

Pacific Partnership Kicks-off Final Mission

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The naval hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) and her crew of U.S. military, partner-nation representatives and non-governmental organizations (NGO) arrived in Chuuk, Micronesia, Aug. 22 for the final mission of Pacific Partnership 2008.

Micronesia, a former United Nations Trust Territory under the administration of the United States, is the fifth and final stop for the four-month humanitarian deployment to Southeast Asia and Oceania.

This mission reflects a longstanding tie between the United States and Micronesia, as well as a continued commitment to work together to assist the people of Micronesia with this humanitarian outreach.

The Pacific Partnership team is scheduled to spend approximately 10 days in Micronesia. The effort is being carried out in conjunction with the NGOs and in close coordination and partnership with local medical care professionals. Volunteers from Project Hope and University of California at San Diego Pre-dental society will also work with Pacific Partnership in Micronesia, as is a contingent of medical specialists from



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The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) is anchored off the island coast of Weno, part of Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia during Pacific Partnership 2008. Mercy is the primary platform for Pacific Partnership, a four-month humanitarian mission providing engineering, civic, medical and dental assistance to Southeast Asia and Oceania.

Canada and India.

A team of naval engineers from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 and Amphibious

Construction Battalion 1 will conduct repair and construction projects ashore, some of which are in place to improve medical and

sanitary conditions.

Along with the missions being conducted in Chuuk, Pacific Partnership has an advanced team of 26 med-

ical personnel and 20 Seabees conducting humanitarian assistance on the islands of Pohnpei and Yap. The Pacific Partnership

humanitarian mission has also included visits to the Republic of the Philippines, Vietnam, Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Luciano Marano

Commander Erik A. Burian is piped ashore after being successfully relieved as commanding officer of USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) by Cmdr. Steven M. Harrison during a change of command ceremony held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Friday, Aug. 22.

Harrison Relieves Burian as Commanding Officer of USS Los Angeles

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Cmdr. Steven Harrison relieved Cmdr. Erik Burian as commanding officer of USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), in a ceremony at Pearl Harbor Naval Station's submarine piers, Friday, Aug. 22.

Captain Lindsey Hankins, Commander, Submarine Squadron One, guest speaker at the event, spoke on Burian's

spirit, dedication and professionalism during his two years as commanding officer of the first submarine of its class, Los Angeles.

"Commander Burian is committed to ensuring the highest standards. His personal example and unwavering spirit set the tone for the officers and crew," said Hankins. "The success of any commanding officer is measured not in awards or decorations, but in knowing you have left behind

a ship of well-trained, highly motivated Sailors. This you have done very well and we all thank you."

Following the guest speaker's remarks, Hankins presented Burian with his second Meritorious Service Medal. Since assuming command in July 2006, Burian led Los Angeles through post-shipyard sea trials, two Eastern Pacific and one Western

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Anti-Terrorism Exercise Trains Emergency Personnel

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Emergency and law enforcement personnel responded to a series of mock terrorist attacks on Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA PH) August 20, as part of Anti-Terrorism Field Training Exercise (AT FTX) 2008.

Pearl Harbor's AT FTX is an integrated, quick reaction scenario driven event held on NAVSTA PH to train personnel in the rapid assessment and response to escalating levels of alert and terrorist threats/attacks.

"Terrorism is a reality. These exercises are essential in validating our plans and improving our ability to respond decisively and effectively to a terrorist attack," said Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of NAVSTA PH.

The exercise involved the integration of Naval Security Forces (NSF), Force Protection Training Team (FPTT), Federal Fire Department (FFD), Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU 6), Explosive Ordnance Detachment Middle Pacific (EOD DET MIDPAC), Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS), NAVSTA PH Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Regional Operations



Firefighter Keala Loo of the Federal Fire Dept. Hawai'i's Hazardous Materials Team takes samples of a suspected biological agent in a white powder form dropped during a mock terrorist attack on Ward Field as part of Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Anti-Terrorism Field Training Exercise (AT FTX) 2008. The exercise is an integrated, quick reaction scenario driven event held on Naval Station Pearl Harbor August 18-20 to train emergency personnel in the rapid assessment and response to escalating levels of alert and terrorist threats/attacks.

Center (ROC).

At approximately 9:00 AM, a mock pedestrian-borne improvised explo-

sive device exploded by Halawa gate simulating 29

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Chief Petty Officer Selects Turn Up the Heat

Story and photo by
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Naval Station Pearl Harbor chief petty officer select's re-qualify in firefighting training during induction seasons at the Center for Naval Engineering (CNE) Learning Site Pearl Harbor.

The firefighter re-qualification training is directed to educate chief selectees rotating from shore to sea on new up-to-date firefighting techniques and certify them, which is required every five years by every member of the U.S. Navy.

The chief selects went through several classroom hours of basic fire-fighting techniques before donning their flash gear, manning the hoses and moving on to two of the live firefighting training structures.

"It's important as chief selectees to go through this type of training as a team to gain the knowledge needed to functions as a team and get back down to the deck plates to see what their junior Sailors are going through," said Senior Chief Damage Controlman (SW/AW) Micheal Aston, senior enlisted at Naval Station Pearl Harbor firefighter trainer at CNE.

The firefighting training is aimed at bolstering teamwork and enhancing leadership skills needed to be a chief petty officer.



Naval Station Pearl Harbor chief petty officer selects re-qualify in firefighting training during induction seasons at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Firefighter Trainer. The firefighting training is aimed at bolstering teamwork and enhancing leadership skills needed to be a chief petty officer.

"Induction season is about chief selectees working together as a team and building unity towards a common goal," said Chief Damage Controlman (SW) Gregory Hightower, lead

instructor firefighter trainer at CNE. "When they come here to the firefighting school they get to demonstrate those skills and we effectively give them that extra knowledge that they

need to be an effective force in the team building process."

"We are all individuals from different commands, we all have different leadership skills from those commands

and this type of training gives us the opportunity to come together as one unit," said Personnel Specialist Chief Select Joseph Manning (SW/AW), assigned to Naval Recruit Processing

Station Honolulu. "I don't think that this is just important for chief selects, I think it is an important obligation for everybody in the Navy to have the knowledge to fight fires, whether they are aboard ships or an aircraft fire."

The training not only established a sense of teamwork, it prepares the chief selectees to be first response leaders.

"We have to remember regardless of our rating we are always Sailors first and deck plate leaders. It's up to us to know how to fight the ship, so when we get into a situation through combat, an accident, or a fire breaks out we have to be able to lead our people into the fire and save the ship," said Chief Fire Controlman (Sel.) (SW) George Lite, assigned to USS Lake Erie.

This year, the Navy selected 4,017 first class petty officers for advancement to the rank of chief petty officer, including over 50 from the Hawai'i area of operations.

The U. S. Navy's firefighters serve as first responders during many emergencies, to fight fires, rescue trapped and injured persons, and to provide emergency services during hazardous materials spills, civil unrest, and terrorist attacks. In likeness to their counterparts in community fire services, the Navy's firefighters follow strict safety procedures to protect themselves while they are protecting the lives and property of others.

Chief Petty Officer Selects are Ready to Navigate

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Chief petty officer (CPO) selects went through the Navigation, Shiphandling, and Seamanship Trainer (NSST), Aug. 26, at Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) to help them build teamwork and learn standard Bridge Watch procedures.

The NSST is a large computer simulator; programmable to change scenario's for over a hundred worldwide ports and Navy vessels. The chief selects were tasked with safely navigating an Aegis-class destroyer out of Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

"We brought in the chief selects and we're putting them in the NSST, basically to emphasize teamwork," said Chief Quartermaster

(SW) Jesse Garcia. "When you're standing watch on a bridge it takes a team, and you have to be really good to get the ship underway, out of the harbor, and to safely navigate."

Over 20 CPO selects ranging from Culinary Specialists to Builders participated in the simulation, gaining new experience, and an appreciation for the work that goes on at the bridge.

"I found out more about the job of the people that work on the bridge and it's harder than what I thought," said Chief Personnel Specialist (Sel.) (SW) Frederick Umipig. "It's a very important job in the Navy, and the people that work there is pretty much the ones that keep us alive."

Four different groups of CPO selects took a turn on the simulator, with each select filling one of six sta-



Quarter Master First Class (SW) Andrew Lowe instructs a group of chief petty officer selects on a Navigation, Shiphandling, and Seamanship Trainer at Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific. The trainer was used to help instill a sense of teamwork with the chief selects and to help familiarize them with a watch station that many were new to.

tions, from lookout to conning officer.

Umipig, who stood watch

as the conning officer explained what he learned, "First and foremost, you

want to make sure that you're steering to the right course then you have to

deal with the Navigator, the Officer of the Deck, the Helm, and the Lee Helm. It's pretty much a team effort, so just because I'm doing it right doesn't mean everything will come out perfect."

In the end, the CPO Selects performed well in the simulation according to their instructors.

"They did pretty good," said Quartermaster First Class (SW) Andrew Lowe, one of the NSST operators and an ATG MIDPAC instructor. "We threw a lot at them, especially at the end; they were holding up well, so I had to hit them with 150 knots of wind."

The NSST was installed at ATG MIDPAC last year and has since helped to train hundreds of Sailors. Later on this week another group of CPO selects is scheduled to go through the simulator.



Operation Homefront of Hawaii is proud to partner with the Department of Defense in their America Supports program for Freedom Walk 2008. Our second annual walk will be held on Thursday, September 11th beginning at 9AM. The 1.4 mile route will begin in the baseball field on the corner of Valkenburg and Main Street.

The purpose of this event is simply to establish a tradition to reflect on the lives lost on September 11, renew our commitment to freedom and the values of our country and to honor our veterans, past and present.

Students from three area schools will be participating in the walk. The United States Navy Color Guard will

lead our walk followed by the Holy Family Band and marching hula dancers. Mayor Mufi Hanneman and Captain Kitchens will serve as guest speakers.

Freedom Walk is a non-partisan, non-exclusive event open to the general public and free of charge to participants. This is not a fundraiser, nor a platform to discuss politics or policies. We saw close to 1,000 participants walk in our 2007 Freedom Walk event. Please help us reach a higher goal for Freedom Walk 2008.

We encourage those interested in participating to register online at www.operationhomefront.net/hawaii.

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CNO Reminds Navy to Stay Safe Labor Day Weekend

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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead is reminding Sailors and their families to be safe this Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, marks the final weekend of summer and the final weekend of the Naval Safety Center's Critical Days of Summer campaign. CNO recorded a podcast in June at the beginning of the campaign, emphasizing the importance of staying safe on and off the job.

"We put such important emphasis on safety, especially during the summer because it deals with the most important part of our Navy -- our people. Every time we lose a Sailor to an accident, to me it's a tragedy that can be prevented.

"The Critical Days of Summer stretch throughout the main summer holidays - Memorial Day, Fourth of July and into Labor Day. And it's during those periods, those holidays, that we have lost a lot of our shipmates," Roughead said.

So far, during the 2008 Critical Days of Summer campaign, the Navy has lost 29 Sailors in off-duty mishaps. Of those, 14 were lost to motorcycle accidents. It is every Sailor's and Navy civilian's responsibility to

look out for each other and act sensibly so that no more lives are lost during this holiday weekend.

"It's the individual's responsibility most importantly, but it's the leaders' responsibility as well. We all have to be mindful about what we're doing. Thinking

www.nko.navy.mil, offer the Travel Risk Planning System or TRiPS. TRiPS is an automated risk-assessment tool online. Sailors can use it before driving outside command travel limits for liberty or leave.

The system helps them recognize, and avoid, the hazards they face on the highway and can keep the Sailors' commands involved in their travel plans. CNO recommends everyone take advantage of the resources available to them to ensure a fun, yet safe Labor Day weekend.

"It's an all-hands responsibility. We have to be alert, attuned to the hazards that are around us, and we must take advantage of the great programs that the Naval Safety Center has put together. "Always think about where

you are and what you're doing and make a commitment to yourself and your shipmates that you're going to come back alive," Roughead said.

For more news from the Chief of Naval Operations, visit www.navy.mil/local/cno

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about the steps we must take to ensure that we're safe and that we're taking into account all the factors that can influence our safety," CNO said.

The Naval Safety Center's Web site, www.safetycenter.navy.mil, and Navy Knowledge Online,

Captured in the aftermath...



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

Photographer's Mate 3rd Class T.E. Collins after photographing the oil and mud smeared interior of the capsized USS Oklahoma (BB-37) during salvage operations at Pearl Harbor, 18 January 1943. He entered the ship through Number Four Air Lock, where pressure was raised to 10 lbs. per square inch. An oxygen mask had to be worn at all times. Note his mask, tank suit, boots, gloves, and camera.



Seven-Minute Safety Talk

USS The Sullivans (DDG-68) Safety Center

Every Friday in The Sullivans home port of Mayport, Fla., and prior to liberty call in others, each department assembles for seven minutes for a tailored talk on safety and common sense as they apply to weekend liberty. This talk, while short, is a sincere way to capture attention and focus on safety while not belaboring the topics, which are also addressed in the routine port-visit brief or during longer safety stand-downs. Each Sailor, from E-1 to O-5, is asked what can go wrong over the weekend or during liberty in the port of call. Topics include alcohol awareness, DUIs, crime trends, recreational safety, local law enforcement practices, and the buddy system. It is a way of writing a mishap report in reverse and preventing the incident. The key is not in the specific nature of the topics covered but the matter-of-fact, brief way it is presented as a positive experience for all Sailors and Officers. The get-together, timed to last no longer than seven minutes, bolsters crew awareness of risks they face in their time off and empowers them to safely navigate their liberty time.

Data/validation: Since The Sullivans began this practice, the ship had 87 days out of 167 ashore, visiting both Norfolk and New York. The crew experienced zero mishaps or near-misses in this period ashore.

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Chief Selects Volunteer at Young Women's Christian Association

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Navy Region Hawaii chief petty officer selects participated in a community relations project August 23 at Honolulu's Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) to help renovate portions of their 83-year-old building.

One dozen volunteer chief selects and their sponsors stripped and painted rooms, stairwells and common areas that will be used as learning centers for women of all ages.

"This is part of their training as chief selects, allowing them the opportunity to give back to their community," said Senior Chief Fire Controlman (SW/AW) Craig Hohnstein, a community service coordinator for the 2008 chief petty officer induction season. "This is a way for them to grow as leaders and as well to grow together as a team."

Chief selects took time out of their Saturday morning not only to improve a 20th century building but to build a stronger relationship with the community.

"For these Sailors to come here and help us restore this facility to a more suitable condition shows us that the Navy really does care and support its local community and that they have committed to a partnership with helping the YWCA," said Cindy Arakaki, director of human resources and administration for the Honolulu YWCA. "We truly love the Navy for what they have done for us. They have come here before and their support has changed the life of many people."

For Chief Electronics Technician (SW) (Sel) Vincent Gardner,



Chief Cryptologic Technician (Sel.) (SW) Terry D. Fort, assigned aboard USS Chosin (CG 65) rolls paint onto a wall at the Laniakea Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) in Honolulu, Hawaii during a volunteer day with chief petty officer selects and their sponsors. The 83-year-old building is in the process of a \$12 million construction project to programs for women to build a better future for themselves and their families.

assigned aboard USS Chosin (CG 65), it was a time to reflect on the many roles the U.S. Navy plays around the community.

"For me it feels really rewarding to come here to the YWCA for just a small portion of my time, which in turn will benefit a community for

years to come," said Gardner. "I am glad we all could come out and help today. There are a lot of people out there in the community that don't have ties to the Navy, and they don't know that we care not only for what's going on in the Naval community but what is going on in our

surrounding communities, as well."

This year, the Navy selected 4,017 first class petty officers for advancement to the rank of chief petty officer, including over 50 from the Hawaii area of operations.

The YWCA helps women of all ages learn news skills to be leaders

and role models for the future others. The programs provide young women with opportunities to learn from a long line of classes from aquatic fitness classes to culinary arts. For adults the programs range from "Dress for Success" to child-care.

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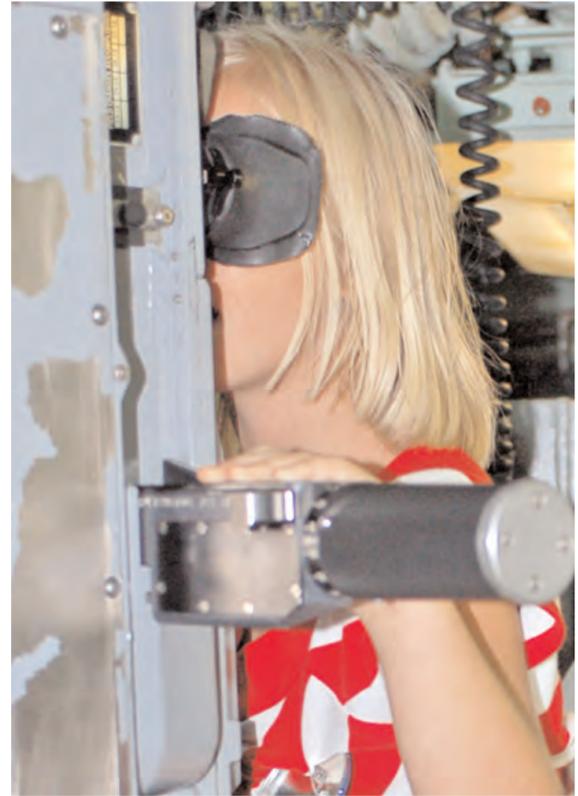


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Veronica Payne, age six, and her mother Debra, pause to peer through the periscope onboard USS Columbia (SSN 771) during a guided tour Thursday, Aug. 22. The Payne family toured Columbia while visiting Hawaii courtesy of the Make-A-Wish foundation after the oldest child Tyler, age 17 and not shown, was diagnosed with a malignant type of bone cancer known as Osteosarcoma. They also toured the Bowfin and USS Arizona memorials. "I've always been interested in the military for as long as I can remember," said Tyler. "This has been a really great trip."

U.S. Navy photo MCSI Luciano Marano



(Above) Chief Quartermaster Jesse Garcia, assigned to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, demonstrates controls of the Navigation, Seamanship and Shiphandling Trainer (NSST) to members of the Pacific Century Fellows (PCF) Program during PCF's "Military Day" festivities. The NSST is a state-of-the-art bridge team trainer designed to replicate the environment found on the bridge of a Navy ship and utilizes life-like scenarios with visual simulations to train Navy bridge teams.



(Above) Chief Damage Controlman (Sel.) Shaun Thompson, along with other chief selects, spent last Saturday barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers at at Hoaeae Community Park.



(Above) Chief Select Storekeeper (SW) Raul A. Duka, assigned to Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor scraps paint from an old window frame at the Laniakea Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) in Honolulu, Hawaii during a volunteer day with Chief Petty Officer Selects and their sponsors. The 83-year-old building is in the process of a \$12 million construction project to provide better areas for programs for women to build a better future for themselves and their families.



(Left) Senior Chief StoreKeeper (SW) John Murphy, the leading chief petty officer of USS Chosin (CG 65) Supply Department paints a railing at the Laniakea Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) in Honolulu, Hawaii during a volunteer day with Chief Petty Officer Selects and their sponsors.

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Navy Lieutenant Makes a Splash on Fairways

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Silhouetted by the setting sun, a man takes a bucket of golf balls, a tee and a driving club out to take practice swings. Placing a single ball on the tee, the golfer brings the club over his head and follows through. His shot crushes the ball more than 300 yards, landing not into an ordinary pond, but into the vast ocean waters.

Lt. Willard Hurley III, first lieutenant for the Pearl Harbor-based Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), began his golfing career as a young child in Leesburg, Va. Since graduating from the Naval Academy in 2004, Hurley has become a professional golfer. He has played in seven Professional Golfers Association of America tour events, three Nationwide Tours events and other various mini-tour events.

Prior to joining the academy, Hurley began playing with his father recreationally. In his junior year of high school, Hurley dropped all other activities to fully pursue his golfing dream and in the process became a zero handicap by graduation.

Known as Billy by his family and friends, Hurley then played National

Collegiate Athletic Association Division I golf at the Naval Academy while earning a degree in quantitative economics. During his senior year, Hurley won six of the twelve tournaments he participated in.

"I would not be the golfer I am without going to the academy. It gave me the opportunity to play a lot and helped me in the sense of mental toughness and composure," said Hurley.

As the Navy helps his golf swing, some of what he learned on the course crept into the deckplates as well.

"Keeping an even keel in golf by controlling your emotions if things don't go right and still playing your best is very similar to shipboard life," said Hurley. "Standing watches can be a stressful environment, so keeping that even keel helps you solve the problems and work the situations more easily than if you were upset."

Those who work with Hurley and have played a round of golf with him can attest his attention to detail on the course and on the deckplates.

"I observed his play and before every shot, he takes a lot of serious consideration and I can see how he brings that to his job," said Lt. Craig Trent, operation officer for Chung-Hoon. "He appreciates his work in the same manner, with every action he takes having a good purpose behind it.



Lt. Billy Hurley III speaks to Sailors in his division during morning quarters onboard the Pearl Harbor-based Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). Hurley serves as Chung-Hoon's first lieutenant along with being a professional golfer, who has played in seven Professional Golfers Association of America tour events, three Nationwide Tours events and other various mini-tour events.

This has helped him become a fine Naval Officer and a leader aboard Chung-Hoon."

Hurley can next be seen

teeing off Saturday at Ko Olina Golf Club in Kapolei, where he is co-hosting a free hour-long golf clinic with fellow golf academy

professionals Travis Joerger and Tommy Hines. Clinic attendees will have the chance to win door prizes, including a chance

to eat lunch and play 18 holes of golf with Hurley and Adm. (Ret.) Tom Fargo, former commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

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The first annual Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Inductee softball tournament was held on August 15, 2008 at Millican Field as a fund raiser to benefit the Naval Station CPO selects. ATG MIDPAC emerged as the champions after six hard fought games.

ATG MIDPAC Wins first Annual CPO Inductee Softball Tournament

ATG MIDPAC Public Affairs

The first annual Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Inductee softball tournament was held on August 15, 2008 at Millican Field as a fund raiser to benefit the Naval Station CPO selects. ATGMIDPAC emerged as the champions after six hard fought games.

The rules of the tournament were simple. Each game was limited to 30 minutes in length and each batter's fate was determined by one pitch. The final rule was that no team could outscore their opponent in three innings by 20 runs or more

than 10 runs after five innings.

A total of eight teams participated in this fiercely competitive double-elimination tournament. ATGMIDPAC played a total of six games to win the tournament. In the first round, during a very close game, ATG defeated members from the Pearl Harbor Ship Yard 6-5. The second round saw ATG clobber COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC 18-0. Another close game against the USS Crommelin produced a 7-5 victory. ATG then faced off against the USS Hopper winning 7-5.

Needing only one more victory to win the tourna-

ment ATG and the USS Hopper encountered each other again in the following game. This time the USS Hopper was fighting to stay in the tournament, as another loss would have knocked them out for good. In a moment of desperation, the USS Hopper came out on top beating ATG 8-6.

In the championship game, ATG went toe-to-toe with the crew of USS Hopper for one final time. After seeing the extremely large trophy that was at stake, ATG prepared for the mêlée that was about to ensue. In the end, ATG prevailed with a final score of 14-1.

AT FTX Prepares for Emergencies

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casualties, including security personnel and a group of Sailors performing morning physical training.

About one minute after the explosion, base security personnel followed a truck loaded with two 55-gallon drums containing a mock liquid chemical threat to Ward Field, where a Sailor acting as a terrorist fled the vehicle carrying a bag of flour, posing as a possible biological agent in a white powder form.

Immediately following the incidents, Kitchens temporarily ordered the Force Protection Condition (FPCON) level to Delta as part of the drill.

"The exercise was designed to ensure our response plans are adequate and executable, to practice our actions, and to test our ability to train ourselves. By critically examining our adequacy in each phase we identify improvements we will make that will ensure we are as ready as we can be to respond decisively and effectively in the event of an actual terrorist attack. Of course we are also mindful of the impact exercises that increase our force protection posture have on those that work and live on our installation, and strive to minimize the impact while still achieving our objectives," said Kitchens.

Base security personnel were the first to respond to the incidents followed by the FFD, who triaged the Sailors' simulated injuries and provided medical care.

Police apprehended the driver of the truck and called in the FFD's Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Team to inves-



Federal Firefighters place Boatswain's Mate Seaman Apprentice Christopher Gage, assigned to the guided missile frigate USS Reuben James, on a stretcher after a mock suicide bombing occurred simulating 30 casualties as part of Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Anti-Terrorism Field Training Exercise (AT FTX) 2008.

tigate the white powder and liquid.

The HAZMAT team set up a decontamination station onsite and collected samples of the suspected chemical/biological threats and delivered them to NEPMU 6 for testing.

The personnel participating in the exercise had responded to and successfully contained the crisis by early that afternoon.

"We were able to effectively and safely plan and run a challenging terrorist exercise scenario that allowed us to validate our plans and assess our response efforts, so I think we can say the exercise was clearly a success. Perhaps more importantly we were successful in identifying where and how we can improve," said Kitchens.

According to Kitchens, teamwork played a vital role in the success of the exercise.

"Teamwork is a fundamental competency that underpins the entire spectrum of what it takes to conduct an exercise like this. More importantly, this exercise again demonstrated that only through effective teamwork will we be able to respond effectively in the event of an actual terrorist attack," he added.

Kitchens stressed the importance of anti-terrorist force protection training and the threat of terrorism.

"Terrorist attacks are an unfortunate reality in a free and open society like ours. Only by putting in the hard work and accepting some of the inconveniences necessary to practice how we will respond can we build the teamwork and hone the skills necessary to minimize the impact of such an attack to our people and our mission," he explained.

Los Angeles Changes Command

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Pacific deployment and also received the 2007 Commander, Submarine Squadron One Battle "E" Efficiency Award and the Commander, Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award.

In his closing remarks, Cmdr. Burian expressed his gratitude to his officers and crew for their efforts, ensuring they knew each of their jobs were important and essential to Los Angeles' successes during his tour as commanding officer.

"I believe that we are always free to choose our own attitude, and that regardless of the circumstances, attitude and effort are highly contagious and make all the difference," said Burian. "From my first hand observations, warship Los Angeles can truly accomplish amazing things. Shipmates, happy hunting and sail safely; I will treasure forever the memories of my time as your skipper on the 'First and Finest.'"

As Cmdr. Harrison assumed command of Los Angeles he let his new crew know he is well prepared for the task and the privilege of serving as their commanding officer.

"I look forward to meeting our mission together in providing the American people the warship they deserve to protect the freedoms that all of us so cherish," said Harrison. "It's great to be aboard with the finest core of professionals America has to offer."

Burian's will next be assigned to Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet as a senior member of the tactical readiness evaluation team. His sea tours include executive officer of USS Georgia (SSBN 729) Blue and Gold, combat systems officer and engineer on board USS Boston (SSN 703) and qualified submarines on board USS Whale (SSN 638). Burian is a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

U.S. Border Patrol launches Hawai'i hiring mission

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For the first time, U.S. Customs and Border Protection national recruiters will look to the Aloha State with recruiting events that will target both the civilian and military communities.

In 2006, President George W. Bush announced his commitment to add 6,000 additional Border Patrol agents by the end of 2008. With approximately 17,000 agents on board today, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is working toward a total of 18,000 agents by the end of this year. This is the largest expansion of the Border Patrol in history.

Border Patrol recruiters will launch a one-day recruiting event, which is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 6 at the Blaisdell Center, located at 777 Ward Avenue in Honolulu.

"Our agents protect America in America," said Joe Abbott, national recruiting director. "This is as much about public education as it is recruiting Border Patrol agents. We are embarking on a recruiting mission into states like Hawaii that may not be as familiar with the Border Patrol, and we are certain

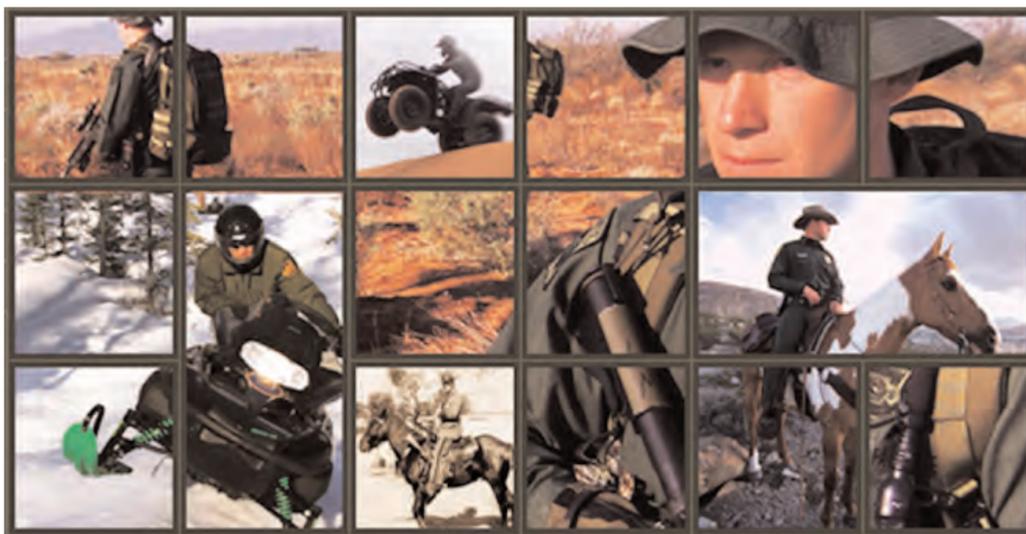


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that with awareness comes interest in this unparalleled federal law enforcement opportunity," he continued.

The Border Patrol is specifically responsible for patrolling almost 7,000 miles of Mexican and Canadian international land borders and 95,000 miles of shoreline.

One of the most important activities of a Border Patrol agent is line watch. This involves the detection, prevention and apprehension of terrorists, undocumented aliens and smugglers of aliens or illegal goods at or near the land border.

Recruiters consider military veterans a fertile source as they make

up 25 percent of CBP's workforce. To reach military ID card holders with base access, Border Patrol recruiters will also take part in the Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 3 at Club Pearl on Pearl Harbor.

At the Sept. 3 and 6 events, on-

site recruiters will offer: answers to applicant questions; application assistance and online application submission; test-taking tips, practice testing and evaluation; and accounts of their career experiences protecting our nation's borders.

Successful Border Patrol candidates will complete a rigorous screening process, which includes a written examination and structured interview, language aptitude or Spanish proficiency test, along with a physical fitness test and medical examination. Benefits include federal health insurance, life insurance and retirement, and up to 25 percent additional pay in overtime opportunities. Training is provided and includes a 55-day basic training program upon successfully passing a Spanish proficiency exam in the academy; all others will complete a 40-day Spanish immersion course upon completing basic training. Border Patrol recruits earn between \$36,000 and \$46,000 in their first year, with the potential of earning up to \$70,000 per year within three years of service. Initial assignments will be in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. For recruiting event information, call (877) 277-9527 or apply online at www.borderpatrol.gov.

Sea-Shore Flow improves sea, shore duty timing to the fleet

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The new NAVADMIN 234/08 released Aug. 23 explains that as part of new sea-shore flow (SSF) enlisted career paths, Sailors' sea tour lengths will now be determined by sea tours completed, such as first sea tour or first shore sea tour, instead of by pay grade.

Specific SSF timelines for individual ratings are listed by rating in the NAVADMIN.

"Sea-shore flow is not an automatic increase in sea duty. In fact, 90 percent of Sailors will see either no change or a decrease in their sea tour lengths," said Cmdr. Craig Schappner, operations analysis section head for the Chief of Naval Personnel.

SSF provides the optimal balance between sea duty and shore duty,

enhances stability and improves predictability of the career paths for every Sailor in a sea-centric Navy.

The change to SSF was made to help ensure proper manning of all sea duty and front line operational billets. At the same time, it helps to provide a more desirable work-life balance throughout a Sailor's career by working to offset the often arduous nature of sea duty with predictable periods of meaningful work ashore.

Quartermaster 2nd Class Carlos Oqendo plots points on the navigation chart aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS McFaul (DDG 74) as Quartermaster Seaman Rafael Acosta records the information while makes the ship transits through the Turkish Straits.

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Northwest Pearl Harbor Survivors honor EODMU-11

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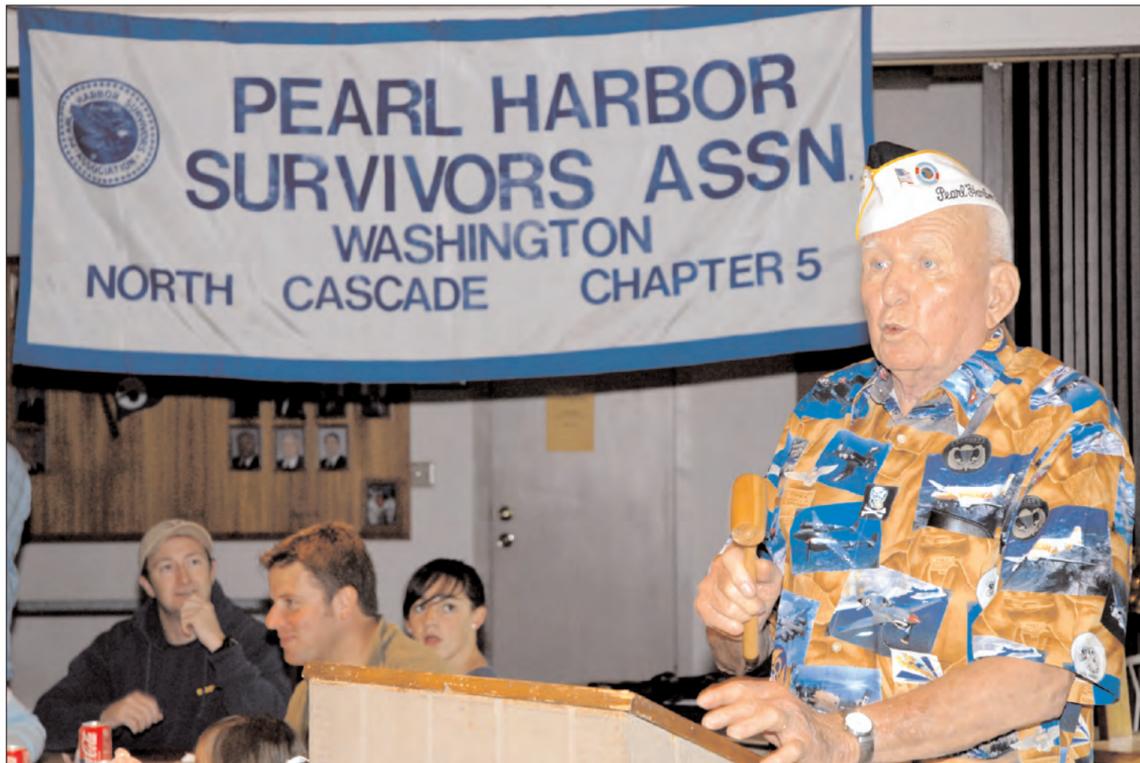
Members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (PHSA), North Cascade Chapter 5 honored 74 members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 11 during the PHSA annual picnic in La Conner, Wash., Aug. 19.

Each of the EODMU-11 warriors was presented with a commemorative plaque of appreciation for their service.

Cmdr. Joseph DiGuardo, EODMU-11 commanding officer, and Master Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (EWS/PJ) Stacey McClain, EODMU-11 command master chief, also accepted a plaque from the widows of the PHSA on behalf of their six fallen Sailors who have died in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"Today we close a circle of friendship and mutual admiration between two groups of warriors. Three years ago in this very room EODMU-11 honored the 20 veterans of WWII PHSA Cascade Chapter 5," said Randy Cross, honorary member of PHSA North Cascade Chapter 5, who coordinated the event.

"Though many years separate (these two groups), they



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tucker M. Yates

Jim Stansell, president of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (PHSA) North Cascade Chapter 5, delivers his opening remarks at the start of the PHSA's annual picnic at Shelter Bay Clubhouse. PHSA presented 74 members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 11 with plaques in appreciation for their service and a commemorative plaque to honor their six fallen warriors who gave their lives supporting the global war on terrorism.

are brothers forged by battle. They both know the meaning of bravery, courage, and sacrifice," added Cross. "Over the past years, PHSA num-

ber five and EODMU-11 have developed a special bond of friendship that will last to eternity."

The bond between the two

groups began 11 years ago when EODMU-11 answered the call of the PHSA to provide command support and a venue for their annual Attack

on Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony. DiGuardo feels the members of the PHSA represent what today's military members should

emulate to be triumphant.

"In every generation there is a group of people who, whether by nature or nurture, whether it's in their DNA or through what they see, answers a call to arms. It's that calling that allows us to sacrifice the things we sacrifice in the name of freedom," said DiGuardo. "In each generation we learn from the warriors of past generations and we could not be as successful in our course to protect the world if not for the path laid out for us." Both groups feel the shared relationship has been mutually beneficial."

Over the past years Chapter 5 has been very closely associated with these young Sailors. The enlisted men and the officers have always been, in my mind, of the highest quality and caliber and will forever remain in our hearts and memories," said Jim Stansell, PHSA North Cascade Chapter 5 president.

Likewise, EODMU-11 Sailors feel honored to work with the PHSA.

"In a way I feel like we don't deserve it with them going through so much more than we did," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (DV) John Dawson, of EODMU-11. "The bond that we have with them is that they've sacrificed and we've sacrificed and I feel there's just a quiet understanding between us."

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