

## Hickam Communities, JBPHH launch solar project

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With support from Air Force and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) leadership and civic and community leaders, Hickam Communities launched a renewable energy project that will make JBPHH one of the largest solar installations in Hawaii.

At an event held July 15 at Hickam Communities, military and community leaders celebrated a power purchase agreement between Hickam Communities and SolarCity that includes the installation of photovoltaic systems capable of generating four megawatts of power. The amount is enough to offset more than 260 million pounds of carbon dioxide over the system's lifetime, which is the equivalent of taking close to 23,000 cars off the road for a year.

"Entering into this power purchase agreement with support from Air Force leadership has given us an opportunity to give back to our families today and into the



future," said Jerry Schmitz, project director of Hickam Communities. "In addition to reducing emissions, money saved can go back into maintaining our community and providing services and programs for our families," Schmitz said. Over the next two years, SolarCity will install solar panels on 600 homes at Hickam Communities. "When Hickam Communities brought the solar proposal to us we saw it as a great opportunity," said Col. Karl Bosworth, director, installations and mission support, Pacific Air Forces/A7, as he addressed guests at the event. "In addition to achieving Department of Defense goals to reduce fossil fuels by 30 percent and receiving 25 percent

of our energy from renewable resource by 2025, we're also working towards the state's goal of 70 percent renewable energy by 2035," he explained.

Bosworth added that military leadership looks forward to working with the state legislature and industry leaders, such as Hawaiian Electric Co., to contribute to this goal. State Sen. Mike Gabbard, chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, also expressed his support of the partnership. "We have an aggressive energy initiative in Hawaii that includes achieving 30 percent clean energy and projects, and partnerships like this will help us meet our goals," said Gabbard.

**Photo by Mark I. Brown**  
Col. Karl Bosworth, director, installations and mission support, Pacific Air Forces/A7, assists SolarCity with the installation of a photovoltaic panel at an event launching Hickam Communities solar project. It was held July 15 in Hickam Communities' Earhart Village.

In October 2009, Lend Lease, owner of Hickam Communities, and SolarCity announced the first solar-powered community on an Air Force base in the U.S., and the nation's largest distributed, community-wide solar power project at Soaring Heights at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

## Japanese tea ceremony for peace held on USS Arizona

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Dr. Genshitsu Sen, the 15th grand teamaster of the Urasenke School of Tea, performed a sacred Japanese tea ceremony on the USS Arizona Memorial at the World War II Valor of the Pacific National Monument on July 19.

More than 200 Japanese and American guests gathered at the USS Arizona Memorial to witness Sen perform the centuries-old tea ceremony. Due to the limited space, an additional 300 attendees watched the event unfold at the World War II Valor of the Pacific National Monument theaters.

In the spirit of reconcilia-



Dr. Genshitsu Sen, the 15th grand teamaster of the Urasenke School of Tea, prepares sacred tea to honor the deceased entombed at the USS Arizona Memorial. The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy, led by Sen, hosted a sacred tea ceremony at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument in a spirit of reconciliation and peace.

tion and peace, Sen, a veteran of WWII, dedicated a bowl of tea to the 1,177 deceased who are memorialized in the shrine room of the memorial. He dedicated a second sacred bowl of tea to world peace. The ceremony, also known as "okenchashiki," is conducted without words or music and allows for all participants, regardless of language, nationality or religious beliefs, to share in a spiritual communion together.

"There's a wonderful phrase in Japanese when translated means, 'One time, one chance, one time, one situation, one opportunity,'" said Sen, through an interpreter. "Today, this sacred tea ceremony was important on many different levels. It was an offering of sacred tea to the souls who are lost on the USS

Arizona. On another level, it was an apology of sorts, a deep regret of the incident and war. The third important message was 'world peace,' that we all came together at a hallowed place in this sacred opportunity to pray for world peace," Sen explained.

During World War II, Sen was a pilot for the Japanese Navy who flew missions off the coast of Okinawa. As a veteran, Sen said the experience made him truly believe the horrific nature of war.

"War is horrible," said Sen. "But I also realize that one person alone cannot stop a war. We must all work together to stop war."

Since 1950, Sen has visited more than 60 countries, promoting the Japanese

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## USS La Jolla returns from western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by MC2 Ronald Guttridge

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

The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 15, after completing a scheduled six-month deployment in which they split their time between the U.S. Central Command area and the western Pacific region.

La Jolla's commanding officer, Cmdr. Jeff Bernard, commented that this was the first deployment for about two-thirds of the crew and they performed extremely well.

"The crew was very excited to finally be out of the shipyard and at sea con-



Electronics Technician 3rd Class Daniel Omeara is greeted with a kiss by his fiancé as he is the first to disembark when the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ducting operational tasking," said Bernard. "The enthusiasm level remained high from the beginning of the deployment until we moored here today."

The crew, according to

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## A g'day for air support



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Johnson  
Staff Sgt. Luis Rivera, a 735th Air Mobility Squadron aerospace technician at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), performs maintenance July 18 on a C-17 returning with 88 Soldiers who participated in Talisman Sabre in Australia. The 735th AMS is one of six geographically separated Pacific air mobility squadrons which fall under the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, headquartered at JBPHH.



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# Pacific Partnership 2011 arrives in Hawaii

## Completes final phase of humanitarian assistance/disaster relief mission

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The Pacific Partnership 2011 (PP11) mission arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam aboard amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7) on July 22.

The arrival of the ship marks the end of the mission for the representatives from the last partner nations aboard the ship, Australia, Canada, Malaysia and Spain, the Pacific Partnership Band, and many of the military personnel assigned to Pacific Partnership.

Navy Capt. Jesse Wilson, mission commander and commander of Destroyer Squadron 23 said the visit in Hawaii is a precursor to the ship's return to San Diego.

"Over the course of four months, the men and women of the diverse countries, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and all branches of the U.S. military that make up the Pacific Partnership 2011 team have bonded to change many lives for the better in the Pacific region, and we are all looking forward to our return and reunion with loved ones," Wilson said.

Pacific Partnership is an annual humanitarian assistance initiative which provides medical, dental, veterinary, engineering and agricultural civic action programs throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific to promote interoperability between host nations and partner nations. Sponsored by U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pacific Partnership promotes sustainable improvements in the quality of life for the citizens of host nations while improving the partner nations' collective ability to respond to a natural disaster.

This year, Pacific Partnership completed mission ports in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and the Federated States of Micronesia. During the course of those visits, the medical contingent treated



Royal Australian Navy photo by Leading Seaman Imagery Specialist Helen Frank  
Jodie, a child living at Haus Clare Crisis Centre for Children, performs a dental check on Able Seaman Dental Assistant Melissa Lavelle during Pacific Partnership 2011 in Lae, Papua New Guinea. Pacific Partnership is a five-month humanitarian assistance initiative that made port visits to Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and the Federated States of Micronesia.

38,696 patients at medical and dental civic action projects, or MEDCAPs and DENCAPs.

"The MEDCAP is the basis for most HA/DR [humanitarian assistance/disaster relief] operations," said Navy Capt. Steven Gaebler, officer in charge of the PP11 medical contingent. "This is one of those areas where our host nations are going to seek out the opportunity to achieve interoperability and exchange information because there may be a more efficient way to treat malaria, dengue or a host of other tropical illnesses that the partner nations don't deal with on a regular basis."

Optometry services were also popular, as they accounted for nearly 12,000 of the total patients seen at the MEDCAPs.

According to Ambassador Judith Fergin, the U.S. ambassador to Timor-

Leste, the meaning of Pacific Partnership is expressed by "an elderly man in Iliomar, exclaiming 'solok!' (happy) when gazing through his first-ever pair of eyeglasses," she wrote for the Pacific Partnership 2011 mission commander's blog.

The DENCAPs treated more than 3,300 patients this year, and the team of dentists, hygienists and technicians from Australia, Canada, France and the U.S. had the opportunity to work with local dental professionals and get more people treated than the host nations' infrastructures would normally allow.

"When we arrive for our mission ports, we have the ability to treat as many patients in six days as the local doctors can treat in six months," said Cmdr. Arthur Green, officer in charge of dental services for PP11. "That's largely

because we're dividing the workload for the local dentists by a factor of at least 10, considering the number of dental professionals we have working with us," he explained.

Due to the subsistence farming that is a way of life in the five island nations, animals are not just pets. In many cases, they are a source of food, security and even work. The PP11 veterinary team, a combination of volunteers from World Vets, Vets Without Borders, Australian Army, and U.S. Army, provided treatment to more than 800 animals at veterinary civic action projects (VET-CAP).

"As a civilian veterinarian, I tend to work with people's pets, while the military veterinarians tend to work with military working animals," said Dr. Lydia Tong, a veterinarian volunteer from World Vets.

"However, working with Pacific Partnership, I've had the opportunity to provide assistance to people who rely on their animals for survival as well as companionship."

While the MEDCAPs, DENCAPs and VETCAPs were visible examples of PP11's joint and multinational mission, the engineering civic action projects also left lasting reminders of Pacific Partnership's impact in the region, much like the buildings left behind by U.S. Navy Seabees and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from World War II.

"Working with Australian, New Zealand and host national engineers was a unique opportunity," said Navy Lt. Michael Sardone, officer in charge of engineering services for PP11. "Our Seabees arrived on station up to a month before the main body of the mission to

build new school buildings and water catchment systems that the local populations will be able to use and maintain for generations."

The PP11 engineering team worked on three community centers, 14 primary schools, one remote clinic, one hospital, one evacuation center/gymnasium, one water distribution hub with three water catchment tanks and one athletic field.

The PP11 team, which included the crew of the Cleveland, also delivered 257 pallets of donated materials like toys, crutches, wheelchairs, toiletries and school supplies at 58 community service projects throughout the course of the mission.

"The volunteers, military personnel and even folks back home who have given what they have to people who need it half a world away, remind me that Pacific Partnership brings out the best in people and to think that this mission has been doing meaningful things for six years straight," said Lt. Phillip Ridley, PP11 chaplain. "It's a testament to what nations and institutions can do for people when they work together."

During the past six years, Pacific Partnership has provided medical, dental, educational and preventive medicine services to more than 250,000 people and completed more than 150 engineering projects in 15 countries.

Now that the operational portion of the mission is over, the PP11 team is stopping in Hawaii for an opportunity to debrief, say farewell to some shipmates, and bring some new shipmates aboard for a tiger cruise to San Diego. This will give some families and friends a taste of life aboard the U.S. Navy's third oldest ship in the fleet. The deployment will end in San Diego, when Cleveland and its crew return to their home port.

For more news from Pacific Partnership, visit: [www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11](http://www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11), <http://pacificpartnership.wordpress.com>, <http://on.fb.me/eW16wl>, #pacificpartner on twitter.

# Operation Makeover honors first Air Force recipient

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Operation Makeover honored its first Air Force recipient during a ceremony held July 14 at the Hickam Seabreeze.

Sophie Topouzoglou, age 12, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Terry Topouzoglou, superintendent of 535 Airlift Squadron, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), received the award. Stanley Lum, executive director of Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) of Honolulu, presented Sophie with the award.

Sophie inspired so many people with her "can do attitude," her father said. He explained that programs such as this help lift the spirits of people who face challenging circumstances and also raise awareness throughout the community.

He recalled the serious medical condition that Sophie fought and won and how she inspired others. "Watching Sophie take on this fight with so much courage and grace has not only inspired us as a family, but complete strangers who reached out to us to say how her attitude has shaped their outlook on life and family," Topouzoglou said.

"The impact of this type of an award is definitely positive," said Lum. He added that they have given one award per month since the start of the program, but this will increase as numbers of nominations are received.

"It is the experience that is most important," he said. "We want the recipient to conclude, 'Wow, someone really cares about my service to our



Sophie Topouzoglou, a 12-year-old cancer patient and daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Terry Topouzoglou, superintendent of 535th Airlift Squadron, Pacific Air Forces, receives an Operation Makeover award from Stanley Lum, executive director of Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), during a ceremony July 14 at Hickam Sea Breeze. Sophie is the first Air Force recipient of the program.

country and what's going on in my life enough to treat me to a time of relaxation and pampering," Lum explained.

As the first Air Force recipient, Sophie said she was "surprised and honored and very appreciative to the ASYMCA and Paul Brown" for the honor.

Topouzoglou said that his wife was very proactive during medical treatments and appointments, keeping friends and other family members updated through social media. Responses grew to a magnitude she could not have imagined.

"We would not be here if it wasn't for the medical staff at Tripler Army Medical Center. In our opinion, they have offered our family medical attention that is second to none," Topouzoglou said.

He also shared his appreciation for Sophie's award. "Being recognized for the award made the family feel fortunate to have such a great support system filled with friends and family all around the world," he noted.

"This is all in support of the military family. Our motto is 'serving those who serve America,'" Lum said.

Operation Makeover is a program created by salon owner Paul Brown to show appreciation to active duty military and their family members. Award recipients receive various gifts, such as makeovers, dinners, shopping certificates and hotel stays.

For more information about Operation Makeover, visit <http://paulbrownhawaii.com/operation-makeover.asp>.

For more information about Armed Services YMCA of Honolulu, visit <http://asymcahi.org>.



# DOD launches Military Spouse Employment Partnership

Elaine Sanchez

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Top government and military officials unveiled the Military Spouse Employment Partnership program during a ceremony at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. on June 29.

The partnership encompasses more than 70 employers who have committed to expanding career opportunities for military spouses worldwide, and to recognize the skills and talents they bring to the employment table.

In remarks at the event, Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, lauded military spouses for their service and sacrifice as they juggle households, children, volunteer work and jobs - many times in the midst of deployments.

Due to their ability to thrive despite multiple challenges and demands, she noted, military spouses possess the qualities highly sought after by employers, such as dedication, flexibility, a strong work ethic and "endless energy."

"If you're looking for hard-working, highly skilled and educated, dedicated employees, our military spouses are precisely the employees you need," Biden said. "Every day our military spouses are giving back to our country. While their loved ones are called to serve, they serve right alongside them. Now we must serve them as well as they serve us."

Deborah Mullen, who was accompanied to the event by her husband, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, acknowledged the difficulties military spouses face in finding jobs. Many spouses, she noted, are turned away for jobs, not due to their qualifications or training, but due to the frequent moves their service member spouse is required to make.

"More than one spouse has told me, 'All I wanted was to get in the door to be able to be judged on my merits, my qualifications and my strengths.'"

Mullen said in many cases they are unable to even score an interview.

"They aren't asking of rules to be broken or regulations to be cast aside," she

said. "They know the economy is tough out there ... This isn't about entitlement for them; this is about opportunity. Military spouses just want the same shot as everyone else."

She said one percent of the nation serves, comprising about 2.2 million service members, and about half of them are married to someone seeking a job. Most of those job seekers are women, she noted, "educated resilient, serious women who possess strong values and even stronger work ethic."

The partnership signifies a positive step toward employing these highly skilled spouses, Biden said.

"We're making it a little easier for them to find work, and perhaps a little less frightening for new employers to take that gamble and find the talent so resident in our ranks," she said.

But the work is just beginning, Biden noted. Today, the Defense Department launches the partnership, she said, and "tomorrow, we must make that partnership work."

Dr. Clifford L. Stanley, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readi-

ness, lauded the partnership, noting that programs like this didn't exist when he joined the Marine Corps in the 1960s. He recalled a time when he and his wife had to watch their spending, unsure of whether or not she would have a job at the next duty station.

Today, there is an abundance of programs aimed at supporting military families, and their welfare is taken into consideration at every level of command, Stanley said. The partnership is a significant commitment toward that military family care and, he added, "a big deal" for spouses and employers.

The event also marked the inclusion of 15 new employers who signed onto the partnership. Leaders from each company stepped forward to sign a statement of support, signifying a pledge to:

- Increase employment opportunities for military spouses, while maintaining employment for relocating spouses.
- Provide career promotion opportunities for military spouses who are excelling at their jobs.
- Ensure pay equity for military spouses com-

mensurate with their level of training, work experience, accomplishments and credentials.

- Spread the word about spousal support throughout the military and corporate America.

Partners also are pledging to post job opportunities on the Military Spouse Employment Partnership Web portal located on OurMilitary.mil at <http://www.ourmilitary.mil>.

The partnership program evolved from the Army Spouse Employment program, through which more than 100,000 military spouses have been hired since 2003, explained Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy.

"As [this program] continues to grow, just think about what this partnership can do for our spouses, for our military," he said.

Retired Army Brig. Gen. Gary Profit, senior director of military recruiting for Walmart, one of the program's partners, noted the importance of caring for military families in all sectors of society.

"As a retired Army officer, and with a spouse that

followed me around the world for 31 years, it's an opportunity to give back to those with whom we had the privilege of serving," he said of the partnership. "It's an important public and private partnership we have to honor the service and sacrifice of military spouses who have served very much as their uniformed member serves."

Military spouses also voiced their approval of the program.

"It will make our lives as military spouses so much easier, because right before you move there's that ramp up of getting that resume ready and all that on top of moving," said Kristi Hamrick, an Air Force spouse who has moved 11 times in 17 years. "If you can get a job where you have another job waiting on the other end ... that would reduce so much stress."

"I'm overwhelmed," said Jennifer Pilcher, wife of Navy Cmdr. Eddie Pilcher. "I truly think it's the first time in history that the military spouse has been recognized. To sit here and hear the program is for us is overwhelming and exciting."

## Hickam Communities will host National Night Out

Hickam Communities LLC

Bring your family, friends and neighbors and join Hickam Communities, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Warfighters and Readiness Center at a special family event - the fourth annual National Night Out celebration. The event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Earhart Community Center at 210



Kokomalei St. National Night Out is a community-building cam-

aign designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, support local anti-

crime programs, and strengthen police-community partnerships.

The block-party style celebration will feature bounce houses, a pie-eating contest, safety demonstrations, appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog, door prizes and a keiki I.D. program.

National Night Out is a free event. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call Hickam Communities at 853-3750.

## Energy savings tip highlighted

Kick the Habit! Make energy and water efficiency part of your daily routine by:

- turning off lights
- shutting down equipment
- turning off the water

For more information on saving energy, visit <https://navyenergy.navfac.navy.mil> / or contact Krista Stehn of the NAVFAC Hawaii Energy Program at 471-0440 or email [krista.stehn@navy.mil](mailto:krista.stehn@navy.mil).



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Senior Master Sgt. Tammy Fetzer  
PACAF A3/5/8

"Running and walking to help maintain cardio fitness and stress relief."

Capt Kole Miller  
PACAF A51



"I enjoy running to keep in shape and to enhance my fitness test."



Joel Shaw  
647th ABG Executive

"I like to walk and do it on my lunch hour at least three times per week. Need to keep physically fit and live a long life. I also like to swim."

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## 'WAVING' hello to Pearl Harbor



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WAVES officers pose on the navigation bridge of the USS General Omar Bundy (AP-152) with the ship's commanding officer, Capt. Lawrence Wainwright, USN (retired), June 25, 1945. They were en route to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii at the time. The WAVES were a World War II-era division of the U.S. Navy that consisted entirely of women. The name of this group is an acronym for "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" (as well as an allusion to ocean waves).

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## Patrol Squadron Nine hosts students from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Lt. j.g. Caitlyn Harrington

Patrol Squadron Nine

Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) welcomed children from Aliamanu Military Reservation School Age Center for a first-hand naval aviation experience on July 11.

The school age center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, is an Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) child services program that provides educational opportunities for local children.

Groups of five to six children visited various staged locations throughout the hangar to learn about the maritime patrol and reconnaissance force aircraft and mission. The group consisted of third, fourth and fifth graders, accompanied by several chaperones.

The students toured a P-3 Orion aircraft static display, all while asking a variety of questions such



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Scott A. Buchholz

Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Travis Askew, Patrol Squadron (VP) 9, explains P-3C Orion ordnance to students from the Aliamanu Military Reservation School Age Center, Hawaii, during a visit July 11.

as how the aircraft is flown, what type of weapons it carries, and

what is the mission of the aircraft. They took turns sitting in the cockpit for

their chance to simulate radio calls, talk on the internal communication

system (ICS), and pretend to fly their very own P-3C. "The Oahu community has supported our military since the beginning. It is wonderful to give back by opening our doors to the children of Hawaii," said Cmdr. Craig T. Mattingly, VP-9 executive officer.

More than 20 Golden Eagles participated in the event by organizing the displays, explaining various equipment and components of squadron life, and escorting children through hangar 104 and the Command Patrol Reconnaissance Wing Two (CRPW-2) simulator building.

A highlight of the tour was the simulator visit. Students honed their piloting skills as they experienced "flight" in a synthetic training device. Lt. Caroline Haid, VP-9 naval aviator, accompanied children while they operated the trainer. "The kids were really excited to see the simulator and how we

train. Hopefully we inspired some of them to pursue a career in naval aviation," Haid said.

Aviation life support systems personnel assisted children as they donned flight gear and handled various equipment that VP-9 aircrews use daily. Additionally, the ordnance team showed off several types of inert weapons the squadron utilizes to hone combat readiness.

"The kids were enthusiastic, without a doubt. They were really into the ICS system and excited about pushing all of the buttons at different stations," said Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 2nd Class Heather Black, VP-9 volunteer.

As a memento, children were given photos of the P-3C Orion in flight passing Diamond Head. Many of the children asked members of the Golden Eagles to autograph their pictures in thanks for the day's events.

## PCS season 2011 and moving claims process highlighted

Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps

This summer promises to be a very busy moving season for PCSing Airmen. You can help alleviate any potential loss or damage to your household goods by learning the rules under which your household goods are moved and by preparing yourself for a potential moving claim.

You should take stock of what you own and its condition prior to your transportation service provider (TSP) coming to your home. Take digital photos or a video of high value items, family heirlooms, and also consider keeping such items in your possession during your move.

Having a professional appraisal done on any antique furniture is also a good idea, not just for any potential moving claims, but can come in handy should you suffer a home fire or theft. A professional appraisal establishes the value of the item and can be

used in the claims process to help establish any loss in value should the item arrive damaged from the move.

When your goods are packed by the TSP, some of your high value items may be placed on the high value/high risk inventory. This special inventory supplements your household goods inventory and is used by the TSP to protect high value items such as currency, coins, jewelry, silverware and silver sets, crystal, figurines, furs and objects of art. There are very specific rules regarding the use of this special inventory, and you should inquire with your TSP or the Air Force Claims Service Center (AFCSC) regarding these rules. Finally, although members are not prohibited from shipping currency and jewelry, the AFCSC strongly discourages this and recommends members move these items personally.

Unfortunately, damage does occur. If you do suffer

damage, you should be aware that your property is covered under the provisions of the full replacement value (FRV) legislation enacted by Congress in 2006. This means that TSPs are required to pay the full replacement value on any items missing or destroyed during your move or replace the item.

TSPs are required to repair any item that can be repaired. They are also responsible for contacting a repair firm, unlike pre-FRV moves when the member was responsible for tracking down a repair firm.

The FRV program is an important benefit for Airmen and comes with some changes to the process that you may not be aware of. First, most Airmen will be required to use the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) for the claims process. DPS can be accessed online at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil).

Also, the FRV program requires Airmen to deal more directly with the TSP.

For example, the loss/damage report that lists damages and losses Airmen discover after the TSP has completed delivery goes directly to the TSP through DPS. (If DPS is not available for your move, you can also file your loss/damage report through the AFCSC website at <https://claims.jag.af.mil>.) Remember that filing a loss/damage report is not the same as filing a claim. The loss/damage report simply puts the carrier on notice that an Airman has discovered additional damage or loss since delivery.

The loss/damage report must be received by the carrier within 75 days of delivery. Failure to meet the 75-day deadline could result in no reimbursement for loss or damage to those items

not noted at the time of delivery.

Under the FRV program, you are required to file your claim directly against your TSP. This claim must be made within nine months of delivery of your household goods in order for you to receive FRV. If you miss the nine-month deadline, you can still file a claim up to two years from the delivery date, but you would receive only depreciated valuation.

If you are not happy with how your claim processing is proceeding, you can transfer your claim to the AFCSC 30 days after re-filing your TSP for any reason. Additionally, if you are negotiating with your TSP and would like someone within the Air Force to assist you, you can contact the AFCSC for support.

Finally, if you receive an offer from your TSP that you believe is unfair, you can transfer the claim to the AFCSC. The AFCSC can only pay depreciated valuation in most situations. However, after paying your claim, the Air Force will file an FRV claim against the responsible TSP and may be able to pay you an additional award recovered from the TSP. The AFCSC currently has a 98 percent recovery rate against responsible TSPs.

The 15th Wing Legal Office is available to assist Airmen through the claims process. Airmen may call 449-1737 or may contact the AFCSC at DSN 986-8044 or 1-877-754-1212, option one. The AFCSCF email address is [AFCSC.JA@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:AFCSC.JA@wpafb.af.mil).

## Learn from leaders event will feature former Gov. Lingle

Navy Region Hawaii

Former Gov. Linda Lingle will be featured as the guest speaker at a "Learn from the Leaders" event sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii (NRH) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 2 at the Ford Island Conference

Center auditorium.

Learn from the leaders is a semi-annual event where NRH invites local community leaders to speak to military affiliated personnel about their thoughts on leadership. All active duty personnel and civilian employees are invit-

ed to attend.

All attendees must be seated by 9:45 a.m. The uniform for the event is uniform of the day.

For more information on the event, contact Georgette Hughos at 471-1716 or email [georgette.hughos.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:georgette.hughos.ctr@navy.mil).

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Naval Aircrewman 2nd Class Jeff Morter, Patrol Squadron (VP) 9, explains P-3C Orion sonobuoy chute functions to students from Aliamanu Military Reservation School Age Center, Hawaii, during a visit July 11.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Scott A. Buchholz

(Below) Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), pins on the force master chief identification badge on the newly appointed COMSUBPAC Force Master Chief Cash Caldwell at a change of charge ceremony July 14 at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Scott A. Buchholz  
Lt. j.g. Lindsey Sinnett, assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP-9) at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe, answers questions from members of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Military Affairs Council during the group's visit to MCBH on July 13. Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) hosted the chamber members for a tour of a P-3 Orion aircraft. The participants were on hand to discuss Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay current and future operations.



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.  
Dennis Muilenburg, president and CEO of Boeing Defense, Space and Security, speaks during a plaque ceremony July 20 at Atterbury Circle at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Boeing presented a plaque to the 154th Wing for the F-15 missions that were accomplished here.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge  
Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), presents a COMSUBPAC plaque to Timothy Seipp during a room dedication ceremony July 13 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The COMSUBPAC video teleconferencing room was dedicated and named after Seipp in honor of his 17 years of service, providing support that ensured deploying Pacific Fleet submarines were equipped to successfully perform various intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

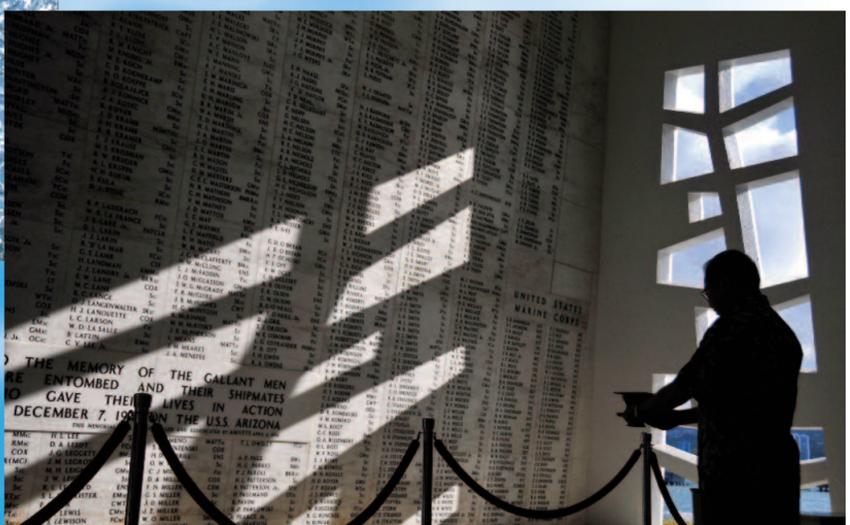


U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Johnson  
Janus Mantaring, a 735th Air Mobility Squadron passenger service representative at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), gets ready to download 88 Soldiers returning July 18 from Talisman Sabre in Australia on a C-17. The 735th AMS is one of six geographically-separated Pacific air mobility squadrons which fall under the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, headquartered at JBPHH.



U.S. Navy photo by NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor

Lt. Cmdr. Shawn Triggs, a supply officer with the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, returned from a year in Afghanistan to a red carpet welcome at Honolulu International Airport on July 13. Nearly 50 people were on hand for his return, including Rear Adm. Jon Yuen, Pacific Fleet supply officer, and representatives from the Supply Corps Association of Hawaii and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. A highlight of the greeting was the profound effect it had on other passengers, most of whom had probably never witnessed the warm welcome accorded to service personnel returning from a war zone. And as those fellow passengers shot pictures and watched the proceedings with watery eyes, Triggs walked the red carpet, accepting leis and warm greetings from his Pearl Harbor friends. "The faces of the other passengers and their reactions to witnessing a homecoming were priceless," said Capt. John Polowczyk, commanding officer of NAVSUP FLCPH.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker  
The Tree of Life shadow opening in the USS Arizona Memorial, designed by architect Alfred Preis, casts shadows on the names of Sailors and Marines entombed there in the shrine room of the memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

# Historic homes make new Navy history

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When one thinks about Navy history being made in the Pacific, thoughts quickly turn to Pearl Harbor and World War II. An interesting link to this history was realized recently when six historic Navy homes were preserved and relocated for future use.

A coordinated effort by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific, Navy Region Hawaii, public-private venture (PPV) partner Forest City Military Communities (FCMC), Historic Hawaii Foundation (HHF), Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and U.S. National Park Service resulted in the preservation of six historic homes.

The homes were all nestled in a quaint Red Hill neighborhood originally constructed in the 1940s during World War II and consisting



Photo by Chuck Iwertz

One of six Red Hill Homes has been cut in half and is in the process of being securely placed onto the flatbed before being transferred to its new location in Wahiawa.

of 10 homes that were built as living quarters for construction supervisors of the highly classified Red Hill fuel storage project. Nearly 4,000 men worked around-the-clock constructing the massive underground fuel storage facility at Red Hill. The 10 housing units consisted of six single-family homes and two duplex units, which ranged from 972 to 3,709 square feet.

The year-long preservation effort began with a National Historic

Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation in August 2005. Karen Desilets, NAVFAC Pacific archaeologist, led the 106 consultation effort on behalf of Navy Region Hawaii. NAVFAC, Navy Region Hawaii and FCMC, along with consulting parties HHF, ACHP, NTHP, SHPO and the U.S. National Park Service, worked together to come to an agreement regarding several historic neighborhoods at Pearl Harbor.

“The 106 consultation involved discussion on ways to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse effects to historic properties,” said Desilets. “The Navy determined there was no longer a need for the neighborhood and planned to construct new homes elsewhere. Since the Red Hill homes were historic and in good condition, we agreed to look at a possible re-use for the homes in another location.”

The consultation was solidified in August 2006 in

a signed programmatic agreement (PA) between ACHP, SHPO, Navy Region Hawaii and Forest City. The PA stipulated that the two duplexes which could not be moved would be demolished, while FCMC would make every effort to donate the remaining six units provided they were relocated.

“This was a great example of a successful 106 consultation where the Navy, together with FCMC and our consulting parties, came up with this wonderful solution that provided an opportunity for these homes to begin a new chapter,” said Desilets. “We made the commitment to look into moving the historic Red Hill homes rather than demolishing them.”

Forest City found an eager recipient in a family-owned, 85-acre goat dairy, creamery and artisan cheese-making operation in central Oahu. The homes were moved during the weeks of June 8-20. They will serve as employee housing on the farm.

“This project has been a unique opportunity and experience for the privatized housing partnership,”

said Will Boudra, FCMC vice president for development. “Forest City worked closely with NAVFAC Pacific’s environmental and public private venture team to develop and complete this unique solution for generating a re-use of these historic homes in another setting on Oahu. We have a great working relationship with the NAVFAC team, which has facilitated the smooth completion of this project,” Boudra added.

Transporting the homes to their new location took careful preparation. The homes were separated from their foundation, cut in half, securely placed onto a large flatbed trailer and hauled off at midnight about three to four times a week. Police escorted the trailer as it slowly made its way on the highway to the brand new residence in Wahiawa.

A nice thing about this project is that the historic homes will be used again and will be positioned in the same configuration they were in at Red Hill. In this way, not only is history being preserved, but now it has an opportunity to write a new chapter.

## USS Russell underway sea trials



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

The guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) performs operations off the coast of Hawaii near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a scheduled exercise.

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# MCBH CO visits Federal Fire Department Hawaii

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Col. Jeffrey R. Woods, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe, visited the headquarters of Federal Fire Department Hawaii on July 8.

During his tour, Woods was briefed on the fire and emergency services mission and emergency response capabilities of the Federal Fire Department and how the fire department supports Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

He witnessed firefighters demonstrating several emergency operations including confined space rescue, hazardous materials operations, airfield rescue firefighting, water safety rescue, and mass decontamination.

Woods also visited the regional dispatch center (RDC) at Joint Base Pearl



U.S. Navy photo  
Kealamaikahiki Loo, a firefighter with Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii (right), discusses hazmat operation capabilities with Col. Jeffrey R. Woods, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, and Bo Irvine, safety director.

Harbor-Hickam and fire station eight at MCBH and met the firefighters. "I'd like to thank region Fire Chief Glenn de Laura and his people for a fantastic brief and demonstration of Fed Fire's capabilities. This was very educational for me to see from an installation commander's perspective, what services, capabilities and capacities Fed Fire brings to the table, not only on a daily basis, but for crisis response, as well," Woods said.

"I now have a deeper understanding of requirements and how we can help each other. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the federal firefighters for their dedication and service. I realize that a lot of time and effort went into the demonstration today, and it was very much appreciated," Woods added.

For more information, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617 or [angela.sanders1@navy.mil](mailto:angela.sanders1@navy.mil).

## Japanese tea ceremony for peace held on USS Arizona

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culture and performing tea ceremonies around the world. Sen has performed the tea ceremony for world figures such as former First Lady Laura Bush, Princess Diana, former premier of Russia Gorbachov and former Vice President Al Gore.

Attendees of the ceremony on the USS Arizona Memorial included Pearl Harbor survivors Alfred

Rodriguez, Sterling Cale and Ray Emory; Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo of Japan; Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie; Christine Lenertz, Pacific West regional director of the National Park Service; former Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi; and other dignitaries. The event was chaired by Jean Ariyoshi, former first lady of Hawaii.

"I'm happy to have been invited to the tea ceremony," said 89-year-old Cale. "It's a good thing. I'm honored. I met a lot of people who I would not have met otherwise."

Sixty-five years after the end of WWII, the United States and Japan have formed a new bilateral relationship of harmony and economic friendship.

"Through this sacred cer-

emony on this hallowed setting, we honor the sacrifices of an extraordinary generation, which made possible the gift of peace to generations that followed," said Walsh. "Today, our quintessential gifts have been the opportunity for a proud, strong relationship with our counterparts from

the Japan Self-Defense Force.

"Earlier this year we learned about our strength and the endurance of our friendship. In times of crisis, in an hour of tragedy, at the moment of calamity, we learned about ourselves and the brotherhood of humanity," said Walsh.

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# Revised instruction announces changes to physical readiness program

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs Office

MILLINGTON, Tenn (NNS) – In order to improve the overall health of Sailors and enhance the administration and execution of the physical readiness program (PRT), Navy announced the revision of OPNAVINST 6110.1J in NAVADMIN 203/11 on July 12.

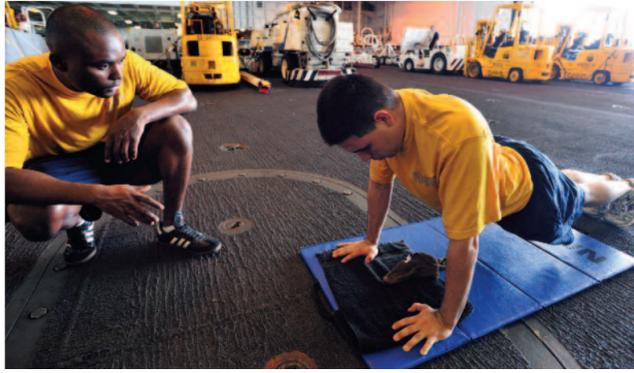
The revised instruction will strengthen program compliance, improve physical fitness assessment (PFA) documentation, and encourage Sailors to maintain the level of physical fitness required to support mission readiness. This is the first major revision to the physical readiness program since 2005.

“We reduced the instruction to just what leadership needs to know and the rest is contained in the Physical Readiness Program Operating Guide, which will be a how-to manual,” said Bill Moore, physical readiness program director. “It will provide information, procedural guidance and supplementary information.”

Several changes are reflected in the new instruction, including the requirement to complete the medical screening process prior to participating in the PFA as well as a reduction of the number of PRT scoring categories to five, ranging from “outstanding” to “failure.”

The rules have also changed regarding medical waivers. Sailors granted two medical waivers in a 12-month period will be referred to a medical treatment facility for a medical evaluation board.

In addition, failing the body composition assessment (BCA) is now considered an overall PFA failure and Sailors can no longer request a “bad day”



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Peter D. Melkus

Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Jerome Acquahjameson from Ghana, West Africa, encourages Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Jossie O. Marquez Ruiz from Ponce, Puerto Rico, to do a few more push-ups during a physical readiness test in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

exception for the BCA and are limited to one PRT re-test for a given PFA cycle.

Mandatory administrative separation will continue for Sailors who have failed three PFAs within the most recent four-year period. While the instruction allows for waivers for those with three PFA failures, individuals may still face separation and may be prevented from transferring, re-enlisting or extending in-service.

The instruction also stresses that passing the physical fitness assessment is a requirement for continued Navy service and failure to meet these requirements can result in administrative separation processing.

The Physical Readiness Program Operating Guide is now in place, accompanied by an updated version of the Navy Nutrition Guide and Fitness Enhancement Program

(FEP) guidance that will reside online at the Navy Physical Readiness web page.

The new guide incorporates policy guidance from OPNAVINST 6110.1H and NAVADMINs 293/06, 277/08, 073/09, 247/09 and 131/10.

“A Sailor can achieve long-term health and fitness by making regular physical activity and a solid nutrition plan a lifestyle priority. That commitment is consistent with Navy Core Values and helps ensure Sailors remain competitive,” said Moore. “Every Sailor competes to stay and fitness is one component of this process,” he noted.

For a full explanation of the changes, read NAVADMIN 203/11 at <http://bit.ly/nWSv2P>.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/npc/](http://www.navy.mil/local/npc/).

## USS La Jolla returns from western Pacific deployment

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“The highlight of this deployment was the operations we conducted and the port visits that we experienced,” said Bernard. “We

are very proud to represent the Navy and the submarine force overseas throughout the western Pacific.”

USS La Jolla is named for La Jolla, Calif. and is the first warship named

after this township. Commissioned on Oct. 24, 1981, La Jolla is the 14th ship of the Los Angeles-class of nuclear attack submarines, is 360 feet long

and displaces 6,900 tons. The submarine can be armed with sophisticated Mark-48 ADCAP anti-submarine torpedoes and Tomahawk guided cruise missiles.

## Make the ‘drops to watts’ connection

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energy across the country and in our own homes is to use water more efficiently.

Living in Hawaii, a place with precious resources and a fragile ecosystem, many of us have learned about the importance of saving energy and water. We may not realize, however, the direct connection between saving both. We turn on the bathroom lights and the shower without realizing how closely related water and electricity are to each other.

The truth is, vast amounts of energy are used to pump, treat, deliver and heat our nation’s water.

Approximately four percent of the nation’s electricity consumption is used moving or treating water and wastewater.

Considerable amounts of energy also go to heat water for bathing, shaving, cooking and cleaning our homes, dishes and clothes. In homes with electric water heaters, one-quarter of the households’ electricity is used to heat water.

Given how closely related saving water is to saving energy, one of the best ways to save

One of the simplest ways to save both water and energy is to install water-efficient plumbing fixtures. The WaterSense label makes it easy to identify toilets, faucets and accessories that not only save water, but reduce energy bills. Installing WaterSense labeled faucet aerators in bathrooms, for example, costs just a few dollars but could save enough electricity to dry your hair every day for a year.

Hundreds of WaterSense labeled toilets, faucets and faucet accessories are available. In addition, WaterSense products must achieve independent, third-party testing and certification to prove they meet EPA’s rigorous criteria for both efficiency and performance before they can earn the label.

Since water is such a valuable commodity, especially in Hawaii, it makes sense to use it wisely and efficiently. For more information on WaterSense products, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>.

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