

IN MEMORY OF 9/11



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Federal Fire Department (FFD) Fire Chief Glenn DeLaura assists the fire inspectors from the FFD Prevention Division with the final touches in creating the 9/11 fence design on Sept. 6. The commemorative fence design is located at the Federal Fire Department Headquarters on Center Drive near the intersection of Kamehameha Highway. The fence design is in remembrance of the attacks that took place 10-years ago this year at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. and Flight 93 which crashed near Shanksville, Pa. This year will mark two significant anniversaries of two historical events that took place in American history. This Sunday will mark 10 years since the attacks that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, and this December will mark 70 years since the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Events will mark 10th anniversary of 9/11 attacks

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Several events have been planned at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other locations across Oahu to remember the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam remembrances

The 15th Wing will host Team Hickam's 10th annual 9/11 Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony with Gov. Neil Abercrombie as keynote speaker at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at Atterbury Circle, Hickam Field.

All personnel should be in place no later than 7:10 a.m. All team Hickam personnel, Air Force families and contractors are welcome.

For more information, contact Capt. Jasmine McCann, jasmine.mccann@hickam.af.mil or call 448-8382.

In addition, **Hickam Elementary School**, located on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is scheduled to observe the 10th anniversary of the attacks with a parade near Freedom Tower beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 9. More than 600 students in grades kindergarten to six and staff, base security, the Federal Fire Department, Radford High School

marching band and their JROTC color guard will participate in the parade, which will proceed along 8th Street, make a U-turn and then go up 9th Street.

Another event marking the anniversary is **The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Run** Pearl Harbor 5K run, which will start at 7 a.m. Sept. 11 at Richardson Field. The course will cross over the Ford Island Bridge, around the traffic circle, back over the bridge.

In support of the run, the Ford Island Bridge will be closed for approximately 45 minutes from 6:50 to 7:35 a.m. The runners will have full access to the bridge on

the initial crossing and will be directed to the coned off breakdown lane on the return leg and finish at Richardson Field.

All drivers should plan accordingly, pass the area with caution and obey security and warning signs.

The 5K race will be held in honor of a firefighter and in memory of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives during rescue efforts at the World Trade Center 10 years ago. The Stephen Siller run is named after a firefighter who traveled on foot with nearly 60 pounds of equipment from Brooklyn through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, to the

World Trade Center, only to lose his life when the towers fell. Race participants must register online. The link to register is <http://bit.ly/qU9b2I>. For more information, visit www.tunneltotowersrun.org.

Forest City Residential Management and the Pacific Fleet Band Jazz Ensemble invites Forest City (Navy/Marine Corps) residents to a **Remembrance Concert** at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Halsey Terrace Community Center on Arizona Street. Capt. Jeff James, Joint Base Pearl

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End of World War II ceremony salutes 66th anniversary

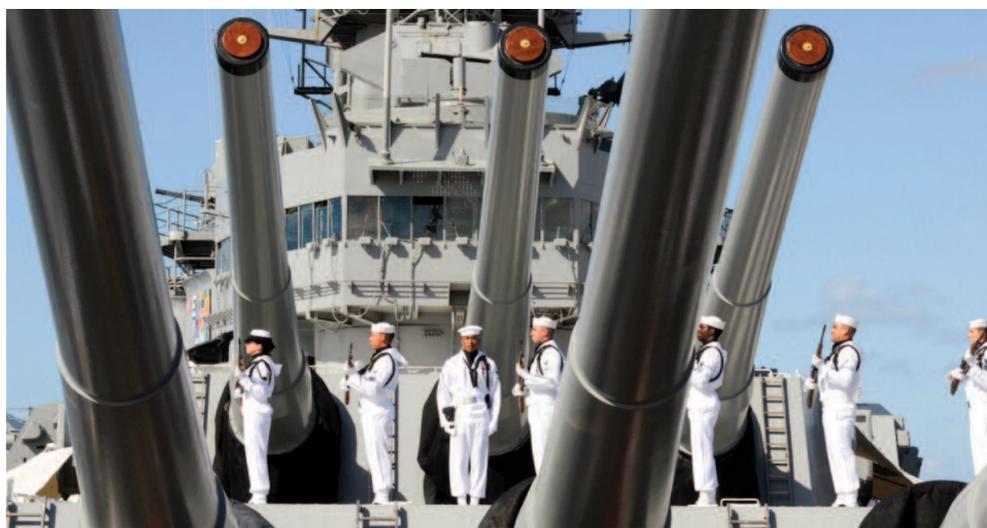
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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Veterans, government leaders and service members assigned to various commands in Hawaii, attended a ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Sept. 2 to commemorate the 66th anniversary of the end of World War II.

On Sept. 2 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and other leaders from around the world signed the Japanese Instrument of Surrender on USS Missouri, marking the end of the most destructive war of the modern era.

Rear Adm. Robert P. Girrier, commander of Carrier Strike Group Seven, served as the guest speaker and offered his remarks to those in atten-



Members of a U.S. Navy ceremonial guard fire a rifle volley during the 66th anniversary of the End of World War II commemoration ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri memorial. Service members assigned to various commands in Hawaii, veterans and government leaders attended the event.

dance at the recent event. "This ceremony is to honor the 'Greatest Generation,' a group of Americans who gave of themselves freely to make

this world a better place. They faced a world of instability and fierce adversaries with incredible bravery, courage and personal sacrifice,"

Girrier said. "Our Sailors and Marines that serve today are getting the mission done. They don't blink; they perform. Their talent and their

ability to fight through amidst adversity carries on the spirit of the 'Greatest Generation.'"

Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, World War II veteran and

chancellor of the University of Richmond, offered his thoughts during the keynote address.

"Our presence here calls to mind an even more significant occasion in the life of this battleship. Nothing said or done on this day will ever rise to the momentous impact of what transpired here on this deck 66 years ago," Heilman said.

"We veterans here today have been fortunate to live long lives, and along with the millions of other young men of that era, we all accepted death as a real possibility. Thus, the prevailing consequences of the war provided us with a unique perspective for the rest of our lives. This celebration is a part of bringing closure to whatever shadows remain in the crevices of our mind," he said.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a U.S. Navy ceremonial guard fired a rifle volley and echo "Taps" was played by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band.



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Ronald Reagan Sailors re-enlist at Arizona Memorial

MC3 Kyle Carlstrom

USS Ronald Reagan Public Affairs

Twenty-five Sailors from the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) re-enlisted at the USS Arizona Memorial on Sept. 2 during a port visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The USS Arizona Memorial sits directly over the remains of the battleship USS Arizona (BB 39), where 1,102 Sailors lie entombed in the ship sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"It's just an absolute privilege," said Capt. Thom Burke, Ronald Reagan's commanding officer. "This is a sacred place and doing a re-enlistment here... there's nothing better."

The opportunity to re-enlist at the USS Arizona Memorial was a memorable experience for each Sailor, especially those sharing the occasion with family members.

"It's a very humbling experience to be on the Arizona Memorial, and I'm also very honored to be a part of the re-enlistment ceremony," said Senior Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Joseph Varcasia. "This is a very rare opportunity to be able to do this, and I was very fortunate to be here with my family on the



Sailors and Marines render honors as the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) passes the USS Arizona Memorial while entering Pearl Harbor for a port visit. Ronald Reagan is in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of responsibility.

Arizona doing this today. I'm very grateful that they could be here."

Varcasia's wife Laura said she is proud of her husband's service and was glad to share the opportunity with him.

"It was a real honor. It's an

honor that he's in the military, and it's an honor that he wants to do another three years,"

Laura said. "It's a tribute to be in such an awesome place right now. We're going to Japan, so we're looking forward to another

adventure with the military for the next three years."

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Scott Blubaugh, whose family was in attendance, said he would never forget this event.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime

opportunity," Blubaugh said. "My father and grandparents came out, and it meant a lot to me. This was my first re-enlistment, so it was really cool to have them out here to see it."

Chief Navy Career Counselor Benjamin Salvania said it was a privilege to set up this event for the Sailors.

"We always do our best to get this set up anytime we have the opportunity to have people re-enlist at a historic place like this," Salvania said. "Besides being such a historic place, it's good for their career also."

The Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group (CSG) is currently operating in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations.

Along with the ships of the Ronald Reagan CSG, embarked CVW-14 includes the "Black Knights" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 154, the "Argonauts" of VFA-147, the "Blue Diamonds" of VFA-146, the "Death Rattlers" of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 323, the "Black Eagles" of Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 113, the "Cougars" of Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 139, the "Providers" of Carrier Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30 and the "Black Knights" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 4.

USS Russell departs from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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The guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 1 for a seven-month independent deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

With a crew of approximately 300 Sailors and commanded by Cmdr. Joseph Carrigan, Russell will conduct ballistic-missile defense operations while on deployment and will be under national, combatant commander and fleet commander tasking.

"The officers and crew of USS Russell are ready to deploy. We have spent the past several months conducting intensive training and performing significant maintenance and upkeep



Friends and families waved goodbye to the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) as it left Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 1 for a seven-month independent deployment. Russell will be conducting operations in the U.S. 7th and U.S. 5th Fleet areas of responsibility.

critical to mission accomplishment," Carrigan said.

"Although we depart Pearl Harbor with heavy hearts as we leave our family and friends behind, we are nevertheless excited about the task at hand. The officers and Sailors of Russell are some of the finest whom I have known in over 18 years of service. I could not be more proud to sail with them today," Carrigan continued.

Sailors aboard Russell also expressed their excitement to get underway.

"I'm ready. I've been prepping for it," said Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) Fireman Thomas Harlan. "I'm ready to get out to sea and do my job, experience other countries and check out new cultures."

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants. They operate independently in support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups and surface strike groups.

Yutt relieves Minyard as USS Columbus CO

Story and photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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

Cmdr. David Yutt relieved Cmdr. David Minyard as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) in a time-honored change of command ceremony at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 2.

Capt. James Pitts, guest speaker and commander of Submarine Squadron 7, praised Minyard and his accomplishments while commanding Columbus and on his naval career.

"Your command tour has been the epitome of steady professionalism, quiet accomplishment and, most importantly, mission accomplishment," Pitts said. "Your extraordinary leadership and dedication has



Cmdr. David Minyard is piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) by Cmdr. David Yutt in a change of command ceremony held at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 2.

been exemplified in many ways while in command. Congratulations on a job well done."

Following Pitts' remarks,

Minyard was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in lieu of second award for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from

May 2009 to September 2011. Minyard acknowledged that the majority of the submarine's success during his time as commanding officer

could be attributed to the crew and their hard work efforts.

"Several years ago, I pledged my sacred honor to serve you with the utmost of my ability, and at every single turn, you have always executed the task at hand," Minyard said. "I encourage each and every one of you to keep doing what you do best, every man doing his job to accomplish the mission."

As Minyard's final act as commanding officer, he promoted Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Armando Rodriguez to a first class petty officer through the Command Advancement Program.

"This is a total surprise and a huge milestone in my career," Rodriguez said. "I am really looking forward to the many challenges and responsibilities of a first class."

As Yutt assumed command of Columbus, he addressed the crew

about the future.

"I am honored to be here today and glad to finally be a part of the Columbus team," Yutt said. "We will be challenged each day but through sustained hard work, I have no doubt that the Columbus team will be ready to execute when called upon."

Minyard graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in systems engineering. After graduation, he worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a research assistant prior to attending Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Fla. and the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

His sea tours include USS Portsmouth (SSN 707), USS Helena (SSN 725) and USS Alabama (SSBN 731) (Blue).

His next assignment will be in San Diego as an acquisition professional.

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Chung-Hoon observes Women's Equality Day

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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs

CHUNG-HOON AT SEA— Aug. 26 of each year is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day. First established in 1971, the date observes the passage of the 19th amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women full voting rights in 1920.

To commemorate the day, service members aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) organized a women's equality ceremony.

Hosted by the ship's multi-cultural heritage committee, the event included a panel of speakers and a video featuring all of the women aboard Chung-Hoon performing their varied roles around the destroyer.

Damage Control Chief

Bradley Derosia outlined the history of women in the U.S. military to the crew.

Women have served in the Navy since 1811, first as nurses, then as yeomen. In 1942, they served under the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) program. On June 12, 1948, women gained permanent status in the armed services with the passage of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

Initially, women were

assigned to selected non-combatant ships, but their opportunities were broadened in 1994 to include service on surface combatant ships. In 2010, the Navy announced a policy change that allows women to serve on submarines.

Today, there are more than 54,000 active-duty women making up 16 percent of the U.S. Navy.

Lt. j.g. Lauren Griebel, Chung-Hoon's navigator, shared how Women's Equality Day is not just a

celebration of the accomplishments of women throughout history but also of women today and their continuing battle for equality.

"Someday when I have children, and they ask me what it means to be a man and a woman, I hope to be able to tell them that it means the same thing," Griebel stated.

"Today I was proud of myself, not just as a woman but because of all of the things I

do on board," said Gas Turbine Electrical Fireman Heather Hobbs.

Chung-Hoon is currently in the South China Sea on a deployment in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility for CARAT Singapore.

For more information about the contributions women have made throughout naval history, visit <http://1.usa.gov/nMsUUm>. For more information about "Hawaii's Destroyer," please visit www.chung-hoon.navy.mil.

Admiral honored for support of NEX

NEX photo by Stephanie Lau

Sante Campanile, Navy Exchange vice president for the Hawaii District, recently presented Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, with an engraved koa paddle wishing him farewell. It was a token of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange's (NEX) appreciation for all the support Smith has given NEX during his time at Pearl Harbor, according to Campanile.



Diverse Views

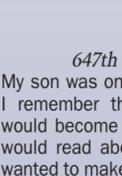


It has been 10 years since the tragedy of 9/11. Has it changed your life and how?



Staff Sgt. Robert Woolley
15th Medical Operations Squadron, Pediatrics

I believe my life since 9/11, and others' have been affected due to the fact a lot of us are serving now because of the 9/11 attacks. The attacks have shown and given me a new sense of pride and patriotic duty toward my country.



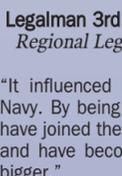
Maj. Kirsten Aguilar
Commander, 647th Force Support Squadron

My son was only a few months old, and I remember thinking of how this day would become a part of history that he would read about in books someday. I wanted to make sure he understood how significant of an event it was, and every year since have tried to instill in him the sacrifice thousands made that day and every day since.



Chief Master Sgt. Tim Rizzardo
Functional Manager HQ PACAF/A6

Sept 11, 2001 changed my life forever. Not only did it reinforce my belief in America and what we stand for, it brought new meaning to the pride I feel every time I put on my uniform.



Legalman 3rd Class Alycia M. Hagen, Regional Legal Service Office Hawaii

"It influenced my decision to join the Navy. By being in the Navy, I feel like I have joined the fight on war on terrorism and have become a part of something bigger."



Spc. Christopher M. Smith, Tripler Army Medical Center

"I was a junior in high school during the attacks on Sept. 11. It has changed my life as a career choice. I joined the Army during Operation Noble Eagle. I wanted to be a part of the change. The world changed as we invaded Iraq and Afghanistan. Now I can say that I served my country, and I helped change the world."

1st Lt. Sebastian Ortiz, 535 Airlift Squadron, Pacific Air Forces

"I was barely in high school during the attacks and it is a moment in my life that I will never forget. It changed my life significantly in the way that I and others around me view this great nation. Being from an immigrant family, patriotism wasn't always a big deal. But since the attacks had the one positive effect of uniting the country, my family and I have since grown to love the USA."

(Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and DC Smith)

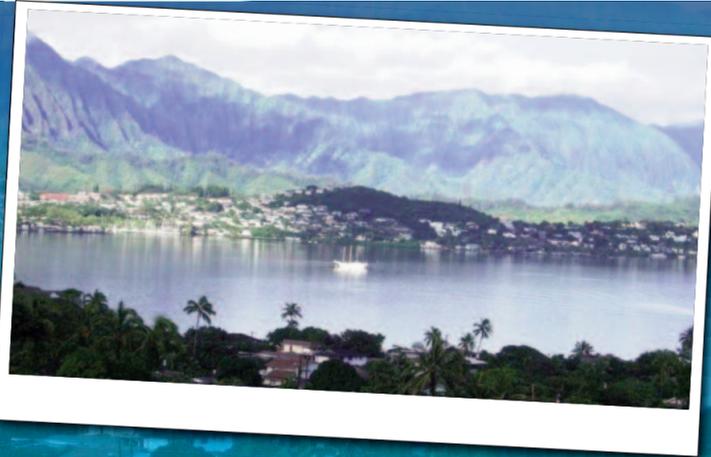
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My Favorite Photo...

Brian M. Kane took this recent photo of Kaneohe Bay, one of his favorite scenes. He captured the photo from H3 while driving from Kailua toward Honolulu.

Photo by Brian M. Kane



Sabres 'cut' an impressive figure in Kaneohe



Photo courtesy T. Merrill

Two North American F-86 "Sabre" aircraft belonging to the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron are shown taxiing at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe in a photo circa the mid-1950s.

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Chief selectees learn history aboard Mighty Mo during CPO Legacy Academy

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The Battleship Missouri Memorial, a monument to Navy history and heritage, hosted yet another historic event when class 005 of the Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Legacy Academy graduated Sept. 2.

The graduation ceremony, held on the fantail of Missouri, marked the end of six days of living aboard Mighty Mo for the 44 CPO selectees who were lucky enough to participate in the CPO Legacy Academy program, now in its fifth year.

"Teaching our newest chief selectees naval heritage and leadership during the CPO Legacy Academy is a capstone event of the induction season," said Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Rob Stewart, one of the 2011 CPO Legacy Academy coordinators.

"Our goal is not to replace the CPO induction process or to try to condense it, it's to take one week out of the process and focus on Navy heritage and recognition of the generations of Sailors who came before us," Stewart said.

During their stay aboard Missouri, CPO selectees from Hawaii and other locations throughout the Pacific region received lessons in leadership, teamwork and Navy history from a chief, senior chief and master chief petty officer who volunteered to live aboard Missouri as department chiefs and mentors to the CPO selectees.

"The purpose of the [CPO] Legacy Academy is to instill a deeper sense of pride and Navy heritage in these Sailors so they can return to their own command and pass the knowledge and lessons learned on to others," Stewart said. "For six straight days, we are living



U.S. Navy photo by GSMC Emerson Sumampong

Chief Operations Specialist (SW) Will Jones from Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific supervises chief petty officer selectees installing bunting on Battleship Missouri Memorial in preparation for the CPO Legacy Academy graduation ceremony Sept. 2.

onboard Missouri - eating, breathing, sleeping and living Navy history."

The CPO Legacy Academy experience began Aug. 28 when the CPO selectees reported aboard Missouri with their packed sea bags and no real idea of what to expect.

"We start them off just like any Sailor reporting aboard a ship for duty. The first day, we do a sea bag inspection on all of the selectees, making sure they've got everything they need to succeed," Stewart explained.

After assigning them a rack in the berthing area, the chief petty officer selectees were given a tour of Missouri to become familiar with the ship that would be their home for the next six days. The remainder of the week was filled with team-building events, educational trips to historical military sites in Hawaii, learning to stand shipboard watches, preservation projects to maintain the ship, and how to operate some of the same equipment and defenses that would have been used to defend the ship when it was

commissioned in 1944.

"Chiefs are charged with incorporating heritage into their daily responsibilities. It's even incorporated into our performance evaluations," Stewart said. "So what better place to teach Navy heritage than aboard a living piece of Navy history."

According to Stewart, the hope is that the academy graduates take the knowledge and history they have learned and apply it to today's Navy when they pass it on to other CPO selectees, enlisted personnel and officers when they return to their parent commands. That ability was expanded this year when, for the first time, the academy was opened up to CPO selectees from areas outside of Hawaii.

"We were lucky enough to have representatives from Guam, Japan, Whidbey Island and San Diego participate in the legacy academy this year," Stewart said. "This opened up a whole new dynamic since we had selectees from different backgrounds and different induction experiences that they

can share with each other."

"Travel expenses for these selectees were funded by their individual CPO messes because they recognize the value of the training and knowledge gained here," Stewart explained.

This is also the first year chief selectees have re-enacted the ceremony that secured Missouri's place in history on Sept. 2, 1945 when the Empire of Japan signed an unconditional surrender to Allied Forces, marking the end of World War II.

"This is the first time in 66 years that this ceremony has been re-enacted aboard Missouri," said Dan Parsons, education direction for the Battleship Missouri Memorial. "We hold an observance ceremony on Sept. 2 every year, but this is the first time we've re-enacted the event. The chief selectees each played parts for key players of the ceremony, and we brought one of the tables up from the mess decks that was actually used during the signing ceremony that day," he said.

None of these would be possible without the support

of the Battleship Missouri Memorial and CPO Legacy Center where the CPO Legacy Academy is held. One of the founders of the CPO Legacy Center, the late Chief Boatswain's Mate (ret) Harold B. Estes, was also one of the people responsible for bringing Missouri to Hawaii to serve as a memorial.

"We've been extremely fortunate to have some superb chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs, past and present, be involved in the legacy academy, and that's due to people like Harold Estes, who dedicated 77 years of his life to serving in or supporting the Navy. The (CPO) Legacy Center, which he helped found aboard Missouri, is dedicated to all CPOs, past and present, and shortly after the center opened in 2007 the idea of the CPO Legacy Academy came to fruition," Parsons explained.

"The legacy academy has probably been the best part of my CPO induction," said Chief (select) Logistics Specialist Tonisha Gilliam of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 57 who traveled from San Diego to participate in the legacy academy. "From the minute we came through the gate, right up to the very end, it was an incredible learning experience, and I think it's a shame that more people don't get to share in it."

"Being able to see all of this CPO and Navy history in person was a real eye-opener for me, but especially the visit to Chief Estes' grave at the Punchbowl National Cemetery and the visit to the Arizona Memorial where we watched them do colors," Gilliam said. "They were real tear-jerkers and something I will never forget."

The experience offered by the Battleship Missouri Memorial continues to be possible through the generosity of volunteers who help

run the memorial and maintain the CPO Legacy Center on board. The Battleship Missouri Memorial has approximately 130 people on staff, but relies heavily on volunteers to help keep the memorial running.

"We have hundreds of volunteers from the active duty and retired communities who come out and donate their time, including a core group of about 30 to 50 who volunteer on a regular basis," Parsons said. "It gives them a sense of ownership in the memorial. A lot of them are the volunteer instructors for the legacy academy as well."

"It's a rewarding experience for us as an organization," Parsons said. "We get to see the ship come alive as the selectees and CPOs come aboard, and visitors to Missouri love to see the Sailors out there doing their tasks. For some people, this is the only exposure they have to the Navy, and they enjoy seeing the people in uniform working on the ship."

Seeing the legacy academy Sailors in uniform working on the ship also helps generate interest and awareness in the ship for visitors as well as service members stationed in Hawaii.

"I knew what the legacy academy was. In 2008 and 2009 when I was stationed on USS Crommelin (FFG 37), we had some of our selectees attend the academy," said Chief (select) Yeoman Joe Corley, an academy participant from Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet. "Every time they came back, they were so ... excited that it made me want to participate. During induction when they asked if anyone knew what [the academy] was, I jumped right up out of my seat and said, 'I do, and I'm going.'"

Information on the CPO Legacy Center can be found at www.usmissouri.com.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Aircraft assigned to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 fly over the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during a tiger cruise air show. Tiger cruises allow friends and families of deployed Sailors and Marines to spend time aboard a sea-going vessel to experience the ship's day-to-day operations. Ronald Reagan is returning from a seven-month deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Alexander Tidd



(Below) Tugboats from Naval Submarine Base New London assist the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Passadena (SSN 752) to the pier. Passadena traveled from homeport at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to Groton, Conn. for an extended maintenance overhaul in Portsmouth, N. H.

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Forty-four chief petty officer selectees graduate on Battleship Missouri Memorial on Sept. 2. The ceremony followed the Missouri's End of World War II commemoration marking the 66th anniversary of the end of World War II.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Rear Adm. Robert P. Girrier, commander of Carrier Strike Group Seven, offers remarks to the audience during the 66th anniversary of the End of World War II commemoration ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri memorial. Service members assigned to various commands in Hawaii, veterans and government leaders attended the event. Sailors from the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) also attended the ceremony.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez

Don Fenton, Pacific Air Forces deputy command historian, gives a tour of the Courtyard of Heroes at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 30 to a group of World War II veterans. The tour was sponsored by the "Greatest Generation" Foundation.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

Tech. Sgt. Tamiko Boone, and Master Sgt. (select) Lara Murdiz, members of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii "Hana Hou," sing during Mahalo Bash 2011, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 1. The Mahalo Bash is an annual event hosted by the Pacific Air Forces commander to thank Airmen and their families for their service and hard work throughout the year.

CNRH honors ombudsmen at appreciation dinner

Story and photo by MC2 Mark Logico

Navy Region Public Affairs

Military and Family Services Center (MFSC) recognized more than 80 ombudsmen at an appreciation dinner at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 2.

With more than 370 attendees, Teresa Espiritu, the MFSC ombudsman coordinator and trainer, said the event was a big success, as Navy commands from around the island showed support to their own respective ombudsman.

"This is the first year having this event with this many people," Espiritu said. "This is way past our numbers in the past. It shows that commands really come to support the ombudsman program whether they are deploying commands or shore commands. They truly are very supportive of the program."

Capt. David Cutter, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two, was the keynote speaker for the event, and he expressed his gratitude for all the work the ombudsmen did during 2011.

Military ombudsmen pro-



Cmdr. James Wucher, the executive officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, escorts Dawn Gregg, the ombudsman for PMRF, at the appreciation dinner held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 2.

vide a link between families and commanding officers. They provide communication support to family members, especially when commands are deployed.

In his speech, Cutter said the ombudsman's contribu-

tions are often hidden and many times thankless, which is why the military and families were at the dinner to express their appreciation.

Military members and senior leaders from CNRH;

commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Command Patrol Reconnaissance Wing Two gathered at the Hickam Officers' Club to pay tribute to their command-specific ombudsman.

"This is about the commands showing appreciation to the ombudsman," Espiritu said. "The Military and Family Services Center appreciates the ombudsmen, but we are only assisting each command to show

their own support and appreciation to their ombudsman."

Stacy Stucki, the ombudsman for USS Lake Erie (CG 70), said she volunteered to be an ombudsman because she liked helping people.

"I want to help out in any way I can," she said. Having served in the military herself, she said she understands the need for such roles.

The U.S. Navy established an ombudsman program in 1970, under the direction of Adm. Elmo Zumwalt. Through the Navy Ombudsman Program communication between the spouses of active duty personnel and the command is kept open, thereby improving the quality of life for everyone involved.

The purpose of the program is to ensure the families of active duty personnel have a channel of resources for their needs and quality of life. The ombudsman can offer guidance and assistance before, during or after a deployment. They meet with department heads aboard a naval installation to find out the latest news and pass it on, including news on ship deployments and helping to ensure operational security.

Events planned at JBPHH and off base for 9/11

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Harbor-Hickam commander, will give opening remarks. The theme of the concert is "Tribute to First Responders."

Federal Fire 9/11 commemoration

Federal Fire Department will host a 9/11 commemoration ceremony at 10 a.m. Sept. 11 at **Federal Fire Department** headquarters at 650 Center Drive (near the intersection of Kamehameha Drive). The ceremony will be held in

front of a fence that is designed in memory of Sept. 11, 2001.

Naval Air Museum

Naval Air Museum Barbers Point will hold a "Centennial of Naval Aviation Celebration Open House" Sept. 10-11 at Kalaeloa Airport, formerly Naval Air Station Barbers Point. The commemoration will include a special 10th anniversary 9-11 ceremony at 10 a.m. Sept. 11.

Representatives from the Honolulu Fire Department, Honolulu Police

Department, Federal Fire Department, the military and American and United Airlines are expected to participate. For more information, call 429-5182 or e-mail tina@namp.org

Government and other public commemorations

Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, will participate in a special **Mayor's Remembrance Walk** on Sept. 11, in observance of the 10th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the

United States. The public is invited to participate in the event led by Mayor Peter Carlisle. As part of the event, the Navy Pacific Fleet Band bugler will play taps, and the Royal Hawaiian Band will play "God Bless America."

Free parking will be available at the Frank F. Fasi municipal parking structure (enter from Alapai or Beretania streets). The walk will begin at 4 p.m. with a blessing and wreath presentation at Honolulu Police Department headquarters,

801 South Beretania St.

The walk will include members of the Honolulu police, fire, emergency services and emergency management departments, State Civil Defense Auxiliary, federal law enforcement agencies, U.S. military, Hawaii Red Cross, elected city and state officials, and other city and state personnel.

In addition, a **Pacific Fleet Band** bugler will participate in a 10th anniversary 9/11 remembrance ceremony at 10 a.m. at Ala Moana Center Sept. 11 and

at a ceremony at 7 p.m. on Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

In another observance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, the Oahu Choral Society (OCS) will present **Mozart's Requiem** at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 4 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. Tickets are \$20 for general admission or \$15 for military and students with ID. Tickets may be purchased online at www.oahuchoral.org, by phone at 735-4311, or at the door.

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JTAC shot, keeps calling in critical close air support

by Staff Sgt. John Wright

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) -- American heroes have shone time and time again during the war in Afghanistan, earning accolades from their branches of service and even the president of the United States, but most recently a joint terminal attack controller from the 817th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron proved it yet again.

Senior Airman Jorge Henry, from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is one of the most recent examples, helping to save the lives of a 34-man U.S. Army company in the Northern Kunar Province on Aug. 12, by calling in multiple air strikes after being shot by a Taliban sniper.

Henry, an 817th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron Joint Terminal Attack Controller, and Soldiers from the 2-27th Infantry Battalion hiked 4,000 meters up a mountain-side under the cover of darkness to establish vantage points from which to observe enemy activity in a local village. Once daybreak came, it was apparent there was a strong enemy presence, he said.

"A few hours later we got some intelligence that the enemy in the town had eyes on us," Henry said. "At that point, they knew we were there and we started to take fire."

The New York native, deployed from the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, immediately called for close-air support and within minutes, F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron were overhead.

Shortly thereafter, Henry's unit started getting hit with



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Gary J. Rinn

Senior Airman Jorge Henry, a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Airman, is saluted by Lt. Gen. David Goldfein, the commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command, after being presented a Purple Heart on Aug. 25, in Afghanistan. Henry was wounded during a nine-hour firefight Aug. 12 in Afghanistan. He also received the Air Force Combat Action Medal. Henry is a joint terminal attack controller deployed from the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

machine gun fire again from another location, pinning them down.

"Rounds were landing right at my feet, so we huddled against the rocks trying to get as low as possible," Henry said. "I called for two 2,000-pound bombs to suppress the machine gun fire on that position long enough for us to break contact and move south to get better cover."

The fighting didn't let up, however, as his unit again began taking fire from a cave system to the northwest. Henry said he guided rotary-wing assets onto the targets to engage the cave, but their munitions weren't strong enough to penetrate the heavily fortified position.

Henry said it became clear that he had to get a bomb deep inside the cave, but the angle was tricky. He called for a laser-guided bomb that

followed a path laced by the helicopters, scoring a direct hit that effectively took out the enemy.

Henry said he decided it was best to move to better cover so he could continue to effectively call in close-air support. As he began to run to better cover, a sniper opened up on him.

"He fired three shots," Henry said. "One landed at my feet, the second round passed between my chest and my arm and hit the ground. The third round hit me in the right hand."

After realizing his new cover was compromised, Henry ran to the next closest cover, which happened to be where the Army medic was engaging the enemy.

"I jumped in the hole with him and let him know I was hit," Henry said. "I didn't have time to wait though, so

while he was bandaging my injured hand, I used my good hand to keep calling in strikes. The only thing on my mind was 'get bombs off these birds as fast as possible to suppress this gunfire.'"

Lt. Col. John Peterson, a 555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot, was the flight lead in a two-ship formation providing close-air support that day.

"He and the medic were pinned down with rounds popping in and around their position," Peterson said. "I feared he was out of the game, either physically or mentally. Within moments, I could tell he regained his composure."

Henry's ability to regain his composure and focus on the task at hand impressed the veteran pilot.

"As a forward air controller and a former air ground oper-

ations school instructor, I've had extensive experience working with the JTACs in training and combat," Peterson said. "Henry's performance under fire was nothing short of stellar. It was 'trial by fire' – literally."

Peterson and Capt. Mark Browning, the other F-16 pilot, dropped bomb after bomb for the JTAC but eventually ran low on fuel and had to return to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

F-15E Strike Eagles from the 389th EFS were enroute to replace them but were about 20 minutes out.

The determined JTAC's situation was made even more difficult by the fact that the hole in which he and the medic were hiding was beginning to deteriorate due to the sniper and heavy machine gun fire.

After pinpointing the machine gun's position, Henry called in ordnance, which scored a direct hit; however, the sniper fire persisted.

Henry said he was able to figure out the angle from which the bullets were coming by using his wrist compass. He then used a laser range finder to determine the distance.

Henry said the F-15s arrived in the nick of time, and he was ready for them. He was unable to reach the maps and charts in his pack to get a precise location for the fighters to drop a bomb, so he called in an approximate position. The bomb landed about 1,000 meters from the sniper who was not discouraged.

After the sniper was taken out, Henry said he was finally able to get to better cover, but the situation quickly intensified when Taliban forces advanced to within 30 meters of his new position. Henry ignored the pain in his injured hand and used his M-4 carbine to help Soldiers drive the enemy back.

Eventually, eight hours

after the fighting began, night started to fall and Henry's unit used the cover of darkness to descend the mountain to safety. In all, the JTAC called in 14,500 pounds of munitions — 17 bombs total.

"This was my first heavy engagement, and I just did what I had to do to survive," the JTAC said. "Any skilled JTAC in my position would have done the same thing."

Henry said he felt that if he quit or gave in to the pain, his unit could have sustained heavy losses. Peterson shared the same sentiment.

"From our perspective, his ability to remain calm and effectively use airpower was nothing short of essential for their survival," Peterson said.

After undergoing surgery for his injured hand at Craig Joint Theater Hospital on Bagram Airfield, Henry was presented with a Purple Heart medal from Lt. Gen. David Goldfein, the commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command.

During the presentation, Goldfein explained to the gathered crowd, and to Henry in particular, that it's traditional in the military for the person receiving the medal to salute the officer who presents his medal. However, in this case, the general said that he would prefer to do the saluting and asked not to be saluted in return. Goldfein said he wanted to honor the service of Henry and his fellow JTACs for all they have done during conflicts around the world, and also for aiding in his own rescue after being shot down over Serbia in May 1999.

While many people might consider taking time off to recover or go home, Henry is having none of it and is itching to return to the fight.

"I'm going right back," he said. "I wouldn't go home if they tried to send me. I want to go back out on more missions to bring airpower to the battlefield."

Commentary Remembering 9/11 and serving with honor

Fleet Master Chief
John Minyard

U.S. Pacific Fleet

Hello Shipmates!
This month marks the 10th anniversary of the attacks that changed our lives and our nation forever. We will commemorate the loss of nearly 3,000 people killed during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Flight 93 in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001.

It is hard to believe so much time has passed. Many of you were not even in the service when the attacks happened, and yet to this very day, you and your families are asked to make personal sacrifices so that such events never happen again.

Since 2001, our armed forces have been engaged abroad to bring stability and security to our world. It has been a difficult task – more difficult than we imagined when we undertook it nearly 10 years ago, but even had we known what it was going to take to defeat the enemy, our resolve has never wavered.

To do less would be to dishonor the ultimate sacrifices of so many proud Americans that served our country. I was thinking about this the other day while watching USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)

pull into Pearl Harbor for a liberty call on her way home from deployment. As I watched her steam past the Arizona Memorial where a different generation of Sailors and service members lost their lives during an attack, I was reminded of what an honor and privilege it is to serve in the U.S. Navy.

You know, I often wonder about the seemingly insurmountable challenges they faced and overcame, and how they would view our service today. We know that those men and women knew the meaning of sacrifice and understood what a great responsibility they bore on their shoulders, but they did so with honor and firm resolve. The same kind of courage and commitment was on display 10 years ago when people rushed to help victims, not just at the World Trade Center but at the Pentagon and aboard Flight 93, where the heroes who rushed the cockpit showed more courage and knew what they were about to sacrifice for others.

Do you think even one of those people would turn down a chance to trade places with us today and serve their country with honor? I want you to think about that this Sept. 11. What decisions will you make and could they dishonor or bring harm to others. It's simple; just

stop for a moment and ask yourself, "Do my actions HONOR those I swore to protect and defend, do I HONOR those who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, and would they be proud of what I have accomplished," or disappointed that their sacrifice was squandered away by someone who does not appreciate what it means to serve their country?

I always prefer to end things on a cheery note, so before I go there is another group of people who serve their country honorably and deserve more than a little respect for the sacrifices and contributions they make on our behalf, especially when you consider they aren't getting paid for any of it. I'm talking about our command ombudsmen who generously donate their time and energy to improving quality of life for our family members and making sure their sacrifices don't go unnoticed while we're away from home. In case you didn't know, Sept. 14 is Ombudsman Appreciation Day, and this year will mark 41 years of service they have provided. Please join me in saying thanks to our ombudsmen for their support and contributions to our Navy family.

Thanks for your time shipmates, and thanks for all you do!

YN2 Gomez provides timely courier service

Story and photo by
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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Yeoman 2nd Class Jesus Gomez, assigned to Defense Courier Station (DCS) Honolulu, keeps communication flowing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

As part of U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), Defense Courier Station (DCS) Honolulu, he provides secure, timely, efficient end-to-end global distribution of classified and sensitive material for the United States and its allies.

"My primary mission is to deliver classified material to our customers through USTRANSCOM," Gomez said. "We service here, locally. We service the ships. We service our forces afloat, ship and subs that need their classified material delivered in a timely manner."

Gomez and members of the DCS Honolulu hand deliver packages anywhere in the world, a service provided to a variety of customers including NATO, DoD, State, NSA, CIA and other federal agencies. Gomez's duties have allowed him to travel to several locations such as Australia, Singapore and Guam.

"I love to travel," Gomez said. "If I had a chance to travel the world for free, I'd do it. That's why I'm here in Hawaii," he added.

Before Gomez joined the U.S. Navy, he worked at a variety of jobs in his hometown, Corning, Calif. When he met his would-be-wife, Gomez decided to make a life-changing decision.

"I knew I was getting married, and I wanted to take care of my family," Gomez said. "I wanted to get out of where I was at



Yeoman 2nd Class Jesus Gomez prepares a package for courier delivery.

the time. So I joined the Navy to take care of my family for the benefits."

From 2004, Gomez was assigned to the "Flying Eagles" of Strike Fighter Squadron 122 (VFA-122) and the "Black Knights" of Strike Fighter Squadron 154 (VFA-154). While assigned to the Black Knights, his squadron embarked aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) during the 2007 and 2009 deployments.

When Gomez transferred to DCS Honolulu, he took the lead on the command's budgetary issues, courier training initiatives, self-help projects and volunteerism within JBPHH.

"Gomez upholds the highest standards of the Navy and USTRANSCOM

by being a highly motivated and energetic professional, both on and off-duty," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Corey Dodd, Gomez's supervisor. "His willingness to go above and beyond his normal duties in helping the other station couriers has increased the esprit-de-corps of the station and allowed for critical DoD courier missions to continue without delay."

Currently, Gomez plans to finish his associate's degree in October. With his degree, he plans to apply for the "flying chief warrant officer program."

"It's one of my big things in life," said Gomez. "I always wanted to fly. If that doesn't work out, though, I'll try and get my pilot's license on my own, a civilian pilot's license."

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