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NCTAMS PAC serves up 20 years of Operation Aloha



Dancers from the Ave'Olela Polynesian Dance Troop perform at the 20th Annual Operation Aloha. NCTAMS PAC Sailors, along with the Waiialua Community Association, served a hot holiday meal to the homeless and their families on Nov. 26 at the Waiialua Community Center.

Story by Lt. Miguel S. Macias

Photos by ITC (SW) Robyn Wood

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific Public Affairs

Sailors from Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) joined family and volunteers on Nov. 26 to help make Thanksgiving a little better for the needy and homeless on Hawai'i's North Shore.

NCTAMS PAC Sailors, along with the Waiialua Community Association, served a hot holiday meal to the homeless and their families, sharing the Thanksgiving spirit with the community with entertainment, singers and hula dancers. The Waiialua Community Center hosts the



NCTAMS PAC Sailors and a young volunteer serve a Thanksgiving meal during the 20th Annual Operation Aloha on Nov. 26 at the Waiialua Community Center. (See additional photo on page A-5.)

Thanksgiving dinner every year, with children from St. Michael's School transforming the gymnasium into a festive hall with their many handmade decorations.

This year, NCTAMS PAC

celebrated its 20th anniversary of Operation Aloha. Started in 1989 as a simple Thanksgiving meal by the Waiialua Community Association with a few Sailors from NCTAMS PAC, Operation Aloha

has grown into an annual event with entertainment and food for more than 400 people. In addition, NCTAMS PAC volunteers now collect non-perishable food and clothing throughout the year and

donate it to the Waiialua Community Center and the North Shore Food Bank on Thanksgiving, assisting the food bank in feeding the homeless every day.

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i; Capt. Patricia Cole, commanding officer of NCTAMS PAC and Hawai'i State Representative Michael Magaoy were among the many attendees.

"I am astonished at the generosity within and outside the community to help our neighbors who are less fortunate," Cole stated. "That so many people would come out on this major family holiday to help support others shows what our great country is all about."

Chief Corey Mincey, NCTAMS PAC administration division chief, was this year's event coordinator. "We raised over 13,000 pounds of non-perishable food items, over 2,500 pounds of clothing and over

\$6,000 in cash, all worth approximately \$45,000," said Mincey. "It is our way to give back to the community."

During the festivities, Cole presented an honorary check to Pastor Ron Valenciana and Nancy Nelson, president of the Waiialua Community Association. "We are grateful for the Navy for joining with our community in putting this together every year," said Nelson. "We give thanks all year long for everything they do for us."

In reflecting on the year's efforts, Mincey said, "Operation Aloha provides our Sailors and family members with a great opportunity to demonstrate honor, courage and commitment to the Navy through truly caring for their community. "The overall result is building on the relationship between the Navy and the local community."

And with 20 years of practice, that relationship is now stronger than ever.



(From left to right) Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Senior Chief Engineman (SW/AW) Sidney Coverson; Native American Don Soldier Eagle; and Native American Dr. David Windhorse Long share a laugh during the Native American Heritage Month celebration on Nov. 25. Navy Region Hawai'i celebrated Native American Heritage month by hosting a Native American presentation of dance, music and traditions.

Navy Region Hawai'i celebrates Native American/ Alaskan Native Heritage Month

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Region

Hawai'i (CNRH) celebrated Native American/Alaska Native Heritage Month at the Ford Island Conference Center on Nov. 25.

Coordinated by Senior Chief Engineman (SW/AW) Sidney

Coverson, CNRH equal opportunity advisor, the celebration consisted of speeches, music and cultural dances that promoted the Native American

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The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) departs Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Nov. 24.

USS Columbus departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on Nov. 24.

"The crew is very excited

and eager to get underway," said Cmdr. David Minyard, USS Columbus commanding officer. "They've all worked extremely hard getting this ship and themselves ready for this deployment. I am very proud of each and every one of them."

USS Columbus is the 51st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 12th improved version of this class, which includes a vertical launch

system for Tomahawk cruise missiles and an improved hull design for under-ice operations.

She completed a post shipyard availability in June 1994 in Groton, Conn. after initial construction and shakedown operations.

In September 1994, the ship conducted an interfleet transfer to Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i and joined the U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force.



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NIOC Hawai'i ombudsman hosts spouses' dinner

Story and photo by
Ensign Melissa Ocasio

Navy Information Operations
Command Hawai'i Public Affairs

Melissa Day, ombudsman for Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawai'i, hosted a deployed spouses' dinner at the Pearl Harbor Chapel Fellowship Hall on Nov. 17.

It is a new way to assist and support NIOC family members. Every third Tuesday of the month, Day, along with the NIOC Family Readiness Group (FRG), invite the spouses of deployed service members and spouses of individual augmentees (IA) to gather for a homemade dinner, socialization and the opportunity to ask questions they may have about the command. "This is the best turnout we have had so far," said Day. "As long as I have just one



A youngster enjoys his dinner at the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawai'i deployed spouses' dinner held Nov. 17 at the Pearl Harbor Chapel Fellowship Hall.

spouse show up, I will continue to coordinate this event."

While spouses enjoyed a Thanksgiving style meal, the children were entertained by arts and crafts and the new children's movie, "Up."

Following dinner, Lt. Robert Nelson, NIOC Hawai'i command chaplain, spoke with the spouses, touching on the importance of communication while a service member is deployed. He said that by keeping the deployed service members involved with their established responsibilities from home, they are able to feel more connected with the family. Asking simple questions through e-mail such as, "Where should I have the oil in the car changed?" make the spouse feel involved and loved by the family despite being away.

Janell Feenstra, wife of Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class Josh Feenstra, shared de-

ployment tips she and her husband used while apart. "We both kept a journal and shared with each other what we had written," she said.

With approximately 1,500 people in the NIOC command, the ombudsman and FRG remain busy supporting the family members. "We encourage everyone to come to these meetings and dinners for help finding employment for yourself, financial information, and a listening ear. Often the ombudsman is privy to a lot of good information, even before the service members know about it," said Day.

December's events include a FRG meeting at Halsey Terrace Community Center on Dec. 8 and the deployed spouses' dinner which will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Pearl Harbor Chapel Fellowship Hall. For more information, call 375-9385.

NAVSTA Pearl Harbor rolls out Navy working uniform

Story and photo by
MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawai'i Public
Affairs

The Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor Uniform Center opened its doors on the morning of Nov. 30 to more than 100 Sailors waiting in line to get the Navy working uniform (NWU).

Navy Exchange Command recently accelerated the distribution of the NWU to various regions including Hawai'i, due to sufficient inventory of the most in-demand sizes.

Jennifer Justice, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor Uniform Center's manager, said Sailors were coming to the uniform center all day to get their hands on the NWUs.

"Sailors seem to be really excited about the new NWU rollout," said Justice. "There was a long line at the uniform center's doors this morning and so far today there has been over 700 Sailors that have picked up sets of the NWUs."

Sailors were very anxious to get a set of the NWUs as they browsed through the different uniform components.

"I'm really happy that the Navy decided to accelerate the rollout of the NWUs," said Gunner's Mate 1st Class Matthew Lozowy, assigned to USS Port Royal (CG 73). "I think that the NWUs look a lot better than the utilities and they definitely are a lot more comfortable as well."

Cryptologic Technician (Col-



Gunner's Mate 1st Class Matthew Lozowy, assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73), tries on the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) at the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Uniform Center. Navy Exchange Command recently accelerated the distribution of the NWU to various regions, including Hawai'i, due to sufficient inventory of the most in-demand sizes.

lection) 1st Class Wendy Fort, assigned to Navy Information Operations Command, Hawai'i, came to the uniform center to pick up a set of NWUs, hearing about it on short notice.

"I just found out about the rollout a couple days ago and told myself I was going to get the NWUs the first day they were available," said Fort. "I

think this is one of the best uniforms that the Navy has and I like them much more when comparing them with the utilities."

The NAVSTA Pearl Harbor Uniform Center will continue to stock its shelves with the NWUs and make them available to Sailors as the mandatory wear date Dec. 31, 2010 approaches.

Navy urges against drunk and drugged driving

Each year, thousands of Americans lose their lives in accidents involving drunk and drugged driving.

During the month of December, the president of the United States releases a proclamation designating that month as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D), in an effort to promote awareness and encourage fellow citizens to never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

All commands should take this opportunity to address the threat of drunk and drugged driving to the safety and readiness of our Sailors. Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) branch will support all commands in their efforts to promote awareness of National 3D Month.

This support includes the provision of 3D Month banners to commands that request them. Additionally, the NADAP homepage has several educational products posted for command's use. These items include Drug and Alcohol Abuse "best practices" within the fleet, a fact sheet about the effects of alcohol, prevention guide and information about the Right Spirit Campaign.

To access these items, use the following link: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/nadap/>

For more information on alcohol and drug policies, contact Chief Culinary Specialist Lane Jones, alcohol drug control officer, Navy Region Hawai'i.

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). Feel free to follow CNRH on these Web sites and check out the latest updates and news about the Navy in Hawai'i. Dec. 7 commemoration photos and stories will be posted on Facebook.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Diverse Views

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Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class Sterling R. Cale was assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital at "C" Landing, Pearl Harbor and was transferred to the shipyard dispensary in July 1941. After completing night duty on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, he signed out with the master-at-arms at the receiving station, building 150 and stepped outside around 7 a.m. In less than an hour, he noticed Japanese planes diving at the ships on Battleship Row. Cale said he ran back to building 150 to grab rifles in the armory in defense of Pearl Harbor. Cale was also in charge of the burial party, removing the bodies from USS Arizona.

What lessons do you want to share from Dec. 7, 1941?

Nobody was really prepared. That's what we tell all the students from the fourth grade all the way up to high school and college. Don't forget. Always remember Pearl Harbor. Never forget about it. Be like the boy scouts: Be prepared.

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

Dec. 10 – Robotics featuring Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

'Decalomania' is just around the corner

Story and photo by
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15th Airlift Wing,
Hickam Air Force Base

Decalomania – it's coming soon to a base near you! The word, from which "decal" is derived, was coined to describe the fashion craze surrounding the mechanical transfer of images to pottery, perfected in the late 1800s.

Department of Defense (DoD) decals, fashionable or not, will become quite the rage for the Hickam ohana this month and next as the initial operational capability (IOC) stage of joint basing takes effect Jan. 31, 2010. On that day, the current Navy requirements for Department of Defense (DoD) decals on all vehicles entering base will take effect on Hickam.

Navy Lt. Tony Gonzalez, base security officer at Pearl Harbor, said pass and ID functions are among those being activated at IOC. That means that even active duty Air Force who live and work on Hick-

am will need DoD decals on their personal vehicles as they re-enter the base through the Hickam main gate.

MSgt. Stephen Veeder, NCOIC of Hickam's pass and registration office, said he and his staff have adequate supplies of decals on hand and that there is no time like the present to come into the office, in building 1113 at the corner of Scott Circle and Vickers Avenue across from the gym, to get your automobiles registered and pick up a set of decals.

"You'll need your ID card, driver's license, automobile registration, a copy of the latest safety inspection and proof of insurance when you come in," Veeder said. "Mornings are usually better than afternoons."

Vehicle owners can speed up the process by pre-registering before they go to the pass and registration office by going to: <https://sfmis.csd.disa.mil/SFMISS/jsp/registration/regRequest.jsp> and entering their personal and vehicle information.



SMSgt. Stephen Veeder, NCOIC of Hickam's pass and registration office, shows the proper placement of soon-to-be required Department of Defense decals on a windshield. The decals may be placed at top center or bottom left of the windshield, in whichever position poses the least potential obstruction of sight to the driver.

This week in NAVAL HISTORY

November 30

1942 - In Battle of Tassafaronga, last major naval action in Solomons, U.S. force prevents Japanese attempt to reposition the Japanese troops on Guadalcanal. Six U.S. ships are damaged in the action.

December 1

1842 - Execution of three crew members of USS Somers for mutiny: Midshipman Philip Spencer, Boatswain Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small.

1921 - In first flight of airship filled with helium, Blimp C-7 piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Ralph F. Wood left Norfolk, Va. for Washington, D.C.

1959 - Bureau of Ordnance (BUORD) merges with Bureau of Aeronautics (BUAER) to form the Bureau of Naval Weapons (BUWEPS).

December 2

1775 - Congress orders first officers commissions printed.

1908 - Rear Adm. William S. Cowles submits report, prepared by Lt. George C. Sweet, recommending purchase of aircraft suitable for operating from naval ships on scouting and observation mission to Secretary of the Navy.

1941 - First naval armed guard detachment (seven men under a coxswain) of World War II reports to Liberty ship, S.S. Dunboyne.

1944 - Two-day destroyer Battle of Ormoc Bay begins.

1965 - USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) and USS Bainbridge (DLGN-25) become first nuclear-powered task unit used in combat operations with launch of air strikes near Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

December 3

1775 - Lt. John Paul Jones raises the Grand Union flag on Alfred. It is the first American flag raised over an American naval vessel.

1940 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt embarks on USS Tuscaloosa (CA-37) to inspect bases acquired from Great Britain under destroyer-for-bases agreement.

1983 - Two F-14s flying over Lebanon are fired upon.

December 4

1918 - President Woodrow Wilson sails in USS George Washington for Paris Peace Conference.

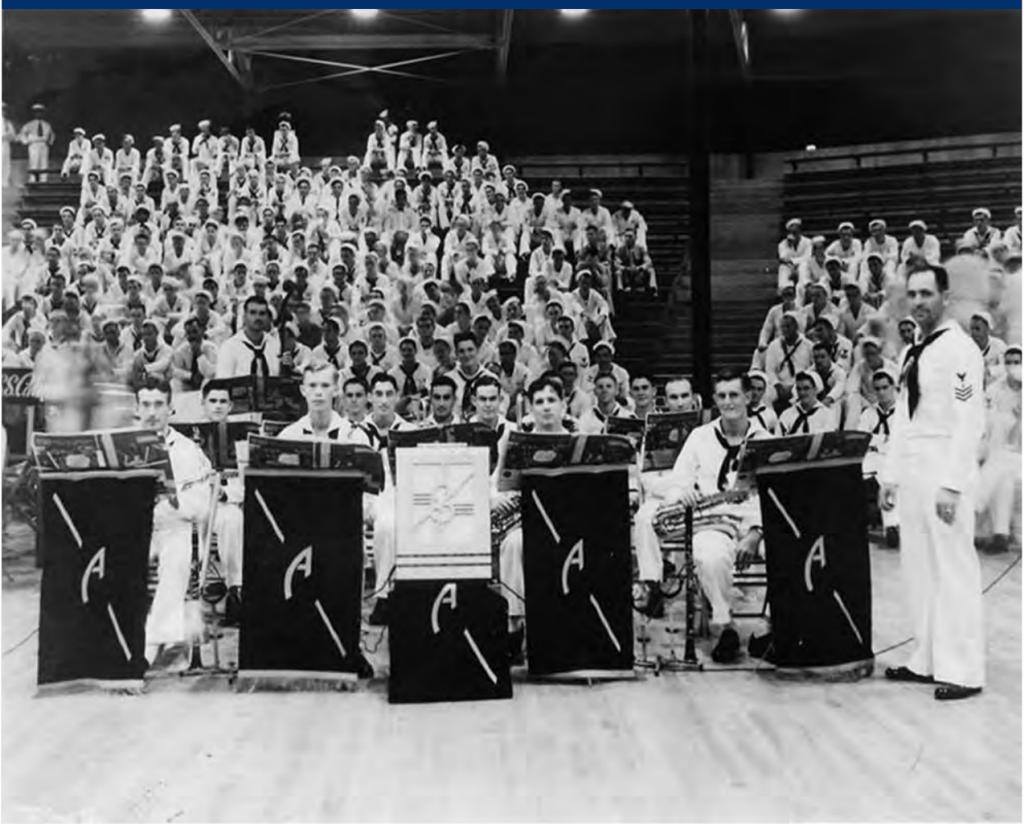
1943 - Aircraft from USS Lexington (CV-16) and USS Independence (CVL-22) attack Kwajalein Atoll, sinking four Japanese ships and damaging five others, while only three U.S. ships suffer damage.

1944 - USS Flasher (SS-249) sinks Japanese destroyer Kishinami and damages a merchant ship in South China Sea. Flasher is only U.S. submarine to sink more than 100,000 tons of enemy shipping in World War II.

1965 - Launch of Gemini 7 is piloted by Cmdr. James A. Lovell, USN. This flight consisted of 206 orbits at an altitude of 327 km and lasted 13 days and 18 hours. Recovery is made by HS-11 helicopters from USS Wasp (CVS-18).

1983 - Aircraft from USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) and USS Independence (CV-62) launch strike against anti-aircraft positions in Lebanon that fired on U.S. aircraft. Two U.S. Navy planes are shot down.

USS Arizona Band performs final concert night before the attacks



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives and USS Arizona Memorial

A picture of Unit Band 22, featuring Sailors assigned to USS Arizona (BB 39), during a "Battle of Music" band competition held at Bloch Arena on Pearl Harbor Naval Station on Dec. 6, 1941, the night before the attacks. During the contest, the band performed a swing number, a ballad and one specialty tune and then played for the jitterbug contest. On Dec. 7, 1941, the entire USS Arizona band was called to their battle stations where they passed ammunition under gun turret number one and subsequently, were killed in the attack. In the weeks to follow, all the bands that had participated in the "Battle of Music" voted to posthumously award the tournament trophy to Unit Band 22, renaming it the "Arizona Trophy." The trophy is currently on display at the USS Arizona Memorial.

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Hawai'i Sailors compete during Surface Line Week

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Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) hosted a friendly competition between Hawai'i-based Navy ships during the 25th annual Navy Surface Line Week from Nov. 30 to Dec. 1.

Condensed to a two-day event to maximize participation between commands and ships, the Navy Surface Line Week consisted of seven professional skills competition and four athletic events.

"What we want to do is to create some fun and some spirited, friendly competition among the waterfront Sailors," said Master Chief Quartermaster Brian Heinkel, assigned to ATG MIDPAC.

ATG MIDPAC's mission is to provide training solutions so ships can be ready for de-



Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) cycle through the different hose settings as they participate in the annual Surface Line Week: Damage Control Olympics. Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific hosted the annual Surface Line Week to promote camaraderie between ships and shipmates on the Pearl Harbor waterfront.

ployment, but Heinkel's goal was to get Sailors out of their daily shipboard routine and bring those skills that they have acquired and have a

good time competing among their sister ships.

The commands that participated were Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, USS

Lake Erie (CG 70), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Russell (DDG 59) and USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60).

The athletic activities in-

cluded a 5K run, three-on-three basketball, volleyball and a tug-of-war competition.

Some of the professional activities during Surface Line Week included the culinary school competition, where culinary specialists created elaborate center pieces; the maneuvering board (MOBOARD) competition in which operations specialists worked as a unit to accurately plot bearing and distance marks on MOBOARD pads; and the Damage Control (DC) Olympics, where Sailors competed in several DC-related events.

Damage Controlman Fireman Daniel Mancine, assigned to guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (DDG 70), looked forward to competing in the Damage Control (DC) Olympics portion of the Surface Line Week.

"I like firefighting," said Mancine. "I like to do anything that's out of the nor-

mal. Most people I know want to be a technician of some sort. I want to be the guy that puts out fires. I want to be the guy that saves the ship."

Mancine placed first during the two-man fire fighting equipment dress portion of the DC Olympics.

Damage Controlman 1st Class (SW) Sheldon Kapua said the DC Olympics is not limited to DC rate personnel, but it is good for interaction from all rates in the Navy.

"It's about camaraderie," said Kapua. "It's good for all ships to come out and have fun."

At the end of all the competitions, the scores were tallied up and the ship with the most points was honored as overall winner. The overall winners during the Surface Line Week are the following:

1st place: USS Lake Erie
2nd place: USS Chung-Hoon

3rd place: USS Russell
(See more photos in page A-5.)

Ceremony focuses on diversity

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heritage and the importance of diversity in today's society.

"There are so many, or so much diversity within the Native American community and it's really important to not minimize or discount any of the differences, ethnic subcultures," said Conerson. "Once we come together, we can learn to appreciate all of the cultures and everything that everyone brings to the table," he added.

Coverson invited the keynote speaker, Army Sgt. Phillip Cornejo, Hawai'i National Guard diversity manager, to speak about the Native American culture.

"So much of our culture

is used in daily activities of America," said Cornejo. "Diversity is about teaching heritage, teaching culture, trying to bridge gaps and at the same time trying to heal and bring us all together."

"The American melting pot idea is totally archaic, old notion," said Cornejo. "We really need to embrace and emphasize more of a tossed salad type approach to diversity. I don't want everybody to melt into this black pot of nothing, but we want to recognize each other's culture, the colors that they brought."

After Cornejo's speech, several proud Native Americans performed cultural dances in their traditional Native American garb. At the end of the program, the Native Americans invited

the whole audience to participate in a huge intertribal dance circle.

The nation was called to celebrate Native American and Alaskan Native heritage during the month of November following President Obama's proclamation Oct. 30.

"Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike," said Obama. "During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society."

(See additional photo on page A-5.)

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.



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.

Pearl Harbor Highlights



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface

Group Middle Pacific, mans the serving line along with NCTAMS PAC volunteers during the 20th Annual Operation Aloha Thanksgiving dinner held Nov. 26 at the Waiialua Community Center.

U.S. Navy photo by TTC (SW) Robyn Wood



Damage Controlman 1st Class (SW) Delbert Corbin and Chief Engineman (SW) Alba Orton inspect the Sailors of USS Russell (DDG 59) as they participate in the annual Surface Line Week: Damage Control Olympics. Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific hosted the annual Surface Line Week to promote camaraderie between ships and shipmates on the Pearl Harbor waterfront.

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



(Below) Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Aaron Jackson of Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) eludes a defensive lineman from Joint Intelligence Operation Center (JIOC) during the teams' Ashore Intramural Flag Football League game at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 1. Jackson threw for two touchdowns in helping NAVSTA defeat JIOC, 33-13.

U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz



Machinist's Mate 3rd Class (SS) Colin Dornemann of Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) donates blood during the Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) blood drive, hosted by the Tripler Army Medical Center, on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 30. "It is a good feeling knowing that my donation may help save the life of a fellow service member deployed down range," said Dornemann. The donations will be used in support of the Pacific region, Iraq and Afghanistan for blood work and blood product needs.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

(Right) Native American Dr. David Bevett performs a traditional Native American dance during the Native American Heritage Month ceremony held Nov. 28 at the Ford Island Conference Center.

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



U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Chief Electronics Technician Jason Karns of the SNAFU softball squad gets ready to slam into a pitch during the team's Winter Softball League game versus the Federal Fire Department at Lynch Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Nov. 28. SNAFU increased its unbeaten record in the National League to eight games by beating the Federal Fire Department, 20-4.

NAVFAC creates innovative environmental programs in Hawai'i

Story and photo by James Johnson

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

A culture of innovation and sustainability is being rewarded at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i, as bio-remediation projects help cut costs and establish the Navy as a leader in environmental responsibility.

Programs such as a biosolids treatment facility, an oily waste treatment facility and a paint remediation facility, which have taken several years to develop, are now showing benefits. They are aimed at limiting the landfilling of materials which contain potentially harmful and hazardous chemicals.

"These programs demonstrate the Navy's commitment to the environment and sustainable practices because we are going the extra step," said Steven Christiansen, NAVFAC Hawai'i supervisory chemist who has been involved in these projects from



NAVFAC Hawai'i's wastewater treatment plant operators, Edgardo Neri (left) and Whitney Menchavez (right), transfer oily waste from a pump truck to a holding tank at the oily waste remediation facility at Pearl Harbor.

the beginning. "We're developing innovative technologies that better protect the environment while saving the Navy money," he added.

Savings come from a reduction in materials the Navy sends to the main-

land for landfilling and storage. Shipping and storing is an expensive process. Additionally, the Navy is responsible in perpetuity for negative effects that could be caused if the materials were released into the envi-

ronment—even after they are handed over to a landfill or storage site.

The alternatives to landfilling have come through various bio-remediation processes which have been created by NAVFAC Hawai'i and NAVFAC Engineering Services Center (ESC).

A change in federal environmental regulations prompted the creation of the Navy's biosolids treatment facility at Kalaeloa (formerly Barbers Point) in 1996. These new regulations required biosolids, or sewage sludge, be reused instead of landfilled. NAVFAC Hawai'i established a 25-acre site where potentially harmful and hazardous chemicals are broken down in a two-phase process. The end result is rich compost soil that is given or sold to Department of Defense (DoD) agencies on Oahu at minimal cost.

Building on that success, NAVFAC Hawai'i and NAVFAC ESC used old components and excess tanks from around Pearl Harbor to build a prototype reactor which could break down harmful chemicals found in oily sludge waste. These chemicals are

broken down through bio-remediation. The pilot project proved successful and is now a full scale operation.

Another program is under development to break down the chemicals found in solvent-based paint. A paint remediation facility has been built at Pearl Harbor. The facility has seen successful tests and it is hoped that it will be able to provide an alternative to landfilling thousands of gallons of paint each year.

Other DoD installations around the world are taking notice. Contaminated soil remediation facilities similar to the one at Kalaeloa have been created at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. The Scranton Army Ammunition Plant at Scranton, Pa. recently installed an oily sludge reactor.

"Navy and other DoD facilities are recognizing the benefits of using these 'green' approaches," said Dr. Frederick Goetz, a microbiologist working for NAVFAC ESC. "I think we will see these programs grow and yield positive results in the years to come."

USS Charlotte ombudsman receives Outstanding Military Spouse Award

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Jessica Jane Swanson, ombudsman for USS Charlotte (SSN 766), was the Honolulu Chapter of the Navy League's choice for this year's Navy Outstanding Military Spouse Award. She received the award for her volunteer services to the military during a ceremony held at Honolulu City Hall on Nov. 27.

"It is such a great honor to represent the Navy volunteers and a privilege to be a service to the families and loved ones of our submarine Sailors," said Swanson. "It is very important that the Sailors and families know that we are there for them."

Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hanneman, presented the award, sponsored by the Hawai'i Navy League, and a check for \$1,000.

Swanson was also honored during a pre-game ceremony for the Navy-University of Hawai'i football game held at Aloha Stadium on Nov. 28.



Admiral Robert F. Willard, U.S. Pacific Commander, congratulates Jessica Jane Swanson, USS Charlotte (SSN 766) ombudsman, for receiving the 2009 Hawai'i's Outstanding Military Spouse Award of Recognition during a ceremony Nov. 28 at Aloha Stadium. Swanson was recognized for her services to USS Charlotte while they were deployed during the calendar year of 2009.

The Navy League was started in 1902 by President Theodore Roosevelt. Its mission is to educate the public on the need for a strong sea service. The recipients of this year's awards have func-

tioned as the volunteer communication and organizational focal point for units that were, or still are, deployed in the theater of hostile operations during the calendar year of 2009.

Tripler receiving limited supply of H1N1 vaccine, expects more

Tripler Army Medical Center

Hawai'i has received a limited supply of the H1N1 vaccine. At this time, target groups for vaccination include:

- Beneficiaries who are pregnant.
- Household contacts of beneficiaries less than six months old.
- Children six months through four years old.
- Healthcare staff with direct patient contact.

Children five years of age and older are urged to get vaccinated through their school-based H1N1 vaccination program scheduled through mid-December. More information is at: www.flu.hawaii.gov.

Children and adolescents with chronic medical conditions should contact their primary care provider for vaccine availability.

A limited shipment of Department of Defense (DOD)-procured H1N1 vaccine is available for Soldiers who are deploying.

As more vaccine becomes available, those younger than 65 years of age with specific chronic diseases like asthma and neuromuscular disease will be vaccinated.

For updated information about the military vaccination program, call the flu hotline (433-1FLU), check with your healthcare provider, or visit the Tripler Army Medical Center Web page, "Fight the Flu."

Signon noted that because children

younger than nine years old are still developing their immune system, they must receive the H1N1 vaccination in two doses spread 28 days apart. The Department of Health H1N1vaccination clinics at the schools will administer only the first dose. Parents must arrange for children younger than nine years old to get their second dose through their doctors or clinics.

The best resistance to the H1N1 virus remains common sense personal hygiene, noted Signon.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it, or sneeze in your sleeve.
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly, with soap and water, especially after coughing and sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Clean regularly, knobs, telephones and items that many people use or touch. Germs are spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay at home, to prevent others from getting sick. Stay away from other people for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, after you have stopped using any fever-reducing medicine. Health care workers should also remain on home isolation for 24 hours after their fever is gone.

Tripler tests plans for pandemic flu

Tripler Army Medical Center

Tripler's basketball gym was transformed into an influenza "surge" clinic Nov. 19 when about 50 Tripler medical, security and operations personnel tested the medical facility's plans for a sudden rise in the number of people with influenza-like illnesses.

Since the outbreak of H1N1 in Mexico in April, Tripler healthcare leaders and planners have been working with other military and civilian medical officials on Oahu to develop plans in the event of a major surge in influenza cases in Hawai'i.

"We hope for the best, but must plan for the worst," said Col. Michael Signon, preventive medicine chief for Tripler and the Pacific Regional Medical Command.

A major concern for medical facilities is how best to separate those seeking help for flu symptoms from those seeking and receiving other types of care.

"We want to safely and effectively treat those with flu symptoms while preventing patients with other medical problems from getting the flu," said Signon. "For those patients with other medical conditions, contracting the flu would complicate their healthcare needs, as well as quickly overburden our medical staff."

"If there's a surge of people coming to Tripler, we want to first divert people seeking help for flu symptoms away from the hospital clinics," said Lt. Col. Stephen Innanen, Tripler operations chief.

"During an actual surge, medical staff at a tem-



U.S. Army photo by Leslie Ozawa Sgt. Thomas McManus (left), a Tripler medic, and Capt. (Dr.) Warren Gambino discuss treatment options for a severely sick infant, represented by a doll, accompanied by its mother, role-played by Tripler social work department's Sgt. Leanna Goodrum.

porary clinic would screen people with flu-like symptoms, sending only those needing intensive care to the hospital. Others with mild symptoms may be prescribed anti-viral medications and sent home to recover from their illness. That's what we simulated today," said Innanen.

Another concept tested was that of Tripler medical personnel supporting similar surge clinics at other major military installations on Oahu.

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USS Bremerton project off to excellent start

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The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard USS Bremerton (SSN 698) project team started its dry-docking restricted availability (DSRA) Nov. 7.

System shut-down was completed 17 days ahead of schedule Oct. 23, which allowed production work to start early. "The code 246 non-nuclear testing division, along with ship's force, did a great job preparing and opening system take-down work authorization forms (WAFs)," said Miles Kotoshirodo, project superintendent.

Nonnuclear Chief Test Engineer Greg Reyes highlighted the determination and refreshing enthusiasm of the recently hired engineers in the non-nuclear testing division, such as Aukai Kent, Jeffrey Kuhs, Marissa Nago and Christopher Lambert, who are learning from the more seasoned engineers. "We've been rotating key positions from previous DSRA's, such as work control manager, to give people experience in these positions," he said.

Reyes added that it was quite a feat to finish the USS Buffalo (SSN 715) DSRA and transition right into planning for Bremerton. "Partnership be-

tween production and ship's force has been exceptional," he said. "This ship's project team really has some of the best and brightest team members. We're heading in a positive direction for this project."

The intended work on Bremerton includes scheduled propeller shaft replacement, standard modernization, preservation and painting.

Kotoshirodo explained that transitioning key project managers from Buffalo to Bremerton was a significant advantage in terms of lessons learned, strategies and teamwork. He added that the project team has embraced learning organization disciplines and Lean principles, and has carried over positive energy from Buffalo to help meet the challenges on Bremerton, including completion of the project on or ahead of schedule, with improved cost performance and reduced overtime.

Integrating contractors into the shipyard workforce is also crucial to accomplishing Bremerton's goals, according to Kotoshirodo. "It's important for them to understand our work and us to understand theirs," he said. "With the continued support from all personnel, Bremerton will be added to the recent successes at the shipyard."

Precautions for travelers during holidays

Tripler Army Medical Center

With the increase in air travel during the holiday seasons, travelers are reminded to review the recommendations noted on the www.flu.gov Web site.

Know when you should avoid travel. If you are sick with symptoms of influenza-like illness, you should not travel. These symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100°F or 37.8°C) or signs of

a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®).

Be prepared for health screenings at airports. Airport staff in some countries may check the health of arriving passengers. Travelers from the United States arriving in other countries may be checked for fever and other symptoms of H1N1 flu, and their travel may be delayed. Please note that the U.S. Department of State usually cannot interfere with the rights of other countries to screen airline passengers entering or exiting their countries, nor can it influence the number of days in quarantine.

You can prepare for travel by educating yourself about the out-

break situation and screening procedures in your destination country or countries.

Currently, CDC recommends persons who are ill with or suspected of having H1N1 influenza to use facemasks, if available and can be tolerated by the user. If not, tissues should be used to cover coughs and sneezes. Facemasks are also recommended for persons at increased risk of severe illness from influenza if they cannot avoid crowded settings. More information is at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/masks.htm>

For more health tips, check with your healthcare provider, or visit the Tripler Army Medical Center Web page, "Fight the Flu."

Surface Navy Association (SNA) seeks volunteers for Honolulu Marathon

The Honolulu Marathon scheduled for Dec. 13 is a world-class athletic event that draws more than 28,000 runners annually. The Pearl Harbor chapter of the Surface Navy Association (SNA) at Pearl Harbor will support the Honolulu Marathon by operating a critical aid station at Waiupe Beach Park, which is near the mid-point and the finish of the course.

SNA needs approximately 200 volunteers to set up, fill water cups and hand drinks to runners in both out-bound and inbound directions. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, hat and a certificate of appreciation. In addition, the SNA will provide break-

fast and lunch for all volunteers. This is a great opportunity for Sailors, spouses and family members to support a major Hawai'i community event.

Those who wish to volunteer should submit their full name and rate, command, phone number and email address. Volunteers do not need to be members of SNA to participate in this event.

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