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*Aloha* **USS HAWAII!**

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Meagan Klein  
 Virginia-class attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) passes by Diamond Head crater while transiting to Pearl Harbor. USS Hawaii is the first Virginia-class submarine homeported in the Pacific and the first submarine to bear the name of the Aloha state. Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region, the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review mandated that 60 percent of the U.S. Navy's submarines be homeported in the Pacific. By the end of 2009, 31 of the 53 fast attack submarines will be homeported in the Pacific with 18 of those 31 at Pearl Harbor.

**USS Chung-Hoon returns home from western Pacific deployment**

Story and photo by  
 MC2 Robert Stirrup

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More than 300 Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) arrived at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 20, greeted by a crowded pier of friends and families, following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific.

The ship departed Pearl Harbor on Jan. 20 as part of the USS Boxer (LHD 4) Amphibious Ready Group. While deployed, Chung-Hoon participated in Cooperation Afloat



Sailors man the rails aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) as the ship pulls into Naval Station Pearl Harbor after a six-month deployment in the western Pacific. The ship departed Pearl Harbor on Jan. 20 as part of the USS Boxer (LHD4) Amphibious Ready Group. While deployed, Chung-Hoon participated in Cooperation Afloat

Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2009, under the command of Commander, Michael McCartney, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon, reflected on the tremendous success of the deployment.

ment. "We completed every tasking that was assigned to us and overall, we performed very well while on deployment," said McCartney. "We had the opportunity to be involved in a number of different missions while still making port visits in various countries."

Friends and families were excited to see their Sailors return home as they lined the pier.

"It's really great to see my husband come back home today," said the wife of a Chung-Hoon Sailor. "I've been looking forward to this since the

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**HSL 37, Detachment Three returns home**

Lt. Will Jones

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37, Detachment 3

The Detachment Three "What can Brown(e) do for you" crew of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37) is back. The 24-member detachment, embarked on USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) from Pearl Harbor, returned from its six-month deployment on July 20.

The detachment flew



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**Navy, Forest City plan new energy initiative**

**Forest City launches wind energy demonstration project**

Grace Hew Len

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 Environmental Public Affairs Officer

Forest City Military Communities Hawaii has embarked on a project to harness the power of Hawaii's tradewinds to develop sustainable wind energy within the Navy and Marine Corps family housing neighborhoods on Oahu.

Forest City was awarded a grant from the Department of Energy that allowed them to launch a distributed wind energy development demonstration project currently at Pearl City Peninsula, one of two family housing neighborhoods identified for the project.

"We are excited about the development of this facet of sustainable wind energy within the public-private venture neighborhoods," said Will Boudra, vice president of development for Forest City Military Communities, Hawaii. "Forest City's long-term objective is to develop small-scale distributed wind energy systems that are compatible with the residential environment."

The Department of Energy technical services grant includes the purchase and placement of meteorological towers to measure the wind speed (energy) for 12 months at the two most promising locations, Pearl City Peninsula located on leeward Oahu, and Pa Honua at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) - Kaneohe. Following the 12-month period, a 45-foot tall, two-kilowatt demonstration wind turbine will be placed at the electrical grid at the most promising location.

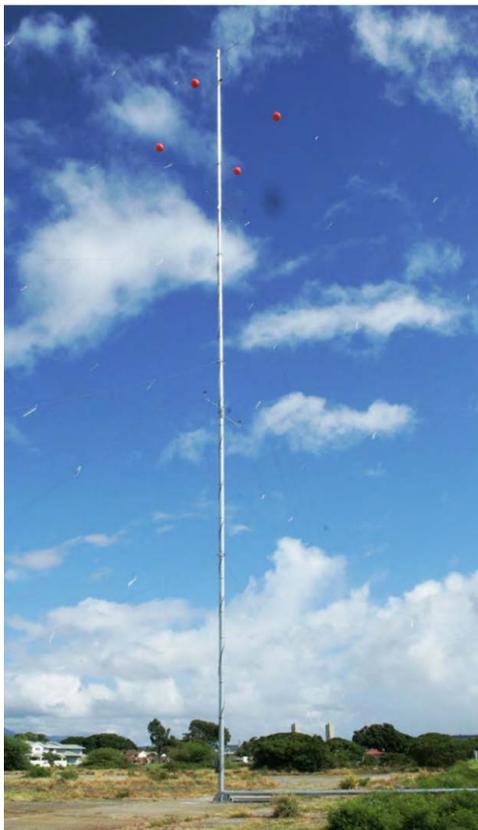


Photo by Conrad Spence

A 50-meter high meteorological tower stands at Pearl City Peninsula family housing as part of Forest City's efforts to develop sustainable wind energy within the Navy and Marine Corps family housing neighborhoods on Oahu. The tower measures wind speed data that will be collected for 12 months during the demonstration project.

Last month, a 50-meter high meteorological tower was carefully installed at the sprawling 635-unit waterfront community at Pearl City Peninsula. The tower will collect wind speed data to develop a wind profile for the location. The wind speed is measured with the help of anemometers mounted at different heights above the ground. A second tower will be raised soon adjacent to the Pa Honua neighborhood at MCBH.

"The wind speed is collected continuously day and night and will enable wind engineers and scientists at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo. to develop the wind profile," explained Boudra. The profiles are necessary when deciding what type of wind energy generation equipment will

logical towers to measure the wind speed (energy) for 12 months at the two most promising locations, Pearl City Peninsula located on leeward Oahu, and Pa Honua at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) - Kaneohe. Following the 12-month period, a 45-foot tall, two-kilowatt demonstration wind turbine will be placed at the electrical grid at the most promising location.

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron

Stephen Fralick of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii's air conditioning shop adjusts a thermostat in the Naval Station Pearl Harbor quarterdeck to comply with the Navy Region Hawaii's air conditioning policy.

**Navy plans new measures to encourage reduction of energy consumption**

Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

As energy consumption by residents in Navy public-private venture (PPV) housing continues to rise, Forest City Residential Management (FRCM), the Navy's PPV partner, is revising and expanding its Utility Consumption Awareness and Conservation Program.

The program is designed to promote the conscientious use of residential energy resources and protect the environment through aware-

ness, sustainable practices and responsibility. The overall goal is to reduce energy consumption.

Housing residents will be advised of their own energy usage through monthly electricity consumption reports in order to encourage behavioral and lifestyle changes that will lead to reduced energy usage.

Forest City started the Utility Consumption Awareness and Conservation Program for the Halsey Terrace, Radford Terrace,

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# NEX Pearl Harbor wins third consecutive Bingham Award

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Public Affairs

Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) presented Navy Exchange (NEX) Pearl Harbor with the 2008 Superstore Exchange Bingham Award at the NEX Mall at Pearl Harbor on July 17.

A large crowd of employees and associates gathered at the ceremony as NEX Pearl Harbor took home the award for the third consecutive year.

"Once again NEX Pearl Harbor is the best," said Tess Paquette, chief merchandising officer of NEXCOM. "You all have provided the best service to the Navy and have shown the greatest commitment to service members and their families."

Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, was on hand at the ceremony to accept the award.

"You should be exceptionally proud of yourselves for achieving this award for the third straight year," said Kitchens. "All of your efforts last year amounted to more than \$4.5 million for Navy Region Hawai'i's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department."

Beverly Hudgins, vice president and district manager NEX Hawai'i, commented on the support she has received from all of NEX Pearl Harbor's employees.

"I really enjoy having this job because everyone I work with makes it easy and fun while maintaining professionalism," said Hudgins. "Without all of you, none of



Capt. Richard Kitchens (left), commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor; Tess Paquette, chief merchandising officer of Navy Exchange (NEX) Service Command; Beverly Hudgins, vice president and district manager, NEX Hawaii, and Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, cut the cake during the Bingham Award ceremony at the NEX Mall at Pearl Harbor. NEX Pearl Harbor won its third consecutive Bingham Award in the superstore exchange category. Photo by Mark Smith.

this would be possible. Here at NEX Hawai'i, we give the maximum amount of effort and it is obvious that people recognize us."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Paquette thanked all of NEX Pearl Harbor's employees and announced her expectations.

"Thank you for all that you do for our military, especially in hard economic times, you help make paychecks stretch further," said Paquette. "Next year I fully plan on being back here in Hawai'i to award NEX Pearl Harbor a fourth consecutive

Bingham Award."

Named after the late Capt. W. H. Bingham, the Bingham Award program was established in 1979 to recognize outstanding performance in customer service and exchange operations. Bingham was the chief executive of the Roswell H. Macy Company, the owner of the Macy's department stores, and was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy in 1945 to lead an advisory board for the establishment of the Navy Exchange system.



The Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine USS Greenville (SSN 772) returned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 20 following a 16-month depot modernization period at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

## USS Greenville returns to Pearl Harbor

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Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

"It feels fantastic to be home," said Cmdr. Alan Dorrbecker, commanding officer. "The crew is excited and looking forward to start operations in the fleet."

USS Greenville is the 61st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 22nd improved Los Angeles-class attack submarine. Commissioned in 1996, Greenville is the first ship

of the U.S. Navy to be named after the Tennessee city.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

## KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawai'i Navy News upcoming segments:

- July 31 - Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam with Navy Region Hawai'i
- TBD - Small Business Industry Forum - Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific
- TBD - Sustainable energy program in Navy housing - Forest City Residential Management
- TBD - Doing business with Defense Commissary Agency

(The segments air at about 6:25 a.m. each Friday.)

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Social media brings people to Pacific Partnership

Lt. j.g. Theresa Donnelly

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Pacific Partnership 2009 (PP09) has recently demonstrated the effectiveness of using non-traditional media as a key platform to communicate its story to a large and diverse audience.

PP09, the Navy's humanitarian and civic assistance mission in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility, is conducted with and through partner nations, non-governmental organizations and other U.S. and international government agencies.

Instead of relying only on news releases to tell its story, PP09 has employed a variety of social media tools, such as Facebook, blogs, Twitter and a Flickr photo-sharing site.

"Early on, we knew that most of the team members had Facebook accounts so we encouraged them to post status updates telling their family and friends about the Pacific Partnership Facebook page," said Lt. Cmdr. Nancy Harrity, PP09's public affairs officer.

"We quickly gained a few hundred fans. Since then, we've had some great interactions with family members, friends and locals in the countries we visit about the mission and what the team members have been doing. It's worked better than any old-fashioned family gram ever



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Joshua Valcarcel

The Pacific Fleet Band performs for primary school students during the opening ceremony for the Pacific Partnership 2009 arrival in Tonga. Pacific Partnership is a humanitarian and civil assistance mission in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility. This year Pacific Partnership will travel to Oceania, including Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga. The Military Sealift Command dry cargo/ammunition ship USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) serves as the enabling platform for Pacific Partnership.

did," continued Harrity.

Allowing interaction with the personnel involved in PP09 is another benefit of using social media. Many of the Navy's most senior leadership are answering questions via Facebook, including a recent question-and-answer ses-

sion moderated by Adm. Robin M. Watters, Reserve deputy commander and chief of staff of U.S. Pacific Fleet.

During his recent visit to Samoa, Watters responded to a question via Facebook about medical services provided by PP09.

"Based on close planning with the Samoan government, we are setting up four medical clinics on three islands and will see thousands of Samoans. The clinics include well-baby checks, dental, optometry, veterinary, etc. We have subject matter experts work-

ing with local health authorities on public health issues," said Watters.

In addition to its Facebook page, PP09 also launched a blog, which employs a variety of different subject matter experts, each offering a personal perspective on their experiences during the mission.

One recent guest blog posting was from Tom Weinz, a foreign liaison services officer assigned to the mission. He describes working with the Samoans and reflects on his time with PP09.

"This has been a very personal experience. Our band has played for kids with special needs and marched with the police band in the streets of Apia. Similarly, all of us have worked both for and with our Samoan counterparts. And it makes Samoans and Americans and our several partner nation participants a little wiser, a little more understanding and even more appreciative of random acts of kindness and love," according to Weinz.

The PP09 team has found that these social media tools are a useful way to keep people informed about the mission.

"Twitter, Facebook and blogs are perfect platforms for families and friends of Pacific Partnership team members to follow the mission. Even with limited bandwidth, we're able to post an update or two each day," said Harrity.

*This week in Naval History*  
July 20

- 1960 - The first launch of Polaris missile USS George Washington (SSBN 598) successfully fires two operational Polaris missiles while submerged off the coast of Florida.
- 1969 - Former Navy pilot, Neil Armstrong, is the first man to set foot on the moon, announcing, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong was commander of Apollo 11 which during its eight-day mission landed on the Sea of Tranquility. Recovery was by HS-4 helicopters from USS Hornet (CVS 12) in the Pacific Ocean.

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- 1947 - First Navy all jet squadron (VF-17A) receives its first aircraft.
- 1950 - USS Boxer (CVA 21) sets record crossing of Pacific to bring aircraft, troops and supplies to Korea at start of the conflict.
- 1958 - USS Nautilus (SSN 571) departs Pearl Harbor for first submerged transit of North Pole.
- 1993 - Sarah Deal becomes first female Marine selected for naval aviation training.

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- 1912 - First specifications for naval aircraft published.
- 1934 - First president to visit Hawai'i, Franklin D. Roosevelt, reaches Hilo on USS Houston (CA 30).
- 1934 - Launching of USS Harmon (DE 72), first ship named for an African-American.

### Apollo 11 moon flight, July 1969

Official U.S. Navy Photograph

President Richard M. Nixon talks with the Apollo 11 astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin Aldrin Jr., on the hangar deck of USS Hornet (CVS 12) in the Pacific Ocean July 24, 1969. The astronauts are inside the mobile quarantine station that temporarily housed them after their return from the Moon. Photographed by PHCS R.L. Lawson

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## Center for Surface Combat Systems instructor honored in Iraq

OSC (SW/AW) Daniel W. Roberts

*Center for Surface Combat Systems Detachment, Pearl Harbor*

Ask anyone who has served in an individual augmentee (IA) billet in Iraq or Afghanistan and they'll tell you, "It's very rewarding, but don't expect days off." IA billets are often very demanding and offer rewards far beyond those of leave and earnings.

Each month at Al Asad Airbase one IA Sailor is recognized for service excellence as Sailor of the Month. On June 27, Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Christopher Hagan of Center for Surface Combat Systems Detachment, Pearl Harbor was selected Sailor of the Month for June.

Hagan was recognized for outstanding performance as the hazardous materials (HAZMAT) petty officer at Al Asad, a job that affects the health and safety of more than 17,000 personnel



U.S. Navy photo

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serving at Iraq's second largest air base. "It's not the average nine-to-five type job that I'm used to on shore duty," said Hagan. "I generally work 12-hour days, seven days a week, and am on call 24 hours a day."

Hagan has been serving as the Al Asad Base HAZMAT chief since his arrival to the base in March. His duties are to ensure that all military personnel, Department of Defense (DoD) contractors, and third country nationals are following all governing instructions regarding the safe use of hazardous materials at Al Asad.

He conducts daily inspections on numerous sites on base from fuel storage areas to the base's waste water storage area. During his tenure at Al Asad, Hagan has thus far conducted 110 military and DOD HAZMAT storage inspections, and has responded to more than 57 spills, three of which were 125 gallons or more.

Life for Hagan isn't limited to inspections and HAZMAT cleanup. On his off time, he also volunteers at the base education services office twice a week. "I've been teaching professional military knowledge to junior Sailors who will be taking the Navy advancement exam in September," Hagan said. He has also recently been teaching the "HAZMAT and environmental awareness" section of the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) program to junior officers training for their FMF qualification.

With long work days, being on call for HAZMAT spill response, and evenings volunteering, one would suspect Hagan would be looking forward to going home, but when asked about this he stays on point. "My goal is to help create a better quality of life here at Al Asad and a safer environment for all. If I can say the job I did here accomplished that goal, then I can go home with pride," he said.

## Chung Hoon Sailors 'happy to be home'

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day he left."

"It has been a long six months and I'm just really happy to see him returning home," added the wife of another Chung-Hoon Sailor.

Sailors were thrilled to be home as they walked off the ship and into the arms of their loved ones.

"I was very anxious to come back. It just feels great to be home," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Jacob Cajundo. "It's really great to see all of my friends and family here today."

CARAT is an annual series of bilateral exercises held in

the southeast Asia region. The individual exercise phases generally focus on training and interaction with participating nations' sea services. The purpose of the exercise series is to improve military readiness and interoperability with each CARAT partner in a variety of mission areas of mutual benefit.

Guided missile destroyers provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities and can operate independently or as part of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious ready groups, and underway replenishment groups.

## HSL 37, Det 3 supports CARAT 2009

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more than 550 mishap-free flight hours in support of the global war on terrorism.

The detachment has transited southeast Asia, southwest Asia and the Horn of Africa, conducting a wide variety of operations. While operating in [U.S.] 7th Fleet, the detachment participated in a group anti-surface and anti-submarine exercises with the John C. Stennis Strike Group.

The detachment was the first asset on station to respond in support of USNS Impeccable escort operations in the South

China Sea. Shortly after operations were completed in the South China Sea, Chung-Hoon continued her journey west entering into [U.S.] 5th Fleet. Once there, the detachment flew escort, anti-piracy, and counter smuggling operational missions in the Indian Ocean, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Gulf of Yemen.

Once operations were complete in [U.S.] Fifth Fleet, the detachment returned to [U.S.] 7th Fleet and participated in two phases of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2009 exercises. Their exercise missions

promoted interoperability between foreign navies and strengthened the partnership between the United States, Singaporean and Malaysian navies, respectively.

When they were not flying or working on professional qualifications, they immersed themselves in cultural and recreational activities during port visits. The detachment's ports of call included stops in Japan, Okinawa, Thailand, Maldives, Singapore, Malaysia and Guam.

Six detachment members re-enlisted in the Navy, five Sailors were

selected for advancement, seven Sailors earned their enlisted aviation warfare specialist qualifications, and two Sailors earned their enlisted surface warfare specialist qualifications. Numerous other enlisted personnel earned advanced technical qualifications.

Detachment Three, under the leadership of Lt. Cmdr. "Downtown" Bobby Brown, is home based at HSL-37 located at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Bay. HSL-37 Detachment Three officially stood up in August 2008 and operated two of HSL-37's SH-60B helicopters.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights

Adm. Timothy Keating, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, greets Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko during a wreath laying ceremony July 15 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu. The emperor and empress visited the site to honor those who sacrificed their lives in World War II.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Patrick Murray



(Below) A Sailor assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) embraces his wife pier-side at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 20. The ship departed Pearl Harbor on Jan. 20 as a part of the USS Boxer (LHD4) Expeditionary Strike Group. While deployed, Chung-Hoon participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2009, under the command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



Team members of the Pearl Harbor track team compete in a track and field event during the Aloha State Games at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John W. Ciccarelli Jr.

Navy Diver 2nd Class Matthew Stinson and Navy Diver 2nd Class (SW) Jason Balavram, assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One, company 18, at Naval Station Pearl Harbor demonstrate a pressure tank to a couple of carnival goers at the 2nd Annual Central Oahu Carnival, held July 17 at Waipio-Gentry. The carnival benefits the Armed Forces YMCA and the Wounded Warrior and Fallen Hero Fund.

(Below) Friends and families wave to Sailors onboard the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Hawai'i (SSN 776) as she pulls into her new homeport at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. USS Hawai'i is the third Virginia-class submarine constructed and the first submarine to bear the name of the Aloha state. Measuring 377 feet long, weighing 7,800 tons when submerged and with a complement of more than 130 crew members, Hawai'i 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.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



# COMPACFLT beats We Fix Ships to remain unbeaten

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

The soccer team from Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) almost saw its unbeaten record go up in smoke, but rallied from behind to defeat We Fix Ships (WFS), 4-3, in a see-saw affair at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 18.

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WFS, which entered the game as the intramural league's number four team with an 11-3 record, charged onto the field with an aggressive attack and nearly pulled off an upset of the league-leading COMPACFLT, which spotted an 11-0 mark.

WFS controlled most of the action at the start of the game when it rattled off seven shots on goal to none for COMPACFLT.

Among those early shots was an opening goal by Navy Diver 2nd Class Michael Piecuch of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, who took a sideline pass and kicked it in to give WFS a 1-0 advantage.

"I had two guys on me," said Piecuch. "I just slipped in between them, found some space, and tucked it away."

Following Piecuch's goal, COMPACFLT shifted momentum to its favor when Storekeeper 2nd Class Roberto Escobar took a pass near mid-field and launched a kick that reached high into the sky, before falling in between the top of goal's crossbar and the outstretched hand of the WFS goalkeeper to tie the game up at 1-1.

Then minutes before the end of the first half, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jay Reynard of COMPACFLT streaked down the left sideline on a breakaway and booted in a goal to give his team a 2-1.

"We started off slow," admitted Reynard. "They scored the first goal and that kind of rattled us. But we settled down."

In the second half, WFS took advantage of some open passing lanes and quickly tied the game up at 2-2 when Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class



Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jay Reynard, a striker on the Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) soccer team, maneuvers the ball through a maze of We Fix Ships (WFS) defenders during a Morale, Welfare and Recreation intramural game at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 18. Reynard scored two goals, including the game-winning score, as COMPACFLT edged WFS, 4-3, to improve its record to 12-0.

Daniel Castro burned the COMPACFLT defense by taking the ball up the middle for a score.

Reynard explained that WFS did a good job of exploiting their defense whenever COMPACFLT players were slow to get into their position.

"Some of our men weren't dropping back," noted Reynard. "Some of our defenders were missing their assignments."

However, whatever problems COMPACFLT was having on defense, its offense just seemed to rise up to the challenge each time the team needed a goal.

Only moments after WFS tied the score, Storekeeper 2nd Class George Yepes of COMPACFLT regained the lead by kicking in a goal on a breakaway.

Then after Piecuch kicked in his second goal of the game to even the score at 3-3, Reynard knocked in his second goal to give COMPACFLT the win as time ran out.

"Our forwards started our possession with a run," said Reynard of his game-winning kick. "When they did that, they pulled the defense with them. They dropped the ball back to me

and I kicked it in."

Piecuch said that while he wished that WFS could have pulled out the win, he was extremely proud of the way his teammates rallied together to give the top team in the league a run for its money.

"We lost, but I'm very pleased with our performance," pointed out Piecuch. "We had it. We dominated, had more shots and possessions, but that's how it goes. We're still in fourth place and we're looking forward to the rest of the season."

With the regular season com-

ing to an end in the next few weeks, Reynard stated that he is glad that COMPACFLT was able to fend off another challenge and improve its record to a spotless 12-0.

While it's never easy to beat an opponent after falling behind, Reynard said that he believes COMPACFLT has what it takes to do it each and every time.

"Sometimes we expect to fall behind, but we don't ever get worried," he acknowledged. "Once we start playing our game, by the second half, we're ready to take over."

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- Fuel for camping stoves/lanterns
- Pet foods/supplies
- Non-perishable foods – five-day supply
- Bottled water for drinking
- Other water for flushing toilet, washing, etc.

## Forest City harnesses wind power

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work most efficiently.

As part of its sustainable energy development program, the demonstration project fits neatly into Forest City's portfolio of environmentally-friendly, sustainable energy technologies that will aid in their long-term goal to "set the price" of a portion of their energy bills.

"We want to take positive actions that improve the financial performance of the project, thereby enabling us to preserve the premium experience of living in our homes and neighborhoods," said Boudra.

Other technologies being incorporated into the homes and neighborhoods include high efficiency building construction, solar-thermal hot water and solar photovoltaic-generated electricity. Solar thermal hot water systems are now in almost all of Forest City's 6,500 homes and the Navy's Halsey Terrace

community center sports a 107-kilowatt solar photovoltaic power generation system. This system generates enough electricity to offset the consumption of more than 10 Halsey Terrace homes.

Forest City was also awarded a second grant from the National Defense Center for Energy and the Environment for a second demonstration wind turbine. Still on the "cutting edge" of this initiative, Boudra said that with the help of the Department of Energy, National Defense Center for Energy and Environment and their defense partners, Forest City will be ready for the real technological breakthrough in small-scale turbine technology.

"We know this technology is coming and we are determined to be ready to bring it into our project in a sensible way that helps us control our destiny and maintain a successful housing partnership for our military family residents," said Boudra.

## Residents urged to conserve energy

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Moanalua Terrace, Hokulani and McGrew Point communities in November 2008. The goal of the program is to reduce electric consumption through resident awareness and education and will soon be expanded to all Navy neighborhoods.

"The program provided electric consumption in a format similar to an actual electric bill along with tips and techniques to conserve energy," said Greg Raap, director of property management for FCRM. "We are expanding this program to all Navy neighborhoods in August."

About 95 percent of PPV base housing residents continue to consume more electricity than their equivalent community counterparts based on house size, construction type and amenities. The excess consumption equates to nearly \$10 million annually in costs which Forest City would reinvest into the PPV communities.

"The current energy consumption in PPV homes is approximately 1.7 times that of a Sailor living in town in a similar home who

has to pay for his own electricity," said Raap.

"This is \$10 million a year that would be used to build more amenities in the communities, such as playgrounds and ball fields, etc., or to upgrade homes in communities that were not built as part of the PPV new construction," he explained.

"The newly-constructed PPV homes are some of the most efficient homes on Oahu and the pre-PPV homes are being retrofitted with energy conservation features such as CFL bulbs and programmable thermostats, but ultimately, the homes are only as efficient as the behavior of the people living in them," Raap pointed out.

All of the PPV Navy homes are individually metered so Forest City can collect exact consumption information to provide to residents for their own analysis, explained Raap.

He said that Forest City has offered a rebate incentive program that resulted in nearly \$100,000 in rebates paid to residents who reduced their energy consumption over the six-month test period.

"We are starting a new rebate program that offers

\$100 a month to the best five percent of residents [about 200 families] that lower their consumption the most on a percentage basis," Raap explained. Additionally, Forest City is pursuing other avenues to assist housing residents in reducing their energy consumption with emphasis placed on those consuming the most energy in their housing category.

In an effort to conserve energy, residents are encouraged to set their thermostats at the warmest comfortable level. "Some of our best energy conserving families have their thermostats set between 75 and 78 degrees," said Raap.

Raap also reminded residents not to run their air conditioning while their windows or doors are open. Air conditioners are one of the highest users of energy.

"Switching off lights and electronics that are not necessary or in use as well as using CFL bulbs in all personal light fixtures can significantly reduce energy consumption," he added.

For more information on Forest City and energy consumption, visit [www.forestcity.net](http://www.forestcity.net).

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# Naval Station employee named Mariner of the Year

QMC (SW) Chuck Howard, USN (Ret.)

Mike Freeman, a Naval Station Pearl Harbor employee, was honored June 25 as Merchant Mariner of the Year at a ceremony sponsored by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League.

Hawai'i mariners gathered at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki to recognize the top performers in several categories. Mike Freeman, a ship pilot with Naval Station Pearl Harbor, was named Hawai'i's Merchant Mariner of the Year in the large ship category.

There are more than 5,000 professional mariners working in Hawai'i. More than 90 percent of all the products uses in Hawai'i arrive by sea. Government vessels comprise a significant portion of the maritime traffic in Hawai'i, with the lion's share from the navies of the U. S. and Pacific nations calling on Pearl Harbor.

In a typical year, the four ship pilots at Pearl Harbor handle more than 2,000 moves in Pearl Harbor. These moves include 23 homeported ships and submarines, other U. S. Pacific Fleet ships and submarines, and those from the navies of Japan, South Korea, Canada, Mexico, Singapore, France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Chile, Peru, China, Russia, Malaysia, Holland



Photo by Anthony Grillo

Mike Freeman (center), a Pearl Harbor civilian employee, is awarded the Navy League Mariner of the Year plaque by Capt. Stephen E. Mehling, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), chief of staff, USCG District 14, and Don Morrison, president, Honolulu Chapter, Navy League of the United States.

and Indonesia.

Naval Station ship pilots also dock and undock ships and subs in the four Naval Shipyard Pearl Harbor dry docks. Occasionally, commercial ships are docked in dry dock four, including last

year's docking of Pride of America, the largest ship to be dry-docked in Hawai'i.

Ship pilots also conduct special evolutions such as the arrival and departure of the Sea Based X-Band Radar (SBX 1), often

referred to as the "golf ball." Some may remember that the SBX first arrived on the deck of the heavy lift ship Blue Marlin, presenting a significant ship handling challenge for the pilots. Most recently, Pearl Harbor's ship pilots played

a critical role in refloating USS Port Royal (CG 73) after her grounding off the reef runway.

Freeman started his maritime career when he entered the United States Naval Academy at age 17. He qualified as a surface

warfare officer and later attended the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center. While in the Navy, he commanded three salvage ships and Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One at Pearl Harbor.

While still on active duty, Freeman earned his merchant mariner license as master, oceans, unlimited tonnage. He retired as a commander from active duty in 1998.

"I am honored by this award. My dream is to help make Pearl Harbor the recognized center of excellence for shiphandling in the Navy," said Freeman. "I want to hear commanding officers say that they welcome Pearl Harbor officers into their wardroom because they are clearly the most knowledgeable and experienced in our navy."

Freeman not only works with officers on the bridges of Pearl Harbor-based ships, but he also provides classroom shiphandling training for homeported and visiting ships. He authored articles on shiphandling published in the magazines "Proceedings" and "Undersea Warfare."

In civic affairs, he is president of the Royal Kunia Community Association, serves on the board of the Pearl Harbor Chapter of the Surface Navy Association, and works as a National Park Service volunteer diver on USS Arizona and USS Utah.

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