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- President George W. Bush

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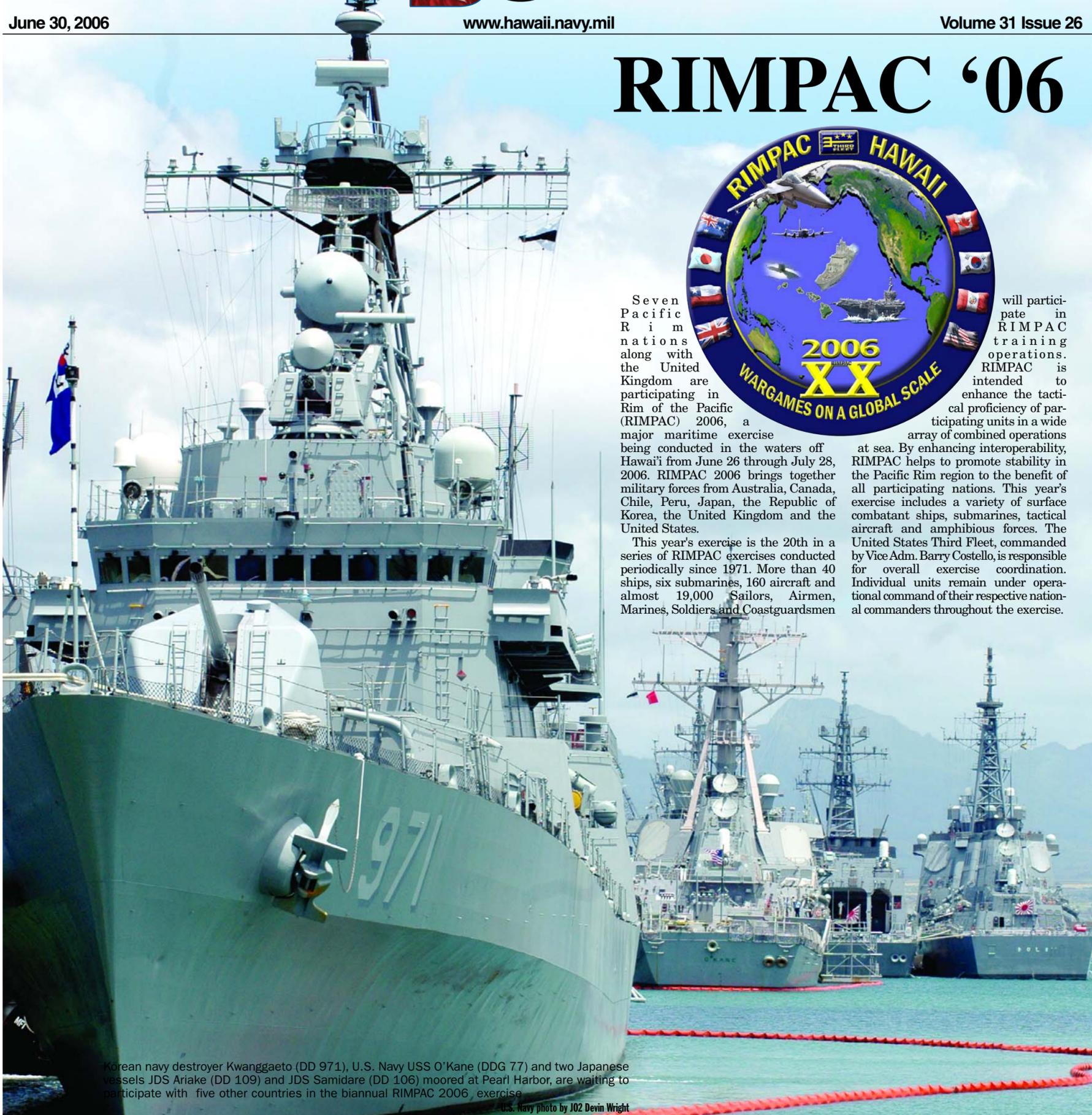
## RIMPAC '06



Seven Pacific Rim nations along with the United Kingdom are participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2006, a major maritime exercise being conducted in the waters off Hawai'i from June 26 through July 28, 2006. RIMPAC 2006 brings together military forces from Australia, Canada, Chile, Peru, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States.

This year's exercise is the 20th in a series of RIMPAC exercises conducted periodically since 1971. More than 40 ships, six submarines, 160 aircraft and almost 19,000 Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coastguardsmen

will participate in RIMPAC training operations. RIMPAC is intended to enhance the tactical proficiency of participating units in a wide array of combined operations at sea. By enhancing interoperability, RIMPAC helps to promote stability in the Pacific Rim region to the benefit of all participating nations. This year's exercise includes a variety of surface combatant ships, submarines, tactical aircraft and amphibious forces. The United States Third Fleet, commanded by Vice Adm. Barry Costello, is responsible for overall exercise coordination. Individual units remain under operational command of their respective national commanders throughout the exercise.



Korean navy destroyer Kwanggaeto (DD 971), U.S. Navy USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and two Japanese vessels JDS Ariake (DD 109) and JDS Samidare (DD 106) moored at Pearl Harbor, are waiting to participate with five other countries in the biannual RIMPAC 2006 exercise.

U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright

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# USS Chafee conducts medical evacuation

## U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The Navy destroyer USS Chafee (DDG-90), working together with assets of the U.S. Coast Guard, safely conducted an at-sea medical evacuation of a seriously ill civilian mariner from a fishing vessel 400 nautical miles northeast of Oahu on June 22.

For the joint rescue effort, the Coast Guard launched a C-130 Hercules aircraft from Barbers Point, Hawai'i to locate the MFV Jane. After making contact, the C-130 crew dropped medical supplies to the vessel and contacted the Navy for assistance. As the only ship within range, USS Chafee immediately diverted from its course to respond.

The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer was returning to Pearl Harbor when it received the Coast Guard call about the medical emergency onboard the MFV Jane.

The patient was a 61-year-old man serving on board as a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration observer. Once Chafee arrived in the area, he was transferred aboard using one of the ship's rigid-hull inflatable boats. Chafee then

made best speed toward Oahu while medical personnel onboard evaluated and treated their patient.

Once the destroyer reached safe flight range, the crew placed the patient aboard one of its two multi-purpose light airborne multi-purpose system MK III SH-60 Sea Hawk helicopters and flew him to Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. Upon arrival at the base, the patient was transferred to Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu for further treatment.

"We were happy to assist the Coast Guard in this case," said Cmdr John Clausen, Chafee's commanding officer. "It's a normal way of doing business at sea; we all have to look out for each other and we are happy to have helped this gentleman."

Chafee is the Navy's 40th Arleigh Burke-class, guided missile destroyer and is designed for multiple missions including anti-submarine, anti-surface and anti-air warfare. The Pearl Harbor-based destroyer is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 and its helicopters are assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron, Light (HSL) 37, all based in Hawai'i.



U.S. Navy photo

Sailors from the Pearl Harbor-based USS Chafee (DDG-90) escort a seriously ill 61-year-old civilian mariner from the fishing vessel Jane to the Chafee on June 22. Chafee answered a Coast Guard call to assist in the medical evacuation and diverted from its course to respond. The Coast Guard received a report of the ill man, an employee of Northwest Observers Inc., contracted to do work for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration observer program.

## Patrol Squadron Four assists Coast Guard on rescue mission

Lt. j.g. Niyago Fields

Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4), assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Bay, assisted the Coast Guard on June 8 in rescuing two people who had to ditch a small airplane more than 500 miles northeast of Hawai'i. Patrol Squadron Four was the first air asset in the area to assist in locating and aiding the Piper Seminole aircraft.

Lt. Ben Christen was the mission commander on the P-3 that assisted in the rescue. The crew was enroute from California to Kaneohe Bay when they received a request from air traffic control in San Francisco to assist with the rescue.

The crew made contact with the Piper Seminole more than 700 miles northeast of Hawai'i. Christen's crew was able to establish communications with the Seminole aircraft before it ditched and relay information to oncoming rescue aircraft.

Concerning the rescue effort, Christen said, "Everybody on the crew contributed to assisting the Coast Guard. We did a very good job with coordinating the rescue on short notice and relaying important information."

He added, "Once we determined that additional capable assets were in the area, only then did we return home." The two people onboard the Piper were rescued by a cargo ship en route to China and eventually transferred to another ship bound for Hawai'i.

## RIMPAC 2006



U.S. Navy photo by Storekeeper's 1st Class Blaine W. Smith

Gilad of the FitTV show, Bodies in Motion, films on location on USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). Sailors participated in the filming on the flight deck during Rim of the Pacific 2006. Right: Gilad explains the workout plan to Commander, Amphibious Squadron One (COMPHIBRON ONE), Capt. Jonathan Picker.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Dennis C. Cantrell

The Chilean Navy training ship TS Esmeralda (BE 43) pulls into Pearl Harbor for a scheduled port call at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

## Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

### Navy carrier available for tours

A Navy carrier will be available for tours for Department of Defense (DoD) ID card holders on July 2 at Pearl Harbor. Tour times are 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Each DOD ID can reserve up to six tickets. Visitors must be eight years of age and older. Tickets are limited and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve tickets, call the RIMPAC tour hotline at 471-5521.

### NEX extended hours

In order to better serve their customers during the Rim of the Pacific Exercises, the Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor is extending its business hours today and tomorrow and July 27-29 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Security still needs to be your number one concern

**Pacific Fleet Master Chief (SS/SW) Rick West**



FLTCM(SS/SW) Rick West

Hoo-yah, Warriors. This week I want to get right to the point because some recent events have me really concerned.

By now I'm sure most of you have heard about the recent loss of personal information by the Veterans Administration. About 26.5 million of our retired, former, active and Reserve shipmates had their personal information stolen when a VA employee took the information home with him.

Incredulous as this all sounds, this incident brings to light two significant issues that affect us all on a daily basis: information security and identity theft.

First, let's talk about information security. I mentioned this in an article earlier this year, but after something like this, I think it needs reinforcing.

What we have is a government employee, much like any of us, who brought home sensitive data on millions of people - despite rules prohibiting such actions.

Sure, the original plan was probably just to get a step ahead of a big project or just work in general. Maybe it was the usual procedure because no one seemed to mind or care. I wonder how many people care now? At least 26.5 million I'd wager.

The same thing applies to us in the military. We are always charged with protecting sensitive and classified information. You just don't realize the impact its unauthorized release can have.

We don't have the option of just sliding a disc of information into a briefcase and taking it home to keep working on it. The initiative is laudable and we can say it was an admirable intention, but we've seen how it is the wrong answer.

So the next time you see "for official use only" or "classified," make sure you protect it according to its

classification. That means keeping it secure and not taking it out of the office to work on it at home.

Now I need to point out that the VA and the DoD are doing some great work fixing this situation. Many of us have gotten or will be getting a letter very soon, explaining what has happened and what steps we need to take to protect ourselves. So far there have been no reports of illegal actions resulting from the data loss, which is good news. But we still need to be proactive.

That brings me to the next point I want to discuss about dealing with this mess now.

The theft of all this material makes a lot of us susceptible to identity theft.

Folks, this is one of the fastest-growing crimes in our society today. It doesn't really matter who you are or how much money you have. All that a criminal needs is a few bits of personal information and boom! You are the proud new owner of a bunch of stuff you've never seen and probably never will.

And the main reason identity theft is so much on the rise is

because many of us make it so easy.

You know all those credit card offers you get in the mail and immediately throw away? That's what I'm talking about.

All some dumpster-diving creep has to do now is fill out the form, mark the change of address block, and a bright new credit card with your name gets mailed to whatever address he puts down. And that's just the simple stuff.

So you should definitely invest in a shredder. And get one of those confetti shredders so whatever you are shredding turns into an impossible jigsaw puzzle.

Next, the Internet provides a wealth of information ripe for the picking if you aren't paying attention and protecting yourselves.

Recently, the Center for Personal Development (CPD) put up a course on Navy Knowledge Online's (NKO) eLearning to help you all avoid the risks of identity theft. I really think everyone should check it out and I would think good LPOs and LCPOs would be pushing to make sure their Sailors complete the course (hint, hint).

The course is simply titled "Identity Theft" and is designed to teach you some simple steps to avoid theft of your personal information. It also covers the personal and professional consequences if your information falls into the wrong hands.

Another resource to help you out is the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). For those of us who may have been affected by the VA theft, the FTC has established an information Web site with a lot of tips, credit bureau phone numbers and recommended actions to protect your credit history.

You can find this VA-related information at <http://www.ftc.gov/veterans>. There is another Web site with good info to help you out at <http://www.firstgov.gov/>.

There's also a news article from the FTC warning veterans and their families to beware of email phishing and phone scams that take advantage of people in vulnerable situations like this one. The full article on this is at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt166.htm> so check it out.

IN CONGRESS. July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress. Declaration of Independence of the thirteen united States of America.

## Proclamation for Independence Day 2006



President George W. Bush

On July 4, 1776, our nation's founders declared "that these United Colonies are, and of Right, ought to be free and Independent States." This declaration marked a great milestone in the history of human freedom.

On the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we pay tribute to the courage and dedication of those who created this country and we celebrate the values of liberty and equality that make our country strong.

The patriots of the Revolutionary War acted on the beliefs that "all men are created equal" and "that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." By advancing these ideals, generations of Americans have unleashed the hope of freedom for people in every corner of the world.

As we celebrate our independence, Americans can take pride in our history and look to the future with confidence. We offer our gratitude to all the American patriots, past and present, who have sought to advance freedom and lay the foundations of peace. Because of their sacrifice, this country remains a beacon of hope for all who dream of liberty and a shining example to the world of what a free people can achieve.

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2006, as Independence Day.

I call upon the people of the United States to observe with all due ceremony our Independence Day as a time to honor our founders and their legacy of freedom and remember with thankfulness the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty six day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

*"The want, will and hopes of the people"*



U.S. Navy historical photo

On July 4, 1776, America's forefathers convened in Philadelphia to sign the Declaration of Independence. There were 56 signers to the declaration. The first, largest and most famous signature to the historic document was that of John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress. The oldest of those to sign was Benjamin Franklin, who was 70. Two future presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, were among the signers to the declaration.

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# It's hurricane season – prepare and be aware

(Part one)

Karen S. Spangler

Editor

How much do you know about hurricanes? Do you know what to do to prepare for a hurricane? Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November here in Hawai'i so now is the time to familiarize yourself with information about hurricanes and to make the necessary preparations and formulate a disaster plan for your family.

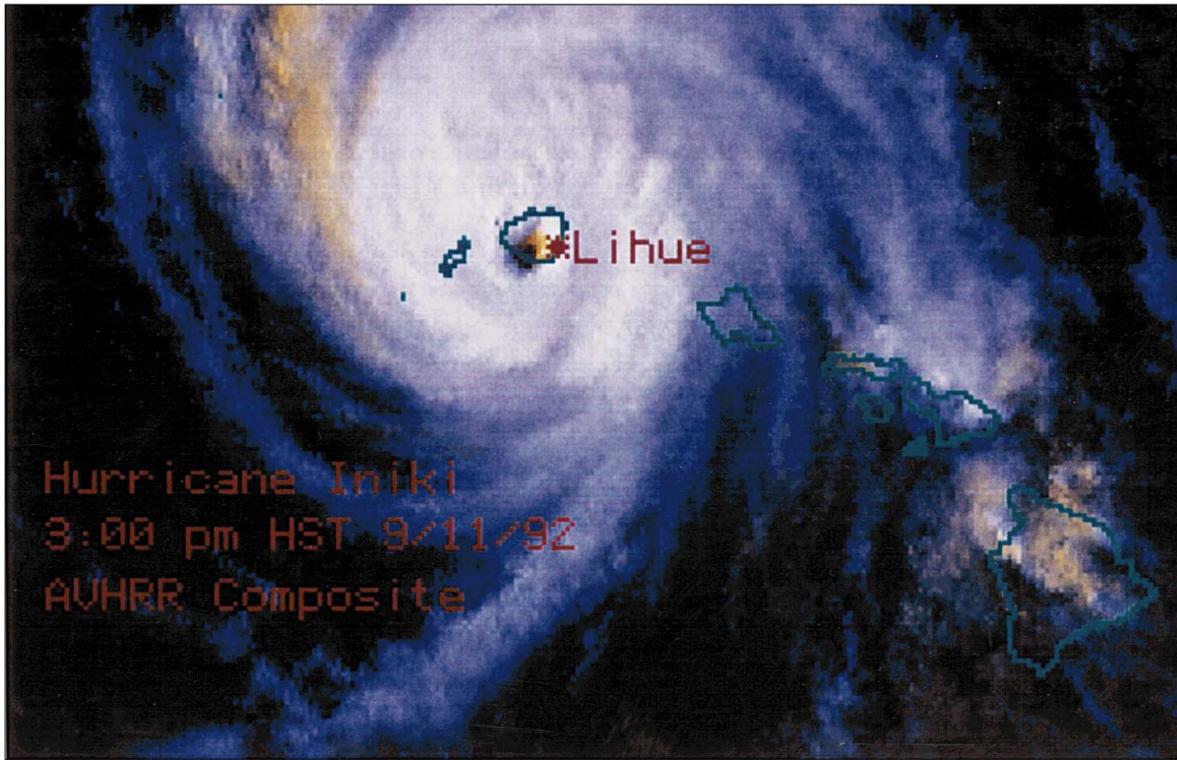
The islands have not been hit by a major hurricane since Hurricane Iniki churned through in 1992. But within a few hours after the Civil Defense warning had sounded to warn island residents that Iniki was approaching, every supermarket, gas station and convenience store was faced with long lines of customers. Anxious, hurricane-watching shoppers attempted to collect the necessary items and such items as flashlights, batteries, bottled water and food were soon in short supply.

Waiting until the last minute to assemble your home survival kit with foods, medicines, bottled water, etc. is not a good idea. By waiting too long to prepare, you may find that it is impossible to find the essentials that you need to ride out the storm.

According to Jim Weyman, director of the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, "Although you and your family may have never experienced a hurricane, don't be complacent! It's not a matter of if a hurricane will occur, but when one will occur."

"We can't tell you if it is going to be this year or 10 years from now. Because of this uncertainty, you need to be prepared every year," said Weyman.

The origins of the name



"hurricane," are derived from 'hurican,' the Carib god of evil – fitting since hurricanes are dangerous and deadly storms that cause massive destruction. These severe tropical storms form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Because Hawai'i is composed of islands, the effects from hurricanes can cause more large-scale problems than on the mainland. Since we live on relatively small islands, there are not really any "safe havens" to evacuate to. The small land area and close proximity of shoreline to all areas of the islands equates to less reduction in power as hurricane winds travel over land. Heavy rains are also very likely because

the storm is over the ocean at the same time that it is over land mass.

Another consideration is that most homes and buildings in Hawai'i, particularly the older ones, are not built to withstand severe storms. Although an abundance of windows can be advantageous when enjoying the trade winds and the scenic views, they are hazardous when dealing with serious storms and damaging high winds.

An understanding of the anatomy of a hurricane and the conditions that are necessary in order for the storms to form and intensify may be helpful.

The core of a hurricane is characterized by a small, central region called the "eye." Within the eye, the winds are

light and there are few clouds. Surrounding the eye is a ring of thunderstorms known as the "eye wall." Hurricanes rotate in a counter-clockwise direction around the eye. The overall diameter of a hurricane's circulation is usually between 300 and 600 miles. To be classified as a hurricane, they must have winds of at least 74 miles per hour.

Certain conditions are necessary in order for a convective disturbance over tropical oceans to intensify into a hurricane. Those conditions are related to the wind field's ability to produce and concentrate warm air. Warm air is less dense than cold air. This leads to a low surface pressure. But as wind strength increases over the warm ocean surface, heat and

moisture also increase and results in a cycle of intensification.

Only one of 10 tropical disturbances (winds up to 38 mph) develops into a tropical storm (winds 39 to 74 mph). However, seven of 10 tropical storms develop into hurricanes (winds greater than 74 mph). All of these storms collectively are referred to as tropical cyclones.

In order for hurricanes to form, there are five prerequisites. These are related to the formation of the warm core in the hurricane:

- Warm ocean water with a temperature of more than 80 degrees F (26 degrees C) to a depth of about 100 feet (5 m) so that cooler water cannot easily be mixed to the surface by winds.
- Unstable atmosphere

characterized by enhanced thunderstorm activity.

- High relative humidity in the middle troposphere. Moist air weighs less than dry air, making it buoyant and contributing to lower surface pressure.

- A pre-existing disturbance with cyclonic circulation.

- Small wind shear or little change in the wind speed or direction with height in the vicinity of the developing storm. Thus, warm air is concentrated into one area and not blown apart by the winds. As a hurricane moves over land or cold water, its supply of energy is reduced and wind speeds decrease. Frictional forces also act to weaken the storm when it is over land.

In the upcoming weeks, additional hurricane articles will be published in Hawai'i Navy News. Some of the topics covered will include hurricane history in Hawai'i, stages of hurricanes, when to evacuate and where, your household survival kit, where to get timely information when a hurricane is approaching and how to make provisions for family pets. The information is intended to provide interesting and helpful information about hurricanes that will help to prepare you in the event that a hurricane moves toward the Hawaiian Islands.

Although hurricanes are relatively rare events anywhere in the world, no place – including Hawai'i – is immune. Allowing yourself to believe that, "it won't come here" or "there hasn't been a hurricane here in years so why worry," or buying into the "it can't happen to me" philosophy could be dangerous. The best thing is to be aware and to be prepared. You never know when this could be the year that a hurricane might threaten paradise.



# FLEET ACTION



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Jordon R. Beesley

Sailors assigned to deck department aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, put a fresh coat of paint on the ship. Russell is assigned to the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike group currently on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean.



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 M. Jeremie Yoder

Following a day of simulated strike warfare missions, HH-60H helicopters assigned to the "Golden Falcons" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Two (HS-2) and "Chargers" Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron One Four (HS-14) prepare to land at Andersen Air Base. HS-2, part of Carrier Air Wing Two (CVW-2) embarked aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), recently participated in Exercise Valiant Shield 2006 in Guam. Valiant Shield focuses on integrated joint training among U.S. military forces, enabling real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces and in detecting, locating, tracking and engaging units at sea, in the air, on land and cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas.



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 M. Jeremie Yoder

Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 2nd Class Patrick Sullivan, assigned to the "Golden Falcons" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Two (HS-2), scans the landscape while sitting in the cabin door of an HH-60H helicopter. HS-2, part of Carrier Air Wing Two (CVW-2) embarked aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), recently participated in Exercise Valiant Shield 2006 in Guam.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Aaron Burde

In a blaze of color, an F/A-18E Super Hornet assigned to the Fighting Redcocks of Strike Fighter Squadron Two Two (VFA-22) makes an arrested landing on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during night flight operations in support of Exercise Valiant Shield.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John L. Beeman

Sailors aboard Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70), homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, lower the American flag on the ship's fantail as Hopper shifts colors for getting underway. Hopper is departing Changi Naval Base, Singapore, after the completion of the Singapore phase of exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT). CARAT is an annual series of bilateral maritime training exercises between the U.S. and six Southeast Asian nations designed to build relationships and enhance the operational readiness of the participating forces.

## Another first for NCTAMS PAC: "Federal Employer of Choice Award"

### Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific Public Affairs

During the 50th Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards celebration which was held May 2 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) garnered a Federal Employer of Choice Award.

This year's theme was "Making the Difference...Paying it Forward." Awards were presented by Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle.

Capt. Jim Donovan, NCTAMS PAC commanding officer, accepted the award for the command. It

was NCTAMS PAC's first year to participate in the awards celebration. The command was represented by members of the military and civilian community in every category.

NCTAMS PAC routinely celebrates cultural diversity with luncheons and guest speakers honoring its many different ethnicities serving the command. The command also encourages participation in community service events.

The Federal Organizational Excellence award was presented to the NCTAMS PAC financial department, represented by the N7 department head, Lloyd Cereleja. In the financial department, customer service is the

number one goal.

Cmdr. Jessica Szemkow, the head of the operations department (N3), was recognized as the federal supervisor/manager of the year. Szemkow has coordinated operational requirements for five regional sites and oversees numerous technology upgrades which improve communication services. Her leadership contributed to the command's mission success and her recent promotion to the grade of commander proves she is most deserving of this award.

The federal employee of the year awards had several diverse categories. Recognized were the professional, administrative and technical category, the clerical

and assistant, trades and crafts, and exceptional community service.

Michael Beckner (N3 department) represented NCTAMS PAC in the professional, administrative and technical category. His technical expertise and guidance greatly impacted 122 Pacific Fleet ships in all aspects of communications readiness.

Representing the clerical and assistant category was Millie Sunakoda (N1 department). Sunakoda provides civilian personnel assistance to the command and the region and is an effective manager of the Drug Free Workplace Program.

Frank Monroe (N6 department) maintains over 2,500

pieces of electronic equipment and supports 122 ships of the Pacific Fleet and has supervised 17 installs/upgrades and 150 work requests. He was recognized in the trades/crafts category.

Electronics Technician 1st Class Valentine Elizondo (N6 department) represented the command in the exceptional community service category. Among the many community service projects he has organized include: Operation Aloha serving meals to over 250 less fortunate, several Falls of Clyde and USS Missouri restoration projects, and the NCTAMS PAC Easter egg hunt for more than 200 local Wahiawa community children.

## Shipyarders help homeless



U.S. Navy photo by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard employees donated 147 pounds of basic hygiene items and 26 pounds of clothing during a charity drive to benefit the homeless. The Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (FEB) coordinated the March-May collection among various federal agencies.

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Todd Johnson (left), chairman of the FEB-sponsored drive, makes a June 16 pickup of shipyarder-donated items collected by Carolyn Denney, the shipyard's newly-appointed diversity manager. The clothing and toiletries were given to the Institute for Human Services, a 24-hour emergency shelter for homeless men, women and families with children.

## Shipyard, USS Chosin work to protect Pearl Harbor environment

### Marshall Fukuki

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

A bit of proactive communication and cooperation between Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) and USS Chosin (CG 65) is helping to protect the quality of air and water at Pearl Harbor.

The ship's force was preparing to remove rust and repaint refueling stations and part of the hull. The cruiser began a two-month maintenance period May 24, but the jobs were not part of the shipyard's work package.

However, since Chosin was under shipyard cognizance, Lily Mow of the shipyard's environmental division provided technical assistance on proper pollution controls for the planned work.

"We knew there would be environmental concerns," said Lt. j.g. Amanda Zawora of Chosin. "We wanted to make sure we were within the environmental regulations and still get our work done and keep the harbor safe."

Seaman (SN) Steven Cumberledge, Chosin crew member, said setting up containments means more work initially. "But, it's good. It helps you in the long run. It's a lot cleaner and it's better for those around you," he noted.

SN Zachary Walls, another Chosin crew member, who was erecting containments, said, "It's just something you got to do. It's nice. It prevents pollution. This is a historical place and you've got to respect it." He added that his father served in the Navy for 20 years and was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Lenora Mau, head of the shipyard's environmental division, described the advance set-up and inspection of containments as a good example of the "ship's force and the shipyard working together to accomplish a common goal."

"Instead of them starting work and us stopping them and telling them, 'You can't do that,' we're working together upfront," she said.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawai'i and contributed more than \$550 million to the local economy in fiscal year 2005. Strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, PHNSY is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.

# Information about Navy drinking water

## Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

It's time once again for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i (NAVFAC Hawai'i) to distribute information on the quality of drinking water for the Navy community.

As the owner and operator of five water distribution systems on Oahu, NAVFAC Hawai'i is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide an annual consumer confidence report (CCR) to its customers on the source and quality of their drinking water. The CCR includes information on the sources of water, health effects, compliance status and other related information. It also includes a table listing all contaminants detected in water deliv-

ered to customers which is at levels above the EPA's prescribed minimum detection limits.

NAVFAC Hawai'i produces five water quality reports (brochures), one for each of its water systems. Navy activities and civilian billed customers, who receive water from the command, will receive a water report through the mail by the end of June.

For Navy housing residents, copies of all five reports are available at the Navy Family Housing Office, information desk (988 Spence St. near Pearl Kai Elementary School and Moanalua Shopping Center) and Forest City Residential Management, Moanalua Terrace Recreation Center. Copies may also be obtained from NAVFAC Hawai'i's public affairs office by calling 471-7300.

# Housing PPV town hall meetings announced

**Karen S. Spangler**

*Editor*

As the Navy prepares to move into the next phase of public-private venture (PPV), the community development management team from Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) and the Navy will host town hall meetings to provide information to housing residents.

Members of the design and construction team will offer a preview of their plans for community redevelopment, including the renovation and construction of homes, community centers and parks.

The property management team will present information on community management and maintenance programs, including rental agreements and policies, resident service programs, and maintenance standards.

Residents will be able to ask questions and address concerns after the presentation.

The meetings will commence at 6:30 p.m. at Sharkey Theater and Naval Computer and Technology Area Master Station (NCTAMS) Theater.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend in order to obtain first-hand information about upcoming PPV projects.

The dates and locations of the town hall meetings are as follows:

July 11 - Sharkey Theater, for residents of Catlin Park, Doris Miller Park and Maloelap.

July 12 - Sharkey Theater, for residents of Halawa, Hale Moku, Little Makalapa and Red Hill.

July 13 - NCTAMS Theater, for residents of NCTAMS and Camp Stover.

July 18 - Sharkey Theater, for residents of Pearl City Peninsula and Navy Manana.

July 19 - Sharkey Theater, for residents of Ford Island.

July 25 - Sharkey Theater, for (O-6 and below) residents of Hospital Point, Marine Barracks, Hale Alii and Makalapa.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Jason Swink

Capt. Joseph Horn Jr. is relieved by Capt. Randall Hendrickson during the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) change of command Tuesday at Piers Mike 1 and 2.

# USS Lake Erie holds change of command

**Ensign James DeWitt**

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Capt. Randall M. Hendrickson relieved Capt. Joseph A. Horn Jr. as commanding officer of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) at a change of command ceremony held Tuesday at Mike Piers 1 and 2 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, was the guest speaker.

Horn is a native of Philadelphia, Pa. and graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in May 1980 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. His first duty assignment was USS Sampson (DDG 10) where he served as the combat information officer and damage control assistant.

Subsequent sea duty assignments included tours as operations officer on USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) and USS Ticonderoga (CG 47), executive officer on USS Anzio (CG 68),

and commanding officer, USS Stout (DDG 55).

Ashore, Horn earned a master of science degree in operations analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School. He has served on the Joint Staff as an operations analyst in the force structure, resources and assessment directorate (J-8), the OPNAV Staff as head of command and control requirements in the theatre air warfare branch (N865) of the surface warfare division (N86), and the U.S. Joint Forces Command Staff as division chief for C4 plans, policies and requirements (J61).

His most recent assignment ashore was as the transformational concepts and experimentation branch head (N82) on the U.S. Fleet Forces Command Staff.

During Horn's tour, Lake Erie has made history several times in the emerging mission of ballistic missile defense. Lake Erie achieved success in six theater ballistic missile defense flight test missions, which included successful intercepts of progressively more challenging ballistic missile targets. With the com-

pletion of Flight Test Mission 04-2 in 2005, Lake Erie successfully distinguished between the target warhead and booster and intercepted a separating target in the exo-atmosphere.

In both 2004 and 2005, Lake Erie was selected as the recipient of both the Capt. James E. Ney Award for Food Service Excellence and the Battle Efficiency Award. Lake Erie also received the Spokane Trophy in 2005. In March 2006, the ship served as the test fire platform for a U.S.-Japanese developed standard missile 3. In June 2006, she served as the surface action group commander for a five-ship missile defense surface action group testing operational concepts in ballistic missile defense.

Hendrickson has served as the commanding officer of USS Ramage (DDG 61) and deployed aboard Ramage to the Middle East in support of the nation's global war on terrorism. Prior to the assignment as commanding officer of Lake Erie, he worked in the office of the Secretary of Defense.

# Medal of Honor photo exhibit opens in Honolulu

## Medal of Honor Recipients to Attend

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

A unique patriotic exhibit will be open for this year's Fourth of July celebrations. Medal of Honor recipients residing in Hawai'i are featured in the grand opening of "Visions of Valor," the nation's first traveling photographic exhibit honoring recipients of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest honor for valor under fire.

Featured in the exhibit of dramatic black and white portraits are recipients Barney Hajiro of Waipahu, Shizuya Hayashi of Pearl City, Allan Kellogg Jr. of Kailua, and Hawai'i's U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye.

Medal of Honor recipients, Tommy Norris and Ken Stumpf, attended an opening ceremony emceed by National Guard Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, adjutant general, state of Hawai'i on June 29 at the Hawai'i State Art Museum where the portraits will be on display through July 5. Admission is free.

The "Visions of Valor" exhibit is sponsored by TriWest Healthcare Alliance, which administers the military's health care plan, TRICARE, in Hawai'i and 20 other western states, and by the Hawai'i Medical Service Association.

"There's not a better way to celebrate our freedom this Fourth of July than to see this exhibit and learn about these special men whose bravery, dedication and selflessness led them to our



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U.S. Senator from Hawai'i, Daniel Inouye attended a high-level ceremony on Feb. 3 in Washington, D.C. when TriWest Healthcare Alliance unveiled its acquisition of one of two Valor Portfolios, renamed "Visions of Valor." One will be on permanent display for the 23,000 Pentagon employees and visitors who pass by to admire and pay their respect to these recipients.

nation's highest honor," said David McIntyre Jr., TriWest president and CEO.

A duplicate "Visions of Valor" exhibit is on permanent display at the Pentagon's new Hall of Heroes.

Hajiro, while an Army private in France during World War II, exposed himself to enemy fire, ambushed an 18-man, heavily armed enemy patrol and initiated an attack on "Suicide Hill." He ran through enemy fire and fearlessly destroyed two machine gun nests and killed two enemy snipers single-handedly.

Hayashi, an Army private in Italy during World War II, rose in the face of heavy fire and, shooting from the hip, charged and overtook an

enemy machine gun position. Advancing, an anti-aircraft gun position opened fire. He returned fire, killing nine, taking four prisoners, and forced the enemy to withdraw.

Kellogg, while a Marine gunnery sergeant in 1970 in Vietnam, was ambushed at night and a grenade glanced off his chest. He forced it into the mud, threw his body over it and absorbed its blast. Injured in the chest, right shoulder and arm, he continued directing his men.

Senator Inouye, an Army first lieutenant serving in Italy in World War II, crawled up a treacherous slope, neutralized two machine gun emplacements and continued fighting although wounded until a



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Similar to the exhibition in Washington, D.C., these Medal of Honor portraits provide a rare glimpse of America's most honored heroes. These recipients are a rapidly diminishing number of service members upon whom our nation bestowed the highest award for valor in combat - the Medal of Honor. Less than 121 are alive today, out of the 3,441 awarded since the Civil War.

grenade shattered his right arm. He refused evacuation and continued directing his platoon.

Norris, a Navy lieutenant serving in Vietnam in 1972, led patrols deep into heavily controlled enemy territory to rescue two downed pilots. After saving one, over the next two days he continued his rescue efforts by disguising himself as a fisherman on a sampan.

Stumpf, serving in Vietnam in 1967, received the medal as an army ser-

geant in Hawai'i's 25th Infantry Division, which has earned more Medals of Honor than any other military organization. Encountering a well-fortified enemy bunker complex and exposing himself to machine gun fire, he rescued three men and organized an assault against several bunkers, destroying a key bunker.

"Visions of Valor" is the first and largest exhibit of its kind in the nation's history to honor the courage,

commitment and character of Medal of Honor recipients, whose numbers are declining. Only 111 recipients are still living today. The Medal of Honor has been awarded to 3,442 recipients.

The exhibit is intended to educate the public about the Congressional Medal of Honor and to perpetuate the patriotism, courage and honor of its recipients. Visit [www.cmohs.org](http://www.cmohs.org) to read the recipients' citations.

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