

USS Arizona survivors honor fallen shipmates

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Six former crew members of the battleship USS Arizona (BB-39), including five survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, visited the USS Arizona Memorial and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on Dec. 2.

The Sailors visited the historic sites to honor fallen service members as part of the USS Arizona Reunion Association's annual meeting, taking place this year on Oahu.

As they arrived at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center (AMVC), the survivors were greeted by an honor cordon of Sailors and Marines and a performance by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band.

"It was great to be honored by that line of Sailors and Marines," said 88-year-old Lauren Bruner, a fireman third class at the time of the attack. "By doing that, they showed a great deal of respect for us."

Those in the honor cordon agreed with Bruner's statements.

"Many gave their life for the country and what we believe in and to honor them is no greater respect than that," said



Battleship USS Arizona (BB-39) survivors (left to right) Lauren Bruner, Glenn Lane and Edward Wentzlaff view the list of 1,177 perished Sailors and Marines in the shrine room of the USS Arizona Memorial on Dec. 2. Six former crew members of Arizona, including five survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, visited the USS Arizona Memorial and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on Dec. 2 to honor fallen service members as part of the USS Arizona Reunion Association's annual meeting, taking place this year on Oahu.

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Tutt, assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "The survivors were here when the attack took place and they stepped up out of the devastation to help save

Pearl Harbor."

Once the greeting was completed, the six former Arizona Sailors and mem-

bers of the reunion association paid tribute to their fellow crew members as they toured the USS

Arizona Memorial.

After departing the Arizona, the six Sailors honored their fallen shipmates during a wreath laying ceremony, including a playing of Taps and a 21-gun salute.

For the survivors, paying homage to those fallen on the Arizona and those who lie in the cemetery is an essential moment for them.

"It's a big honor for me," said 90-year-old Glenn Lane, a radioman third class at the time of the attack. "I have many friends on the shrine wall who are still aboard the ship and the least I can do for them is to pay my respects."

"I lost a lot of buddies on that ship," said Bruner. "The last time I was here was in 1991. I'm 88 now and I have to honor them as much as I can while I can."

On Dec. 7, the USS Arizona Reunion Association will hold a ceremony at the AMVC followed by a floral tribute and the interment of Arizona Sailor Seaman 1st Class Charles Guerria.

The USS Arizona Reunion Association was organized on Dec. 4, 1976 in Tucson, Ariz. by 21 shipmates who served on board the ship at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Guests 'gobble up' NCTAMS PAC turkey during Operation Aloha

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Sailors from Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) joined with volunteers to provide and serve a hot holiday meal to the homeless in Haleiwa, Hawai'i on Nov. 27.

The NCTAMS PAC Sailors, along with the Waialua Community Association and girl scouts from troops 360 and 530, shared the Thanksgiving spirit with others by giving back to the community.

"This is the 19th straight year we have hosted Operation Aloha," said Capt. Janet Stewart, commanding officer, NCTAMS PAC. "Everyone at the command looks forward to this event each year."

Operation Aloha is a Thanksgiving Day tradition in which volunteers offer a holiday meal, including entertainment, for Oahu's North Shore community.

Sailors and civilian employees with their family members dedicated long hours throughout the year to raising funds and collecting canned food items in preparation for the event.

"This year we raised just over \$18,000 and collected 5,000 pounds of non-perishable food items," said Lt. Ralph Stephens, NCTAMS PAC technical control division officer and this year's coordinator. "We have also received many charitable contributions, including 30 turkeys, from local companies."



Information Technician Seaman Lanita Thompson, assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific, pours gravy during the 19th annual Operation Aloha Thanksgiving dinner.

Every year, the Waialua Community Center hosts the Thanksgiving dinner. With the help of children from St. Michael's School and Wahiawa Girl Scouts, the simple gymnasium is transformed into a festive hall.

"It's great to see the children willing to help out so openly," said Stephens. "Not only are we making an impact on the lives of those less fortunate, but also the lives of the community's youth."

"This is just one of the many great things our military does

throughout the year for the local community," said Mazie K. Hirono, United States Congresswoman 2nd District. "Residents of all ages open their hearts for each other and we become one big family."

At the end of the day, more than 400 people enjoyed the meal put together by the NCTAMS PAC team.

"In 26 years in the military, this is by far the most heartwarming experience that I have ever had the pleasure to be a part of," said Stewart.

VP-9 Sailors return from Iraq



U.S. Navy photo by Christine Cabalo

The Golden Eagles of Patrol Squadron 9 returned to Hawai'i on Nov. 26, after completing a six-month deployment to Iraq in support of the global war on terrorism. The squadron's P-3C Orion aircraft conducted long-range surveillance and collected tactical images of the battle space. Those images were transmitted to commanders in real-time via satellite communications to support Marine Corps and Army ground forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Sanders of Patrol Squadron Nine holds his 16-day-old daughter wearing an outfit modeled after a flight jacket. Sanders, who was one of several personnel returning from Iraq on Nov. 20, spoke with his wife via phone during her labor. Members of Consolidated Maintenance Organization Two and Patrol Squadron Nine were welcomed home by friends and families at hangar 105. The CMO2 "Sea Raiders" were deployed to Iraq, aiding VP-9's "Golden Eagles" by providing maintenance teams and other support.



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Pearl Harbor Surface Navy Association holds annual awards luncheon

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The Surface Navy Association (SNA), Pearl Harbor chapter, held its annual award ceremony and recognition luncheon at the Ford Island Conference Center on Nov. 26.

The ceremony was held to announce winners of the 6th Annual Surface Warfare Leadership Awards and to recognize Sailors assigned to Pearl Harbor-based surface Navy ships who have deployed around the world through individual augmentations (IA) over the past year.

Lt. Raul Santospieve, assigned to USS Hopper (DDG 70), received the Vice Adm. Robert K.U. Kihune Leadership Award. Senior Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (SW) Miguel Rodriguez, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), received the Chief Boatswain's Mate Harold Estes Leadership Award. Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class (SW) Michael Hill, assigned to USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), received the first-ever Doris 'Dorie' Miller



Senior Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (SW) Miguel Rodriguez, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), received the Chief Boatswain's Mate Harold Estes Leadership Award from Estes during the Surface Navy Association, Pearl Harbor chapter annual award ceremony and recognition luncheon at the Ford Island Conference Center on Nov. 26. The ceremony was held to announce winners of the 6th Annual Surface Warfare Leadership Awards and to recognize Sailors assigned to Pearl Harbor-based surface Navy ships who have deployed around the world through individual augmentations over the past year.

Achievement Award.

"I felt a little nervous to receive the award, but it was still a good feeling," said Hill. "I've never been awarded something like this and it's really exciting to get it in front of the leaders of Pearl Harbor."

For Hill, acting as a leader means listening to his junior Sailors, knowing what others have taught him, mixed in with some fresh ideas of his own.

"I think a leader is someone who can listen, knows how to follow, and is always up for trying new things," said Hill. "Hopefully with all I've done, junior people think I'm a good leader for them."

Hill also explained what he will continue to do so that junior Sailors can rise up and become leaders themselves.

"As a leader, I want to train my people, get them qualified for their job, and help them get their personal life set so they're more focused at work," said Hill.

According to Capt. Donald Hodge, president of the SNA Pearl Harbor chapter, acknowledging these and other nominated Sailors allows the current leaders of our Navy to see

those who will take their place in the future.

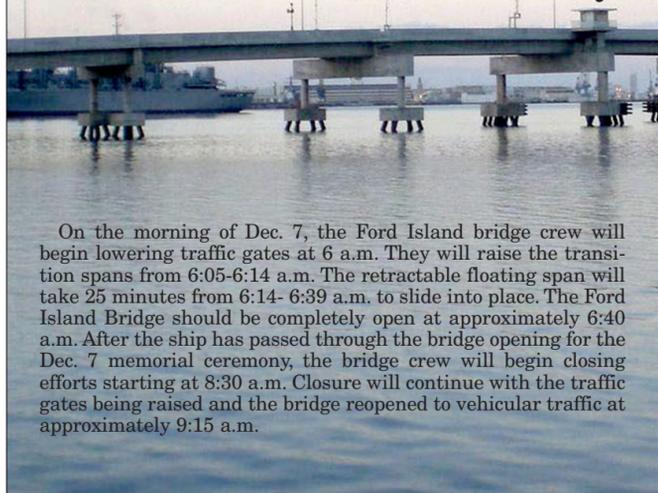
"Each of these personnel are clearly superstars and their commands made that abundantly clear by nominating them," said Hodge. "They should all be proud to know that they are the future leaders of our Navy."

The Vice Adm. Robert K.U. Kihune Leadership Award and Chief Boatswain's Mate Harold Estes Leadership Award recognizes an officer and chief petty officer who have demonstrated superior leadership while assigned to a Pearl Harbor-based surface Navy ship.

The Doris 'Dorie' Miller Achievement Award recognizes a surface warfare-qualified petty officer (E4 or E5) who has demonstrated superior achievement while assigned to a Pearl Harbor-based surface Navy ship.

The SNA was incorporated in 1985 to promote greater coordination and communication among those in the military, business and academic communities who share a common interest in naval surface warfare and to support the activities of surface naval forces.

Ford Island Bridge special closure for Dec. 7 ceremony



On the morning of Dec. 7, the Ford Island bridge crew will begin lowering traffic gates at 6 a.m. They will raise the transition spans from 6:05-6:14 a.m. The retractable floating span will take 25 minutes from 6:14- 6:39 a.m. to slide into place. The Ford Island Bridge should be completely open at approximately 6:40 a.m. After the ship has passed through the bridge opening for the Dec. 7 memorial ceremony, the bridge crew will begin closing efforts starting at 8:30 a.m. Closure will continue with the traffic gates being raised and the bridge reopened to vehicular traffic at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Dec. 7 commemoration marks 67th anniversary of Pearl Harbor attack

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The National Park Service and the U. S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 67th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7 on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Kilo Pier from 7:40- 9:30 a.m. The Kilo Pier venue looks directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial situated in Pearl Harbor approximately half a mile away.

More than 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public will join military personnel, both active and Pearl Harbor survivors, for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year's historic commemoration, "Pacific War Memories: The Heroic Response to Pearl Harbor," will reflect on remembering the brave efforts of those who fought at sea, on land, and in the air, to turn the tide in the Pacific. For military who serve today, this ceremony provides a study of lessons learned and an opportunity to express gratitude towards the Pearl Harbor veterans.

Thomas C. Griffin, Doolittle Raider will serve as the keynote speaker and Adm. Robert F. Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will be a featured speaker for the commemoration. Lt. Gov. Aiona and Sen. Inouye will also serve at the commemoration as guest speakers.

Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath observations, echo taps and recognition of the men and women who survived that Dec. 7, 1941, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack began 67 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. The Pearl Harbor-based Arleigh Burke-class Aegis destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93), will render honors to the USS Arizona. 199th FS Hawai'i Air National Guard will fly over the memorial in a "missing man" formation.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

MCPON sends holiday message to the fleet

From the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Joe R. Campa Jr.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Joe R. Campa Jr., released the following holiday message to the fleet Nov. 25:

I'd like to thank all of you and your families for what you do in support of our Navy and this nation. The United States Sailor is a world-wide presence and every one of you have helped in establishing our Navy's reputation as a friend to those in need.

During this holiday season, I ask that you take a moment to consider what it is we stand for and the responsibilities each of us have to one another, our families and our country. We live and serve in uncertain times, but your fellow Americans take great comfort in knowing that the men and women who wear this uniform are always at the ready.

Many of you will spend time with loved ones over Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. As you do, please remember our shipmates who won't have the same opportunity. They



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Jennifer A. Villalovos
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. speaks to Sailors assigned to Navy Recruiting District, New York during an all-hands call at the Fort Hamilton Chapel.

will be deployed at sea or on the ground, preserving the very freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Look out for one another and stay safe. Use common

sense while you travel and take every step you can to make sure your families and fellow Sailors do the same.

Shipmates, the work you do every day continues to inspire me. It is something

I'll carry with me the rest of my life. Enjoy your holidays and be sure your families understand that our Navy is grateful for the sacrifices they make on your behalf.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.



U.S. Navy photo by MCI (AW/SW) James E. Foehl
Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter, speaks to local news reporters from the island of Oahu during a media availability onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

SECNAV holiday message to the fleet

Released by Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy

The holiday season is a time to enjoy the company of family and friends, and to reflect on the blessings of freedom that you protect. Those deployed overseas and serving far from home are called upon to spend the holidays separated from loved ones, and to focus on the vital missions that defend the liberty we hold dear. This sacrifice is part of your service, and it represents an enduring commitment to duty and country. Your families at home have also sacrificed,

and their role in supporting you during times of demanding duties and family separation is critical to your success. Strong and supportive families contribute significantly to the cohesiveness and effectiveness of our Navy family. As you share the spirit of the holiday season with family and loved ones, or with your fellow shipmates and Marines, remember what we are fighting for, and never forget that you are in the thoughts and prayers of the American people at this time of year.

Thank you for your service and may God bless you and your families.

Commentary

Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.

Christmas tree or Christmas torch?

Victor Flint

Battalion Chief, Federal Fire Department

The holidays are a time of year for celebration and jubilation. Part of the celebration is decorating the house, office or work space with lights, garland and possibly a Christmas tree.

Statistics show most of the structure fires are from November through January. Many of these fires involve Christmas decorations or the tree itself. This fire is always much worse when a natural tree is involved.

When a natural Christmas tree catches on fire, the temperature can reach 2,000 degrees within seconds. It's unbelievable how easy and fast this happens, and always with catastrophic results.

The Federal Fire Department does not want a Christmas tree fire to ruin your holiday plans. Here are some safety tips to help you prevent your Christmas tree from turning into a Christmas torch:

- Check for freshness when picking a natural tree. Shedding needles and branches that break easily are a bad sign. Fresh needles and branches are green and flexible. They shouldn't break or fall off when handled.

- Cut the base of the tree off (one - two inches), and keep it in water to prevent

from drying out. Install the tree in a stable holder and keep the holder filled with water.

- Placement of your tree is also important. Do not block exits and/or paths of egress with your tree. Do not have any flame or heat-producing appliances or light fixtures near your tree. Be careful of curtains and open windows. You don't want your tree to be blown down.

- Be careful using electric lights. No more than three sets (depending on the size and length of the lights) should be on an extension cord. Check the box for the manufacturer's installation instructions to be sure. Always use UL listed lights and cords. And keep the wires and plug ends away from the water in the tree stand.

- Use only fire resistant ornaments and decorations.

- Do not leave the lights on all the time. Turn off the tree lights when you go to bed at night or when you leave the house, shop or office.

- Never use real, burning candles on or near your tree.

On behalf of everyone in the Federal Fire Department, have a happy and safe holiday season.

For more information about holiday fire safety, Christmas trees and other fire-related questions, call Battalion Chief Victor Flint at 471-3303, ext. 633.



Remember Dec. 7th!

Poster designed by Allen Sandburg, issued by the Office of War Information, Washington, D.C. in 1942, in remembrance of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The poster also features a quotation from Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address": "... we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain ...".

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Road to Financial Fitness

Part 3

Karen S. Spangler

Editor

(As our "Road to Financial Fitness" series continues, Debra Blunt, a financial counselor at Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center, is working with two Navy couples and evaluating their progress on their way to financial fitness. The first part of the series was published in the Oct. 17 Hawai'i Navy News and the second part appeared in HNN on Oct. 24. Upcoming editions of Hawai'i Navy News will feature our Navy couples as they strive to improve their financial fitness.)

As the holiday season fast approaches in a tough economy, many families worry about how they are going to manage to buy Christmas gifts for everyone on their lists.

Debra Blunt, a financial counselor at Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center, offered suggestions to help with the added expenses of the holidays.

One way to obtain money to use to purchase Christmas gifts is to hold garage sales and sell clothes and toys that are no longer needed.

At an earlier meeting with the financial counselor, Fire Controlman 1st Class Ed Lorts, assigned to USS Chosin, and his wife Maryann said that they felt a lot of pressure to buy expensive presents for their families. However, they have focused on saving \$100 each month to be used for Christmas presents for their children and the rest of the family, and are not going to charge any items for Christmas.

"My main goal is to get them through Christmas without charging and spending a lot of money. It's (the budget) going to make a world of difference for them," Blunt said. As Blunt checked their Christmas shopping progress, Maryann noted that she is almost finished with her holiday shopping. Although she still has one "big" gift left to buy, she has enough money for the purchase.

"I wanted these couples to get through the holidays without credit card hangover. If a person is carrying credit card debt, do not add to it. Pay cash for the holidays," Blunt advised. She offered some additional holiday tips: "Know how much you can spend. Make a list of who you want to buy for. Set a dollar limit for each person."

When Christmas is barely past, it's a good time to start preparing for the next year.

"In January, everyone should

start putting away money for Christmas next year. While it's fresh [in your mind], figure out exactly what you have spent on decorations, entertainment and gifts and divide that by 12 to give you what you need to put away each month for the 2009 holidays," Blunt said. "It really will take all the stress out of your holidays," she added.

Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Dustin Barnhart, assigned to Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit Two at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe – Hawai'i, and his wife Danielle are newlyweds and were off to a good start when they began working with Blunt. Previously, Danielle was receiving unemployment benefits. However, she is now working part-time and thinks it may soon work into a full-time position.

The couple uses Danielle's paycheck for items for the house that they still need and extras that they may want. They have already purchased most of what they need for their home from garage sales and Craig's List.

They explained that in addition to saving \$150 a month that is included in their budget, they have approximately an additional \$130 in their checking account each payday. Dustin transfers it into a savings account. "This is exciting because they see that they can put money away and it's all about choices," Blunt pointed out.

"This young couple is doing great. What I find so exciting about this young couple is the fact that they are starting off their marriage with a budget, a plan to put money into savings and TSP, and I think this will stick with them forever. It's a wonderful foundation that I wish every couple would have started with," said Blunt.

Both couples began using an envelope system and have found that it is very beneficial. When Maryann recently met with Blunt, she and the counselor made a list of balances that she

has in her envelopes.

According to Blunt, "Some envelopes have not been touched in the last two months, which is to be expected. That money will just continue to grow until time to use it. An example is the miscellaneous category or the clothing. If you don't buy clothes this month, you will have that money to carry over to the next month."

Sometimes the envelope system may need some "tweaking" as the family becomes aware of additional needs. Maryann has added an envelope category for pictures, which was not included in her original budget. The family takes pictures throughout the year and for special events such as Christmas and birthdays and felt that they needed to budget some additional funds for that purpose.

MaryAnn will also lose her WIC entitlement soon although she will still receive the benefit for two of her children who are under the age of five.

The Lorts family anticipates some additional expenses as they prepare to move into another home. They are also discussing what will happen during deployment. As Maryann makes tentative plans so that she and the children can go home for a visit, they are discussing on how to handle the cost of the tickets to travel. One option is to use their income tax return to pay for those expenses.

Blunt was pleased with the progress that the Lorts family has made with the envelope sys-

tem

and with their budget. They are talking and I love the fact that they have put so much effort into this. They are making changes as needed. It will take several months to get the amount down for her envelopes, and things always seem to come up, so they will have to be flexible and make changes that are needed."

Blunt is very pleased with the progress that both couples are making and feels that they are well along the "road to financial fitness."

"The reason I wanted to do this is because I wanted to see how these couples will do over a time period. I wanted them to spend several months thinking about money, thinking about what they are spending and on what, and hopefully, it will be something they will continue with for years to come," explained Blunt.

"I want them to be able to save something each month. That should be a priority for them, just like paying bills. Most couples don't spend a lot of time talking about money and it's important that both of them are on the same page, and they are talking and working together to reach their goals," she emphasized.

At the end of the financial counseling sessions, Pearl Harbor Federal Credit Union will present each of the couples with a prize.



Pearl Harbor Highlights

Battleship USS Arizona (BB-39) survivors, Glenn Lane and Milton Hurst, salute an honor cordon of Sailors and Marines as they arrive at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center on Dec. 2. Six former crew members of Arizona, including five survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, visited the USS Arizona Memorial and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on Dec. 2 to honor fallen service members as part of the USS Arizona Reunion Association's annual meeting, taking place this year on Oahu.

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Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Kevin Monzon, assigned to Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Force U.S. Third Fleet (CTF-34), rewards students at Lehua Elementary School in Pearl City, Hawai'i after they won the soccer ball toss during the school's family fun fair on Nov. 21. Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet and CTF-34 have adopted Lehua Elementary School by tutoring students, facilitating physical education activities, and helping with events such as the family fun fair.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron

Construction Electrician 2nd Class (SCW) Michael Bowman, assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawai'i, ties down a reindeer decoration in front of Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor building 150. Other holiday decoration activities on NAVSTA Pearl Harbor include an afloat holiday lighting contest for all commands inport Pearl Harbor on Dec. 18 to determine the ships and/or submarines that best express the holiday spirit through lights. The contest will be judged by Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and a panel of distinguished guest judges.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron

Capt. Ricks Polk, commanding officer of Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, speaks with Chief Boatswain's Mate (Ret.) Harold Estes prior to the Surface Navy Association, Pearl Harbor chapter annual award ceremony and recognition luncheon at the Ford Island Conference Center, Nov. 26. Estes was on hand to present Senior Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (SW) Miguel Rodriguez, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), with the Chief Boatswain's Mate Harold Estes Leadership Award. Other award winners included Lt. Raul Santospieve, assigned to USS Hopper (DDG 70), who received the Vice Adm. Robert K.U. Kihune Leadership Award and Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class (SW) Michael Hill, assigned to USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), who received the first-ever Doris 'Dorie' Miller Achievement Award.

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Navy's fourth MCPON passes away

MCCS (SW/AW) Bill Houlihan

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Public Affairs

Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Thomas S. Crow died Nov. 30, at his home in San Diego following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 74.

Crow became the fourth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy on Sept. 28, 1979. He relieved MCPON John Walker and held the job for three years before MCPON Billy Sanders assumed the duties Oct. 1, 1982.

Crow was born in McArthur, Ohio in 1934 and joined the Navy a few days after graduating high school in 1953. Crow spent several years in the aviation community prior to becoming one of the Navy's original equal opportunity specialists and counselors. He was assigned to Commander, Naval Air Pacific where he served as a trainer for race relations and a member of the quality control inspection team for overseas WESTPAC units and carriers.

After completion of the equal opportunity program specialist training at Cheltenham, Md., he became a program manager for AIRPAC, implementing phase II of the equal opportunity/race relations program aboard carriers in the Pacific.

Crow was selected for MCPON in June 1979. During his time in office, he was instrumental in the opening of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy and the re-emphasis on pride and professionalism across the fleet.

"He never lost that," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe R. Campa, Jr. "He never lost his passion for Sailors. Every time I spoke with him, it never took him long to turn the conversation back to what our men and women were doing and what we should be doing for them."

As part of an interview for the book,



Photo illustration

"Winds of Change," Crow said he was aware early in his tour of fleet perceptions and he added that he kept the seagoing Sailor in mind at all times.

"I came from out in the fleet and I wanted to continue to see the Navy through that set of eyes," he said at the time. "I was not going to allow the job to turn me into a bureaucrat or a politician who would bring back to the CNO (Chief of Naval Operations) what I thought he wanted to hear."

Campa said the entire Navy's chief's mess mourns the loss of one of the finest leaders the enlisted force has ever produced.

"Tom Crow's legacy is still alive through the Sailors he mentored, even after he retired," said Campa. "Sailors he trained are leading our Navy to this day, and the lessons they learned from Tom Crow continue to resonate on the deckplates in the fleet."

Following his retirement in 1982, Crow remained an active advocate of the Navy as a co-chariman of the Secretary of the Navy Retired Affairs from 1983-86, honorary board chairman, U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, Navy League of the United States, Fleet Reserve Association, and a member on the board of advisors to San Diego Armed Services YMCA.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Crow, of 39 years; his children, Thomas Michael Crow of Washington State, Stephen Bundy Crow of Tennessee, Teri Laslo of Virginia, John Crow of San Diego, Steve Crow of Nevada, Joel Crow of San Diego, and Candace Barnes of Mississippi, 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Crow was preceded in death by two of his children, Deborah Graves and Stanley McDuffee.

Information regarding funeral and memorial services will be released to the Navy via NAVADMIN.

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COMSUBPAC chief of staff congratulates Star Base Atlantis graduates

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

Capt. Jim Ransom, Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific chief of staff, shared a few words of advice with local students as the key speaker at the Star Base Atlantis graduation assembly on Nov. 24.

Star Base Atlantis (SBA) is a Department of Defense (DOD) community outreach program managed by the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC). It serves local community youth by offering fifth grade students and their teachers an opportunity to participate in a variety of learning experiences designed to increase knowledge and interest in science, technology engineering, and math, develop positive self-esteem, focus on achieving personal goals, and develop a drug-free lifestyle. Nationally, SBA graduates 53,000 students annually.

Star Base Atlantis' motto is "dreams plus action equals reality." During his remarks, Ransom echoed that mentality as he shared with the students that he



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Dave Benham

Capt. Jim Ransom, Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific chief of staff, was featured as the key speaker at the Star Base Atlantis (SBA) graduation assembly on Nov. 24. SBA serves local community youth by offering fifth grade students and their teachers an opportunity to participate in a variety of learning experiences designed to increase knowledge and interest in science, technology engineering and math.

also began as a local fifth grader and through hard work and dedication was able to fulfill his personal dream to follow in his father's footsteps as a successful naval officer.

"I'm living proof that you can turn your dreams into reality with a little action and determination," said Ransom. "I succeeded beyond my own expectations and ended up having the exact same job as my father; I even worked at the same desk."

Ransom made it clear to the students that he was not there as a recruiter.

"I'm not here today to sell you on the Navy," said Ransom. "I am here to encourage you to follow your dreams, whatever they may be, and to take action to make them happen."

Ewa Elementary graduated five classes from the Star Base program from Nov. 24 through Dec. 4 and will continue next spring.

Those interested in volunteering to assist with the SBA program should contact Joseph P. Barrett, director, Star Base Atlantis Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Training Center at 472-7389.

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Navy Recruiting launches NavyAthletes.com

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Navy Recruiting Command (NRC) launched www.navyathletes.com, a Web site dedicated to celebrating and bringing awareness of athletes serving in the Navy, on Nov. 17.

The Web site was launched to build awareness of six Navy athletes who took part in the Ford Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawai'i. The race is scheduled for a Dec. 13 broadcast on NBC.

The site also provides information to aspiring Navy athletes through bios and video profiles. Additionally, visitors can learn more about basic Navy fitness requirements, the Navy lifestyle, how to join, and future events as well as being able to download Navy-related elements.

Another one of the site's functions is to help support the Navy's effort to bring hard working and diverse individuals into the Navy. The site features men and women of diverse backgrounds serving various roles within the Navy.

"One of recruiting's crucial goals is encouraging diversity in the Navy," said Rear Adm. Joe Kilkenny, commander, NRC. "We are committed to developing, implementing, and improving strategies that promote a diverse workforce in

which all Sailors fulfill their maximum potential."

As the NavyAthletes.com grows, it will offer more features, including the ability for Navy athletes to set up fitness and goal blogs to share their stories with others around the fleet as well as friends, families and individuals interested in a Navy career.

"We plan on placing rich media banner ads for NavyAthletes.com on various targeted Web sites to generate 'click-thrus' to the site," said Joe Gaulzetti, SVP, group management supervisor from Cambell-Ewald, the Navy's advertising firm. "These banners will link to Navy athlete videos showcasing them, the Navy and what the site has to offer."

One of the driving forces behind the site is to show athletes interested in serving that they do not have to give up their athletic goals when joining the Navy.

"The banners feature Navy athletes engaged in physical fitness activities," said Gaulzetti. "These banners link to video profiles of these and other Navy athletes on the site talking about their fitness goals and achievements."

NRC is the headquarters serving 26 recruiting districts and thousands of recruiting stations across the country. NRC's mission is to constantly seek to enlist and commission the best and brightest young men and women to succeed in today's high-tech Navy environment.

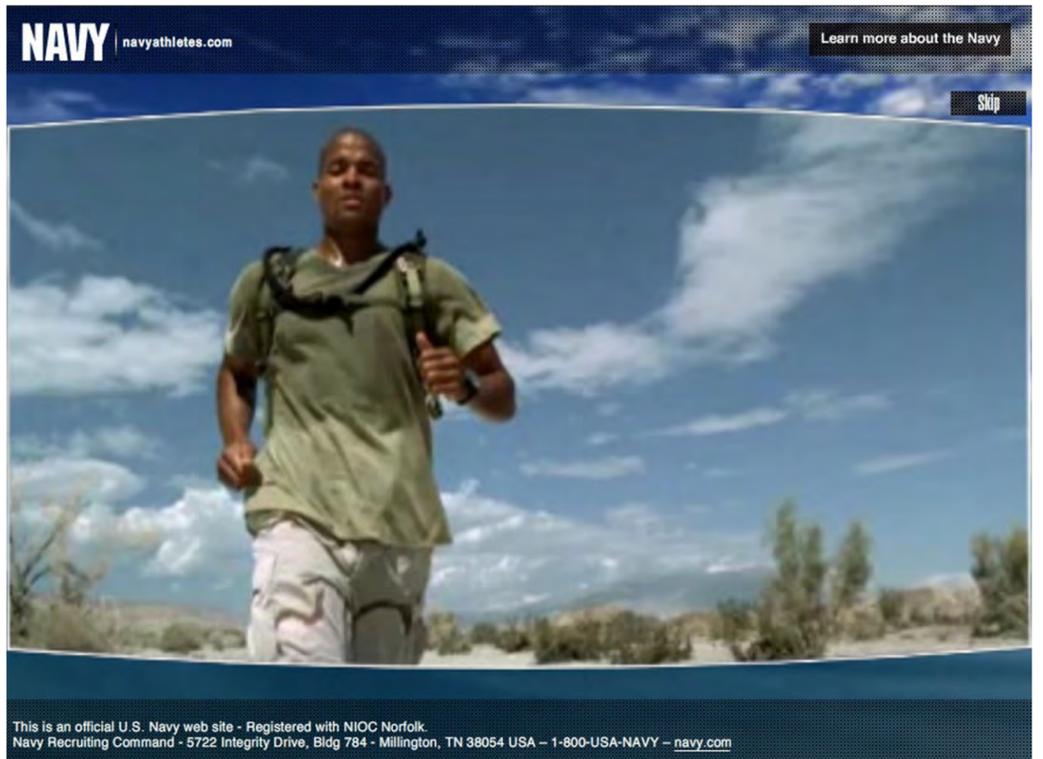


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