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# Hawaii Navy News – the end of an era

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It's the end of an era – with this edition, Hawaii Navy News takes its final bow.

Hawaii Navy News had its beginnings in December 1973 when Frank DeSilva, the public affairs officer for Naval Station Pearl Harbor, was asked to establish a civilian

enterprise newspaper for the Pearl Harbor community.

"There was no single Navy newspaper in Hawaii back then. However, they did have several tenant command specific newspapers at the time, including PacDiv, The Center Relay, The Patriot

(Subase), The Shipyard Log, The Centergram (PWC), The Tradewinds (NCTAMS) and maybe one or two more, but no single publication for the general Navy, i.e. Sailor, community," DeSilva explained.

He served as editor of the newspaper for 22 years before the operation of the publication was taken over by the region.

DeSilva explained that he and the COMFOURTEEN Naval District public affairs officer kicked around a variety of potential names before making their final decision. "We simply went with a

name that says it all, Hawaii Navy News. That's how it happened," said DeSilva.

Through its decades of existence, Hawaii Navy News has given its readers a unique birds-eye view of significant happenings, historical events, and visits by dignitaries and celebrities. People from all walks of life have marched across its pages. Sailors and their families have been spotlighted during numerous homecomings

and deployments.

Many Navy ships from other ports as well as foreign ships have been featured, including the Rim of the Pacific Exercise which has occurred every two years.

One of the most unique experiences occurred in 2001 when the premiere of the movie "Pearl Harbor," which was filmed here, and gala social were held on the aircraft carrier USS Stennis. The Hawaii Navy News staff subsequently produced a special commemorative issue.

The pages of Hawaii Navy News have also been witness every year to the poignant ceremony remembering the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and the continually dwindling number of Pearl Harbor survivors who have returned to visit their shipmates who were lost on that day. And countless burials at sea and interments have also been documented in the Navy's newspaper at Pearl Harbor.

Through the years, the newspaper has continued to make improvements to its pages and bears little resem-

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## Tributes to Hawaii Navy News

Following are comments from former and current public affairs officers and managing editors of Hawaii Navy News.

**Frank DeSilva – original editor of Hawaii Navy News (which began in December 1973) and the Naval Station Public Affairs Officer for 22 years:**

"It was an honor for me to have had the opportunity to establish an award-winning civilian enterprise newspaper to serve the Navy community in Hawaii, a publication that served the community well for so many years. I'm sad to see it go away because it played such an important role for the Navy in Hawaii for such a long time, but I also understand the need for change in these challenging times. I'm sure the new Navy/Air Force internal media publication will continue serving the military community in Hawaii with the same high stan-

dards we set and maintained through the years with Hawaii Navy News."

**MCC Joe Kane – a former managing editor:**

"The two years I spent as the managing editor of Hawaii Navy News occupy a special place in my memory. Serving in one of the most beautiful places in the world alongside the current heroes of our fleet and under the constant eye of our honored World War II survivors made an impression on me that has not faded. The privilege of telling their stories and sharing their memories through Hawaii Navy News remains for me a highlight of my career in the Navy. I'm confident the new combined newspaper will continue the great tradition of Hawaii Navy News."

**MCC David Rush – a former managing editor**

"I am truly honored to have been

a part of Hawaii Navy News. As a former managing editor, I was constantly humbled by stories of the Pearl Harbor survivors. Mahalo to those who are still putting that effort forward in its new form, to my ohana who are still diligently working there, and of course, to the brave Sailors and Marines who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice at Pearl Harbor."

**Cmdr. Jeff Davis – former public affairs officer**

"I have many fond memories of Hawaii Navy News, first picking it up as a young midshipman when I came to Hawaii in the late 80s and years later when I was stationed in Hawaii. It was a great paper, winning every possible award and accolade as the best paper in the Navy year after year. The reason is that the people who made the paper loved the paper, they put their heart and soul into it week after week, and it showed.

It is the end of an era, and I will miss it!"

**Agnes Tauyan – current director of public affairs for Navy Region Hawaii and Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific:**

"As a member of the public affairs team here for many years, I've seen the newspaper grow into a superior quality publication, balanced with good information, great writing and wonderful photography. Hawaii Navy News is an award-winning paper because of the collaborative teamwork and vision of our military-civilian team who have continued to build on the contributions of many people, past and present. Under the able leadership of managing editor Karen Spangler, our newspaper team is second to none. We look forward to working with our Air Force partners to bring 'Ho'okele' to service members, their families,

and civilian employees based in Hawaii."

**Jim Taylor - U.S. Navy, retired, command master chief and currently the Pearl Harbor Survivors Liaison at Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs:**

"I have served in the Navy and as a civilian here at Pearl Harbor for over 30 years. Being a command master chief, I learned to appreciate the Hawaii Navy News for its candid reporting and, most of all, concentrating on the individual enlisted Sailors and their families. I'm a huge fan of the enlisted community and sincerely appreciate the paper's coverage of them. It means a lot for the typical Sailor to have their pictures and stories about their accomplishments as well as their families' [in the newspaper]. The HNN will be sorely missed, the "new paper" is a sign of the changes we seem to go through all the time. I hope the main theme of it will continue on."

## JOHN FINN JULY 23, 1909-MAY 27, 2010



John Finn, 100, who was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient and the only surviving Pearl Harbor Medal of Honor recipient, passed away May 27. A complete story and photos will appear in Ho'okele on June 4.



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# Hawaii honors West Loch disaster service members

Story and photo by  
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Navy Region Hawaii Public  
Affairs

Military members and civilians commemorated a public celebration of life for victims of the West Loch disaster at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at the Puowaina (Punchbowl) Crater on May 21.

Hosted by the African-American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii (AADCCCH), the celebration honored the service members who lost their lives at the West Loch disaster 66 years ago on May 21, 1944.

"Similar to Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, May 21, 1944 is just as significant, and we want to honor those people," said Deloris Guttman, historian, president and chief operating officer of AADCCCH. "We are very happy to be at the helm and to be able to host with the Hawaii joint forces to present this for the community."

The West Loch disaster was a previously secret American WWII maritime accident which led to the sinking of six ships and the deaths of 163 service members who were loading



Michele Hauser, from the Air Force Association, lays a flower during the first celebration of life for veterans of the West Loch disaster to honor the men who gave their lives. Hosted by the African-American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii, the celebration of life commemorates the not well-known West Loch disaster that killed 163 and wounded 396 men, on May 21, 1944.

ships docked at the West Loch peninsula in Pearl Harbor with munitions and supplies.

The operations that took place at West Loch served as a staging area for ships in preparation for Operation Forager,

the invasion of Japanese-held Mariana Islands. In addition to the Sailors and Marines who prepared the ships for the upcoming operation, Army personnel from the predominantly African-American 29th

Chemical Decontamination Company also loaded the ships.

At Friday's commemoration, participants held wreath laying and ancestral libation pouring ceremonies in honor of those who have fallen. (An an-

cestral libation is an African tradition that involves the saying of prayers and an offering of water to honor the memory of an ancestor's spirit.)

Marine Lt. Col. Christopher Shaw, deputy staff judge advocate for the Marine Forces Pacific, delivered the keynote remarks for the ceremony.

"Ultimately, all the operations that were made in West Loch helped in the invasion of the Mariana Islands which ultimately led to the surrender of the Japanese and the end of WWII," said Shaw. "We are all connected in a lot of ways. The sacrifices that someone makes at one point ultimately helps other people achieve in other areas."

Shaw said he can attribute his success to the many African-American men and women who have fought for the American dream.

"As an African-American in the United States, there have always been struggles with opportunity, struggles with finding the American dream," said Shaw. "As a result of the sacrifices that were made by African-Americans during WWII, it opened significant doors for the Colin Powells of the world, the Gen. Davises in

the world. It showed that we, African-Americans, can participate and could achieve at all levels."

Michele Hauser, an African-American and a retired U.S. Air Force major who has been in the military for more than 20 years, laid a flower as a tribute. "As a person of color, I'm here to honor their sacrifice and their memory because if we don't, it won't get done," said Hauser.

Hauser said that like the African-Americans who served their country in WWII to protect freedom, her aunt also opened the doors to different possibilities.

"I have an aunt who was in the Air Force prior to me," said Hauser. "Because of her, she kicked open some doors for me so that I may become an officer in the Air Force."

According to its Web site, "The AADCCCH was founded in 1997 as a museum repository to archive 200 years of African descent history in Hawaii." The purpose of the organization is to share, display and educate past and present cultural and historical heritage of African descent to the Hawaiian people. For more information on AADCCCH, visit the Web site at <http://aadccch.org>.



## Joint Base leaders take orientation flight

Senior Airman  
Nathan Allen

15th Airlift Wing Public  
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Navy and Air Force leaders joined forces to participate in an orientation flight May 24 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as Air Force pilots and loadmasters showed off the C-17's combat airlift capabilities.

The orientation flight was an opportunity for Air Force, Navy and Air National Guard leaders to get a better understanding of each other's needs and capabilities.

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, said learning about other services is the key to providing support.

"We want to make sure we understand what they do and what their missions are," Smith said. "Today it's with the C-17 squadron to understand what their mission is and what their capabilities are."

The C-17 Globemaster III is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of

troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required. The inherent flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improves the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States.

Smith praised the Airmen involved with the flight for their skill and professionalism

in handling the C-17.

"We went up today and got a tour of their spaces, watched them do a drop, do a combat assault, and basically just to get a better understanding of their capabilities," he said. "They're all true professionals. It's great to be part of the team."

Earlier this year, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was born by combining Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base into a single joint installation to support both Air Force and Navy mis-

sions, along with tenant commands, service members and their families.

"The Navy is providing a support role to the Air Force here at Hickam," Smith said. "To enable us to do that, we have to make sure we're providing the service we need to the Air Force warfighters."

The goal of the consolidation is to enhance war-fighting readiness, maximize delivery of installation support services throughout the joint base, and capture

identified efficiencies.

Smith said the future of the joint base environment here is bright. "I think we're going to work together really well," he said. "We both have a responsibility to get to know each other better, what our capabilities are, what our needs are, to make sure we can support each other and to support the joint base construct so we can take the fight forward and be ready for combat."

(Photo on page A-5)

## USS Chung-Hoon Sailor owes work ethic, discipline to Navy life

**Story and photos by Blair Martin**  
*Contributing Writer*

On Dec. 10, 2008, the family of Information Systems Technician Seaman Jonathon Mayen-Krogstad got the surprise of their life when their 20-year-old suddenly announced he was joining the U.S. Navy.

"At first my mom was really mad at me; she just couldn't believe I had joined," said Mayen-Krogstad, the oldest of four children. "But as the time came closer for me to leave, she realized I was serious about this and how big a decision this was."

After struggling through two semesters at his local community college in Dumfries, Va., Mayen-Krogstad said he had found himself in a rut and was in serious need of a change of scenery. After considering both the Air Force and Marine Corps branches, he decided on a whim that the U.S. Navy would provide him with the best possible lifestyle to see the world and clear his head.

"Before I joined the military, I was lazy, unfocused and undisciplined," he said. "But the Navy helped me work on setting attainable goals and achieving them. It has given me a sense of direction with my life I didn't have before I joined."

In his initial months of enlistment, Mayen-Krogstad saw a noticeable improvement in himself, but also conceded that he experienced his share of pitfalls many Sailors are susceptible to while transitioning into Navy life.

"I've had obstacles I've had to overcome," he explained. "I've had an alcohol problem, shown up late for work, been a liberty hog. But I had good people help me get my head straight and work through my issues. I had to see the consequences of my actions and realize that it was not worth going to Captain's Mast losing money. It is about getting the job done. It might be hard, but you have to see it to the end," he added.

After reaching such an epiphany, Mayen-Krogstad quickly established himself as an indispensable asset within his division aboard the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

Chief Information Systems Technician (SW/AW) Christopher Brown regards Mayen-Krogstad as a "phenomenal Sailor on all fronts" of his ship.

"Recently, ITSN Mayen-Krogstad took over the damage control petty officer (DCPO) position and is consistently noted as an outstanding maintenance man and always completes tasking ahead of schedule with little to no supervision," Brown said. "He stays engaged in both facets of his rate as a communicator and LAN technician, completing more than 75 trouble calls in the last week alone and activating 20 circuits to ensure mission accomplishment. Clearly,

Mayen-Krogstad is performing well above the level expected of a Seaman and exemplifies the hard charger attitude needed in our high op-tempo, multi-tasking environment," he added.

Mayen-Krogstad said he enjoys his rate, not only because he is learning valuable skills he may one day take back to the workforce. But also because he feels responsible for connecting Sailors with their families during long deployments and underways.

"The IT rate is important since we are the primary ones who work with Internet onboard," he explained. "Once you are underway, it is really hard to make phone calls back home. I think my job directly affects morale because if somebody wants to send an e-mail or communicate with their wife, husband or family and the Internet is down, morale will probably be low. We are in charge of communication to ensure everyone stays connected," he added.

Future plans for Mayen-Krogstad include studying for his enlisted surface warfare pin, putting on third class, continuing with his IT certifications and training, and continuing with college credits.

In his spare time, he has also been studying another culture that was built on the principles of discipline and hard work.

"Recently, I discovered I had a real passion for learning Japanese and studying their culture," he said. "I enjoy reading about the people, their customs and the beauty of their country."

This summer, Mayen-Krogstad is looking forward to visiting the western Pacific during his ship's current deployment. It's just another reason why this Sailor knows he made the right decision to enlist.

## Diverse Views

### What are your plans for Memorial Day weekend?

*Sailors from USS O'Kane (DDG 77)*

**Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Miguel DeJesus**

"Head out to the beaches in California and barbecue on the beach, you know just hang out, relax, cook some chicken, burgers and just think about what Memorial Day really means."

**Fire Controlman 2nd Class Benjamin Dease**  
Force protection officer

"Cook out at the house and do some scuba diving at Haunama Bay."

**Lt.j.g. Leigh Martin**  
Force protection officer

"Maybe camping at Bellows, spend some time on the beach."

**Fire Controlman 2nd Class Nicole Murrill**

"We will probably cook out some burgers, hot dogs, beans, potatoes, all kinds of good food, then probably stop by the pool or go to a beach up on North Shore, hang out, have a good time."

(Photos/ information provided by SN (SW) Rachel Swiatnicki)

## USS Yorktown hit by bombs, burns at Midway

Scene on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after she was hit by three Japanese bombs on June 4, 1942 during the Battle of Midway. Dense smoke is from fires in her uptakes, caused by a bomb that punctured them and knocked out her boilers. Taken by Photographer 2nd Class William G. Roy from the starboard side of the flight deck, just in front of the forward five-inch/38-gun gallery. Man with hammer at right is probably covering a bomb entry hole in the forward elevator. Note arresting gear cables and forward palisade elements on the flight deck; CXAM radar antenna, large national ensign and YE homing beacon antenna atop the foremast; fiveinch/38, .50 caliber and 1.1-inch guns manned and ready at left.

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# People of Hawaii honor military ohana

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More than a thousand military service members paraded the length of Waikiki's Kalakaua Ave on May 22 at the highlighted event of this year's Military Appreciation Month.

Themed "Aloha to Our Military Ohana – Then and Now," the event was hosted by the United Services Organizations (USO) Hawaii, BAE Systems, TriWest Health Care Alliance and the City and County of Honolulu to honor all military active duty service members, Reservists, wounded warriors, military retirees and veterans.

According to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Web site, the event celebrates the military's presence in the islands, and it is a way to extend appreciation for the military's contributions to the social, cultural and economic well-being of the Hawaii ohana.

"We are part of a bigger picture of celebration for Military Appreciation Month," said Eva Laird Smith, USO Hawaii director. "This is a culminating event where the USO partners with a lot of community supporters. We are here today to honor the military, their services to the country, especially to Hawaii."

The parade, which began at Fort DeRussy, featured marching units, marching bands, color guards, military vehicles and



Photo illustration

veterans from past years.

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Nicholas Dempsey, as-

signed to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, came to the event with his wife and two children.

He participated in the parade by joining the Navy's marching unit, comprised of various

commands.

"I enjoyed it," Dempsey said. "It felt really good parading

down the street. Everything afterward has been really fun. My kids have been enjoying it. It's really a good thing for the community to do to show their support for the military."

The parade ended at Kapiolani Park where military families and civilians were treated to food booths and music entertainment. Local entertainers Danny Kaleikini and Carole Kai hosted the live entertainment at the event, and Honolulu Zoo opened its doors to military families for free crafts, games and zoo visits.

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Randy Basat and Sailors assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam gave away free hot dogs at Kapiolani Park as a way to give back to the community.

"We are here to support the military appreciation day," said Basat. "We are in the military, and we like to give back to our own military because they are our family."

At the event, Smith reminded people of the many military members who are deployed and said that she misses them very much.

"They are never so far away from our hearts and even when we enjoy ourselves in celebration of this month for them, our thoughts are never too far away from them," said Smith. "We wish them well. We wish them safety."

For more information, visit the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Web site at <http://cochawaii.org/hawaii-military-appreciation-m.asp>.

## Hawaii Navy News takes its final bow after 37 years of Pearl Harbor history

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blance to earlier issues. But one constant remains – the commitment to serving its readers and keeping them informed and entertained.

Hawaii Navy News has been a consistent Navy Chief of Information (CHINFO)

award winner in the annual contest, frequently garnering one of the top awards. Most recently, the newspaper was notified in April that it was an award winner for 2009, receiving honorable mention for Navy newspapers in the metro format category.

In addition to winning top

awards in the metro format newspaper category, the journalists on the Hawaii Navy News staff have won numerous writing and photography awards.

The continuing evolution of the newspaper will soon take another turn as the legacy of Hawaii Navy News ends and a

new joint base newspaper, Ho'okele, is launched.

"I'm sad to see it [Hawaii Navy News] go away because it played such an important role for the Navy in Hawaii for such a long time, but I also understand the need for change in

these challenging times," re-

marked DeSilva.

Agnes Tauyan, director of public affairs for Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, remembered the contributions of the many who have been a part of the Hawaii Navy News staff and the public affairs office over the years. "Hawaii Navy

News is an award-winning paper because of the collaborative teamwork and vision of our military-civilian team who have continued to build on the contributions of many people, past and present," she said.

Perhaps after all, it isn't really an ending – but a new beginning.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights



(Above) Tasha Kamegai-Karadi, an engineer at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, helps a student use chemical reactions to create "gak," a gooey substance similar to Play-Doh at "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day," hosted by the University of Hawaii-Manoa chapter of Women in Engineering at Waipahu Intermediate School. Shipyard volunteers used superheroes and imaginative teaching techniques to introduce science, technology, engineering and mathematics principles to more than 250 middle school students.

U.S. Navy photo by Katie Vanes



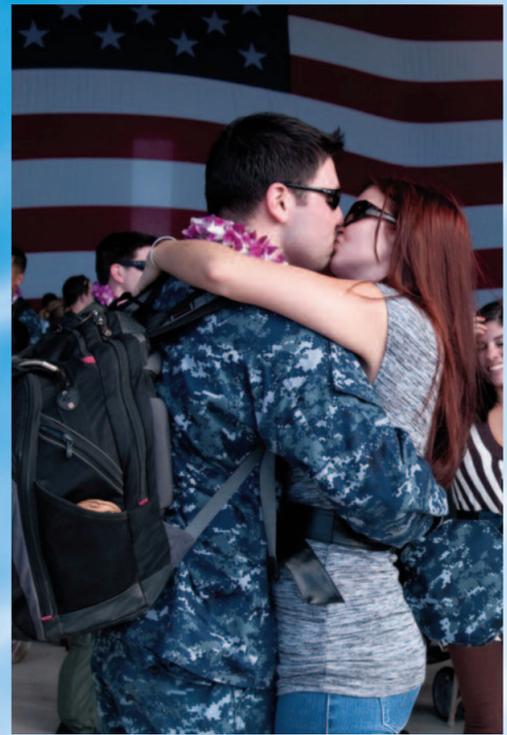
U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nathan Allen

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U.S. Marine photo by Christine Cabalo

(Above) After their six-month deployment, Sailors from Patrol Squadron 47 step onto Marine Corps Base Hawaii on May 20. Returning squadron members received a ti leaf lei as they stepped off the plane. The VP-47 Sailors supported missions in Japan and Iraq.



U.S. Marine photo by Christine Cabalo

Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Tim Goolsby of Patrol Squadron 47 kisses his wife after returning to Marine Corps Base Hawaii on May 20. Goolsby was one of more than 130 Sailors who returned from a six-month deployment in Iraq and Japan. More Sailors from the unit were scheduled to return later in the week.



(Left) Ron Murashige (USAF, retired), a docent for Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island, gives fifth grade students from Salt Lake Elementary School a history lesson about the Battle of Midway during WWII.

U.S. Air Force photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

(Below) More than 100 children from Navy Region Hawaii's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Youth Sports Program takes on the 1.5 mile fun run around Ward Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. MWR hosted a fitness and wellness fair for service members and families to create awareness about the different fitness, nutrition and wellness products available in the community. (See story and additional photo on page A-8.)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico



# USS Chosin honors former 'Chosin Few' POW

Story and photos by Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

A memorial ceremony was held May 24 for 79-year-old Marine Corps veteran Paul Phillips, one of the "Chosin Few" who survived the Battle at Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. Phillips was remembered aboard the USS Chosin (CG 65), moored at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Members of the Marine honor guard from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe provided full military honors for the veteran's family there, including his widow, Ieko Phillips. Sailors from USS Chosin were also in attendance to pay respects to their ship's namesake, which honors Phillips and other members of the "Chosin Few."

"The USS Chosin has had a very long and close relationship with the veterans from the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, and we always try to commemorate and remember the veterans of this battle," said Cmdr. Steven Bienkowski, executive officer of Chosin. "This is an opportunity for the [Chosin] crew to once again remember the sacrifice and heroism of the veterans from the Battle at Chosin Reservoir."

Phillips was a 20-year-old staff sergeant and truck driver for the First Marines Division during the Korean War in 1950. He was captured during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir on Dec. 10, 1950 and sent to a prisoner of war (POW) camp for five-and-a-half months on the North Korean side of the Yalu River.

During the ceremony, Korean War veteran Bob Talmadge, spokesman for the Aloha Chapter of the Chosin Few, recalled some of the events of Chosin Reservoir campaign.



He said that over a two-week period in the winter of 1950, an American Marine division of 15,000 men battled its way out of an entrapment of 12 Chinese communist divisions consisting of 150,000 Soldiers. "Paul just considered himself a truck driver, but that was the most dangerous job in the Korean War because ambushers would aim for the driver - knowing if you took him out, the convoy couldn't move and it would be in a vulnerable po-

sition," he explained. Talmadge said that when Phillips was faced with a surprise ambush by Chinese soldiers in December 1950, he did as he was trained and quickly grabbed his rifle, rolled out of the front door and underneath the vehicle, and returned fire against the enemy. "Paul was hit twice by a bullet or shrapnel and rendered unconscious," Talmadge said. "When he came to, he was being dragged out from under

the truck by Chinese soldiers who immediately tied his hands behind his back and made him march 80 miles through the middle of Siberian winter to prison camps. The thing that struck me about Paul was the only thing he remembered about that long march was how beautiful North Korea was in winter time," he added. He explained that while Phillips was at the prison camp, the Chinese Army tried to tempt the prisoners with

a special gazebo they had set up inside the camp, which was stocked with cookies, tea, cigarettes and chewing gum. "Paul used to always say to me that the thing he was proudest of was he never surrendered," Talmadge recalled. "He said he was unconscious when he was dragged out from under the vehicle and he never went to that gazebo. Never!" Talmadge also added that there was no heat in the prisoner quarters so Phillips

would sleep in a circle with his fellow POWs, using their body heat to survive the sub-zero winter temperatures.

In March 1951, 18 Marines, including Phillips, and one Army Soldier were placed on a truck and taken south. In May, they found themselves in the midst of an American artillery ambush at their new location. When their Chinese guards fled for cover, the 19 men escaped to a nearby farm field and were rescued two days later by an Army tank unit.

Capt. David Sheridan, commanding officer for USS Chosin, applauded the heroic efforts made by Phillips and the Chosin Few who were able to outfight a force five times their size.

"Men like Phillips did their duty that day," he said. "They did what needed to be done to cripple the Chinese Army and save their lives. They fought their way out of encirclement in what is known as the greatest forced withdrawal in the history of modern arms. Today's Sailors are here today, ready to defend the country just as the 'Chosin Few' did back in 1950. To Staff Sgt. Phillips and veterans of Battle of Chosin Reservoir, we hope we make you proud," he added.

After retiring in 1969, Phillips enjoyed a lengthy retirement in Hawaii and became an active member in the Aloha Chapter of the Chosin Few. Before his death on Jan. 19, he had expressed interest in his wife about a military funeral.

His widow, Ieko, said the ceremony was a fitting tribute to the sweet-natured man she loved so dearly.

"The ceremony was wonderful," she said. "He always wanted to be honored in this way. Thanks to the Chosin and the Marines, he finally got his wish."



Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 19 for a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility.

## USS Texas departs for U.S. 4th Fleet deployment

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The Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled deployment to the

U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility on May 19. "USS Texas is flexible and ready to rapidly respond to a wide range of situations on short notice in support of national security," said Cmdr. Bob Roncska, commanding officer of Texas. "I am extremely proud of my Texas crew, no doubt, the best crew I have had the op-

portunity to serve with in all my 20 years of naval service." This is Texas' first deployment since changing homeports to Pearl Harbor in November 2009. Commissioned Sept. 9, 2006, Texas was the second Virginia-class attack submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named

after the 'lone star state.' The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and mine warfare.

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# Chosin Sailors educate educators about Navy

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A group of educators from Los Angeles recently visited USS Chosin (CG 65) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to discover what the surface Navy is all about. They came away with the educational experience of their own.

"What's really impressive is the amount of responsibility these Sailors have at such a young age," said Kimberly Kirkwood, a guidance counselor at Lynwood High School in Los Angeles. "One of the Sailors is 27 and in charge of navigating the ship to safety. You just can't find that type of responsibility at such a young age in



Lt. j.g. Jon Paris of USS Chosin leads a shipboard tour of educators from Los Angeles.

the civilian sector."

Although the group's main objective on their visit to

Oahu was to unwind and enjoy the serenity that the island has to offer, they also

wanted to learn about the Navy, something many of them knew very little about.

Following the tour of Chosin, the educators were headed for a luau, but perhaps the tour of the warship proved to be the highlight of the trip. One of the visitors agreed.

"It was a lot of fun, truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Patrick Coyne, director of guidance counselor at Bishop Alemany Catholic High School in Los Angeles. "You never see a warship come into Los Angeles, obviously, so this is something I'll never forget."

Among the topics and areas on the ship described to the group was basic seamanship, living quarters of the crew, dining areas, the foc'sle, combat information center, the bridge, and special evolutions the ship undertakes. Chosin was selected to con-

duct the tour because it had just returned from an eight-month deployment and local officials felt that the group would learn more from a crew fresh off a successful tour.

"The Sailors on Chosin are well known on the waterfront for their motivation and passion for the Navy, coupled with a desire to share their naval knowledge with civilians and other military branches, foreign and domestic," wrote Bette Kalohi, community relations officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam/Navy Region, in an e-mail.

Chosin is undergoing routine post-deployment maintenance at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and is the ready duty guided missile cruiser, attached to Nimitz Strike Group.

## Families run, dance, play at MWR Fitness and Wellness Fair

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It was an afternoon packed with fun and excitement for Sailors and their families as Navy Region Hawaii's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) hosted a fitness and wellness fair at Ward Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on May 19.

The annual MWR fair featured several activities for the whole family to enjoy - from mini-workouts like kickboxing, yoga and cycling to free demonstrations of Zumba, belly dancing and hula fitness. Fitness celebrity Gilad Janklowicz, from the shows "Bodies in Motion," "Basic Training the Workout" and "Total Sculpture," also made an appearance at the fair.

"The goal is to create awareness about different fitness, nutrition and wellness products that are out there in our community as well as trying to get people on a healthy lifestyle trend," said Mark McFarland, JBPHH MWR fitness director. "We hope to make small changes and that it will accumulatively amount to big changes."

One of the highlights of the event was the fun run for the children from MWR's youth sports program. More than 105 children ran about six laps around the fair grounds, amounting to 1.5 miles.

"They come out and run so that they would be more inclined to lead a healthier life through exercise," said Sheldon Kennell, youth sports director. "It also lends itself to the sports that we run."

Kennell runs the MWR Youth Sports program which includes track and field, softball, flag football and soccer. He said that this event was the largest turnout he has ever had.

"It is a good amount of kids promoting fun and fitness," said Kennell. "Our goal is to battle childhood obesity. If kids are more inclined to exercise and have fun, they are not going to be so overweight and unhealthy. They can be healthier adults."

"Obesity is on the rise," said McFarland. "It's not stopping. They're predicting that by the end of 2020, nearly 75 percent of America will be overweight."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, more than one third of U.S. adults—more than 72 million people—and 16 percent of U.S. children were obese as of 2009.



Fitness celebrity, Gilad Janklowicz from the shows "Bodies in Motion," "Basic Training the Workout" and "Total Body Sculpture," was at Ward Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to help get people in shape. Navy Region Hawaii's Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a fitness and wellness fair for service members and families to create awareness about the different fitness, nutrition and wellness products that are available in the community.

"It's pretty serious," said McFarland. "So our goal is to get people up, get them out and get them moving. We know that physical fitness is part of physical readiness. We will have a higher level of mission suc-

cess when our Sailors are kept fit to fight."

Sailors from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) also participated in the event by educating the attendees on nutritional facts and making com-

parisons between body fat versus body muscle.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Jonathan Balsa, assigned to NHCH, held out two five-pound rubber materials representing fat and muscle. The five pounds of rubber representing fat was much larger in mass than the five pounds of muscle, despite the equivalence in weight.

"We don't want them to have five pounds of fat," said Balsa. "We want them to have five pounds of muscle—not fat but muscle. We want everybody to have a high-fiber diet, low-salt diet and low sugar intake."

When asked what activities are the best activities MWR is offering, McFarland said whatever activity you can do consistently.

"They don't have to be in a gym setting," said McFarland. "One individual might be rollerblading, another might be swimming. Whatever they can do on a consistent basis and get out there and try to get an hour activity a day, especially our kids. One hour a day, seven days a week is the minimal standard for children."

MWR offers more than 50 fitness classes. While most are free, some cost only \$3 per session. For more information on MWR fitness programs, visit their Web site at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## Sailors pay tribute to fallen at Oahu Veterans Cemetery

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Sailors from various commands in Hawaii brought cleaning supplies and participated in the cleanup at the Navy veterans' cemetery section of Oahu Cemetery in Honolulu on May 21.

The event was hosted by the Surface Navy Association (SNA) and led by Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) Wayne Babauta, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60). Babauta gathered 40 volunteers to participate in the event in preparation for Memorial Day.

"Basically the reason we

are out here today is to pay tribute to those who have gone before us," said Chief Operations Specialist (SW) Joshua Pearsall, a representative from SNA. "Obviously in the spirit of the Sailor's Creed, they really took care of their country and they did what they needed to do."

The earliest grave markers are dated in the 1800s and the most recent interments were in 2002. There are more than 170 gravesites dedicated to Navy veterans, of which 135 are now being used.

"We are helping out the community, helping out the veterans who died here, and paying our respects by cleaning the site," said Babauta. "We are giving back to the community by



showing our appreciation that we do care for our fallen veterans."

During the event, volunteers cleaned several headstones and performed minor gardening within the plot. Sailors scrubbed the headstones, followed by spraying them down with water.

"More came out here today than last time," said Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Arnel Delacruz. "As you can see, we don't even have enough brushes or

A Sailor assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) sprays suds off a headstone during a cleanup event at the Navy Veteran's Cemetery in Honolulu. Approximately 40 Sailors assigned to various commands in the Oahu region participated in the cleanup.

buckets. It's nearly doubled from the last time we did this."

The cemetery is located on an 80-by-40-yard piece of property that the Navy purchased in 1935.

With more than 90 members at the Pearl Harbor chapter, SNA's purpose is to recognize and publicize professional excellence in surface naval forces. SNA also promotes recognition of the role of the surface forces in United States security and the Navy.

"SNA is really all about pushing the good things, getting faces out there, and making sure the public knows that we really are trying to do something good for the world," said Pearsall. "SNA is a good organization to be a part of."

# Navy recruits get taste of Navy life on Chosin

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When Chief Fire Controlman (SW) Bryce Pettengill was looking for a means of motivating his recruits, he knew that bringing them to a renowned warship would be perfect. He chose the familiar one, close to home, that he knew would motivate his recruits.

"It was a no-brainer for me," said Pettengill, recruiter-in-charge of Navy Recruiting Station Kaneohe. "I had a lot of good years on Chosin and a lot of good memories. I wanted to share my passion for surface life with them and get them excited," he explained.



Ensign Brianna Charbonneau shows a group of recruits the bridge on a recent visit to USS Chosin.

Pettengill was stationed aboard Chosin from 2005-2008 as the leading petty officer of CM division, where weapons systems are maintained.

The recruits varied in age from 18 to 26. Their educational experience ranged from high school to nearly completed bachelor's degrees. When they toured the Chosin recently, they were shown the areas of the ship where many of them will be working.

"I loved it," said Alden Silva, 20, of Bullit East High School, about his tour of the ship. "I am going to be an MA (master-at-arms) and I was able to talk to somebody who is one already. Being on a cruiser as an MA sounds cool."

Some of the recruits will go to smaller ships like frigates or destroyers; larger ships like large

deck amphibians or carriers; or even subs, squadrons or shore duty. They may serve in the near future in the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"I remember when I was close to their age and touring a warship like this at the academy, how profound of an impact it made on me and how excited I got to get out to the fleet," said Ensign Brianna Charbonneau, a tour guide for the recruits who currently serves as the admin officer for Chosin. "They will remember this in whatever career route they take afterwards."

All of the recruits are in the delayed-entry program, meaning they are signed up and waiting to be shipped out to basic training, located at Navy Training Command Great Lakes near Chicago, Ill.



Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Anthony Valence waits for the pitch.

## CPRW-2 Eagles win intramural baseball championship

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The Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two (CPRW-2) Eagles recently won the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Intramural Baseball championship, topping a three-game series against Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 (MALS-24).

The first game of the series was a nail biter with MALS jumping out to an early 10-run lead. The Eagles jumped back after a few innings and bettered MALS 14-13 in extra innings.

Game two was slow, as both teams saw fatigue in the bullpen. The game was quick and MALS won with a homerun and a sac fly to end the game.

Game three proved to be a test for everyone. The game started off with the Eagles clinching the first inning with one run. MALS came back in the next inning with two runs, making it 3-1. Both teams fought hard and continued to battle each other until the game was 6-6 in the bottom of the sixth inning.

MALS brought in a relief pitcher and the Eagles put up three runs. The Eagles put in relief pitcher Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate Jason Watson, and MALS tied the game once again at 9-9 due to some good hitting. The Eagles came into the eighth inning with a "give it all or go home" attitude and put up an impressive five runs to make it 14-9 in the eighth.

In the bottom half of the eighth, relief pitcher Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Anthony Valence threw an impressive last inning. The Eagles decided to force walk MALS' big hitter, but the following batter put up an impressive triple, bringing the game to 14-12. One more runner would come around before Valence struck out the third on a called strike three.

"The team fought real hard all series. This is most likely my last season coaching so after five years and many second place trophies, it's nice to finally bring home the big one," said the team's coach, Yeoman 1st Class Matthew

Lawyer. "Some of these guys have played for me before, and, like any good team, those who stick together prevail in the end. Great job, Eagles," said Lawyer.

## NIOC Hawaii JEO volunteers help with zoo cleanup

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Sailors from Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii Junior Enlisted Organization (JEO) recently volunteered a Saturday morning to help with a cleanup project at the Honolulu Zoo.

"The JEO has been involved with this for the past five years. We make it to the zoo the first Saturday of every month," explained Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Rich Figueroa, community service chairman for NIOC JEO.

The Sailors have helped the staff with various tasks throughout the zoo including removal of overgrown vines, cleaning out animal exhibits, and helping with arts and crafts programs at the zoo. The main task for the recent

project for the Sailors was removing invasive elephant grass from the lion's den.

After completion of their tasks, the working party is normally rewarded by the zoo staff with a special behind-the-scenes show, or one-on-one time with the animals. Figueroa shared, "Last time we got to feed the hippos. It's fun and not something you get a chance to do very often. Volunteering at the zoo is a great time, and family and friends are always welcome."

For more information, contact Figueroa at 655-3472.

Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class (SW/FMF) Richard Figueroa of Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii clears out weeds at the future lion exhibit at Honolulu Zoo. Sailors from NIOC Hawaii volunteer a Saturday each month to help with cleanup projects at the zoo.

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