Hawai'i Navy News
Serving the "Best Homeport in the Navy"
September 25, 2009 www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii Volume 34 Issue 38

MDSU-1 commended for outstanding work

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

Adm. Robert Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet speaks to the Sailors of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 as he presents the Meritorious Unit Commendation award to them at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Sept. 11. MDSU-1 provides combat ready, expeditionary, rapidly deployable mobile diving and salvage detachments to conduct salvage, underwater search and recovery, and underwater emergency repairs in any environment. Willard also commended the command for their actions in saving an 11-year-old boy from a sinking car last Aug. 28.

Forest City holds grand opening for 83 new homes at NCTAMS

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Forest City Military Communities Hawai'i held a grand opening ceremony for 83 new homes at the Hele Mai housing neighborhood on Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) on Sept. 17.

Construction of the 83-home project began on June 1, 2008 and was recently completed and opened up for Sailors and their families.

Will Boudra, vice president of development for Forest City Military Communities Hawai'i, gave the opening remarks during the ceremony. "We are most proud to be blessed with these 83 new homes for our service members," said Boudra. "These are superior new homes and this is a superior neighborhood. They are high-quality units built with solar panels that contribute to making a greener environment."

Information Systems Technician Seaman Diondre Sanchez, assigned to Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC), and his wife untie a maile lei after a traditional Hawaiian blessing was performed by Kahu Ha'aheo Guanson at the Hele Mai housing neighborhood at NCTAMS PAC.

Jim Ramirez, vice president of construction for Forest City Military Communities Hawai'i, noted the importance of maintaining the value of the Hele Mai neighborhood.

"This has been a very special site with the combining of these new homes with the historic old homes," said Ramirez. "This is a historic neighborhood and we continue to maintain these old homes as well as continue to improve by building the new homes without taking away from the neighborhood's historic value."

After the speakers' remarks, Kahu Ha'aheo Guanson performed a traditional Hawaiian blessing on the first house to be opened.

Information Systems Technician Seaman Diondre Sanchez, assigned to NCTAMS PAC, and his wife then untied a maile lei in front of their new home to signify the grand opening of the Hele Mai neighborhood.

Forest City Military Communities was established to focus on and participate in the privatization of military family housing, creating and revitalizing neighborhoods for service members and their families across the United States.

VADM Curtis talks SWO at Pearl Harbor

Vice Adm. D.C. Curtis, Commander Naval Surface Forces, hosted a series of admiral's calls while visiting Pacific Fleet headquarters and the Pearl Harbor waterfront Sept. 17. During his visit to the region, Curtis met with Sailors in a series of waterfront engagements to update Hawai'i based personnel on the status of the surface forces and solicit feedback. Curtis, who was in town to meet with Adm. Patrick Walsh, perspective Pacific Fleet Commander of U.S. in advance of next month's change of command, met with division officers, department heads and commanding and executive officers for seven different commands.

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

CNRH pins anchors on Navy's newest chiefs

MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Thirty-eight first class petty officers assigned to various commands on Oahu were promoted to chief petty officer (CPO) during a ceremony held on historic Ford Island on Sept. 16.

As the Sailors stood in formation, each CPO selectee was called one by one to have his anchors pinned on his uniform and combination cover placed upon his head, assuming the title of CPO.

Master Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Rod Kearns, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the master of ceremonies for the event and delivered the opening remarks.

"The rank of CPO was developed 116 years ago. Being a CPO means that you have the experience and leadership that has been passed down generation to generation," said Kearns. "This is not just another raise in pay grade that you have achieved. You are now a chief and with that comes great knowledge and great pride. Everyone knows that 'ask the chief' is a household phrase in the Navy for a reason."

"This is the proudest moment in my Navy career. Ever since I joined the Navy, my goal was to become a chief and it is great to finally have become one," said Chief Gunner's Mate John Nichols, assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "I look forward to joining the chiefs' mess, achieving my goals and continuing to climb the ranks."

The ceremony concluded with all the CPOs, including those in the audience, reciting the CPO creed followed by singing "Anchors Aweigh." The new CPOs then marched out in front of the audience and were congratulated by their friends, families and fellow Sailors.

The rank of CPO was established on April 1, 1893 and is the most significant promotion within the enlisted U.S. Navy ranks.

(See photos in Sept. 18 HNN, page A-5.)

NAVFAC Hawai'i wins third safety award **page A-2**

Fleet and Family Service Center trains Million Dollar Sailors **See page A-6**

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Sailors visit Put-in-Bay, Ohio **See page A-7**

Thunderbirds soar over Hawai'i skies at Hickam open house **See page B-1**

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW) Kurt M. Riggs

Lt. Gen. George Trautman, USMC, deputy commandant for aviation, looks on as Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work congratulates Capt. Bret J. Muilenburg, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i, after he received the Department of the Navy's 2009 Safety Excellence Award for Safety Ashore.

NAVFAC Hawai'i wins third safety award

James Johnson

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

In acknowledgement of an outstanding safety program, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Hawai'i received the most prestigious Department of the Navy (DON) 2009 Safety Excellence Award for Safety Ashore on Sept. 15 in Washington, D.C.

The award was presented to Capt. Bret J. Muilenburg, NAVFAC Hawai'i's commanding officer, in a ceremony held at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center Theater.

It follows two other top awards received this year, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Achievement in Safety Ashore Award for a Medium Industrial Activity and the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Safety Ashore Award for Medium Industrial Activity.

"We've made worker safety a priority at the command and we will continue to do so," said Muilenburg. "This award is a testament to the individual and collective professionalism of the employees of NAVFAC Hawai'i. We will continue to strive for the safest possible workplace to the benefit of our employees' health and mission accomplishment."

The DON Safety Awards Program aims to promote excellence in mission readiness by mishap and hazard reduction through the implementation of effective safety programs, the full integration of operational risk management principles, and fostering a sound safety culture. NAVFAC Hawai'i exemplified the program with its "Stretch & Flex" program and by reducing lost time mishaps by 67 percent over the last three years.

NAVFAC Hawai'i's new crane provides lift to operational readiness

Story and photo by James Johnson

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

Wayne Keanu, rigger in charge (right), directs Darrell Henderson, crane operator, taking two Sailors from the USS Chafee to perform maintenance work on a high antenna.

After completing a year-long safety certification and training process, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i has begun using its newest and largest crane which allows for a more versatile array of work services.

"The new crane has been very beneficial and economical to the Navy because of its capability to set up onsite easily," said Daniel McMoore, weight handling and equipment director at NAVFAC Hawai'i. "Before, the task utilized the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard barge crane to conduct the work which took more extensive planning and manpower to get done."

The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) had previously purchased the same model crane, a Grove GMK 4100, because of its suitability for use on aging piers found at the shipyard. By choosing the same crane as PHNSY, NAVFAC Hawai'i's costs and safety research time that accompany such a large purchase were reduced. That was important because shipyard crane support requests have increased in recent years and the new vehicle will meet those demands.

With the new equipment, NAVFAC Hawaii is able to offer assistance to PHNSY for maintenance work and on and off-loading assignments. The Grove GMK 4100 is also ideal because the Navy's newer class of warships feature taller antenna towers which require regular maintenance.

Versatility is another benefit of the crane. Traveling to, and around, job sites is easier when compared to the 12 other cranes NAVFAC Hawai'i operates. Part of the versatility comes from the ability to remove heavy counterweights which can be taken separately to the job site. This allows the crane to travel on any public road or bridge. With all its counterweights, the crane has a maximum carrying capacity of 100 tons.

"The advantage of this crane is that it's got so much height that we don't have to erect a jib [a special piece of equipment used to achieve extra height]," said Wayne Keanu, rigger in charge at NAVFAC Hawai'i. "Weapons exchanges are also easier because normally the ship has to turn around which takes a lot of work. And with this crane, we have more reach."

incoming message from John...

Are you the enemy within?

...Important information please review...

Cyber Fusion Center, U.S. Pacific Command

Every user of a Department of Defense (DoD) computer is a potential enemy within.

Adversaries regularly infiltrate DoD networks and barrage our networks with malicious e-mail.

This threat has taken on the form of increased phishing and spear phishing attempts. Phishing e-mail messages are designed to steal your identity. They ask for personal data or direct you to Web sites or phone numbers to call where they ask you to provide personal data. They might even appear to be from someone you know.

Spear phishing is a targeted form of phishing in which an e-mail message might look like it comes from your employer, or from a colleague who might send an e-mail message to everyone in the company, such as the head of human resources or IT.

In addition, today's viruses often appear to be harmless correspondence such as personal notes, jokes or marketing promotions. While many viruses require recipients to download attachments in order to facilitate infection and spread, some are designed to launch automatically with absolutely no user action required.

The effects of email-borne viruses can be significant. Many can be distributed around the world in just a matter of hours, bringing down critical communication systems, hindering the performance of global networks, and corrupting vital documents. Imagine trying to fight a war without our computer networks or with networks that we can't trust to contain accurate information.

These techniques have the potential of compromising our networks by infecting them with malicious software. A single user can compromise an entire network with the click of a button. We cannot allow these attempts to succeed. Just as we do not let people come through the front gate unchecked, we must also check e-mail from unknown/non-credentialed sources.

Below are some best practices you can incorporate to ensure you don't corrupt our networks:

- Do not access imbedded Web links and/or attachments from non-verified or unofficial senders (e.g., G-mailR, YahooR, and HotmailR accounts). If an e-mail is not digitally signed, indicating a "friendly" sender, validate the source by alternate means, e.g. telephonic or independent messaging.
- Digitally sign all generated e-mail that include imbedded Web links or attachments to provide this same assurance to the receiver.
- Report suspected phishing attempt e-mails to your information assurance (IA) department.

...Your application accepted...
...immediate response required

Correction

In the article "Destroyer Squadron 31 returns, completes CARAT 2009," which was published in the Sept. 18 edition of Hawai'i Navy News, page A-2, Capt. William Kearns III should have been identified as the former commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31 (DESRON 31). The current commodore is Capt. Richard L. Clemmons Jr. We sincerely apologize for the error and any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

"Get on Board" with Operation Prepare

Emergency Management Program office, Commander, Navy Installations Command

Operation Prepare is observing National Preparedness Month in September with this year's campaign theme of "Get on Board."

Operation Prepare is enhancing its campaign by employing Web 2.0 tools and establishing a presence on several social media sites to increase awareness about disaster preparedness and encourage collaboration and information sharing among its audiences.

Operation Prepare's new video blog and YouTube pages will feature videos with preparedness tips and testimonials from members of the Navy family. Its Twitter page will provide subscribers with instant information, updates and alerts about local and worldwide disasters or emergency events. For more information, follow Operation Prepare on the following virtual spots:

Blog page: http://operationprepare.blogspot.com
Twitter page: http://twitter.com/opprepare
YouTube page: http://youtube.com/operationprepare

Initiated by the Emergency Management Program office of Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), Operation Prepare encourages members of the Navy family to be disaster ready by following three simple steps: Be informed, have a plan and make a kit.

For more information, visit the Operation Prepare link at www.cnic.navy.mil or www.ready.gov/america/getakit/navy.html

Whether you're part of the general Navy community, the Navy's emergency management team, or a potential partner in disaster response and recovery, you have a role in planning for emergencies—preparedness is your duty. Get on board.

Hurricane Preparedness
Important Telephone Numbers

- **Emergency police, fire, ambulance**
  911
- **Department of Emergency Management (DEM)**
  723-8960
- **State Civil Defense**
  733-4300
- **National Weather Service**
  (weather advisories) 973-4381
- **American Red Cross**
  734-2101
- **HECO Service Center**
  548-7961 (to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)
- **Board of Water supply troubleline**
  normal hours - 748-5000
  after hours - 748-5010
- **Hawaiian Telcom telephone repair service**
  611
- **The Gas Company emergency service**
  526-0066
- **Streetlights out**
  City - 768-5300
  State - 831-6714

This week in Naval History

September 18

1858 - Sloop Niagara departs Charleston, S.C. for Liberia with rescued African slaves.
1939 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt asks Congress to repeal the arms embargo provision of the Neutrality Act.
1944 - Aircraft from 12 carriers commence two-day attack against Japanese ships and airfields on Luzon, Philippine Islands.
1984 - Mid East Force begins escort of U.S. flagged vessels in Persian Gulf.

September 22

1776 - John Paul Jones in Providence sails into Canso Bay, Nova Scotia and attacks British fishing fleet.
1943 - U.S. destroyers and landing craft land Australian troops at Finschhafen, New Guinea.

September 23

1931 - Lt. Alfred Pride pilots Navy's first rotary wing aircraft, XOP-1 autogiro, in landings and takeoffs on board USS Langley while underway.
1944 - USS West Virginia (BB-48) reaches Pearl Harbor and rejoins the Pacific Fleet, marking the end of the salvage and reconstruction of 18 ships damaged at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.
1947 - James Forrestal, former Secretary of the Navy, takes office as first Secretary of Defense.
1990 - Two hospital ships (USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort) steam together for first time in Arabian Gulf.

September 24

1918 - Ensign David S. Ingalls, USNR, in a Sopwith Camel, shoots down his fifth enemy aircraft, becoming the first U.S. Navy ace while flying with the British Royal Air Force.
1960 - First nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise (CVAN-65), launched at Newport News, Va.

September 25

1941 - In first successful U.S. Navy escort of convoys during World War II, Navy escort turns over HX-150 to British escorts at the mid-ocean meeting point. All ships reach port safely.
1957 - In project Stratoscope, Office of Naval Research obtains sharp photographs of sun's corona from first balloon-borne telescope camera.

Navy planes fly over USS Missouri

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

U.S. Navy carrier planes fly in formation over USS Missouri (BB-63) during the surrender ceremonies held on Sept. 2, 1945. (Photographed by Lt. Barrett Gallagher, USNR, from atop Missouri's forward 16-inch gun turret. Aircraft types include F4U, TBM and SB2C. Ship in the right distance is USS Ancon (AGC-4).)

Hawai'i Navy News

Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i
Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith
Chief of Staff
Capt. Melvin Lee
Director, Public Affairs
Agnes Tauyan
Leading Chief Petty Officer
MCC Bart Bauer
Managing Editor
Karen Spangler
Leading Petty Officer
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico
Staff Writer
MC2 Robert Stirrup
Contributing Writer
Blair Martin
Contributing Writer
Randy Dela Cruz
Layout/Design
Antonio Verceluz
Technical Adviser
Joe Novotny

Hawai'i Navy News is a free unofficial paper published every Thursday by The Honolulu Advertiser, 605 Kapiolani Blvd., Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813, a private firm in no way connected with DoD, the U. S. Navy or Marine Corps, under exclusive contract with Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i.

All editorial content is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the staff of the Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs Office: 850 Ticonderoga, Suite 110, Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, 96860-4884. Telephone: (808) 473-2888; fax (808) 473-2876; e-mail address: hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com World Wide Web address: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Hawaii/.

This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication primarily for members of the Navy and Marine Corps military services and their families in Hawai'i. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U. S. Government, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps and do not imply endorsement thereof.

The civilian publisher, The Honolulu Advertiser, is responsible for commercial advertising, which may be purchased by calling (808) 521-9111.

The appearance of advertising in this newspaper, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement of the products and services advertised by the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i or the Honolulu Advertiser.

Everything advertised in this paper shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

A confirmed violation of this policy of equal opportunity by an advertiser will result in the refusal to print advertising from that source.

Hawai'i Navy News is delivered weekly to Navy housing units and Navy installations throughout Oahu. Housing residents may contact the publisher directly at (808) 538-NEWS (538-6397) if they wish to discontinue home delivery.

JS Yaeshio arrives at Naval Station Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by
MC2 (SW/AW/SCW) Ronald Gutridge

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

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine Yaeshio (SS 598) arrived at Naval Station Pearl Harbor to begin several training exercises with the U.S. Navy submarine forces on Sept. 17.

Commissioned March 9, 2006 and based at Yokosuka, Japan, the newest of the Oyashio class-submarine, Yaeshio will be conducting both in port and at sea training on undersea tactics and war time strategies.

"This is a great opportunity for the crew of Yaeshio to improve their tactical capability and training techniques with U.S. forces," said Cmdr. Takeshi Kawakubo, commanding officer. "I think the most important aspect of this evolution is the chance to compare strategic ideas and to strengthen the bond between the U.S. and Japan in an effort to combat terrorism."

Yaeshio is scheduled to attend the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific (NSTCP) and the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) to conduct advanced sonar training and submarine damage control, as well as a series of torpedo and harpoon operations during the visit.

"The crew is very excited to be a part of this evolution and to get the opportunity to work with the U.S. Navy," said Master Chief Petty Officer, JMSDF, Ryuichi Eguch, chief of the boat. "This is the first time for many of them to deploy to Hawai'i and also train with American submariners."

Continued joint training operations are essential aspects of maintaining strong relationships and enhancing interoperability with allies in the Pacific.

(Left) Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Yaeshio (SS 598), Oyashio-class submarine, arrives at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 17 to begin its annual training exercise. This is the first visit of Yaeshio to Hawai'i and its first training evolution with the U.S. Navy submarine force.

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

Oct. 1 – Retired Activities Office
TBD October – Missouri drydocking

(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)

Got a story for KHON Hawai'i Navy News?
Email hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or call Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affiars at 473-2875. Stories must have a Navy tie and be of interest to the general public.

GOT SPORTS
Phone: (808)473-2888
hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com
Contact the HNN editor for guidelines and submission requ

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Man on the Street

Interview with EMCS (SW) Sidney Coverson, equal opportunity advisor for Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i

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

A: I know that Capt. Richard Kitchens, who is currently the commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, will be the joint base commander. There is already a common gate that allows access between the two bases and combining the bases will also consolidate the military money.

Q: How will the merger affect you?

A: The merger won't affect me as much as some of the other people on the base. One thing that I will do once the bases merge is that I will be working with the Air Force equal opportunity advisors. Together we will be able to have a joint partnership with the community and we will also be able to create new special emphasis programs.

EMCS (SW) Sidney Coverson

Q: When will the joint base merger take effect?

A: The merger, or full operational capability, will take effect Oct. 1, 2010. Either way when it happens, we will be ready to embrace the change.

Q: What are some of the pros and cons to having the two bases merge?

A: One of the pros will be that we will have more resources available. Another pro is this will benefit diversity with the service members of the Navy and Air Force working together. A con will be the difficulty of familiarizing ourselves with the other services jargon and acronyms.

Pearl Harbor *Highlights*

(Left) Chief Navy Diver (DSW/SW) Kenneth Bontempo and Senior Chief Navy Diver (DSW/SW) John Klukas assist Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Adm. Robert Willard as he dons a diving head gear after presenting Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 with the Meritorious Unit Commendation award on Sept. 11. MDSU-1 provides combat ready, expeditionary, rapidly deployable mobile diving and salvage detachments to conduct salvage, underwater search and recovery and underwater emergency repairs in any environment. Willard also commended the command for their actions in saving an 11-year-old boy from a sinking car last Aug. 28.

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

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

Navy Diver 2nd Class (SW) Jason Balavram demonstrates a dive for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Adm. Robert Willard. Willard presented Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 with the Meritorious Unit Commendation award at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin

(Above) Children take the opportunity to pet the military working dogs of Navy Region Hawai'i's K-9 unit after a demonstration on Sept. 18 as part of the Hickam Air Force Base "Wings over the Pacific" open house and aerial demonstration.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

The Ticonderoga-class guided missile USS Port Royal (CG 73) passes by Hospital Point after leaving dry dock number 4 for repair damage at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 24. Work on Port Royal was completed Thursday after the ship ran aground near Honolulu International Airport's reef runway in February.

(Below) The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds streak across the Hawaiian sky at the "Wings over the Pacific" open house and aerial demonstration on Sept. 19. The Thunderbirds, U.S. Air Force demonstration squadron, were the headliners during the open house. They demonstrated the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon by performing combat maneuvers during their aerial demonstration. This is Hickam's first open house since 2003, and a crowd of nearly 100,000 paid a visit during the weekend.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin

The K-9 unit of Navy Region Hawai'i's security department, was part of an education day event held on Sept. 18 as part of the "Wings over the Pacific" open house and aerial demonstration.

U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin

James Neuman, Navy Region Hawai'i' historian, shares Navy history with children who attended the education day event on Sept. 18 as part of the Hickam Air Force Base "Wings over the Pacific" open house and aerial demonstration.

Fleet and Family Service Center trains Million Dollar Sailors

Story and photo by
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

More than 30 Sailors from various commands at Pearl Harbor attended the Million Dollar Sailor (MDS) class at the Navy Region Hawai'i Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) on Sept 14 and 15.

Started in 1998, MDS is a two-day training program that assists Sailors and families to navigate successfully through the transitions of Navy life and financial challenges that accompany them. The course reviews a variety of topics such as the need for personal financial management, military pay and allowances, and establishing and maintaining credit.

Debra Blunt, a financial counselor and educator for FFSC, explained that security clearance issues, horrible credit scores and just not knowing personal financial management were exactly what prompted the development of MDS.

"The reason we developed the MDS is based on personal experiences as well as the experiences of our clients," said Blunt. "We just realized that it was just lack of financial education."

Sailors and families take the Million Dollar Sailor class at Navy Region Hawai'i Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). FFSC is providing a program called Million Dollar Sailor, a personal wealth building class designed to assist Sailors and families to navigate successfully through financial challenges.

Blunt said that being a millionaire is a very realistic goal for any Sailor.

"Every one of our young Sailors has the opportunity to make a million dollars," said Blunt as she demonstrated using the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) calculator. TSP is a retirement savings plan for civilians and service members who are employed by the United States government.

During the program, MDS provided students with information, encouragement and practical skills to prevent becoming involved in financially destructive transactions.

"I got a lot of good information about car buying as far as what the dealer would tell you, what's actually true and not true," said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd (AW) Class Tony Dawson.

Dawson, who has eight years in the Navy, heard a lot of questions from the lower enlisted ranks during the class. He said that if [these Sailors] didn't take this class, [they'd] be going out there blind.

Sailors learn how to avoid becoming victims of fraud, exercise consumer protection rights and optimize household budgets, providing more opportunity to consume, save and invest.

In the class, an anonymous Sailor admitted that he has more than $22,000 in debt. According to Blunt, this is a typical amount of debt for most of the Sailors she sees during financial counseling.

The anonymous Sailor said he was impressed when he found out that if he pays $150 a month into a TSP for four years, when he is 65 years old, the money will mature to more than $360,000.

Blunt said that repercussions for not being financially sound are potential for debilitating overall mission readiness. Financial troubles account for three quarters of revocations of security clearances.

"No one taught me to invest," said Blunt. "I was a military spouse for over 20 years."

Blunt assumed that she was doing well if she paid her bills on time, had money in the back, and the checks weren't bouncing.

"I wish I had known all this information when I was 19-20 years old. I'd be retired today," said Blunt who is now 52 years old.

Commander, Navy Installations Command recently decided to push MDS to the fleet and it is now available. Classes are offered at FFSC.

Got Questions?

Write to us at ***hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com***

Free classified advertising for military in Hawaii Navy News

Active duty and retired military, civil service and family members can advertise the sale of their personal property (including real estate) and services in HNN at no charge. The details are as follows: Classified items and services must represent an incidental exchange between the aforementioned personnel and not business operations. Requests for three-line free classified advertisements can be submitted via email, if from a ".mil" address (submit to lkaneshi@honolulu.gannett.com), by phone at 521-9111 or by visiting www.honoluluadvertiser.com and clicking on "classified ads." More lines of advertising can be purchased at an additional fee. Requesters should include their military ID number and a call-back phone number.

Flu immunization schedules

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i has announced the following flu immunization schedules.

For active duty personnel

Immunizations are offered for active duty only at the occupational health clinic, building 1750, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Active duty flu shots have been scheduled with commands who have more than 50 personnel. Active duty personnel not present when preventive medicine administers the vaccine can report to the occupational health clinic.

For family members

Family members may obtain their shots at Makalapa and Kaneohe Bay Clinics.

Hours are

Makalapa: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Kaneohe Bay: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday.

SAVI program supports victims of sexual assault trauma

Story and photo by Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

Since being established in 1994, the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) program has continued educating Navy commands as well as providing trained patient advocates to support victims and families dealing with the many issues following sexual assault trauma.

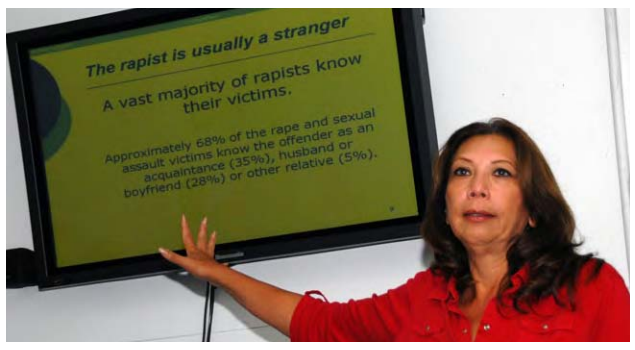
The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reports that more than 125,000 women in the U.S. will become victims of rape, with only 37 percent reporting the incident to police. The U.S. Justice Department estimates only 26 percent will report the incident to authorities.

Louella Cazimero-Bactad, sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) for the SAVI program at Pearl Harbor, said that in 2008, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) had 13 reported sexual assault cases all involving female victims, two of which were federal workers. Since January 2009, she said the number of reported incidents is already up to 14.

"A sexual assault [crime] can definitely bring the Navy mission to a halt," she explained. "With a sexual assault, everything comes to a standstill for the victim, the command and the Navy mission. Especially if the victim and the offender are from the same command, it can complicate things. So this program is designed to help the victim, prepare and educate the command, and [ultimately] best serve the Navy mission," she added.

The Department of Justice reports that more than 70 percent of victims know their attacker, making sexual assault cases a major deployment and readiness issue for the U.S. Navy.

Cazimero-Bactad said rape victims often experience post-traumatic stress symptoms such as anxiety, depression and intrusive thoughts and are more likely to develop post-traumatic stress in other situations.



Louella Cazimero-Bactad, sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) for Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) program, gives a briefing to civilian and military police officers on Sept. 22 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

"SAVI is ultimately there for the victim because rape and sexual assault cases are horrific crimes," she said. "We are not there to judge; we are there to help. We want the victims to know that they can get through this crisis and they don't have to be alone."

Out of the reported sexual assault cases on Navy installations, more than 80 percent of reported incidents involve alcohol or drugs, she said.

"More than anything, we want to make our Sailors and commands more aware of what can happen when you don't behave responsibly," she said. "We encourage what we call 'bystander intervention' which is basically shipmates looking out for each other. If you choose to drink, make sure you have someone else there who will look after you and make sure you get back to the base safe and sound. This person should also be willing to step in on your behalf and make sure you are safe," she added.

According to the state of Hawai'i and the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), the age of consent is 16 years old. Cazimero-Bactad also wants service members to know that even with "expressed consent" from their partner, consent can be voided if the sexual encounter becomes a sexual assault case and alcohol or drugs are involved.

"[Sailors] should be aware about what constitutes as 'consent,' especially if the case becomes sexual assault and [external factors] are involved," she said. "Basically the moment your partner says 'no' is when it is over."

Today, each military service now maintains a comprehensive victim support network on every major installation and vessel. Sexual assault response coordinators (SARCs) and patient advocates also must be present on every afloat command, according to Navy mandate.

"As a [military community], we can be a very trusting community," explained Cazimero-Bactad. "We would like to believe we can judge the character of another person and we like to think of ourselves [and shipmates] as family. But what we don't always see is sometimes there are opportunists and predators out there. So, we still have to be on guard—not only for us, but also for our children," she added.

SAVI is part of the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) that also offers a variety of counseling and family services available to military service members and their families.

For the sexual assault response coordinator (SARC), call 474-1999, ext. 6205.

For the SAVI emergency phone and 24-hour crisis hotline, call 722-6192. For the sex abuse treatment center at Kapi'olani Hospital, call 524-7273.

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Sailors visit Put-in-Bay, Ohio

Story and photo by Ensign Aimee Lindner

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Public Affairs Officer

It has become tradition for USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Sailors to be invited to Put-in-Bay, Ohio to participate in the city's annual Historic Weekend, an event held to commemorate the American defeat of the British in the Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 10, 1813 and the long standing subsequent peace.

Accompanying Lake Erie's commanding officer, Capt. Ron Boxall, were Lt. j.g. Ben Desmond, Ensign Aimee Lindner, Ensign Brittany Lynn, Command Master Chief Brian Ortega and six members of the ship's honor guard – Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Daniel Miller, Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class (SH3) Travis Riveria, Operations Specialist 2nd Class (OS2) McGovern Thach, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (IT2) Daniel Drury, OS2 Zachary Hayden, and IT3 Demarcus Wheat. Even though the Sailors were only in town for three short days, they were able to participate in many of the Historic Weekend activities on Sept. 11-13.

Members of USS Lake Erie's honor guard participated in the annual Historic Weekend events to commemorate the American defeat of the British in the Battle of Lake Erie.

Honor guard members lent a helping hand at the Put-in-Bay Senior Center by cleaning and tidying up the facility and making welcome bags for the incoming seniors. "I enjoyed our service projects because it was a great way for us to give back to the community that treated us with so much respect and hospitality," remarked Hayden. Miller commented on how mutual appreciation bridged the generation gap and as veterans came up and shared stories and thanked the crew, he knew he should be thanking them.

The voyage was followed by a "Meet the Navy" dinner at the local Crescent Tavern hosted by the Navy League.

As the guest of honor, Boxall took the opportunity to not only speak about Lake Erie's recent successful missions, current events and upcoming activities, but also highlighted how proud he was of his crew.

"Everything our ship has achieved is due to the hard work and dedication these Sailors put forth every day. I could not be more proud of what they have already accomplished and what I know they will accomplish in the future," said Boxall.

Sailors stood by the USS Lake Erie exhibit and talked to more than 1,000 Boy Scouts as they made their way through the local museum. They answered questions about the ship, its mission and the daily life of a Sailor.

Shortly after, the honor guard donned their dress uniforms and unfurled the National Ensign and Navy flag to march in the Historic Weekend Parade.

At the conclusion of the parade, Boxall, as keynote speaker, addressed the Put-in-Bay community. He elaborated on the importance of Capt. Oliver Hazard Perry's victory 196 years ago in expanding our nation and building confidence in our navy.

He said, "Lake Erie's motto is 'Don't Give up the Ship.' Just as it was Perry's battle cry two centuries ago, it is still ours today. We will persevere to make this nation and its Navy stronger, and we will never give up the ship."

When asked what the best part of the trip to Put-in-Bay was, Lynn said, "Without a doubt it was the warm reception that we were given by the residents of Put-in-Bay. We were greeted with hugs and thank yous everywhere we went. You could tell that they genuinely appreciated our military service and are proud to be USS Lake Erie's hometown sponsor."

In fact, one night as Miller, Thach, Drury and Hayden walked from a local restaurant, they were asked to sing "Anchors Away" in the gazebo in front of a crowd. The crowd responded with a standing ovation and many came up to the Sailors and personally thanked them for their service to our country.

Drury later reflected on the experience, "We felt appreciated and it is not every day that we feel that."

Hayden added, "It was like what we do actually matters." It was certainly recognized in Put-In-Bay, Ohio.

Battle of Lake Erie: A lasting peace

Information compiled by Ensign Aimee Lindner

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Public Affairs Officer

Image courtesy of United States Senate

Battle of Lake Erie painting by William Henry Powell

At dawn on the morning of Sept. 10, 1813, a lookout spotted six British vessels to the northwest of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, just beyond Rattlesnake Island. Immediately, Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry issued a flurry of orders and made preparations to sail forth to engage the British and make this one of the most defining events in American history.

With Perry's fleet on Lake Erie and the British supply route from Fort Malden to Port Dover subsequently severed, the British had to either fight or abandon Fort Malden. The British squadron consisted of six ships with 63 cannons while the American flotilla comprised nine vessels and 54 guns.

The British were armed with long guns that could throw a cannonball approximately one mile and accurately to about one-half mile. The American ships, primarily armed with carronades, had less than half the range of a British long gun, but were strategically chosen by the American fleet for their ability to inflict significantly more damage at close range. In order to gain the advantage with these powerful guns, Perry would need the wind at his back.

As the squadron sailed from Put-in-Bay harbor at 7 a.m., the American vessels were steering into the wind. For more than two hours, Perry repeatedly tacked his ships in an effort to put the wind to his back, but with no success. The frustrated Perry conceded to mother nature at 10 a.m., issuing orders to turn his fleet in the opposite direction. But before the order could be executed, Perry's luck and the wind suddenly shifted.

With the wind at his back and the British battle line finally revealed, Perry made his own tactical adjustments. The Lawrence, a 20-gun brig serving as Perry's flagship, was third in line and would engage the Detroit, Barclay's 19-gun flagship. Next in line floated the Caledonia, a small brig with only three guns. Fifth in the American line of battle was the Niagara, Perry's other 20-gun brig and the Lawrence's sistership.

The Niagara, commanded by Master Commandant Jesse Elliott, would engage the 17-gun Queen Charlotte, the second largest British ship. Lastly came the smaller schooners and sloop; these would engage the smaller British vessels.

Just before the engagement opened, Perry hoisted his battle flag to the flagship's main truck. Emblazoned on the large navy blue banner were the crudely inscribed words, "Dont Give Up The Ship," the dying words of Capt. James Lawrence. Perry's slogan and the name of his flagship immortalized the friend of the commodore, killed on June 1, 1813 and the dead hero's inspiring words clearly indicated Perry's determination to prevail.

At 11:45 a.m., the Detroit fired the first shot at an extreme range, a 24-pounder that splashed harmlessly near the Lawrence. A few minutes later, a second 24-pounder was fired, but this time the heavy ball punched through the bulwarks of the Lawrence and flying splinters killed and wounded American Sailors.

The Lawrence's carronades were still far out of range so Perry issued orders to the Scorpion, with one long 24-pounder, and the Ariel, with four long 12-pounders, to open fire. For the next 30 minutes Perry struggled to close within range, during which time the Lawrence was forced to pass almost the entire British battle line, suffering punishment all the way.

Fighting desperately, the American flagship inflicted considerable damage upon the British, but the Lawrence was overwhelmed by superior firepower.

By 2:30 p.m., the flagship was a floating wreck. Every gun on her engaged side was disabled and four of every five men fit for duty were either killed or wounded. Perry was facing the dismal prospect of surrender.

As he gazed across to the Niagara, still out of range and relatively undamaged, the commodore made a fateful decision. Collecting four unwounded men, Perry manned the flagship's first cutter and rowed through a hail of shot to the Niagara. Miraculously, Perry and his boat crew reached the Niagara unscathed.

Following a brief conversation, the flotilla commander dispatched Elliott in the same small boat to hurry along the lagging gunboats. Perry then prepared the Niagara for immediate action, put the helm up, and sailed toward the British line.

Although they had pounded the Lawrence into a crippled hulk, the British had suffered terribly. During the engagement, Barclay was severely wounded and the captain and first lieutenant of every British vessel were incapacitated. The English fleet was now commanded by junior officers - brave men, but with little or no experience maneuvering ships in the chaos of combat.

When they observed the Niagara bearing down on their line, the British attempted to wear ship - to turn their vessels around to bring the unused starboard broadsides to bear. Orders were issued, but amidst the tumult of battle the battered Detroit and Queen Charlotte collided, becoming helplessly entangled.

Taking full advantage of the enemy blunder, Perry steered the Niagara through the jumbled British battle line. Unleashing both broadsides, the American commodore ravaged the vulnerable British ships. As the Niagara pressed through the British line Perry backed the maintop sail, holding the Niagara stationary while her belching carronades decimated the enemy decks. The wind had also picked up by this time, allowing the sluggish gunboats to rush forward and rake the enemy from astern.

A few minutes after 3 p.m., the British bowed to the inevitable and the four largest vessels surrendered one by one. The gunboats Chippawa and Little Belt tried to escape, but were tracked down and snared by the Scorpion and Trippe. The entire British fleet had been captured.

The vessels anchored and hasty repairs were underway near West Sister Island when Perry composed his now famous message to William Henry Harrison. Scrawled in pencil on the back of an old envelope, Perry wrote, "Dear General: We have met the enemy and they are ours. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Yours with great respect and esteem, O.H. Perry."

The Battle of Lake Erie proved one of the most resounding triumphs of the War of 1812, by securing control of the lake and forcing the British to abandon Fort Malden and retreat up the Thames River.

Harrison's army pursued, decisively defeating the small British army and its allied Indian force on Oct. 5, 1813 at the Battle of the Thames. Later, during the peace talks, the dual victories of Lake Erie and the Thames ensured that the states of Ohio and Michigan would remain the sovereign territory of the United States of America.

In spite of the gravity of this victory and more than 196 years of peace that followed between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, the Battle of Lake Erie remains one of the least understood in American history.

Lake Erie Sailors honor memorial

Ensign Aimee Lindner

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Public Affairs Officer

Courtesy photo

Perry's Victory Peace Memorial reminds visitors of the importance of this section of the Great Lakes and its importance in our nation's history.

Towering above neighboring islands and dominating the horizon above Lake Erie, Perry's Victory Peace Memorial reminds approximately 400 year round residents of Put-in-Bay, Ohio of the importance of their section of the Great Lakes and its importance in our nation's history.

The Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 10, 1813 was short and decisive with a great loss of life on both sides. The product of that battle was a peace that endures to this day. The memorial recognizes not only those who fought and died that day, but those who have chosen to settle disputes through compromise, unity and mutual respect in the years that followed. The peace that has existed between the United States, Great Britain and Canada is what makes our countries the strongest allies. This memorial is in recognition of that peace.

When Glen Cooper, a lifetime resident of Put-in-Bay and township trustee, saw that a guided missile cruiser was being built and in need of a name, he saw an opportunity to spread the knowledge of this rich naval history. In 1989, Cooper wrote to Senator John Glenn and requested that the battle be remembered in this way. As a result, the battle became the ship's namesake.

Laid in 1990, the keel of Lake Erie would become the back bone of the ballistic missile defense test program in the years that followed its commissioning in 1993. A fitting tribute to its namesake, the Lake Erie would take this new technology and continue to defend the borders and sovereignty of the United States as Oliver Hazard Perry had done in 1813.

When the Sailors of Lake Erie visited Put-in-Bay Ohio the weekend of Sept. 11 for the historic weekend, they visited the memorial. The first thing that struck Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Daniel Miller was "the base of the memorial, a quiet place" that served as a burial ground for three U.S. naval officers and three British officers.

Communicating a common reverence felt among the Lake Erie Sailors, Information Systems Technical 2nd Class Daniel Drury noted the importance of, "a moment of silence and respect for the fallen Sailors."

STORY IDEAS?

Contact the HNN editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements:

Phone: (808) 473-2888

Email: hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com

Hawaii Navy News