

## EOD hero returns to JBPHH



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Herrick

Madison Dutton waits for her daddy, Staff Sgt. DJ Dutton, to arrive home at the Honolulu International Airport on Oct. 16 following a deployment to Afghanistan. Dutton, an explosive ordnance disposal technician deployed from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was wounded by an improvised explosive device Sept. 14 in Afghanistan. He was treated at Brooks Army Medical Center, Texas before returning to his wife, Stacy, and two children. (See story and more photos on page B-1.)



A member of the U.S. Air Force Academy (USFA) parachute demonstration team, Wings of Blue, lands on the football field of Falcon Stadium during a pregame show at the USAFA, Colo., on Oct. 13. Six members of Wings of Blue jumped from a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

## Wings of Blue jump into Falcon Stadium

Story and photo by Senior Airman Lauren Main

15th Wing Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colorado Springs, Colo. -- In a valley at the base of the Rocky Mountains, more than 4,000 U.S. Air Force Academy cadets made their weekly pilgrimage to a football enthusiasts' mecca: Falcon Stadium.

The air was buzzing with the loud roar of cadets and fans flooding in for the evening game. The stands were awash in a sea of blue and white, the Falcons colors.

It wasn't long after everyone was seated that all eyes were on the sky as a C-17 from the 15th Wing, JBPHH, Hawaii approached. A moment later, six tiny specks barely visible against the setting sun, floated from the back of the aircraft in a perfectly spaced line.

The crowd began to roar as chutes deployed, and the small specks became more evident and were quickly recognized as the USAFA jump demo team, Wings of Blue.

The first jumper spiraled into the stadium at an accelerated pace and gracefully landed along

the 20-yard line, quickly followed by the other five. The crowd erupted into cheers upon their safe, but awe-inspiring landings.

And then it was kick-off time. The teams took position on the field to start the game. With a snap, the ball was in play.

The Falcons tied San Diego State University in the first quarter with 17 points, but by half time were down by 14 points.

Despite the grim outlook, the cheerleaders, the dance team and the spirit team ensured that the fans stayed riled up throughout the entire game.

"I love coming out to the games," one cadet said. "The spirit and camaraderie are unmatched."

Unfortunately, the Falcons weren't able to gain the lead and ended up losing the game 41 to 27, but not without giving San Diego State University a run for their money "up where the air is rare."

"It was great to be back," said Capt. John Cortney, KC-135 pilot and an academy graduate. "Even though we didn't win, I enjoyed the game."

The team, along with thousands of cadets, gathered on the field to sing the Air Force song and show the true meaning of school and service pride.

## Changes for base access will be effective Oct. 31

Senior Master Sgt. Jessica DellaRosa

PACAF 647 SFS/S5

Time is quickly approaching for the new base access procedures which will be effective Oct. 31.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is changing access control policies to maintain safety, security and efficiency. These changes will primarily affect commercial contractors, sub-contractors, vendors, suppliers and service providers who regu-

larly access the installation.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has implemented the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS), which is a voluntary program intended to increase security and streamline installation access for commercial personnel.

Any company that wishes to participate in the program can enroll by calling Eid Passport at 1-877-RAPIDGate.

The NCACS program provides the required background checks and

may prove to be a cost and time-saving benefit to companies and individuals conducting business on JBPHH.

NCACS-eligible personnel who choose not to participate in the NCACS program may apply for a local, one-day pass for installation access.

**RAPIDGate participant benefits include:**

- A credential pass will be issued for up to one year.
- Streamlined access will be allowed during the times that they need to perform business on the installation.

**Non-RAPIDGate participant (access ID/day pass) restrictions:**

- Only one-day passes will be issued as of Oct. 31.
- Gold cards will no longer be valid for access as of Oct. 31.
- Longer wait times will occur in the pass and ID office.

Questions about JBPHH NCACS implementation should be addressed to info@rapidgate.com with the subject line RE: NCACS Program or to the JBPHH Security Department at 448-9829 or 449-9705.

## Navy hosts visiting Japanese training squadron



U.S. photo by MCSN Dustin W. Sisco

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speaks with Japanese Rear Adm. Umio Otsuka to the Japanese and American officers at a reception held Oct. 12 for the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense (JMSDF) ships, Hatsuyuki-class destroyer JS Mineyuki (DD 124), the Asagiri-class destroyer JS Asagiri (DD 3516) and Japan training squadron ship JS Kashima (TV 3508) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). This port visit is the ships' last stop of a five month long training cruise.



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# Energy conservation is everyone's responsibility

Housing residents find success with RECP *(Part 1 of three-part series)*

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

Lowering energy consumption is everyone's responsibility. With the launch of the Department of the Navy's pilot Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) in January, military housing residents were asked to make a more concerted effort to help save on the costs of electricity.

Representatives from Forest City Military Communities (FCMC) said that most Forest City residents who are living in public-private venture (PPV) housing are changing their behavior to save on electricity costs.

In July, the average monthly consumption was eight percent lower than the consumption during the same time last year. For the period of January through July of this year, the cumulative monthly average consumption was 7.1 percent lower than the same period last year.

"The results so far are very encouraging, and the average cost of electricity per metered Forest City home is \$281 versus \$308 per home last year," said Kari Diaz, general manager for Forest City Military Communities in Hawaii.

"This tells us the program is working in the right



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico

Sharina Thibou, a Navy housing resident, switches her lights to high efficiency light bulbs as part of Navy Region Hawaii's (CNRH) energy conservation initiative. CNRH and Forest City are partnering to spread energy conservation awareness to Navy housing residents in Hawaii.

direction, thanks to our residents making smart household changes for reduction of utility consumption in their homes," Diaz noted.

Under the pilot RECP program, PPV residents must pay for any electric use that exceeds 20 percent of an established average for their like-type group of homes. Residents who do not exceed this buffer are not billed for electricity. A rebate is given to residents whose monthly electrical use is more than 20 percent below the average.

FCMC officials reported that approximately 19 percent of Forest City residents are either above or below the 20 percent buffer each month.

Some of the housing residents who are energy conservation "superstars" in their efforts to save energy offered some suggestions and tips for other residents.

Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Angelo Salgado, assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37) at Marine Corps Base

Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe, lives in the Catlin Park community with his spouse and two boys.

When asked if it has been difficult for him and his family to stay within the energy guidelines and keep energy bills within limits, he said, "No, not at all. We've learned to always be concerned about how much energy we use and to keep in mind not to be wasteful."

Getting on board with the RECP program has a lot of benefit for housing residents, according to Salgado.

"It helps us learn how much energy can be abused by comparing the averages and having to pay for it, as compared to when it was a benefit to military families living in military housing," he explained.

"The more we save, the better our future will be ... and not to mention, we get a little pay back from doing so," Salgado continued.

He also offered some tips to help other housing residents keep their energy use within the limits. "Teach, train and train. Try to make it habitual to where it'll become automatic for everybody to save energy when not being used," he advised.

But there are some areas where he feels more can be done. "Unplugging appliances, i.e., toaster ovens, cell phone chargers, etc. when not being used. It only takes two seconds to plug in when needed," he said.

"Adjusting your water heater timer and thermostat for the air conditioning will also make a big difference," he added.

This was echoed by Donnamay K. Persaud, wife of Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Rabindra Persaud, who discovered some new ways to conserve electricity. "Saving electricity at first was a little hard, but then we started making little changes like adding curtains to help keep the

cool in and keeping the central air unit on 75 degrees or above," she said.

"We also make sure and turn off lights after using them and unplug all things that we do not use as well as keeping all the doors in the house closed. We are still trying to come up with more ways to save electricity if we can, and I do hope that we do," she added.

The five members of the Persaud family reside in a three-bedroom home in the Radford Terrace neighborhood. Rabindra is stationed at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 at MCBH.

Donnamay spoke about the importance of military families supporting the RECP program and helping the environment. "I think it is important for military families to show how determined we are to help the environment. Saving a little electricity can help the fuel situation that we have at the present time by a percent or two," she said.

"Some might think it nothing, but the saying, 'A little goes a long way,' really does help," she said.

Donnamay was hopeful that military families would be even more successful at saving energy. "I hope that all families keep up the good work they are doing to save electricity. It's a great benefit to us all."

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# JMATT trains teams for medical evacuations

Story and photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Military and civilian medical personnel from Hawaii, Guam, Okinawa and Australia recently came together for a five-day training class on critical care patient aeromedical evacuation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team (JMATT) is a bi-annual training event that develops specialized teams of medical personnel who can rapidly evacuate critical care patients in the Pacific theater.

JMATT students receive classroom training along with a live C-17 flight to practice transport of medical, pediatric, burn, trauma, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and respiratory failure patients. They gain specific understanding of aeromedical evacuation, airframe capabilities, aircraft configuration, principles of altitude physiology and safety measures and become familiar with the differences in medicine used in the hospital versus aboard the aircraft.

"The concept is to provide a flying ICU with no decrease in the level of care and stems from the U.S. military's Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom experience," said Maj. Stephanie M. Ellenburg, director, JMATT Training Program, 13th Air Force.

"This is vital to providing standard of care in aerovac patient move-



Capt. Amy Klui, neonatology fellow, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), Hawaii, and Capt. Eldon Palmer, neonatology fellow, TAMC monitor an infant (training mannequin) aboard a C-17 aircraft during Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team training on Sept. 15. JMATT is an annual training event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, for aeromedical evacuation specialists in the Pacific Theater.

ment. Each student is expected to be proficient in the medical airworthy equipment and understand each training event. All students will be tested at the end of the course by written exam and equipment skills station testing.

Each team consists of three personnel with specific training: a critical care or emergency medicine trained physician, a critical care trained nurse and a respiratory care

practitioner/paramedic. "This joint team concept allows for increased flexibility in mission capabilities," Ellenburg said.

"It's a great course," said Navy Lt. Desirae Pierce, Naval Hospital Guam. "It brought everyone together, joint service and civilian counterparts, to serve one mission: safe transport in the air."

Melody Kilcommons of the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and

Children participated in this class cycle. The Kapiolani Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) team assisted military physicians with transporting a critical patient to the mainland in November 2010.

"It only makes sense that transport services supplied by the military as well as our own civilian resources should be pooled to augment critical care delivery to the patients in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin,"

Kilcommons said.

"I thank Stephanie and her team for the opportunity to participate in the JMATT training. The training was top notch, and what a privilege to meet critical care providers from Okinawa, Guam and here locally. I look forward to partnering either as a direct participant or as a resource for any future missions," she added.

JMATT will be reduced to annual

instead of biannual since there are critical care teams now based in Hawaii and Okinawa, reducing the need for as many trained JMATT members.

"This training increased and opened lines of communication, education and interoperability with our international counterparts," Ellenburg said. "This can be a significant foundation for furthering Pacific Command objectives."

## Diverse Views



Here in Hawaii, there is little change from season to season. Do you miss the change of seasons? If so, which one and what do you like about that season?



Tech Sgt. James Perkins  
8th Intelligence Squadron

"I can't say I miss the seasons. I'm loving the 365 days of sunshine."

Sr. Airman Ayanna McClintic  
735th Air Mobility Squadron



"Honestly, I love the sunshine all year round. The only thing I miss is snow for snowboarding."



Tech. Sgt. Chantell Bowser  
561st Network Operations Squadron, Det. 1

"I do not miss the change from season to season. I enjoy the beautiful weather year-round."

Culinary Specialist Seaman Kimberly Torres  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"I miss winter because it's cold and it brings a Christmas feel to the season. I miss being at home cozy by the fireplace."



Firecontrolman 2nd Class (SW) Celia Baird  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"I miss sweaters, snowboarding and snow."

(Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and MC2 Mark Logico)

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## Photographing the 'Phantom' and friends



Photo courtesy of T. Merrill

Shown in the photo is a McDonnell Douglas F-4C "Phantom II" tail number 64-0785, assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard at the former Hickam Air Force Base. This photo from the late 1970s or early 1980s also shows 199th Fighter Squadron pilots and Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) pilots posing for the photographer while at Misawa Air Base for a Cope North exercise in Japan.

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# Ramsden relieves Cutter as commanding officer of CPRW-2

Pfc James Sauter

Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two Public Affairs

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe – Capt. Christopher P. Ramsden relieved Capt. David C. Cutter as commanding officer of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two at a change of command ceremony held Oct. 13 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

“I’ll greatly miss being a part of the dynamic Sailor and Marine team at Marine Corps Base Hawaii,” Cutter said. “Their dedication and professionalism has enabled our aircrews to achieve unprecedent-



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jacob Barber

Capt. David C. Cutter, commanding officer of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two, salutes Sailors as he makes his way up to the stage for the change of command ceremony Oct. 13 in hangar 104 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe. Capt. Christopher P. Ramsden relieved Cutter as commanding officer for the wing.

ed mission success across the globe.”

Wing Two provides training, standardization and administrative control for three operational maritime, patrol and reconnaissance squadrons and one special projects squadron. These units operate the P-3C Orion maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, and provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities. The aircraft can operate independently, or as part of carrier battle groups and surface action groups.

The Orions primarily perform anti-submarine warfare duty, but are widely utilized throughout the fleet as multi-

mission, command and control, surface search and surveillance, over-land reconnaissance, and anti-surface warfare aircraft. The role of the P-3C has been greatly expanded during the overseas contingency operation, providing air surveillance and reconnaissance for ground forces, as well as providing strike capability.

After the change of command, Cutter will report to the U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii as director of the commander’s last duty station was as deputy director for Battle Space Awareness Joint Staff at the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

## JBP HH will celebrate makahiki at Hickam

Military and civilian personnel and their families who have base access are invited to celebrate makahiki from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The annual makahiki (festival) at Kapuaikaula, the ancient name for Hickam Beach, will feature oli (chants), exhibition games and other cultural demonstrations.

The ancient Hawaiian celebration, known as a

“Hawaiian Thanksgiving,” will include participation in various games of skill, such as the o’o ihe (spear throwing) and ulu maika (stone rolling) for both adults and children.

Before the makahiki begins, paddlers carrying Lono, the deified guardian of agriculture, rain, health and peace, will make a journey from Iroquois Point to Hickam Harbor.

For more information, contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs at 473-2926.

## 15th Wing personnel visit AF Academy

Col. Sam Barrett, (right) 15th Wing commander, and Col. Joe Dague (left), 15th Wing vice commander, look over Sam Barrett Jr’s shoulder as he examines the controls of a glider plane at the 306th Flying Training Group, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., on Oct. 12. The glider was one of many that the cadets can learn to pilot throughout their time at the academy.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sr Airman Lauren Main

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MCS Sean Furey

The Pacific Fleet Band plays at the 236th Navy Region Hawaii Enlisted Birthday Ball. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy James Herdt (ret.) was the guest of honor. "I have been absolutely overwhelmed with the reception that I've received here. It is so humbling to be asked to come out here and spend some time talking with Sailors, spending time with you, Herdt said. "The warmth, the welcoming attitude is truly humbling."



U.S. photo by MCSN Dustin W. Sisco

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Jim L. Herdt (ret.) speaks to Sailors of the Quarter from various commands at a luncheon at Silver Dolphin Bistro at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Herdt, a Casper, Wyo. native, was the ninth MCPON, sworn in 1998. He was in Hawaii to speak at the annual Navy birthday ball in Honolulu.



U.S. Navy photo by Jim Murray

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Mitchell Burgess was provided a hero's welcome at Honolulu International Airport on Oct. 5 as he returned home after nine months at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. Burgess, who volunteered for the deployment, was greeted by more than 50 military and civilian personnel from NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, where he has now returned to work as a logistics support representative. "It was a very rewarding tour, career wise and on a personal level," Burgess said. "Just like any other assignment, it is the people you are with who make it great, and I could not have asked for a better group to serve with out there. America is in good hands!"



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Casey H. Kyhl

Sailors assigned to the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) watch as the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) connects to a fuel probe as part of an annual certification. Essex is part of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group and is conducting operations in the western Pacific.



Photo by Samuel Wong

Employers and supervisors received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award during an Oct. 6 presentation at Lockwood Hall. The award is presented to employers/supervisors for their support of Guardsmen and Reservists. They are (from left) Michael Cieslak, chief information officer for Commander Navy Region Hawaii; Gayle Lau, ESGR volunteer and retired U.S. Navy Reserve captain, accepting the award for Tiffany Uchimura; Bernice Bishop-Kanoa, base communications program manager; and Terry Tanaka, head of the information technology department. The individuals who received the award were nominated by Anthony G. Santiago III, who is a former member of the Hawaii Air National Guard and is now a member of the Hawaii Army National Guard. Santiago works for Information Technology Command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



(Left) A crane hoists a set of solar hot water panels onto the roof of building 1315, a bachelor officers quarters. This effort is part of a large-scale energy project that involves the installation of 135 solar panels on six buildings across Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See story on page A-7.)

U.S. Navy photo by Thomas Obungen

# 64 Sailors caught illegally using or distributing designer-drug Spice

## Commander U.S. 3rd Fleet Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- Sixty-plus Sailors from three commands have recently been investigated and identified as using the designer drug Spice. The use of synthetic drugs in the Navy, to include Spice, is illegal, and the Navy continues to aggressively investigate the use of synthetic drugs and hold those in violation accountable.

"The Navy's policy on drug abuse is simple and clear - zero tolerance," said Vice Adm. Gerald R. Beaman, commander of U.S. 3rd Fleet. "Drug abuse puts

lives and missions at risk and undercuts unit readiness and morale. The use of synthetic drugs, to include Spice, is illegal and the Navy continues to aggressively investigate the use of synthetic drugs and hold those in violation accountable," he said.

Ten Sailors from USS San Francisco (SSN 711) and three Sailors from floating dry dock Arco (ARDM 5) received non-judicial punishment in the past two weeks for using the designer drug Spice, and two others were found to have used other illegal drugs. Of those, six Sailors also admitted to cocaine use, and one was

found to have used methamphetamines. All are being processed for separation in accordance with the Navy's zero tolerance policy. Two additional Sailors from USS San Francisco continue to be investigated on a possible distribution charge.

Forty-nine Sailors have been identified from the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) connected to the sale, possession or use of Spice. The alleged ring includes two distributors, one middle man and 46 users. Of the 49 suspects, eight have been administratively separated for prior drug use identified via the command urinalysis program, and three have

already been separated for non-misconduct related reasons. While the investigation remains open, the two distributors and the middle man continue to be investigated for possible legal action, and the other identified Sailors remain subject to appropriate disciplinary action and administrative processing.

"Our Sailors must understand the dangers and consequences of using drugs -- substance abuse risks the lives of shipmates and erodes readiness," said Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "I need my Sailors to be ready for

any tasking. Shipmates must watch out for shipmates and spread the word that this behavior is absolutely inconsistent with our Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment. Abusers will be caught."

The Navy has a series of measures in place to educate Sailors about the perils of drug use and dependency; to deter them from ruining their professional careers and personal lives by choosing to use drugs, and an aggressive program to detect drugs in the unlikely event a Sailor decides to use them.

By holding Sailors accountable for drug abuse,

the Navy better protects and retains the overwhelming majority of Sailors who conduct themselves honorably. The Navy continues to actively investigate suspected illicit and designer drug use and possession. If it is determined that additional Sailors have used drugs, those Sailors will be held accountable and if appropriate, processed for separation.

On March 1, 2011, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) exercised its emergency scheduling authority to control five chemicals used to make Spice and other "fake-pot" type products.

## Port Royal SRF-B training

U.S. Navy photo by Fire Controlman 2nd Class Geoffrey Phippeny

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Ramon Sarmiento (left) holds a training bag as Ensign Joshua Eason traverses through an engagement station in a controlled "fight-through" scenario following exposure to oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray as part of practical application training, during a Security Reaction Force - Basic (SRF-B) course Oct. 1 aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73). Port Royal is conducting maritime security operations and missions in support of operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn while deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.



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## Invest in workers with disabilities event will take place Oct. 25

A "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities" presentation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 25 at the USS Parche Submarine Memorial Park at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Military and civilian personnel are strongly encouraged to attend with supervisor's approval.

The event commemorates National Disability Employment Awareness Month and is presented

by the Navy Region Hawaii Multi-Cultural Committee.

Guest speakers will be Mona Yamada, executive director of Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center (NAV-SUP FLC) Pearl Harbor, and Iris Imae, operations department head, DLA distribution Pearl Harbor.

Attendees must be seated 10 minutes before the start of the program.

## Navy installs large-scale solar project on Oahu base facilities in money-saving effort

Story and photo by Thomas Obungen

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Several facilities across Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) received solar hot water systems between mid-May and early October, with the last two receiving final inspection Oct. 3, as part of a large energy project that will eventually save the Navy approximately \$200,000 annually.

"The installation of these solar systems was made possible by the Department of Defense's (DoD) Energy Conservation Investment Program (ECIP) which allocates funds for projects based on whether they meet certain federal mandates to reduce energy consumption," said Krista Stehn, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii energy manager for Navy Region Hawaii.

"Just like in Navy housing, it makes sense to use green technology and our sun to heat water for personal use, taking a shower and washing clothes, in bachelor apartment-style housing and workout facilities," she said.

In June 2010, NAVFAC Hawaii awarded a \$2.2 mil-



Contract workers secure rigging straps to a set of solar hot water panels to be lifted onto the roof of building 1315, a bachelor officers quarters. This effort is part of a large-scale energy project that involves the installation of 135 solar panels on six buildings across Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See additional photo on page A-5.)

lion contract through the ECIP to install solar hot water systems on six facilities across JBPHH at Pearl Harbor and Wahiawa Annex. Five of the buildings are on-base bachelor enlisted or officer quarters and the sixth is a gymnasium.

The contractor installed 6,120 square foot panels capable of heating 14,000 gallons of water daily, making this the largest solar hot water project executed at JBPHH for the Navy.

Work began May 12 with site preparations. Contractors continued work throughout the summer and completed final inspections on the last two buildings Oct. 3.

In addition to the solar hot water systems, the contract also included a 100-kilowatt thin film photovoltaic (PV) system for building 1770, one of the largest energy consuming buildings at JBPHH. The contractor is installing the thin film this month and

when turned on, it will reduce the building's demand on the base's power grid by more than 150,000 kilowatt-hours per year.

Each dollar spent provides for the replacement of traditional energy resources with renewable energy, while simultaneously reducing operating expenses in the future and over the course of 11 years. The DoD will recover the project's costs when it saves approximately \$200,000 a year in energy costs.

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

Oct. 27 — Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (Diversity)

Nov. 3 — Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (Individual augmentees)

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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