

Mullen visits Lake Erie



U.S. Navy photo
A modified tactical Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) launched from USS Lake Erie (CG 70), impacted a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite.

Defense Dept. photo by MC1 Chad J. McNeeley
U.S. Navy Capt. Randall M. Hendrickson, left, commanding officer of USS Lake Erie (CG 70), speaks with Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a visit to the ship on Feb. 23 to congratulate the crew on their successful launch of a Standard Missile-3 at a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite as it traveled in space at more than 17,000 mph over the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl
The Ticonderoga class guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) returns to Naval Station Pearl Harbor after destroying a malfunctioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite.



Sailors assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based, Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) depart the ship to greet family and friends after mooring pier-side at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Reuben James returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific on Feb. 22 in support of the global war on terrorism.

Reuben James returns from deployment

Story and photo by MC3 David N. Dexter

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

The Pearl Harbor-based, Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) returned to its homeport of Naval Station Pearl Harbor from a six-month deployment on Feb. 22 as hundreds of friends and family members waited on the pier with open arms.

"It was heartbreaking to see him leave, but we're happy to have him back," said the spouse of a Reuben James Sailor.

Sailors reunited with loved ones were ecstatic when they spotted their friends and family waving at them from the pier.

"I'm happy I get to see my family again," said Storekeeper 3rd Class (SW) Romulo Villanueva.

While underway, Reuben James performed various missions in support of the global war on terrorism and conducted community relations projects in Guadalcanal, Tonga and Samoa.

"We went to several countries and conducted counter-terrorism missions," said Cmdr. Joseph Naman, the ship's com-

manding officer.

During port visits to Guadalcanal, Samoa and Tonga, Reuben James Sailors spent time building relationships with the local communities by volunteering to help with construction of hospitals and houses, clearing land and painting women's shelters.

"Every port we pulled into we would do community relations projects," said Naman. "Normally we would have about 20 volunteers from the command for each project."

Reuben James also took part in the 65th anniversary of the

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Teamwork, training: Keys to Navy's successful satellite intercept

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Capt. Randall M. Hendrickson, commanding officer of USS Lake Erie (CG 70), credited "team effort" and training for the successful intercept of a non-functioning satellite Feb. 20. Lake Erie, an Aegis warship homeported at Pearl Harbor, fired a single modified tactical Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) to destroy the toxic satellite.

Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Bates, the ship's tactical action officer, fired the SM-3. Fire Controlman 2nd Class Andrew Jackson, missile system supervisor, built the manual firing sequence list that facilitated the launch and was the first watchstander to receive indications of mission success.

"Certainly, what the team in the combat information center did was critical and that goes for every Sailor on Lake Erie," said Hendrickson.

"Without the engineers, we would not get to station on time or have power; without our culinary specialists, watch teams would not get fed in order to take the watch; without the navigation and deck Sailors doing their jobs, we would not be a warship at sea. What every crew member did was critical," said Hendrickson.

Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Angel Marte ensured the crew was healthy and well-nourished throughout the mission. Marte said,



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight
Fire Controlman 2nd Class Andrew Jackson, a native of Raytown, Mo., builds the Manual Firing Sequence List to enable launch of a specially modified Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) from the Combat Information Center aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70). Lake Erie fired a single modified tactical Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) and successfully impacted a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite approximately 247 kilometers (133 nautical miles) over the Pacific Ocean, as it traveled in space at more than 17,000 mph.

"This crew is outstanding. Being on the Lake Erie isn't just a job or people you only see at work. We really are a family. Everyone, from the top on down, lives up to the saying, 'one team, one fight.'"

Information Technology Specialist 2nd Class Gennarro Hawkins facilitated critical communications between Lake Erie and various shore commands. Hawkins said, "Being on the Lake Erie is a great opportunity for training and expanding my rating knowledge . . . at a fast pace."

According to Bates,

"Training played a huge role in the success of the mission. This is a new environment with a different set of procedures and guidelines. If it had not been for the training involved, we might not have been as successful as we were."

Bates added, "Being part of this mission has been a proud moment in my career."

When Lake Erie returned to Pearl Harbor on Feb. 22, the ship was met by Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet,

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Lake Erie crew describes satellite shot

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

The crew members of the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) were calm as they fired the latest shot heard round the world.

The Aegis-class cruiser fired the missile that destroyed a dead spy satellite that posed a threat to humans Feb. 21.

Capt. Randall M. Hendrickson, Lake Erie's commanding officer, spoke to reporters Feb. 24 aboard the ship, which had just returned from the mission. The visiting reporters are traveling with Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who visited the ship.

Hendrickson said the crew worked intensively for a month and a half before the shutdown.

"We kept working up with a team of government experts and technicians, as well as industry partners," Hendrickson said.

The group worked to gather information and modify the Standard Missile 3 and the Aegis weapon system, he explained. They started tracking the satellite at different times to get radar cross-section data, which helped build the



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Chad J. McNeeley

Capt. Randall M. Hendrickson, commanding officer of the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70), describes the successful launch of a Standard Missile-3, which destroyed a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite as it traveled in space at more than 17,000 mph over the Pacific Ocean.

program software, helped when push came to shove.

"Obviously there was a lot of anticipation building up each time we practiced, each time we tracked," he said.

The ship's weapons systems officer, Lt. Cmdr. Drew Bates, said the rehearsals really

helped when push came to shove.

"By the time we did this, we had seen it a hundred times," he said. "We were practicing what to do in case things go wrong. Fortunately nothing went wrong. This went just the way it was designed to happen

and hats off to the industry team for giving the nation a system that was able to have the excess capability to do this."

The satellite was unlike any target the system was designed to go after, the captain said. The satellite was in

orbit rather than on a ballistic trajectory. Also, the satellite was traveling at incredible speeds.

Lake Erie left here the day officials announced President George W. Bush's decision to try to shoot down the satellite. Hendrickson said the ship was in position when the shuttle Atlantis returned from its mission.

The ship received the order that Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates had OK'd the mission at mid-morning on Feb. 21.

"From that point on, the ship was very calm," Hendrickson said. "Obviously, the closer we got, there was a lot of anticipation. The firing team was very calm when we did it and, with the exception of the 'whoosh' when it went out of the launcher, it was just as scripted."

He said that when the missile's seeker opened its eyes it had the satellite "right dead center."

When the missile hit the satellite, "there was a lot of cheering" aboard the ship, he said.

The crew knew from the kinetic warhead imagery in the nose of the missile that it was a good hit, Hendrickson said.

"The radar scope went wild,"

he said. "At that point, there was a lot of debris, a lot of pieces and ... we thought we had a pretty good impact. Then [it] was confirmed by the aircraft that were airborne, the radars ashore and some other sensors that it was pretty much obliterated. Over the next three to four hours, a lot of it was burning up as it was coming down, which was the whole point of it."

Civilian experts from the Navy facility in Dahlgren, Va. and contractors from Lockheed Martin and from Raytheon Co. helped the crew prepare for the shot. But Navy Sailors manned the consoles for the mission.

Everyone on the Lake Erie contributed, Hendrickson said.

"Whatever the task is, there's no small task on a ship," he said.

The reaction of the crew is unbelievable, said Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Mack Ellis, the highest-ranking enlisted Sailor aboard Lake Erie.

"Even the youngest Sailor who didn't understand it at first, every time they walk somewhere and people know they are from Lake Erie, they say congratulations. It puts a smile on their face and makes their day."

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Navy Region Hawai'i hosts Career Management Symposium

Story and photo by Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

Navy Region Hawai'i hosted a Career Management Symposium, an information forum to provide career information to Sailors and their families in the Hawai'i region, on Feb. 25-29. The briefs were held onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor and at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe.

Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Troy Cox, an enlisted surface briefer who travels with the Center for Career Development (CCD) team from Millington, Tenn., said he was excited to be able to share with Sailors important updates about their career fields as well as to offer leadership programs. "At this event, [Sailors] will get basically the latest and greatest stuff that's happening in the Navy right now," he said. "With many Sailors, there is a lot of uncertainty and we want to do all we can to better equip them as leaders."

Traveling to different bases, the teams brief Sailors and officers about important career information pertaining to their jobs and commands. Detailers from various ranks accompanied the CCD team to address any questions as well as to advise Sailors and officers on career management issues.

Senior Chief Navy Counselor Gillian Guy, command career counselor at Navy Region Pearl Harbor, said it is important for Pearl Harbor to be able to give its Sailors access to crucial career information so they can

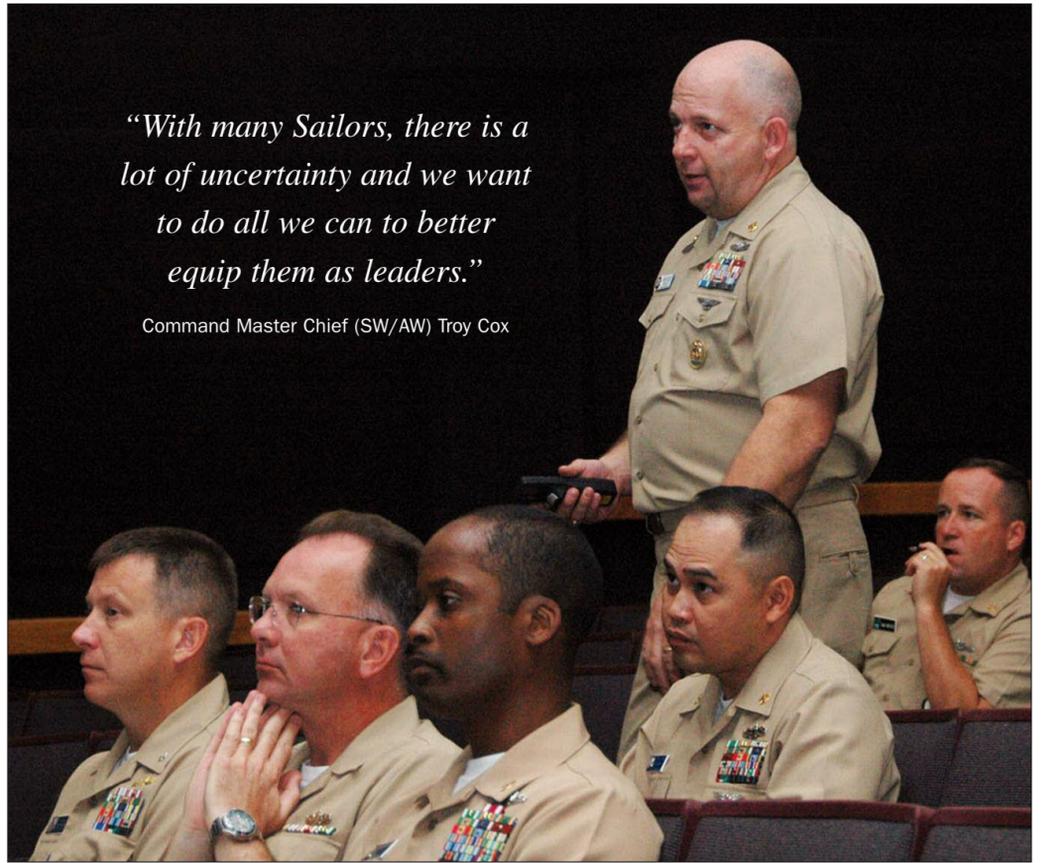
make better informed career decisions in the future.

"Career information is our central focus for Sailors, both officers and enlisted," she said. "When we have this information and this team available to us, it gives added value to both Sailors and their families. It gives them the opportunity to make good and well informed career decisions."

Storekeeper 1st Class Earl Navarro of Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center said he was glad to be able to have the opportunity to attend the Career Management Symposium. "This is my first time to attend one of these events," he said. "But I wanted to attend because I think this kind of opportunity is very beneficial to Sailors. I personally want to be more informed as well as have something I can pass on to other personnel in the command."

Gas Turbine System Technician (mechanical) 2nd Class Della Yazzie, assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor, said she decided to attend the event because she hopes to pursue another career field as a career counselor. "I am looking at a career change so I wanted to know what the leadership team does in Millington, Tenn.," she said. "I think the more information you have does not only help you, but also helps your command."

Career management symposiums are dedicated to giving career management information directly to officer and enlisted Sailors which provides service members and their families with the support to make informed, unemotional career decisions.



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Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Troy Cox

Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Troy Cox, assigned to the Career Development Team from Millington, Tenn., briefs Pearl Harbor Sailors during the Career Management Symposium at Sharkey Theater onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i hosted the Career Management Symposium on Feb. 25 to 29 to provide career management information to junior Sailors, officers and their families.

Commentary

Chapel Pennant

Got God?

Chaplain Bernard J. Pecaro

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Do you often think about your spiritual life? Christians often understand this as growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Are you interested in strengthening your spiritual walk? Perhaps something within you seems empty, or missing. If you desire a deeper significance for living, let me suggest to you a few tools for finding the Christ within.

Let's start with your prayer life. How's it going? God just wants us to talk with Him, so anything you have to offer is fine. God will do the rest. Have you read any good spiritual classics or contemporary Christian guide books lately? Can you sit down with a spouse or friend and reflect on passages from scripture? Have you allowed yourself a random act of kindness today? All of these are good ways to better focus our spiritual living and find the Christ within us. There is still another way fear.

Picture this. What image do you see when you think of the devil, Satan? Do you imagine a mean looking person whose skin is deeply red, highlighted with black streaks? Sprouting from his head are two long pointed horns with matching ears. Now envision a long nose covered with warts and teeth that are green and black from lack of oral care. Other devilish accessories are long hands with sharp fingernails, black clothing and a tail protruding from the creature's lower spine. If you met face to face with this guy, wouldn't you be sacred

to death? Fear often motivates us to find God.

That was my intention when I dressed in a very similar costume for grades nine through 12 at a hometown parochial school. It was Ash Wednesday when I showed up as the above depicted Satan. In the role of this ghoulish character, I encouraged the children to give into lying, cheating, anger, jealousy, abusive sex, alcoholism, drug use, self centered living and my list went on. I told them I wanted their very heart, soul and will. Every time they surrendered to my temptations, I said, I came ever closer to owning them forever.

Do you think the above analogy is too far fetched for our sophisticated, 21st century culture? I guess Satan would like us to think so. A strong relationship with Jesus helps us to be mindful of how the works of darkness discreetly creep into our lives. It reminds us that the devil does prowl like a lion looking for a soul to devour. Satan is real as are his powers to subtly bring us down. Knowing this would scare any concerned person into the loving and protective arms of Jesus.

Our salvation is the good news of God in Christ's resurrection. It is the supremacy of God in Christ Jesus who overcomes the powers of darkness. Pay attention. Intentionally allow each day of living to be a battleground where grace and darkness meet. Let your desire be to allow the love of God to drive far from you the sinister desires that corrupt, divide and destroy. Grace will put down Satan under our feet. The closer our walk with Jesus, the better we know this to be true.

Got God?

USS Galveston launches "Talos" guided missile



Official U.S. Navy photograph, from the collections of the Naval Historical Center

USS Galveston (CLG 3) launches a "Talos" guided missile on Feb. 24, 1959, the first time the "Talos" was fired at sea. This photograph was released by the Department of Defense on March 12, 1959. (Note: Galveston was commissioned in May 1958 as the Navy's first ship to carry the "Talos" guided missile, a long-range and quite large, anti-aircraft weapon. The ship had been extensively modified, especially aft of amidships, to equip her with magazines, a launcher and the radars associated with this new weapons system, and her first three years of active service were largely spent testing the "Talos" at sea off the U.S. East Coast and in the Caribbean region.)

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Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff U.S. Marine Corps Gen. James E. Cartwright, left, and Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England follow the progress of a Standard Missile-3 as it races toward a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite in space over the Pacific Ocean. The guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, launched the missile at the satellite orbiting in space at more than 17,000 mph over the Pacific.

Satellite debris analysis indicates hydrazine tank hit

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced Feb. 25 that based on debris analysis, officials are confident the missile intercept and destruction of a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite achieved the objective of destroying the hydrazine tank and reducing, if not eliminating, the risk from the hazardous chemical.

"By all accounts this was a successful mission. From the debris analysis, we have a high degree of confidence the satellite's fuel tank was destroyed and the hydrazine has been dissipated," said Gen. James E. Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The successful satellite engagement was truly a collaborative effort from across the U.S. government, the armed forces, industry and academia working together to

reduce the risk to human life," said Cartwright.

"The teamwork and interagency accomplishment associated with this operation was tremendous," said Cartwright. "Close workings with the National Security Council, State Department, Defense Department, NASA, Missile Defense Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, and Department of Homeland Security was absolutely key to the effort. The U.S. Navy, particularly the Pacific Fleet, was fundamental to the operation and did a superb job. The expertise of people from the U.S. Strategic Command, Air Force Space Command and Army Strategic Command was invaluable."

A single modified tactical Standard Missile-3 fired from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) was used to engage the satellite. The remaining two modified missiles will be config-

ured back to their original status as tactical missiles and the operational computer software programs aboard the Aegis ships will be reinstalled.

The Joint Functional Component Command for Space Joint Space Operations Center at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. is tracking less than 3,000 pieces of debris, all smaller than a football. The vast majority of debris has already re-entered or will shortly re-enter the earth's atmosphere in the coming days and weeks. To date, there have been no reports of debris landing on earth and it is unlikely any will remain intact to impact the ground.

U.S. Strategic Command space surveillance sensors continue to track and characterize the debris to ensure timely notifications are made, if necessary, with regard to ground or on-orbit debris-related risk.

SEAL, SWCC: Have what it takes?

MC2 Michael O'Day

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Career counselors and U.S. Navy SEAL [sea, air, land] motivators from Navy Special Warfare Center (NAVSPECWARCEN) in San Diego provided educational briefs to Pearl Harbor Sailors about special warfare programs on Feb. 20 during a visit to Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The briefs are conducted at fleet concentration areas twice a year as part of an increased recruiting effort and to provide additional information for Sailors interested in becoming a U.S. Navy SEAL or special warfare combatant-craft crewmen (SWCC).

"I was one of those guys that didn't know about basic underwater demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) [training] until I was in the Navy for 11 years," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor (SW) Walfrido Giovanetty, a motivator assigned to NAVSPECWARCEN. "I see this as a way for me to give these guys the right information so if they have a dream to do this they have the opportunity to do it."

SEALs and special warfare combatant-craft crewmen (SWCC) go through separate but similar specialized training programs that emphasize special operations in the maritime environment.

The intense physical and mental conditioning it takes to become a U.S. Navy SEAL or SWCC begins back at Great Lakes Naval Training Command with four weeks of conditioning, then to NAVSPECWARCEN for



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael O'Day

Senior Chief Sonar Technician (submarine) Francisco Montano, assigned to Navy Special Warfare Center (NAVSPECWARCEN) in San Diego, Calif., briefs a group of Hawai'i-based Sailors on Navy special warfare programs during a recent visit to Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

BUD/S training.

According to Giovanetty, there are currently 56 seats available to fleet Sailors for specialized training at NAVSPECWARCEN.

Sailors assigned to the Navy Special Warfare Motivating Team travel back and forth across the nation,

giving briefs and looking for Sailors who have what it takes to be at the tip of the sword for the Navy and the global war on terrorism.

For more information on how to become a U.S. Navy SEAL or SWCC, talk to your command career counselor or visit www.seal.navy.mil.

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Pearl Harbor Highlights



Sailors man the rails aboard the Pearl Harbor-based, Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) as she makes her way pier side Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Commanded by Cmdr. Joseph Naman, Reuben James returned from a six-month Western Pacific deployment in support of the global war on terrorism on Feb. 22. Frigates fulfill a protection of shipping (POS) mission as anti-submarine warfare (ASW) combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

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(Right) Friends and family members of Sailors assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) watch as the ship approaches the pier at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

(Top left) Sailors assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) depart the ship to greet family and friends after mooring pier side at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Reuben James returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific deployment in support of the global war on terrorism on Feb. 22.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 David N. Dexter



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

Sailors render honors aboard the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) for the arrival of the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) Robert M. Gates on Feb. 21. Following a short tour of the ship, a press conference was held pier side at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Elisia V. Gonzales

Air Force Capt. Matthew W. Caudell, officer-in-charge of the civic action team (CAT) at Camp Katuu, Palau, gives Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, a tour of a solar-powered water purification system at Palau on Feb. 24. Keating expressed that the team is the day-to-day representation of the friendship between the United States and Palau, which helps to ensure peace, stability and security in the country. This is Keating's first visit to Palau as Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.



Sailors from Naval Station Pearl Harbor helped with a Habitat for Humanity project on Feb. 16 in Waimanalo. The volunteers helped in the building of the Toth family home. The project is Honolulu Habitat's 61st house. Homeowners, Zach and Kukana Toth, were on hand to help with the work and said they were very impressed by the Navy's hard work. "You Navy people get it done fast," said Zach Toth.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Fred Holcombe



(Left) The guided-missile destroyers USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS Chafee (DDG 90), homeported at Pearl Harbor, steam in the Pacific Ocean with the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) on Feb. 22 during exercises with several Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force ships. Nimitz is operating in the western Pacific and Indian oceans as part of the U.S. 7th Fleet.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 John Scorza

Federal police officers graduate at Pearl Harbor

MC2 Michael A. Lantron

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Thirty-nine recruits of Department of Defense (DoD) Department of Public Safety Federal Police Academy class 001-08 graduated as federal police officers during a graduation ceremony held Feb. 22 at the Ford Island Conference Center.

The ceremony concluded 15 weeks of fast-paced basic law enforcement training held on board Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor, involving emergency vehicle operation, defensive tactics, weapons qualification, learning the laws and their jurisdiction, and traffic control.

"There can be no greater feeling than to devote your life for a higher calling. Our Navy and our nation will depend on you for protection," said Cmdr. Lawrence D. Hill, executive officer, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, and the ceremony's guest speaker.

The class, which normally consists of civilian students, included one active duty Navy Sailor, Boatswain's

Mate 2nd Class (SW) Antonio Ruiz, assigned to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

For Ruiz, the course was an opportunity to familiarize himself with law enforcement training as he cross-rates to the master-at-arms rating.

"I want to help the public, military families and my shipmates," said Ruiz. "Hopefully, this will help with my package and they will find this comparable enough to the master-at-arms school."

During the ceremony, recruits were announced as "officers" for the first time and the event culminated with the pinning of their badges on their uniforms.

"We made it unique by having someone special to them put their badge on instead of one of the officers," said Sgt. Brad Miller, training instructor, DoD Department of Public Safety Federal Police Academy.

Awards were presented to the recruits for leadership, academic honors, physical fitness and inspiration.

"The inspiration award is our biggest," said Miller. "The students choose who

they couldn't have done the training without."

Inscribed on the wall of the classroom building are the words, "pride, honor, integrity," and Miller encourages the recruits to understand the importance of those words.

"On day one, we ask them the definition of the words and what it means to them," said Miller. "As police officers, you need all three to do your job the correct way."

Miller later commented on the students and what the new officers meant to him.

"I could not be prouder of these 39 students. They're 'maika'i o ka 'oi,' which means the 'best of the best.'"

Following graduation, the new officers will report to the field training office for six weeks of on-the-job training and then will report to one of the following: NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, Navy Munitions Command, East Asia Division, Detachment Pearl Harbor; Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific; or Pacific Missile Range Facility.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael O'Day

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Antonio Ruiz and Emmanuel Dejesus, recruits at the Naval Regional Police Training Center Hawai'i, conduct a simulated suspect search. Ruiz is the only active duty Sailor in a class of 39 attending the academy, which trains civilians to be federal police officers for Navy Region Hawai'i.

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Hawaii Navy News

Reuben James returns home

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sary of the Battle of Guadalcanal. As a tribute to service members and local Solomon Islanders who lost their lives during the Guadalcanal campaign, the crew of Reuben James conducted several traditional ship-handling maneuvers across Iron Bottom Sound.

"It was good for us because it was a chance for us to connect with some history," Naman added.

The multi-mission Reuben James was commissioned in 1986, is 453 feet in length, 45 feet in width, weighs 4,000 tons and can reach speeds of more than 30 knots. Armed with six MK-46 torpedoes (from two triple mounts), one 76 mm (3-inch)/62 caliber MK 75 rapid fire gun and one Phalanx close-in-weapons system, frigates fulfill a protection of shipping (POS) mission as anti-submarine warfare (ASW) combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

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and Rear Adm. Alan B. Hicks, program director, Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD).

Willard praised Hendrickson and his crew in a "bravo zulu" congratulatory message sent earlier to the ship.

"Congratulations on your superb performance," Willard wrote to Hendrickson and the crew. "This was a critically important mission with strategic implications."

"The hallmark of a trained professional fighting force is to make extraordinary events appear routine, which is exactly what you did," Willard said. "I could not be more proud of your collective efforts . . . executed with precision and professionalism."

Lake Erie, part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, is committed to ensuring security and stability in the Pacific and contributing to homeland defense. For information and photos of Lake Erie's latest mission, visit www.cpf.navy.mil and click on "spotlighting USS Lake Erie."

Public hearings scheduled for supplement to draft environmental impact statement

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The Navy has completed the supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Hawai'i Range Complex and is inviting public comment on the document.

The supplement focuses on three areas: the analytical methodology used to evaluate the effects of mid-frequency active sonar on marine mammals, the amount and types of sonar allocated to each alternative, and a new alternative.

The supplement, the draft EIS itself and more information about the Hawai'i Range Complex are available online at <http://www.govsupport.us/hrc>.

The new document supplements the draft EIS/OEIS for the Hawai'i Range Complex that was

the subject of public hearings last summer and is nearing completion. The supplement is not a stand-alone document and should be reviewed in conjunction with the draft EIS/OEIS, which describes the environmental effects of current and increased levels of Navy training as well as research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E) activities around Hawai'i.

The DEIS/OEIS relies on the use of a dose function analytical approach to evaluate marine mammal behavior responses to mid-frequency active (MFA) sonar in the Hawai'i Range complex. Following publication of the DEIS/OEIS last summer, the Navy continued working with the National Marine Fisheries Service to define a mathematically representative curve and applicable model input parameters that

would be more appropriate. The result, known as risk function analytical methodology, is incorporated in the supplement.

The supplement to the DEIS/OEIS includes revised estimates of the hours of sonar use, using information from a database established by the Navy in 2006. The supplement employs that data to determine the amount of mid-frequency active sonar use expected with each of three alternatives described in the draft EIS/OEIS – the current level of training and RDT&E activity and two levels of increased activity – for purposes of modeling potential effects on marine mammals.

The supplement also proposes a new alternative that consists of all alternative two activities with reduced MFA sonar hours. The Navy has selected this new alternative as its preferred alternative.

This alternative would allow the Navy to meet its future non-anti-submarine training and RDT&E mission objectives and avoid increases in potential effects on marine mammals above historic levels of anti-submarine warfare training in the Hawai'i Range Complex.

The Navy will hold public hearings to gather public comments about the supplement to the draft EIS/OEIS:

- **Kauai:** March 13 Kauai Community College
3-1901 Kaunualii Highway,
Lihue (Puihi)
- **Maui:** March 14
Maui Waena Intermediate School
795 Onehee Avenue, Kahului
- **Oahu:** March 17
Disabled American Veterans Memorial Hall
2685 North Nimitz Highway,
Honolulu (Keehi)

• **Big Island:** March 18
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
71 Banyan Drive, Hilo

Each hearing will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Poster stations and Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions about the supplement to the draft EIS/OEIS.

Public comments will be taken beginning at 5 p.m. People who wish to speak will be asked to sign up at the hearing site. Written testimony will also be accepted at each hearing.

In addition, written comments on the supplemental draft EIS/OEIS may be submitted by April 7 via:

- **Mail to:** Public Affairs Officer
Pacific Missile Range Facility
P.O. Box 128
Kekaha, HI 96752
- **E-mail to:** deis_hrc@govsupport.us
The project Web site is www.govsupport.us/hrc.

NAVFAC engineer named 2008 Hawai'i Young Engineer of the Year

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Paulette Ujimori, a civil/structural engineer at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i, has been selected by the Hawai'i Council of Engineering Societies (HCES) for their 2008 Young Engineer of the Year award.

"We are extremely happy that one of our outstanding engineers is recognized by the state's professional engineering organization," said Glenn Miyashiro, supervisory civil engineer, asset management business line, NAVFAC Hawai'i. "Paulette is intelligent, communicates well, and focuses on providing excellent service to our customers."

To qualify for the Young Engineer of the Year award, Ujimori had to be a practicing professional engineer in the state of Hawai'i and be 35 years of age or younger. She was selected after a thorough evaluation of her accomplishments and contributions to the engineering profession and through the assessment of three superior letters of recommendation from individuals who knew of her abilities first hand.

"I was surprised to be nominated and then even more astonished to hear that I was selected," said Ujimori. "I have always admired previous winners and thought everyone to be



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so accomplished. This award is a reflection of all the hard work of the great people that I have had the privilege of teaming with on projects both for the Navy/Marine Corps and within the engineering community."

The Young Engineer of the Year award, first given in 1984, is presented at the HCES Engineers' Week banquet. Ujimori received her award at this year's banquet on Feb. 23 at Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, Hawai'i.

Ujimori is a lead engineer in NAVFAC Hawai'i's asset management business line. She provides technical

advice on civil engineering aspects for various high interest and difficult projects.

Ujimori has been employed by the Department of Navy since August 2003. Her experiences, while holding various positions in the federal government and civilian sector, have contributed to the wide range of projects and services she has successfully executed, including design and research, and environmental planning and compliance actions.

"Paulette sets an example for all of us in the business line," said Steve Johnston, coordinator, asset management business line, NAVFAC Hawai'i. "She has demonstrated her versatility and willingness to take on new challenges while continuing to execute her projects thoughtfully. She is a great addition to the NAVFAC Hawai'i asset management family."

Ujimori received her bachelor of science in civil engineering from the University of Hawai'i and her master of science in environmental engineering from the University of California, Davis. She is a registered professional engineer in both the state of Hawai'i and California.

HCES is the umbrella organization of the 13 major engineering societies in the state of Hawai'i. Annually, they select and honor three individuals – Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year and Student Engineer of the Year.

Fed Fire helps with AHA Go Red campaign



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Personnel from the Federal Fire Department took part in the American Heart Association's Go Red Campaign at Tamarind Park in Honolulu throughout February and at Macy's downtown by taking the blood pressure of people who came in for screening. The American Heart Association sponsors the 'Go Red' campaign during the month of March. American Heart Association personnel as well as other emergency workers go out into the community and do blood pressure screening. Anyone who wants their blood pressure taken can have it done for free. In this way, people who have high blood pressure will be directed to visit their doctor. Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the United States.

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Lake Erie burials-at-sea



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(Top) Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jordan Govero, a native of Fenton, Mo., salutes for the playing of Taps during a burial-at-sea ceremony held on the fantail of the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) on Feb. 21. (Above) Command Master Chief Mack Ellis, left, and Ensign Jenean Beers stand at parade rest during a burial-at-sea ceremony held aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) on Feb. 20.

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How to submit stories and photos to Hawaii Navy News

The staff of Hawaii Navy News welcomes submissions of stories and photos from the Navy community and commands. Help us to tell the story about our Navy and its Sailors and their families.

Here are some guidelines to help you:

Hawaii Navy News is published every Friday. The deadline for submissions is no later than close of business on Friday, a week prior to publication. Articles/photos should be submitted earlier than deadline when possible. It is also helpful if you let us know that you plan to submit a story and/or photo in advance of submission.

Timeliness is important. Submissions should be sent as soon as possible after the event, but no later than two weeks after the event in order to be considered for publication.

Submissions should be sent to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com and also "cc" either the managing editor, Chief David Rush, at david.rush@navy.mil or the editor, Karen Spangler, at karen.spangler@navy.mil.

Submissions must contain the following elements:

- Byline of author of article and his/her title and

command.

- Photo credit (who took the photo).

- Cutline information which explains what is happening in the photo.

- Who, what, when, where and why.

•Both first and last names, rates, ranks and warfare designations must be supplied for all of those who are mentioned in the story, quoted, and/or in cutline information. Positions and commands should also be provided for those who are quoted in the story.

Photos should be action photos, not shots of groups "posing" for the camera. If you need some additional guidance, please call us.

Photos should be at least 300 dpi if five by seven inches or slightly larger. This is necessary in order to ensure that the photo resolution is of high enough quality for newspaper printing. However, don't send huge photo files - resize large files before sending.

Ensure that stories/photos have been approved per the guidelines of your command prior to submission.

If any of the above information is missing, it must be supplied no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday (the week of

publication) or the story/photo will not be published.

Adherence to guidelines in meeting deadlines is critical in order for HNN to meet its publication deadlines. Regardless of the situation, our publication deadlines don't change.

Community calendar items should contain the who, what, where, when and why, be as concise as possible, and include a phone number that can be published with the item. Sending a flyer, power point, etc. with the information is not acceptable. The basic information should be compiled and provided in a Word document. Please refer to page B5 of Hawaii Navy News for format for community calendar items. The same deadlines apply.

Make sure that you provide your contact information - phone number as well as email - with your submission. We need to be able to reach you quickly if we have questions.

We look forward to receiving and publishing your stories and photos. If you have additional questions or need more information, please call Hawaii Navy News at 473-2890 or 473-3788.

Bearden named Afloat Training Organization Senior Sailor of the Year

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Master at Arms 1st Class (SW/AW/PJ) Chad V. Bearden, a Pearl Harbor Sailor, earned accolades recently when he was named Afloat Training Organization Pacific Senior Sailor of the Year (SSOY).

Bearden, a member of the staff of Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC), competed with the Sailors of the Year from ATGs in San Diego, Everett and Yokosuka.

"I was humbled to discover my chain of command thought so highly of me," said Bearden.

Bearden gave his time and talent to both his command and his community over the last year. He helped lead a building rehabilitation team that saved ATG MIDPAC thousands of dollars in renovation and labor costs. He also served as ATG MIDPAC's boat house leading petty officer, managing all aspects of boat operations and the continued maintenance and successful employment of over two million dollars of equipment. Bearden's participation in numerous community service events, including a Ford Island-wide cleanup, helped his command to earn the coveted 2007 Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship Award. He doesn't only volunteer his time for command-sponsored events; Bearden dedicated dozens of off duty hours refurbishing a Honolulu Japanese Church Sunday School classroom - making a huge impact on his local community.

"I cannot say enough to tout his [Bearden's] value as an asset to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, to the Pearl Harbor waterfront and to the United States Navy's mission to provide focused, timely training to the warfighters," Capt. Dell Epperson, commanding officer of ATG MIDPAC, observed. "He is an exceptionally hard charging and industrious leader and a superb mentor for his subordinates, peers and supervisors alike."

During the past year, Bearden has been a highly active member of ATG MIDPAC's anti-terrorism/force protection under-way training team. His efforts have directly enhanced fleet readiness by providing multi-warfare tai-

lored training to the fleet.

He doesn't only train the Navy, however, nor does he stop in Hawai'i. He personally volunteered and was selected for an individual augmentation assignment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for detainee operations where he directly supervised the safety, health and security of more than 170 global war on terrorism detainees. Epperson commented on Bearden's performance both at home and abroad. His direct actions in the tracking and training of more than 800 personnel earned him the Navy Achievement Medal and

the Joint Services Achievement Medal.

"Bearden consistently displays the exceptional qualities of sound judgment, leadership and extensive professional knowledge in support of Navy training," Epperson noted. "His outstanding performance, dedication to duty and cooperative spirit have enabled the 11 warships and more than 300 Sailors of Pearl Harbor he has personally trained in all aspects of force protection and non-compliant boardings to become better prepared to meet the demanding challenges of the war on terror. MA1 (SW/AW/PJ) Bearden

is saving lives through his preparation and training of Hawai'i's Sailors."

Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific's primary mission is to produce "warships ready for tasking" for operational commanders through a combination of innovative training practices and objective based assessment criteria.

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