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Chung-Hoon conducts damage control inspections

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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)

In the case of most ships, returning from a five-month deployment would constitute a reason enough for celebration.

However, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) was given yet another reason after recently completing ULTRA E and ULTRA C inspections almost flawlessly.

During the extensive training cycle up periods, the crew completed more than 50 individual drills. The drills tested the crew's ability to combat damage in various different categories, shipboard fire fighting, structural damage, flooding and smoke casualties.

USS Chung-Hoon is the first ship homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor to be able to fully self assess all of their drills and evolutions. The ship completed 100 of 193 objectives required by ATG (Afloat Training Group).

Thanks to hours of training, preparation and coordination, the damage control training teams are now able to fully assess the crew without the supervision of ATG.

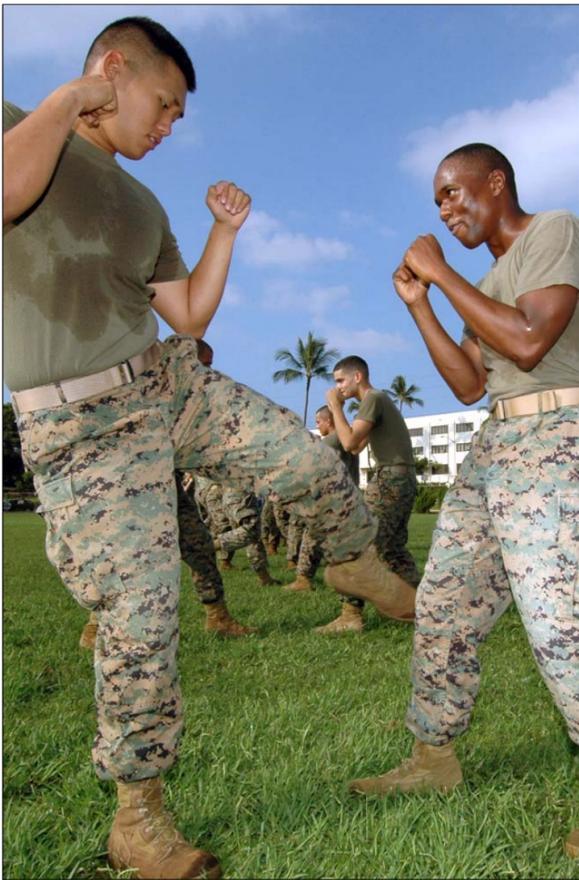
The repair division conducted a full repair locker inventory, chemical, biological and radiological inventory, a rescue and assistance drill to another ship, and numerous at-sea fire party drills.

The crew provided a blueprint to other Pearl Harbor-based ships and was recognized by Commander Destroyer Squadron stating, "I wish I had a video camera because this is how it should be done."



A Sailor aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) participates in a drill during a recent training cycle. The crew completed more than 50 drills. Chung-Hoon is the first ship at Pearl Harbor to fully self-assess all its drills and evolutions.

Marine Corps trains at Pearl Harbor



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush
Members of Combat Service Support Group Three (CSSG 3), Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay, conduct Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) Tan Belt training onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 6. The training is conducted in order to prepare the Marines for various security force taskings.

Western Pacific Naval Symposium concludes



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Anibal V. Ramos-Miranda
Adm. Gary Roughead, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, concludes the 10th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) with the signing of the minutes. The symposium, held in Honolulu from Oct. 30 through Nov. 2, provided naval leaders from across the Pacific with a forum for network building, development of cooperative strategies, and discussion of maritime issues of global and regional importance. Navies that have habitual working relationships are better able to respond to disasters, provide humanitarian assistance, deter trans-national criminal activity, and respond to contingencies. Adm. Mike Mullen, chief of naval operations, represented the U.S. Navy at the symposium. The first WPNS was held in 1988. The symposium is held biennially and was last hosted by Singapore in 2004.



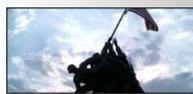
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Newly designed 'paint float' ready for Sailors

Story and photo by
MCC (SWAW) David Rush

Managing Editor

It's a job that will not get done without the elbow grease of hard-working Sailors. Painting the ships with a fresh coat of haze gray or submarine black is a seemingly never-ending process.

Thanks to an improved design, new paint floats are in the water at Pearl Harbor and makes it easier and safer for Sailors while painting ships and submarines.

According to the paint float creator, Keith Nesmith, Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Port Operations manager, the paint float "incorporates the latest composite technologies, conforms to the different classes and degrees of the ship's and submarine's freeboard. It also allows personnel to paint the waterline and boot top safely, while ensuring no paint is accidentally spilled in the harbor."

Nesmith added that the design allows for easy access to supplies while protecting them from the sun with a movable awning. "The paint float provides personnel a paint mixing, pouring, working and resting area and is designed to accommodate paint brushes, rollers, water cooler, life preservers, rags and plastic bags, while providing protection to personnel against the environmental elements," Nesmith explained.

Nesmith said that the design offers easier painting and better control of



Keith Nesmith of Port Operations (left), Louis DiStefano, NAVSEA engineering, and Capt. Taylor Skardon, Naval Station Pearl Harbor commanding officer, cut the ribbon on one of two of the Navy's latest painting devices, an improved paint float that allows Sailors to paint the freeboard, waterline and boot top safely. Thanks to an improved design, new paint floats are in the water at Pearl Harbor and makes it easier and safer for Sailors while painting ships and submarines.

paint and other materials. "The special non-marking fender design of the paint float prevents damage to any surface of the ship or submarine caused by the waves and winds or contact between the vessel and the paint float. The paint float is surrounded with a paint spill containment tray that can be covered during inclement weather, which prevents paint or other hazardous material from entering the water," he said.

In addition to helping Sailors do their job and help to protect the environment,

Nesmith said the floats are made to last and are cost effective. "They are 95 percent maintenance free for the next 15 years and cost \$110,000 less than a typical obsolete, Navy-designed paint float. The purchase of two paint floats saved CNRH [Navy Region Hawai'i] \$225,000 in procurement costs and \$2.2 million over the next 15 years in maintenance costs," he said.

Capt. Taylor Skardon, Naval Station Pearl Harbor's commanding officer, is delighted to see the

painting innovation. "I'm pretty excited about it because it's going to help the Sailors do their jobs better and safer, and it's safer for the environment. The fact that we save money is icing on the cake," said Skardon.

Nesmith added that the two new floats are ready for use and is looking forward to making them available to the ships and submarines homeported at Pearl Harbor. For more information about the new paint floats or to schedule delivery, call Port Operations at 473-1168.

SUBPAC greets ROK CNO



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW) Cynthia Clark

Vice Adm. Young Joon Kwon, Republic of Korea vice chief of naval operations, shakes hands with Rear Adm. Joseph Walsh, Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet, following a meeting at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 3.

NAVFAC wins SECNAV Platinum Energy Award



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i received the Secretary of the Navy's Platinum Energy Award on Oct. 25 in Washington, D.C. The Platinum Award is the highest tier of recognition for Navy activities and NAVFAC Hawai'i's selection was based on its fiscal year '05 energy activities, awareness program, training, projects, innovation and energy performance. This is the first Platinum Energy Award bestowed upon NAVFAC Hawai'i and one of a few ever given to a facilities engineering command.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Veterans' Day is more than a day off

Pacific Fleet Master Chief (SS/SW) R. D. West



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Hoo-yah, Warriors! Hope this finds you well and doing lots of great things for our Navy.

This week we will be honoring our nation's veterans and the contributions they have made.

Appropriately, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, Adm. Gary Roughead, confirmed that a discovered submarine wreck in the Western Pacific was that of the World War II submarine legend, USS Wahoo (SS 238). I think it is very fitting that the site of the crew's final resting place was confirmed so close to Veterans' Day.

Along similar lines, I wrote an article awhile back talking about the sacrifices many other veterans have made throughout our history. Just over the past century, millions of

Americans stepped up to say, "I'll serve."

I wrote that article to focus your attention on the accomplishments, sacrifices and history of those men and women who chose to serve the needs of our country over everything else.

But for this article, I want to focus your attention on something that many of you may not have considered.

On Veterans' Day, many of us think about honoring survivors of wars fought long ago. Many think about having the day off. There are some who forget

about it completely.

I say to properly honor Veterans' Day, remember that it's not just a day off; it's a day to honor heroes and to reflect on the accomplishments and sacrifices of those who are serving today and those who have gone before us.

We all are veterans. This is our day, too. Whether you were invading Normandy in 1944 or are combating terrorists today in the Middle East, you are a veteran. Active duty, Reservist, retiree, or those who served an enlistment or two, we are all veterans who answered the nation's call.

As I mentioned in my first column, it is critical we never forget the history of past veterans. Part of having Veterans' Day is to preserve that history.

While preserving the histories of

our past veterans, we can't forget the history our veterans of today are writing.

I ran across an interesting Web site by the Library of Congress during my research for this column. It's called the Veterans' History Project and it's dedicated to helping preserve our veterans' history. You can check it out by visiting <http://www.loc.gov/vets/about.html>.

An interesting fact is that the Veterans' History Project is not stopping with the 20th century. While they start out at World War I, they are collecting our veterans' history through the present day. And I think that is important.

It means you are valued as veterans, too. It means that our efforts, our sacrifices will not be forgotten. Originally, Veterans' Day was

called "Armistice Day" to celebrate the end of World War I. In fact, many countries still honor Nov. 11 as "Armistice Day."

But in America, we shifted the focus to our veterans - the folks who fought and endured war. Many of these great Americans were the people who trained us to replace them.

This year, I hope we all take a moment not only to honor those who fought and suffered the wars of the past, but to keep those warriors standing the watch right now in your minds.

It's always nice to have a day off, but we need to keep sight of the reason and the history - and present - of this great day.

It's a celebration of what all veterans - past and present - have given to this country. Hoo-yah!

Veterans' Day...America honors its military

Karen S. Spangler

Editor

Rows of white tombstones on neatly manicured expanses of grass, miniature American flags fluttering in the breeze, the sharp report of 21-gun salutes, melancholy strains of Taps echoing through the air, patriotic-themed parades with marching bands performing and war veterans as honorees - these poignant visions of Veterans' Day observances will be enacted this holiday at services and

celebrations throughout the nation. America will honor its veterans who have served and continue to serve in the military services.

Veterans' Day is the American name for the international observance, called Armistice Day. The Nov. 11 date marks the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. Armistice Day was originally commemorated in America in 1919 during the presidency of Woodrow Wilson.

In 1926, Congress passed a

resolution inviting all Americans to observe the day and in 1938, it became a legal holiday. Since that date, it has been observed annually on Nov. 11 - first as Armistice Day and later as Veterans' Day. One exception to that was a brief period when the annual observance was held on the fourth Monday of October.

It has evolved as a time to honor living veterans who have served in the armed forces as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

As Americans gather on this

Veterans' Day to pay respects to all who have died in our nation's wars, to all of those who have bravely served - and continue to serve - their country, it will be a time to offer tributes and to reflect upon the sacrifices and the contributions of so many.

The immortal words of nineteenth century American poet Oliver Wendell Holmes embrace all American heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice and those who serve their country: "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore."



Veterans' Day events

The following Veterans' Day observances, which include Navy participants, will be held on Oahu.

•Nov. 10

10 a.m.: 61st Annual Wahiawa Lions Club Parade, Wahiawa.

•Nov. 11

10 a.m.: Disabled American Veterans Massing of the Colors, National Memorial Cemetery (Punchbowl) of the

Pacific.

11 a.m.: World War II Submarine Vets Ceremony, Parche Memorial at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

1 p.m.: Hawai'i State ceremony, Kaneohe.

4:45 p.m.: Battleship Missouri Memorial will host its annual Veterans' Day Sunset Ceremony. Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i will be the keynote speaker.

Survivors of war from another era



Survivors from USS Yorktown at the Battle of Midway in June 1942 board trucks for transportation to Camp Catlin, Oahu soon after their arrival at Pearl Harbor on board USS Fulton (AS 11) on June 8, 1942. Note Marine directing traffic in lower right and U.S. Navy bus in the background.

Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the U.S. National Archives

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A proclamation by the President of the United States of America

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Patrol Squadron Four honors award recipients



U.S. Navy photo

Cmdr. Wade Turvold, commanding officer of VP-4, presents awards to VP-4 honorees during a ceremony held Oct. 23 at VP-4, at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe.

MC2 Jason Swink

Patrol Squadron Four Public Affairs

The Skinny Dragons of Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) paused briefly during their pre-deployment training cycle on Oct. 23 to recognize squadron personnel for their many accomplishments. Cmdr. Wade Turvold, commanding officer of the squadron, presented various awards, ranging from Navy/Marine Corps achievement medals to letters of appreciation.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Laura Mauga was a recipient of the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal for her responsibilities involving the safe and effective loading of more than 260,000 pounds of sonobuoys and six sorties carrying air launched weapons. "I enjoyed the busy pace. I really learned

a lot from the experience," said Mauga. Her work center also played the part of liaison and support for other squadrons participating. "Despite the language barrier between us and some of the foreign squadrons we were hosting, it was great interacting with them on a daily basis," she added.

Another individual recognized was Petty Officer Third Class Christopher Harris. A recipient of a letter of commendation, Harris modestly stated he "just did his job." On one occasion during the exercise, Harris found a piece of FOD (loose item capable of causing foreign object damage) under the floor board near the flight controls. In recognition of his attention to detail, he was nominated for "safety pro of the month," and was selected the winner.

All of the VP-4 maintainers put in a praiseworthy effort working long hours. "It was pretty hectic. I had to change my mentality to working 12 or more hours a day, but some of our supervisors stayed even longer," said Petty Officer Romy Dacanay who also was a recipient of a letter of commendation.

Turvold expressed his pleasure with the squadron's overall performance and praised everyone for playing a key role in its continuing success. He presented some impressive numbers: 1,487 flight hours flown for 279 sorties. Regarding the many discrepancies the maintenance personnel fixed, he stressed that above all else that the squadron did it all safely. Patrol Squadron Four will deploy to Seventh Fleet to support the global war on terrorism.

3rd Marines receive American Patriot Award

Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Public Affairs

The Honolulu Council Navy League bestowed its 2006 American Patriot Award to 3rd Marine Regiment on Nov. 4 at the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Officers' Club.

The American Patriot Award, given annually, recognizes individuals and organizations who exemplify American patriotism. The award is presented to those whose actions demonstrate courage, loyalty and patriotism at a black-tie dinner and ceremony.

"The 3rd Marines are most worthy recipients of this award and an inspiration to us all," said Robert Dewitz, chairman of the American Patriot Award dinner event.

The regiment was first activated in 1942 and has been stationed at

Kaneohe Bay since 1971. They fought in several World War II campaigns, including the infamous Iwo Jima campaign. Following assignments in Japan and Okinawa, the regiment participated in the war in Vietnam, in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in current deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Serving on the leading edge of the war on terror, from the opening days of Afghanistan to the toughest battles in Iraq, no unit has seen more combat or made greater sacrifice than Hawai'i's own 3rd Marines," said Dewitz. "They are true American patriots."

Past events have been attended by Governor Linda Lingle, Mayor Mufi Hannemann and other dignitaries.

For more information about the award, contact Robert Dewitz at 792-5701.

Marching for heroes

Sailors from Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Kauai marched the colors and showcased a high-speed maneuverable seaborne target (HSMST) boat during the Kauai Veterans' Day parade held Nov. 4 in Lihue, Hawai'i.



US Navy photo by MC2 Johnny Michael

Pearl Harbor Highlights



Above: Members of Combat Service Support Group Three (CSSG 3), Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay, conduct Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) tan belt training onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 6. The training is conducted in order to prepare the Marines for various security force taskings.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

Left: From the bow of the Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70), students from Aiea High School learn about the ship and the Navy's mission. Sixty ninth-grade students participated in the field trip to Pearl Harbor on Nov. 1, which also included a tour of historic Ford Island.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

Left bottom photo: Sailors aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) recently completed a self-assessment of drills and evolutions. During extensive training cycle up periods, the crew completed more than 50 individual drills.

U.S. Navy photo by DC2 Brian Crusoe

Right bottom photo: A Sailor aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) participates in a drill during an extensive training cycle up period. Chung-Hoon is the first ship homeported at Pearl Harbor to be able to fully self-assess all of its drills and evolutions.

U.S. Navy photo by DC2 Brian Crusoe



Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 adopts a highway



HM1 Castillo helps NEPMU 6 with its adopt-a-highway project. The command has participated in the effort for the past several years.

Story and photo by
Lt. Michele A. McCloskey

*Navy Environmental and
Preventive Medicine Unit 6*

Board shorts, four pair of sunglasses, assorted shoes for various activities, an air conditioner, and two dozen plastic, multi-colored Easter eggs - a Hawaiian spring vacation packing list for the Easter Bunny, you wonder? No, it was just a partial inventory of the wide variety of discarded items that were collected by staff members of the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 (NEPMU 6), along a two-mile stretch of Nimitz Highway, on a recent community service outing.

For seven years, members of NEPMU 6 have been active

participants in the Department of Transportation-sponsored program known as adopt-a-highway. Adopt-a-highway is a public service program in which volunteers pick up litter along Hawai'i's state highways. Various groups, including schools, churches and businesses, adopt a highway by agreeing to pick up litter on a designated section of highway for at least two years. These groups obligate themselves to tend to their 'adoptee' four times a year.

Undaunted by the tremendous amount of trash encountered by NEPMU 6 volunteers on their first visit to their newly-assigned section of Nimitz Highway, Hospital Corpsman (HM) 2nd Class Steven Hale said that regardless of what may have been left behind, "What we do makes a difference. You can see that by the number of (trash) bags, the amount of trash we pick up."

HM3 Deneetra Weaver, HM2 Vanessa Smith and HM3 Dmetric Jones are 'veteran' Adopt-a-highway volunteers. They all agreed that cleaning up the island is a great way to show appreciation for the privilege of being stationed in beautiful Hawai'i.

For more information on becoming an adopt-a-highway volunteer, call the Oahu District at 831-6712.



HM2 Wardlow collects litter as part of the NEPMU 6 adopt-a-highway project.

Sailor re-enlists on USS Port Royal's anchor

Story and photo by
Ensign Rachael Pitchford

USS Port Royal (CG 73) Public Affairs

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Ryan Anderson carefully balanced his six-foot, one-inch frame on the cradle of USS Port Royal's (CG 73) golden anchor while his wife and their 13-month old daughter watched from the pier.

Anderson confidently raised his right hand in the air, formed a perfect 90-degree angle with his arm, and took a deep breath as he said the re-enlistment oath administered by Capt. David Adler, Port Royal's commanding officer.

When asked why he chose to re-enlist on the anchor of Port Royal, Anderson explained that he wanted to do something different. He has re-enlisted twice at the Arizona Memorial and once at his home. This time, Anderson chose the anchor. "I thought this would be a good opportunity to do something unusual," he explained. As a boatswain's mate, Anderson is in charge of the preservation and upkeep of the ship's anchor so re-enlisting on the 9,000-pound golden anchor only seemed natural.

For Anderson, re-enlisting was just another step in the progression of his Navy career. "I first joined the Navy to earn money for college," recalled Anderson, who initially enlisted in the Navy more than 10 years ago. "It was something new and something different and I ended up liking it," he continued.

While perched atop the anchor, Anderson agreed to serve the Navy for three more years. He said he plans on making a career of the Navy and serving 20 years.



Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Ryan Anderson carefully balances on the cradle of USS Port Royal's (CG 73) 9,000-pound golden anchor as he said the re-enlistment oath administered by Capt. David Adler, Port Royal's commanding officer.

Navy hotline to assist IA families during deployments

MCSN Katrina Parker

Navy Expeditionary Combat
Command Public Affairs

The Expeditionary Combat Readiness Command (ECRC) headquartered at Amphibious Base Little Creek, Norfolk, Va., has established a hotline for active-duty and reserve Sailor's families on individual augmentee (IA) orders.

The toll free phone number, 877-364-4302, provides IA family members a way to find the information or resources they may need while their Sailors are deployed.

The wife of an IA said she feels the ECRC will benefit family members.

"When I read that ECRC was created specifically to meet the needs of IAs and their families, I thought, 'what a great idea,'" she said. "It's reassuring just knowing someone is there to help you if you need it or point you in the right direction."

The ECRC's hotline aims to alleviate the stress IA family members may experience.

"We want to be that conduit where a family member can contact us and we can get them in touch with the group or organization that can provide the support they need," said Cmdr. Laura

Leigh Venable, ECRC's executive officer.

With the unique deployments Navy IA Sailors and their families may face, Venable said it is important for family members to know where they can go for help.

Unlike a ship or squadron deployment, an IA may come from an area without fleet concentration. This could make it difficult for their families to find the resources and information they need.

"Bottom line is, even though the Navy is doing new missions and in different ways than we've done it in the past by having IAs from multiple commands, the Navy is still going to care for its family members the way it always has," Venable said. "The Navy is trying very hard to take care of the entire Sailor. The way to do that is by letting the Sailor know their families are going to be cared for while they're deployed."

The ECRC also plans to establish a Web site designed specifically for IAs and their families.

"We don't want to miss one of those family members," Venable said. "We want to make sure they know that even though their Sailor is off, they still have that feeling of belonging, and we will continue to take care of our family members."

Hawai'i Navy News Sports

Navy drops nail biter in first game of Armed Forces Tournament

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Navy News Service

The All Navy Men's Basketball team dropped a nail biter in double overtime in a bid to defend their championship Nov. 5 at the Armed Forces Men's Basketball Tournament at Fort Carson, Colo.

The Navy team is made up of Sailors and Coast Guardsmen from all over the world hand selected by their coaches, Lt. Sam Caldwell assigned to Naval Strike Air Warfare Center in Sacramento,

Calif., and David Landriault, a retired Sailor from Livingston, Texas.

The team is a blend of officer and enlisted Sailors. Each of the 12 players who made the final team came from a pool of more than 300 hopefuls of whom only a handful could be brought to the Naval Academy for tryouts.

"We brought 24 to 30 players into training camp, based upon the guys we saw at the mini-camps, and then we cut down to 12," said Caldwell. "So those who get to come into training

camp got to fight for those 12 positions."

Those who made the team sweated through two-a-day practice and scrimmaged against college teams including the Naval Academy and a semi-pro team from Maryland.

Caldwell seemed optimistic about the team's chances in the tournament.

"We have an opportunity to let them know what the Navy is really about. We're going to do what we came here to do and that's win championships, period," Caldwell said.

Navy No. 88, Huffman ready for Phoenix

Jeffrey Nichols

Commander Navy Recruiting
Command Public Affairs

No. 88 Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS heads to the Phoenix International Raceway to participate in the Arizona Travel 200 on Nov. 11 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Driver Shane Huffman will be behind the wheel of Dale Earnhardt, Jr.'s JR Motorsports-owned No. 88 car.

"I'm looking forward to the race at Phoenix," Huffman stated. "I've been to a lot of tracks this year that I've never even seen before and Phoenix is one place that I've actually seen [the track] before."

Huffman finished in fifth place at the Sam's 250 in Memphis on Oct. 28.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Johnny Bivera

No. 88 Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS heads to the Phoenix International Raceway to participate in the Arizona Travel 200 on Nov. 11 in Phoenix, Ariz.

"The Navy Chevrolet was awesome today," Huffman said about the Memphis race. "Wes (Ward, crew chief) made some great calls and we were able to stay up near the front all afternoon."

Fleet honoree for the race will be USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), homeported at San Diego, Calif.

The Phoenix race will be televised live at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time to a national audience on NBC and will broadcast on Motor Racing Network (MRN) radio. Also, the race can be seen on American Forces Network Sports (AFN). Check your local listings in your area for broadcast time.

New roofing technologies take heat out of Pearl Harbor buildings

Photo and story by
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Remember the nauseating smell of hot tar lingering in the breeze when passing by a roofing job? Well, times have changed at Pearl Harbor as the Navy has greatly reduced the quantity of tar it uses for roofing projects. In many cases, tar has been replaced with new technology roofing products and membranes.

In late September, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii (NAVFAC Hawaii) roofers were busy applying the latest in cool roofing technology and peel and stick systems on Navy facilities throughout Pearl Harbor. These new materials help reduce some of the inherent dangers on working on top of buildings, especially with tar.

"Working with hot tar can be a safety nightmare," said James "Kimo" Mook, NAVFAC Hawaii roofing supervisor. "Not only can the fumes be overpowering, but the possibility of getting burned is always present."

One type of roofing material that is being used is an elastomeric, or roof coating system. This material produces a seamless, flexible, durable membrane that has exceptional weatherability, as well as ultraviolet and fire resistant qualities. NAVFAC Hawaii roofers are applying this material to numerous, low-sloped, built-up roofs and metal roof surfaces found on buildings at Pearl Harbor.

"The Navy began using this type of product in 1997," said Mook. "We



A NAVFAC Hawaii roofer applies the latest in cool roofing technology and peel and stick systems on Navy facilities throughout Pearl Harbor. These new materials help reduce some of the inherent dangers of working on top of buildings, especially with tar. The Navy benefits from the material's resistance to cracking and peeling from heat and its insulating and reflective properties.

tried various brands looking for the best material we could find, not only to reduce the cost of labor, but to also provide a roof that would save the Navy future maintenance dollars."

Prior to applying the elastomeric material with industrial paint rollers, roofers must carefully prepare the surface, making needed repairs and taping up seams before applying a primer coating. After the primer, two additional coats of a white, finish product are necessary. Cleanup for roofers is easy and consists of soap and water.

Some elastomeric roofing systems offer a 10-year warranty. The Navy benefits from its resistance to cracking and peeling from heat and its insulating and reflective properties.

"An elastomeric roof can reduce a building's temperature 20-30 degrees," said Mook. "This is impor-

tant to Navy customers, especially in today's energy conservation and efficiency environment."

Another roofing product currently being used is a new peel and stick material made out of polyester and glass. It is a durable, self-stick membrane product that provides advanced waterproofing, especially useful for low-sloped roof surfaces. NAVFAC Hawaii roofers like this material because it is relatively fast, clean and easy to install.

"We need to make sure to carefully prepare the roofing surface, even if it means scraping it clean down to its original deck," said Mook. "The black base peel and stick membrane is rolled out, the backing paper removed, and it is placed in its final location. This is then followed by a second, white finish or cap sheet."

In 1999, NAVFAC Hawaii roofers began using this type of product

on the flat, patio roofs found at Hokulani Navy housing when the units were renovated. Since then, it has proven its durability and is living up to its 10-year warranty. Although this product is not a reflectant, it doesn't draw heat to the structure and is resistant to rips or punctures.

Shingle roofs are still being installed when this type of roofing material makes sense and they provide the Navy with a 30-40 year warranty. NAVFAC Hawaii roofers must prepare the surface and repair problem areas prior to placing the new shingles over the old ones. In some cases, roofs are receiving a combination of shingles over part of it and a new roofing membrane (either elastomeric or peel and stick) over another section.

"We find out what the customer wants and the dollars they have to spend to maintain their building's roof," explained Mook. "It is our job to help them choose the best roofing alternative for their structure."

Although there are buildings at Pearl Harbor where hot tar/asphalt roofing is still needed, they are becoming fewer in number. Currently, NAVFAC Hawaii roofers are using elastomeric and peel and stick membranes and materials for approximately 75 percent of its roofing jobs.

"We are accessing buildings in need of roofing repairs and converting as many as is feasible from the hot tar and asphalt to the newer roofing materials," said Mook. "This is a good business decision for our customers and is safer for my roofers. We do whatever it takes to provide customers with a good, solid roof."

COMPACFLT Inspector General hosts 5th annual conference

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This year's Commander, Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Inspector General (IG) conference started with a seismic rumble. Two days before the conference was scheduled to begin, an earthquake originating off the Big Island shook the Hawaiian Islands. The quake caused widespread blackouts and long air traffic delays. "If the earthquake had happened one day later, our conference may have been cancelled," said Betty Vega, IG for COMPACFLT.

Fortunately, the conference pressed ahead with only minor schedule changes. From Oct. 17-19, 35 attendees converged at the Navy Lodge on Ford Island for three days of intensive discussion. IGs from 21 major commands attended, including representatives from the Naval Inspector General, the Naval Audit Service, U.S. Pacific Command, Fleet Forces Command, Naval Installations Command, Naval Sea Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, U.S. Army Pacific, and acquisition and internal control experts from the offices of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy. "The reason we have this conference every year," explained Wayson Lee, deputy COMPACFLT IG, "is to provide an open forum to share ideas, best practices, new developments – anything that helps us do our job better. And we can't do our job without other IGs."

The role of the IG is nothing new to the Navy or the government: prevent, detect and correct fraud, waste and abuse. As one of the key oversight organizations of the Navy, IGs provide direct, candid information to increase efficiency and identify Navy-wide problems. Typical IG work includes investigations into allegations of wrong doing, assessments of

various operations, inspections of commands and programs, and coordination of incoming audits. "These functions depend on a Navy-wide network of IG offices," Lee stated. "They're the last line of accountability."

This year's conference reinforced the IG network by allowing IGs from all over the world to meet in person and share information. Rear Adm. J. J. Donnelly, deputy commander for COMPACFLT, gave the opening remarks by placing the conference into a fleet-wide perspective. Other topics included interviewing techniques, project management, IG certification, intelligence oversight, and briefs from direct reporters to COMPACFLT. Training and briefs quickly filled the three days scheduled for the conference.

Despite the busy agenda, participants had the opportunity to network and socialize. The first day's icebreaker took place at sunset on COMPACFLT's Boat House lanai. IGs took advantage of the relaxing atmosphere to reinforce IG relationships. During an awards luncheon on the second day, Vega recognized the outstanding achievements of IGs in the Pacific area of responsibility. Capt. Joseph DeMarco, IG for Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, received the award for Pacific Fleet's outstanding IG for 2006.

On the last day of the conference the group took a tour of USS Los Angeles (SSN 688). "It was a great way to end to conference," Lee said.

"The conference continues to be an essential means of getting together with other IGs and improving the way we do business," said Vega. Armed with new tools, information and stronger professional relationships, COMPACFLT IGs are bound for another successful year.