

## Sen. Inouye visits JBPHH



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

The Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Maj Gen Darryll Wong, bids aloha to Senator Daniel K. Inouye after his driving tour and F-22 military construction brief at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Oct. 27. Senator Inouye is the most senior member of the U.S. Senate and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense.

## First Lady to visit JBPHH

### Office of the First Lady

First Lady Michelle Obama will join President Obama in hosting this year's Asia-Pacific Economic Leaders Meeting (AELM) in Hawaii. In addition to joining the president at various events, she will also host a series of events during her 3-day stay. Her visits will be focused on local farming and youth mentoring – which the First Lady will introduce to APEC Leaders' spouses – and support for military families stationed on the island. The First Lady's events on the island will focus on the two major initiatives that she has launched: Let's Move! – a national effort to reduce childhood obesity within a generation, and Joining Forces – a nation-wide initiative with Dr. Jill Biden to recognize, honor and take action to sup-

port military families.

First Lady Michelle Obama will meet military families and speak at a hiring fair sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for service men and women, veterans and military families on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Since the launch of Joining Forces, the chamber committed to hosting 100 hiring fairs and expanding that number in the next year.

To date, 30 chamber hiring fairs have connected 29,000 veterans with more than 1,000 different employers.

Job-seekers must register online to participate in the fair by logging on to <https://hoh.greatjob.net>. Registration is free and deadline is Nov. 12 for those with base access. For assistance contact [HiringOurHeroes@uschamber.com](mailto:HiringOurHeroes@uschamber.com).

## JBPHH is first joint DoD installation to be named storm ready, tsunami ready

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was recognized as the first Department of Defense (DoD) joint base installation to be designated StormReady/TsunamiReady (SR/TR) by the National Weather Service (NWS) on Oct. 28.

There are 25 military installations DoD wide that have been designated "storm ready" and two others that are designated "tsunami ready." Overall, JBPHH is the first installation in the Pacific and in Hawaii to be designated both "storm ready" and "tsunami ready," according to the NWS. "The StormReady/TsunamiReady program was started in the continental United States as a way to recognize those communities that are born out of disasters," said Ray Tanabe, the Hawaii director of NWS. "This (designation) represents the dedication of the base commanders here. They are really keeping everyone safe on the joint base."

"This was a culmination of a lot of hard work," said Dan DuBois, the JBPHH emergency management officer. "The Japanese tsunami real-



Capt. Jeff James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, accepts a certificate naming JBPHH as StormReady/TsunamiReady from Ray Tanabe, the Hawaii director of National Weather Service. JBPHH is the first Defense Department joint base to be designated SR/TR.

ly opened our eyes because we'd been doing public outreach, but it obviously wasn't as effective as it could have been because people were lined up at the gas station and stripping shelves at the shopettes." Kicking off with a series of

town hall meetings, they began educating people as much as possible to be prepared for hurricanes and tsunamis, he said. Based on a set of guidelines from the NWS, they worked hard to make this installation ready for any situation.

"This shows the great support and care you have for everyone on base," Tanabe said.

Hawaii is also the first state in the union to be StormReady/TsunamiReady. Officials from the City and County of Honolulu congrat-

ulated the joint base commander and members of the emergency operations center at JBPHH, repeatedly emphasizing the significance of this designation.

"The joint base is one of our valued partners," said Peter Hirai, deputy director

of emergency management for the City and County of Honolulu.

Capt. Jeffrey James, the joint base commander, agreed that partnering with the City and County of Honolulu was key to the success they have had in this arena.

"It says a lot about the partnering we've done with the public and with state and city officials, that we as a military organization can ... advance the cause here for preparedness," he said. "We have a solid communications vehicle in place, we've communicated to all our folks, there's a solid training plan in place, and we have an awareness campaign across base."

Although neither of the two tsunamis that have occurred in the Pacific in the last two years has caused any damage to JBPHH, areas on Oahu and on the Big Island of Hawaii suffered damage so "it's just a matter of time until something will reach out and touch us here in Hawaii," James said.

"Although this is a pinnacle for us, we don't intend to rest on our laurels," he said. "Our intention is to continue to maintain and improve our readiness. There are always things that we can do better, and we intend to maintain the certification in the future as well."

## USS Lake Erie holds change of command ceremony

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) held a change of command ceremony at the USS Nevada Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 28.

Capt. David Hughes relieved Capt. William C. Johnson as commanding officer of Lake Erie.

Rear Adm. Joseph Horn, Aegis ballistic missile defense program director, served as the guest speaker.

"This ship is more than the premier ballistic missile killer in the United States Navy. In ballistic missile defense testing, Lake Erie accomplished every mission and every task no matter how short-notice, with pride, professionalism and pinpoint precision, all hallmarks of Capt. Johnson's leadership," Horn said.

Horn also welcomed Hughes as the new commanding officer of Lake Erie.

"Capt. Hughes, you have been a



Sailors assigned to USS Lake Erie (CG 70) render honors to the ship's new commanding officer, Capt. David Hughes. Hughes relieved Capt. William C. Johnson as the commanding officer of Lake Erie during a change of command ceremony Oct. 28 at the USS Nevada Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

participant of Lake Erie's successes as the executive officer, and I officially welcome you aboard her as the

commanding officer," Horn said "I could not imagine a better qualified leader to take Lake Erie forward."

In his remarks, Johnson spoke about the Sailors who served during his tenure as commanding officer.

"I am most proud of our Sailors' ingenuity, tenacity and never-give-up attitude," Johnson said. "It is absolutely amazing to see these officers, chiefs and Sailors take an idea and turn that idea into material readiness and into professional growth."

After the reading of orders and assuming command of Lake Erie, Hughes took the opportunity to address the audience.

"Over the last 10 months, I have been extremely impressed with everything the Sailors of Lake Erie have accomplished, and I consider myself blessed to assume command of a ship with such a strong reputation and rich history," Hughes said.

Lake Erie was commissioned July 24, 1993 as the 24th Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser.

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers perform primarily in a battle force role. These ships are multi-mission air warfare, undersea warfare, naval surface fire support and surface warfare surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces, or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups.



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## NJROTC tours USS Cheyenne



Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Terry Butts explains basic submarine command and control operations to a group of Radford High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets during a tour of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 26.

**Story and photo by  
MC2 Ronald Gutridge**

*Commander Submarine  
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Public Affairs Office*

A group of Radford High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets visited the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) to get a first-hand look at basic submarine operations. The cadets were on board Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 26 to learn about the submarine force and to visit several historical sites.

Cmdr. Gary Rogeness, Cheyenne's commanding officer, welcomed the cadets and was eager to get the tour started.

"I am excited that you chose my submarine for your visit, and my Sailors will show you all

the great things Cheyenne can do," Rogeness said. "I encourage all of you to ask a lot of questions and, most of all, have fun and be safe."

The visit included a tour of the submarine's control and sonar spaces where the cadets had the opportunity to look through the periscope and sit in the main submarine control area or "driver seats." Crew members of Cheyenne explained and demonstrated the daily functions and responsibilities of a submariner while underway.

"I think it is great that these cadets want to learn about submarines and Navy history," said Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS) Matthew Aguilar. "I am glad that I can show them around the sub and demonstrate

what we do to protect our country."

For one of the cadets, freshman Morgan Hooter, this was his first time on a submarine.

"I never knew there was so much naval history associated with this submarine," Hooter said. "I can't wait to share this experience with my family and friends."

The cadets also visited the dive tower, formerly known as the escape training tank, that was constructed in 1932 for the instruction of submarine escape techniques but now is used as a conference room. The final tour stop was the Clean Sweep submarine lounge, a former officers' club at the historic Lockwood Hall. There the cadets learned about many famous submarine officers and the history of Lockwood Hall.

## 15th Wing ensures mission success with Operational Readiness Exercise



*U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main*

Airman 1st Class Caleb Williams, loadmaster with the 535th Airlift Squadron, marshals a k-loader toward the ramp of a C-17 Globemaster III at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Oct. 27. The cargo off loaded was part of an Operational Readiness Exercise held to ensure the Airmen and agencies are ready to support the mission and ensure seamless integration of installation support into the 15th Wing's combat mission execution.

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## Navy Region Hawaii's Community Service Award recipients announced

### Commander Navy Region Hawaii

The 2011 recipients of the Navy Region Hawaii's Community Service Award for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 have been announced.

"Congratulations to all who participated in these noteworthy efforts. My sincere appreciation for celebrating the American spirit by volunteering in the community to make a difference in the lives of others. They are truly ambassadors of the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment," said Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, Commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

#### Awardees include:

##### Personal Excellence

##### Partnership Flagship:

- Shore, Small Command: Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MID-PAC)

- Shore, Medium Command: (U.S. Naval Supply Systems Fleet Logistics Center (NAV-SUP FLC) Pearl Harbor

- Shore, Large Command: Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

- Sea, Small Command: Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit-1 (MDSU-1)

##### Health, Safety, and Fitness Flagship:

- Shore, Small Command: ATG MIDPAC

- Shore, Medium Command: NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor

- Sea, Small Command: MDSU-1

##### Campaign Drug Free Flagship:

- Shore, Large Command: U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) Navy Element

##### Project Good Neighbor Flagship:

- Shore, Small Command: ATG MIDPAC

- Shore, Medium Command: NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor

- Sea, Medium Command: Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light-37 (HSL-37)

##### Environmental Stewardship Flagship

- Shore, Small Command: ATG MIDPAC

- Shore, Large Command: NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor



## JS Mochishio arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Story and photo by MC2 (SW/AW/SCW) Ronald Gutridge

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

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine JS Mochishio (SS 600) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 31 to begin its annual training exercises with the U.S. Navy submarine forces.

Mochishio is here as part of an ongoing strategy of theater engagement, training and building partnerships. USS La Jolla (SSN 701) of Commander Submarine Squadron One (COMSUBRON One) will be the host submarine to the Mochishio during its stay.

"Submarine Squadron One is happy to welcome JS Mochishio to Pearl Harbor, and we look forward to their stay here for the next couple months," said Capt. Stanley Robertson, COMSUBRON One. "As a valued partner in the Pacific, these visits are important to develop friendships, mutual understanding and to ensure our readiness to face future contingencies."

Commissioned in March 2008 and based at Kure, Japan, the Oyashio-class submarine will be conducting both in-port and at-sea training on undersea tactics, anti-submarine warfare and war time strategies. Continued joint training operations are essential aspects of maintaining strong relationships and enhancing interoperability with allies in the Pacific.

Cmdr. Ume Hara, Mochishio commanding officer, emphasized the benefits of working and training together. "This visit is very important to the submarine forces, and the main purpose is to train hard together with the U.S. Navy and learn from each other," Hara said. "The outcome of all the hard work of both navies will make the Japan-U.S. relationship stronger."

Cmdr. Jeff Bernard, La Jolla's commanding officer, said that he and his crew are ready and eager to work with the JMSDF. "The officers and crew of USS La Jolla are very excited and proud to be selected to participate as the host submarine," Bernard said. "We are looking forward to working with the Mochishio."

The upcoming exercises are designed to enhance the tactical proficiency of warfare capabilities in a variety of sea operations and strengthen their knowledge in joint training operations.

## Sailor's Attic seeks new volunteers

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) is currently seeking volunteers to help operate and maintain the Sailor's Attic.

To date, the FCPOA and volunteers have collected more than 2,000 pounds of donated goods for families who need them. More than 80 items have been given out every Saturday. The Sailor's Attic is a free-of-charge store supported by volunteer workers and donations.

Tailored after the Airmen's Attic, which is located at Hickam, the Sailor's Attic is



Ship's Serviceman 1st Class Tanya Simpson offers a toy to a child at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Sailor's Attic. Simpson, who is part of the JBPHH First Class Petty Officer Association, is one of several volunteers operating and maintaining the Sailor's Attic. Sailor's Attic is open to all branches of the military E5 and below.

designed to enhance younger enlisted families' quality of life by offering a venue where donations are collected and distributed to those in need.

The Sailor's Attic is located near the Makalapa Gate on the Pearl Harbor side of JBPHH. If you would like to volunteer at the Sailor's Attic,

please contact Martha Miller at (909) 225-9745. Sailor's Attic is located at bldg 1514, inside the Makalapa gate, by the medical clinic. If you would like to make donations, the best time to do so is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

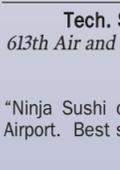
## Diverse Views

"What is your favorite local eatery or food spot and why?"



Maj. Michelle Charleston  
Defense Logistics Agency

"Local fish dishes at Longhi's in Ala Moana Center. It was the best entrée I have had since I've been here. The portions are great, too."



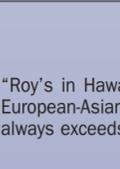
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Raciborski  
613th Air and Space Operations Center (AOC)

"Ninja Sushi on Paiea Street near the Airport. Best sushi on the island."



Marissa Munoz Basilio  
JBPHH Equal Opportunity Office

"Blazing Steaks is one of my favorite restaurants! It is not the best steak on the island, but the choices meet my cravings. And the best thing for me is it's healthier than some of the restaurants on the island."



CTR 2 Hunter Brown  
NIOD Kaneohe Bay

"Roy's in Hawaii Kai. It's sophisticated European-Asian fusion fine dining that always exceeds expectations."



CTI 2 Kathryn Taylor  
NIOD Kaneohe Bay

"Todai Restaurant in Waikiki. It's a contemporary sushi bar and seafood buffet. It has beer, cocktails and many different foods at a price that doesn't drain your wallet. And the best part is that you don't have to wait to eat."



CTI 1 Katie McWilliams  
NIOD Kaneohe Bay

"Champa Thai in Kailua. Delicious Thai food! My favorite dish is the crispy chicken curry."

(Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and IT2 Cicely D. Wiggins)

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## 'Phantom II' lands on island of Oahu



This photo shows a McDonnell Douglas F-4C "Phantom II" tail number 63-7592 assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard at the former Hickam Air Force Base circa the late 1970s or early 1980s. The photo shows the aircraft taxiing at Marine Corps Air Base Kaneohe on Oahu, with an orange DART "tow target" mounted under the left wing. While airborne, the towing aircraft would reel the target out to about 1,500 feet. Other 199th FS Phantoms would then fire at the target with 20 mm cannons.

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# Navy pursues energy sustainable options in Hawaii

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Naval Facilities Engineering  
Command Hawaii

The Navy is one of Hawaii's largest consumers of energy. It's also a leader in sustainability as it creates a culture of conservation with military and civilian employees through energy awareness programs, numerous green projects and improved energy security by reducing dependence on foreign oil.

"With October being Energy Awareness Month, highlighting the Navy's achievements in sustainability is more important than ever," said Greg Gebhardt, manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii Energy Team. "We have come a long way in terms of our energy reduction in Hawaii by closely following the strict mandates coming from the president, Congress, Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) and local commander directives."

## Culture of conservation

For the Navy, sustainability means using scarce resources smartly, enabling support to a variety of important missions across the globe, from mobilizing warfighters overseas to maintaining daily operations at shore-side facilities. And, here in Hawaii, geographic isolation magnifies the need for sustainability.

"Energy is the single most expensive item the Navy purchases here in the islands, approximately \$200 million annually," Gebhardt said. "Creating a culture of conservation will save energy, our unique environment, money and, ultimately, lives. Not wasting energy is the best form of renewable energy. The resultant savings will support Navy fighting forces,



Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii operates a biosolids treatment facility at Kaleloa which combines green waste and biosolids from the Navy's wastewater treatment plant into a natural fertilizer-compost used at golf courses and other green areas on Navy property.

especially during times of fiscal austerity."

Mandates from the president, SECNAV and Commander Navy Region Hawaii continue to define the Navy's focus on conservation by setting strict goals and timelines that provide important direction and create a synergy for the Navy family to work together towards a culture of conservation.

NAVFAC Hawaii's energy team manages many energy awareness activities at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). One example is the building energy monitor (BEM) program which assigns and trains BEMs to spread awareness, curb energy waste and enforce energy guidelines in the hundreds of buildings on JBPHH to meet Navy Region Hawaii's goals each year. Energy team

members are the "eyes and ears" of the Navy's energy program and know their buildings/facilities best.

## Green projects

NAVFAC Hawaii has more than 90 green-type projects in various stages of development and implementation for Navy Region Hawaii that are environmentally sustainable and conserve energy.

In October, NAVFAC completed a large-scale solar hot water system on a bachelor quarters and a fitness center at JBPHH which will save the Navy approximately \$200,000 annually in energy costs.

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green areas on Navy property.

Other examples include converting traditional landscapes into xeriscapes, which require less water, or installing photovoltaic panels and occupancy sensors to help curb energy bills.

In addition to recycling green waste, NAVFAC Hawaii has coordinated with local Defense Logistics Agency personnel assisting Navy and Air Force commands at JBPHH to successfully recycle electronics, ensuring proper sustainable disposal of Navy unclassified equipment.

NAVFAC Hawaii is also improving the efficiency of Navy Region Hawaii's transportation by purchasing E-85 capable flex-fuel vehicles (a blend of 85 percent of alcohol-based fuel ethanol and 15 percent gasoline) and

installing the first of three Navy E-85 fuel stations and three B-20 (biodiesel) stations. Currently, there are more than 1,000 flex-fuel government vehicles in the Navy Hawaii Region with plans to add more.

NAVFAC engineers carefully research all aspects of a new building, from the source of its roof tiles to the material of the carpet, to ensure they are sustainable products. They also look for opportunities to include simple energy efficient additions, such as skylights, to bring in more natural light and the inclusion of conveniently placed bicycle racks to reduce the use of cars and the burning of fossil fuels.

Currently, there are a number of new facilities under construction at JBPHH that will meet LEED

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification. LEED is an internationally-recognized "green" building certification system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"Reducing energy use and improving energy efficiency is a significant component in sustainability," Gebhardt said. "The Navy in Hawaii's continued focus on sustainability has allowed it to make tremendous gains in achieving energy reduction goals and is more than half way to achieving the 30 percent energy reduction goal by 2015 stated in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007."

"Energy security is a matter of national security," Gebhardt said. "Breaking our reliance on foreign fossil fuels is critical."

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley  
 Tenant commands of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam unload trucks of old unclassified electronics at an electronics recycling event held in February. Pallets of computers, monitors, copiers, printers, phones and other equipment were hauled away by the Defense Logistics Agency for proper recycling and disposal.



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins  
 Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis Miller of the 324th IS and members of his family volunteer as route marshals and hand out water to walkers and runners in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event. It was held from Richardson Field to Ford Island and back on Oct. 29. (See story and additional photos on page B-2.)



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ernesto Bonilla  
 Capt. Patricia Cole salutes as she walks through the sideboys at the 52nd change of command ceremony for Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) on Oct. 28. Cole was relieved as commanding officer by Capt. John L. MacMichael Jr.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Guttridge  
 Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) Edgar Alvarez explains topside operations of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) to a group of Radford High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets during a tour of Cheyenne. The cadets were on board Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 26 to learn about the submarine force and to visit several historical sites.



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins  
 (Above) Members of the Hickam Officers' Spouses Club show their spirit after walking in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event from Richardson Field to Ford Island and back on Oct. 29. (See story and additional photos on page B-2.)

(Below) Airmen help off load cargo from a C-17 Globemaster III onto a k-loader on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Oct. 27. The cargo off loaded was part of an Operational Readiness Exercise held to ensure the Airmen and agencies are ready to support the mission and ensure seamless integration of installation support into the 15th Wing's combat mission execution.

U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main



# Energy 'super star' offers suggestions for conserving electricity

(Part 3 of three-part series)

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

As housing residents expend efforts to conserve electricity and save money, there have been some energy "super stars" who have been very successful in getting on board with the Navy's pilot Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP). The program was launched at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in January.

One "super star" is Candace Anderson, whose husband is an ensign aboard USS Port Royal (CG 73), and her family. "We haven't had a hard time staying within the energy guidelines because we make adjustments where necessary. We typically do not run the A/C, and [we] take advantage of the island's tradewinds," she explained.

Anderson, whose family consists of two adults and two dogs, lives in a three-bedroom duplex at Pearl City Peninsula. She offered some suggestions for her fellow housing residents. "We don't use water in excess.



Shannon Fisher, physical security specialist at JBPHH, turns off unused lights around the office to conserve energy. U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

We turn off lights when they're not in use as well as unplug electronics when they're not in use, i.e., cell phone chargers, computer printers, etc."

But she admitted that there have also been some challenges. "The biggest challenge has been adjusting our usage when my hus-

band is not at sea. However, we are always cognizant about our usage and where we may be using in excess, in which case we adjust accordingly. We will remind each other to turn off lights or not use as much water while showering," she said.

As an energy super star resident, Anderson gave

some additional tips. "The biggest suggestion I have to offer would be to turn off the A/C and open the windows. The island is not very humid, and there's always a cool breeze that can be used in place of the A/C to cool the home on warmer days as well as have fresh air circulating throughout the home."

"It's very delightful, it's available year round, and it's free!" she noted.

"We could most definitely cut our energy usage further by using the dishwasher less and cutting down on how often we do laundry," she said.

According to Anderson, it is important for military families to get on board with RECP, and she feels there are benefits to housing residents.

"I believe the benefit to the RECP program is that it gives housing residents an opportunity to see the cost of their current energy use and use that as a forum to discuss methods that can cut down usage and ultimately decrease energy costs, all of which are better for the family and the environment," she noted.

Some of the behaviors used to help conserve energy also may stem from habits that we as adults learned from our own families as we were growing up.

"The RECP program did not have a huge effect on how we maintain our energy costs because we come from families who taught us the many different ways in

which energy can be saved to decrease monthly energy costs," Anderson said.

"Growing up, my family has always used energy-efficient light bulbs. My mom always encouraged us to turn off lights when leaving a room, to not have the water running while brushing our teeth. She always encouraged us to open the windows to allow for the circulation of fresh air, to turn the air conditioning or heat off or down when we are not in the house and to always keep it at a comfortable but reasonable level," she recalled.

Such habits taught from childhood have had a significant influence on Anderson's current habits. "Growing up with these practices have allowed me to incorporate them into my own family with my husband and, as a result, we have always kept our energy costs low and far below the average usage," she said.

(Part 1 of the energy conservation series was published in the Oct. 21 Ho'okele. Part 2 of the three-part series was published in the Oct. 28 Ho'okele.)

## Native American Heritage Month observance will be Nov. 9

The Navy Region Hawaii Multi-Cultural Committee will hold a Native American Heritage Month observance from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 9 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

The theme is "Service, Honor, Respect: Strengthening Our Cultures and Communities."

The guest speaker is Phillip Cornejo,

Lipan Apache tribe. Military and civilians are encouraged to attend.

Military should wear uniform of the day and civilians should wear aloha attire. Attendees should be seated by 10:20 a.m.

FMI: Logistics Specialist (AW/SW) Ebony Pinnock at 473-8000, ext. 5510, or email [ebony.pinnock@navy.mil](mailto:ebony.pinnock@navy.mil).

## Kuntz Gate closed from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 11

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9 p.m. Nov. 11.

Kuntz Gate will open for normal operations Nov. 12.

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# Port Royal Sailor reunites with Merchant Marine mom

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USS Port Royal (CG 73)  
Public Affairs

USS PORT ROYAL, At Sea – A Sailor assigned to guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) was briefly reunited with her mother aboard Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8).

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Charlene Blanks reunited with her mother, Estrella Apolinar, a civil service mariner stationed aboard Wally Schirra, for the first time in more than a year while the two ships conducted a replenishment at sea (RAS) in



U.S. Navy photo

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Charlene Blanks (left) poses with her mother, Estrella Apolinar, on board Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8), while alongside guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73).

the Arabian Gulf.

The RAS was the second week. During the first one Port Royal conducted

with Wally Schirra in a

RAS, Blanks sent a Port

Royal ball cap to her mother on the rig. When the master of Wally Schirra, civil service Capt. Richard Cicchetti, saw Apolinar proudly sporting her ball cap, he learned that her daughter was deployed with Port Royal.

Following the first RAS with Port Royal, Cicchetti coordinated a family reunion aboard his ship with Port Royal's commanding officer, Navy Capt. Eric Weilenman, and Command Master Chief Michael Fasano.

They coordinated a special flight with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37, the embarked helicopter squadron aboard Port Royal, to fly Blanks over

to the ship prior to the RAS.

The visit offered a welcome surprise for the Port Royal Sailor, who is nearing the half-way point of an eight-month deployment.

"I thank Wally Schirra's captain and our captain for giving me the chance to see my mom. I'm glad that she's doing well and she's happy," Blanks said.

Military Sealift Command operates approximately 110 non-combatant, Merchant Mariner-crewed ships that

replenish U.S. Navy ships, conduct specialized missions, strategically preposition combat cargo at sea around the world, and move military cargo and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces and coalition partners. Schirra is on a routine deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Port Royal is conducting maritime security operations and missions while deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

## U.S.-North Korea conclude POW/MIA talks

U.S. Department of Defense

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs

The Department of Defense recently announced that the United States and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) officials reached an arrangement to resume recovering the remains of American servicemen missing from the Korean War.

The three-day talks held in Bangkok were led by

Robert J. Newberry, deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs. His negotiating team included representatives from across the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the U.S. Pacific Command and the United Nations Command-Korea.

The arrangement calls for U.S. teams to work in two areas in North Korea—Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and near the Chosin/Jangjin Reservoir—where more than 2,000

Soldiers and Marines are believed to be missing. The arrangement includes details on logistics and matters that will ensure the effectiveness and safety of remains recovery teams operating in the DPRK. Accounting for Americans missing in action is a stand-alone humanitarian matter, not tied to any other issue between the two countries.

The operations in North Korea are expected to begin next year and will mark the first since 2005, when the U.S. halted missions due to

increased tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Prior to that time, U.S. specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam conducted operations in that country for 10 years since 1996, recovering remains believed to be more than 225 servicemen.

Of the approximately 83,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, more than 7,900 are from the Korean War with 5,500 of those believed to be missing in the DPRK.

## KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

Nov. 10 — Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 17 — Pearl Harbor Day 70th Anniversary

Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving (no show)

Dec. 1 — Tower lighting at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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