

## Pacific Partnership builds bridge, literally and figuratively

Lt. Cmdr. Nancy Harrity

*Pacific Partnership Public Affairs*

A multi-national team of engineers from Pacific Partnership completed the installation of a new, pre-engineered bridge connecting North and South Tarawa this week, known as the Tanaea-Bouta Bridge.

"The bridge is a critical project, impacting those communities who use the bridge to get to work, school and to their families," said Tessie Lambourne, Kiribati foreign secretary, during her remarks at the opening ceremony. The bridge connects North and South Tarawa and serves approximately 5,000 local residents.

The engineers from Australia, Canada and the United States dismantled and removed the existing, failed 186-foot bridge before assembling and setting the "Mabey Johnson" pre-engineered bridge on the existing concrete abutments. The replacement bridge assembled very much like a life-sized version of an erector set.

"Now that we have this new bridge, it will be the responsibility of my ministry to look after it



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Joshua Valcarcel

Adm. Robert F. Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, thanks engineers from the U.S. Navy, Australia and Canada for their work reconstructing the Tanaea-Bouta Bridge. The project is part of a Pacific Partnership 2009 engineering civic action project. Pacific Partnership is a humanitarian and civil assistance mission in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility.

and to make sure it gets the attention it needs to maintain its structural integrity," said

Kirabuke Teiaua, the Kiribati minister of public works and infrastructure in his remarks at

the bridge's ribbon cutting ceremony Sept. 2.

"The knowledge and hands-on

experience gained from the project, together with the video pictures taken, will be very useful when the need for maintenance of the bridge or repair of any parts thereof arises in the future," he said.

To enhance the bridge's longevity, the engineering team added an extra layer of anti-corrosive coating and installed bollards, headwalls and new ramps to protect the bridge, which is expected to last more than 20 years and can handle loads of up to 40,000 pounds per axle.

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 civil assistance (HCA) missions in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility from a ship dedicated to this HCA mission.

This year's mission is focused ashore with a variety of engineering, medical and dental civic action programs providing humanitarian civil assistance. The mission continues on to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and has completed visits to Samoa, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Kiribati.

## Caudle relieves Takesuye as commander, Submarine Squadron Three

MC3 Luciano Marano

*Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office*

Capt. Daryl Caudle relieved Capt. Edward Takesuye as commander of Submarine Squadron Three (CSS-3) during a change of command ceremony held on board USS Olympia (SSN 717) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 4.

"I am blessed to have exceptional members on my staff and they would tell you that it has been

exciting and challenging to keep each one of our five submarines in tip top material condition and primed for war fighting at sea," said Takesuye.

Takesuye also commended the officers and crews of the submarines in the squadron for their consistently superior performance while conducting challenging missions around the world.

"It has been, and will continue to be, the commanding officers and their crews that make up the essence of this squadron,"



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW/AW/SCW) Ron Cutridge

Capt. Edward L. Takesuye is piped ashore after being relieved as commander of Submarine Squadron Three (CSS-3) by Capt. Daryl L. Caudle in a change of command ceremony held on board USS Olympia (SSN 717) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 4.

said Takesuye.

Caudle also acknowledged in his remarks the quality of submarines and personnel he was receiving. "Thank you, Ed [Takesuye], for turning over an incredible staff and five outstanding submarines," said Caudle.

"As the commodore of Submarine Squadron Three, I promise to work hard, train my commanding officers, and support the preparation of their ships for deployment," said Caudle.

Takesuye is a native of Scottsdale, Ariz. He graduated from the United

States Naval Academy in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. His sea tours include USS Drum (SSN 677), USS Ray (SSN 653), USS Louisville (SSN 724), USS Chicago (SSN 721) and USS San Juan (SSN 751) where he served as commanding officer.

He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service medal (two awards) as well as other personal, campaign and unit awards.

### Pearl Harbor survivor visits Pearl Harbor



U.S. Navy photo by Jim Taylor

Pearl Harbor survivor Delton Walling, assigned to USS Pennsylvania (BB-38) during the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, visits with Command Master Chief David A. Unnone during a Sept. 7 tour aboard the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). At the time of the attacks, Walling was a 20-year-old chief signalman inside the signal tower at Pearl Harbor who had a first-hand view of the surprise Japanese attacks. Walling also attended the 64th anniversary of the end of WWII ceremonies, held on Sept. 2 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island.

### Military services on Oahu combat seasonal flu

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

While media attention continues to focus on the H1N1 (swine) flu outbreak, doctors and nurses in Hawai'i have already started vaccinating people with seasonal influenza vaccine as part of the annual vaccination campaign against the seasonal flu virus.

Like the rest of Hawai'i, military medical treatment facilities on Oahu have received the bulk of their seasonal flu vaccine shipments and are now scheduling vaccinations at various clinic and public sites on Oahu.

"The military services are starting early this year," said Col. (Dr.) Michael Sigmon, chief of preventive medicine at Tripler Army Medical Center and chair of the Joint Public Health Emergency Working Group, which is coordinating the vaccination efforts of all the military services on Oahu.



U.S. Navy photo by HM2 Hugh Regidor

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Paola Arroyave administers the flu mist to HM2 (FMF) Craig Humes.

"Getting vaccinated early for seasonal flu is very important. People won't have to call in sick or miss school. Vaccinations will also prevent you from catching the flu, or having to stay home to take care of

someone else who is sick." Sigmon said that the Department of Defense, like other federal and state agencies, is carefully monitoring the H1N1 outbreak

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# NOAA unveils newest research vessel

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Navy Region Hawai'i  
Public Affairs

Personnel assigned to various areas of Oahu gathered at Rainbow Bay Marina at Pearl Harbor for a ceremony to unveil the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) newest research vessel, the R/V Hihimanu on Sept. 3.

The Hihimanu joined the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Pacific Island Region's fleet as the second research vessel for the P a p a h a n a u m o k u a k e a Marine National Monument.

U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka from Hawai'i was the guest of honor for the ceremony. During the ceremony, he took time to make his remarks about the Hihimanu.

"We are here to bless and dedicate this great new boat that NOAA has brought out here today," said Akaka. "The Hihimanu looks sleek in design and is very powerful. It will help out the Hawaiian Islands tremendously."

Dan Basta, director of the National Marine Sanctuaries Program for



Kahu Kimokeo Kapahulehua performs a traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony held by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at Rainbow Bay Marina on Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 3. During the ceremony, NOAA unveiled their new research vessel, the R/V Hihimanu.

NOAA, was also on hand at the ceremony to say a few words about the Hihimanu.

"We want to be safe and effective. The Hihimanu will allow us to do both," said Basta. "This boat may be small, but it's able to bring great things to help NOAA continue the research of marine life."

With the Hihimanu on display in front of the audience, Kahu Kimokeo Kapahulehua performed a traditional Hawaiian blessing

ing to conclude the ceremony.

The Hihimanu serves as a platform for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary on Maui where it is used for disentanglement and ship-strike response, tagging, observation and health assessment of whales.

The Hihimanu's primary mission is research and conservation. Other key missions include local research dives on various islands with other agencies and proficiency skills testing.

NOAA is a scientific agency within the United States Department of Commerce, focused on the conditions of the oceans and the atmosphere. NOAA warns of dangerous weather, charts seas and skies, guides the use and protection of ocean and coastal resources, and conducts research to improve understanding and stewardship of the environment.

# Flu: Get your flu shot

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situation and is working on plans in case the virus becomes more dangerous than it has been so far.

While recent studies show that seasonal flu vaccinations don't protect people from getting sick from the H1N1 virus, they do protect against other types of flu that may return as the traditional flu season begins in the next few weeks.

Through the "Stop Flu at School" campaign, Hawai'i's health department is working with public and private schools and civilian and military healthcare providers to administer seasonal flu vaccinations from October through November.

Specific dates have been set by participating schools, for kindergarten through eighth grade students. These schools distributed parental consent

forms at the start of the school year. Completed forms must be returned to the school by today so that your child can participate in this important program.

In addition to vaccinations at military medical clinics, Oahu military exchange malls will have walk-up vaccination tables set up during October and November. Vaccinations will also be offered at retiree seminars at Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter on Oct. 17 and at the Fleet Reserve Association event at 891 Valkenburgh Drive, Pearl Harbor on Nov. 7. If possible, bring your immunization record to this event.

For more information, call the Oahu Joint Services Flu Hotline at 433-1FLU (433-1358), see your primary care provider, or visit: <http://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil/>.

## Seasonal Flu Vaccinations Schedule

### Military shopping centers

- Oct. 24 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Hickam BX
- Nov. 7 and 13 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Pearl Harbor NEX
- Nov. 15 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Kaneohe Bay MCX
- Nov. 21 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Schofield Barracks PX

### Military clinic facilities:

- Makalapa Clinic - Weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and first Saturday of month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Kaneohe Bay - Weekdays except Thursday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
- Tripler Army Medical Center - Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 9-11:30 a.m.
- Schofield Barracks Health Clinic - Monday-Thursday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.; Friday, 9-11:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1-3 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday - 1-2 p.m.
- Fort Shafter, first floor, Faveau Hall - Weekdays except Thursday, 1-4 p.m.
- Hickam Clinic - Weekdays except Wednesday, 8-11:30 a.m.

### Retiree seminars:

- Fort Shafter Hale Ikena (by golf course) - Oct. 17, 7-8 a.m. and 10-10:30 a.m.
- Fleet Reserve Association, 891 Valkenburgh St. - Nov. 7, 7 a.m.-noon.



## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Man on the Street



Commodore of  
Destroyer Squadron 31  
Capt. Richard L. Clemmons

*Q: What do you know about the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam?*

A: My understanding is that Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base will become one joint base. It makes sense to me because I would think that each base has certain things that can contribute, but both bases don't need to do the same. We're going to look at what's being

done in duplicate and stop doing that so I think there's going to be some efficiency that's going to be achieved. I think it's important to make sure the strength of both bases and what they offer are unique and we keep those services in place. I think that it is also important that the Air Force side of the joint base feels that they are being tended to properly, and the Navy side of the joint base feels that the Navy needs are being addressed as well. I think that will be a challenge for the leadership of the base and I think it can be achieved. I

think it's important that no one feels that they've lost anything, be it Navy or Air Force. If anything, I think it should be about gaining efficiency.

*Q: How, if any, will the joint base impact DESRON 31?*

A: My expectation is that the ships of DESRON 31 of which we have eight ships will continue to get the great service that we're getting from Naval Station which would become the joint base. I don't expect it to impact us at all.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Program focuses on individual and unit safety

**Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs**

The reduction of sexual assault in the Navy remains a top priority for senior Navy leadership. This week the Department of the Navy is hosting its first Sexual Assault Prevention Summit.

Last week Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Gary Roughead, published his "CNO Guidance for 2010" in which he wrote that the Navy must emphasize the reducing of sexual assaults and "maintain our focus on individual and unit safety."

The Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) program focuses on individual and unit safety. Sexual assault erodes morale, unit cohesion and operational readiness. The SAVI program provides a standardized, consistent, victim-sensitive system to prevent and respond to sexual assaults Navy-wide.

The program not only provides awareness and preventive education to all Sailors to prevent sexual assault, but also offers victim advocacy and intervention services to promote a sensitive, coordi-



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

nated and effective management of sexual assault cases.

The Navy was the first military service to establish a dedicated sexual assault program to support victims, collect data, and focus on prevention. When Department of Defense policy was first being written, SAVI was used as a model for Office

of Secretary of Defense and the other services.

The SAVI Program is hosted under the Fleet and Family Support Program.

"This is a reflection of the Fleet and Family Support Program's commitment to developing self-reliant and resilient Sailors and Navy families," said Kathy Korth, Commander, Navy

Installation Command's family readiness program manager.

Prevention is SAVI's key strategy for reducing sexual assaults. Traditional prevention programs were often based on the myth that "stranger rape" was the most prevalent form of sexual assault. As a result, programs would focus on risk reduction for potential

victims and changing the behavior of women, often resulting in victim blaming.

In reality, almost 65 percent of unrestricted reports of sexual assault in 2007 were committed by service members against those who serve with them, know them and trust them. Most victims were sexually assaulted in an environment they considered safe.

SAVI has begun to focus bystander intervention techniques, ways for the witness of a potential sexual assault to intervene before the crime occurs, as part of its overall prevention effort.

"These techniques are built on the solid Navy traditions of mentoring and of Sailors taking care of their own shipmates," said Paul Finch, SAVI program manager.

The SAVI Program is designed to meet the needs of sexual assault victims. If you are a victim or if someone you know is a victim:

- Go to a safe location away from the attacker.
- Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you do not have any visible physical injuries, you may be at risk of becoming pregnant or

acquiring a sexually transmitted disease.

- Ask the health care provider at the medical facility to conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) to preserve forensic evidence, no matter which reporting option you choose.
- If you have been or ever become a sexual assault victim, you can contact any victim advocate (VA) or installation sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) from any base or branch 24/7 for help and support.
- If you suspect you may have been drugged, request that a urine sample be collected.
- Preserve all evidence of the assault. Do not bathe, wash your hands, or brush your teeth.
- Do not clean or straighten up the scene.
- Write down or record by any means all the details you can recall about the assault and your assailant.

SAVI services are available whether or not the victim knows the offender, whether the victim or offender was using drugs or alcohol, and whether the assault happened five minutes ago or five years ago.



### This week in NAVAL HISTORY September 11

- 1814** - In the Battle of Lake Champlain, Commodore Thomas Macdonough defeats a British squadron.
- 1939** - USS Bear (AG 29) is commissioned by the U.S. Navy for Antarctic operations under command of Rear Adm. Richard Byrd.
- 1941** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt announces order to the Navy to "shoot on sight" vessels threatening U.S. shipping or ships under U.S. escort.
- 1942** - Pharmacist's Mate 1st Class Wheeler B. Lipps performs emergency appendectomy on Seaman 1st Class Darrell D. Rector aboard USS Seadragon (SS 194) on patrol in South China Sea.
- 1943** - Italian Navy surrenders to Allies.
- 1945** - Operation Magic Carpet, the return of troops to the United States, begins.
- 2001** - One hundred twenty-five Pentagon employees, including 42 Sailors and Department of the Navy civilians, are killed along with 59 airline passengers when terrorists fly a high-jacked airliner into the Pentagon.

## Lest We Forget Sept. 11



Military members render honors as fire and rescue workers unfurl an American flag over the side of the Pentagon during rescue and recovery work following the Sept. 11, 2001 attack. Today marks the eight-year anniversary of the attack that killed 2,986 Americans.

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## NCHB 8 helps with Green Ridge loadout at Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by  
Jim Murray

Fleet and Industrial Supply  
Center

It's a commonly held belief that Reservists who receive orders to Hawai'i spend most of their time wearing palm-frond hats and dancing the hula at Waikiki luaus. There may have been times when that has happened, but the recent visit of Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 8 (NCHB 8) was not one of them.

The 53 battalion members arrived on July 27 and at 7:30 a.m. the next morning, they were on the pier, hard at work . . . and there wasn't a palm-frond hat in sight! For the next two weeks, the group "worked their butts off," said Capt. Randy Moore, commanding officer of Fleet and Industrial Center Pearl Harbor (FISCPH).

NCHB 8 was sent to Hawai'i to assist with the onload of 88 helicopters and more than 800 milvans and vehicles aboard the MV Green Ridge. The material belongs to the Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, which is deploying to the Middle East.

"We had the ship loaded and on its way a day early," said Cmdr. (Sel) Craig Retzlaff, terminals department director, FISCPH. "The quick turnaround would not have occurred without the stellar support of Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 8. Those folks did a superb job and they are always welcome at FISC Pearl Harbor."

Prior to the loadout, FISCPH Terminals personnel provided the NCHB members with comprehensive training in line handling, lashing, truck and forklift



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operation, and the use of the worldwide port tracking system. Hatch bosses and hatch captains, the eyes and ears of a major loadout, were given additional training.

"The training could not have been better," said Cmdr. Lee Stuart, officer-in-charge of the NCHB 8 personnel. "By the time the vessel arrived and we stepped aboard, everyone felt comfortable in their abilities."

Those who have never lashed cargo can't possibly realize how demanding the job can be. As the vehicles and helicopters came aboard, they were situated as close together as possible in one of the immense holds found below deck.

NCHB stevedores used heavy chains to lash them down so that if stormy weather were encountered during the voyage, the cargo would not careen across the hold with each roll of the ship. As each additional vehicle was lashed into place, the work area became more and more confining, and steve-

dores found themselves squeezing through a maze of chains and closely-packed vehicles.

"We used more than 3,000 chains," said Stuart. "As the holds filled, our stevedores were working in spaces as small as 12-18 inches."

To make matters worse, the air in the holds is stale and heavy and oppressively hot. As each successive truck is driven onto the ship, thick fumes of exhaust clog the air. The din never ceases, and stevedores shout to be heard above the noise of the blowers, the clanking of chains against the deck, and the roaring engines of trucks.

Stuart and Lt. Samuel Sola (assistant officer in charge and safety officer) had particular praise for NCHB 8's truck drivers, who had to wrestle their big rigs backwards up the ship's ramp during slick conditions. Once on deck, they had to painstakingly maneuver their trucks through the confines of the rapidly filling holds.

Despite the austere

working conditions and long hours (NCHB personnel worked 12-hour shifts), morale remained high.

"Our members got up every morning with a smile and a can-do attitude," said Stuart. "Twelve hours later, they were still smiling."

Thanks to singularly expeditious and safe work on the part of NCHB 8 as well as FISCPH and the Army's Combat Aviation Brigade, the Green Ridge was loaded so quickly that it sailed 24 hours early.

And, as the massive vessel slipped over the horizon, did the CHB personnel trade-in their hardhats for a spiffy palm-frond hat and race off to the nearest luau? Not a chance. The members were in Hawai'i to work and that's just what they did - performing line handling and forklift operations, and also attacking an important project inside the Red Hill underground fuel storage facility.

NCHB 8, which left Hawai'i on Aug. 8, is headquartered in Fort Dix, N.J.

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

Sept. 17 – Yellow Ribbon Job Fair with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Hawai'i Army National Guard

Sept. 24 – MDSU-1 partnership with Waipahu Elementary School

(The segments air at about 6:15 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.khon2.com/content/news/navynews/default.aspx>)

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# Pearl Harbor Highlights



Engineers from the U.S. Navy, Australia and Canada reconstruct the Tanaea-Buota Bridge during a Pacific Partnership 2009 engineering civic action project. Pacific Partnership is a humanitarian and civil assistance mission in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility.

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U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Luciano Marano

Chief petty officers (CPO) and 2009 CPO selectees from Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet and local subordinate commands gather gravel to line the foundation holes to prepare for cement during construction of a house. The project was part of a volunteer event with the Honolulu chapter of Habitat for Humanity on Sept. 3.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 (AW) Eric J. Cutright

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) (select) Frankie Lee weedeats an area outside building A9, the former air control tower on Ford Island, on Aug. 29. CPOs and chief selects cleaned up around building A9 as part of a beautification project for the chief induction process. The air control tower will be used as a backdrop for Naval Station Pearl Harbor's official chiefs' pinning ceremony scheduled for next month.



(Left) Senior Chief Yeoman (AW) Korin Ross hauls away dead palm leaves as she assists in the clean-up of building A9 on Aug. 29. CPOs and chief selects cleaned up around building A9, the former air control tower, as part of a beautification project for the chief induction process. The air control tower will be used as a backdrop for Naval Station Pearl Harbor's official chiefs' pinning ceremony scheduled for next month. Ross is the lead for the pinning ceremony this year.

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U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka from Hawai'i assists Kahu Kimokeo Kapahulehua as he performs a traditional Hawaiian blessing during a ceremony held by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at Rainbow Bay Marina on Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 3. NOAA unveiled their new research vessel, the R/V Hihimanu. (Story on page A-7)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stürup





Chief petty officers (CPO) and 2009 CPO selectees work with local volunteers to clear and begin work on the foundation during construction of a house. The project was part of a volunteer event with the Honolulu chapter of Habitat for Humanity on Sept. 3. (Additional photo on page A-5)

## Sailors lend helping hand to local charity

Story and photo by  
MC3 Luciano Marano

Commander Submarine  
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Chief petty officers (CPO) and 2009 CPO selectees from Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) and local subordinate commands volunteered their time and energy with the Honolulu branch of Habitat for Humanity to assist in the building of a house on Oluolu Sreet in Waimanalo on Sept. 3.

"Somebody from just about every command is here today," said Chief Electricians Mate (SS) Mike Robison, staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron Three (CSS-3) and chairman of the 2009 CPO induction committee. "The CPO inductees do

one major community project every year," said Robison. "It's good to get out and give back to the community and it kind of keeps them grounded."

The volunteers began work at 7 a.m. and set about the task of laying the foundation for the home. The structure previously on the site had become unsuitable to live in so it was torn down and Habitat for Humanity began the work to rebuild the house for the resident family.

"The military guys are doing a great job," said Mark Saito, construction manager for Honolulu Habitat for Humanity. "It's very appreciated by the family and Habitat for Humanity. To lay this foundation would have taken three days without the Navy's help. These guys will cut at least a half a month off of our con-

struction time."

Because Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer-run program, it only operates on the weekends when those volunteers are available. This greatly limits the time they have to dedicate to each project so a sudden influx of manpower can make a significant difference in the time it takes to finish a project.

"You have to figure that there are 20 guys here today and we've been at it for about three hours already so that's 60 man hours of work right there," said Robison. "We're going to save them weeks of work and the house will be ready that much faster for the family."

Those interested in volunteering with the Honolulu chapter of Habitat for Humanity can learn about upcoming projects by calling 538-7070.

## NAVFAC Hawai'i seeks to engage wider audience through social media program

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i, along with other NAVFAC commands around the globe, has established a Facebook Group Page and accounts with Twitter and Flickr, to enhance two-way communication with employees and the public.

"These social media tools will allow us to extend our communication reach farther and wider than the traditional communication channels that most of us have used for many years," said Virginia Bueno, NAVFAC public affairs and communications director. "New technology has allowed us to provide the public with the information they choose - when, where and how they want to receive it. We are excited to be a part of this evolving, global conversation."

The major difference between traditional communication channels and social media tools is the opportunity for immediate feedback and discussion. When information is communicated to an audience from the press -



Image courtesy of example of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawai'i NAVFAC Hawai'i's participation in social media with a recent addition to NAVFAC's Twitter page on Aug. 25.

a traditional communication channel, the audience receives the information, but cannot immediately communicate back to the originator of the information. When that same information is posted on an organization's Facebook page, viewers can immediately comment and those comments are shared with all viewers of the page, which can foster further communication and collaboration.

"Our desired effect with Facebook, Twitter and Flickr is that we will listen and learn and be better responsive, public servants to our many audiences around the world," said Bueno. "Information that the public expects us to share must be immediate, transparent and delivered through the channels that people are using."

If you have a Facebook

and/or Twitter account and would like to become a fan of NAVFAC Hawai'i, go to: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=114220891973&ref=ts>, or search for "NAVFAC Hawaii" in the Facebook search engine, and click "become a fan."

NAVFAC Headquarters' social media accounts, which include content from all NAVFAC commands around the world, are available for viewing and participation at the following locations:

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/NAVFAC/115941095618>

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# What you should know about drinking and driving in Hawai'i

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Operating a vehicle in Hawai'i with .08 or more grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath (BrAC) or .08 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood (BAC) constitutes the offense of driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUI). If the driver is under the age of 21, law enforcement need only show that a "measurable amount of alcohol" was involved.

A DUI includes not only alcohol, but any drug that impairs the person's ability to operate a vehicle in a careful and prudent manner. A driver who is arrested for a suspected DUI will be asked to undergo a breath test involving a blow-in alcohol screening device, a blood test (alcohol or drugs), and/or a urine test (drugs only). One's refusal to be tested will result in an automatic one-year suspension of license for first offenders.

An arrest for a DUI subjects the driver to both criminal prosecution and an administrative license revocation process. A first offense carries a criminal penalty of 14 hours of substance abuse rehabilita-

tion, a 90-day license suspension, and any of the following: jail time of two to five days, a fine of \$150-\$1,000, or community service of 72 hours. A highly intoxicated driver will be given a six-month "absolute" license suspension. Graduated penalties follow when a DUI is committed within five years of a previous one.

A second offense carries a penalty of one year "absolute" license suspension, a fine of \$500-1,500, and either of the following: jail of five to 14 days or community service of 240 hours.

A third offense involves a one to five-year license revocation, jail of 10-30 days, a fine of \$500-\$2,500, and forfeiture of the person's vehicle. In addition to the above, committing a DUI offense while driving a vehicle with a passenger younger than 15 carries an additional mandatory jail term of 48 hours and an additional fine of \$500.

A fourth offense ("habitual offender") constitutes a class C felony and carries a jail term or probation of five years, one to five-year license revocation, and substance abuse assessment/treatment.

Drivers arrested off base are prosecuted in the Honolulu district court.

Drivers arrested on base or on military property are prosecuted in the federal magistrate's court.

The administrative license revocation process can be exercised concurrently with criminal prosecution and can remain in effect notwithstanding the dismissal of criminal charges. Upon one's arrest, the arresting authority confiscates the driver's license, which for a first offender is automatically suspended for three months under the authority of the Administrative License Revocation Office (ADLRO). The ADLRO also has the power to revoke a driver's license or vehicle registration and to confiscate license plates, subject to a defendant's right to request a contested hearing.

In addition, service members may be subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action under the UCMJ. All drivers face potential revocation of base driving privileges for DUI offenses. If you have been arrested for a DUI offense or would simply like to know more, call the Naval Legal Service Office at 473-4717 for an appointment, or on a walk-in basis on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.



U.S. Navy photo by CTRC (SW/AW) Derek Scheil

NIOC Hawai'i chiefs' Mess spent their day refurbishing the basketball courts near the Kalaeloa, Veterans' Housing Center. The community service effort was a chance for today's Navy to give back to our veterans, as well as an old naval base.

## NIOC Hawai'i chiefs' mess restores veterans' center basketball court

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It wasn't too long ago that Navy Sailors lived and worked at Naval Air Station (NAS) Barber's Point. As a result of the 1993 Base Realignment and Closure legislation, NAS Barber's Point was closed in 1999.

With funding constraints, the Veterans Center staff is limited on how much it can accomplish with land beautification. Knowing this, chief petty officers and chief selectees from Naval Information Operations Command Hawai'i (NIOC-H) put their efforts into a

community project to clean up the Veterans' Center on Aug. 21.

One NIOC Hawai'i chief remembered what Barber's Point looked like a decade ago. "It was beautiful," he said. "It makes me sad to see it in disarray now. That is why I wanted to make sure we could do something to help beautify it".

NIOC-H chiefs and chief selectees refurbished a basketball court that was overrun with weeds by the years of neglect. The senior enlisted men and women spent hours in the blazing Hawai'i sun to show their appreciation for those service members who have gone before them by giving them a recreation area that they can enjoy.

The restoration provides more than basketball. It gives veterans an opportunity to stay active, interact with one another, and maintain that indelible connection that remains among all service members old and new.

Additionally the chiefs hope that children from the local community will come out to use the courts, lending the chance for our youth, our future, to learn from generations past.

Barber's Point was named for Capt. Henry Barber whose ship wrecked on a coral shoal off the point on Oct. 31, 1796. He lost six Sailors that night and according to legend, you can still see his ship on the water on Halloween night.

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## HSL-37 Easy Riders help with surfing, swimming event

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Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light

Eight Sailors from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37) joined forces with the non-profit organization AccesSurf on Aug. 1 to assist with a swimming/surfing event for people with disabilities.

The Easy Riders started the day at 7:30 a.m. at White Plains Beach, assisting with the setup for the four-and-a-half-hour event. The primary focus of AccesSurf is to bring adaptive swimming and surfing to people with physical or mental disabilities. These disabilities include, but are not limited to, autism, amputees, paralysis and wounded veterans.

The HSL-37 volunteers helped with the setup of wheelchair accessible mats and flooring. They also provided rescue swimmers, surf instructors and swimming assis-



Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class William Sumner assists with fin installation on surfboards in the early morning during a surfing/swimming event on Aug. 1 for people with disabilities.

tance during the event. Seventy people from the Oahu community with disabilities were provided opportunities to surf and swim.

Aviation Electrician's Mate Airman Apprentice Thomas Tuthill said, "I will definitely volunteer for this event again. It is pretty incredible what they do here to get all these kids surfing." Sentiment was the same for all Easy Riders who participated.

"Saturday's event was the first step in a long

term commitment between HSL-37 and AccesSurf. AccesSurf normally conducts adaptive surfing and swimming on the first Saturday of the month at White Plains Beach. There is so much coordination to make an event like this happen and Navy Sailors took a tremendous load off our setup crew this Saturday," said Mark Marble, CEO of AccesSurf.

For more information about AccesSurf, go to [www.accessurf.org](http://www.accessurf.org).

## ATGMIDPAC enjoys ATG Day

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Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific's (ATG MIDPAC) mission keeps much of the staff scattered across the Pearl Harbor waterfront on any given day. Ship schedules are packed and a lot of hard work goes into deconflicting events in order to support all training requests. Although necessary and appropriate, that "scattering" poses a challenge when trying to keep the ATG staff trained and informed. ATG MIDPAC's solution was to implement "ATG Day" at the command.

Each quarter, ATG MIDPAC schedules one day for "in house" training, commanding officer's time, awards presentations, and staff discussions. Ship schedules are scrubbed in advance to allow close to 100 percent staff participation. Recently, ATG MIDPAC enjoyed its second "ATG Day."

The day encompassed many training topics for the ATG MIDPAC Sailors, both professional and personal in nature. Sessions included discussions and information on enlisted continuation boards, Career Management Interactive System (CMSI), the Post 9/11 GI Bill, as well



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Five ATG MIDPAC personnel received the announcement at the end of "ATG Day" training that they were all selected for advancement to chief petty officer.

as general military training (GMT) on domestic violence provided by the Fleet and Family Support Center.

When asked about ATG Day, Capt. Ricks Polk, ATG MIDPAC commanding officer, explained, "Our role as professional trainers is to use our knowledge, skills and experience to partner with MIDPAC ships to ensure each is ready to answer our nation's call. ATG Day is an opportunity for us to sharpen our edge and ensure we are the best we can possibly be. It provides time for us to take care of our ohana (family)."

"Our nomadic, continuously on the go daily life at ATG doesn't offer many opportunities to get together as a staff, to address Sailors' needs, and complete required training. This quarterly respite has been a great way to recognize ATG warriors and to commu-

nicate across the command. I believe our senior Sailors are enjoying these opportunities to interact with fellow ATG warriors," he said.

This ATG Day was even more meaningful for five ATG personnel, Engineman 1st Class (SW/EXW) Jeremy Dorton, Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Allison Theisen, Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 1st Class (SW) George Mercado, Damage Controlman 1st Class (SW) Chris Haws and Storekeeper 1st Class (SW) Alvin Torres, who received the announcement at the end of training that they were all selected for advancement to chief petty officer.

Torres described the announcement as more than memorable, "... the moment the captain said my name - that moment was the greatest moment of my life!"