

## New PPV housing breaks ground on Ford Island

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Representatives from Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) and Forest City Military Communities Hawai'i held a groundbreaking ceremony on Ford Island on Tuesday.

The event marked the beginning of phase three of the Navy's public-private venture (PPV) between CNRH and Forest City to construct more than 800 new military single-family homes throughout the region.

"I think it's great. It's beautiful to see investments and improvements here on Ford Island," said Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The project includes the construction of 826 new housing units on the islands of Oahu and Kauai, including two new neighborhoods on Ford Island. The Ford Island communities will consist of 231 new homes for senior enlisted service members and officers.

The new homes will feature central air conditioning, ceiling fans, wall-to-wall carpeting upstairs, two-car garages, covered lanais, high-efficiency appliances, solar-powered hot water heating, fenced yards, and automatic lawn sprinkler systems.

"The Navy, in the past, has not done a good enough job at maintaining suitable family housing for service members and families and we were never going to get there because of the constraints on funding," said Alexander. "This is a whole different approach that allows us to partner with [the civilian community] and guarantee quality housing at very little investment for the Navy."

As part of the PPV project, 222 historic housing units in seven Navy neighborhoods, including Nob



Kāhu Kaleo Patterson performs a traditional Hawaiian blessing at the groundbreaking for phase three of public-private venture on Ford Island on Tuesday. Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, along with Hawai'i Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, Hawai'i Rep. Neil Abercrombie, and representatives of Forest City Military Communities Hawai'i and CNRH prepare to shovel dirt using Hawaiian o'o sticks.

Hill and Luke Field on Ford Island, will be restored.

"We want to replace these homes with modern ones, with all the latest conveniences and energy efficient homes, that the Navy members can enjoy along with their families," said Tom Carter, vice president, military housing for Forest City Residential Management.

"The homes that the Navy has here, especially on Ford Island and throughout Oahu, were built in the '60s and '70s. They've just about outlived their time," explained Carter.

The region-wide project has also included the construction of two community centers, the renovation of 970 homes and the demolition of 791 homes in Navy neighborhoods.

Improvements to the security of the homes and neighborhoods, landscaping, irrigation, and recreational facilities and replacement of utility systems in older neighborhoods is included in the scope of the project.

Neighborhoods will feature such amenities as tot lots, play lots, multi-purpose courts, picnic pavilions, benches, dog parks and

walking trails.

According to Carter, the project was first brought to the drawing board in 2003.

The reconstruction project is scheduled to be completed by 2012. At the end of construction, there will be almost 2,000 new and renovated housing units available to region service members.

## PMRF changes command



Capt. Aaron Cudnohufsky (left), commanding officer Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), salutes as Capt. Mark Darrah is piped through the side boys during a change of command ceremony on board PMRF on Wednesday.

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Pacific Missile Range  
Facility, Kaua'i

Capt. Aaron Cudnohufsky relieved Capt. Mark Darrah as commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kaua'i at a change of command ceremony held Wednesday at the PMRF base operations hangar.

"[Darrah's] leadership has guaranteed the continued unprecedented success of PMRF," said guest speaker Adm. Gary Roughead,

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## Kapolei Middle School students visit Chung-Hoon

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The crew of the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) hosted a visit for more than 80 Kapolei Middle School students on March 30 on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Sailors guided the eighth grade science class students both above and below decks of the ship, making stops on the forecabin, bridge and command information center (CIC). Primary components and functions of the destroyer were pointed out and explained as groups made their way around the ship.

"It just gives them a little insight on what we do, even though we're not doing what we normally do [on deployment]," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Don Mahilum, tour guide for the group and assigned to Chung-Hoon.

Illuminated by radar screens and communications equipment monitors, the students' excitement grew as they passed through the darkness of the combat information center (CIC).

"They enjoyed the combat room because it was kind of stealth and spy-like," said Kim Sanders, student chaplaine and eighth grade science teacher at Kapolei

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Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Don Mahilum, assigned to Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), explains primary functions and components of the ship to students from Kapolei Middle School during a tour of the Pearl Harbor-based destroyer. The visit marked the first time Kapolei Middle School's science class toured a U.S. Navy ship and provided a fun and educational experience for the students.

## UFC champ tours Pearl Harbor



Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) heavy-weight champion Randy "The Natural" Couture talks with Sailors from Commander, Pacific Fleet and USS Arizona Memorial Detachment during a tour to USS Arizona Memorial on March 31. Couture met with and signed autographs for Sailors assigned to various commands of the region during his visit to Hawai'i.

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# CNRH proclaims April 2007 Month of the Military Child

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Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signed a Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation during a ceremony at Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA PH) Fleet and Family Support Center on March 29.

The proclamation signing officially marked April 2007 as the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month for Navy Region Hawai'i.

"I am very pleased today to be able to make a pledge on behalf of the children and on behalf of the prevention of child abuse," said Alexander.

The Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time set aside each April to recognize the special sacrifices children make as part of a military family and to take action in preventing child abuse.

The Department of Defense (DoD) considers child care a workforce issue. According to DoD, there are fewer active duty service members than their associated family members. Over one-third of active duty members are married with children and 5.4 percent are single parents.

The first clause of the proclamation states that preventing child abuse



Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signs a Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation March 29. Hawai'i State Senator Norman Sakamoto, Hawai'i State Representative Della Belatti, children from various youth organizations, and other distinguished guests were in attendance.

and neglect is a community responsibility that depends on the involvement of the people throughout the community.

Special events and programs at CNRH have been planned for April, including the "Prevent child abuse" Hawai'i teddy bear drive scheduled for April 14 at Ward Warehouse and the CNRH Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) annual Spring Fest from 2-5 p.m. April 21 at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

CNRH Fleet and Family Support Center also offers parenting classes, individual parenting consultation and a family resource library.

Alexander called upon all Navy personnel and their families to participate in the effort to prevent child abuse.

"Our children are our future. They're going to take care of all of us when we get older and they're going to discover new, wonderful, amazing things that are going to improve our

lives," said Alexander.

Hawai'i State Senator Norman Sakamoto, Hawai'i State Representative Della Belatti and children from CNRH child development centers and Boys & Girls Club of Navy Hawai'i accompanied Alexander as he signed the document.

"I would ask you to, even though you did not get to sign the proclamation this morning, to sign your own proclamation as you walk out of these

doors and make a special pledge to continue to do the great work you're doing and to look after our children," said Alexander.

According to the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation, effective child abuse programs succeed because of partnerships between social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community and the military.

Sakamoto and Belatti each gave their thanks and presented Alexander with certificates of recognition.

"It's a partnership to address these very critical issues in our community and truly, the Navy stands as a strong and critical partner in that partnership," said Belatti.

As the signing concluded, blue ribbons signifying child abuse prevention were distributed to the guests and audience. The event was wrapped up literally as the official party and guests were invited to the parking lot to witness Alexander, accompanied by children, tying the first blue ribbon to the antenna of his vehicle.

"Growing up in a military family is something not all children can experience. It's tough and demands levels of family responsibility load-sharing that only military families can understand and appreciate. Our children's unsung courage, sacrifice and support, should be considered no less impactful towards serving this nation than that of our uniform members," said Vice Adm. Bob Conway, Commander, Navy Installations Command.

## Excellence in food service



U.S. Navy photo

Representatives from Naval Station Pearl Harbor and USS Cheyenne (SSN 773), 2007 winners of the Captain Edward F. Ney Awards for excellence in food service, were among those honored at an awards ceremony held March 31 in Kansas City, Mo. The Silver Dolphin Bistro won first place in the overseas shore galley category and Cheyenne won first place in the submarine category. Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Aristotle Rivera (left) accepted the award for Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Lt. Parish Guerero (right) accepted the award for the Cheyenne. Capt. Taylor Skardon (standing behind Rivera and Guerero), commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and chief of staff, Navy Region Hawai'i, was also on hand for the awards presentation. The Ney Memorial Awards were created as a voluntary program to recognize outstanding Navy afloat and ashore general messes. It is co-sponsored by the Secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Operational risk management guidelines for summer safety

**Force Master Chief Dean Irwin**

*Commander Submarine Force*



FORCM(SS/SW) Dean Irwin

After a rather unusual winter, the summer season is fast approaching. Summer can be one of the most enjoyable times of year, but it also comes with the need for many precautions.

Exercising a little operational risk management (ORM) can prevent most summertime incidents.

According to the Naval Safety Center, private motor vehicle (PMV) accidents are the number one killer of Sailors throughout the fleet. Statistics show that one Sailor dies every five days in a

PMV accident. Here is some sage advice for you and your shipmates to consider:

- Wear your seat belts whenever you are in a vehicle. It does not matter if you are driving or are just a passenger in the back seat. Seat belts can mean the difference between a "fatal" accident and an accident.
- Ensure you get plenty of rest before long trips. The general rules are:

- Schedule your trip to avoid driving during normal sleep hours.
- Ensure you are completely rested prior to departure/return from a trip.
- Plan for at least a 15-minute rest stop every two hours.
- Limit driving to 350 miles per day or no more than eight hours on the road.

If you are in doubt, log on to the Naval Safety Center Web site at [www.safetycenter.navy.mil](http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil) and click the TRIPS (Travel Risk Planning System) link to access a number of tools to assist in your safe travel planning.

With summer sun comes summer temperatures. Heat injuries,

one of the most common summer injuries, can easily be avoided with just a few simple measures.

- Remember to drink lots of water, wear light colored clothing and use sunscreen whenever you plan to be out in the elements.
- Familiarize yourself with the many symptoms of a heat-related injury - heat rash, cramps, exhaustion and the most dangerous of all, heat stroke, all have warning signs.
- To cool off, many of you will be heading out to the beach or a dip in the pool. Be safe around water. Drowning is the leading recreational killer of military members. Most occur during swimming or

boating excursions and often involve alcohol use.

- Use the buddy system when boating or swimming. Know the weather conditions and use common sense. Do not swim right after eating and especially if you have been drinking in excess.
  - When boating, use approved flotation devices even if you are an avid swimmer; mishaps happen with little to no notice. Limit your boat to the recommended capacity and always check weather advisories before heading out.
- Each and every Sailor is a critical component to mission readiness. Be safe and enjoy your liberty.

## MCPON Web site revamped and ready

**MCCS (SW/AW) Bill Houlihan**

*MCPON Public Affairs Chief*



MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr.

DirectLine, the Web site owned and operated by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr., has undergone a six-month renovation project and is now open for viewing.

"I've been stressing active communication as one of our guiding principles," said Campa. "DirectLine wasn't conducive to that, so we ramped it up."

Chief Information Technician (SW/AW) Bruce Allen, MCPON communications chief, said the new site's most significant upgrade is the opportunities it offers users to communicate with one another and the MCPON.

The Web address for DirectLine remains the same, [www.directline.navy.mil](http://www.directline.navy.mil), and registration is required. Unlike the previous version, CAC (common access cards) are not required for log-on or access.

"We've increased the forum capabilities so that every chief in the Navy has the access they need to interact with one another in a message board format," said Allen. "Also, MCPON can communicate directly with registered users through the Web site via individual e-mail or group e-mails."

DirectLine began as "The Word" in 1976 when MCPON Bob Walker designed it as a newsletter he sent monthly to command master chiefs and chiefs of the boats. The name changed in 1979 and the paper medium continued for more than 20 years until the cost of producing and distributing it

on that scale became prohibitive. MCPON Jim Herdt reintroduced DirectLine as a Web site in 2001.

The site had been under-utilized in recent years, though. The focus had shifted to its capability as a means to request retirement certificates - which is still available on the new version - rather than an avenue for communication and discussion internal to the chiefs community.

The latest renovation to the site makes interaction easier.

Message boards are already fully capable and available on a tiered basis to all CPOs, command master chiefs and members of the MCPON leadership mess. A section is being developed that would allow any Sailor the opportunity to forward the MCPON a message or question directly.

"We're still ironing that out. I want Sailors to have an open door, of sorts. But I also want to stress that most issues, if not all, can be handled on the deckplate or by their chain of command. I don't want to subvert that process," said Campa.

## Travel to Qatar and United Arab Emirates (UAE)

**Special to Hawai'i Navy News from Personnel Support Detachment Pearl Harbor**

Qatari and United Arab Emirates government officials have recently voiced concerns over U.S. military members transiting through international airports with weapons and other military issued items. This trend has highlighted the need to reiterate worldwide travel policy as stated in the DoD [Department of Defense] Foreign Clearance Guide (FCG).

Multiple U.S. organizations have expended considerable time and effort to recover items confiscated by foreign customs officials. To that end, the focus is to

ensure compliance with all established policies and reporting instructions governing the movement of U.S. personnel through the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility (USCENTCOM AOR), specifically Qatar and the UAE.

Per the FCG, "weapons, weapons accessories (magazines, ammunition, scopes), handcuffs, body armor, military issued items, etc., may not be imported or exported through Doha International Airport. Any weapon or weapon accessory must be brought in through Al Udeid AB. Qatari customs or security personnel will immediately confiscate all such items not properly cleared through customs and may detain personnel." The FCG directs similar restrictions for the

United Arab Emirates, stating: "Personnel entering or transiting the UAE via commercial carrier are prohibited from possessing weapons or any type of military equipment."

Several U.S. personnel have been detained or arrested and equipment has been confiscated for violating this policy. USCENTCOM requests all services, service components and other government agencies that deploy personnel to the CENTCOM AOR thoroughly review the FCG and all other reporting instructions prior to travel to ensure compliance.

For more information, contact Mrs. Robinson at NAVPTO Pearl Harbor (808) 471-2405, ext. 5406 or email [erna.robinson@navy.mil](mailto:erna.robinson@navy.mil).

## PACFLT Sailors do their part to clean up Hawai'i highway

**YNC (SW/AW) Jose Rodriguez**

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Sailors from commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (CPF) hit the road March 27 for the command's monthly trash pickup, as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Donning orange vests, the group picked up 40 bags of trash along three miles of road in front of Makalapa Gate in an effort to make the community a little cleaner.

"The program not only keeps the streets looking clean, but also helps keep litter out of the waterways," said Cryptologic Technician (administration) 1st Class Kiffanie Walker.

In addition to active duty and Reserve Sailors, the group included Wanda Lee Keating, spouse of Adm. Timothy Keating, commander, U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM); Nonie Bird, spouse of CPF deputy commander and chief of staff; Rear Adm. John Bird; and Libby Voetsch, spouse of CPF deputy chief of staff for operations, training and readiness,

Rear Adm. Stephen Voetsch. "I think it's a good way to get the community involved in a worthwhile effort," Nonie Bird said.

Keating, who had only been on island for four days and whose husband took the helm of U.S. Pacific Command on Monday was eager to do her part to keep the streets litter free.

"I think it's a good way to get the community involved in a worthwhile effort," Nonie Bird said.

Most people who participate in the program are either active or reserve military or their family members. All of them hope their efforts will make a difference in their community. No matter what reason people have for volunteering, everyone is welcome to participate.

"The whole reason this program has been effective is because of the volunteers and the work they do," said Libby Voetsch.

The next CPF adopt-a-highway event is scheduled for April 18. Those interested in participating should muster at Borchers's Gate, at 7:30 a.m.

## First decommissioning of USS Missouri



U.S. Naval Historical Center photograph

The ship's ensign aboard USS Missouri (BB 63) is hauled down by Seaman Carl Dewesse during her decommissioning ceremonies on Feb. 26, 1955 at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash. Firecontrolman Apprentice Lynn Jex is assisting. The 45,000-ton, Iowa-class battleship, built by the New York Navy Yard, was commissioned on June 11, 1944. Missouri was the only U.S. battleship on active duty in June 1950 when the Korean War began and made two combat deployments to the Western Pacific. Following that action, and several training cruises to Europe, she decommissioned in Feb. 26, 1955. For the next three decades, she was in reserve at Bremerton, Wash. and became an important tourist attraction. Missouri was recommissioned in May 1986. Her next six years were busy ones, including, among other activities, a cruise around the world and a combat role in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. She decommissioned for the last time in March 31, 1992. Stricken from the Naval Vessel Register in 1995, Missouri was transferred to Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i in June 1998 to become a memorial.

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# USS Russell provides 'helping hands' to Republic of Korea

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USS Russell (DDG 59)

USS Russell (DDG 59) pulled into Chinhae, Korea on March 22. Although the ship was busy with Exercise Foal Eagle and a medical certification, crew members found time to participate in two community relations (comrel) events and two sporting events.

The ship also was honored with a welcome reception led by Commanding Officer Capt. Kim Jin Hyung and his crew from the Republic of Korea (ROK) destroyer, Munmu the Great (DDH-976).

Upon arrival, the ROK Navy band 30-piece ensemble flawlessly played "Anchor's Aweigh" and the Neil Diamond favorite "Sweet Caroline" among many other hit songs. Seventy-five members from Munmu the Great were also on hand to welcome Russell Sailors. Russell provided tours to the Korean sailors who visited the ship's bridge, combat information center and central control station, where many of the ship's engineering controls are located.

On March 22, 20 Sailors visited



Operation Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Elliott interacts with students at Dongjin Girls Middle School in Chinhae, South Korea.

the Dongjin Girls' Middle School and interacted with seventh, eighth and ninth grade students in English speaking classes. Students and crew members played games that were designed to help the students with their comprehension of English. One game consisted of the Sailors "selling" various items with play money, designed to teach the students how to make change with U.S. dollars. The students were

encouraged to bargain shop with their play money. The games and conversation between the students and Sailors gave the students a chance to practice their English and learn more about the United States while the Sailors learned a bit about Korea.

"I almost needed hearing protection walking around the school. They really paid attention to what we said and they seemed to have

had a blast. They asked a lot of questions and had an ecstatic look on their faces when we told them about America. It made me appreciate where I live," said Fire Controlmen 3rd Class David Welsh.

Later that afternoon, 30 Sailors participated in a soccer and baseball game with sailors from Munmu the Great. The crew from the Korean destroyer gave Russell Sailors a challenging and exciting game as the Korean sailors claimed victory in a close game in soccer of 3-1. For the baseball game, Sailors from both navies integrated teams to enhance the skills of both sides, leading to a narrow victory in Russell's favor for a game that went well into the ninth inning.

Russell's First Class Association, which has singlehandedly executed a community relations event at every Russell port visit, continued this tradition by paying a visit March 23 to Jinhae Jae-Hual-Won, a residential facility for children who are mentally challenged. Sailors played games with the children, which were designed to enhance their motor comprehension skills. Sailors also did general cleaning of the building. The service project had a lasting impression on many of the crew. "After this comrel experience in Korea, I want to be one of their staff members. I

have this feeling and eagerness of helping them more, not just for three or four hours, but also for months or years. I hope we visit again and donate school supplies and clothes," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class Frederic Tenebro. Since the treatment home relies almost exclusively on investors, fund raising and volunteers, Russell's assistance that day was greatly appreciated.

When not working or participating in various events, the Sailors enjoyed many of the sites that Chinhae had to offer. Coinciding with Russell's visit, the city held its 45th annual Cherry Blossom Festival, an international military band and color guard festival. Crew members immersed themselves in cultural musical performances and sampled exotic foods from the host nation.

The visit, although for just a few short days, gave the crew some well needed time off while still executing many important evolutions. The host ship, Munmu the Great, was gracious in their positive support of the port visit. The visit to Chinhae was an experience for all, strengthening the relationship between the United States and South Korea.

Russell deployed Feb. 3 and is currently deployed with the Ronald

## Chung-Hoon Sailors give students a tour

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Middle School.

On the bridge, students took turns sitting on the captain's chair and learning about the different watch positions.

The visit marked the first time Kapolei Middle School's eighth grade science class has toured a U.S. Navy ship. The students were amazed at how big the ship was. "It was pretty cool," said one of the students.

"Everybody did a wonderful job. We really appreciate all the help that was put into this to make it nice for them,"

said Sanders.

The tour proved to be both a fun and educational experience for the students who are currently learning about world transportation in their science class.

"We decided that this would be an opportunity for the students to learn more about transportation and see some of the things that are close by and here on Hawai'i," said Sanders. "Hopefully, it will open their eyes to their future and to some of the things they could do that maybe they thought they couldn't do before"

## Capt. Aaron Cudnohufsky assumes command of PMRF

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Commander, Pacific Fleet. "In a short 12 months, Capt. Mark Darrah has unquestionably demonstrated his ability to command and to inspire those he leads."

A 1981 graduate of Ottawa University, Darrah began his naval career as an electronics countermeasures officer on EA-6B Prowler aircraft. He then served several operational fleet tours, including his role as commanding officer of VAQ-142 where he directed two successful combat deployments to Southwest Asia supporting Operation Southern Watch and Operation Northern Watch.

The latter portion of Darrah's career was spent in the acquisition field, including his assignment as the EA-18G deputy program manager

where he led the development of the Navy's newest electronic attack aircraft, the Growler. Darrah was recently selected to return to the Naval Air Systems Command at Patuxent River, Md. to assume command of the F/A-18 and EA-18G program Office. Also known as PMA-265, it is the Navy's largest aviation acquisition program with management of over 1,000 F/A-18 aircraft and a \$5.5 billion dollar budget.

While Darrah has been selected to a high-profile position where he will lead the Navy's premier jet fighter program, he expressed fondness for his time at PMRF and gratitude for those he served with.

"There is something special about Kauai and there is something very special about the Pacific Missile Range Facility," Darrah said. "It's represented in the uniform and it's rep-

resented in the total force of personnel that work on this range. I'm very proud to have been a part of it."

Cudnohufsky succeeds Darrah to become the 23rd naval officer to hold the PMRF post and arrives after a staff assignment as the executive assistant to the director, Navy staff for the Chief of Naval Operations. A pilot of the now disestablished F-14D Super Tomcat, Cudnohufsky has accrued over 3,400 flight hours, over 800 carrier landings and participated in 50 combat missions.

Cudnohufsky thanked the outgoing Darrah for a job well done. "It's evident that [Darrah] developed a superb team of dedicated professionals. Thank you for that," said Cudnohufsky. "I'm honored, blessed and privileged to have been entrusted by our leadership to lead this command."

# Pearl Harbor Highlights



Spanish Navy frigate Alvaro de Bazan (F101) sits moored pier side at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Alvaro de Bazan (F101) is the lead ship of a new class of Spanish Navy frigates and is currently at port Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a port visit while making a world cruise. The world cruise of the Alvaro de Bazan (F101) will be marked as the first time a Spanish warship has made the transit solo in 142 years. The transit is also being used as an opportunity to strengthen international relationships and test the Spanish frigate's ability to operate in foreign waters and ports.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

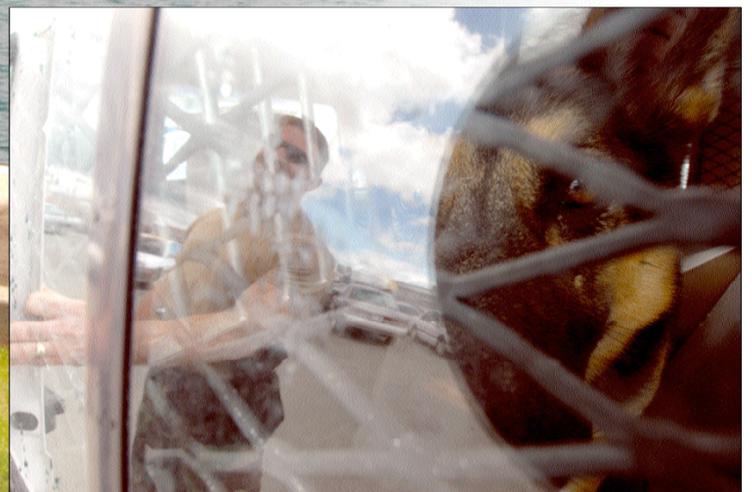
(Below) USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) Sailors participated in a fleet bash sponsored by the Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program (MWR) on April 3. Crew members took part in a pier-side picnic, tricycle race, rock-climbing, jousting and tattoo competitions. MWR hosted the event to promote camaraderie among crew members and to thank them for completing a quality of life survey. USS Cheyenne is the 62nd Los Angeles-class submarine and was commissioned in September 1996.

Photo by Roy Hamada



(Below) Military working dog, Uli, a three-year-old German Shepherd, keeps a watchful eye on his handler, Master-At-Arms 1st Class Allan Tetreault, as he closes the door to his security patrol vehicle during a training exercise onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTAPH). Tetreault and Uli are both assigned to NAVSTA PH, Security K-9 Division, a specialized unit that provides regional security support for patrol, explosive and drug detection.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl



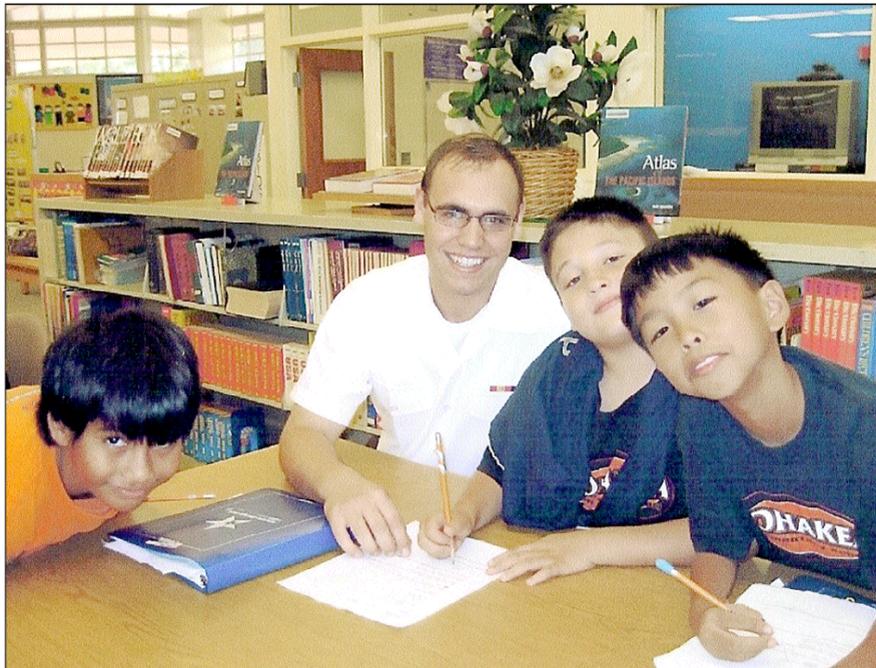
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Military working dog, Arpi, a five-year-old German Shepherd, catches a chew toy in mid-air thrown by Master-At-Arms 1st Class Doug Johnson, a military working dog handler assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTAPH), Security K-9 Division, after locating hidden explosives inside a car during a training exercise onboard NAVSTA PH. The Security K-9 Division is a specialized unit which provides regional security support for patrol, explosive and drug detection.



A student from Kapolei Middle School looks through the site of a machine gun mount aboard Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). The visit marked the first time Kapolei Middle School's science class toured a U.S. Navy ship. It provided a fun and educational experience for the students.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Paul D. Honnick



Fire Controlman 2nd Class Gary Skaggs helps Pohakea Elementary School students with their math problems.

## USS Port Royal Sailors lend a hand at Pohakea Elementary

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After a week of work, a group of USS Port Royal (CG 73) Sailors appear every Friday afternoon in the doorway of the front office to Pohakea Elementary School. These Sailors arrive at the school with one mission in mind - to aid in the education of Oahu's children.

Port Royal volunteers are participating in a larger Navy campaign designed to positively impact a wide range of schools, students and families throughout Hawai'i. While at Pohakea Elementary School, the Sailors provide individualized tutoring in all subject areas and serve as role

models to the students they teach.

Operations Specialist 3rd Class Danielle Trujillo assists third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders with math. "You get to work with a lot of students and see how they're being taught," explained Trujillo. "It's challenging trying to teach one thing to a sixth grader and then turn around and try to teach the same thing in a simpler way to a third grader."

Not only do the students benefit from the tutoring, but so do the Sailors. Fire Controlman 2nd Class Gary Skaggs laughingly admitted that he has "walked away smarter due to a fourth grader." Volunteering has also impacted the Sailors' personal lives. Skaggs, who has a four-year-old son, has seen this opportunity as a

"wonderful way to better understand children and in turn be a better dad."

In addition to the tutoring, Pohakea Elementary has also received funds that have been made available from its partnership with Port Royal. In the last two years, the ship has assisted the school in purchasing science, reading and social studies textbooks.

Port Royal's school volunteers look forward to every Friday afternoon, but not because it marks the beginning of a much-deserved weekend. For these selfless individuals, Friday afternoon marks the time when they can directly impact their surrounding community. "The most enjoyable aspect of this opportunity," stated Skaggs, "is knowing that I am making a difference in someone's life."

## USS Paul Hamilton Sailors broaden relationships with South Korean allies

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The small seaside town of Mokpo, South Korea, which is home to South Korea's former president and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Kim Dae-jung, hosted its first U.S. Navy warship, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) homeported at Pearl Harbor, on March 22-26.

During the visit, Paul Hamilton showed the very best of what the U.S. Navy has to offer - Sailors taking part in a community relations event, giving tours of the ship, experiencing local customs and traditions, and participating in sporting events with Republic of Korea sailors.

The crew of Paul Hamilton had the opportunity to take a cultural tour of sites such as the Provincial Hall of Cholla Nam Do, the Gangjin Celadon Porcelain Museum and the headquarters of Adm. Lee Shun Shin, Korea's greatest naval hero. "The cultural tour really allowed me to see a wider range of Korea, everything from the modern capital building to the traditional Celadon pottery museum secluded in the surrounding mountains. It gave me a greater appreciation for Korea's history and emphasized the transition Korea is making from an agricultural to an industrial power house," said Ensign Alyssa Armstrong, Paul Hamilton's communications officer.

In addition to seeing the sights in Mokpo, Paul Hamilton Sailors opened the doors of the ship to more than 350 guests from the Korean armed forces, along with the employees of the local port authority, for tours of the ship. All of the guests seemed to be impressed by the power and pride shown by the ship and her crew.

Sailors also contributed their time to talk and play games with elderly residents at the JaHye Nursing Home, spending a day entertaining and assisting residents in their daily routine. Sailors moved a wood pile, completed yard work, and performed other chores around the facility. They also delighted the residents with a magic show, courtesy of Chief Damage Controlman Steve Dean, and karaoke from Culinary Specialist 2nd Class John McDaniel. The entire group pleased the elderly with a spirited rendition of "Anchors Aweigh."

Sailors ate lunch with the residents and also walked with them around the park. Everyone had a good time and left with lasting impressions. Sailors presented the residents of the nursing home with a plaque and Paul Hamilton T-shirts. The residents provided crew members with a signed picture frame at the end of a fun and eventful day. "We were there not only to give a helping hand, but to learn about the Korean culture. We all



Lt. j.g. Sterling Washington and Quartermaster 1st Class (SW) Rafael Romero assist an elderly lady from her bed during a community relations project by Paul Hamilton Sailors at the JaHye Nursing Home in Mokpo, South Korea.

shared smiles together and we were welcomed with open arms. That makes all the difference," said Chief Electrician's Mate Martin Tamayo.

The culmination of the port visit was a softball and basketball game between Paul Hamilton Sailors and Republic of Korea sailors. Before each game, the players from both sides lined up and saluted, as a sign of greeting and mutual respect, before shaking hands to start the games. After the basketball game was concluded, both countries donned their cleats and gloves and took the softball field. Many of the Korean sailors had never played softball before, so it was quite an experience for all adjusting to the rules and learning how the other side played ball. After the game, both teams lined up again to honor each other with salutes and to exchange gifts. All in all, everyone had a good time and enjoyed some friendly competition with their fellow sailors.

Once again Paul Hamilton Sailors led the way in expanding relations with a valuable ally, reassuring the South Koreans they are not alone, and provided the benchmark for future port visits to the area. "The amount of support demonstrated by the local Mokpo government and Korean Navy officials is a shining example of their resolve to enhance exercises and operations with the United States. We in turn are here to show our support and commitment to a lasting ROK - U.S. relationship," said Cmdr. Chris Bushnell, commanding officer of Paul Hamilton.

Paul Hamilton is currently deployed as part of the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group operating in the Western Pacific and will continue working in the 7th Fleet area of operations for an unspecified time.