

SECNAV thanks Pacific Partnership Sailors, Pearl Harbor SEALs

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Donald C. Winter wrapped up a brief tour through the Pacific Fleet region Aug. 23 with a stopover to SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team (SDVT) 1 at Pearl Harbor.

The trip gave the SECNAV a close-up view of continued operations, fleet readiness and the Pacific Fleet's ongoing humanitarian missions.

The SECNAV arrived at the SDVT 1 command site via rigid hull inflatable boat, before viewing static displays presented by various members of the command. He thanked members of SDVT-1 for their dedicated service to the nation, toured some of their training facilities, and reviewed equipment used by the SEALs in their missions.

"The SEALs are an incredibly committed, dedicated group of men who have done some very difficult, very challenging tasks. Our nation owes a great debt to them," Winter said. "That debt, quite frankly, is not and cannot be understood by the vast majority of Americans. Nonetheless, I hope they get some satisfaction out of the commitment and the support they have been able to provide, deeds they have been able to do, and the recognition they have received from those of us who do understand and who greatly appreciate their contributions."

Five members of SDVT-1 were killed two years ago while conducting counterterrorism operations in the Korangal Valley of Afghanistan during Operation Redwing. More than 1,000 people attended a



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Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter is transferred to the Naval Special Warfare Compound on a rigid-hulled inflatable boat during a visit to Pearl Harbor on Aug. 23. SECNAV toured the compound to get a first-hand look at the work being done by the SEALs in Pearl Harbor.

memorial service July 11, 2005 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu.

While in Australia, another of the places he visited during his two-week Pacific tour, SECNAV paid respects to Australians who have given their lives in war. He also toured joint activities there and discussed ship-building practices.

The two-week trip also took SEC-

NAV to visit support logistics capabilities in Singapore and USS Peleliu (LHA 5), where he observed firsthand the Pacific Partnership humanitarian assistance in action in the Solomon Islands.

Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief "has tremendous relevance to our Navy," Winter said. "It really enables us to build relationships where we might not otherwise have them."

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Familiarity with the Pacific is critical, he said, and missions like Pacific Partnership give the Navy training opportunities to maintain readiness.

"Readiness is absolutely critical because it is, if nothing else, a fundamental measure of our status and our ability to support the defense needs of our nation,"

Winter explained. "Our ability to plan predictably, to know exactly what is going to happen six months from now, two years from now, five to 10 years from now, is really becoming more and more limited as the world becomes more and more complex."

"SECNAV was very enthused about what he saw," said Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "He is very much in favor of continuing these missions as well. This is only good - good for our nation, good for our region and good for our Navy."

In addition to ensuring mission readiness and preparing for all possible mission situations, Pacific Partnership reaffirms regional relationships in the region and reflects international compassion for the people of the Western Pacific.

"Pacific Partnership is going extremely well," Winter said. "I am very pleased with what I see out there in terms of mix of activities - everything from immediate medical care being provided on a triage-level type of support to preventive medicine to reconstruction activities, rebuilding hospitals and schools. It's a very good mix of capabilities that will not only provide an initial benefit to the communities, but also long-term, sustained support and improvement, which hopefully will impact their memory of the (support) we provided to them."

Before heading back to Washington, Winter thanked Sailors in Pearl Harbor and expressed gratitude to Sailors throughout the world as well as to their families.

"I want to thank you all very much," he said. "Without your help, none of this could be possible."

Navy dedicates Ford Island Building 89 Conference Center

Story and photo by MC3 Paul D. Honnick

Fleet Public Affairs Center Detachment Hawai'i

Navy Region Hawai'i celebrated the opening of the newly-renovated Ford Island Building 89 Conference Center during a dedication ceremony Aug. 28.

The region partnered with Hunt Development Group and Fluor Federal Services, LLC, to renovate the historic World War Two-era movie theater, originally built in 1942, into a state-of-the-art facility. The center is capable of hosting various types of ceremonies and events ranging from re-enlistments and promotions to receptions and seminars.

"What you see here not only benefits the Navy, it benefits the entire Oahu community. What was once a decrepit old building of low value is now a state-of-the-art, beautifully restored conference facility of great value and historic significance," said Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The 21,000 square foot center features a full-size auditorium, multi-purpose conference rooms, state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems, digital projectors, and high-tech telecommunication and networking systems.

"It will benefit Sailors, it will benefit family members and it will benefit all who will have any remote use for a



Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, accompanied by U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Rev. David Kaupu, Chris Hunt, president of Hunt Development Group, and U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie proceed to the entrance of the newly-renovated Ford Island Bldg. 89 Conference Center for a dedication ceremony

facility of this nature. We can bring many different groups in here, provide the support they need, and give them a world class venue to conduct their business," said Alexander.

The development team also helped preserve some of the historic features of the building and gave it a nostalgic feel by restoring the ticket booth, displaying World War Two-era movie posters in the front entrance, decorating the entry doors with blue, green and gold Air Corps wings, and restoring 22 original theater seats and other various features.

"It's a truly historic facility and there was no way we were going to demolish this building, so it just naturally led us to a decision to tear it

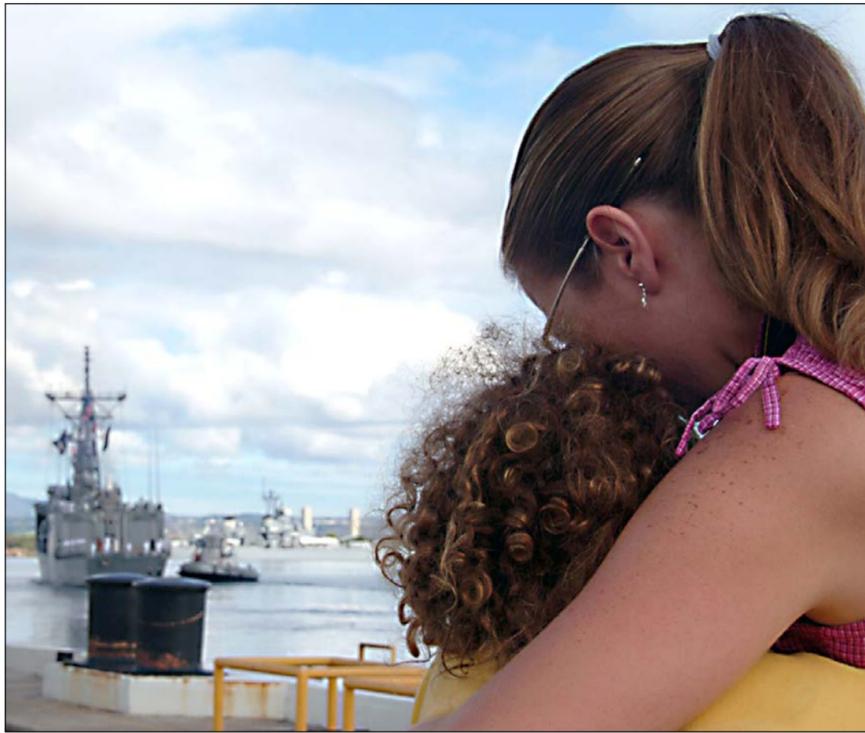
down to parade rest and bring it back to life in the form that you see today," explained Alexander.

Alexander, accompanied by U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Rev. David Kaupu, Chris Hunt, president of Hunt Development Group, and Ken Smith, senior vice president of Fluor, untied maile leis on the steps of the conference center following a traditional Hawaiian blessing performed by Kahu (Reverend) David Kaupu.

"Today, we are proud to quite literally hand over the keys to this world class facility which represents so much of the work we have successfully completed on Ford Island," said Ken Smith.

After the untying of the lei,

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U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

Family and friends say goodbye to Sailors aboard Oliver Hazard Perry-class, guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 37) on Aug. 24 as they depart for the Western Pacific in support of the global war on terrorism.

Reuben James departs for Western Pacific

MC3 Michael A. Lantron

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Friends and family gathered at the pier on Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Aug. 24 to say goodbye to more than 240 Sailors of the Oliver Hazard Perry-class, guided-missile frigate, USS Reuben James (FFG 37).

The ship departed its homeport for a deployment to the Western Pacific in support of the global war on terrorism.

"We are extremely excited

about this deployment," said Cmdr. Rich Haidvogel, commanding officer of Reuben James. "We have been training for this and the crew is ready to complete the tasking of the mission."

For months prior to deploying, Sailors anxiously awaited the day they would get underway.

"We've been pumped up so much for the last couple of months and we're ready to go," said Operational Specialist 3rd Class Jeremy Zimmer.

During a deployment, the Sailors must rely on each

other more than a typical workplace, due to the close quarters that a Navy vessel provides.

"We come together more underway and go from being co-workers to more like a family because all we have is each other," said Zimmer.

Reuben James is a multi-mission platform designed to escort and protect carrier strike groups, expeditionary strike groups, underway replenishment groups and convoys, in addition to conducting anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare.



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Pearl Harbor Shipyard graduates 117 apprentices

Story and photo by
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Shipyard Public Affairs

Some were a bit shy as they walked across the stage. Others strutted with confidence. One even gave an impromptu speech. Whatever their demeanor, all 117 of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's apprentice class of 2007 felt pride and joy upon receiving their journeymen's certificates Aug. 10.

"It's a feeling of accomplishment," said new journeyman rigger Kamuela Unga. "It's been a long road. It's been an especially trying four years with a lot of late nights, long, long hours, working different shifts, and holding over."

The graduation ceremony at the Pearl Harbor naval base complex capped off a nearly five-year journey that began with a job fair and applications in April 2003. Those who made it through the selection process reported for duty in January 2004, beginning intensive academic and trades training to prepare them as waterfront craftsmen and the next generation of shipyard leaders.

"Your future is our shipyard's future and your success will be our shipyard's success," said Capt. Gregory Thomas, shipyard commander. "As new journeymen, you now have great challenges and opportunities before you. Specifically, you face the challenge to help transform our shipyard into the Navy's premier ship maintenance organization."

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye told the graduates, "What you have trained for is more than just a job and a paycheck. It's a commitment to our nation's security."

Recalling discussions in 2005 of possibly closing the shipyard, Inouye said, "Workload must be driven by performance. ... It must be earned by delivering ships back to the fleet on time and on budget."

Inouye shared that \$30 million is included in the Fiscal Year 2008 military construction budget to upgrade dry docks one and two. This capital improvement was "long overdue," he said, and will be the first in a series of capital upgrades for the shipyard.



Marvin Languoy, draped in maile lei, is congratulated by U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye after he received the outstanding craftsman award for the insulator trade at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard apprentice graduation Aug. 10. Observing are (far left) Capt. Gregory Thomas, shipyard commander, and (far right) U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie.

U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie, noting that more than 2,500 people applied for the slots in the class of 2007, called the graduates "the best of the best." He joked, "We've said all these nice things about you. Now you have to go out and prove it."

U.S. Rep. Mazie Hirono said shipyard jobs will not be lost in spite of a recent change in type of workload. Working hard and proving

yourself worthy of the jobs that come to you will assure "the strength of the shipyard will continue," she said.

Alfred Valles, U.S. Department of Labor director of apprenticeship for the Hawai'i-Pacific area, said 30 percent of Hawai'i residents who graduate from college leave the islands because they can't find a job with suitable pay. Those who graduate from the shipyard apprenticeship program will

make around \$60,000 a year, plus benefits, he said. "This wage and this job will ensure you make a decent living from here on."

Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann said the shipyard apprentice program's 94 percent completion rate is a tribute to those who enroll in it. He encouraged the graduates to keep learning and "keep moving forward."

Kirk Nakahira graduated as a shipfitter, but the posi-

tion of welder was his first choice. He probably would have excelled at any position. The National Association of Superintendents selected him as the outstanding apprentice of the class of 2007.

"Selecting my trade was a little bit of a leap of faith," said Nakahira. "Even if you go the job fair, it's still difficult for an outsider to know what's it like within the 'secret world of the shipyard,'" he explained.

"I'm grateful to be a shipfitter," he said. "I enjoy very much working with my hands, making things. I also appreciate the pay and benefits, the prospect of a long, stable career, and the emphasis on training and safety."

Newly minted plastic fabricator Danny Iranon was a baggage handler for a local airline when he applied for the apprentice program. "Every day is different," he said about his trade. "There are so many jobs, it's not mundane. One day, you're building stairs out of wood in the shop. The next day, you're working on tile on a submarine."

Carolyn Brewster was driving a school bus before becoming an apprentice. She served in the Army as an electronics technician, so she

picked electronic measurement equipment mechanic as her trade.

Pay and benefits are obvious reasons for working at the shipyard, but Brewster also likes "the fact that I'm contributing ... to the defense of this country."

Her shop, the calibration shop, is important because "we ensure naval equipment is working correctly," she explained. "I get some satisfaction when a piece of equipment comes in not working properly and I am able to troubleshoot and then repair the item."

Unga wasn't even looking to get into the shipyard. "I already had two jobs," he recalled. His wife reviewed the trade descriptions, selected one for him, sent in his application and told him one morning, "Today you are taking the [apprentice] test."

The former truck driver and auto detailer made it into the apprentice program and graduated as a rigger. "I love it," he said of his new occupation. "Something needs to be moved [in the shipyard] every day."

Unga, acknowledging his wife, said, "She couldn't have picked a better trade."

Correction

The story, "Russell Sailors score high during gun qualification," which was published in the Aug. 24 edition of Hawai'i Navy News, erroneously gave the Russell commanding officer's name as Cmdr. Brad Coops. The commanding officer's name is Cmdr. Brad Cooper. We sincerely apologize for the error and any inconvenience that this may have caused.

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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Many benefits of staying Navy



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I don't know that too many people come into their first enlistment in the Navy with the mentality that this is going to be a career, but a lot of us end up making the choice to stay Navy. So what is it that influences our decision to go from a one-enlistment Sailor to a career Sailor?

Of course, acceptance of the military lifestyle is a pre-requisite for anyone to consider staying in, but most of us have that or we would have become an attrition/retention statistic.

As much as I would love to say dedication to duty and country is a

major deciding factor for all Sailors to stay past their first term in the Navy, I think it's shared by the benefits and yes, the money.

The following is an example of the Navy package. An E-4 with over three years of service makes a base pay of \$1,787 a month, or \$21,444 per year, before taxes. This is base pay only and doesn't include your housing subsistence, clothing allowance, sea pay, or other special pays. Ignoring the rest of the additional pay, just based on base pay and housing, an E-4 would have to be making \$35,376 a year in the civilian sector to cover base pay and housing if ignoring the other variables such as taxes. Catch my drift?

But deciding to stay Navy goes beyond money and delves into areas somewhat overlooked. For instance, 30 days of paid vacation you are authorized each year. Most civilian jobs only offer 10 days a year. And where most civilian jobs would give you six paid holidays per year, the Navy gives you 10. Are you getting this? Keep adding it up!

There are also the educational opportunities that abound in the Navy from our tuition assistance to our free CLEP and DSST exams to the PACE courses. Not to mention the further you advance in rate, the more credit you can possibly get toward your college degree.

The Navy has numerous programs leading to college degrees and has arrangements with many colleges to grant credit and direct

Sailors on a rating-specific roadmap to their education. There are even more opportunities to earn credit toward your bachelor's and master's [degrees] within several rates. Have you downloaded your SMART transcript?

As a service member or retiree, you are eligible for reduced-fare flights with space "A" travel which, with a loose schedule, can allow you to fly to locations around the world at a minimum cost. With today's airline fares, space "A" is an often overlooked significant benefit the military offers.

Other benefits that you are privy to when you stay Navy are free legal service, tax service, discounted child care, spouse employment assistance and, for Sailors from or in certain areas, no state taxes or reduced fees for many things such as car registration.

One of the greatest benefits we enjoy is access to Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) services such as base clubs, MWR events and discounted tickets, fitness centers, pools, tennis courts and golf courses, discounted equipment rentals, hobby shops, and family member activities. MWR is, and will continue to be, one of my focus areas.

From fitness, afloat recreation and single Sailor programs - to Information, Ticket and Travel (ITT) offices, the Navy Motion Picture Service, and child and youth programs - Navy Morale, Welfare

and Recreation plays an important role in the lives of Sailors and their family members. Have you used a MWR facility lately? MWR professionals are committed to providing world-class programs and services that help improve your quality of life.

The cost adds up when comparing what you would spend to have access to these or similar services as a civilian and personally, I don't think there is any comparison...you simply can't match it. Would you be able to afford to have the luxury of a gym membership or would you have to save that money for your medical insurance? And it's not just that staying Navy benefits your wallet; it also benefits your lifestyle.

By choosing to stay Navy you offer yourself and your family a better life. You will never find yourself out of work and searching for a job to support your family. You will always be certain your family will have medical care for whatever emergency comes up. You will have many peripheral, yet quality-of-life-increasing services available to you that you might not be able to afford as a civilian.

Now as you can tell from the above, I think the Navy is a great opportunity and provides some great incentives, but I also know as Sailors you work hard and deploy and Navy families endure lots. I know the Navy isn't for everyone and that's okay. I just continue to see

great Sailors with great families getting out of the Navy "without a solid plan" and as a professional Navy keeping our best, it may be difficult for you to come back once you decide to leave. Wish I had a nickel for every person that has gotten out and wishes they would have stayed.

It is a very personal choice to stay in the Navy or to get your discharge, but I highly encourage everyone, regardless of how made up your mind is, to really think about your life, how you want to live and what it will be like, realistically, for you to get out of the Navy in today's job market.

Maybe you and your spouse/family can sit down and make a simple list comparing and contrasting the different benefits and services the Navy has to offer, and what your lives would be like outside the Navy.

And maybe you'll be the next Sailor who makes that choice to stay Navy.

Fleet master chief tips:

- If you elect to leave active duty, you should consider joining the Navy Reserves. See your NC, career counselor, CMC or COB for further details about the opportunities that exist in the Naval Reserve.

- Consider an overseas tour - the experience is great and there are significant monetary advantages.

Hopefully, you've learned something in this article or it's got you thinking about the Navy as your employer of choice. Keep your glass half full, we are doing well!

Commentary

For Your Security and Safety

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Have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday

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Editor

It's the Labor Day holiday weekend - a long, three-day weekend to relax, enjoy a bit of extra leisure time, and an occasion for people to get together for parties, barbecues and beach activities. But frequently, the Labor Day holiday results in tragedies.

Labor Day is historically one of the deadliest holidays for alcohol-related traffic deaths. There's a simple rule: If you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink. Don't be a traffic statistic.

Other Labor Day holiday activities, such as swimming, boating and other physical activities, when mixed with alcohol, are as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol. If you plan to drink, have a plan to do it safely.

Swimming and water activities at Hawai'i's beaches can be treacherous. Ocean currents, riptides and powerful waves can overcome even an experienced swimmer. Water enthusiasts should use the "buddy system" when swimming and diving, just in case they run into problems.

Hiking on Hawai'i's scenic

trails is another popular activity, but again, it's best to hike with a buddy or group of people. Many of the beautiful trails on the islands can be challenging and have steep drop-offs. Hikers have lost their way on the trails, and some have fallen and have been seriously injured. Enjoy the outdoors, but take precautions.

Overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can pose a serious threat to health. While participating in the many leisure activities under the hot, tropical sun, be sure to use a sunscreen and apply it often.

Grilling is a popular Labor Day activity, but keep in mind that many people are seriously injured as a result of grill fires and explosions. Never use anything other than charcoal lighter on a grill - and never use gasoline or kerosene, etc. to start a fire. Never use a grill indoors - it emits carbon monoxide which is toxic and can quickly kill. Be sure to use a grill at least 10 feet away from your house or building and don't leave the grill unattended.

Enjoy the Labor Day holiday, but just take a few precautions and use common sense. Have fun, but be safe.

Haven tends to casualties of Korean Conflict



"Once again, tender hands reached for the stretcher while a Navy chief hospitalman holds the bottle of plasma. Casualties from the front lines are picked up almost immediately after wounds have been inflicted and rushed to the Haven for hospitalization and further treatment." Photograph and caption released by Commander Naval Forces, Far East, under date of Aug. 16, 1952. Note name "N. Riecer" on shirt of the Sailor in the foreground. (Casualties were from the Korean Conflict. Haven was a Navy hospital ship.)

U.S. Navy photograph, from the "all Hands" collection at the Naval Historical Center

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Navy College Pearl Harbor recognizes college graduates

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More than 80 U.S. Navy and Coast Guard Sailors were recognized Aug. 23 during the 2007 Military Recognition Ceremony held at Lockwood Hall Dining Room on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The annual ceremony, sponsored by the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Navy College office, was held to acknowledge military personnel who have received college degrees at the graduate and undergraduate level and individuals who have completed the United States Military Apprenticeship Program journeyman certificate.

"It was great to be honored for my accomplishment," said Quartermaster 1st Class Donald

Alvarado, assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "I hope that this motivates younger Sailors to get their degree."

Following the singing of the National Anthem by Musician 3rd Class Larry Mireles of the Pacific Fleet Band and invocation by Lt. Cmdr. David Stroud, Naval Station Pearl Harbor's staff chaplain, Ernest Poe, Navy College Office director, spoke briefly about the honorees' achievement.

"We think this is an outstanding accomplishment because it shows these people have taken the time to complete their degree while on active duty," said Poe.

Following his statement, Poe introduced the event's guest speaker, Capt. Taylor Skardon, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, who discussed how this type of personal achievement ties directly to how personnel perform in the work place.

"Studies have shown that Sailors who achieve their degree become the Navy's top performers because of the skills they develop while pursuing their degree," said Skardon.

Skardon additionally spoke about the dedication and hard work it takes to achieve this personal triumph.

"It takes a lot of balance to accomplish this goal," said Skardon. "All of you here today have found that balance and are using it to improve your lives and the lives of your shipmates."

Following Skardon's speech, the ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates to the honorees and the benediction by Stroud.

For more information on how to earn a college degree, visit the Navy College Office at building 679 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor or call 473-5705.



Sailors enter Lockwood Hall on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor to begin the 2007 Military Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by the base college office.

Chung-Hoon culinary specialists compete in Iron Chef competition

Ensign Daryl Dawson

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)

After rotating through the same menus for several months, Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice (surface warfare) Joshua Garnsey and Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Corey McClair thought they had seen all the food the deployment had to offer. However, Aug. 10 proved to be an interesting day for them both when they were offered the chance to participate in the Iron Chef competition hosted by British ship, HMS Richmond.

The Iron Chef competition, the first international cook-off the northern Arabian Gulf (NAG) has seen, pitted Chung-Hoon's two culinary specialists against some of the British Navy's top notch chefs.

HMAS Anzac and HMS Richmond introduced the idea as a way to spice things up in the NAG. They invited Lt. Matt Fahner, Chung-Hoon supply officer, to bring in the American team, which included Garnsey and McClair.

The competitors were given the



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Eric Turner

Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice (SW) Joshua Garnsey and Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Corey McClair prepare for an Iron Chef cookoff on Aug. 10 after a tour of the HMS Richmond's galley while in the northern Arabian Gulf.

same basic ingredients: duck, lentils, potatoes, honey and pears. Fahner and Richmond's commanding officer, Cmdr. Piers Hurrell, judged the competition based on

the following four categories: presentation, originality, taste and texture. Each category was given a 10-point scale. The chefs only had an hour and a half to create two

dishes for the judges' sensitive palettes.

When the buzzer rang, America produced a perfectly baked duck, glazed in a smooth honey, brown sugar and pear sauce. For dessert, they cooked up a caramelized poached pear. The Brits, having the home turf advantage and a few more years of experience, prepared a very unique dish. Serving up an international medley, they concocted an oriental duck pizza. For dessert, they made a poached pear as well, soaked in chocolate sauce and red wine. In a very close oven-bake battle, the Brits edged out the Americans by three points, scoring a perfect 40. The extra points could be attributed to their superior aesthetic presentation in the appearance category and their more exotic cross-cultural creation in the originality category.

Ultimately, though, all participants emerged winners as there was plenty of delicious food and pleasant conversation to go around. Garnsey said, "It was a great experience. I would rather have cooked with them than against them."

He and McClair were interested to learn how the chefs operated on a daily basis on Richmond. They were surprised to find that Richmond does not have food service assistants (FSAs) on board, but rather four cooks who run the whole show. The two junior cooks are in an apprenticeship to the two senior cooks and complete similar tasks to FSAs aboard Chung-Hoon. Additionally, the cooks are on an eight-hour shift rotation and have the liberty of using alcohol in their cooking.

The most significant difference, however, is in the food stores. While Chung-Hoon has a routine menu and receives provisions every 10 days, Richmond does not have a set menu and only receives stores every three weeks. The cooks on board the British ship must work with whatever they can find in the refrigerator. A typical breakfast could include only beans, sausages and eggs. Rarely does the crew see the fresh fruit that Chung-Hoon Sea Warriors enjoy daily.

McClair said, "It's no contest when it comes to eating daily."

Pearl Harbor Highlights

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter tours the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility to get a first-hand look at the condition of the tanks.

U.S. Navy photo by Chief MCC Shawn P. Eklund

A senior chief petty officer aboard Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 37) says goodbye to his family before departing for a Western Pacific deployment in support of the global war on terrorism.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush



A Sailor high-fives a participant at a Special Olympics event held on Aug. 18. Naval Station Pearl Harbor chief petty officer selectees participated in the event.

U.S. Navy photo by OSCS (SW) Heather Christman



(Below) Hull Technician Fireman Apprentice Michael Dunn of USS Russell (DDG 59) prepares and welds a 3/16-inch carbon steel natural ventilation duct. Normally, this job would be done by an outside activity. The purpose of the weld repair was to restore the corroded portions of the ducting that were badly damaged by rust and needed to be replaced.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Theresa Donnelly



U.S. Navy photo by SN Gabriel Morris

Members of USS Chung-Hoon's (DDH 93) visit board search and seizure (VBSS) team, STG2 (SW) Craig Johnson and GSM2 Chris Bonkosky, receive overhead support from Chung Hoon's air detachment.

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) patrols near the Al Basra Oil Terminal in the Arabian Gulf.

U.S. Navy photo



Pearl Harbor Shipyard supervisor wins Navy League national award

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Thomas Glazier, a Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) diver and rigger supervisor, was selected in late July by the Navy League of the United States as the winner of its Robert M. Thompson Award for Outstanding Civilian Leadership.

The mission of the league is to educate the public about the importance of sea power to U.S. national security. The Robert M. Thompson Award, named after the league's founder, recognizes a civilian whose personal efforts have furthered sea power.

"What is this?" wondered Glazier when he began receiving congratulatory e-mails from shipyarders about winning the award. The dive locker supervisor and Kaneohe resident was unaware he had been nominated, much less selected, as the winner.

Shortly after, Glazier received an official letter of notification from the league, inviting him to the group's national convention and awards presentation in



Thomas Glazier, diver and rigger supervisor at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, inspects the regulator of an emergency breathing system aboard a dive boat.

California in November. "I'm starting to think this is a big deal," he said.

Glazier supervises the shipyard's regional dive locker and its 26 military and 10 civilian divers. Organized into three teams, the divers conduct underwater repairs and maintenance that often avoids having to dry-dock the ship. Since the average cost of a dry-docking is around \$750,000, the savings to the Navy is substantial.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric MacDonald, who

recently transferred to another command, nominated Glazier for his role in executing 10 critical voyage repairs and about 17,700 man-hours of underwater work within the past year.

Glazier was also recognized for contributing his 20-plus years of knowledge to a fleet-wide "lessons learned" Web site. He began taking detailed notes of his jobs because "I don't like to do a job over and over. I want to do it one time and do it right." Now this information is being put online to help

other Navy divers worldwide.

"Some people feel that if they reveal their trade secrets, they'll lose their job," he said. "I share what I have. It kind of works like aloha. The more you give, the more you get."

Senior Chief Navy Diver (SW) Anthony Mabry described Glazier as "definitely a hard charger ... and a very valuable resource and liaison for the military. If there's a problem, he knows exactly who to call and what to do.

"[The award] speaks volumes about what he's done," Mabry said. "It's great to learn he's won."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawai'i with a workforce of about 4,700. In fiscal year 2006, it had an operating budget of \$505 million, of which \$397 million was payroll for civilian employees. Strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, PHNSY is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, visit <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil>.



NEX Mall is going green

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A new Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i project promises to cover the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall's landscaping with green leaves, save the government green cash, and keep the Hawaiian Islands green.

Over the next year, the planters throughout the NEX parking lot will undergo a facelift, replacing the old, ungainly plants with lush groundcover. Matt Flach, NAVFAC Hawai'i landscape architect, plans to cover the 96,000 square feet of landscaping almost entirely with native Hawaiian plants. These plants will blanket the ground around the existing royal palms with a thick mat

of tropical greens accented by red, white and yellow flowers.

Scott Bonn, NAVFAC Hawai'i's facility manager, pointed out that the \$500,000 project is more than cosmetic surgery. Through the use of native plants accustomed to Hawai'i's climate, the new landscaping will reduce maintenance costs as well as conserve water and decrease sewage fees; these annual savings will eventually pay for the entire project.

In addition to the cost savings, the water conservation protects the environment and the new low-lying groundcover will improve visibility at parking lot intersections, helping prevent accidents.

The landscaping project at the NEX Mall is a good example of NAVFAC Hawai'i's commitment to serving clients, saving money, and respecting the land of Hawai'i.

Construction projects around Pearl Harbor

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

Following are scheduled road closures around Pearl Harbor:

- Ford Island: A new temporary road will be opened off Chafee Boulevard to provide access to the area for public-private venture (PPV) construction through June 30, 2008.

- Submarine base area of Naval Station Pearl Harbor: Four parking stalls in the parking lot at the corner of Nimitz and Pierce Streets will remain closed due to repairs to the USS Parche Memorial through Sept. 28.

- Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor: The parking lot off Kuahua Avenue, adjacent to buildings 418 and 823 (dog kennel), will be closed for lighting repairs through Sept. 14.

- Naval Station Pearl Harbor: The parking lot at the corner of South Avenue/Fuller Way will be unavailable for parking in support of a new environmental and preventative medicine unit military construction project in the area through Nov. 26, 2008.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i will be repairing several dock outlets at Bravo Piers. The first outage will be from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 6, affecting Bravo 25 and 26. The second outage will be on Sept. 6 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to replace a section of lateral line to dock 207. The third outage will be from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Bravo 20 - 25. This project is slated to be completed by Sept. 30.



Quarterly energy seminar provides a look at new air conditioning technologies

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i Energy Team

The growing demands and cost for electricity have made conserving energy a critical issue for Navy Region Hawai'i. One of the key components to saving energy is increased energy awareness.

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i Energy Team has found that educating Navy military and civilian personnel on energy conservation and energy efficiency technology helps decrease energy consumption.

At the most recent seminar on Aug. 16, Marites Calad, vice president and branch manager of Norman S. Wright-Pacific, gave a presentation on energy efficient air conditioning systems. Since a large percentage of energy costs in Hawai'i are related to cooling, this seminar was particularly relevant and useful.

The one-hour session was



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i Marites Calad speaks at an energy seminar hosted Aug. 16 by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i Energy Team at Pearl Harbor.

well received and provided attendees with information on the design, application and delivery of quality air conditioning systems and technologies. "Ms. Marites Calad provided an excellent presentation on energy efficient air conditioning systems," said Glenn Suzuki, electrical engineering technician and building energy monitor for NAVFAC Hawai'i. "She is well-versed on air conditioning systems and presented the material in a manner so that all participants could easily understand her presentation."

The energy team provides

training to hundreds of Navy personnel each year in an effort to increase energy conservation and efficiency. This year the team expanded its education efforts by sponsoring quarterly energy efficiency seminars.

Due to the success of this year's quarterly seminars and the region's emphasis on increasing energy awareness, the NAVFAC Hawai'i Energy Team will continue to host similar seminars on a quarterly basis next fiscal year. Information about the next energy efficiency seminar in October will be forthcoming.

At the bow of Paiea



U.S. Navy photo anything as he takes defensive station at the bow of Chung-Hoon's rigid hull inflatable boat, Paiea, in escorting personnel back to the ship.

Ford Island Conference Center opens with ceremony

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the guests proceeded into the building for the ceremony and self-guided tour through the building.

"As a retired Navy captain, I'd like to let all the Sailors know how proud we are at Ford Island Properties and the Hunt Development group to be involved with this project and we look forward to seeing the Navy host some great events over here," said Steve

Colón, president of the Hawai'i division of Hunt Development Group.

The preservation and renovation of building 89 represents the successful completion of phase one of the Navy's Ford Island Master Development Plan project, which is designed to centralize Naval Station Pearl Harbor operations on Ford Island.

In addition to the renovation of building 89, the project also focused on expanding the

island's infrastructure, which included improving electrical and telecommunications systems, sewage collection systems and roadways.

The region also worked with the contractors to help preserve Ford Island's historical features and landmarks including the control tower, completed in 1942; hanger 54, built in 1935; hanger 79, completed in 1941; facility 87, completed in 1942; strafing and bomb impact markings

from the Pearl Harbor attack; and Army officer housing, built circa 1922.

"This is a project that ties us to history, to some of the most remarkable moments in this nation's history in the same way that the Admiral Clarey Bridge ties Ford Island, called moku'ume'ume by the ancient Hawaiians, to this hallowed harbor and the remainder of Oahu. It was work well done by all involved," said Smith.

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