

Chung-Hoon, Chosin deploy with ESG-5

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Guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) and guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor on April 16 to join USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) Expeditionary Strike Group Five (ESG-5) to conduct operations in the Pacific and Central command area of operations.

For Chung-Hoon Sailors, the departure marked a call to duty to support their country.

"This deployment is part of the ongoing global war on terrorism," said Cmdr. Dave Welch, commanding officer, USS Chung-Hoon. "We deploy to defend America and its

interests over seas."

The deployment began many months ago in the form of pre-deployment underway periods and hours of training evolutions.

"To prepare for this deployment, Chung-Hoon participated in a series of, initially, ship level training exercises and then integrated training exercises with the strike group we are a part of," said Welch. "It all culminated with a series of exercises in the southern California operating area in January and March.

For Culinary Specialist Seaman Rodney Rivera, assigned to USS Chosin, this deployment won't be like his first.

"This will be my second deployment on board. The last time I was single; this time I'm married," said Rivera. "This time will make things a little different and a little harder."

A first time separation from loved

ones could be felt by even the more senior of Chosin Sailors.

"All the other [deployments] have been by myself. This time I have a family I'm leaving behind," said Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Davy Feller, assigned to Chosin.

Spouses were on hand at the pier and shared an emotional good-bye with their Sailors as they boarded the ship for departure.

"I'm a little nervous, a little scared, but mainly I've been trying to focus on how exciting the homecoming will be," added a spouse of a Chosin Sailor.

Chosin and Chung-Hoon will join the USS Bonhomme Richard ESG as multi-mission anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and anti-surface warfare (ASUW) surface combatants in support of the global war on terrorism.

A family member watches as the Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) departs on April 16 as part of the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) Expeditionary Strike Group. The ship, along with USS Chosin (CG 65), join Expeditionary Strike Group Five to conduct operations in the Pacific and Central commands.

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Colors are paraded by the Marine Corps Air Facility color guard during a change of command ceremony for VP-47. Cmdr. Steve Deal relieved Cmdr. Daniel Schebler becoming the 58th commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 47 since 1949.

Command changes hands at VP-47

MC2 Ian W. Anderson

Patrol Squadron 47

Cmdr. Steve Deal relieved Cmdr. Daniel Schebler at a change of command ceremony April 16 at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe, becoming the 58th commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 47 (VP-47).

The ceremony marks the 57th such event for the "Golden Swordsmen" of VP-47, whose command stretches back to the days they were flying the PBM Mariner in 1949 instead of the current P-3C Orion.

As is tradition within VP squadrons, both men served for one year as executive officer of VP-47 before assuming command. Schebler arrived

in April 2005 and served until April 2006 when he was relieved by Deal.

Among the families, friends and distinguished guests in attendance was Adm. (Navy ret.) Thomas Fargo who spoke briefly on the many accomplishments of VP-47 while under the command of Schebler.

Though this event marked the end of Schebler's command tour, it ushers in new blood in the form of Cmdr. David Wright, the newest executive officer of VP-47. Wright is "happy to be a part of Team Sword" and hopes to "continue the legacy of excellence that Skipper Schebler and Skipper Deal have built over the past two years."

Schebler's legacy includes a successful combat deploy-

ment in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, the 2006 Retention Excellence Award and the AVCM Donald M. Neal Award for Excellence in Aircraft Maintenance. He fostered a friendly and competitive work environment and developed a culture of fitness within the command.

Schebler exemplifies "what it means to be a true gentleman, a man of beliefs and a man of honor," remarked Deal during his speech. "I truly wish I could be your XO for a whole lot longer than just one year."

Schebler will report to the National War College in Washington, D.C. where he will commence studies toward his masters' degree in national security studies.

Boutiki raises \$30K for charities

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The Boutiki at Naval Station Pearl Harbor distributed over \$30,000 in checks to 26 different local military charities on April 13.

The money was raised from merchandise sold at the Boutiki, a gift shop which is operated by an all-volunteer staff, many of whom have family members in the military. Debbie Olson, the Boutiki's chairman, is the wife of USS Lake Erie's executive officer.

"We are here to help all military families and part of that is offering merchandise at lower prices than you would find in Waikiki. You know that every dollar you are spending is going to charity. So it's a win-win situation," said Olson.

The Boutiki has a wide array of items for sale with about 70 percent of the merchandise made here in Hawai'i by local artisans and craftsmen. Some of the items found inside the gift shop are original jewelry, home décor and nautical gifts, as well as antique Chinese furniture more than 100 years old.

"Each year we are able to donate all our profits to other non-profit organizations to help support our military families here on



U.S. Navy photo by MGSN (AW) Eric J. Cutright

Connie Cruz of American Red Cross receives a donation for her organization from the Boutiki, a gift shop that donates to local military charities. Capt. Taylor Skardon, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, presented the donations to the charitable organizations.

Oahu. We are reaching out to elementary school students, Sailors coming home from Iraq, just the gamut of whatever it takes to help support our families here on the island," added Olson.

Organizations that received checks included Lehua Elementary School that would be using the money to buy new library books, Operation Home Front which provides critical assistance to military members who are coming home from the war, and

Tripler Fischer House which helps military families with sick children.

The Boutiki was created in 1973 by three military wives who sold crafts and trinkets their husbands brought home from deployment. The building was vacant after World War II until the gift shop took up residence years later. Store hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday and from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesdays.



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Hawai'i Gov. Lingle praises shipyard's service to nation, state

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Hawai'i Gov. Linda Lingle visited Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY) on April 10 for command briefings and to address nearly 2,500 workers during an "all hands" meeting in front of building 1.

Lingle first visited the shipyard in March 2003. That occasion marked the first time in nearly four decades that a Hawai'i governor had visited the shipyard.

Capt. Frank Camelio, shipyard commander, introduced the governor to the workforce. "Governor Lingle is a strong supporter of the shipyard and all military in Hawai'i," he said.

"She and her staff proactively came to our aid in 2005 when the shipyard was being considered for addition to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list," said Camelio. "We are thankful for what (she) did in 2005."

Regarding the BRAC, Lingle said, "All of us in life get wakeup calls from time to



U.S. Navy photo by Michael Laley

Rear Adm. Joseph Walsh, Commander, Submarine Force Pacific, greets Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle outside building 167 prior to a briefing at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility on April 10.

time and that possibility of a closure was a wakeup call – not just for those of you who work here. It was a wakeup call for those of us in positions of responsibility all across the state. It made us all appreciate what you do and that you're here working every day to help our economy and to help our nation."

She emphasized how she and the state's Congressional delegation had worked very closely together to ensure the shipyard's survival "for the shipyard and for our country."

She also noted the importance of the work shipyarders will perform in the future on Virginia-class submarines, including USS Hawai'i.

Lingle, who will lead a delegation from the state for the commissioning of Hawai'i in early May, spoke about the new vessel.

"It's the most advanced nuclear submarine in the world and it has performed superbly during its sea trials," she said. "Of course, like any Navy vessel, it will need maintenance. It cost two-and-a-half billion dollars to build and the Navy is sending it here to you, to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. You should be proud to have that responsibility and that honor."

Lingle also thanked shipyard workers for their contributions to the local community.

"You are a part of our ohana [Hawaiian for family]," she said. "I thank you for allowing me to be a part of yours. I am proud to be with you here today."

Prior to addressing the workforce, Lingle was briefed on shipyard emergency management operations by Camelio and his staff along with Rear Adm. Joe Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet submarine forces.

Also speaking at the all hands meeting was Lyrita Gochenouer, head of the safety branch, who described the upcoming

Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) follow-up inspection. Kaipo Crowell, manager of the production resources department, spoke about improvements that are being made in the shops and the need to continue lean process improvements.

James Kenny, head of the nuclear engineering and planning department, highlighted successes in improving key work practices on USS Olympia (SSN 717) overhaul. Eddie Han, president of the shipyard chapter of the National Association of Superintendents, spoke of the role superintendents of in building teamwork across the shipyard to address production challenges. Finally, Chief Engineer Brian Yim praised improving trends in shipyard lifting and handling, submarine safety and industrial radiography programs.

The shipyard commander closed the meeting by emphasizing the shipyard's "new

beginning" in improving performance.

"We need the VPP Star to help send the message that we're as good as any in this business," said Camelio. "We need to show everyone we're serious about improving. The state is behind us, the Congressional delegations support us, and the chamber of commerce is reaching out to us - all to make us better and more efficient. We need to do our part."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawai'i with a workforce of about 4,740 (4,115 civilian/623 military) personnel. In fiscal year 2006, it had an operating budget of \$505 million, of which \$397 million was payroll for civilian employees. 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.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, visit <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil>.

Forest City Military Communities hits a hole in one for Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society



Navy photo by MCC Don Bray

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Andy Foote of 3rd Marine Regiment on Kaneohe, prepares to tee off during the Forest City Military Communities' charity golf tournament to benefit Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The tournament held at Ko'olau Golf Course raised over \$100,000 for the society.

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During a charitable golf tournament at Ko'olau Golf Course on April 16, Forest City Military Communities teamed up with Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers to contribute \$100,000 to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. This is the first event of its kind for Forest City who really wasn't sure what to expect.

"We like to do something for the communities in which we are located," said Thomas Henneberry, Forest City Military Communities president. "It's been a wonderful event and it's been a lot of work. We were told since it was our first year that we should set our goals somewhat realistically so our goal was approximately \$25,000, but tonight

we are going to be able to make an announcement that we achieved \$100,000 in donations," said Henneberry.

Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio (retired Navy), executive vice president and chief operations officer of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, was on hand to accept the donations. "I am amazed and very pleased. As you heard, Forest City was hoping to get support for \$25,000 and we raised over \$100,000. So as a benefactor of that, the society is very happy," said Gaudio.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, which was founded in 1904, is a private, non-profit charitable organization sponsored by the Department of the Navy.

"The society is unique in that it doesn't solicit the civilian community, doesn't solicit businesses. The only fund-raising effort that we have is the Secretary of the Navy

fund drive that solicits the active duty and retired communities for the Navy and Marine Corps," said Gaudio. "So these are sort of unexpected benefits when you've got a business corporate community partner like you have out here who is willing to put on a tournament like this and make us the beneficiary."

The tournament itself consisted of 144 players representing about 25 companies and was played at Ko'olau Golf Club which has been called the "hardest course in the nation."

"It was a great day, with great company and a great tournament that was well thought out," said Lee Hopkinson, the general manager of Hon-Blue. "It's a great thing what Forest City is doing for the military families here in Hawai'i."

A \$50,000 contribution was presented by Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch representative

Philip Korote.

"Our firm is dedicated to supporting charities that the military are involved in and we consider it an honor to assist in the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society for the work that they do in support of the service members and all the great things that they do our country," said Korote.

In the end, there were no losers at this event and Forest City Military Communities hopes to do it again.

"This is hugely successful because it provides the direct source of revenue into not just our local Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society chapter, but into the entire organization," said Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, who chairs the local Hawai'i chapter of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. "It's all about giving back."

Hawaii Navy News Editorial

Navy terminates Littoral Combat Ship 3

From the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter announced April 12 that the Department of the Navy is terminating construction of the third littoral combat ship (LCS 3) for convenience under the termination clause of the contract because the Navy and Lockheed Martin could not reach agreement on the terms of a modified contract.

The Navy issued a stop-work order on construction on LCS 3 in January following a series of cost overruns on LCS 1 and projection of cost increases on LCS 3, which are being built by Lockheed Martin under a cost-plus contract.

The Navy announced in March that it would consider lifting the stop-work order on LCS 3 if the Navy and Lockheed Martin could agree on the terms for a fixed price incentive agreement by mid-April. The Navy worked closely with Lockheed Martin to try to restructure the agreement for LCS 3 to more equitably balance cost and risk, but could not come to terms and conditions that were acceptable to both parties.

The Navy remains committed to completing construction on LCS 1 under the current contract with Lockheed Martin. LCS 2 and 4 are under contract with General Dynamics and the Navy will monitor their cost performance closely. The Navy intends to continue with the plan to assess costs and capabilities of LCS 1 and LCS 2 and transition to a single seaframe configuration in fiscal year 2010 after an operational assessment and considering all relevant factors.

General Dynamics' ships will continue on a cost-plus basis as long as



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Shawn P. Eklund
Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Honorable Donald C. Winter, discusses the littoral combat ship (LCS) acquisition program during a press conference at the Pentagon on March 15.

its costs remain defined and manageable. If the cost performance becomes unacceptable, then General Dynamics will be subject to similar restructuring requirements.

"LCS continues to be a critical warfighting requirement for our Navy to maintain dominance in the littorals and strategic choke points around the world," said Winter. "While this is a difficult decision, we recognize that active oversight and strict cost controls in the early years are necessary to ensuring we can deliver these ships to the fleet over the long term."

TSP: A tool for financial readiness

Sharon Anderson

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

In NAVADMIN 058/07, released in March, the Chief of Naval Personnel, encouraged Sailors to consider investing in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) as a way of securing their financial readiness.

"TSP is an excellent tool for Sailors to have as part of their financial readiness tool kit," said Fleet Master Chief (SS/AW/SW/PJ) Mike McCalip of manpower, personnel, training and education "It's a long term investment that can decrease your tax bill now and provide for retirement in the future."

TSP is a defined contribution plan offering the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under 401(k) plans. A long-term investment, TSP is meant to supplement a Sailor's retirement and is fully portable.

The earlier a Sailor begins investing in TSP, the more time there is to take advantage of the effects of compounding interest, said McCalip.

"Money in the [TSP] account makes money in the form of earnings, and those earnings in turn make money, and so on," McCalip explained. "This is what is known as the 'miracle of compounding.' As money grows in an account over time, the proportion resulting from earnings will become larger than the proportion resulting from con-

tributions."

Sailors can contribute up to the Internal Revenue Service's \$15,500 per year limit. Sailors may also elect to contribute up to 100 percent of incentive pay and special pay, including bonus pay. However, total contribution from taxable pay for the year may not exceed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limit of \$15,500 for 2007.

Contributions from pay earned in a combat zone are not included in this limit, but they count toward another IRS limit that specifies that the combined total of tax-deferred and tax-exempt TSP contributions cannot exceed the lesser of 100 percent of compensation or \$45,000. If a Sailor also contributes to a civilian TSP account, total contributions to both accounts cannot exceed that limit.

Participants who are older than 50 may also make catch-up contributions to a TSP account each year. These contributions are in addition to regular (including incentive, special and bonus pay) tax-deferred contributions and thus have their own limits. As with regular tax-deferred contributions, the combined total of catch-up contributions to all eligible plans cannot exceed the annual catch-up contribution limit. Catch-up contribution limit is \$5,000 for 2007.

TSP is comprised of six funds. Sailors can allocate savings to any or all of these funds to match their financial objectives.

The six funds are:

- Government Securities

Investment (G) Fund — invested in short-term, risk-free U.S. Treasury securities that are specially issued to the TSP.

- Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund — invested in a bond index fund that tracks the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate (LBA) bond index.

- Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund — invested in a stock index fund that tracks the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 stock index (which comprises large companies).

- Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund — invested in a stock index fund that tracks the Wilshire 4500 stock index (which comprises small and medium companies).

- International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund — invested in a stock index fund that tracks the Morgan Stanley Capital International EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East) stock index (which comprises stocks in 21 countries).

- Lifecycle (L) Fund—diversified account among the G, F, C, S and I Funds, using professionally determined investment mixes that are tailored to different time horizons.

All these funds except the G Fund may lose money and past rates of return are not indicative of future performance. Before investing, Sailors should look at their current financial situation, time until retirement and investment risk tolerance. Armed with complete, accurate information, Sailors and their families can decide how much to invest in which fund.

Commentary

Chapel Pennant

Facing the giants in your life

Lt. Demetric Felton Sr.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

The Bible records in 1 Samuel, chapter 17 the story of a young man named David who defeated a giant of a man named Goliath. Goliath was an experienced warrior who struck fear in the heart of Israel's army. David was a young shepherd boy who had never seen military combat. Yet when David witnessed the fear and humiliation that Goliath wrought against Israel, he was moved with righteous indignation to defend not only his country, but the reputation of his God.

David didn't allow Goliath's insults and jeering to cause him to fear. What was his secret? How could David stare the prospect of death in the face and yet have no fear? I'm glad you asked. David had confidence not in his ability or should I say lack of ability to slay the giant. Rather David had confidence that with faith in God he could gain the victory over Goliath and rid the Israelites of this tyrant.

When David offered to fight Goliath, the Israelite soldiers looked at him and grinned in amazement. They reminded David of his small stature, his inexperience in combat and the enormous size of Goliath. Yet David didn't fear, but grew more courageous in the ability of his God to defeat the giant he was about to face in battle.

David defeated Goliath with a sling shot and a stone. This undoubtedly was amazing to everyone who witnessed this event.

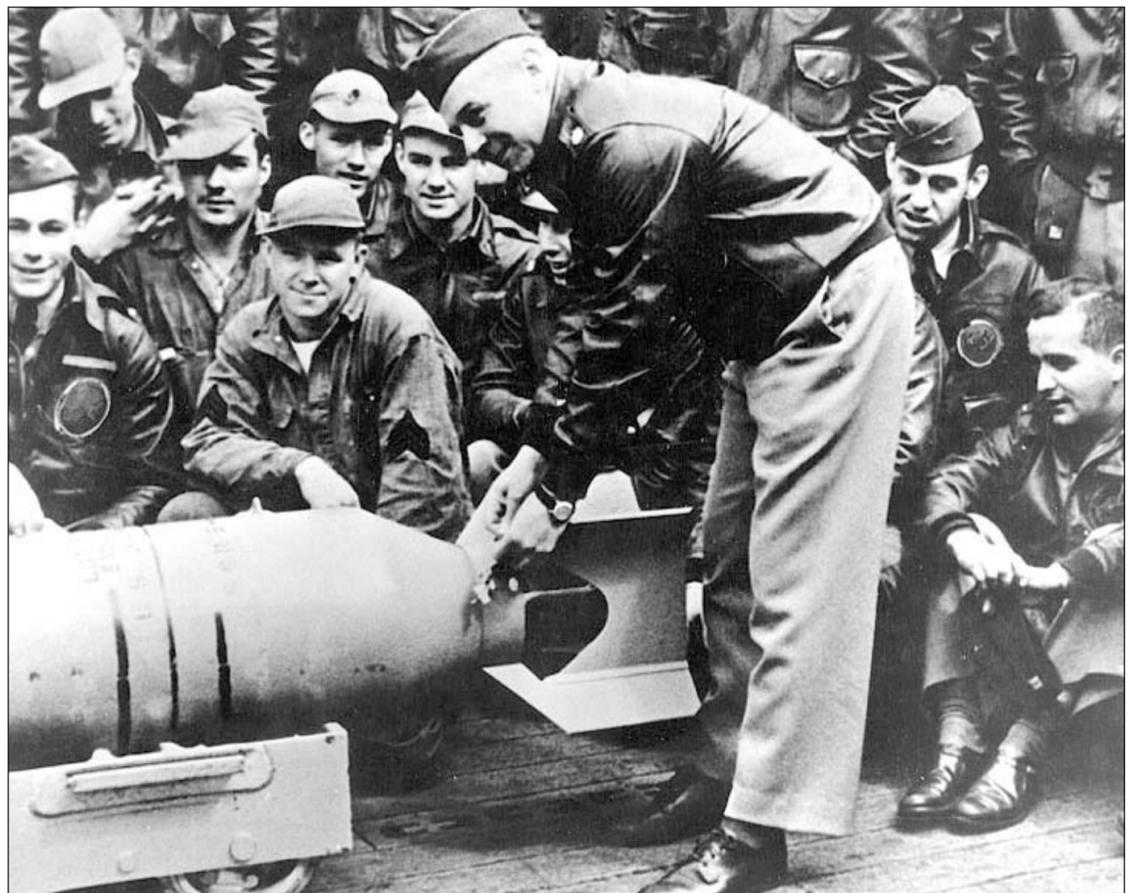
How could David slay this awesome warrior with just a sling shot? The answer: God was David's strength. David was not strong in strength, but he was strong in faith. His faith in the power of God was all he needed to face this giant.

Just like David, we all have giants in our life. They could be financial difficulties, marriage problems, health issues, family issues, bad habits you can't break and failures you can't seem to forget. Whatever the giant, there is good news. God is ready, willing and able to give you the victory over your giant.

In order to experience victory, we must follow the practical steps of David. First, we must not allow what we see to cause us to fear, but rather trust in the unseen loving God. Secondly, we must not allow others' low opinion of us to cause us to shrink in discouragement from facing our giant. Thirdly, we must not rely on our finite wisdom, strength and abilities to give us the victory. Rather, we must trust in the infinite wisdom, strength and love of God to give us the victory we so desperately desire.

No matter how gigantic your giant looks and no matter how much it taunts you, remember, with God nothing is impossible. Go forward in faith, trusting God to give you the victory for the battle is not yours, but the Lord's. He will lead you in triumph when you place your faith in Him. For more information on how to become a 'giant slayer,' contact the chaplains' office at 473-3971.

Doolittle Raid on Japan, April 1942



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives
Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle, USAAF, leader of the raiding force, wires a Japanese medal to a 500-pound bomb, during ceremonies on the flight deck of USS Hornet (CV 8), shortly before his force of 16 B-25B bombers took off for Japan. The planes were launched on April 18, 1942. The wartime censor obscured unit patches of the Air Force flight crew members in the background.

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Elizabeth Schwarzbauer receives her first set of ensign bars from her parents, Michael and Rosemary Henry, during a commissioning ceremony held March 31 aboard USS Port Royal.

Port Royal chief receives commission

Story and photo by
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USS Port Royal (CG 73)

The Hawai'i sun beat down on the forecastle of USS Port Royal (CG 73) as Chief Fire Controlman (SW) Elizabeth Schwarzbauer raised her right hand. For 15 years, the Virginia native worked her way through the enlisted ranks and raised her right hand on five different occasions to confirm her dedication to the Navy. This time, however, was different.

On March 31, she raised her right hand to end one chapter in

her Navy career and start another - one that will entail a new uniform and a new title. In February 2006, Schwarzbauer was selected for the 2007 Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program, which commissions a chief petty officer as an officer in the Navy. She was selected for commissioning based on her skill and expertise and will be utilized in the fleet for her strong deck-plate level technical knowledge.

"Chief Schwarzbauer's career is a shining example of the wide open opportunities that the Navy will afford those people who are willing to work hard," stated Capt. David

Adler during the commissioning ceremony.

During the ceremony, Schwarzbauer's parents, Rosemary and Michael Henry, slid the shoulder boards of an ensign onto their daughter's uniform.

"Remember where you came from," challenged Adler in his closing remarks to the new ensign. "Remember why you serve. And live as an example to the Sailors that you will lead."

Schwarzbauer is now preparing for her next tour of duty aboard USS Enterprise, her first tour as she dons the cover and insignia of a naval officer.

Arrival ceremony held for Korean War service members



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Leanna Taylor

Chief Hospital Corpsman Jeffery Fisher stands in formation at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's (JPAC) arrival ceremony held April 12 at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i. The ceremony was for U.S. service members from the Korean War. An official delegation from the United States traveled to North Korea to accept the remains from the government. JPAC's mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of our nation's previous conflicts.

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Pearl Harbor Highlights



A composite photo of the assembled Sailors, Marines, family, friends and distinguished guests saluting as the National Anthem is played during Patrol Squadron 47's change of command ceremony April 16. Cmdr. Steve Deal relieved Cmdr. Daniel Schebler becoming the 58th Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron FORTY SEVEN since 1949.
U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (AW) Ian W. Anderson



Sailors attached to Patrol Squadron 47 bow their heads at a change of command ceremony on April 16.
U.S. Navy photo by MC3 (AW/NAC) Kevin S. Beauchamp



Members of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) perform an arrival ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base for the remains of U.S. service members from the Korean War.
U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kaily Brown



Sailors from Naval Station Pearl Harbor release a line for Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) after the ship's scheduled port visit. Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group is completing a surge deployment in support of operations in the western Pacific.
U.S. Navy photo by MCSN John W Ciccarelli Jr.



Boatswains Mate (SW) 2nd Class Maurice M. Gross, dock master for Naval Station Pearl Harbor, directs Sailors from USS Chosin (CG 65) on docking a ship pierside.
U.S. Navy photo by MCSN John W Ciccarelli Jr.



The Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet "Dixie Express" band performs patriotic music during the Merrie Monarch Grand Parade in downtown Hilo on April 14. The popular band has participated in numerous Merrie Monarch festivals.
Photo by Bill eger



NAVFAC Pacific awards \$318 million contract for new NSA facility

Central Security Service Hawai'i to be built in Wahiawa

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC Pacific) awarded Shaw-Dick Pacific, LLC of Honolulu, Hawai'i, a firm-fixed contract for \$175,983,523 for the construction of a new National Security Agency (NSA) facility in Wahiawa.

An additional \$142,166,477 will be funded upon the passage of the FY 2008 Military Construction Appropriation Bill, making the total amount \$318,150,000. The new complex is approximately 250,000 square feet and will be constructed on 70 acres of the U.S. Navy's Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC), Wahiawa.

"The contract award was definitely a team effort," said NAVFAC Pacific's Gary Yamagata, NSA/CSS (Central Security Service) Hawai'i program manager. I just want to congratulate everyone from NSA, NAVFAC and Navy Region Hawai'i who worked on it and I look forward to starting this most important construction project," he said.

The scope of work includes a new operations and data center facility (OPS). The two-story primary OPS facility will house a command center, operations briefing center, data analysis section, mission planning areas, administrative offices and video-teleconferencing rooms. All necessary information technology support system infrastructures, including data transport rooms and communications centers, will also be included. In addition to the OPS facility, several support buildings comprised of a new base entry control facility, a new warehouse facility and a new visitors' control center will be constructed.

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring to summer 2007 and be completed in the summer of 2010.

USS Chafee receives replenishment at sea

Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) extends a fuel line to guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, during a replenishment at sea (RAS) on April 12. Nimitz Carrier Strike Group (CSG) is deployed in support of operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

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Navy dock masters serve vital function for Navy's ships

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Most Sailors have never heard of a dock master or don't know what they do. But without dock masters, carriers and destroyers that come and go from Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) couldn't safely moor or unmoor pierside for needed supplies and fuel.

A dock master is a self-motivated, dedicated Sailor who has the responsibility in providing Naval Station Pearl Harbor with the most efficient, effective and safest maritime service in the Pacific at "the Navy's best homeport," according to the dock masters who work pierside.

For Pearl Harbor dock masters, the daily routine starts early, at the break of dawn, checking all the piers for hazards. This ensures that the Sailors who work pierside have clean and safe facilities for their working environment.

"Dock masters are vital for Pearl Harbor facilities because without their efforts the ships that dock here would not have the resources to maintain the highest Navy standard," said Chief Boatswain's Mate (BMC) (SW) Cedric White, dock master leading chief petty officer, NAVSTA Port Operations department. "Our main mission is to provide the naval station with the most efficient, effective and safest service we are able to muster."

Dock masters are composed of boatswain's mates (BM), quartermasters (QM), gun-



Sailors from the USS Chosin (CG 65) rest and wait to help a Pearl Harbor dock master moor an incoming ship pierside.

(Right) Boatswain's Mate (SW/AW) 2nd Class Padraig J Monahan of Lakewood, Col. A Naval Station Pearl Harbor dock master casts a line to an incoming ship.



Boatswain's Mate (SW) 2nd Class Ray Guzman Nazario of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico, A Naval Station Pearl Harbor dock master, holds the lines pierside waiting for the harbor pilot to remove a deep draft camel.



ner's mates (GM) and operations specialists (OS). Sailors from these rates are selected from the best around Pearl Harbor and are given this specialized training for becoming a Navy dock master.

On a recent morning, the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) was docked pierside during a scheduled port visit to the aloha state. With a population of a small city, approximately 4,000, the dock masters were on their toes, making sure the duty section of the ship maintained its space on the pier and the Sailors aboard had clean facilities to use pierside.

When the dock master first arrived, there were supplies at the end of the pier which

needed to be moved. BM2 (SW) 2nd Class Ray Guzman Nazario of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico and Seaman Tailynia Jones of Baltimore, Md. were on the quarterdeck of the Ronald Reagan and questioning the duty officer regarding the condition of the pier. The duty officer responded with, "It will be taken care of immediately."

"We write chits for ships if they have caused a safety situation [that might become] a problem. We usually give them a warning first thing in the morning. If it's not taken care of by 1300, we write them a chit," said Nazario.

In the time it took for a short walk down the brow to the end of the pier, 20 Sailors

had moved all of the obstructive material from the pier into proper containers. The dock masters were quick to ensure that the pier was clear and safe again.

To become a Navy dock master, a Sailor must be an E-5 or above, have superb mathematical skills, and be able to endure six months of grueling training. The training consists of 100 logged dockings/undockings, a 50-question written test and an oral board.

"Being a dock master has opened all kind of doors for me," said Nazario. "I have learned many new skills outside of my rate from other dock masters who have trained me and in return I have shared the skills I have learned with them."

After leaving the Reagan, the dock master pushed on to other duties. This particular day, they had to get ready for five incoming and outgoing ships, including the Reagan, which took every man possi-

ble to unmoor. By this time, most of the command had split up to cover more of the daily duties in a timely manner.

Jones and Quartermaster (QM) 2nd Class Tawanika Hawkins from Denmark, S.C. inspected the 'tattletale' of the line along the boat piers, while BM2 (SW/AW) Padraig J Monahan of Lakewood, Colo. and Nazario moved the brow of a boat and secured four deep draft camels, a pier for boats.

In a month, dock masters can log up to 50 vessels coming in and out of Pearl Harbor - vessels not just from the U.S. Navy, but from other countries such as China, Japan, Canada and South Korea. Foreign ships sometimes also need to have special accommodations.

They provide for the ships that are not only homeported here at Pearl Harbor, but also for the ships on their way back from maritime operations, stopping here to enjoy a little rest and relaxation.

With the constant flow of Navy ships in and out of the harbor, Navy dock masters are in demand. Their specialized training plays a critical role for Pearl Harbor in planning and managing shipping movements and coordinating operations carried out by the ship's captain, pilot, tug operator and linesman. Dock masters are the 'unsung heroes' most of us see pierside every time a ship's colors are raised and lowered.



Sailors from Naval Station Pearl Harbor release a line for Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) after a scheduled port visit.