

## Arrival ceremony welcomes home fallen U.S. military

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Three unidentified American heroes returned from war June 17. They were greeted at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam by friends and fellow service members with full military honors. Although their return was sad because they were the ones who had paid the ultimate sacrifice, their return was also joyful because they are fallen heroes from Vietnam and World War II, finally brought home to be identified and laid to rest.

The arrival ceremony, hosted by the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting (JPAC) command, represents the success of JPAC's mission: to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation's past conflicts.

One woman in attendance came to honor those three heroes -- recovered from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Independent State of Papua, New Guinea -- because she experienced the devastation of losing a husband and waiting decades to finally have closure on his death.

"My first husband, Steve Hanson, was a Marine Corps aviator and he was shot down June 3, 1967," said Carole Hickerson. "His remains came [home] through JPAC in 2000, and he is now buried at Arlington. All that time passed before we had any definite clarification as to



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Lauren Main and U.S. Navy photos by Chris Aguinaldo

what had happened."

They were married for just a year before Steve

joined the military to do his part in the Vietnam War. Steve missed the birth of

their son, who was born two weeks after his departure for Vietnam. When he was

lost in Laos, there was no information on his status for years. Finally, one of his

crew members came back and Hickerson felt she had every reason to be hopeful, but eventually it became clear that Capt. Steve Hanson wasn't coming back.

When all the prisoners of war eventually came back, Hickerson went out to greet them. There she met Jim, a man who had been a POW for five years, and they eventually married. Now Hickerson attends every ceremony she can, to honor those who are POWs and missing in action.

"It makes me very proud that our country does such a thing," she said. "It makes me cry. But it's great to see that our country and our military still care enough, no matter how many years go by," she said.

"It doesn't matter if it's someone lost in Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea or World War II, it's still the same honor that's given to them. I'm very thankful and I hope that our country and all the people in the United States appreciate what the military is doing," she said.

After the ceremony, the transfer cases were brought to the JPAC Central Identification Laboratory for forensic identification, according to a JPAC press release. If and when identifications are established, the names will be announced following notification of next of kin.

The CIL is the largest forensic anthropology laboratory in the world and identifies, on average, about 74 POWMIAs per year. More than 83,000 individuals are missing, dating back to World War II, according to JPAC.



U.S. Navy photo by DC Smith

Sailors assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) sing songs as the ship arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after conducting operations in conjunction with partner nations in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. While deployed, Reuben James also conducted fisheries patrol in the exclusive economic zones of various Pacific Island nations.

## USS Reuben James returns

MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

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Families and friends greeted the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) with "aloha" as the ship returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 20 after an independent deployment to the western Pacific.

Commanded by Cmdr. David E. Miller, the crew of about 25 officers and 200 enlisted Sailors conducted integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners deployed to the western Pacific.

"The highlight of the deployment was definitely coming home," said Miller.

"It's always great to come home. We've had terrific support from our friends and families. The support has been with us all throughout."

Katie Zimmerman, Reuben James' ombudsman, said she looks forward to seeing her husband again after more than four months deployed.

"It's very exciting," said Zimmerman. "It's been a long time coming. It's been a lot of hard work and a long time being away from our family and friends. We're very looking forward to them coming home."

Zimmerman created a paper-linked chain for her family as a means to count down the days before their Sailor came

home from deployment.

"We tear one link off every night to count our way to daddy's homecoming," said Zimmerman. "We started 45 days out because our three-year-old and younger do not have the concept of how long that is until they can see it."

Like many families, Zimmerman continually communicated with her husband during the deployment.

During the ship's deployment, Reuben James conducted fisheries patrol in the exclusive economic zones (EEZ) of various Pacific Island nations.

"We transited through

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## USS Columbia departs for western six-month Pacific deployment

Story and photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 21 for a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific (WESTPAC) region.

"The ship is in excellent material condition and the crew is excited and ready to go," said Cmdr. Dennis Klein, Columbia's commanding officer. "I am proud of how hard the

men have worked in preparing themselves for the deployment, and I appreciate all the continued support our families have provided," he said.

For many crew members of Columbia, this deployment will once again allow them to utilize their training.

"Being just over a year from the end of Columbia's last deployment, a majority of the crew have WESTPAC experience," said Klein. "They all clearly understand the importance of our mission."

According to Klein, Columbia will be conducting many training exercis-

es and qualifications, as well as be available for any tasking which comes its way.

Columbia, commissioned in 1995, was the last 688-class submarine to be built at Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, Conn. One of the most versatile ships in the world, Columbia is capable of numerous types of missions in a myriad of regions, including long range Tomahawk strike operations, anti-submarine and surface ship tracking operations, surveillance and intelligence gathering, and special forces insertions.

(See photo on page A-5.)



Chief Culinary Specialist (SS) Brian Broughton, assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771), says goodbye to his family before Columbia departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 21 for a regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.



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Big first inning helps 535 AS halt 613 AOC's streak

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# JBPHH base-wide cleanup

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Crystal Flanary, assigned to Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, participates in the base cleanup along the pier. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and all its tenant commands took part in a base-wide installation cleanup and maintenance of their respective areas.

(Right) Lt. Comdr. Michael Dube, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), picks up rubbish along Kamehameha Highway outside the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Mark Logico



Culinary Specialist Seaman Bryan Martinez, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), picks up rubbish along Kamehameha Highway outside the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center.

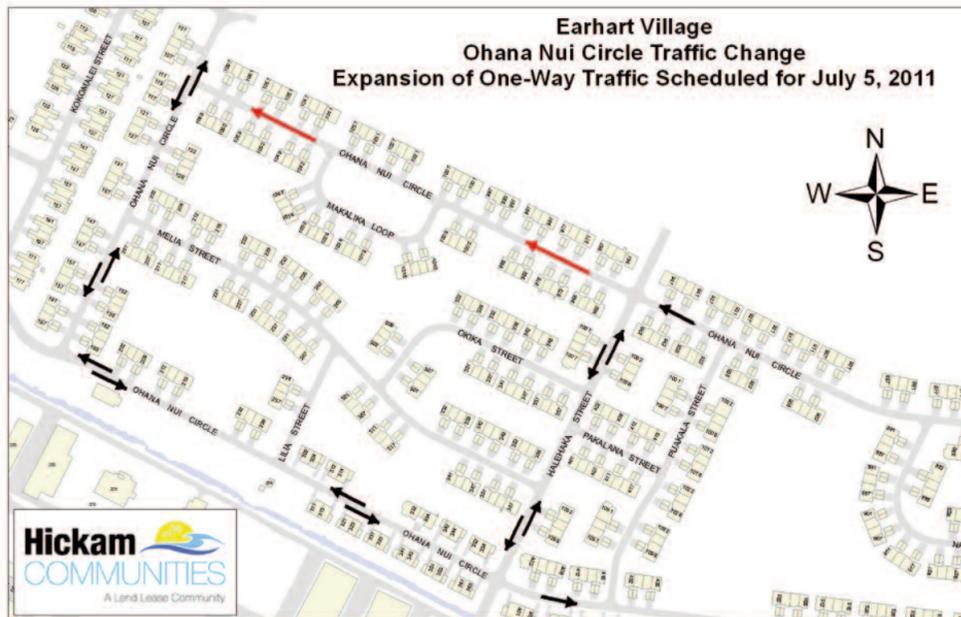
## Traffic flow change on Ohana Nui Circle effective July 5

### Hickam Communities

Traffic flow changes to improve safety are coming to Ohana Nui Circle in Earhart Village at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Beginning July 5, one-way traffic on Ohana Nui Circle will be expanded to include a portion of Ohana Nui Circle from Halehaka Street to the intersection where Ohana Nui Circle turns south. The north/south portion will continue to be two-way. Travel in this newly-designated section will be one-way going west.

As new homes have come on-line in Earhart Village and families have settled in, Hickam Communities has received helpful comments and feedback, particularly related to traffic issues in the neighborhood. As a result of community suggestions, Hickam Communities worked with the Air Force to study and develop new traffic patterns



for the area. The focus of traffic changes is on the best use of existing roads to accommodate traffic flow,

address parking needs, and increase traffic safety.

Street parking will be in designated curb-cut areas

and on the right side of Ohana Nui Circle, unless otherwise designated by traffic signs. New traffic

signs will be posted and on July 5, security forces will assist with directing traffic into the new one-

way flow pattern.

Residents are encouraged to use assigned parking spaces, driveways and garages. This helps assure there will be adequate parking for visitors. It is also important to be aware of possible safety impacts of the change on children and pets.

Hickam Communities' focus remains on improving the quality of life for Airmen and their families. "We are hopeful the transition to this new traffic pattern will be smooth, as it is a continuation of the one-way pattern already established for parts of Ohana Nui Circle," stated Steve Quinn, director of property management for Hickam Communities.

"The change, then, as now, is intended to ease traffic and improve parking and safety in the area." Residents with any questions or concerns can call the Earhart Village resident services team at 423-2300.

## Navy's 2011 Water Quality Reports delivered to consumers

### Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii completed distribution of its 2011 Water Quality Reports to Navy, Air Force and other Department of Defense (DoD) as well as some non-DoD customers on June 15.

"The important point to take away from these annual water quality reports issued by NAVFAC Hawaii is that the Navy is looking out for the health and safety of you and your family when it comes to drinking water," said Wayne Yonehara, NAVFAC Hawaii environmental compliance product line coordinator.

"Many of us at work and at home drink Navy-provided water, so making sure it is of the highest standard is important to everyone who drinks it. And, as in past years, we can positively state your water is 'safe' to drink in accordance with all federal and state requirements," Yonehara explained.

As a purveyor of water

in Hawaii, NAVFAC is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to report test results on water that has been delivered over the past year.

Annual water quality reports, also called the consumer confidence reports (CCRs), provide data on the quality of drinking water provided to Navy water consumers by including information on the sources of water, health effects, compliance status and other related statistics. They also contain tables listing all contaminants detected in the water at levels above the EPA's prescribed minimum detection limits.

NAVFAC Hawaii owns and operates six water systems: Barbers Point (Kalaheo), Camp Stover, Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Lualualei, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTMAS PAC) Wahiawa, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Kauai. This year a report was developed for each system, with the

exception of NAVMAG Lualualei which did not require a report since the system does not service any housing residents.

The appropriate hard-copy water quality report has been mailed to each of the Navy, Air Force and DoD commands which received water from NAVFAC Hawaii. Water consumers have been asked to post these reports in a public location so that all members of the command may view them.

All reports are also available via the command's public website at <http://bit.ly/NFHawaiiNews>. For military housing residents, distribution of the hard-copy water quality reports is being executed through various housing management offices. For the JBPHH water system, Navy housing residents should contact Forest City's Residential Management office at the Aloha Center (Moanalua Shopping Center). Air Force housing residents on the JBPHH Hickam-side may contact Hickam Communities.

Camp Stover and NCTMAS PAC housing residents may obtain their water quality report from

Forest City's Wahiawa office (2976 Kahana St.).

Other housing areas that receive Navy water include the Iroquois Point Island Club, Kalaheo Homes and the Coast Guard Red Hill housing area. Residents should contact their housing offices for the correct water quality report.

For personnel and residents at PMRF Kauai, water quality reports will be distributed by the NAVFAC Hawaii Public Works Department at Barking Sands.

Hard copies of all water quality report brochures may also be obtained from NAVFAC Hawaii's Public Affairs Office by calling 471-7300 or the command's environmental compliance office at 471-1171, ext. 203.

Electronic copies of all five brochures are also posted on NAVFAC Hawaii's public website. Go to [www.navyfac.navy.mil](http://www.navyfac.navy.mil). Select <Organization (at top of homepage)>, <NAVFAC Pacific>, <NAVFAC Hawaii>, <News (tab)>. To get there quickly, go to <http://bit.ly/NFHawaiiNews>.

## Special Letters for JBPHH water system consumers (Hickam side) and NCTMAS PAC Water System

During the 2010 compliance period (January 2010 - December 2010), two incidents occurred requiring special letters be provided to water consumers of the (1) JBPHH Water System - Hickam side (from old Air Force Hickam Water System) and (2) NCTMAS Water System along with the appropriate water quality report. For housing residents at both locations, that letter is also available with the water quality report at your housing management office.

In both cases, an oversight in a specific contaminant's testing occurred and the Hawaii State Department of Health requires water consumer notification. However, for both incidents, the Navy has verified that your drinking water is safe and there is nothing for you to worry about or do at this time. Questions concerning these letters can be directed to Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii public affairs officer, at 471-7300.

## New JBPHH water system established

As a result of the establishment of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Oct. 1, 2010, two separate water systems, the Navy's Pearl Harbor system and the Air Force's Hickam system, were

combined into one, the JBPHH water system. Most Navy and Air Force water consumers, civilians and military, on the main installation or living in nearby military family housing are served by this system.

# Warrior of the Week: NCO eager to tackle multiple roles

Jazzmin Williams

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U.S. Navy photos by Chris Aguinaldo

Airman, family man, leader, mentor and rodeo team member - these are just some of the many roles taken on by Master Sgt. Timothy R. Ledford, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) Warrior of the Week.

That last role, in particular, has been keeping him incredibly busy. He will be among other JBPHH team members from the 15th Wing and 647th Security Forces Squadron at Hickam who have been selected to compete in the biennial 2011 Air Mobility Command Rodeo at

Joint Base Lewis-McChord next month.

"It's been hectic," said the loadmaster from the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS), "but you deal with it just like everybody else, plus I have leadership that is 100 percent supportive."

Ledford is considered "one of the best we've got in the 535th

AS," said Lt. Col. Patrick Winstead, squadron commander.

"In the office and on the jet, he's an expert and a leader. He was an easy pick for this year's rodeo team," Winstead said. "Master Sgt. Ledford and the rest of the team have been practicing hard for this competition and they will win - no doubt."

Ledford, a Muskegon, Mich. native, has been in the Air Force for 17 years, with the last year and a half at JBPHH. Not only has he been on the job, but as a husband and father of three girls, he said he has been reaping the benefits of living on an island in paradise.

"The experience my kids are getting from all of the beach activities and doing stuff around the islands is something they'll remember their whole lives," Ledford said.

On a daily basis, he not only handles his many duty responsibilities, but he

is also a key member of the 535th AS rodeo team, adding practice beyond their usual duties. This is Ledford's first rodeo, but he said he is used to learning quickly.

This may be because of the real life situations that he has had to train for, train others for, and react to. For example, after the tsunami in Japan the squadron was involved in emergency evacuations.

As a loadmaster, he has been involved in humanitarian aid around the world. And when he sees how he and other Airmen can have a profound impact on people, he knows he picked the right career.

"That's when it really hits home, when you coordinate airlifting a bridge and see it on the news that night, that's when you know what you're doing is worthwhile," he said.

He also is a firm believer that he would not have gotten where he is today without excellent leadership. He said 535th AS leadership, which includes

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Baker and Senior Master Sgt. Terry Topouzoglou, has been vital in his path to success. He added that it has been empowering for him that they trust their men, let them run things, and that they don't micromanage, and let them get it done.

"For enlisted folks it starts with excellent leadership," said Ledford. "It's great to sit back and watch them do what they do."

Learning from them, and others, has proved instrumental in Ledford's style of leadership today. He explained that it is gratifying for him to be able to take a brand new loadmaster out of technical school and mold him or her into the loadmaster (and Airman), he wants them to be. Watching them excel and upgrade is rewarding and a testament to his leadership, he said.

"I'm training people to take my place because no one will be here forever," said Ledford.



**MASTER SGT. TIMOTHY R. LEDFORD**

## Diverse Views



### What are you doing to practice summer safety?



YNSN Tiki Dyamond Wilson

"I don't drink and I don't drive, so just looking out for my shipmates and being aware of my surroundings."

YNSN Seanae Reid

"I just got my car and don't really know the roads here, so I make sure I drive the speed limit and don't go anywhere without companions."



BM2 Leland Raye Harris

"I make sure that people have designated drivers or if we're all going out, I make sure that we can get a taxi. I'm a certified scuba diver, so I always make sure there's at least two of us when I'm going scuba diving."

YN3 Eric Devon Quinn

"Always have to buckle up, Click It or Ticket, I've seen the commercials. I also keep good friends on speed dial and a tipsy taxi card, or give my designated driver my keys before I start drinking."



(Coast Guard) SK2 Randy Jordan Jr.

"I coach a fifth grade basketball team in Kalihi, and I try to teach my kids summer safety by wearing socks and shoes while playing, wearing a mouthpiece, and always playing clean basketball."

Retired Army Staff Sgt. Simone D.K. Davis

"When I'm driving through neighborhoods, I'm a lot more cautious because I know kids are out of school. When we have barbecues and parties, I make sure everyone has a plan or a designated driver."



(Provided by Jazzmin Williams)

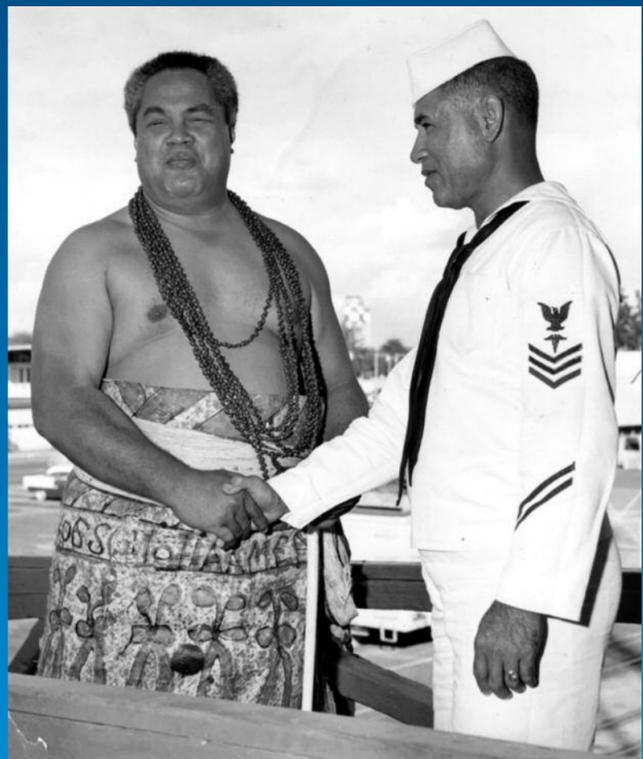
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## Navy corpsman shakes hands with Samoan chief on Oahu

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Fatu Suesue, U.S. Navy, shakes hands with Chief of all Samoans, Joseph Solotoa, on the island of Oahu in August 1957. Suesue was a passenger on board USS Sussex (AK-213) and would take leave in his native Samoa. Due to the lack of funds of Samoan Sailors during this time, the U.S. Navy utilized Sussex as a mode of transportation for the Sailors to have some leave time at home.

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# USS Chung-Hoon Sailors hold burial-at-sea ceremony

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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs Officer

CHUNG-HOON AT SEA—The guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) conducted a burial at sea ceremony on June 12. Burials at sea are a time-honored tradition given to active duty service members, honorably discharged veterans, and their families.

During the solemn and formal ceremony held on Chung-Hoon's flight deck, six former Sailors and an officer were committed to the Pacific Ocean. For one of Chung-Hoon's own, Chief Fire Controlman Puett Willcox, the ceremony had profound meaning. During the rite, Willcox personally interned the remains of his grandfather, Lt. Anthony Theodore Stroebel, to the sea. Willcox's grandfather served in the Army-Air Force as a navigator on the "Super Sue," a B-29 Superfortress during



Chief Logistics Specialist Ieris and FCC Chief Fire Controlman Puett Willcox commit cremains to the sea during a burial at sea ceremony on USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) on June 12.

World War II.

"I was incredibly touched by the burial at sea ceremony for my grandfather. The ceremony was executed with a great deal of pride and professionalism. It was an honor to have his cremains committed to the deep by the world's greatest Navy and the Chung-Hoon family. I really appreciated the fact that everyone in the ceremony volunteered during their Sunday morning to help me honor him," said Willcox.

The ceremony was attended by Cmdr. Scott Erb, Chung-Hoon's commanding officer, supportive crew members and a troop of marksmen, who rendered a 21-gun salute at the conclusion of the proceedings.

Chung-Hoon is currently on a deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility for CARAT Singapore, CARAT Philippines and Enhanced Engagement Vietnam.

For more information about "Hawaii's destroyer," visit [www.chung-hoon.navy.mil](http://www.chung-hoon.navy.mil).

# U.S., Australian forces to conduct Talisman Sabre 2011

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

More than 22,000 U.S. and Australian personnel will participate in the military training exercise Talisman Sabre 2011 in Australia during July.

Talisman Sabre, jointly sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Command and Australian Defence Force (ADF) Joint Operations Command, will train the U.S. 7th Fleet and Australian Deployable Joint Headquarters staffs as a designated combined task force.

Approximately 14,000 U.S. and 8,500 Australian personnel will take part. Talisman Sabre will be conducted July 11-29 with the main exercise commencing July 18-29.

Brigadier Bob Brown, the Australian spokesman for Talisman Sabre, said that the exercise provides an invaluable opportunity to

conduct operations in a combined and joint environment that will increase both countries' ability to plan and execute contingency responses, from combat missions to humanitarian assistance efforts.

He said Australia and the United States are committed to delivering disaster relief and humanitarian assistance and that exercising interoperability with the U.S. and other mission participants assists in the development of proficiency in this area.

For the first time, there will be significant involvement from other Australian and United States government agencies, making this a truly collaborative whole-of-government effort.

Active participation by Australian government entities includes the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Agency for International Development

(AusAID), the Australian Civilian Corps, the Australian Federal Police and the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence.

U.S. participating agencies include the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization and members of the U.S. Civilian Response Corps from: the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, Agriculture, Homeland Security, Health & Human Services, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Other direct U.S. participation outside the Civilian Response Corps includes USAID and the Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

This joint cooperation will further strengthen civil-military collaboration for future operations and the bilateral partnerships between the United

States and Australia.

"Talisman Sabre 2011 is a biennial training activity aimed at improving ADF and U.S. combat readiness and interoperability as a combined joint task force. The inclusion of Australian and United States government and policing agencies will enhance our ability to work collaboratively in support of future complex operations, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters," Brown said.

United States and Australian forces will conduct land, sea and air training throughout various training areas.

The training will be concentrated in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area near Rockhampton in central Queensland, but will also include training locations at Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Townsville, RAAF Base Darwin, RAAF Base Tindal, RAAF Base

Amberley, Canungra and the maritime areas of the Coral, Timor and Arafura Seas.

"Talisman Sabre is a realistic and challenging exercise that brings us together with our Australian allies to improve our ability to work both bilaterally and laterally, and be poised to provide security for our citizens both regionally and globally," said Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, commander, U.S. 7th Fleet and overall combined task force commander for Talisman Sabre.

The U.S. and Australia train and work together in a variety of exercises and missions throughout the year including Pacific Partnership, which is the largest humanitarian and civic assistance mission in the Asia-Pacific. Pacific Partnership began in early April and will conclude in late July.

"This year marks the

60th anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty, an alliance which has played a vital role in defining our military cooperation in this region and beyond," Van Buskirk said. "We collaborate extensively in a number of areas, including information sharing, intelligence and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief, and these efforts help shape a more stable, prosperous region."

This exercise is a major undertaking which reflects the closeness of the Australian and U.S. alliance and the strength of the military-to-military relationship.

Additional information on the exercise is available on the U.S. Pacific Fleet website at <http://www.cpf.navy.mil/talisman-sabre/> or through a link from the Australian Defence Force site at <http://www.defence.gov.au/PEX/exercises/ts11/>.

# Pearl Harbor celebrates Flag Day aboard Battleship Missouri

Story and photo by MCI Katherine Brooks

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West

The Elks Hawaii District hosted a Flag Day celebration aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial (BB-63), with patriotic presentations and guest speakers from both Army and Navy commands, on June 14.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has long been known for their community work, and annually sponsors Flag Day celebrations around the country. In the last 12 years, the entire Hawaii District Elks combined their efforts to present a celebration to our nation's flag.

Coordinating the overall presentation, Edlynn Collins, the district deputy grand exalted ruler, Hawaii, Hawaii District, shared her feelings about the important day.

"I am proud to be an American, and this celebration of our country's flag is a very patriotic celebration and something we look forward to every year. This is our 12th year onboard the USS Missouri," said Collins.

Rose deCosta, Honolulu Elks Americanism chairperson, holds close the Elks and her mission to inform the public on patriotism and celebrate the United States.

"It is about bringing awareness of Americanism



Boy Scouts from Troops 180, 230 and 616 present flag honors and post colors during a Flag Day celebration June 14 for military member and civilians on Battleship Missouri Memorial (BB-63). The Elks Hawaii District hosted the event.

to children and adults of the islands. It is the preciousness of our freedom and liberty and what it means to be an American," said deCosta. "Through our activities at the lodge, we teach awareness of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and to nurture and care for our country and make sure freedom is there for all," she said.

"Much of our population [Elks] are veterans. We cherish and appreciate our military. More than anything, I see how these children [the Mokulele children performing] are acutely aware of the patriotism. They see it firsthand," she said.

"The Elks sponsored an essay contest with the topic, why I am proud to be an American," said deCosta. "We had 250 students participate. Mahelani Harris was the primary judge for the essay contest. We had several winners go on to the

national completion. Two children are here today," she said.

During the celebration, essay contest winners Kian Julian from Mid-Pacific Institute and Ariel Tseng from Star of the Sea School, read their essays to the audience.

Col. La'tonya D. Lynn, commander of the 8th MP Brigade/Director, DES, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and the event's opening speaker, discussed the

importance of the flag in the lives of military members, and gave thanks for members and families.

"A record book without words, the flag stands as a silent volume of American history, a history I am proud to be a part of and a flag I am proud to salute. For all who are wearing a uniform, for those who wore a uniform and for the families who provide their support, I say thank you," said Lynn.

During the celebration,

the Mokulele Elementary School "Flyers," based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, performed patriotic songs for the guests before the presentation of the historical flags.

Capt. Brian Osgood, Navy guest speaker and commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, spoke of the reverence for the United States flag and the many ways he recognizes patriotism and the symbolic power of the flag.

"What a place to honor the flag of the United States," said Osgood, regarding the historic and patriotic history of the Missouri.

"Where we have friends, it [the flag] is seen as a ray of hope. Where we have enemies, it is reviled and abused. But in all the places where the virtues of American freedom are felt, the flag of our nation is respected, serving as a testament of the enduring American spirit," said Osgood.

"The Continental Congress chose the colors of our flag. To them, red stood for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance and justice. I see those qualities displayed every day by the proud men and women of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard," he said. "Our flag waves for the warriors and the workers, for the young and the old, and for each of you, forever may it wave," said Osgood.

(See photo on page A-5.)



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MCS Seaman Sean Furey  
 (Left) Rear Adm. Mark L. Tidd, the Chief of Navy Chaplains, Religious Program Specialist 1st Class Matthew Hansen, and Religious Program Specialist 3rd Class Phillip Krepps cut cake at the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO). The ceremony is celebrating the 40th anniversary of CREDO.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker  
 Cmdr. David Miller, commanding officer of the guided missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), holds his daughter Katie following a return to Hawaii from a five-month deployment in the western Pacific. The deployment included integrated operations with coalition partners to strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.



U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Kelly Waller  
 Contestants on the USS Lake Erie "DGUTS ('Don't Give Up the Ship') Got Talent" talent show June 18 cheer as the judges send in their final scores.



Photo courtesy of Silent Crow Arts  
 Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch" captain Johnathan Hillstrand sits in the captain's chair on board USS Chafee (DDG 90) while Cmdr. Chase Patrick, commanding officer of USS Chafee, looks on. Patrick gave a tour of his ship during the filming of "After the Catch" on June 2. USS Chafee was featured in "After the Catch" on June 21.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Katherine Brooks  
 Children from Mokulele Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam perform patriotic songs during a Flag Day celebration on June 14 on the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The Elks Hawaii District hosted the event.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Guttridge  
 The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 21, for a regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

# NIOC to participate in MADD inaugural Walk Like MADD

**CTI1 Alyssa Chubbuck**  
*Naval Information Operations Command*

Sailors from Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) came up with an idea for a 5K fundraising walk, Walk Like MADD, and will participate in the walk on July 9.

The Honolulu Affiliate of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will host the inaugural Walk Like

MADD non-competitive 5K fundraiser walk, which begins at the MADD Victim Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park. The walk begins at 9 a.m. and will raise funds and rally support for MADD's campaign to eliminate drunk driving.

The idea to start the Walk Like MADD in Hawaii came after retired Command Master Chief John "Dave" Tyner was tragically killed by a drunk driver on March 31.

Cryptologic Technician (Analyst) (CTR) 2nd Class Christopher Hoge and CTR2 Antonio Lucero wanted to hold an event to honor their former mentor and leader. They heard about the Walk Like MADD after brainstorming with Jennifer Dotson, MADD Hawaii executive director.

"This is a great opportunity to support your community and curb drunk driving," said Hoge.

Funds raised through

Walk Like MADD help further MADD's life-saving mission and campaign to eliminate drunk driving, which calls for high-visibility law enforcement, ignition interlocks or "in-car breathalyzers" for all convicted drunk drivers, and support for the development of advanced technology to turn cars into the cure for drunk driving.

Hawaii ranks last in the nation when it comes to driving under the influence. During the past five

years, there have been 253 DUI fatalities and more than \$1.85 billion has been spent on state subsidies.

Sponsored nationally by State Farm Insurance, Walk Like MADD events are taking place in 36 cities across the country this year. Registration is \$15 for 5-21 years old and \$20 for anyone age 21 and over.

Groups, commands, families and friends are encouraged to form teams of 10 or more people and help to raise money which

will go directly back to fighting the alcohol-related problems of our state.

"This event is an occasion for friends and family to gather and honor David Tyner's memory in such a pleasant atmosphere. I hope to see the park overflowing with participants," said Mary Tyner, the wife of late Command Master Chief Tyner.

Visit [www.walklike.madd.org](http://www.walklike.madd.org) to register, donate or receive more information.

# JBP HH commander visits Federal Fire Department Hawaii

**Story and photo by Angela Sanders**

*Federal Fire Department Hawaii*

Capt. Jeff James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH), visited the headquarters of Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii Headquarters on June 17 to tour the facility for the first time as JBPHH commander.

During his visit, he was briefed on the fire and emergency services mission and emergency response capabilities of FFD and how the fire



department supports JBPHH. He watched as firefighters demonstrated several emergency operations including confined space rescue, hazardous materials operations, airfield rescue firefighting, water safety rescue, mass decontamination and emergency medical services (EMS) - advance life support

Capt. Jeff James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), visited the headquarters of Federal Fire Department Hawaii on June 17. It was his first opportunity to tour the facility as JBPHH commander.

(ALS) ambulance services.

James also visited fire station two at Pearl Harbor and fire station six at Hickam. "It's been a wonderful opportunity to meet with a great group of professionals and receive a demonstration of their equipment. More importantly, it's given me confidence that we have a well-trained and motivated Federal Fire Department ready and able to handle any contingency," James said.

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

# P-3C Orions participate in Navy-wide exercise in California

**Patrol Squadron Nine**

NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND, Coronado, Calif.—Several P-3C Orions, homeported at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, recently participated in the USS John C. Stennis Strike Group Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) and Joint Task Force Exercise (JTTFEX) off the coast of San Diego.

Patrol Squadron One (VP-1) led the commencement, initiating relationships with multiple squadrons from Wings Two and 10. Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) rotated several aircrew through the scenario-driven tactical exercises in support of high-tempo operations with the strike group.

During flights, P-3 crews tracked several submarines that were simulating "enemy

forces." Between sanitizing the operational area and taking control of helicopter assets simultaneously, the scenario provided challenging missions and invaluable training opportunities for all involved.

"We had a fast and furious initiation followed by highly dynamic flights. We were able to apply our best tactics in direct support of the Stennis Strike Group," said Lt. Susan Richardson, VP-9 pilot.

Crews updated their qualifications and sharpened their anti-submarine warfare skills through maritime patrol, interdiction and asset recognition while participating in the continuously changing environment. As the simulated scenario escalated, the strike group began 24-hour operations as the "final battle" approached.

The multi-dimensional environment allowed surface, subsurface and air-

borne platforms to work hand-in-hand in response to a simulated maritime security threat.

"COMPTUEX and JTTFEX were great opportunities to participate in real-world training scenarios. They were extremely challenging, yet rewarding experiences for all involved," said Lt. Joe Gilligan, VP-9 Tacco.

These exercises, designed to test and evaluate a battle group's reactions to multiple

wartime scenarios, created a realistic environment that served as the strike group's "final exam" for their pre-deployment work-ups prior to getting underway later this year.

Cooperation between multiple platforms reinforces the Navy's fighting spirit: one team, one fight. Exercises such as these prepare naval forces for any possible circumstance that may arise while deployed.

# Turn off computers when not in use to save energy

**Krista Stehn**

*Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Energy Program*

Computer system energy efficiency means shutting things off when we don't need them. While this is a simple task, it is often forgotten.

Conserving energy and being mindful of our energy use is everyone's responsibility. This is especially true in Hawaii where our resources are limited. By following these simple steps, you will ensure your computer system gets all the latest updates, but also saves energy.

• At the end of the day, shut down your computer by going to the "start/shut down" selection in the lower left hand corner of



your monitor.

- Make sure your computer's central processing unit is plugged into surge-protected power that won't be switched off when you leave.
- Make sure peripheral units are plugged into a surge-protected plug strip with a switch that is easy for you to reach, and switch it off when you shut down your computer.

Peripheral units may include your monitor, speakers, a personal printer and scanner.

As long as you follow the first two steps above, your computer can be energized remotely during the night to receive software updates.

At home, in addition to shutting equipment off when you don't need it, you can save energy by buying ENERGY STAR equipment and ensuring that power management "sleep mode" settings are enabled.

You might also consider using a laptop instead of desktop unit for an energy savings of 50 to 80 percent.

## Federal Fire Department Fire Safety Tip of the Month

Keep matches and lighters up high and out of reach in a locked cabinet away from children.



## USS Port Royal deploys today

The guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this morning for an independent deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. Watch for news coverage in the July 1 edition of Ho'okele.



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## Help is available for those who have problems with alcohol

### Naval Safety Center

Practice "alcohol awareness" this summer season.

Here are some drinking facts:

Absorption of alcohol depends on:

- Your size, weight, body fat and sex.
- Amount of alcohol consumed.
- Amount of food in your stomach.
- Use of medications.
- 60 percent of STDs are transmitted by drunk partners.
- In 67 percent of unplanned pregnancies, at least one partner was drunk.

Beer, wine and spirits contain empty calories meaning they are void of nutritional value and just pack on the pounds without helping your body perform any of its vital functions.

How do I know if I need help?

- Have you ever felt you should cut back on your drinking?
- Does your drinking ever make you late for work?
- Do you ever forget what you did while you were drinking?
- Do you ever drink after telling yourself you won't?
- Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking?

- Do you ever need a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover?

If you answered yes, even once, to these questions, you may have a problem with alcohol. Help is easy to find. Learn what Tricare can do by visiting [www.tricare.mil/ProviderDirectory/http://www.tricare.mil/mtf](http://www.tricare.mil/ProviderDirectory/http://www.tricare.mil/mtf).

To find a local resource, call the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at 1-800-662-HELP. For more information, visit [www.public.navy.mil/navsa](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsa) fecen.

## Harold Estes celebration of life set for July 9

A celebration of life for Harold Estes will be held July 9 on the fantail of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Seating will begin at 4:15 p.m. The ceremony starts at 5 p.m.

Dress is aloha attire, summer whites for military.

Estes, a World War II veteran and a retired Navy chief boatswain's mate, died May 17 at the age of 96.

He was involved with bringing the USS Missouri and the USS Bowfin to Pearl Harbor. He was also enshrined in the Navy League Hall of Fame.

## This Week in Air Force and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

HQ PACAF Historian

### June 25, 1950

At 4 a.m., North Korea launched a sudden, all-out attack against the Republic of Korea. A Hickam-based Military Air Transport Service (MATS) C-54G parked at Kimpo Airport (just west of Seoul) was destroyed by North Korean fighters and was the first American aircraft lost in the Korean conflict. The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution calling for the withdrawal of North Korean forces from South Korea, and Fifth Air Force prepared to airlift U.S. citizens out of Seoul, the South Korean capital. C-54, C-47 and C-46 transport aircraft from the 374th Troop Carrier Wing and Headquarters Far East Air Forces began airlifting hundreds of evacuees from Seoul and Suwon Airfields to Japan. They were escorted by F-82s, F-80 jet fighters, and B-26 light bombers. On the same day, an F-82 Twin Mustang pilot, 1st Lt. William G. Hudson, earned the first aerial victory credit of the Korean War when he shot down a North Korean Yak-11



June 26, 1948 the U.S. Air Force launched "Operation Vittles" in response to a June 24 Soviet Union blockade of rail and road lines into West Berlin. The C-47 and C-54 aircraft and personnel of the Pacific Division, MATS, deployed from Hickam Air Force Base to Germany in support of Operation Vittles, which delivered 2.3 million tons of cargo to West Berlin between June 1948 and July 1949. This airlift delivered enough coal and food to sustain the city indefinitely and had become the largest humanitarian airlift in history.

that was attacking a South Korean airfield near Seoul. Five other USAF pilots also shot down enemy airplanes.

### June 26, 1948

The 7th Bomb Group received the USAF's first operational B-36 Peacemaker heavy bomber. With a length of 160 feet and wings spanning 230 feet, the Peacemaker was the world's largest warplane and is still the largest bomber ever built. The huge six-engine bomber was designed in 1941

when it appeared England might fall to Germany and the U.S. would need a trans-Atlantic bomber in a war against the Nazis.

### June 26, 1972

The Air Force unveiled the F-15 air superiority fighter in ceremonies at the McDonnell Douglas facility in St. Louis. Arguably the world's most successful fighter program, the F-15 has excellent radar and supporting avionics, a very reliable airframe and superb maneuverability.

## 15 Wing Airmen test acting skills during PACAF video shoot

Staff Sgt. Anthony Gomez, broadcaster with the 15th Wing Public Affairs Office, films a simulated casualty evacuation for a video highlighting the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) mission June 16. The video will include multiple scenes involving units from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii as well as other bases and squadrons throughout PACAF.

U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main



# Navy divers from MDSU-1 inspire high school students



U.S. Navy photos by Lt. Anna Choe

(Left) Navy Diver 3rd Class James "Dan" Clark helps Jonathan Rivera, a sophomore at Moanalua High School, try on some Navy gear. (Right) Navy divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam talk to students at Moanalua High School about Navy diving during a recent visit to the school.

## Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One

Three divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently visited Moanalua High School in Honolulu to share opportunities about Navy diving with the students.

Lt. Anna Choe, the undersea/dive medical officer at MDSU-1, talked

about how she joined the Navy through the scholarship program for medical school and had the opportunity to go to dive school.

Chief Navy Diver (DSW/SW) Jason Tangalin shared his experiences as a local resident from Kauai who became a Navy diver.

Jeffrey Buenaventura, a junior in the Air Force JROTC, commented that

it's "kinda like playing football underwater."

Navy Diver 3rd Class James "Dan" Clark explained about the MK-20 ("mark 20") dive helmet rig and let volunteers try on the helmet.

According to Master Sgt. (ret.) Kenneth Schubert, aerospace science instructor at the school, there are 125 Junior ROTC students.

Retired after 20 years of service (three in the Army, 17 in the Air Force), he teaches the students about basic military structure and more than 30 life skills such as financial management, communication, leadership, nutrition, fitness, tobacco and alcohol awareness, college and career preparation, and GI benefits.

"If you like teenagers, there's no better job in the

world," Schubert said.

"You are the future.

We're taking the best of the best," said Navy Career Counselor Chief Romulo Urraca as he encouraged the students in the Junior ROTC program. He took a poll of the 22 students in the class regarding the dream to go to college and the means of financing it. When asked

if they wanted to go to college, 18 of the 22 students

(82 percent) raised their hands.

Urraca asked them to keep their hands up, and asked who had a solid plan. Thirteen hands went down. Only five of the 18 (28 percent) who wanted to go to college had a solid financial plan. Urraca encouraged the students to do well in school in order to achieve their future career goals.

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## USS Lake Erie Sailors compete in DC Olympics

**U.S. Navy photo by ET3 Matthew Rodriguez**  
A pipe patching team is timed to seal a rupture in a pipe during the Damage Control Olympics on USS Lake Erie (CG 70) on June 19.



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## Aloha to Reuben James

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some of the best fishing areas of the world, what they call the tuna belt," said Miller. "All the island nations, the Pacific nations, consider these areas the primary source of their economy."

Reuben James, together with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37 Easy Riders, embarked with its SH-60B helicopters, linked with the Federated States of Micronesia patrol boats to conduct combined patrols monitoring fishing activity.

The patrol focused on detecting and reporting illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing throughout the area, in both the EEZs of the island nations across the Pacific and on the high seas. Reuben James coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard District 14 headquarters based in Honolulu.

Reuben James was later deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility to promote peace and stability in the region, and strengthen interoperability with allied countries, sharing common interests of maritime security, counter-terrorism, humanitarian and disaster assis-

tance cooperation. Reuben James made port visits to countries such as Japan, Indonesia and Brunei.

"We participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) with both Indonesia and Thailand," said Miller. "We had a supporting role in Operation Tomodachi. After the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan, we escorted USS George Washington (CVN 73) during the operation."

Reuben James also conducted community outreach projects and activities with their host nation. In Thailand, the crew played soccer, badminton and volleyball with the local people.

"Thailand was pretty nice," said Boatswain's Mate Seaman (SW) Kalum Morrison who played badminton with the Thai people. "I've seen a lot. I've learned a lot. I experienced a whole lot of different cultures. It's just good to see all these different places and meet new people."

Reuben James, with embarked HSL 37, is a multi-mission surface combatant, capable of anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and anti-surface warfare (ASUW) missions.

(See photo on page A-5.)

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

- June 30** – Navy/USCG boating safety
- July 7** – ROUMRS/USACE
- July 14** – P307 groundbreaking
- July 21** – Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
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