaii (NAVFAC) and the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) is giving a notice of a scheduled 12-hour power outage to all buildings, facilities and housing in the Kauhua area and Pearl Harbor Complex (north of Makalapa Gate) Sunday starting at 7 a.m.

The reason for the outage is for HECO to update the 60-year-old substation. To be safe, the engineers have to work around 11,500 watts of electrical cables.

"The engineers will be working in a 42-inch vault," said Curtis Noborikawa, NAVFAC electrical division director. "Besides updating, we are increasing the capacity of one of the older transformers by 65 percent. We will have full redundancy. When I say redundancy I mean when one transformer goes out we have a reliable back up and there shouldn't be any rollout."

The outage area also includes Fleet Industrial Supply Center, the old Sub

base, Sierra and Yankee piers, the Makalapa craters, Halawa landing, NAVFAC compound, the Chief Petty Officers club, the Makalapa Medical Clinic and Little Makalapa housing.

The outage is necessary for HECO to update the 60-year-old Kauhua network replacing the transformers and other cable work.

Cmdr. Dean Amsden, assistant regional engineer at NAVFAC, said the improvements will be very beneficial to everyone.

"Updating the station will improve its capability and reliability to deliver electricity to all our clients," he said.

Noborikawa said there should be no cause for concern as HECO and NAVFAC will provide as much service for its customers as possible.

"We are taking steps to provide services for the affected areas," said Noborikawa. "We have a 2mw gas turbine generator which we will connect to certain sites as well as electrical switching to others."

Areas that will be powered from the generator are Makalapa housing,

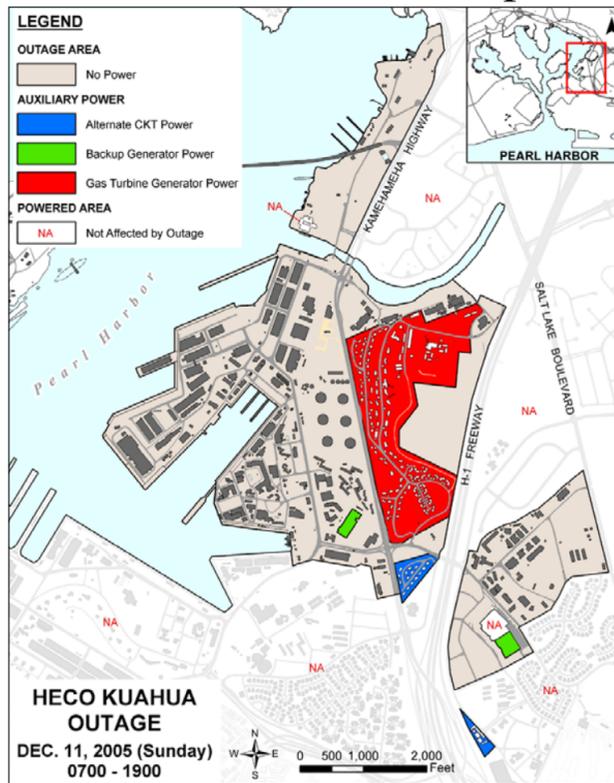
Makalapa Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall, Makalapa Clinic, Sub base Mini-mart, and the Silver Dolphin Bistro galley.

Little Makalapa Housing and the NEX Garden shop will have electrical switching power from the second Puuloa network that will remain energized.

To prepare for this planned outage, HECO suggest that customers turn off and unplug all unnecessary appliances or equipment (i.e., computers, TVs, air conditioners, etc.) Most electronic equipment is partially on even when turned off. They should be unplugged to avoid possible damage. They also suggest that you keep refrigerators and freezers closed as much as possible during the outage period to maintain proper food temperatures.

Noborikawa said they are doing everything possible to make the update run smoothly and accommodate customers.

"We are doing everything we can to provide services for our customers during the outage," he said.



U.S. Navy image file

## 'First Shot' recalls Ward Veterans' contact with Japanese forces on Dec. 7, 1941

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Staff Writer

They are veterans, heroes, shipmates and Navy reservists at the heart of one of the least told stories of World War II and now the subject of a new documentary. "First Shot - Secret Submarine Attack," is a film that tells the story of the mysterious encounter between the Japanese midget submarine and USS Ward (DD- 139), it explains how American Navy reservists on board were doubted after they sank the submarine at Pearl Harbor, more than an hour before the air raid of the Japanese fighter planes. The film was screened at the USS Arizona Memorial Theater on Sunday.

Ingo Bauernfeind, a German advanced video student in Hawai'i Pacific University's visual communications program directed the 23-minute documentary. Bauernfeind said he chose the story for his film project so the world could see and understand the close encounter of the crew of the World War II destroyer.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Ward, a World War I destroyer, was conducting a patrol off the entrance to Pearl Harbor when she encountered a Japanese Ko-hyoteki-class midget submarine. She attacked and sank it, thus firing the first shots of the Pacific War an hour before Japanese carrier aircraft formally opened the conflict with their attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet inside the harbor.

Ken Swedberg, retired fireman 1st class aboard the Ward, remembered the encounter with the sub.

"At 3:45 a.m. general quarters sounded while I was going on watch in the boiler room. We had picked up a signal from one of the mine sweeps that was closer to shore," said Swedberg. "They said they saw a submarine conning tower. They did not have any armament because they were too small. So we went over there and tried to search but found nothing," he said.

Swedberg said after an hour they secured from general quarters (GQ) and resumed their normal duties monitoring activities coming in and out of Pearl Harbor.

Shortly after Ward stood down from GQ, USS Antares (AKS-14), the flagship of Training Squadron 8, plodded back from Palmyra Island with a target raft in tow. She anchored off the harbor entrance to wait for a favorable tide and the opening of the boom-net defenses.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

World War II veterans of the Wickes-class destroyer USS Ward (DD 139) exchanged gifts with the commanding officer of USS Crommelin (FFG 37), Cmdr. Mark Manfredi, during a tour of the guided missile frigate. On Dec. 7, 1941, the USS Ward and her crew delivered the first shot of the war in the Pacific when she intercepted and sank a Japanese submarine at the entrance to Pearl Harbor, one hour before the Japanese air attack on the island of Oahu.

Continuing its daily routine, lookouts on the Ward's bridge noticed a small feather wake astern of the auxiliary, between Antares and the raft.

"There as we watched we saw a buoy, but it was a moving buoy," said Swedberg. "We knew it just was not right and we found out it was a submarine trying to come into the harbor," he said.

"We went to general quarters the second time, our reason was an unidentified ship behind the Antares. The captain ordered all guns loaded, then we got in range," he said.

The ship was too close and Swedberg said the number one gun fired and the slug went over. The ship repositioned and continued to engage the enemy submarine in close combat.

"I could see the sub clear off the starboard bow. Imagine you were on a one-way street. We are going one way and the submarine was coming at us starboard to starboard. Then the number three gun puts a hole right through their conning tower," said Swedberg. "The submarine sank right under our ship, so we dropped depth charges and nothing

was seen of the submarine again."

Bauernfeind said he and his classmates wanted to tell a story different from what everyone else already knows.

"This story was very intriguing. The production of the film started out choppy due to funding but in the end everything ran smoothly," he said. "This couldn't have been done without the U.S. veterans and the Japanese veterans of World War II who helped do the voice-over and providing of information. They were very enthusiastic and from their information I could have made a two-hour documentary instead of 28 minutes," said Bauernfeind.

The film premiere was only part of the return to Pearl Harbor experience for the Ward veterans. As the honorary guests of the Pearl Harbor Attack Memorial Ceremony, "First to Fight - The reservists of Pearl Harbor," the veterans spent the week touring Battleship Missouri Memorial, USS Arizona Memorial and the USS Crommelin (FFG 37). On board Crommelin, the group exchanged gifts and had lunch with the ship's crew.

Cmdr. Mark Manfredi the com-

manding officer of Crommelin said the tour ran smoothly and was a great opportunity for his Sailors to see fellow shipmates from history and hear their stories.

"All of us on board from officer to the junior enlisted are honored to have hosted these great heroes. It is even more appreciated with the fact that we have a closer relationship with the veterans being they were reservist as well as our crew," said Manfredi.

For the most part, the account of the first shot of the War in the Pacific remained the same from one veteran to the other, however, there were differences. One veteran explained why.

"You have to remember we were young and I don't think after 80 years, you can remember everything exactly the way it was. But the truth is always the same," he said.

"During the war, our minds being young, we were thinking, 'Now we are going to see some action,' but after three years, it was enough. I remember Don saying 'Come drop one of those bombs here,' because that was the only way we were going to get back to the states."

## Pearl Harbor Shipyard breaks record, raises more than \$670,000 for CFC charity

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers pledged charitable donations of more than \$670,000 for this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), according to final local results from the 2005 drive published Dec. 1, breaking the previous shipyard record.

Nearly 3,000 employees of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) donated \$674,941 to various charities participating in the CFC.

"Shipyard employees have continually stepped up to the plate to meet the needs of charitable agencies and of the nation," said Capt. Frank J. Camelio, shipyard commander, upon receiving the final results of the month-long charity drive.

"After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the shipyard raised a record \$470,000," said Camelio. "Last year, we broke the record with more than \$630,000. This year, even after supporting Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief efforts, our workers broke the record by yet another \$40,000. The generosity of our workers is indicative of the charitable spirit of the shipyard."

The theme of the 2005 CFC was "Heroes of the Pacific - Be One." The employees of the state's largest industrial employer averaged more than \$230 per donor. All of the more than 5,000 civilian and military personnel at the shipyard were offered the opportunity to participate in the officially sanctioned federal government charity drive, according to Brendan Cravalho, shipyard CFC coordinator.

"Shipyarders are legendary for their generosity," explained Cravalho. "The use of payroll deductions enabling donors to deduct a small amount from their paycheck each month is the key."

The CFC was created in 1961 by a presidential executive order to consolidate numerous charitable drives, allowing for a single campaign to be conducted once a year in all federal and military work places. CFC offers federal employees an opportunity to help support more than 1,400 local, national and international charities.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## BAH - You only get your fair share

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Every now and then something comes to my attention that really disappoints me. Navy leadership has for more than a decade lobbied Congress on our behalf to reduce our out-of-pocket housing expenses by ensuring incremental increases in our basic allowance for housing (BAH). When I learn that some Sailors are manipulating the system by lying to obtain higher housing allowances, I can't help but ask why. It's like a slap in the face to the leadership that has done so much to help us.

Let me be clear about the consequences of committing fraud. For any of you who intentionally manipulate the system, or more egregiously, lay claim to that which you are not entitled, you face a court's martial offense. If you lie, you will be caught - and if you're convicted of defrauding the government, I can't help but think your Navy career will be over.

I want to explain to you some of the ways your shipmates manipulate the system. I will explain these ways for two reasons. First, to ensure you all understand who is eligible for BAH. Perhaps more importantly, however, I address this topic so you can all help keep our system honest. How you may ask? Interestingly, most of the discovered fraud cases are the result of Sailors calling the Navy's hotline to report the fraud. It is satisfying to know many of you keep your eyes open, report suspicious behavior and



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help keep the system honest. We have many checks and balances in place to verify the housing and dependent information you provide, but we rely on your honesty and integrity as well. Thank you to those of you who help.

The most common fraudulent BAH violation stems from fictitious address reporting. It's not uncommon for a Sailor to live in one location, but his or her family may reside in another location. In that situation, the Sailor is afforded the option to draw BAH for the higher cost area. Sailors who wrongfully report the location of their families try to gain a higher BAH rate in this manner are committing fraud. If you suspect a Sailor is drawing BAH for one location, but his family members are not living in that location, report it to your chain of command.

Another offense is a marriage of convenience. This is a little difficult to prove, but essentially it means a couple is married for the sole purpose of financial benefit, not love. Typically, people who are married for convenience address their spouse in a somewhat indifferent manner.

The next most common offense involves dual member Sailors. According to the rules,

if two Sailors are married with no children, each Sailor is entitled to draw BAH without dependents. If the couple has a child or children, one of the Sailors may draw BAH with dependents, not both. If two Sailors are married, and one is divorced and has children under a previous marriage and pays child support, that Sailor may draw BAH without dependents, with the addition of a differential payment (not to exceed the total child support payment).

Finally, another fraudulent violation stems from a person claiming a fictitious spouse. In these cases, a Sailor submits a falsified marriage certificate that shows he or she is married to a person that doesn't exist.

If you suspect a Sailor is doing this, report it to your chain of command. I would be especially skeptical if a Sailor boasts about drawing BAH, but never mentions his or her spouse, brings his or her spouse to any command event, or perhaps even lives by him or herself with no evidence of a family.

Shipmates, I continue to hear you all desire to be treated like adults. I concur. The Navy relies on your personal honesty and integrity every day. When Sailors violate that trust, we all pay a price. I cannot tell you how important it is for us to be good stewards of the precious dollars we have available to us.

I realize we all would like to see higher BAH rates. Unfortunately, cheating the system is the wrong way to approach achieving

an increase. For most of us, the way we gain more BAH is by advancing in paygrade. If you are E4 or below and you do not have a family, you are not entitled to BAH. In time, that may change, but for now, that's the rule. Falsifying a marriage is against the law and the Navy is continuing to audit the records and seek out anyone who is guilty of this offense.

For those of you in the approval chain for BAH requests, keep in mind validation should include presentation of a certified official marriage license, lease, rental or mortgage agreement, and proof of spouse/dependent existence at residence. Records for members collecting BAH with non-co-located family members located in high-cost areas should be screened with special attention to providing both proof of family member and proof of residence in area for which BAH is being paid.

I challenge each of you to be honest and serve with pride. Your conduct is on display, both in your outward actions, and in the paperwork you submit to disbursing. Our current regulations assume that you are honest and forthcoming with regard to the details of your requests. Please uphold our high standard, that allows each of you to be treated like an adult, and most importantly, sleep at night knowing you don't have to continually worry about someone catching you in a lie. Our Navy expects you to be honest. Remember - honor, courage and commitment.

## CNO statement on passing of retired Vice Adm. Bill Lawrence

Chief of Naval Operations

up the ship."

Every man and woman serving our Navy today joins me in mourning the death of retired Vice Adm. Bill Lawrence. We extend humbly to his family our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies in this, their time of great grief and sorrow.

Bill Lawrence - test pilot, combat aviator, prisoner of war - was a hero and a true pioneer. Upon his chest, they pinned two Distinguished Service Medals, three Silver Stars, a Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star with Combat "V," two Purple Hearts and dozens of other decorations. He was the first naval aviator to fly twice the speed of sound in a Navy airplane, a final candidate for NASA's Mercury space program, and a stubborn resistor of his North Vietnamese captors. Of his leadership under the most brutal conditions, the legendary Vice Adm. James Stockdale, his commanding officer in Hanoi, said this: "He repeatedly paid the price of being perceived by the enemy as a source of their troubles through his 'high crime' of leadership. He could not be intimidated and never gave

Importantly, Lawrence was also a loving and devoted husband and father, whose children thrive and serve this great nation yet today. Family was never far from his mind or his heart and was certainly never less important to him than duty. Indeed, duty - in his view - started and ended with the family. We can talk boldly today about the need for balance between work and home, quite frankly, because trailblazers like him showed us it was possible. He showed us it was necessary.

As we mourn his passing, so, too, should we pause and reflect on the contributions of this great man to our Navy and to our nation...and of the thousands of lives he guided, the careers he mentored, the difference he made simply by virtue of his leadership. I do not think it a stretch to say that - throughout a remarkably distinguished career spanning the better part of 35 years - Bill Lawrence exemplified our core values of honor, courage and commitment, perhaps even before we recognized them as such. If we, in turn, remember nothing else about him, we must remember that.



Photo illustration

At 7:55 a.m. on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, a Japanese force of 183 airplanes attacked U.S. military and naval facilities on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands without warning. For 30 minutes, dive bombers and torpedo planes struck airfields and naval vessels. After a 15-minute lull, a second wave of 170 planes launched another attack at 8:40 a.m. that lasted 1 hour. Casualties to U.S. service personnel were 2,343 killed, 960 missing and 1,272 wounded; 151 U.S. planes destroyed on the ground and all eight U.S. battleships at anchor in Pearl Harbor were either sunk or damaged. At a cost of only 28 airplanes shot down, the Japanese had dealt the U.S. a staggering blow. On Dec. 8, the U.S. declared war on Japan. Germany and Italy, bound by treaty with Japan, declared war on the U.S. on Dec. 11. The U.S. then declared war on these two Axis partners of Japan.

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# Arizona's relics - Silent testimony to a mighty battleship

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The air is almost hauntingly still, interrupted occasionally only by the twitter of birds or the tropical breeze gently rustling the leaves in the tree branches overhead.

Huge pieces of grotesquely twisted, rusting metal lie in this lonely place, a silent testimony to the violence that shook the mighty USS Arizona battleship on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, 64 years ago when the Japanese attacked the Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor.

The Arizona relics are what remains of the top portion of the ship, sections that were removed long after the ship had sunk to its watery grave - taking 1,177 lives with her. In 1950, a small wooden memorial was built on top of Arizona's boat deck with the galley below. As the current memorial, dedicated in 1962, was constructed, the Navy cut away some of the higher parts of the wreckage. The galley, deck and the former memorial comprise several tons of steel, which were moved to the current location.

Even now, so many years after that tragic morning in the history of the Navy and America, the feelings as one stands in this quiet place and gazes upon the huge mass of metal are solemn, reverent - perhaps even a bit eerie. Thoughts of the many young, innocent lives that were lost come to mind. Realizing that the site constitutes only a small part of the once mighty battleship, it is hard to imagine that the USS Arizona was so quickly destroyed.

Still evident on the fragmented structure are the



Twisted, rusting pieces of USS Arizona rest on a quiet place on Oahu. This top portion of the ship was removed long after the ship had sunk. From time to time, pieces from the ship which lie here are taken and donated for display to cities, museums, schools, restored U.S. Navy warships, and patriotic and fraternal organizations, and across the country.

U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley

lines on her shell marking where the fire raged after Arizona's magazine compartments were rocked with explosions. Within her torn frame, bees have built their hives, spiders roam at will and spin their webs, and small birds occasionally flit about.

The name "Arizona relics" is derived from the fact that, from time to time, pieces from the ship which rest here are removed and donated for display to cities, museums, schools, restored U.S. Navy warships, and patriotic and fraternal organizations,

across the country. Much care is taken as the pieces are gently removed. Even more care is taken to ensure that these relics go to organizations that will revere and protect them as a significant chapter of America's and the Navy's history.

As Navy property, it was necessary to obtain approval from the Secretary of the Navy and give notification to Congress before any pieces of the relics could be given to civilian organizations. In 1995, the first piece of the Arizona structure was

donated to the Arizona Capitol Museum in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Navy and the National Park Service work together to make sure that all requests for relics from the Arizona are legitimate. "This is a special thing," explained Daniel Martinez, historian for the USS Arizona Memorial operated by the National Park Service. "To have a part of this is to have a part of history - a keepsake from the tragedy. Touching the Arizona is touching history," said Martinez.

Quarter Master 2nd Class Jody Wilson from 1st Lieutenants department at Naval Station Pearl Harbor heads the working party that journeys to the site of the Arizona relics regularly, trimming the grass and brush that threatens to encroach upon part of the battleship's remains and ensures that tree branches on the road leading to the relics are cut back. Leading a group of six-10 workers, they monitor the area regularly to see what needs to be done and dedicate their time to caring for this sacred

place.

Wilson explained his commitment to maintaining the location where the relics were placed decades ago. "It's pretty awesome - and the history behind it. There's no way to maintain the actual Arizona - that's under water," he said. "It's the only physical remains [of the Arizona] that you can get close to and touch it," he continued.

That provides an opportunity that Wilson views as very important. "There's not many people that can do that. It's an honor. We get a chance to help preserve part of the Arizona," he noted.

The area where the relics are located is isolated and it isn't a place where many visitors go. But occasionally, there are special guests - such as the survivors of Pearl Harbor - who have an opportunity to visit the site of the relics.

"It's really nice to see the veterans and see their reactions to it [the site of the relics]. They're really happy that it's being maintained," Wilson said.

It's possible to walk through doorways and gaze into some of the compartments that once stood atop the battleship. Amidst the metal scarred from battle, one can almost hear the voices and cries of the young men who once walked her decks.

Taking care of the place where some of the mighty Arizona battleship's pieces rest isn't just a job to Wilson. The Sailor explained that his work in caring for the site evokes thoughts of that long ago day of infamy and stirs some emotions. "We appreciate what they died for - they're lost, but not forgotten," he said.



Photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin Corporation

Artist concept of littoral combat ship to be based in San Diego.

## Navy to base first littoral combat ship in San Diego

### Special release from the Department of the Navy

The U.S. Navy announced Dec. 2 that USS Freedom (LCS 1), the first littoral combat ship of the LCS 1 class, will be homeported at Naval Station San Diego, Calif.

Freedom is expected to be delivered to the Navy in December 2006 and arrive in San Diego in early 2007.

Freedom-class ships are designed to counter challenging shallow-water

threats in coastal regions, specifically mines, diesel submarines and fast surface craft. A fast, agile and high-tech surface combatant, they will utilize mission-focused packages that deploy manned and unmanned vehicles to execute a variety of missions.

On May 27, 2004, the Department of Defense awarded both Lockheed Martin Corp. Maritime Systems & Sensors in Moorestown, N.J. and General Dynamics - Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine separate contract options for final system

design, with options for detail design and construction of up to two Flight 0 LCSs.

Lockheed Martin Corp. was awarded the contract option on Dec. 15, 2004 for detail design and construction of the first Flight 0 LCS. Lockheed Martin's teammates include Gibbs & Cox in Arlington, Va.; Marinette Marine, Marinette, Wisc., where the ship was built; as well as Bollinger Shipyards, Lockport, La.

The homeports of future Freedom-class ships have not yet been determined.

## USS George Washington to replace USS Kitty Hawk as U.S. Navy's forward-deployed carrier

### Special release from the Department of the Navy

The U.S. Navy announced Dec. 2 that USS George Washington (CVN 73) will replace USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) as the forward-deployed aircraft carrier in the western Pacific and will arrive in Yokosuka, Japan in 2008.

George Washington is currently homeported in Norfolk, Va. and is receiving necessary maintenance and upgrades at Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding to facilitate this forward deployment.

The forward deployment of George Washington will not necessitate a change in the assigned air wing in Japan, nor in the composition of the

air wing. Carrier Air Wing 5 will remain the forward-deployed air wing.

This rotation is part of the Navy's long-range effort to routinely replace older ships assigned to the Navy's forward-deployed naval forces with newer or more capable platforms. It is part of an ongoing effort to consider the nature of all forward-deployed forces when looking at the unpredictable security environment in the western Pacific.

George Washington was commissioned July 4, 1992. The ship returned from its sixth deployment in July 2004. It deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf in support of the global war on terrorism.



U.S. Navy photo by PHAN Ryan T. O'Connor

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## HSL-43 pilots share disaster relief experiences with middle school

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Three pilots from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) (HSL) 43, homeported at Naval Air Station North Island, shared their experiences from providing humanitarian relief following both the Southeast Asia tsunami and Hurricane Katrina to sixth- through eighth-grade students at Montgomery Middle School in San Diego on Nov. 30.

The pilots, Lt. Steven Dobesh, Lt. Joseph Fiksmen and Lt. Patrick Cliggett, showed the children a slideshow of images captured from the tsunami and hurricane relief as well as a video they shot and produced. During the presentation, they described to the children the relief efforts and what was taking place in the images.

Chris Adams, physical education teacher and coordinator for the visit, said the reasons for the presentation were, "One, to allow the children to meet some people who actually worked in two of the biggest natural disasters of our lifetime

and two, to give them some experience with the Navy to broaden their horizons."

"It felt great to be able to assist," said Fiksmen about the relief efforts. "We always train to perform our mission and it really gets the adrenaline pumping when we actually get to perform. It was very satisfying to be able to provide assistance on one side of the world and then come back and do it in the United States."

Charisa Piety, sixth grade teacher, said she thought it was important for the students to grasp what was in the video to learn from a firsthand perspective the intensity of the tsunami and hurricane disasters.

"That was sad," said Cruz Otero, a seventh grade student who had just finished watching the presentation. "Those people didn't have anywhere to live and no food to eat and stuff. Some of them were even our age. Some people couldn't even find their parents. It makes me very sad."

Vice Principal Marsha Dudley said the presentation was important to the school because a lot of the children in the school have parents in the military.

"It's always important for the kids to see for themselves and share with their

friends what their parents do and the demanding tasks and important things that are done in the United States Navy," said Dudley.

"I also think the military is going to provide one of the many career opportunities for these students in the future and it's important for them to see the excitement, challenges and variety of jobs that are available by coming into the service," said Dudley.

For the pilots, the presentation was an opportunity to represent HSL-43 and show the community some of the squadron's accomplishments.

"It was great to be able to show the children just exactly what things looked like over there, what we had done and to share with them our experience," Cliggett said.

Cmdr. David Fluker, HSL-43 commanding officer, praised Cliggett, Dobesh and Fiksmen for sharing their story with the school.

"I think they embody the professionalism of naval aviation," he said. "I couldn't be more proud of them for going and bonding with the community and giving them an understanding of what we do."

## Study addresses national security impact of disease threats

### From American Forces Press Service

A new study addresses the military operational impact of new disease threats by looking at risks to servicemembers around the world.

The report, titled "The Bug Stops Here: Force Protection and Emerging Infectious Diseases," offers practical suggestions that will allow the U.S. military to maintain its competitive advantage as it provides security. The study comes from the National Defense University's Center for Technology and National Security Policy.

Over the past 30 years, more than three dozen new and frightening diseases have been identified for the first time. These include the virus that causes hepatitis C, Ebola and Marburg hemorrhagic fever viruses, Legionnaires' disease, and most recently, severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

At the same time, a number of diseases previously thought to be only a minimal threat to human health have re-emerged. And the growing threat of an avian influenza pandemic looms more pervasively.

These increasing global infectious disease threats can seriously affect the stability of governments worldwide. A disease epidemic in the United States might impact U.S. national security. Military operations in regions of disease activity could prevent the successful completion of a mission. An infected Soldier carrying a contagious disease back to the U.S. could also affect national security.

This report provides a series of case studies that analyze health threats to each regional combatant command and presents both tactical and strategic recommendations that will better prepare the entire Defense Department for future disease outbreaks.

## Federal regulations govern gifts to service, family members

### Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

As the traditional gift-giving season gets underway, American people, corporations and service groups are showing their gratitude to American service members, especially those who are deployed, in combat zones, or have been wounded.

"The outpouring from the public of goodwill, compassion and recognition for the sacrifices of these military personnel is remarkable and very gratifying," said Stephen Epstein, director of the Standards of Conduct Office within DoD's Office of the General Counsel.

However, Epstein added, recent misunderstandings that have been reported in the media have surfaced about what can and can't be donated to service members, including those who have been wounded.

Federal gift-giving rules apply to all service members and their families. There is no distinction between wounded or non-wounded.

In general, military personnel and their family members may accept unsolicited gifts as long as they are not offered because of their official position or from a "prohibited source."

A prohibited source is any person or group that:

Seeks official action from the employee's agency; does or seeks to do business with his or her agency; conducts activities regulated by his or her agency; or has interests that may be substantially affected by the individual employee's official duties.

Federal rules define a gift as any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having monetary value. It also includes services such as training, transportation, local travel, lodging and meals.

"The general rule is that you can't accept gifts from defense contractors," Epstein said, noting such situations may be perceived by the public as attempts to curry favor or influence official decisions. As a result, defense contractors tend to make donations to relief organizations and charitable groups that support the armed forces, he said.

Ethics officials point out that since the rules involve many exemptions and exceptions, military personnel should consult their local judge advocates, legal counsel or ethics officials before accepting gifts.

For example, troops may accept coffee, doughnuts and other food and refreshments offered other than as part of a meal. They may accept greeting cards, plaques, certificates and trophies and other items with little intrinsic value. They also may accept awards and

prizes in contests open to the public.

Another exception - commonly known as the \$20 rule - applies when gifts (other than cash) from a single source have a market value of \$20 or less. However, an employee may not accept over \$50 in gifts from the same source in a single year.

Troops may receive discounts from commercial companies if the discount is offered to all government or military personnel. Two of the nation's largest home-improvement retailers, Home Depot and Lowe's, for example, recently recognized Veterans' Day by offering discounts for all active-duty military, reservists, retirees and their families.

Troops also may accept items provided as "bulk gifts" to the military, such as 100,000 pairs of sunglasses. A service branch or appropriate commander can accept items and then redistribute them as part of authorized morale, welfare and recreation activity or patient support service.

DoD personnel may not solicit gifts, even for others, unless the solicitation is part of an official fundraising program, such as the Combined Federal Campaign.

Troops may, however, advise groups, or individuals seeking to assist service members, of their needs. Web sites run by charitable organizations offer troops the opportunity to request specific items to match them with donations. For example, deployed troops in Iraq have identified the need for, and received, air conditioners, boots, DVD players and other items.

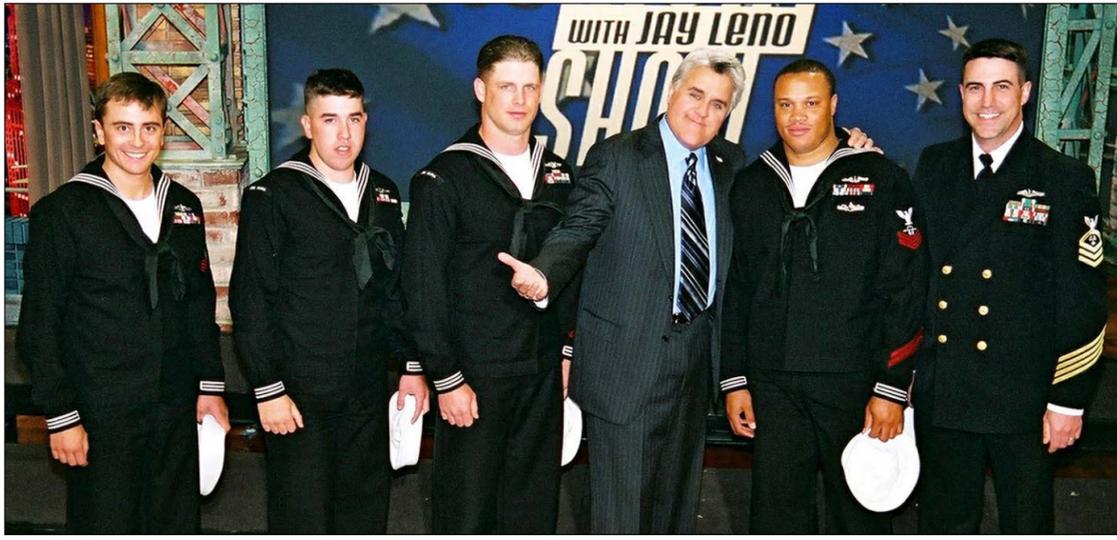
The families of deceased DoD personnel, assuming they are not federal employees themselves, are not bound by these rules, Epstein said.

"We have put out guidance, available on our Web site, to assist ethics counselors and commanders in the field so they understand what the rules are as far as accepting gifts," he said. A complete list of rules regarding gifts to service members is posted at [www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense\\_ethics/dod\\_oge/gifts\\_to\\_servicemembers.doc](http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/dod_oge/gifts_to_servicemembers.doc).

Gifts of money to aid military personnel, including deployed or wounded service members and their families, should be made to private relief organizations that provide assistance to affected personnel, officials advised.

These include the Armed Forces Relief Trust ([www.aftrust.org](http://www.aftrust.org)), Army Emergency Relief Society ([www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org)), Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society ([www.nmcrcs.org](http://www.nmcrcs.org)), Air Force Aid Society ([www.asaf.org](http://www.asaf.org)), and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance ([www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)).

# San Diego submariners meet Jay Leno



U.S. Navy photo

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"It was a lot of fun and a great experience," said Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Adam Sadler. "After the show, we met Jay and got our picture taken with him."

USS Helena returned from a Western Pacific deployment on Sept. 18, which is why their parent squadron nominated the boat for the opportunity. During the taping, all five services were represented in the audience, although the Helena Sailors were the only submariners.

"We were really excited to be able to reward these guys for their hard work during deployment," said Master Chief Sonar Technician (submarines) Cris Addington, Helena's chief of the boat. "I like when the guys can hear from other people how much their work is appreciated."

Besides meeting Leno, the Sailors also enjoyed watching the show's scheduled guests, like popular actress/singer Lindsay Lohan.

"Seeing Lindsay Lohan in person was awesome," said Electronics Technician 2nd Class Timothy Weise. "It was amazing to see how the entire process of taping a show was accomplished."

USS Helena is 360 feet long and is the 37th submarine of the Los Angeles-class. It was commissioned July 11, 1987 and is one of five submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron Eleven in San Diego.

## Military Youth Advisory Council meets at Radford High School

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Representatives from all branches of the military along with Radford High School officials were on hand for a Military Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) meeting Dec. 2 at Radford High School.

The monthly meetings

are a joint venture partnership consisting of coordinators from the military, community leaders, parents and school principals. The objectives of the meetings are to discuss and problem solve concerns from the community and schools throughout the state of Hawai'i, as well as increase members' awareness of the schools' needs, act as a

sounding board for ideas, assist the principals in presenting educational programs to the community, solicit input to maximizing opportunities available for the schools, and address student-related issues.

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Adeline Lopes, assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor, said MYAC is a good way for the mili-

tary to show its contributions to the Hawai'i community.

"These meetings and the projects we are involved in is a great way to get involved with the local community," said Lopes. "It shows that we are here not only to do our job as service members, but to help the community in any way we can which essentially is our

job. We need to continue to build our relationship with members of the community and show them that we are involved," she said.

Robert Stevens, Radford High School principal, said the school relies heavily on resources provided by the military. "This partnership has been going on for the past 10 years," said Stevens. "This is a great

way for us to get together and try and problem solve. Having 65 to 75 percent of our student body being military children, we don't get a lot of resources from the state. We depend in large part on the different military branches for various resources and we are fortunate to have them as partners and hope it continues for years to come," he said.

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## USS Charlotte achieves milestone during under-ice transit

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The improved Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) arrived in Norfolk, Va. on Nov. 29, following a historic transit that began in Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i and took the boat under the arctic ice cap.

During the transit, Charlotte surfaced at the North Pole, ascending through 61 inches of ice - a record for a Los Angeles-class submarine.

Upon reaching the Pole, the boat commenced a 12-hour underwater search of the ice canopy, utilizing specialized ice avoidance and side scan sonar systems. Once an ideal location was found, the ship performed a flawless vertical ascent.

Even though the wind chill factor reached a low of -50 degrees Fahrenheit while surfaced, the 137 crew members and 17 officers on board reveled in the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for "ice liberty." Some of the men took pictures while others filmed a "Spirit Spot" for the Army/Navy football game. A few even played a game of football.

Cmdr. Dennis Carpenter, Charlotte commanding officer, was thrilled that the crew enjoyed a fun and safe 18 hours of ice liberty.

"Conducting an under-ice transit presented both unique challenges and rewards for the Charlotte team," Carpenter said. "I am very proud of the



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Laura A. Moore

Sailors aboard the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) moor the submarine after arriving at Naval Station Norfolk. Charlotte departed her homeport of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i on Oct. 27, bound for Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, where the submarine will undergo a depot modernization period before returning to the Pacific Fleet in late 2006.

men on board who engaged the situation head-on and I am ecstatic that they were able to experience a North Pole surfacing."

To ensure safety, several sets of floodlights were arranged on the surface to compensate for the complete lack of sunlight. Also, the submarine's independent duty corpsman verified that each crew member wore appropriate clothing for the extreme temperature.

Underway for the transit were two guests, Lt. James Winsor, a submarine-qualified officer of the Royal Navy, and Travis King, known affectionately by the crew as the "Ice

Pirate," a civilian arctic expert of the U.S. Navy's Arctic Submarine Laboratory, who has made countless under-ice trips throughout his career.

The newly-christened crew of "Bluenoses," a nickname for Sailors who have crossed the Arctic Circle, had nothing but positive things to say about the whole experience.

"I couldn't believe how dark it was at the Pole. It was pitch black and incredibly cold, but it was still really exhilarating," said Yeoman 3rd Class (SS) Guadalupe Deleon, who was one of the first crew members topside. "After all, how many people can say they have been

at the North Pole?"

Prior to commencing the transit, the crew underwent a demanding workup period designed to train the crew for the unusual Arctic environment. Specific attention was paid to proper and safe navigation in the polar region and ice avoidance.

Charlotte is undergoing a temporary change of homeport in order to undergo a major depot modernization period (DMP) at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va. Upon conclusion of the availability, the submarine will return to its homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.

## Ronald Reagan Strike Group to participate in JTFEX 06-2

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More than 5,000 Sailors assigned to USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), the staff of Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG) 7 and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 departed San Diego on Dec. 6 to participate in Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 06-2.

JTFEX 06-2 is scheduled to take place Dec. 7-15 off the coast of Southern California and is designed to be a realistic exercise in real-world operations and the operational challenges faced by U.S. forces in cooperation with coalition militaries.

The exercise is the final step in preparing the Ronald Reagan Strike Group for its upcoming deployment and will test the group's ability to plan and execute alongside other U.S. and coalition forces in a complex, hostile warfighting environment.

"JTFEX is a graduate-level exercise to ensure Ronald Reagan and Carrier Air Wing 14 are ready to take the fight to our enemies when called upon," said Capt. Terry Kraft, Ronald Reagan's commanding officer.

"JTFEX is designed to get us into the joint operations

mode and simulate the type of real-world scenarios we may face while conducting military operations with our allies," said Kraft. "This exercise is important because it is the final preparation stage before our upcoming deployment," he added.

Rear Adm. Michael H. Miller, commander, Carrier Strike Group 7, said that JTFEX 06-2 is yet another example of how the flexibility and preparedness of the U.S. Navy and Ronald Reagan Strike Group play an important role in protecting the interests of the United States.

"Speed, agility and persistence are the keys to winning the war on terror," said Miller. "JTFEX is designed to demonstrate that the U.S. Navy, in consonance with our coalition partners, is capable of carrying out our mission anytime, anywhere - around the world, around the clock - in order to deter extremism and defeat those who would do us harm," he added.

In addition to Ronald Reagan, other members of the Reagan Strike Group participating in JTFEX 06-2 include USS Lake Champlain (CG 57), USS McCampbell (DDG 85), USS Decatur (DDG 73) and USS Tucson (SSN 770), as well as USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60).

# Dec. 7: Tragedy into triumph

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speaker for the ceremony. "I say humbling because I know we stand in the company of men and women who remember this place not only as the beautiful paradise it is, but also as a bloody, unforgiving scene it once was. As we remember the 1,177 that rest beneath the Arizona, and we pay tribute to the almost 2,400 who fell that day, the most important questions are: did their sacrifice count? Did it matter? Maybe one reason that each of you survived was to answer that question. To bear witness that none, not one of your comrades died in vain. To all those here from that Pearl Harbor generation, we are in your debt for the freedom's we enjoy today. And that legacy grows stronger with each passing year."

More than 1,500 people attended the solemn ceremony, which featured a 21-gun salute by the U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Marine Regiment, an F-15 Eagle missing man flyover by the Hawaii Air National Guard, and morning colors and the National Anthem performed by a Naval Station ceremonial guard and the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band.

During the ceremony, Daniel Martinez, National Park Service historian, gave an abbreviated account



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Dennis C. Cantrell  
Members of the official party stand for a moment of silence.

of USS Ward's historic encounter with the Japanese submarine, emphasizing their role in setting the tone for every service member's resilience and dedication during the war.

"The crew of USS Ward is representative of all who served during the attack on Pearl Harbor," he said. "Their legacy will always be remembered as those valiant few who were among the first to fight in the open-

ing hours of a global conflict that would be known forever as World War II."

The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) passed through the Adm. Bernard Clarey Bridge and rendered honors to the memorial during the ceremony as Sailors stationed aboard the ship "manned the rails."

"It is a privilege for USS Chafee and its Sailors to be a part of this ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor," said Cmdr. John M. Clausen, commanding officer of Chafee. "Today's ceremony reminds each of us what an honor it is to serve. We must never forget to honor the service and sacrifice of those who answered our nation's call that day and throughout World War II."

Representatives of each of the five branches of the military, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, the state of Hawaii, and various other veteran and patriotic organizations,

made more than 30 wreath presentations at the visitor's center and on the USS Arizona Memorial.

Hawaii's senior senator and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Sen. Daniel Inouye, honorary guest speaker for the ceremony, spoke of the steadfast determination of the armed forces and American people after the attack, and its effect on the outcome of the war.

"[Dec. 7, 1941] was a day when weaker souls would have surrendered," he said. "But out of ashes...came our resilience, a resolute determination and an unwavering spirit of the American people. This spirit of America united and galvanized people; it gave us the strength in the face of adversity and made us unwilling to accept defeat. As Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, commander of the Japanese fleet, said after the attack, 'We have just awakened the dragon.'"

Mullen emphasized that although the Pearl Harbor attacks happened 64 years ago, the lessons, spirit and determination still ring true today in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

"It is difficult to stand here 64 years later on Dec. 7, and not think of another infamous day, of a surprise attack of terrible horrors, and of a nation stirring to defend itself," he said. "The memories of Dec. 7 and Sept. 11 are etched in our souls. The images of smoke and twisted steel and human suffering often overpower us. But perhaps what is most common about the two days is the uncommon courage of those who were there, and their will to turn tragedy into triumph, defeat into victory, war into lasting peace. On Sept. 11th it was as if the spirit of one generation instinctively passed to another. Perhaps that is why this place still draws us. Because here America first became a target, and here America first fought back."

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Senior Senator from the state of Hawai'i  
and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient



Pearl Harbor survivors salute



(Left)

Sailors assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) prepare to render honors to the USS Arizona Memorial. Chafee passed through the Adm. Clarey Bridge, which connects Ford Island to the mainland, during the ceremony and sounded its whistle to mark the beginning of morning colors. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Justin P. Nesbitt.

(Right)

A joint service color guard parades the colors during the official ceremony commemorating the attack by the Japanese Dec. 7, 1941. U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley.

(Below)

USS Utah survivor Gilbert Meyer salutes as Nina and Mary Kreigh raise the American flag at sunset on the USS Utah Memorial. Mary's father was the chief yeoman of the Utah when it was sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Teresa R. Martinez.





U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley

...e the National Ensign during the 64th commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.



(Above) Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen prepares to toss a flower into the well aboard the USS Arizona Memorial. U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley. (Below left) Storekeeper Chief (Ret.) Woodrow W. Derby drops a flower in the viewing area at the USS Arizona (BB 39) Memorial. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Justin P. Nesbitt. (Below right) Many people gathered during the 64th commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Dennis C. Cantrell



# MCPON visits Navy leaders

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Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SW/AW) Terry Scott made a surprise visit to students at the Center for Naval Leadership Learning site in Pearl Harbor Tuesday.

While visiting Pearl Harbor to help commemorate the 64th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack, Scott took time to share his vision on the importance of leadership, as well as offer advice to the Navy's up and coming leaders.

"This Navy has a castle full of expectations for first class petty officers and chiefs," Scott said. "You are so critical in making the two commitments that every leader in our Navy needs to make ... personal commitment and mission accomplishment."

Scott stressed that personal commitment is important to the growth and development of Sailors and leadership needs to trust they'll lead someday. He also stated mission

accomplishment is also a key component.

It's about getting the job done, added Scott. Chiefs have been valued for more than 112 years, and he said he expects the same from today's leaders.

Scott wants senior Sailors to train junior Sailors, as they will be the leaders soon. In order for today's leaders to be successful, they need to recognize their junior Sailors.

"If we don't take a personal interest in the lives of the Sailors who work for us -- who are the ones who truly do the work -- then there won't be a group of leaders sitting in [these classes]," said Scott. "They want an opportunity to have the kind of impact you have in your community, and they can't do that if you're not willing to step up and make a difference in their lives. That is why we exist."

Each Sailor is only here for a limited period of time, added Scott. Someone is going to have to take the place of the Navy's current leaders. As long as this nation exists, it will need a Navy. It will consist of Sailors

who are dedicated to serve their country. He wants today's Sailors to mold the Sailors of the future.

"Don't ever underestimate the significance of your position in the chain of command," said Scott. "Your Sailors are going to look up to you as their role model, as their example. They are going to look for you to for guidance, to see where their future lies. They can see themselves becoming you. Make sure you're the kind of person you want them to become."

Scott enjoyed the opportunity to talk to the Navy's up and coming leaders and share his vision.

"What a great opportunity to talk to the folks when they have their focus on becoming better leaders," Scott said. "[It's great] to have the opportunity to hear what they're saying and see what they're doing and provide a little bit of extra commentary on top of that. I can't imagine a better time to come spend some time with some Sailors."

With Scott's visit to the leadership course, he hopes that today's leaders will continue molding the leaders of tomorrow.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 (SW/AW) Michael Perez

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SW/AW) Terry Scott discusses the importance of leadership with some of the Navy's up and coming leaders. He made a surprise visit to Sailors at the Center for Naval Leadership Learning site Pearl Harbor while visiting Pearl Harbor to help commemorate the 64th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack.

# HSL-41 receives Navy's first MH-60R helicopters

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Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) (HSL) 41 was the first squadron to receive two of the Navy's new MH-60R Seahawk helicopters here Monday.

The MH-60R replaces the aging SH-60B and SH-60F Seahawk helicopters, providing significant capabilities and improvements

to naval aviation.

"The MH-60R takes sonobouy and Hellfire missile launching, forward-looking infrared, radar and electronic support measures capabilities from the SH-60B and adds to it the dipping sonar and torpedo launching capabilities from the SH-60F," said Lt. Eugene Bolton, MH-60R pilot and instructor. "It also adds a 'glass cockpit.'

"Each item is also upgraded from previous

airframes," added Bolton. "Having the one airframe instead of two will make it easier for parts, maintenance, support and cost effectiveness."

Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class (AW) Steve Murdock, HSL-41 avionics technician, said he is very excited about the new airframe because of its enhanced electronics and the multiple missions.

"The MH-60R can perform satellite communications as well as vertical

replenishments, anti-submarine warfare, air-to-air combat, surface-to-air combat and search and rescue," said Murdock.

HSL-41 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Dan Fillion said he is excited about being the first squadron to receive the new airframe. HSL-41 is currently the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) and only MH-60R squadron in the Navy.

It's going to be a great challenge and responsibility,

but we're up to it," said Fillion. "I don't think there is a better FRS in the Navy, and I think that my Sailors are going to prove it."

HSL-41 is scheduled to receive two more MH-60Rs within a few days.

The squadron's name will change to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 41 later this week, having received the new MH-60R, to reflect the aircraft's multi-mission capabilities.

"I've flown the 'Romeo,' and it's a lot of fun to fly," said Bolton. "It's very challenging. It's computer intensive, but it's an awesome aircraft."

In addition, the MH-60S replaced the CH-46 airframe and will also replace the HH-60H airframe. The MH-60R and MH-60S will be the only two helicopter airframes on aircraft carriers once the Navy completes its reduction from four to two types of helicopter airframes.

# USS Pearl Harbor commemorates Pearl Harbor attack

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USS Pearl Harbor Public Affairs

In remembrance of the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) observed a day of reflection to pay tribute and respect to the sacrifice of the Sailors and Soldiers killed in the historic attack.

Pearl Harbor Sailors started the day with a training scenario to simulate the events that Sailors aboard USS Arizona (BB 39), USS Utah (BB 31), and USS Nevada (BB 36) faced 64 years ago.

Following the training scenario, Pearl Harbor Sailors held a ceremony to commemorate the watershed moment in American history. Sailors read a timeline of events of the morning of Dec. 7, 1941 and observed a moment of silence. The ship's honor guard then lowered the flag to half mast and the ship closed the tribute by firing a 21-gun salute.

At 7:55 a.m. on the fateful morning of Dec. 7, 1941, 350 Japanese aircraft descended upon the island

of Oahu, attacking Navy ships at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. At the time of the attack, there were 86 U.S. Naval vessels moored in Pearl Harbor. By the end of the attack at 9:45 a.m., 18 warships were sunk or capsized and 2,403 military personnel and civilians were killed.

Cmdr. Jonathan Harnden, Pearl Harbor commanding officer, spoke to the crew about the importance of remembering the day, that, as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, would "live in infamy."

"They were just like you - 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds who were from all parts of America," Harnden said. "They had a job to do."

Harnden also stressed the significance of a special link to Pearl Harbor's history - the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association (PHSA).

Since the PHSA began meeting in 1958, the group's vision has always remained constant: "Remember Pearl Harbor, Keep America alert. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The group has always played a special role in the activities that the ship has

observed. Whether on a port visit to Pearl Harbor or while in Pearl Harbor's homeport of San Diego, the ship has always welcomed these heroes aboard to share a day with the crew.

Gas Turbine Systems Technician 3rd Class Ryan Barnhart of Amphibious Craft Unit (ACU) 5, attached to Pearl Harbor, felt a special connection to the day's events. Barnhart's grandfather served in World War II in the Army and retired after 20 years of service.

"Today is a day to remember our fallen heroes and those who have gone before us," Barnhart said. "We are learning from them."

Pearl Harbor, which was commissioned in 1998, is the only ship in the fleet named for the historic event. According to Harnden, the events of that day should not be remembered as a naval defeat, but rather as a rallying call that drew all Americans together for the cause of defending freedom and liberty.

Pearl Harbor is on a regularly scheduled deployment to the U.S.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley

The dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) transits the Pacific Ocean off the shores of Oahu, Hawai'i July 22 as she prepares to enter Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i for a brief port visit. Pearl Harbor is currently on deployment as part of Expeditionary Strike Group One (ESG-1) in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

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## Sub scrubbing



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A Navy diver uses a scrubber to clean the hull of USS Key West (SSN 722). The nuclear-powered attack submarine returned to its homeport of Pearl Harbor from a Western Pacific deployment on Nov. 10. USS Key West participated in Talisman Sabre, and during the deployment, the crew visited Australia, Japan and Guam.

# Seabees build relationships with newly adopted school

**JO2 Corwin Colbert**

*Staff Writer*

Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 (CBMU 303) based at Pearl Harbor made a special commitment to a local elementary school. They adopted the Lanakilo Elementary School in Honolulu and have already made a lasting impact.

During the school's annual "fun run," a fundraiser to raise money for school supplies and other projects, the unit presented \$5,000 from the Navy that will supply and upgrade the school's library.

"This money is for last year because the school lost their adopted command due to relocation and didn't have a military partner. I am proud to be part of an organization (Navy) that keeps its promises," said Chief Utilitiesman Joseph Mathers, the

operations chief at CBMU 303.

"Today we officially adopted the school," said Mathers. "However, we have done a couple of projects for them already. We want to show them how much we appreciate their support of the armed services."

The unit helped set up the event and during the run, the Seabees gave words of encouragement as well as ran some laps with the children. The children chanted "USA" as they watched the Seabees and fellow classmates run laps around the orange cones at the school's large grassy field.

"Yeah, we started to sweat a little," said Utilitiesman 2nd Class Darwin Naigan. "It was all worth it though. Helping out the children and the community is beneficial to them and us. We are always looking forward to helping them out. The money for the

library is not just following up on our (Navy) commitment, but to contribute to the "no child left behind" policy," he said.

Kathy Wooldridge, Navy Region Hawai'i school liaison, wants to give a special thanks to a Sailor who could not make the event.

"I want to thank the unit officer in charge, Ensign Jeffrey Turner, who before being deployed to Iraq, made this adoption and partnership possible," said Wooldridge.

Gerianne Lee, the school's principal, said the school and the children appreciated the help from CBMU 303.

"We are looking forward to future projects with the Sailors. This year's event had a wonderful turnout. Everyone was more enthusiastic thanks to the Sailors. Without the Seabees, the event would not have been as fun," said Lee.



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Sailors attached to CBMU 303 motivate children from Lanakilo Elementary School during the school's annual "fun run" Dec. 2. The unit also officially adopted the school that day.

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same spirit and dedication to service that Sailors possessed on Dec. 7 1941.

"The essence of service, the strengths, enthusiasm, the determination to win is every bit as strong in today's Sailors, in particular these awardees here today, as it was that fateful day in December 64 years ago and I am proud to call them shipmates," he said.

Master at Arms 1st Class (SW) Stacey Holmes assigned to Naval Regional Security Pearl Harbor said it felt good to be recognized.

"I feel that I am dedicated to the Navy and the community in which I serve," Holmes said. "I try and mentor school kids as well as my fellow service members and I've earned my degree in criminal justice. These types of events, that recognize Sailors and their accomplishments, are important because it shows other Sailors, Marines or Coast Guardsmen, that if you work hard and maybe go above and beyond you too will be recognized."

According to their Web site, The Navy League is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to educating United States citizens about sea services, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.

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## THE RUSH TO THE POINSETTIA BOWL

### U.S. Naval Academy Public Affairs

Chet Gladchuk, U.S. Naval Academy director of athletics, announced Nov. 21 that the Naval Academy has accepted an invitation to play in the inaugural San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl on Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. (PST) at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego against Colorado State University.

The game will be televised by ESPN2. The bid also came with a bonus, as the Midshipmen will have the opportunity to play in the Poinsettia Bowl in 2008, 2009 or 2010 if Navy is bowl eligible then.

"Blue sky, 72 degrees, palm trees and sunshine in December works for us," said Gladchuk. "A beautiful setting in a Navy city in one of the finest football venues in the country has everyone excited."

The bowl bid is a landmark achievement for the Naval Academy football program, as it marks the first time in school history that Navy has gone to bowl games three years in a row.

"Three bowl games in a row is historic for the Academy and our congratulations to Coach Johnson, his staff and our players for reaffirming that Navy is one of the finest football programs in the nation," said Gladchuk.

"What better way to kick off San Diego's newest bowl game than to have the United States Naval Academy as one of the teams," said Poinsettia Bowl President Doug Sawyer. "We couldn't be happier that the Naval Academy has accepted our invitation."

"I'm excited the team has achieved one of their goals, to have a chance to go to a bowl game, and I'm excited to be going to San Diego," said Navy head coach Paul Johnson. "It's a great city and I'm sure the kids will have a great time. We are excited about it."

"Let's beat Army first," said Gladchuk, "then take on Colorado State for a fantastic finish to an historic season."

"After today, we won't mention it again until after the Army-Navy game," said Johnson. "There's no question where our focus needs to be and will be."

For more information, visit [www.navyisports.com](http://www.navyisports.com).

Fans not able to attend the game can purchase tickets to send a Midshipman.

*After this article was written, Navy blew Army out of the water with a final score of 42-23.*

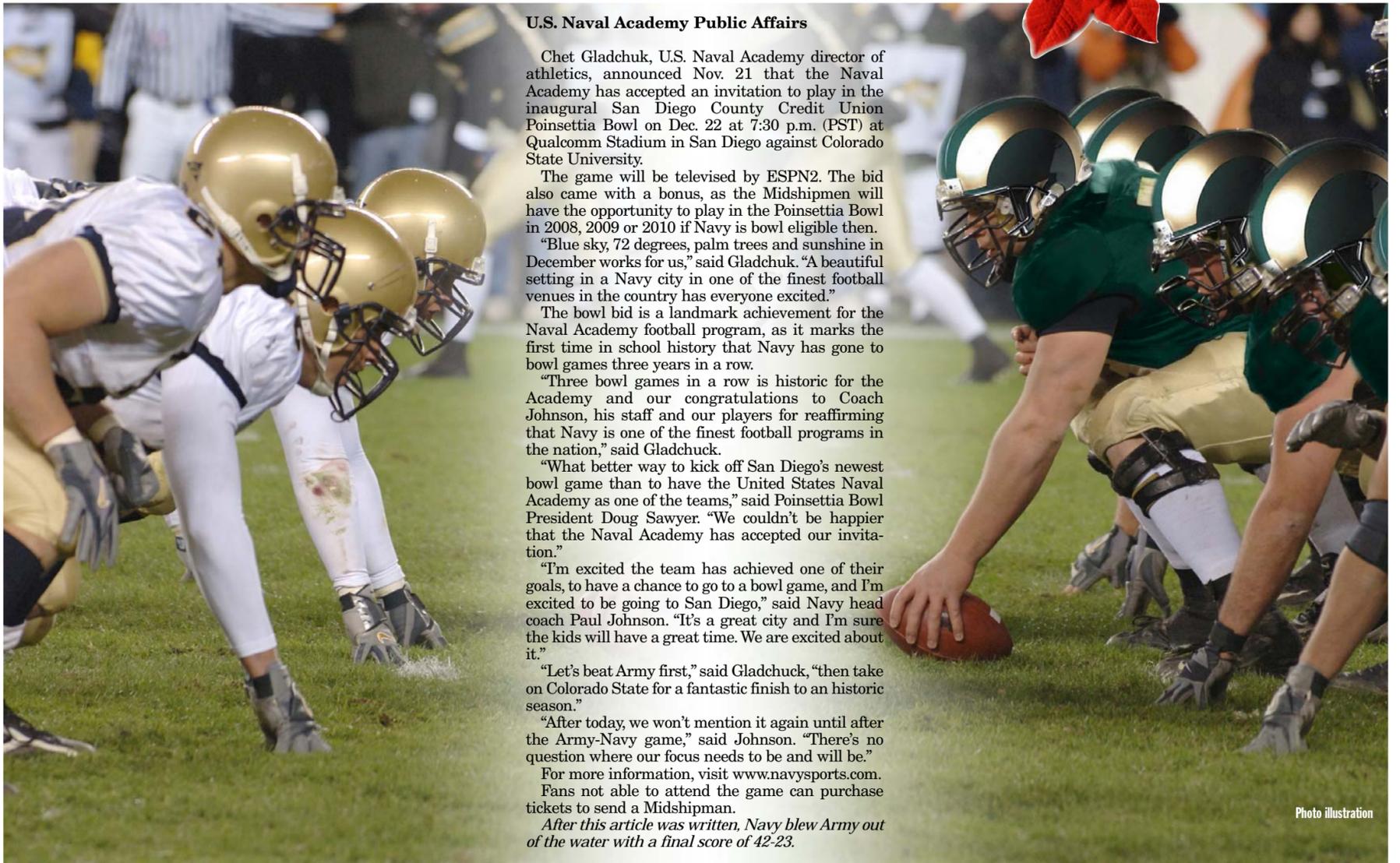


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## Pannell relieves Carpenter as commanding officer, USS Charlotte (SSN 766)

### Commander Naval Submarine Force Public Affairs

Cmdr. Bobby J. Pannell relieved Cmdr. Dennis E. Carpenter as commanding officer of the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) in a ceremony at Devry Hall, Naval Station Norfolk on Wednesday.

Capt. Michael A. Zieser, Commander Submarine Squadron One, was the guest speaker at the change of command ceremony.

Pannell, a native of Missouri, joined the Navy in 1982. After completing the enlisted nuclear pipeline, he was selected to the Nuclear Enlisted Commissioning Program. He attended the University of Texas, graduating in 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and was commissioned in 1988.

After completing the nuclear and submarine training pipelines, Pannell reported aboard the ballistic missile submarine USS James Madison (SSBN 627), where he completed four strategic deterrent patrols. His other sea duty assignments include engineering officer, USS Louisville (SSN 724), and executive officer, USS Olympia (SSN 717).

Pannell attended the Navy Post Graduate School in 1994 where he earned a master of science degree in operations research. He was previously assigned as deputy of current operations officer and submarine operations officer on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Carpenter joined the Navy's Nuclear Power Officer Candidate Program while attending the University of South Florida in 1983. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and was commissioned in 1984.

He first reported to USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) where he completed a Mediterranean Sea deployment and a North Atlantic deployment. In April 1988, he reported to USS West Virginia (SSBN 736) as part of the initial increment new construction crew, serving aboard through commissioning and initial operations. His other sea duty assign-



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Christina M. Shaw

Commodore Michael A. Zieser, Commander, Submarine Squadron One pins the Legion of Merit on Cmdr. Dennis E. Carpenter, for his service as commanding officer of the fast attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) during a change of command ceremony held Wednesday at Naval Station Norfolk. Carpenter was relieved by Cmdr. Bobby J. Pannell as commanding officer of the fast attack submarine. Charlotte made a temporary change of homeport from Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, to Norfolk, Va. in order to undergo a major depot modernization period at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va.

ments include engineering officer, USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705), and executive officer, USS Georgia (SSBN 729) (Gold).

Carpenter reported as Charlotte's commanding officer in April 2003. During his tenure as commanding officer, Charlotte completed two Western Pacific deployments, two Eastern Pacific deployments, including numerous operational testing of the Advanced SEAL Delivery System, and was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation.

Carpenter's next duty assignment is as deputy commander for training, Submarine Squadron Three.

Charlotte arrived in Norfolk on Nov. 28 from its homeport at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. The submarine made a temporary change of homeport in order to undergo a major depot modernization period at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va.

Commissioned in 1994, Charlotte lives up to its motto as the "Silent Stinger." An improved Los Angeles-class submarine, Charlotte is 360 feet long, displaces 6,900 tons of water, and can travel in excess of 25 knots. Charlotte's armaments include Tomahawk cruise missiles and MK-48 advanced capability torpedoes.

An average of 10 attack submarines are deployed globally at any given time, performing a variety of missions in support of national security and the global war on terrorism. With stealth, endurance and agility, fast-attack submarines are multi-mission capable - able to deploy and support special forces operations, disrupt and destroy an adversary's military and economic operations at sea, provide early strike from close proximity, and ensure undersea superiority.