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## USS Chosin rescues Yemeni fishermen in the Gulf of Aden

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USS Chosin (CG 65), the Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 flagship, rescued three stranded Yemeni fishermen in the Gulf of Aden on Nov. 17.

According to the fishermen, they were left stranded in the water after 12 suspected pirates hijacked their vessel. The fishermen also said that the pirates gave them an ultimatum to either jump overboard with only a wooden plank as a flotation device or be killed.

After surviving for three days with only a few bottles of water, a passing merchant vessel spotted them in the water. The merchant vessel notified coalition forces and a Chosin rescue team picked up the stranded fishermen.

Chosin medical personnel treated the fishermen and the ship gave them food and water. Once the fishermen were deemed to be medically stable, Chosin trans-



ferred the fishermen to a Yemeni naval vessel.

CTF 151 is a multi-national task force established to conduct counter-piracy operations under a mission-based mandate throughout the Combined Maritime Forces area of responsibility to actively deter, disrupt and suppress piracy in order to protect global maritime security and secure freedom of navigation for the benefit of all nations.

CTF 151 currently includes naval forces from the United States, Spain, United Kingdom, Pakistan, Australia and Turkey.

A boat crew from the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) approaches three men that were spotted clinging to a piece of wood in the Gulf of Aden. Chosin is the flagship of Combined-Joint Task Force 151, a multinational task force established to conduct counter-piracy operations under a mission-based mandate to actively deter, disrupt, and suppress piracy off the coast of Somalia.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Scott Taylor

## USS Los Angeles returns from final deployment

Story and photo by  
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Commander Submarine Force U.S.  
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USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) returned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor from its last western Pacific deployment on Nov. 19.

"This was an extremely successful deployment being that it was Los Angeles' final one," said Cmdr. Steven Harrison, commanding officer. "All of the national level tasking for the operational commander and joint training in support of anti-submarine warfare contributed to a very lucrative mission."

Los Angeles, the fourth naval ship to be named after the city of Los Angeles, is the lead ship of her class. Her many capabilities include wartime functions of undersea warfare, surface warfare, strike

warfare, mining operations, special forces delivery, reconnaissance, carrier battle group support and escort, and intelligence collection.

Launched on April 6, 1974 at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Newport News, Va., Los Angeles was commissioned on Nov. 13, 1976. She made her first operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea in 1977 and was awarded a meritorious unit citation.

In 1978, Los Angeles transferred to the Pacific Fleet and was assigned to Submarine Squadron Seven, homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. The sub and her crew operated with distinction, conducting five western Pacific, one Indian Ocean and four northern Pacific deployments.

These operations earned her three additional meritorious unit citations. Additionally, she was awarded her squadron's annual



USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) returned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 19 following its final six-month deployment to the western Pacific region. USS Los Angeles will depart Pearl Harbor for the final time this winter, enroute to Bremerton, Wash. for inactivation.

Battle Efficiency 'E' for excellence in combat readiness four times.

In July 1992, Los Angeles departed Pearl Harbor for a change of homeport to Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif. Arriving on Aug. 6, she commenced the first engineered refueling overhaul of a Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine. During the overhaul, she was outfitted with the latest state-of-the-art sonar and fire control systems, as well as the Navy's newest reactor controls equipment.

Los Angeles returned to an operational status after the 31-month overhaul in March 1995. She was re-assigned to Pearl Harbor and is currently attached to Submarine Squadron One. Since departing Pearl Harbor on her final deployment in May, Los Angeles conducted numerous operations vital to national security

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## Pearl Harbor welcomes USS Texas

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USS Texas (SSN 775), the second Virginia-class submarine to be homeported in the Pacific, arrived at Naval Station Pearl Harbor during an inner-fleet transfer from Groton Submarine Base on Nov. 23.

"This is a very exciting time for Texas and her crew," said Cmdr. Robert Roncska, commanding officer, USS Texas. "The crew performed above and beyond my expectations and I am very proud that we are here now and in the aloha spirit."

Measuring 377 feet long, weighing 7,800 tons when submerged and with a complement of more than 130 crew members, Texas is one of the Navy's newest and most technologically sophisticated submarines.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval



Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) Andre Valdez is greeted by his wife, at Naval Station Pearl Harbor when USS Texas (SSN 775) arrived at its new homeport on Nov. 23 during an inner-fleet transfer from Groton Submarine Base. The arrival of Texas to Pearl Harbor will mark the second of the Virginia-class subs to be stationed in the Pacific, following the historic arrival of USS Hawai'i (SSN 776) in July.

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## Newly-renovated Region Operations Center ready in 'time of crisis'

Story and photos by  
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Navy Region Hawai'i Public  
Affairs

Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) held a re-opening ceremony for the newly-renovated Regional Operations Center (ROC) at building 150 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 23.

The ROC recently underwent approximately \$3.2 million of repairs and upgrades to create an operations center with more capability.

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was one of the guest speakers at the ceremony and made the opening remarks.

"I'd like to thank everyone that was involved in creating the new ROC," said Smith. "I know that there was a lot of hard work that went into this project, and we now have an operations center that will give us great capabilities if there ever is a time of crisis."

Capt. Bret Muilenburg, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Com-



Capt. Bret Muilenburg, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i (left), and Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, untie a maile lei during a re-opening ceremony for the newly-renovated Regional Operations Center (ROC) at building 150 on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The ROC recently underwent approximately \$3.2 million of repairs and upgrades to create an operations center with more capability in times of crisis.

mand Hawai'i, also served as a guest speaker and thanked the team that helped renovate the ROC.

"It is great to celebrate this completion of work and I'd like to extend my thanks to Lockheed Martin for their involvement as well as every-

one else that helped in renovating the ROC," said Muilenburg.

Capt. Doug Waite, Navy chaplain assigned to CNRH, provided the invocation for the ceremony and Pastor Ed

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NMCRS Thrift Shop offers big savings during holiday season See page A-4



USS Chosin Sailors seek to deter piracy in Gulf of Aden See page A-7



Vintage planes 'take flight' at Pacific Aviation Museum See page B-1



Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Cole Parks, Junior Sailor of the Quarter, displays the Arleigh Burke Trophy presented to him on behalf of the crew of the USS Columbus (SSN 762) during an award ceremony held at the Naval Station Pearl Harbor submarine piers.

## USS Columbus receives 2008 Arleigh Burke Trophy

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

The crew of USS Columbus (SSN 762) was presented with the U.S. Pacific Fleet 2008 Arleigh Burke Award on Nov. 17.

Adm. Patrick Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presented the award to Sailor of the Year, Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) Jason Jacobs, and Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Electrician's Mate (SS) Cole Parks, on behalf of the crew during an award ceremony held at the Naval Station Pearl Harbor submarine piers.



The Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy Award, named after one of the U.S. Navy's most famous destroyer squadron commanders and the Chief of Naval Operations from 1955 to 1961, is presented annually to the ship or aviation squadron (one in the Pacific Fleet and one in the Atlantic Fleet) that has achieved the greatest

improvement during the preceding year in operational readiness, inspections, retention and improvement in the battle efficiency award program.

"The credit for the Arleigh Burke Award goes to the crew of this submarine for their outstanding performance during cutting edge operations while being deployed," said Cmdr. David Minyard, commanding officer of Columbus. "It is truly an honor to be a part of such an elite command and I am proud of each and every one of our Sailors."

USS Columbus is currently homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and is preparing for its regularly scheduled six-month deployment.

## Exercise your right to vote

Lt. Cmdr. Justin Pilling, JAGC, USN

Navy Region Hawai'i  
Judge Advocate

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) requires that states and territories allow certain groups of citizens to register and vote absentee in elections for federal offices. Many states also have their own laws allowing citizens covered by the UOCAVA to register and vote absentee in state and local elections as well. U.S. Citizens covered by the UOCAVA include:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services (on active duty) and merchant marine.
- Their family members.
- U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

So how do you actually register and vote absentee? If you are included in the group above, you can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to (1) register to vote and (2) request an absentee ballot. The FPCA can be obtained from your command voting officer, or online at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

Every state uses the same FPCA, but each state has its own instructions for filling out the form. Those instructions as well as the appropriate mailing addresses can also be found at the above Web site. Once you are registered via the FPCA, your state voting officials will mail you an absentee ballot, which you can then

fill out and return to that state. To be safe, it is recommended that you mail your FPCA by the first week in September in order to vote in the November election.

You may be wondering in which state you should register to vote. Often it is the state that you claim as your residence for income tax purposes. Your legal voting residence can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service or a state that you have since claimed as your legal residence. To claim a new legal residence you must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence.

Military members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations or they may retain their legal residence without change. Family members may have a different legal voting residence from the service member. Military members may vote in the state or territory where stationed if they change their legal residence to that state. However, there could be unintended consequences of changing your legal residence, like being required to pay state income tax in that state. Therefore, you should be careful when deciding where you should register to vote. Your command voting officer can assist you in making this determination.

Each command in this

area has a voting officer that can assist you with obtaining forms and answering questions. If you don't know who your voting officer is, contact your chain of command or contact the Navy Region Hawai'i voting assistance officer at [justin.pilling@navy.mil](mailto:justin.pilling@navy.mil).

**Ten things to help ensure your absentee vote is counted**

- (1) Start by contacting your unit/embassy/organization voting assistance officer for help in absentee registration and voting.
- (2) Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for information on the absentee registration and voting process.
- (3) Ensure that you have applied for your absentee ballot using the hard copy or on-line versions of the FPCA.
- (4) Make sure your local election official has your current mailing address.
- (5) Sign and date all election materials.
- (6) Fulfill your state's witness/notary requirements (if required).
- (7) Ensure that your ballot or FPCA is postmarked.
- (8) Register to vote and request your ballot in a timely manner – not later than September.
- (9) Vote – mail your ballot not later than Oct. 15, 2010.
- (10) Use the federal write-in absentee ballot if you are overseas and your state absentee ballot does not arrive in time to be mailed back by the state's deadline.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Obama, Mullen send Thanksgiving Day messages

### American Forces Press Service

*(Editor's note: The following Thanksgiving Day messages were received too late for the Nov. 20 edition of Hawai'i Navy News prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, due to the importance of the messages, a reminder of what the Thanksgiving tradition represents and to give others a helping hand, we would still like to share them with our readers.)*

President Barack Obama and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

released Thanksgiving messages Nov. 23.

Obama recalled that President George Washington proclaimed the first public Thanksgiving and President Abraham Lincoln established the annual Thanksgiving Day holiday to mend the nation during the Civil War.

It is Thanksgiving as a unique American tradition that "binds us together as one people, each of us thankful for our common blessings," the president said.

Obama added, "As we gather once again among loved ones, let us also reach out to

our neighbors and fellow citizens in need of a helping hand. This is a time for us to renew our bonds with one another, and we can fulfill that commitment by serving our communities and our nation throughout the year.

"In doing so, we pay tribute to our country's men and women in uniform who set an example of service that inspires us all. Let us be guided by the legacy of those who have fought for the freedoms for which we give thanks, and be worthy heirs to the noble tradition of goodwill shown on this day."

Mullen's Thanksgiving Day

message follows in its entirety. "On behalf of the Mullen family, I wish all of you serving in uniform today - as well as your families - a very safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

"We certainly have much for which to be grateful. Today, due in no small measure to your dedication, our nation - indeed the world - is a safer place to live. All around the globe and in all manner of ways, you stand a vigilant watch. From Afghanistan to Iraq and a thousand places in between, you help ensure peace and stability in places that have historically known neither. Giving hope to

those in need and pause to those who threaten us, you make sure the fight remains on the enemy's doorstep and that lives torn asunder by war and natural disaster are restored and renewed.

"The people you have helped are grateful... Americans everywhere are grateful... and I am grateful for your service.

"That service, of course, can and does demand the highest of sacrifices. We should be especially mindful this year of those families who will have one less chair at the table, as well as those who have no chair at all, much less a home in which to

keep it. Theirs will be a particularly poignant holiday, and I ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

"We live in a country that doesn't force its young men and women to pick up arms. You do it willingly, even eagerly - not because you enjoy danger or killing or sacrifice, but rather in spite of those things. You and your families serve and work so hard so that some day perhaps your children and grandchildren might not have to. That is the greatest gift you can give a grateful nation.

"Again, from my family to yours, thank you for all you do."

## How to shop for the holidays without going broke

### Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Pearl Harbor

Did you spend way too much money last year on holiday gifts? Have you promised yourself you are not going to do it again this year? Below are 10 ideas to help you keep your holiday spending under control.

- If you do nothing else, try this simple rule. Leave your credit cards at home. Studies have shown that people who use credit cards spend over 30 percent more than those who use cash. Add in all the finance charges and you could spend up to 50 percent more on your holiday shopping.
- Before heading to the mall, make

a list of all the people you are buying for and how much you can afford to spend on each person and then stick to it.

- Shop around. If you know what you would like to buy, compare prices. You can look on-line, read advertisements in the paper, or even call the local stores. By doing this you can buy exactly what you want and save money.
- Avoid offers of free gifts to open a department store credit card. These types of cards have very high interest rates. Also, having a number of credit cards can have a negative impact on your credit report.
- Get your shopping done early. The

closer it gets to the holidays people seem to get caught up in the "last minute must haves." By finishing your shopping early, you can enjoy the rest of the season stress free.

- If you do use a credit card, treat it like cash and pay your balance in full. It is important to realize that a credit card does not increase your buying power, but rather it adds convenience to shopping. Unless you pay your balance in full, you could be paying for this year's holiday gifts for years to come.
- Make your gifts. If you are artistic and like doing crafts, give people something you have made by hand. It is more appreciated and less expensive.

- Avoid expensive stocking stuffers. Consider buying less expensive items like snacks, socks, and paperback books.
- Shopping on-line can also be convenient, but shipping costs can really eat into your budget. Choose companies that offer free-shipping, but don't spend extra just to take advantage of that offer.
- One of the best ways to save money on holiday spending is to plan for it throughout the year. Many people buy gifts year-round and store them until the holidays. Opening a Christmas Club account at a bank or a credit union is another great way to spread out the cost of the holidays over the

year. Another huge savings for next year is to purchase decorations, gift wrap, bows, and tags right after Christmas this year. You will be able to save 50 percent or more.

To prevent overspending at the holidays and other times of the year, a budget can help keep your finances on track. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can assist you in preparing a detailed budget. If you are interested in budget assistance, call the NMCRS Pearl Harbor Office at 423-1314 to schedule an appointment with a caseworker. You can also visit their Web site at [www.pixi.com/~nmcrshi/](http://www.pixi.com/~nmcrshi/) for information about our other services.

*This week in*  
**NAVAL HISTORY**

*November 23*

1940 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt appoints Adm. William D. Leahy as U.S. ambassador to Vichy France to try to prevent the French fleet and naval bases from falling into German hands.

*November 24*

1852 - Commodore Matthew Perry sails from Norfolk, Va. to negotiate a treaty with Japan for friendship and commerce.

1964 - USS Princeton (LPH-5) completes seven days of humanitarian relief to South Vietnam that suffered damage from typhoon and floods.

1969 - HS-4 helicopters from USS Hornet (CVS-12) recovers Apollo 12 all-Navy crew of astronauts, including Commanders Richard Gordon, Charles Conrad and Alan Bean, after a moon landing by Conrad and Bean.

*November 25*

1775 - Continental Congress authorizes privateering.

1943 - In Battle of Cape St. George, five destroyers of Destroyer Squadron 23 intercept five Japanese destroyers and sink three with damage to one without suffering any damage of their own.

1961 - Commissioning of USS Enterprise (CVAN-65), the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, is held at Newport News, Va.

*November 26*

1847 - Lt. William Lynch sails from New York to Haifa for an expedition to the River Jordan and the Dead Sea. His group charted the Jordan River from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea and compiled reports of the flora and fauna of the area.

1940 - Sixth and last group of ships involved in Destroyers-for-Bases Agreement is transferred to British at Nova Scotia.

*November 27*

1941 - Chief of Naval Operations sends "war warning" to commanders of Pacific and Asiatic Fleets.

1961 - Navy reports first use of its cyclotron at Harvard University to treat a human brain tumor. After three treatments, the tumor of the two-year old patient shrank by 80 percent.

*Old Man Winter aboard USS Philippine Sea*



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

USS Philippine Sea (CV 47) flight deck scene, looking aft from the island, as the carrier is enveloped in a snowstorm off the Korean coast on Nov. 15, 1950. Planes on deck include Vought F4U-4B "Corsair" fighters and Douglas AD "Skyraider" attack planes. Note men on deck, apparently tossing snowballs, and what may be a toppled snowman just in front of the midship's elevator.

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## NMCRS Thrift Shop offers big savings during holiday season

Story and photo by  
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Contributing Writer

For those looking to be thrifty this holiday season while also contributing to a worthwhile cause, one frugal alternative is the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) thrift shop on Pearl Harbor.

Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS at Pearl Harbor, said the thrift shop is a great resource for members of the military community who are looking to pinch their pennies during tough economic times.

"We want to encourage people on tight budgets to consider the thrift shop during the upcoming Black Friday holiday shopping weekend," he said. "You can find everything from household items to clothing, books, CDs and more. And all the funds go back to the [NMCRS] direct assistance programs that provide emergency assistance to our Marines, Sailors and their families."

The thrift shop allows military service members, retirees and their families to purchase used clothing, uniforms and household items at a nominal cost. The profits then are returned to the Navy-Marine Corps community in the form of relief services.

Belanger said that the Pearl Harbor thrift shop alone was able to raise more than \$74,000 last year that ultimately allowed NMCRS Pearl Harbor to provide \$621,166 (derived from other NMCRS programs) in financial assistance to Sailors, Marines, retirees and their families living in Hawai'i.

"The thrift shop is a wonderful resource for our Sailors, Marines and military families, single or married," he said. "People can buy so many different things at such reasonable prices. So we encourage people to come by and take a look. They might be surprised at what they find here."



Jo Hickok, NMCRS chairman and thrift shop manager, checks out a customer at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) thrift shop on Pearl Harbor. The thrift shop has shown to be a great resource for members of the military community who are looking to be thrifty during the holidays as well as tough economic times.

Lorna Keaunui, Army National Guard spouse and NMCRS thrift shop volunteer, said she hopes more people will take advantage of the thrift shop's "great finds" throughout the year.

"I think the shop is a great place for shopping not only during the holiday [season], but for any day," she said. "We treat everyone like family here and you will not be able to get more for your money anywhere else. The prices are great."

Jo Hickok, NMCRS chairman and thrift shop manager, said she is trying to take advantage of some of the overstock items the shop receives by offering customers various discounts and specials every Monday.

"Whatever we [happen to be] overstocked with [at the time], we put on special on Mondays and those specials change periodically," she said. "However, one [ongoing sale] is women's blouses for 50 cents that we offer on Mondays."

Hickok said that most items at the thrift

shop can normally be found for less than a dollar and that she and other volunteers never sell anything that is worn or scratched so that customers are offered "quality products."

Esther Abella, retired Navy spouse, said she has been shopping at the thrift store for several years. "I think they have a pretty good selection, especially on baby goods and kids' clothing," she said while checking out. "I come [almost] every Monday for the sales and because I save money here."

Hickok said the store is always in need of donations and there is an outdoor "drop off" receptacle located directly outside the thrift shop for people to drop off unwanted items.

NMCRS thrift shop is located at 1492 Battleship Row behind Club Pearl, near the Navy Uniform Shop and Utah Hall. Hours are Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 422-4691.

## USS Texas makes Hawai'i home

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special warfare involving special operations forces, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and mine warfare.

Texas completed a historic first for the Virginia-class last month when it became the first vessel of its class to operate in the Arctic region, including time spent on the surface near the North Pole. The ship moored safely to the ice for more than 24 hours.

Activities on the ice included a very special re-enlistment ceremony for 12 crew members and a pinning ceremony in which one crew member received his submarine warfare qualification dolphins, as well as some down time to play touch football in the five-degree weather.

Though the submarine force has continually operated in the dangerous region successfully for more than 50 years, this occasion marked the first such venture by one the Navy's newest assets.

Commissioned Sept. 9, 2006, Texas was the second Virginia-class attack submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named after the 'Lone Star State.' Two battleships and a cruiser were previously named USS Texas and three active Los Angeles-class submarines, USS Dallas (SSN

700), USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) and USS Houston (SSN 713) have been named for cities in Texas. Her crew is excited to represent its namesake state as they continue to build upon its already sustained relationships with its multi-national partners in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The arrival of Texas to Pearl Harbor will mark the second of the Virginia-class submarines to be stationed in the Pacific, following the historic arrival of USS Hawai'i (SSN 776) in July. Both vessels are assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron One (CSS-1).

"It is a great honor to be a part of this historical event," said Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) Andre Valdez. "I am really looking forward to being stationed here and being part of this submarine force."

Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region and the increased threat posed by the proliferation of submarines in the Pacific, 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 2010. With USS Texas' arrival, 31 of the U.S. Navy's 53 fast attack submarines will be homeported in the Pacific, with 18 of those 31 homeported in Pearl Harbor.

## Want to protect USPACOM networks? Start with protecting your home computer

Cyber Fusion Center Watch Officer

USPACOM, J633

While online criminals seeking to empty your bank account or steal your credit card number certainly represent a large threat to your home computer, they're not the only danger.

As the Defense Department has hardened its network defenses, our adversaries have learned there is

much to be gained from compromising the home computers of Department of Defense (DoD) employees and contractors, especially if that computer is used for official business. In the worst case, adversaries can gain direct access to DOD nets by capturing your DOD network credentials. Or they can learn who you interact with and what topics you typically talk about, allowing them to craft very believable phishing mes-

sages to other DOD users.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has published a number of resources to help everyone practice good cyber hygiene (see [http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc\\_1158611596104.shtm#](http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1158611596104.shtm#)). Fortunately, the most effective security measures are also relatively easy: keep your operating system and your anti-virus program up-to-date and set them to automatically down-

load security patch updates, know who you deal with online, and never give out sensitive information unless you have initiated the contact and use strong passwords. The DHS's complete list of cyber security tips is outlined below, along with links for more information.

Remember that by protecting your home computer, you're helping to protect the DOD networks and national security as well.

- Know who you're dealing with online.
- Keep your web browsers and operating system up to date.
- Back up important files.
- Protect your children online.
- Use security software tools as your first line of defense.
- Use strong passwords or strong authentication technology to help protect your personal information.
- Learn what to do if something goes wrong.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights

Dolphins running back Jimmy Koonce looks for an opening before taking off on a 45-yard touchdown run during a Hawai'i Military Youth Athletic Association (HMYAA) Mighty Mite Division (ages 7-8) flag football game versus the Steelers at Quick Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 21. The Dolphins will meet the Seahawks in the first round of the division's post-Thanksgiving championship tournament on Nov. 28 at Quick Field, starting at 9 a.m.

U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz



Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SS) Robert Dare is greeted by his wife, during a homecoming ceremony at Naval Station Pearl Harbor when USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) returned Nov. 19 following its final six-month deployment to the western Pacific region. Los Angeles will depart Pearl Harbor for the final time this winter, enroute to Bremerton, Wash. for final inactivation.

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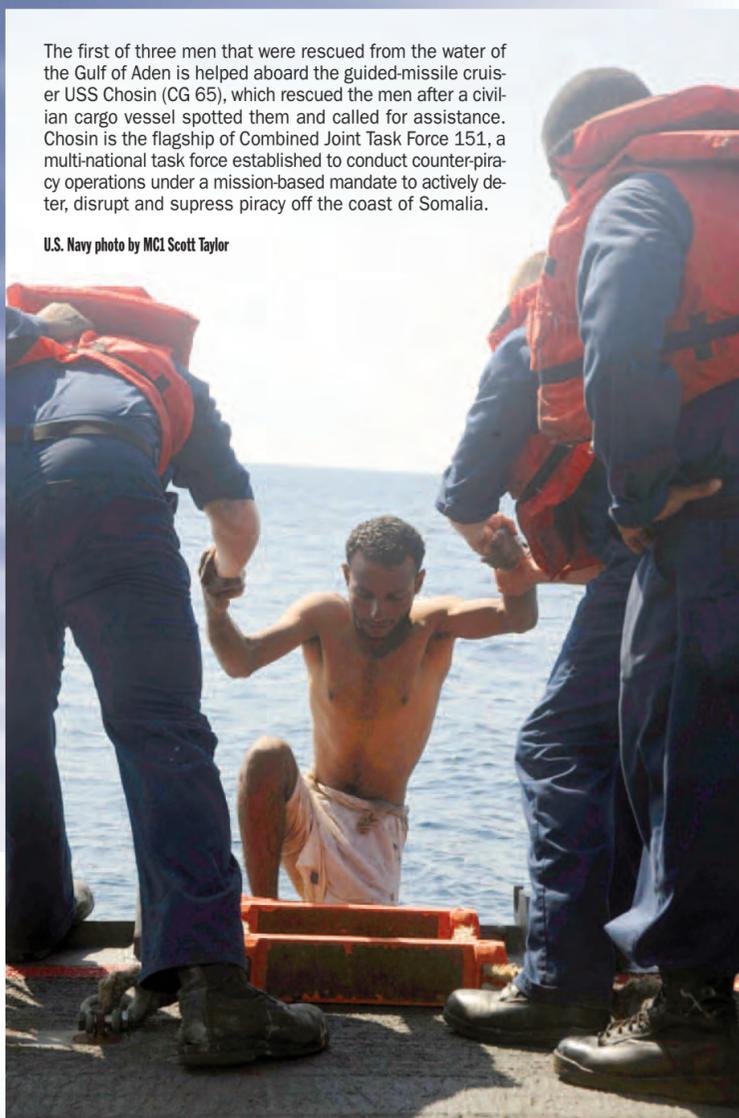
USS Texas (SSN 775) arrived at its new homeport of Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 23 during an inner-fleet transfer from Groton Submarine Base. The arrival of Texas to Pearl Harbor marks the second of the Virginia-class subs to be stationed in the Pacific, following the historic arrival of USS Hawai'i (SSN 776) in July.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Josh Thompson



The first of three men that were rescued from the water of the Gulf of Aden is helped aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), which rescued the men after a civilian cargo vessel spotted them and called for assistance. Chosin is the flagship of Combined Joint Task Force 151, a multi-national task force established to conduct counter-piracy operations under a mission-based mandate to actively deter, disrupt and suppress piracy off the coast of Somalia.

U.S. Navy photo by MCI Scott Taylor





U.S. Navy photo by Cpl. Daniel Woodall

More than 150 military and civilian participants competed in Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37's 6th Annual Splash and Dash Biathlon held at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH), Kaneohe. The event included a 500-meter swim in Kaneohe Bay followed by a 5K run around MCBH.

## HSL-37 hosts annual Splash and Dash

**Lt. Alexa Bestoso**

*Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Three Seven*

Clear skies and mild temperatures greeted participants of HSL-37's 6th Annual Splash and Dash Biathlon held at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH), Kaneohe on Oct. 17. More than 150 military and civilian participants competed in the 500-meter swim in Kaneohe Bay followed by a 5K run around MCBH.

Participants had the option of entering the race individu-

ally or as a team, with one member swimming and one member running. John Mezger was the fastest individual male with a time of 26:45 and Emily King emerged as the fastest female with a time of 29:26. The team of Brad Akeo and Daniel Mench representing MCCA Aquatics won the team division clocking in at 27:38.

HSL-37's Lt. Alexa Bestoso and Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 1st Class Michael Basham worked closely with MCCA coordinator Tina Lui to co-chair the event. Approx-

imately 50 HSL-37 "Easy Riders" squadron members and family members volunteered to assist with race registration, set-up, race management, clean-up and safety during the event. Their hard work was greatly appreciated as the event could not have happened without their dedication and willingness to come into work at 5 a.m. on a Saturday morning. In lieu of volunteering, several HSL-37 squadron members participated in the race and were encouraged by fellow "Easy Riders" along the scenic course.



## Joint base newspaper needs a name

Do you have ideas for a great name for the new joint base newspaper? We're seeking suggestions for a name for the combined newspaper for Pearl Harbor and Hickam.

Hawai'i Navy News, the Navy newspaper that now serves the Navy in Hawai'i,

and the Hickam Kukini, the Air Force newspaper which serves the Air Force community in Hawai'i, will combine next year as the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam reaches full operational capability.



If you have an idea for a name for our joint newspaper, a name that would represent two great services and one special installation, please share it with us.

This is your opportunity to participate in the naming of the joint base newspaper, your newspaper. We look forward to hearing from you, our readers.

Please email your suggestions to Karen Spangler, managing editor of Hawai'i Navy News, at [Karen.spangler@navy.mil](mailto:Karen.spangler@navy.mil).

## Ford Island Bridge closure

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed on Dec. 7 from 7 to 10 a.m. for the 68th Anniversary Commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor. A sign will be posted prior to the closure at the entrance to the Ford Island Bridge, notifying all personnel of closure date and time. In the event of an emergency on the day of the closure, please call the Federal Fire department by dialing 911 for immediate assistance.



## Navy Region Hawai'i launches social media

Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) is now on Facebook (Navy Region Hawai'i) and Twitter ([twitter.com/NavRegHawaii](https://twitter.com/NavRegHawaii)). Feel free to follow CNRH on these Web sites and check out the latest updates and news about the Navy in Hawai'i.

# USS Chosin Sailors seek to deter piracy in Gulf of Aden

MC2 Matthew A. Hepburn

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

USS Chosin (CG 65), homeported at Pearl Harbor, assumed the role as flagship for the counterpiracy task force Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 on Nov. 6 after arriving in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations as part of a regularly-scheduled deployment.

"We're extremely well equipped to support this mission," said Capt. Timothy Smith, commanding officer, USS Chosin. "An Aegis-class cruiser has an awful lot of capabilities to search and identify, perform command and control operations, collect intelligence, and maintain communications related to counter piracy."

Reflecting the capabilities Smith described, Chosin recently sighted a suspicious group of dhows and within 10 minutes coordinated and intercepted with ITS Lebeccio (F 572), an Italian frigate. The two ships operated in close quarters and coordinated all operations to ensure the safety of the boarding team.

"There is an extraordinary level of communication and cooperation among all of

the nations conducting counterpiracy operations in the Gulf of Aden," said Rear Adm. Scott Sanders, commander, CTF 151. "Because of our close cooperation with the European Union (EU), NATO and independent navies, we've been able to prevent several suspected pirate attacks."

The presence of coalition Navy vessels in the region demonstrates a commitment to regional security and stability. To continue to counter and deter piracy successfully, coalition efforts must be complimented by proactive measures by commercial shippers, regional governments and the international community.

CTF 151 was established in early January and has a mandate to deter and disrupt piracy in the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. CTF 151 currently includes naval forces from the United States, Spain, United Kingdom, Pakistan, Australia and Turkey.

Chosin is also part of the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group consisting of USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and Carrier Air Wing 11, USS Pinckney (DDG 91) and USS Sampson (DDG 102) of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23, USS Chosin (CG 65) from Commander, Naval Surface Group, Mid Pacific, and USS Rentz (FFG 46) from DESRON 1.



## Dec. 7 commemoration marks 68th anniversary of Pearl Harbor attack

The National Park Service and the U. S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 68th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Kilo Pier from 7:40-9:30 a.m.

The Kilo Pier venue looks directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial situated in Pearl Harbor approximately half a mile away.

More than 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public will join military personnel, both active and Pearl Harbor survivors, for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year's historic commemoration, "But Not in Shame: The Aftermath of Pearl Harbor," will reflect on remembering the brave efforts of those who continued the battle that expanded throughout the Pacific after the devastation at Pearl Harbor. The Pacific War itself was fought on a gigantic stage that covered nearly half of the earth and would last for 44 months. Battles were fought on sea and land and the loss of ships, aircraft and men was unparalleled in the history of the Pacific.

For military who serve today and the public, this ceremony provides a study of lessons learned and an opportunity to express gratitude toward the Pearl Harbor and Pacific War veterans for their sacrifices and perseverance towards victory.

Allan Millett, Ph.D., director of the Eisenhower Center at the University of New Orleans, will serve as the keynote speaker for the commemoration. A retired colonel of the Marine Corps Reserve, Millett is a specialist in the history of American military policy and 20th century wars and military institutions. He is one of the founders of the internationally renowned military history program at Ohio State University. Millett currently directs the Eisenhower Center for American Studies at the University of New Orleans and serves as the senior military advisor for the National World War II Museum.

Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath presentations, echo Taps, and recognition of the men and women who survived on Dec. 7, 1941, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack began 68 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. USS Lake Erie (CG 70) will render honors to the USS Arizona. Military aircraft will fly over the memorial in a "missing man" formation.

**Public access to the Pearl Harbor 68th Anniversary Commemoration**

The commemoration is free of charge and the public is invited to attend. Active

duty personnel, civilians with valid military ID and invited guests with invitations are allowed access on base in their vehicles.

Due to strict security measures on Naval Station Pearl Harbor, general public wishing to attend the commemoration will be required to board U.S. Navy boats departing from the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, which will transport guests to the commemoration site at Kilo Pier. Seats for the general public on the U.S. Navy boats to the commemoration are limited, and available on a first-come-first-served basis. The first U.S. Navy boat for the general public will depart from the Visitor Center at 6:20 a.m., and the last boat will depart at 7 a.m.

### Information

For more information about the Pearl Harbor Day 68th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony and other Dec. 7 events, call the National Park Service at 422-2771 or visit their Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/valr>; or contact the Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs Office at 473-2920 or visit the Navy Region Hawai'i Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pearl-Harbor-HI/Navy-Region-Hawaii/167560113041>

### Security

Due to strict security measures, personal cameras may be used at the ceremony, but no camera bags, purses, handbags and/or other items that offer concealment are allowed.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS around Pearl Harbor



### Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

#### Makalapa jogging path completed

Construction of the Makalapa jogging path was completed Oct. 5. Running along the woods, the one mile stroller-friendly, paved path connects the Makalapa athletic complex directly to the residential neighborhood. Creation of a jogging path was the second portion of a three part, \$1.6 million plan to improve the Makalapa athletic complex. At the conclusion of all three parts, the Makalapa athletic complex will consist of an improved playing field, a

new jogging path and an expanded gym. The expansion of the gym, the final part of the improvements, was completed in mid-November.

#### Road work/closures

#### Naval Station Pearl Harbor

Building 150, Navy Region Hawai'i and Naval Station Pearl Harbor Headquarters, is undergoing painting which started Nov. 4 and is scheduled for completion in early January. As a result, some parking outages are expected during this time:

- Through Nov. 25: The parking lot on the west side of building 150 will be closed.
- Dec. 4-17: Seven parking stalls beside building 150's fire escape will be closed.

- Dec. 4-17: Four two-hour parking stalls beside the base chapel will be closed.

*Note: No traffic in this area shall be affected. Advance warning signs will be posted showing project area. Motorists shall observe all no parking signs or will be towed at owner's expense.*

#### Ford Island

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The 35th Annual Oahu Car Clubs Toys for Tots Cruise & Car Show will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i. Admission is free. Marines will be on hand to receive toy donations for Toys for Tots.

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

Dec. 3 – Pearl Harbor Day featuring a Pearl Harbor survivor

(The segments air between 6:15 a.m. and 6:45 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](mailto:hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com) or call Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs at 473-2875. Stories must have a Navy tie and be of interest to the general public.

# Navy seeks 100 percent participation in electronic service records

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

As the Navy moves forward with plans to eliminate the enlisted field service record, more than 130,000 Sailors need to establish a self-service account that will allow them to access to their new digital record.

"The elimination of the enlisted field service record will begin in January 2010," said Art Tate, NSIPS/ESR/CIMS implementation manager. "Once the paper record disappears, they will have to create an ESR (electronic service record) account if they wish to see what is in their record."

This move follows the action already taken for officers. The Navy eliminated the officer field service record in 2000 and has already closed out some enlisted field service records for Sailors in Millington, Tenn. and other test locations.

"I don't miss the paper record. It is easier to access it on-line, right from my desk. I don't even have to go anywhere," said Chief Navy Counselor (AW) Kelly Strickland, command career counselor at Navy Personnel Command. Strickland has logged on to her ESR to verify her dependent's data and confirm classes she has completed have been entered in her record.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Peter Merrill

Chief Yeoman Brett Lentz, flag administration officer, checks the status of Carrier Strike Group (CVW) 11 personnel in the flag admin office aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68). The Nimitz Carrier Strike Group is on a routine deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Chief of Naval Personnel announced the requirement for all active-duty and Reserve personnel to establish and maintain a self-service ESR early this year. These accounts will allow Sailors to review all personnel, training and awards data by choosing in the view section of the ESR. Sailors also have limited self-service update capability.

The Navy first announced the implementation of the ESR in 2006 with NAVADMIN 292/06.

Self-service accounts

can be created at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil> or on the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS)/ESR server on board ships.

NAVADMIN 043/09 directs all commands to use NSIPS/ESR as the single field level data entry point for all Sailors.

Commanding officers, executive officers and command master chiefs can obtain command-level view only access by completing the NSIPS/ESR system authorization request and con-

tacting their local NSIPS area manager. This access provides the user view only capability for all ESR accounts within their UIC(s).

All commands responsible for service record entries are required to initiate updates in NSIPS/ESR; however official military personnel file requirements remain unchanged.

Sailors are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of their ESR and must contact the servicing personnel office if any information is incorrect.

## MADD kicks off annual 'Tie One on for Safety' campaign with local community safety partners

MADD Hawai'i

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) kicked off its annual safety awareness campaign on Nov. 20 at Tamarind Park in downtown Honolulu. Representatives from community safety partners attended, including Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hickam Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe, Schofield Barracks,

Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

Guest speakers included Kirk Caldwell, Honolulu City and County managing director, and Rep. Sharon Har.

'Tie One On For Safety,' originally named the 'Red Ribbon Campaign,' was created in 1986 to remind people about the dangers of

drinking and driving. It was designed to encourage the public to become actively involved in the fight against drunk driving by tying a red ribbon on their vehicle antenna or side mirror. Today, the red ribbon has become a holiday season tradition and a symbol to prevent drunk driving.

People are encouraged to pick up their free red ribbon at the following locations:

7-Eleven, Caesars Cleaners, Foodland, Longs Drugs, NAPA, Safeway, Tesoro, Times or Zippy's.

MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking. For more information about the Tie One On For Safety campaign and for additional free red ribbons, call 532-6232 or visit [www.maddhawaii.com](http://www.maddhawaii.com).

## Region Operations Center

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Sproat performed a traditional Hawaiian blessing for the ROC, followed by the untying of a maile lei by Smith and Mulenburg.

The ROC is a national incident management system compliant operations center and is a key regional asset during times of crisis. CNRH's ROC serves as the focal point for the coordination of all crisis-related emergency man-

agement issues, concerning all Navy installations in Hawai'i.

The mission of the ROC is to support the installation emergency operations centers and is responsible for monitoring, identifying, filtering, coordinating, processing, and resolving issues affecting region personnel and facilities in times of emergency, increased tension, open hostilities, or exercises.

## USS Los Angeles

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and in support of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"It was a great deployment for me and I am very honored to have worked with such an outstanding and highly-motivated crew," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SS) Robert Dare. "This deployment is very special to me knowing that we were not only helping to fight the war on terror-

ism, but also contributing to the history of the naval submarine force."

"It's a bittersweet ending of a great era," said Harrison. "I am extremely proud of each and every crew member. I could not ask for a better way to complete Los Angeles' final mission."

Los Angeles will depart Pearl Harbor for the final time this winter, enroute to Bremerton, Wash. for final inactivation.