

## Park renamed in honor of heroes

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A special ceremony held June 28 in Honolulu marked the fourth anniversary of the day when 19 American warriors were killed in mountainous terrain near Asadabad, Afghanistan. A lasting memorial was dedicated in the commonly known 'Triangle Park' near Diamond Head.

Plaques were erected to preserve the names and recount the action in which they died and the park was renamed in honor of the mission title, 'Operation Red Wings - Medal of Honor Park.'

Charles Djou, Honolulu city councilman, mounted the campaign to honor the fallen warriors and was joined by the Kahala Community Association and the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board. On Veterans Day 2008, the city council heard from Dennis Gaughan and Chad Buck who represented the SEAL-Naval Special Warfare Foundation-Hawai'i and other special armed forces members - Cmdr. Randy West, Kelly Laporte and Daniel Rice.

Upon passage of the resolution, Djou commented, "It is important to recognize heroes in our community. It has been my honor to champion the recognition of former Hawai'i resident and Medal of Honor recipient, Lt. Michael P. Murphy, and the Soldiers and Sailors who died with him in Afghanistan during Operation Redwing."

Operation Redwing is the name of the mission that took place in



Families and friends of Navy SEALs who were killed in Afghanistan during Operation Red Wing attended a special ceremony and renaming of a Honolulu park on June 28, the fourth anniversary of the tragedy. The park was renamed "Operation Red Wings - Medal of Honor Park."

Afghanistan on June 28, 2005 in which 19 Sailors and Soldiers were killed. Lt. Michael Murphy led a four-man SEAL team from Pearl Harbor's SEAL Delivery Vehicle- Team One (SDVT-1) and SDVT-2 from Virginia Beach, Va.

The SEALs were tasked with locating key Taliban leaders in the mountainous terrain near Asadabad. Under fierce fire from the Taliban force, who launched a three-sided attack from high grounds, the Taliban outnumbered the SEALs and drove them

deeper into a ravine.

Mortally wounded, Murphy left his position of cover to communicate with headquarters. Under direct fire, Murphy continued to provide information concerning their location to request immediate support. A MH-47 Chinook helicopter was sent to extract the four SEALs. Their position had been compromised by non-combatant shepherders who notified the Taliban. The Taliban launched a rocket-propelled grenade to fatally strike the

Chinook helicopter, killing all 16 men aboard.

Naval special warfare forces experienced the single greatest loss of life in its history, as 11 SEALs and eight Army Night Stalkers were killed in action. Murphy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and was the first United States Navy service member to receive the Medal of Honor for action in the war in Afghanistan.

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## NAVFAC Hawai'i reduces energy consumption at Pearl Harbor

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i invested in high-tech occupancy sensors to reduce energy consumption at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

A \$569,680 contract was awarded June 26 to RMA Land Construction, Inc., based in Brea, Calif., to make improvements in 54 buildings at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, including some on Ford Island, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Wahiawa and at the Navy-Marine Golf Course.

"We're very excited about this project," said Greg Gebhardt, energy program manager for Navy Region Hawai'i and NAVFAC Hawai'i. "This is going to give significant cost savings, and it gets us further along the road in complying with the mandated three-percent-a-year energy conservation goals of Executive Order 13423."

NAVFAC Hawai'i tested similar technology in a limited number of rooms two years ago and after seeing positive results, applied to Congress for Energy Conservation Investment Program (ECIP) funding to install sensors in additional buildings throughout naval facilities on Oahu.

Endorsed by NAVFAC headquarters, the project received a high ranking in the submission process because it generated a large amount of energy savings for the amount invested, according to Dan Magro, ECIP program manager at NAVFAC's Engineering Service Center in Port Hueneme. The program is expected to result in energy savings of more than \$130,000 per year.

"The most common energy behavior problem is people leaving the lights on in their workspaces," said Gebhardt. "The consumption of power by lights is also the most costly energy expense next to air conditioning in our Navy work areas. This project leverages technology to solve both of these problems."

Three types of sensor technology will be used to automatically turn off lights and air conditioning when a workspace is unoccupied. One type uses infrared technology that can detect heat from persons in the room. Another is an ultrasonic sensor that detects noise and motion. The third type is a combination sensor using both sensor technologies. The rooms will be outfitted with the most appropriate device to ensure effectiveness for the specific work environment.

The project is scheduled for completion in July 2010.

## Navy Region Hawai'i 'Makes-a-Wish' come true

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Navy Region Hawai'i  
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The Make-A-Wish Foundation partnered with Commander Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) to make Ethan Baatz's wish come true during a tour of historic Pearl Harbor on July 4.

The 17-year-old Minnesota native has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis and is now in the early stages of diabetes.

During the tour, Baatz had the opportunity to raise the American flag at the USS Arizona Memorial and the USS Utah Memorial.

"It was really cool being able to raise the flag at the different memorials, espe-



Capt. Donald Hodge, chief of staff for Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presents Ethan Baatz with an American flag flown over the USS Arizona Memorial during a Make-A-Wish tour of historic Pearl Harbor on July 6. The special tour was organized for Baatz, who has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, by the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the U.S. Navy.

cially on Independence Day. That really meant a lot to me," said Baatz.

Baatz said he became

interested in history from the time he was a young child after watching a movie about Pearl Harbor

and has been fascinated with the history of World War II ever since.

"I never imagined that I would be able to see where the events of Dec. 7, 1941 happened at," said Baatz. "There is so much history that lies within this harbor and it is truly incredible to have been able to see the Arizona Memorial and the rest of Battleship Row."

Capt. Donald Hodge, chief of staff for CNRH and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was more than happy to host the tour for Baatz and his family.

"It was a privilege to help grant Ethan's wish with giving him this tour of historic Pearl Harbor," said Hodge. "He had a very extensive knowledge of the events that happened here

and it was a pleasure to show him the actual sites."

At the conclusion of the tour, Baatz received the American flag that he raised above the USS Arizona Memorial and a certificate presented by Hodge.

"Today was absolutely unbelievable. I never thought that I would experience this," said Baatz. "I'm really glad I had the opportunity to see the history where major events of World War II happened."

Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work that has blossomed into a worldwide phenomenon, reaching more than 174,000 children around the world.



"The bombs bursting in air..."

A fireworks display illuminates the night sky over the Pearl Harbor Memorial. To celebrate Independence Day, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a July 4 Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular.

U.S. Navy photo by MCI Jason Swink



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# Education equals key to success for newly-promoted captain

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Personnel assigned to Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor gathered at Lockwood Hall onboard NAVSTA Pearl Harbor to promote Cmdr. Lawrence Hill to the rank of captain on July 1.

After serving 32 years in the Navy, Hill never thought that he would come this far after enlisting in the Navy as an E-1 in 1977.

"When I first enlisted, my first thoughts were to do my time and then get out," said Hill. "The main reason I initially re-enlisted was to get off the ship and experience a different side of the Navy."

Hill attributed a large part of his success to fur-



Capt. Lawrence Hill has his O-6 shoulderboards pinned on to his uniform by Rear Adm. Mark Hugel deputy commander logistics, maintenance and industrial operations, Naval Sea Systems Command and Mrs. Hugel, during his promotion ceremony on July 1. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, Hill assumed his new duty as the deputy shipyard commander at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

thering his education to help him achieve rank.

"In 2000, I was planning on retiring as a lieutenant

commander after 23 years and I knew that if I want-

ed a good job in the civilian sector, I needed to have at least a bachelor's degree," said Hill. "I also was aware that the possibility of making commander was only 50 percent. It was obvious that I had to complete a bachelor's degree to be competitive for this position."

"Ruth Maki, who serves as the education specialist at Navy College Hawai'i, was instrumental in helping achieve my bachelor's and master's degrees," said Hill. "She offered academic counseling advice and constantly monitored my progress and I would not be putting on the rank of captain here today if it wasn't for Ruth."

During the ceremony, Rear Adm. Mark Hugel, deputy commander of logistics, maintenance and industrial operations, Naval Sea Systems

Command, spoke about Hill's unique accomplishment.

"There are more than 200 flag officers in the Navy, but there are less than 50 mustang limited duty officers that are captains right now," said Hugel. "Capt. Hill is part of a very elite group and should be looked highly upon [for] this achievement."

At the end of the ceremony, Hill expressed his thanks to his family and friends.

"I am very grateful for everyone who has helped me achieve my goals," said Hill. "I want to thank you all for everything that you've done for me."

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# USS Lake Erie trains to successfully counter terrorist threats

Lt. (FMF) John A. Carter

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

Ever since the USS Cole was bombed while refueling in Yemen, U.S. Navy warships have aggressively increased their readiness to face a wide range of terrorist threats.

On June 19, Lake Erie concluded a series of anti-terrorism/force protection (ATFP) drills designed to test the crew's preparedness to defend against 16 possible attacks. In an all-hands effort, 150 Sailors from every division on the ship collectively contributed more than 1,000 manhours to successfully defeat threats that included a small boat attack, a protest on the pier, a hostage situation, a swimmer attack and a bomb threat.

Anti-terrorism training team members from Lake Erie role played the hostile terrorist actions, then subsequently evaluated Lake Erie watchstanders' ability to respond to control the situation at hand.

Training team member, Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW) Glenn Thompson, stressed the importance of all crew members having a tactical mindset, saying, "Every Sailor is a potential reaction force member so all hands must be capable of responding in the event of a terrorist attack."

Lake Erie's ATFP certification was evaluated by representatives from the Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG) who were impressed by the crew's effort. In the end, ATG awarded Lake Erie high marks and granted Lake

Erie's training team the authority to self-assess further ATFP training.

Lt. j.g. Cameron Will serves as Lake Erie's force protection officer and led the certification effort. Reflecting on the crew's performance, he commented, "I'm proud of the outstanding job Lake Erie Sailors did responding to the whole spectrum of terrorist threats. Our ATFP training will help keep the ship safe when we head into harm's way during our upcoming deployment to the 7th Fleet AOR."

USS Lake Erie's (CG 70) ship's reaction force responds to a pier threat during rehearsal for recent Middle Pacific Afloat Training Group-assessed anti-terrorism training team ULTRA-C scenarios.

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# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Pierside training helps ready Third Fleet

MC1 (SW) Krishna Jackson

Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet Public Affairs

Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet certified Nimitz Carrier Strike Group (CSG) ready to deploy after completing Fleet Synthetic Training, Joint (FST-J) on June 19.

"This is the first time synthetic training has been integrated into the Third Fleet's deployment training cycle," said Capt. William J. Hart, [U.S.] 3rd Fleet lead training officer.

USS Nimitz (CVN 68) along with CSG 11, USS Chosin (CG 65) homeported at Pearl Harbor, USS Sampson (DDG 102), USS Pinckney (DDG 91), USS Rentz (FFG 46) and two independent deployers, USS Higgins (DDG 76) and USS Ingraham (FFG 61), received high-tech training while pier-side by Tactical Training Group, Pacific (TTGP) and Commander, Strike Force Training Pacific (CSFTP).

Vice Adm. Richard W. Hunt, commander U.S. 3rd Fleet, was impressed with the level of cooperation among the organizations that ensured his fleet is ready for anything.

"We've got a great team across the board with TTGP, CSFTP, the staff of C3F (3rd Fleet) and Nimitz CSG. I couldn't be happy-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Lt. Dan Supple participates in a fleet synthetic training (FST) exercise aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65). Chosin participated in FST with the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and other ships and Navy units, and including Marine Corps, Army and Air Force commands in San Diego, Calif. The geographically separated forces are evaluated in a synthetic distributed training environment, combining live, virtual and constructive forces.

er," Hunt said. "This strike group is ready to go to sea to do any tasking our nation asks them to do."

Hart, the training officer, said, "This FST-(Joint) was the Nimitz strike group's capstone event, earning them certification as an integrated, combat-ready force."

Synthetic training allows the Navy to train for those warfare

areas and tasks that can be accomplished ashore in pier-side events. However, nothing replaces realistic at-sea training like COMPTUEX (composite training unit exercise) and JTTEX (joint task force exercise) as part of the pre-deployment training strike groups receive.

At-sea exercises are still vital to ensure "real-world" training to

develop and maintain proficiency in a myriad of skills, from ship handling to detecting submarines with sonar. These types of skills require a full range of complexities, conditions, environments and situations in which Sailors, units and strike groups must function when they are deployed. Fleet synthetic training does not fully replicate real-world stress and randomness nor provide for competing concerns such as safety of flight and maneuver at sea.

FST-J trains participants in a shore-based synthetic, tactically and operationally demanding training environment that integrates joint forces that are geographically separated.

Nimitz, Sampson, Pinckney, Rentz and Higgins were pier-side in San Diego while Ingraham operated pier-side out of Everett, Wash. and Chosin was at its homeport in Pearl Harbor during FST-J.

Thomas W. Smith, deputy fleet synthetic training officer for TTGP, explained that the Distributed Training Control Center (DTCC), located at TTGP headquarters in San Diego, is the central hub for U.S. Pacific Fleet synthetic training. This is where the scenario was generated and where Navy, Army and Air Force personnel worked side-by-side during FST-J.

"Ships and units share line-of-sight communications and tactical data as if they were operating at sea as a strike group using radio towers in each port linked together via the Navy Continuous Training Environment (NCTE) network and controlled in the DTCC. This architecture enables crews to train on their ships at the consoles they operate while at sea, with realistic and robust threats that they may encounter on deployment," said Smith.

In training and evaluating staffs and strike groups, synthetic training can incorporate joint forces, coalition partners and tactical challenges that can be impractical or impossible to create with live training at sea.

"The synthetic network is far-reaching and brings in allies," said Hart. "We had an Australian ship (HMAS Ballarat) in the exercise, and U.S. Air Force and Army units involved. Those units 'plugged in' from places as far away as Sydney, Australia, and Hawaii."

While it cannot duplicate the conditions provided by live at-sea training, synthetic training helps the Navy meet its training and readiness goals in support of the maritime strategy at a time when the Navy faces increased operation tempo and limited fiscal resources.

### This week in Naval History

#### July 6

- 1943 - Night battle of Kula Gulf results in loss of two Japanese destroyers and USS Helena.
- 1976 - First women enter Naval Academy.

#### July 8

- 1778 - Allied French fleet under Comte d'Estaing arrives in America.
- 1853 - Commodore Matthew C. Perry sails his squadron into Tokyo Bay.
- 1944 - Naval bombardment of Guam begins.

#### July 9

- 1944 - Organized Japanese resistance ceases on Saipan, Marianas.

#### July 10

- 1934 - USS Houston takes Franklin Delano Roosevelt on first visit of a U.S. president to South America.



- 1943 - Naval gunfire helps Allied troops land on Sicily. It was first extensive use of LSTs and smaller landing craft to deliver heavy equipment over the beach.
- 1945 - Fourteen carriers from Third Fleet carriers begin air strikes on Japanese home islands which end Aug. 15.

### MacArthur, Roosevelt and Nimitz visit Pearl Harbor



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

General Douglas MacArthur, U.S. Army (left); President Franklin D. Roosevelt (center); and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy (right) on board USS Baltimore (CA 68) at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i on July 26, 1944. Adm. William D. Leahy, the president's chief of staff, is standing in the left background.

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## Oahu Veterans Center serves as 'gathering place' for community, veterans

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Thanks to the Oahu Veterans Council (OVC), the Oahu Veterans Center has served as a special gathering place, fostering unity between local community members and veteran organizations since being built in 2005.

Organized in 1992, the OVC is a non-profit organization that advocates for veteran rights and benefits and is currently comprised of 35 veteran organizations from all over Oahu.

According to Fred Ballard, OVC president, the idea for a veterans center came from wanting to provide a much-needed meeting place for local veteran organizations to conduct their monthly meetings free-of-charge.

"Our dream was to build a center where vets could meet to hold chapter meetings," said Ballard, a retired Navy chief and Vietnam veteran. "Before then, they were meeting in garages, under trees and also restaurants who were charging them extra money for taking up



Photo courtesy of Oahu Veterans Center

Located at 1298 Kukila St., the Oahu Veterans Center serves as a special gathering place where local community members and veteran organizations can come together hold council meetings, exchange ideas, and host special events for both retired and active-duty military personnel.

the tables. We wanted a more appropriate environment for them and somewhere they could go for free," he added.

Ballard's wife Sandy, who is also the executive director for Oahu Veterans Center, said the center offers veterans a place to call their own and gives them a pride of ownership.

"Veteran organizations need a place to meet and call their own, to feel comfortable with comrades," she said.

"Veteran organizations always consider giving back to the community and this three-acre facility does just that by sharing its meeting halls, kitchen and recreational uses on nearly three acres of parkland," she explained.

Ballard said that OVC has a 55-year lease agreement with Foster Village Community Association and that they are responsible for the upkeep of the facility as well as maintaining the center's

2.7-acre recreational grounds. The facility includes a refurbished basketball court and newly-built playground which also remains open for members of the local community to enjoy.

In addition to offering a place where veterans can meet for monthly chapter meetings, the center also serves in many other capacities, such as a place where veteran musicians meet for practice, a place for veterans

and local community to wrap and send boxes to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a place where non-profit organizations, such as Operation Homefront, can host Easter and Christmas events for families of deployed troops.

"We are always hosting something, whether it is a luncheon for Sailors and community members or sponsoring [projects] that involve welcoming back deployed Soldiers," said Bob Kiltbau, a retired Navy engineer officer. "No matter what we are doing, it is great to know you have a place where you can go to get help or get a [project] done."

Kiltbau, who also serves on the OVC board of directors, said that since the center was built, it has brought together the local and veteran communities.

"The good thing about the [center] is that almost every organization, both veteran and [civic], have an additional place to come to have a council meeting every month and exchange ideas," he said.

In addition to holding their meetings at the center,

veterans are also encouraged to use the facility for their banquets and special events for a nominal charge.

"Our primary source of income is money earned by renting out the facility as well as from the yearly dues of OVC members," said Sandy Ballard. "We also have an annual Veterans Appreciation Day fundraiser coming up in November that helps with our operational costs."

Ballard said there are also future plans for adding on an additional meeting hall and small museum to the center, which already serves as a permanent site for maintaining veteran records and displaying items of historical value.

The Oahu Veterans Center is located at 1298 Kukila St. in Honolulu. The OVC's annual Veterans Appreciation Day fundraiser will be held on Nov. 21.

For interested volunteers, contact Sandy Ballard at 422-4000. For more information on renting the Oahu Veterans Center and additional OVC services and programs, visit [www.oahuveteranscenter.com](http://www.oahuveteranscenter.com).

## 2009 Navy Water Quality Reports available to consumers in Hawai'i

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i Public Affairs

As a purveyor of water in Hawai'i, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i has distributed its 2009 Water Quality Reports (brochures) to customers since mid-June. The reports provide information about the water that has been delivered over the past year.

"There were no violations in 2008 for any of our systems and the water met all regulatory requirements," said Arleen Mizuno, environmental engineer at NAVFAC Hawai'i. "Copies of the



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appropriate report have been mailed to all Navy activities and civilian customers who obtain water from us and military and civilian housing residents

receiving Navy water can contact their housing office for a copy."

Annual Water Quality Reports, also called the Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), are required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. They provide data on the quality of drinking water provided to water consumers. These reports/brochures include information on the sources of water, health effects, compliance status, and other related information. They also contain a table listing all contaminants detected in water delivered to customers at

levels above the EPA's prescribed minimum detection limits.

NAVFAC Hawai'i owns and operates six water systems: Barbers Point, Camp Stover, NAVMAG Lualualei, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC), Pearl Harbor and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai.

This year a report was developed for each system, with the exception of NAVMAG Lualualei. A report for the Lualualei system is not required because there are no housing residents.

Most Navy housing resi-

dents receive water from the Pearl Harbor system and can request a copy of that brochure from Forest City's Residential Management office at the Aloha Center (Moanalua Shopping Center). Camp Stover and NCTAMS PAC housing residents can obtain a brochure from Forest City's Wahiawa office (2976 Kahana St.).

Other housing areas that receive Navy water include the Iroquois Point Island Club, Kalaeloa Homes and the Coast Guard Red Hill housing area. Residents should contact their housing offices for the correct water quality report brochure.

For PMRF Kauai, reports

will be distributed by the NAVFAC Hawai'i Public Works Department at Barking Sands.

Copies of all water quality report brochures may also be obtained from NAVFAC Hawai'i's public affairs office by calling 471-7300 or the command's environmental compliance office at 471-1171, ext. 203.

Electronic copies of all five brochures are also posted on NAVFAC Hawai'i's public Web site. Go to [www.navfac.navy.mil](http://www.navfac.navy.mil). Select <Organization (at top of homepage)>, <NAVFAC Pacific>, <NAVFAC Hawaii>, <News (tab)>, <Publications (heading)>.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights

Builder Constructionman Apprentice Cleve Waiwaiole, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, and Ethan Baatz raise the American flag over the USS Utah Memorial during a Make-a-Wish tour of historic Pearl Harbor on July 4. The special tour was organized for Baatz, who has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, by the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the U.S. Navy.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



(Left) Families and friends of Navy SEALs who were killed in Afghanistan during Operation Red Wing attended a special ceremony and renaming of a Honolulu park on June 28, the fourth anniversary of the tragedy. The park was renamed "Operation Red Wings – Medal of Honor Park."

Photo by Brister Thomas

(Below) Archeologist Dr. Tom Dye explains the significance of a fish hook found at a dig site at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai on July 1. Nine students from Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha visited the site for a field trip as part of their summer program.

U.S. Navy photo by Jerry Lamar



(Below) A U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point C-130 crew flies over USS Crommelin (FFG 37), homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, and the FSS Independence, a patrol boat from the Federated States of Micronesia, patrolling in the western Pacific Ocean. Both the Coast Guard and Navy have shared goals of protecting the fragile ecosystems of Oceania as well as enforcing maritime laws throughout mutual areas of responsibility.

U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael De Nyse



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, accepts a donation from Tri West Healthcare Alliance. Tri West donated \$5,000 to Pearl Harbor's Fleet and Family Support Center.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



# HSL-37 'Easy Riders' pass halfway point in deployment

Lt. j.g. A.J. Dettman

*Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37*

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light HSL-37 'Easy Riders', Detachment Three recently passed the halfway point on its 2009 deployment onboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

The detachment departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 20 after four months of training for deployment to the western Pacific Ocean and the Horn of Africa.

Enroute to Japan, Chung-Hoon and Detachment Three participated in undersea warfare exercises supporting USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).



U.S. Navy photo

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light HSL-37 'Easy Riders', Detachment Three recently passed the halfway point on its 2009 deployment onboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

While in the area, detachment members were able to enjoy short liberty stops in Okinawa and Yokosuka.

Following operations in Japan, Chung-Hoon moved to the South China Sea where the Easy Riders maintenance and aircrew personnel provided valuable support to the ship as it provided escort services for American vessels in the area.

Continuing west, the ship made several short stops in Singapore and Thailand before transiting across the Indian Ocean for operations around the Horn of Africa and in the Red Sea. The detachment flew in support of anti-piracy and anti-smuggling operations after arriving in the area.

Escort operations took the Easy Riders and Chung-Hoon all the way through the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean Sea. To date, Detachment Three has flown more than 345 mishap-free flight hours in support of Chung-Hoon, numerous coalition warships and merchant vessels from around the globe.

HSL-37 Detachment Three officially stood up in August 2008 and operates two of HSL-37's SH-60B helicopters. The SH-60B is a versatile, all-weather aircraft capable of providing both anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare support in addition to traditional helicopter roles, including search and rescue and vertical replenishment.

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July 24 – Fisheries enforcement in Oceania involving 14th Coast Guard District and USS Crommelin.

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# Pacific Partnership starts mission in Samoa

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Pacific Partnership 2009 began in Samoa for 11 days as part of a four-month mission when USNS Richard E. Byrd (TAKE 4), an underway replenishment ship, arrived July 1.

Pacific Partnership works by, with and through partner nations, non-governmental organizations and other U.S. government and international agencies to execute a variety of humanitarian civic assistance (HCA) missions in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility from a ship dedicated to this HCA mission. This year's mission will be focused ashore with a variety of engineering, medical and dental and veterinary civic action programs, providing humanitarian civic assistance to communities in Samoa.

In his Rat-Pac Report podcast last week, Adm. Robert F. Willard,



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USNS Richard E. Byrd (TAKE 4) sits pier side during Pacific Partnership 2009. The U.S. Navy's Pacific Partnership is the dedicated humanitarian and civil assistance mission conducted by, with and through partner nations, non-governmental organizations and other U.S. and international government agencies to execute a variety of humanitarian civic action missions in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility.

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, noted that this year's mission is being led aboard

USNS Richard E. Byrd, a "replenishment ship, but with great capacity to assist

us, I think, in the medical, dental, veterinary and engineering efforts that this

Pacific Partnership calls for."

Willard said that using the replenishment ship "will cause us to be a little more expeditionary, but I think, nonetheless, we'll be very effective in meeting what our ambassadors and what these countries hope to gain in this year's Pacific Partnership mission."

Building on partnerships forged in previous missions, the team for Pacific Partnership 2009 includes military and government personnel from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the United States and civilian volunteers from International Aid who will work alongside their Samoan partners.

Pacific Partnership will conduct medical, dental, veterinary and engineering civic action programs ashore at locations on Apolima, Savai'i and Upolu.

For this mission, Byrd has been outfitted with humanitarian civic assis-

tance equipment and supplies and a staff augmented with a robust multi-specialized team of preventive medicine personnel, veterinarians, medical and dental teams and engineering personnel.

Pacific Partnership will also visit Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Tonga.

"We very much look forward to accomplishing what Pacific Partnerships in the past, I think, have accomplished, and that is not only to bring humanitarian assistance and relief in the various areas to these small island nations, but also to improve our teaming with non-governmental organizations that are helping us in the Pacific Partnership," Willard said.

For more information about Pacific Partnership, visit [www.cpf.navy.mil](http://www.cpf.navy.mil) and click on Pacific Partnership (<http://www.cpf.navy.mil/subsite/pp09/index.html>).

## Hurricane Condition Readiness

### Condition Readiness IV

- Maintain areas around the house and keep them clear of debris and loose material.
- Prune dead branches from trees.
- Maintain storm shutters in good repair and keep them easily available.
- Determine location of official shelters.
- Stock and maintain your typhoon supply locker.

### Condition Readiness III

- Start monitoring the news.
- Review emergency plans with your family.
- Practice where to go in the house as the hurricane

intensifies.

- Get needed supplies.
- Expectant mothers, beyond 37th week of pregnancy should make hospital arrangements.
- Knock down coconuts and secure outside potted plants.
- Ensure loose debris is picked up around the house.
- Refill any special medications.
- Ensure gas tank is full and check your battery, water and oil.
- Move small boats to secure and safe havens.
- Check flashlight and radio batteries and make

sure you have extras.

- Charge cellular phones.
- Get cash.
- Prepare to put up hurricane shutters.
- Put important documents in safe deposit box, a home safe, or another safe and dry place.

### Condition Readiness II

- Install typhoon shutters, siding or plywood on windows.
- Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and away from trees.
- Move grills, patio furniture, potted plant and other loose objects inside.
- Tie down anything that you can't bring inside.

- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting and pack your freezer with newspaper to keep the food colder longer.

- Move furniture away from windows or cover with plastic.

### Condition Readiness I

- Fill your tub and bottles with water.
- Secure and brace external doors.
- Move as many valuables off the floor as possible.
- Continue to listen to the radio or television for weather advisories.
- Stay inside and off the roads.

### During The Storm

- Stay inside.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If the storm becomes intense, retreat to a designated interior safe room.

### After The Storm

- Don't leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it's safe.
- Don't go out on the roads until you get the all-clear.
- Watch and listen for reports on flooding or other storm-related activities.
- Don't call the police or other officials unless there is a life-threatening situation or emergency.
- Watch for and don't touch

downed power lines.

- Watch your step. There may be broken glass and other debris lying about.
- Report dangling or downed power lines, broken water or sewer lines or broken or downed telephone lines to the proper authorities.

### The Day After The Storm

- Don't sightsee. Authorities may be out repairing downed power poles, lines, sewer lines, etc.
- Use batteries and cell phones sparingly; you may not be able to replace them so easily

# Department of Navy members lie during investigation

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*"Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people."*

— Spencer Johnson

The Inspector General's (IG) Office is empowered to and responsible for investigating allegations of waste, fraud and abuse involving Department of Navy (DON) members, both Sailors and civilians.

When requested and authorized, the IG's office can also investigate DON members assigned to other commands. Recently, the IG's office was asked to investigate an allegation that three DON government-owned vehicles (GOVS) were seen parked near an off-base restaurant and that three DON members were seen inside eating, the implication being that the members had misused the GOVS for personal reasons. The complainant was unable to identify the members in the restaurant. Fortunately, the complainant was able to identify the department to which the GOVs were assigned.

Initially, a supervisor in

the department the GOVS were assigned to was tasked to investigate the matter. The supervisor interviewed more than 10 DON members with access to the GOVs during the date and time reported. All of the DON members signed written statements that they did not go to the restaurant in a GOV on or about the date reported and did not have any knowledge of anyone else who might have. The supervisor reported to the department superior that no subjects could be identified from the information gathered during the investigation. The superior, suspecting that some of the members interviewed had been dishonest about their involvement, turned to the IG's office to uncover the truth.

Within days, the IG's office obtained video footage from the restaurant showing the cash register area and dining rooms during the date and time period reported, and quickly matched still photographs from the video with photographs of four, not three, likely subjects - all already interviewed by the supervisor. The IG's investigating officer (IO) interviewed all four subjects, having each read and sign an oath statement swearing or affirm-

ing that the information they would provide would be true and correct to the best of their knowledge, informing each about the penalty of providing false statements, and then orally placing each under oath.

During their interviews, all four subjects denied that they went to the restaurant on or about the date and time in question, denials contradicted by still photographs pulled from the restaurant video, clearly showing each entering the restaurant and later paying, credit card receipts confirming that two of the subjects paid for their food by credit cards under their names, and a later admission by one of the subjects who admitted to being at the restaurant with one of the other subjects.

The IO concluded that all four subjects were at the restaurant, that three drove GOVs to the restaurant (one was a passenger), that the three drivers willfully misused the GOVS for unofficial purposes, that the three drivers sat in the restaurant and ate for close to an hour, and that all four knowingly and willfully provided materially false statements to both the supervisor conducting the initial investigation and

later to the IO. All were subsequently suspended and later resigned.

The specific law each subject was found to have violated in providing materially false information is Title 18 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 1001, one of the laws Martha Stewart was famously convicted of violating when she lied to federal investigators. The law, enacted by Congress, states in pertinent part as follows:

"whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully—

(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or

(3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry;

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years or . . . both."

As opposed to the crime of perjury, being under oath is not a requirement to be found guilty of this offense. No imprisonment

or fine was imposed upon the subjects in the present case because this IG's office does not conduct criminal investigations, only investigations resulting in administrative action.

For those ever asked to provide information during an investigation, be cognizant that giving materially false statements in the hopes of beating an underlying allegation is an extremely risky proposition. In *LaChance vs. Erickson* (1997), the U.S. Supreme Court held that a subject can be found guilty of violating 18 U.S.C. 1001 even if there is insufficient evidence to prove an underlying allegation. For example, if a subject is accused of wrongly collecting an excessive amount of basic allowance for housing (BAH) and during an investigation it is proven that the subject knowingly and willfully provided materially false information, the subject can be found to have violated 18 U.S.C. 1001 even if the allegation of collecting an excessive amount of BAH cannot be proved.

Indeed, the fourth subject who resigned in the present case did not commit any underlying allegation; the subject simply knowingly and willfully

gave materially false information to both the supervisor conducting the initial investigation and to the IO. The subject's false statements were justification enough for management to propose termination for the efficiency of the federal service. Of course, witnesses, i.e., those not accused of any wrongdoing, are also subject to 18 U.S.C. 1001. Ironically, had the four subjects in the case at hand admitted from the start going to the restaurant in GOVs, the case would never have gone to the IG's office and leadership would not have proposed termination.

Those who work as investigators in the IG's office are trained to identify deception and untruths in subjects and witnesses, so if interviewed during an investigation, being forthcoming and truthful is a good policy to follow. Chances are, if you lie during an IG investigation, your lie will be uncovered. While being honest and truthful will not necessarily keep a subject who committed wrongdoing out of trouble, as the recent case shows, getting caught lying will certainly negatively impact their current career. And that is not a false statement.

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