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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard wins excellence in safety award

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard was named a winner of a Chief of Naval Operations Shore Safety Award on March 2 for its significant contributions to Navy safety and occupational health in 2009.

The shipyard was selected as the second-place winner in the large industrial shore activity category for excellence in its occupational safety, health and environmental program.

"We owe it to each other to be safe," said Capt. Gregory Thomas, shipyard commander. "We are committed to safety as a team, but the bottom line is that each of our employees maintains a personal responsibility to comply with safety requirements."

The shipyard focused on mainstreaming safety by improving the integration of safety into every submarine and surface ship maintenance project. Because of this focus, the total case injury rate has declined 16 percent over the past three fiscal years and is currently 53 percent below the 2008 national average for the ship building and repair industry.

"Safety is always important to keep in mind, both at work and at home, but it is even more important to pay attention to safety at the shipyard because of the industrial nature of



Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

The first Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard tool show was held Aug. 19, 2009 to introduce workers to new equipment and tools that will make their work easier and safer.

our work," said Thomas. "That is why we stress safety so much."

Through workplace inspections and the annual all day safety off-site, the shipyard increased participation in

safe work practices at all levels of the workforce. Employees who participated in the off-site event also collaboratively developed safety improvement initiatives to be imple-

mented at the shipyard. Additionally, the first shipyard tool show was held in August to introduce workers to new tools and equipment that can make their jobs easier and safer.

Shipyard managers work to implement the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) locally. Nearly 3,000 civilian and military personnel have completed their "VPP passports," which serve as a training tool on occupational safety and health.

Safety has also been made a priority at various meetings every day. Project managers have been using past submarine and surface ship maintenance projects' injury rates and other safety statistics as baselines. Meetings are held to identify areas needing improvement and to brainstorm processes for improving those figures.

"Project managers have begun to really take more time to identify safety focus areas for ship maintenance projects in order to improve safety awareness, maintain project cleanliness, and prevent accidents on future projects," said Richard Anderson, the shipyard's occupational safety, health and environmental director.

In 2007, the shipyard earned VPP Star Site status for safety excellence. Later this year, the shipyard will go through a re-certification process to continue to be considered a VPP Star Site.

"We want to go beyond VPP and really make safety a habit," said Anderson. "We've done well, but we are striving for a truly integrated safety culture."



Gas Turbine System Mechanic Fireman Justin Munger and Fire Controlman 2nd Class Justin Wong gather leaves and debris during the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) installation-wide base cleanup on March 9.

JBPHH Sailors 'clean up' base

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Commander Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

More than 200 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Sailors participated in an installation-wide spring "clean up and green up" on March 9.

JBPHH-based commands pitched in as they conducted a general cleanup of the installation and collected more than 67 bags of trash from highly visible areas such as the base entrance, parking areas and sidewalks.

"It's just awesome," said JBPHH Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Earl Gray. "There is a lot of pride and hard work from people today. I think once we get this idea that cleaning is everybody's business, it would be a way of life and we would not have to set a date to get

people out to work."

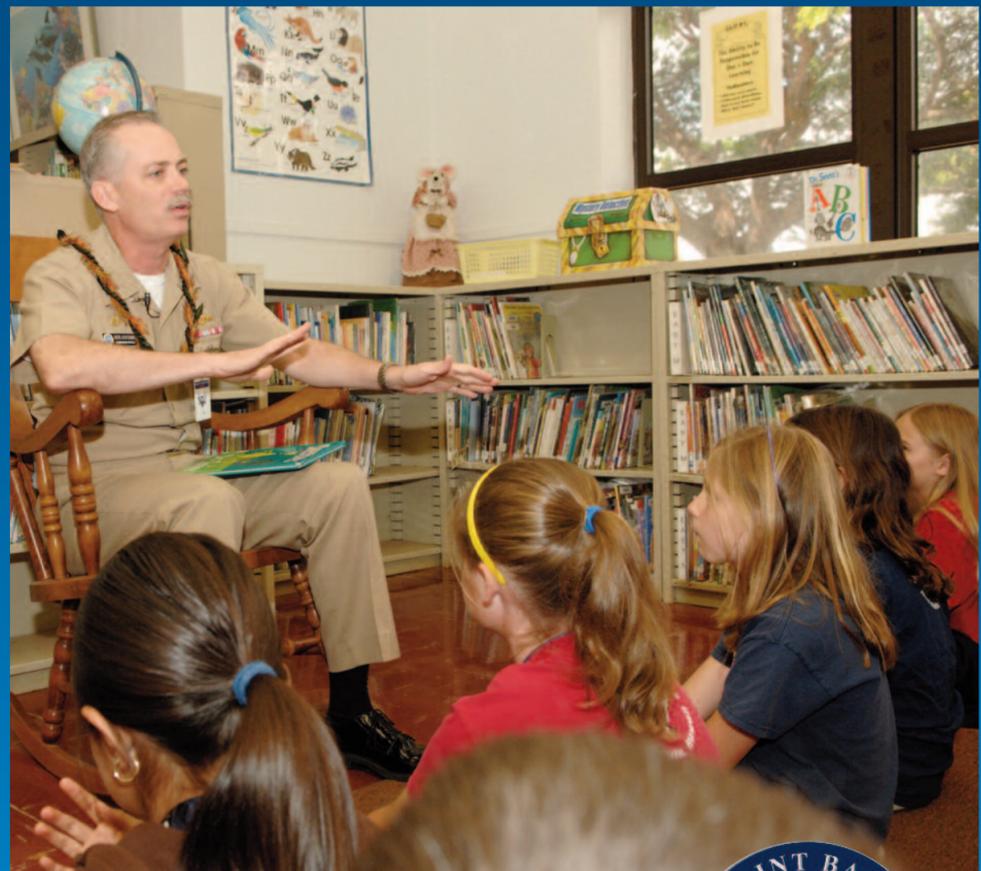
According to the JBPHH 1st Lt. Division, more than 24 green waste truckloads of trash were collected during the cleaning. The 1st Lt. Division, whose mission is to provide the upkeep, maintenance and repair of installation facilities, reported that the installation collected 15 abandoned bikes, removed 11 broken signs and painted 12 windows.

"I want to thank everyone, all the tenant commands and all the ones who are assigned here, civilian and military, participating today," said Gray. "Hopefully, we could do this every quarter. We look forward to more people participating and helping out."

Gray and several other Sailors were seen at the JBPHH Nimitz gate cutting grass and trimming hedges.

(See additional photos on page A-5.)

Joint Base CO 'talks story' with keiki



U.S. Air Force photo by Mark Bates

Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), reads to students at Hickam Elementary School on March 1 as part of a Read Across America event. Sailors at JBPHH also participated in the Read Aloud America program with local schools, Lehua Elementary School and Iroquois Point Elementary School.



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Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) CTIC (NAC/AW) Suzanne Abarca discusses her career in the Navy with Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Seaman Dalicia Mosley at a "Women in Leadership" luncheon that was held at Naval Information Operations Command Hawaii on March 1.

NIOC chiefs hold Women in Leadership luncheon

Story and photo by Ensign Melissa Ocasio

Female chief petty officers at Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii hosted a "Women in Leadership" luncheon on March 1 at the KTA pavilion, the command's recreational area.

Over a picnic lunch, junior and senior enlisted female Sailors were able to discuss topics ranging from individ-

ual augmentation (IA) to the future service of women on-board submarines. "This is an opportunity to empower young females in the Navy, and provide them positive mentorship, personally and professionally," said Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) AW/NAC) Rebecca Davidson.

The NIOC chief's mess plans to continue this event quarterly and expand the invitation to all services.

2010 military census preparations underway – make your voice heard

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

NAVADMIN 001/10, released in January, is the second in a series of military census newsgrams which provide guidance for Sailors to make their voices heard during the 2010 Decennial Census.

Beginning March 15, the Census Bureau will conduct the nation's 23rd decennial census to gather a complete count of the population of the United States to include personnel living on board naval installations and ships with a U.S. homeport.

The decennial census is an in-depth survey used to gain population counts which fuel government decisions on how approximately \$400 billion per year of federal funding is spent in your neighborhood on hospitals, schools, senior citizen centers, emergency services and public works projects. In addition, the enumeration determines the number of seats

a state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sailors will be asked to complete a short military census report containing six questions.

"By participating in the 2010 census, Sailors of all ranks have an opportunity to help create a better future for those they care about," said Chief Melanie Kinchen, of Navy's Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch and responsible for coordinating the Navy's census efforts. "I can't imagine any Sailor who wouldn't want to make that difference."

Commander, Navy Installations Command is the lead for executing census proce-

dures on board shore installations and Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command is the lead for afloat commands.

Ship crew members will be required to complete a regular census questionnaire for their shore address as well as a shipboard census report on board the ship. The completion of both forms is required by the federal government.

In addition, military personnel assigned to a group quarters, including bachelor's quarters, will be counted at the group quarter even if it is located on a non-naval installation.

Census questionnaires will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to all housing units on

military installations beginning March 15. If you live off-base, you will receive a census questionnaire at that address.

Afloat commands may obtain additional information and guidance by referencing ALFLTFOR message DTG 042038Z JAN 10, released by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces.

All commands may obtain information specific to their command by contacting their command's census project manager.

For additional information about the 2010 Census and the Census Bureau's military fact sheet, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/Census2010/>.

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Diverse Views

Are youth sports important to the quality of life for military families?

Lt.
Carrie Gribbins
Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe

"It is very important because for a lot of these kids, their parents are deployed. So when they're together, they can sit and talk about what it feels like to have their parents gone. One of our kid's dad has been deployed to Afghanistan for the last seven months. When he came to practice, the other kids would talk to him about how they felt when their parents were deployed. So this (sports) is a good way for them to get their minds off of what's going on at home."

Darold Brown
Air Force spouse

"I like it because most of these kids are home schooled and they don't get to play unless the military has programs like this. For me as a father and a coach, I really enjoy how the military runs youth sports. And for a lot of parents, they wouldn't be as involved with their kids if it wasn't for sports."

IT2
Michael Sullivan
Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific

"This helps overall togetherness. Everyone on our team knew everyone on the other team. Everyone makes good friends, cheer other people on, so you can't really go wrong with that. The community is our future and the better they bond together, the better the world would be in the long run."

Master Sgt.
Abner Ganigan
Hickam Air Force Base

"Being that a lot of people are being deployed, I think for the morale of the families, this type of environment really brings people together. Watching the kids enjoy themselves, it helps ease their (families) minds of the loved ones that are away. It's all worth it."

ITC (SW)
Dwayne Peterson
Commander, Naval Security Group Mid-Pacific

"I think it means the world for active-duty family members. It not only gives our kids something to do, organized sports teach them teamwork. Moving from place to place, sports makes it easier for them to adjust when they get from one place to another. My kids have been able to adjust well knowing that they have team sports around them."

OS2
James Darden
Naval Station Pearl Harbor

"Youth sports is very good because it keeps kids out of trouble. It keeps kids motivated and it gives people like me, who want to be a coach in high school or maybe college, a stepping stone (to advance). People on our team came from all parts of the world. We started off not knowing each other, but by the end of the season, we're family."

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

March 18 – Navy in Hawaii with Rear Adm. Dixon Smith
 March 25 – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Apprentice and Job Fair
 April 1 – Child Abuse Prevention Month
 April 8 – Individual Augmentees
 April 15 – YN1 Harper, LDO program; Navy mentorship
 April 22 – Earth Day 2010 – 40-year anniversary

(The segments currently air between 6:15 and 6:45 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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 Email hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or call Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs at 473-2875. Stories must have a Navy tie and be of interest to the general public.

Women's History Month observance planned

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific will present Women's History Month 2010, "Writing Women Back Into History," from 11 a.m. to noon March 16 at Lockwood Hall lanai, building 662, at Pearl Harbor.

The guest speaker for the event is Capt. Patricia Cole, commanding officer of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC). Military and civilian personnel are strongly encouraged to attend with supervisors' approval. This event can be included in your self-assessment for the NSPS EEO/ Diversity Leadership Objective.

For more information, contact Lacy Lynn (EEO specialist) at 471-0231 or email at lacy.lynn@navy.mil.

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet visits Guam, thanks Sailors

Oyaol Ngirairiki

U.S. Naval Forces,
Marianas Public Affairs

The commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet met with Sailors in Guam during a visit March 4.

Adm. Patrick Walsh thanked Sailors and the leadership of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 for their continued service.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (EXW) Michael Steffon of MSRON 7 said Walsh's visit motivated him and his shipmates to continue to meet their squadron's mission.

"It's good to know that he knows exactly what we're doing," said Steffon. "He sees the outcome of our hard work every day and it reassures us that we're doing a good job."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (EXW) Jermaine Foreste with MSRON-7 was leading a classroom training when Walsh arrived to observe and speak to the Sailors. Foreste said he appreciated Walsh's words of advice and encouragement.

"He's very interested in what we do here and he's interested in the Sailors that do the job here at this command," said Foreste.

EODMU 5 Sailors set up static displays and took the



U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero

Adm. Patrick Walsh, left, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, listens to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 2nd Class Daniel Smith, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5, describe his duties and the gear he uses at the command.

opportunity to brief Walsh about their equipment, safety gear and previous deployments.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 1st Class (EWS/SW) Ryan Gilfillan with EODMU 5 said he ap-

preciated Walsh's interest in the Sailors and the work they do to carry out the mission. "It's always good when peo-

ple take an interest in what we do, especially people in the upper echelon of the Navy, like Adm. Walsh," said

Gilfillan. "We put a lot into those displays and he seemed to appreciate the time we put into it."

This week in
NAVAL HISTORY

March 8

- 1854 - Commodore Matthew Perry opens treaty negotiations with Japan.
- 1862 - Ironclad ram CSS Virginia destroys USS Cumberland and Congress.
- 1945 - Phyllis Daley becomes first African-American ensign, Navy Nurse Corps.
- 1958 - Battleship USS Wisconsin (BB-64) is decommissioned, leaving the Navy without an active battleship for the first time since 1895.
- 1965 - Seventh Fleet lands first major Marine units in South Vietnam at Danang.

March 9

- 1798 - Appointment of first surgeon U.S. Navy, George Balfour.
- 1847 - Commodore David Connor leads successful amphibious assault near Vera Cruz, Mexico.
- 1862 - First battle between ironclads, USS Monitor and CSS Virginia.
- 1914 - Test of wind tunnel at Washington Navy Yard.

March 10

- 1783 - USS Alliance (Capt. John Barry) defeats HMS Sybil in final naval action of Revolution in West Indies waters.
- 1933 - Pacific Fleet provides assistance after earthquake at Long Beach, Calif.
- 1945 - Navy and civilian nurses interned at Los Banos, Philippines are flown back to U.S. Navy nurses are awarded Bronze Star.
- 1948 - First use of jets assigned to operational squadron (VF-5A) on board a carrier.

March 11

- 1935 - Birth of Naval Security Group when OP-20G became the Communications Security Group.
- 1941 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Lend-Lease Act.
- 1942 - In a PT boat, Lt. Cmdr. John Bulkeley leaves the Philippines to take General Douglas MacArthur to Australia.
- 1945 - Use of first Navy landing craft to cross Rhine River at Bad Neuenahr.
- 1965 - Market Time patrols begin off South Vietnam coast.

March 12

- 1917 - All American merchant ships to be armed in war zones.
- 1942 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt designates Adm. Ernest J. King to serve as the Chief of Naval Operations, as well as the Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet to which he was appointed on Dec. 30, 1941.
- 1956 - In first overseas deployment of Navy missile squadron, VA-83 left on USS Intrepid.

March 13

- 1895 - Award of first submarine building contract to John P. Holland Torpedo Boat Co.
- 1917 - Armed merchant ships authorized to take action against U-boats.
- 1959 - Naval Research Laboratory takes first ultraviolet pictures of sun.

WAVES report for work during WWII

Photo by Navy Historical Center

A Navy WAVE trainee leans on a mop while cleaning her barracks soon after arriving at a Naval Training Center in 1944, during the WWII era. In 1942, women were allowed to return to general Navy service as WAVES, or "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service." In addition to doing traditional secretarial and clerical jobs, thousands of WAVES also performed in the aviation community, Judge Advocate General Corps, medical professions, communications and intelligence, as well as science and technology career fields.

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USS Chung-Hoon shipmates answer 'beach call'

Special to Hawaii Navy News from Rick Terwilliger

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Five Sailors assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) reported for a beach call at the Outrigger Canoe Club in Waikiki on March 5 for a day they will not soon forget.

In the Navy League's version of 'furlough Friday,' Fire Controlman 1st Class (FC1) Shari Duffy, FC2 Lachelle Cepeda, FC2 Robert Ott, FC2 Thomas Engle and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Josh Garnsey made the most of their day of fun, sun, surf, paddle boarding and outrigger canoeing.

The beachfront morning featured brisk tradewinds and sunny skies as the Sailors arrived at the Outrigger Canoe Club where they were met by their host, Robert T. "Tim" Guard.

A longstanding club member, Navy League leader and Vietnam veteran (Navy), Guard is the ship's liaison for the Honolulu Navy League and Chung-Hoon, formally adopted by the Navy League Council in a ceremony held on board the ship on Dec. 14, 2009. Friday was the second day of fun and sun in the surf; Guard hosted another group of Sailors at the Club on Wednesday.

On hand to move their Friday morning into the water were Mark Haine from the Outrigger Canoe Club and Todd Bradley from C4 Waterman, specialists in the stand-up paddle board industry. Following a brief beachfront tutorial about paddle boarding and outrigger canoeing, Guard, Haine, Duffy and Cepeda



Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) enjoy a day riding the surf in Waikiki at the Outrigger Canoe Club as guests of longtime Navy Leaguer Robert T. "Tim" Guard of McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Ltd. Paddling to shore are (from left): Tim Guard, FC2 Lachelle Cepeda, FC2 Thomas Engle and FC1 Shari Duffy.

climbed inside the canoe and headed outside the reef for some canoe surfing.

The guys – Garnsey, Ott, Engle and Bradley – stepped it up on the stand-up paddle boards and trekked offshore amid the moored canoes and boats. As experienced surfers, they caught on to the paddle board technique quickly. Eventually, Guard and his crew returned from canoe surfing and took their turns at paddle boarding while he took the men out for canoe surfing. Showing that their shipmates had nothing on them, the ladies picked up the paddle board technique taught by Bradley and soon were exploring among the moored watercraft.

"Today was pretty awesome and introduced me to new things that I never thought I would be doing," shared Cepeda, who is from the islands. "Canoe surfing was an amazing time." Re-

minded that she is a local girl, she beamed, "Yes, I am – and I've never paddled or done any of that stuff. I joined the Navy and came back home and got to do this."

Duffy echoed Cepeda's sentiments. "Today turned out to be a fabulous day, especially when it started out raining. It's a wonderful opportunity to interact with the community and for them to get to know us. I've never done outrigger canoeing. Stand-up paddling I've done once. It was an awesome opportunity to get to learn from the pros, to hear their great advice. It was a beautiful day and I can't ask for any better way to spend it. I would recommend it to anyone," said Duffy.

Relaxing in a beach chair, Engle offered, "It was a great day. I love water sports so I had an awesome time. The water is great and



Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) on the beach in Waikiki at the Outrigger Canoe Club (OCC). The Sailors were hosted by OCC member and Honolulu Navy League ship's liaison Robert T. "Tim" Guard. Pictured at the start of a fun-filled day in the water are (from left, seated): FC2 Lachelle Cepeda and FC2 Thomas Engle; (standing): Mark Haine of OCC, CS2 Josh Garnsey, FC1 Shari Duffy, Tim Guard, FC2 Robert Ott and Todd Bradley of C4 Waterman.

[there is] great hospitality here at the club." A native of Denver, Colo., Engle said

there are lakes and rivers where he is from although he noted that there is "no

ocean like here in Hawaii." He admitted to doing a little surfing and, like Cepeda and Duffy, highly recommends the experience to his shipmates.

"We are having a grand time and these kids are so inspirational," shared a smiling Guard. "It's a wonderful opportunity for us to show these Sailors a part of Hawaii that they might not otherwise have the experience of enjoying. This is just the beginning." In addition to his role as ship's liaison to Chung-Hoon, Guard's company has been a supporter of Sailors and Soldiers for many years.

"My affection for the Navy – and (executive vice president) Kraig Kennedy's as well – Kraig has been a big factor in helping us develop our relationship the Navy, and we've also been at the forefront of the (Honolulu Navy League's) annual Sea Service Awards luncheon for many years. We helped with the construction of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain (located in front of Navy Region Hawaii headquarters building). Our support of the Navy goes back a number of years," Guard explained.

"Adopting USS Chung-Hoon was a brain child of mine," Guard explained, "to show the young Sailors the kind of hospitality they experienced here this morning (the canoeing, surfing, paddle boarding) and helping out with their MWR program, Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year recognition program."

"We also have another component of our program called 'random acts of kindness.' If a member of the crew has an urgent need – a loved one is ill and they need to fly home – whatever that need may be, we will be there to help fill it." Guard said.

Pearl Harbor Highlights

Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) center Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Travynce Caple gets ready to sink two of his nine points against Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii (NIOC) "A" in an Ashore Intramural Basketball League game at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, on March 8. Caple led a ferocious zone defense that helped NCTAMSPAC defeat NIOC "A" by a score of 50-27.

U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz



(Below) Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Earl Gray operates the string trimmer during the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam installation-wide base cleanup on March 9. Sailors, Airmen and civilians from JBPHH ships and tenant commands participated in the installation's quarterly cleanup.

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



Chief Boatswain's Mate James Hypolite, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) 1st Lt. Division, trims the hedges at the Nimitz Gate during the installation-wide base cleanup on March 9.

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



Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Jessica Roe, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), protects the rear as her team navigates through the advanced security reaction force course scenarios at the Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR) Pearl Harbor Learning Site on March 8.

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

Pearl Harbor-based Sailors don protective equipment as they go through the advanced security reaction force course at the Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR) Pearl Harbor Learning Site on March 8. CENSECFOR's mission is to provide disciplined, motivated and tactically proficient Sailors to augment combat security forces around the world.

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



Body recovered from water off Pyramid Rock Beach identified as USS Olympia Sailor

MC2 Ronald Gutridge

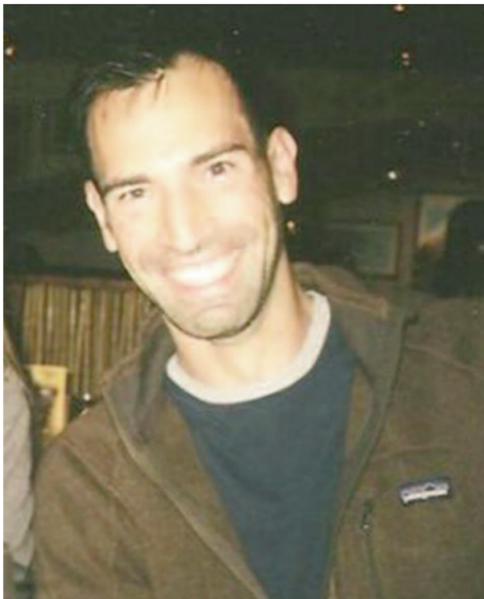
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The body found and recovered from the water, 20 meters from the shores of Pyramid Rock Beach, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCB Hawaii) at approximately 1:40 p.m. Saturday, has been identified as Electrician's Mate 1st Class (SS) Robert Lawrence Mudd from the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717).

Mudd, 29, of Fort Mitchell, Ky., joined the Navy in June 1998. He had been assigned to USS Olympia since May 30, 2007. He had previously served at the Trident Training Facility in Kings Bay, Ga. and aboard USS Nebraska (SSBN 739 Gold).

First responders from MCB Hawaii were alerted to flares sighted in the air near Pyramid Rock Beach at approximately 6:20 p.m. Friday evening and shortly after, Mudd was spotted in distress on a life raft. MCB Hawaii rescue swimmers, rescue boats and Honolulu Fire Department responded, but reduced visibility and high surf conditions prevented rescuers from reaching Mudd before losing sight of him.

MCB Hawaii military



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police, a helicopter and fixed wing aircraft from U.S. Coast Guard District 14 and Honolulu Fire Department personnel continued to search throughout the night with negative results. Mudd's body was found Saturday by MCB Hawaii lifeguards. No wreckage of a boat has been found.

Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation,

no further details of the incident are available at this time. Questions regarding the investigation should be referred to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Honolulu Police Department.

A memorial service for the Olympia crew is being planned at the Submarine Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by CT3 Nathan Kirby

A fishing vessel is spotted during a Reuben James fisheries patrol in the Pacific.

Reuben James conducts fisheries patrol

Ensign Ben Dalton

USS Reuben James (FFG 57) Public Affairs

During its recent transit from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to the western Pacific, USS Reuben James (FFG 57) conducted a fisheries patrol throughout the Pacific Island nations region. The objective of the patrol was to identify fishing vessels that were conducting illegal unregulated unlicensed fishing operations.

As an essential element in patrolling the world's last self-sustaining fishery, this ongoing partnership between the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard allows greater monitoring of the expansive island economic exclusion

zone throughout the middle Pacific. The patrol by the Reuben James covered both U.S. and foreign waters.

While transiting through Micronesia, Reuben James worked in tandem with the Micronesian patrol boat FFS Independence. Working together allowed the two ships to cover a larger amount of the Micronesian economic exclusion zone and increased the effectiveness of their patrols.

Two members from the Micronesian boat were invited onboard the Reuben James to meet with Cmdr. David Miller, commanding officer. The meeting was intended to foster a friendly relationship between the two nations so that patrols like the one conducted by the Reuben James and In-

dependence can happen again in the future.

The Reuben James is not the only U.S. Navy ship that has conducted fisheries patrols in the Pacific Island nations area. USS Crommelin (FFG 37) conducted a similar fisheries patrol during its deployment in the fall of 2009. Frequent patrols like the ones conducted by Reuben James and Crommelin help enforce fishing laws that the small island nations are not able to enforce on their own. As the relationships among the Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and Pacific Island nations grow, patrols like the ones conducted by Reuben James and Crommelin will become more capable of regulating illegal unregulated unlicensed fishing.

MCPON underscores importance of NMCRS fund drive

MC1 (EXW) Jennifer A. Villalovos

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Petty Officer of the Navy

The annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive kicked off March 1 throughout the Navy, and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) would like to stress how important this longstanding, non-profit, charitable organization is in helping Sailors, Marines and their families during a time of need.

"The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is such a wonderful organization that is truly there for our Sailors and Marines," said MCPON (SS/SW) Rick West. "I want to emphasize the importance of contributing to this year's fund drive. This is truly about Sailors and Marines helping their own."

In 2009, the NMCRS received \$10.1 million in donations from active duty service members and \$2.5 million from retired Sailors and Marines. This past year, NMCRS assisted 91,418 Sailors, Marines and their families with financial support, which is up 17 percent from previous years. Additionally, NMCRS also provided more than \$47.4 million in interest free loans and grants.

The NMCRS offers the Quick Assist Loan (QAL) program, which is an alternative to high interest loans (payday lenders) that charge an average of 273 annual percentage rate. It is designed for Sailors and Marines who

need help through payday. The QAL program accounted for nearly one-fourth of all the financial assistance provided last year.

NMCRS has more than 3,600 trained volunteers in 250 offices around the world, including registered visiting nurses. These nurses are available at no cost to the service member or their families to make home, clinic or hospital visits. They are currently following more than 750 combat-wounded service members and their families and made 9,338 contacts over the past year.

"It's important that we continue to support and communicate about programs and support services such as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to all of our shipmates and their families. I challenge all NMCRS fund drive coordinators to have 100 percent contact with their Sailors and Marines to ensure a successful fund drive. You never know when you might be the one to walk through the door to obtain their assistance," said West.

Other resources the NMCRS offers are: the Budget for Baby program, an informative class that also gives assembled layettes that include terry sleepers, handmade blankets, sheets and more; thrift shops, offering used clothing, uniforms and household items at a low cost; food lockers which provide families with essential items for nutritionally balanced meals when providing funds is not practical; and educational programs offering scholarship and no-interest loans.

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ATG MIDPAC graduates 10 waterfront officers from Surface Warfare Officer Introduction Course

Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific

Ten waterfront officers from Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific recently graduated from the Surface Warfare Officer Introduction Course. The ceremony was held in front of the USS Utah (BB-31) Memorial.

Lt. Keith Hillsbery, course coordinator, delivered remarks to his graduating students, their shipmates, families and friends. "This graduation ceremony culminates four weeks of study in the fundamentals of maritime warfare, damage control, engineering, navigation, seamanship, shiphandling and leadership. The course has prepared these officers for their duties as division officers afloat," he said.

"It is not an end point, but rather a foundation for their continued professional development. It is a capstone event and the first step to becoming a surface warfare qualified officer. Today, we recognize 10 graduates of Surface Warfare Officer Introduction Class 10001 for the Pearl Harbor Fleet concentration area," he continued.

For four weeks, the junior officers were challenged to become better leaders, to effectively and efficiently fight

shipboard fires and flooding, learn the waters of the harbor in a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB), and navigate their ship in the confines of Pearl Harbor and out at sea.

The course also afforded students the opportunity to get direct guidance from senior leadership on the waterfront. Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, taught them how to properly conduct 3M spotchecks and ship-wide zone inspections.

Capt. Richard Clemmons, commodore, Destroyer Squadron 31, held discussions with the students, emphasizing their professional development and challenging them to become the best, most professional naval officers that they can be.

Capt. Ricks Polk, commanding officer, Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATGMIDPAC), discussed the surface warfare officer (SWO) career path with the students and presented personalized tips on how to be successful in their Navy careers. Commanding officers, Capt. John Lauer of USS Port Royal (CG 73), Cmdr. Tim Steadman of

USS O'Kane (DDG 77), Cmdr. Joseph Keenan of USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and Cmdr. Edward Eder of USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), were also instrumental in mentoring the students and giving guidance that will be beneficial in their quest to become top notch SWOs.

This was the third SWO intro class conducted at ATG MIDPAC and the first to have a formal graduation ceremony. Rear Adm. Charles Martoglio, Pacific Command, director of operations was the guest speaker.

His direction to the students was pointed and direct. He challenged them to be successful with their mission, with themselves and with their subordinates.

The honor graduate for the class was Ensign Marek Jestrab from USS Chafee (DDG 90). The Surface Navy Association presented him with a nautical "long glass" (telescope) in honor of his scholastic achievement.

ATG MIDPAC's next SWO INTRO class is scheduled to begin in late August or Sept. 2. The class will be extended to five weeks and will include firearms handling and training and more RHIB operational training.



U.S. Navy photo by FCCS (SW) Brian Reiger
A Pearl Harbor submarine exits the mouth of Pearl Harbor just before ATG MIDPAC 'attacks' with rigid hull inflatable boats during anti-terrorism force protection training.

ATG MIDPAC assists submarines during ATFP drills

Lt. Jennifer Valle

Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific

The Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) anti-terrorism / force protection (ATFP) team recently provided training assistance to a Pearl Harbor submarine.

As the submarine exited the mouth of Pearl Harbor, the ATFP team "attacked" on rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIBs). Acting as opposing forces (OPFOR),

the boats approached the submarine, waving mock weapons as a threat to the submarine. The submarine was then able to practice its anti-terrorism / force protection actions.

The lead ATFP assessor, Senior Chief Fire Controlman (SW) Brain Reiger, explained ATG MIDPAC's role in training the waterfront. "The attack profiles that ATG MIDPAC offers the ships and submarines prepare the units to deploy in support of the global war on terror," he said.

"Our ATFP team has trained extensively in the harbor, perfecting our roles as OPFOR supporting both day and night, multi-axis attacks, ensuring the ships maintain 360-degree awareness while simulating transits of the most threatening areas in the world. Our training team tremendously enjoys the ability to work with such a vast array of force protection teams in the harbor, fine tuning their tactical capabilities," he continued.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii hosts job fair

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Approximately 50 job seekers attended a mini job fair sponsored by Naval Health Clinic (NHC) Hawaii on March 5 at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Current job opportunities at NHC Hawaii are for nurses, rehabilitation

technicians, medical support technicians and office automation technicians.

Capt. Carolyn De Lizo, senior nurse executive for NHC Hawaii, said she was impressed with the turnout and qualified candidates who were interested in applying for a job at NHC Hawaii.

NHC Hawaii staff was available to speak with candidates and assistance was also provided by Donald Collado of the Navy Region Hawaii Human Resources Office.

Those interested in applying for a government job with the Navy may visit <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil> to either create an account or search for jobs.



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Lt. j.g. Lisa Barnes and Terri Okimoto from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii and staff from the Navy Region Human Resources Office speak with job applicants at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii's job fair on March 5.

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Pearl Harbor Celtics win hoops championship

Story and photo by
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The Pearl Harbor Celtics capped off a full day of tournament hoops by defeating the Hickam Falcons, 44-29, to win the Hawaii Military Youth Athletic Association (HMYAA) Midget Division (ages 13-15) basketball championship at Bloch Arena Annex Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 6.

The HMYAA is an inter-base youth organization that includes teams from Pearl Harbor, Hickam Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

In the title showdown, center EJ Falaniko was a bull under the basket as he controlled the action inside the paint, while leading the Celtics with 13 points.

Celtics guard Dimitri Peterson followed Falaniko with 11 points, including a three-point bomb with only 29 seconds remaining in the second period.

Celtics teammates Latrell Scales pumped in eight points, Jackson Sealy scored six, Ethan Falaniko sank four points, and James Futrell nailed down one basket to round out the scoring for the champs.

Meanwhile, smooth post-player Vincent Powell used his tall and lanky frame to throw down 17 of the Falcons' 29 total points to lead all scorers.

While the Celtics controlled the action for most of the game, the Falcons gave their foes all they could handle in the first period.

Powell's second basket of the game produced an 8-8 tie with only a couple of minutes left in the period.

However, after Falaniko's shot at the buzzer gave the Celtics a four-point lead at the end of the first, the team's strong defense and tough play in the post started to take its toll on the Falcons.

Peterson's splashdown from



downtown with 3:52 in the second put the Celtics up by 10 points for the first time in the game and led to a 24-12 advantage at halftime.

"When we first started, we weren't playing our game," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class James Darden, head coach of the Celtics. "So I just called them together and told them that it's gut-check time. It's the championship game so it's time to play ball."

In the third period, the Celtics continued on their roll as the boys in green outscored the Falcons, 11-6.

Powell tried his best to keep the Falcons in the game by scoring all of the team's six points on three baskets, but when Scales followed up his three-point shot with another basket at the 6:52 mark, the Celtics opened up a 15-point advantage.

"I told them that as long as they box out and grab the rebound, things will work out in their favor," said Darden about the team's strong play. "They (Falaniko brothers) came up big and Dimitri is just a real good player."

Although the Falcons fought back every step of the way, Hickam's woes at the free-throw line hindered its comeback throughout the game.

The Falcons connected on only one of eight attempts at the charity stripe in the first half and made just two out of 14 for the entire contest.

"There were a lot of free shots that we gave away," said head coach Air Force Master

Sgt. Abner Ganigan. "I guess it was nerves or maybe tired legs."

Still, Ganigan said that he was very proud of the way his boys persevered throughout the long day and made it into the title matchup.

In Hickam's semi-final, the team fell behind by seven points early in the first period against the Kaneohe Bay Thunder, but fought back to win by a score of 31-24.

"This is the first time in organized sports for a lot of our kids," said Ganigan. "I give them a lot of credit. They came a long way from the start of the season. They just never gave up."

In capturing the tournament's crown, Darden pointed out that it took a total team effort to come out on top.

Just prior to the grand finale, the Celtics punched their

tickets to the big showdown by getting past the Pearl Harbor Cavaliers, 52-43, in the semi-finals.

"The great thing about this team is that everybody listens," said Darden. "I'm not the best or worst coach, but everyone on this team has respect for each other. It all starts from their homes. Then you take it to the street, do the right thing, and everything goes smooth."

Pearl Harbor Celtics center EJ Falaniko goes up in the air before knocking down two of his team-high 13 points against the Hickam Falcons in the Hawaii Military Youth Athletic Association (HMYAA) Midget Division (ages 13-15) basketball championship at Bloch Arena Annex Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 6. The Celtics beat the Falcons, 44-29, to win the day-long tournament.



MCPON stresses importance of communication

MCCS Rhonda Burke

Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/SW) Rick D. West visited Naval Station Great Lakes on March 2, to talk about the importance of communicating to our Sailors, families, retirees, veterans and the public.

"Communication is the key to everything we do. If you are talking about policies, expectations, taking care of our families and training our Sailors, we have to communicate and plan in order to be successful," West said.

He also encouraged Sailors to embrace technology to communicate effectively, referring to his own Facebook page as a place he often learns about critical issues facing Sailors and their families.

During his visit, he received a first-hand look at "A" school training, spoke with chief petty officers about their role as deck plate leaders, and visited with Sailors in support positions around the base, including Sailors who support Reservists throughout the 16 states of Navy Region Midwest.

"It is good to hear that the big Navy is looking at the full time support program," said Yeoman 1st Class Amanda Jabczynski of Reserve Component Command, Navy Region Midwest. "It is encouraging to know that plans are being put in place for the FTS 9 (full time support) community."

During an all-chief petty officers' call, West talked about the important roles Sailors here play in training our future Navy.

"It is always great to be back here at Great Lakes because the job you do here is so important to our future, the readiness of our fleet and our Navy," West said. "You prepare our Sailors and get them out the door to their first assignments and you do

a great job. When I hear in the fleet, 'What are they doing at Great Lakes?' I tell them, come here and see the training that is being done, because Great Lakes is doing it right."

The Navy's top enlisted leader has several initiatives on his agenda including the importance of individual augmentee (IA) assignments, family readiness, new uniforms and the quality of training Sailors are receiving.

"Family readiness is critical to our success as a Navy," West told the more than 400 chief petty officers assembled for an all-chiefs call. "Decisions about careers are made at the dinner table. That is not just the careers of the Sailors working for us, but those who are considering joining our ranks and their families."

West believes IA assignments have been powerful experiences for Sailors and have added to the capability of the Navy, Sailors and nation.

"The Navy truly is a global force for good and we are showing that each day with the jobs we are accomplishing around the world," West said.

"In many cases, there are junior Sailors on the front lines, making important contributions to our mission. Our Navy right now is absolutely phenomenal."

West visited the Center for Naval Engineering to see the blend of computer-based and hands-on training Sailors are receiving. He also took the opportunity to sit down at a computer and go through some of the computer-based training (CBT) in the self-paced lab, and had an opportunity to talk directly to students in "A" school training about their future.

"We hear a lot in the fleet about CBT," West said. "It is important to understand that process and to see how that training is being blended in to continuously meet the needs of the fleet."